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Will, upon receipt of information from the Washington Office reflecting the check of the records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, interview the twenty-six Congressional candidates mentioned in this report relative to their having failed to report a correct and itemized account of contributions and expenditures as required by Federal election laws.

Will also interview the treasurers of the four political committees mentioned in this report to determine whether or not they have filed a statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and will determine at the outset whether these committees were a branch or subsidiary of a national committee, association or organization as described in the definition of "political committee" under Section 1101, Title 2, United States Code.

In this connection, the Bureau is relying on the notation in the statement of receipts of the candidates in an effort to determine whether there are any other political committees in existence other than those listed in this report.

Bureau letter to New York, 8/24/51
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JOSEPH A. M. GRAY

ISSUES: FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, NEW YORK, TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION, 1950

CHARACTER OF CASE
ELECTION LAWS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DEFECTION

Records, Office of New York State Secretary of State, contain statements on file of only one of ALP candidates, 1950 election, from first 26 Congressional Districts, viz, statements of OTTO SKOTTEDAL, First District, Suffolk County. Photostatic copies of statements filed by SKOTTEDAL along with Treasurer's statements from Congressional District and Treasurer's statement of "Committee to Elect ALP Candidates" attached and enclosed with this report.

DETAILS:

ALBANY, NEW YORK:

Mrs. HELEN W. ALLEN, Secretary, Division of Elections, Office of Secretary of State of New York State, reviewed a list containing the names of the 25 individuals who were Congressional Candidates of the American Labor Party in New York who sought election to the House of Representatives in the 1950 general election.

Mrs. ALLEN stated that a "Statement of Receipts, Contributions and Expenditures of a Candidate" had been filed with the Secretary of State in Albany in only one instance out of 26 Districts enumerated. The sole

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candidate from these 20 districts and filed such a statement in Albany was OTTO SHOTTEDAL of District #1, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. Mrs. ALLEN advised that any statement filed by the other 25 candidates would be on file at the office of the local board of elections in the particular election district or if not there, then would be on file at the Board of Elections for Greater New York located at Broome and Center Sts., Manhattan, New York.

Mrs. ALLEN stated that in addition to statements filed by candidates there are also filed with the Secretary of State in Albany, statements of Treasurers for Political Committees of any party. Mrs. ALLEN therefore reviewed her files of Treasurers' statements for those individuals named as Congressional Candidates in the first 26 election districts. Mrs. ALLEN stated that her files reflect that Treasurers' statements were filed in Albany for only one of the 26 individuals representing the first 26 districts, namely, VITO MARCALONTO, American Labor Party candidate from District #1 (New York County). Mrs. ALLEN stated that her files reflect that a "Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee" for the 1950 election was also filed by the "Committee to Elect ALP Candidates, 1 Murray St., New York, New York, for the American Labor Party by ARTHUR BOHNER, Member." This statement containing an itemized list of receipts as well as expenditures, disbursements and liabilities was made available by Mrs. ALLEN.

Mrs. ALLEN stated that there was no other record in her files in connection with the 1950 election campaign of individuals filing as members of a political committee of the American Labor Party.

Photostatic copies of the following documents as made available by the Office of the New York State Secretary of State, are being closed with this report:

1. Interimarily Blank Statement of receipts, Contributions or Expenditures of a Candidate for a Political Office, dated August 22, 1950, for OTTO SHOTTEDAL, First Congressional District, American Labor Party.

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- 1. Pre-primary Blank: Statement of Receipts, Contributions of a Candidate dated November 7, 1950, OTTO SAOTHEAL, First Congressional District, American Labor Party.
- 2. Post-primary Blank: Statement of Receipts of a Candidate, OTTO SAOTHEAL, First Congressional District, American Labor Party, dated November 7, 1950.
- 3. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated August 22, 1950, FRED FRINER, Suffolk County and First Congressional District, American Labor Party, OTTO SAOTHEAL.
- 5. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, by "Committee to Elect ALP Candidates in Yorkville and Harlem, WIL MAZLI, Treasurer."
- 6. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, by "Campaign Committee to Re-Elect Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, 1160 First Ave., New York, N.Y., LIL LANDAU, Treasurer."
- 7. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, for "Committee to Elect ALP Candidates in Yorkville and Harlem, 1180 First Ave., New York, N.Y., VITO MAGLI, Treasurer."
- 8. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, for "Campaign Committee to Re-Elect Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO, LIL LANDAU, Treasurer", page 24 of which commences with receipts under date of 25 October 1950.
- 9. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, for "N.Y. Labor Committee for the Election of VITO MARCANTONIO and other Labor Candidates, 350 East 85th St., New York, N.Y., ESTHER LEYZ, Tre

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10. Statement of Treasurer of Political Committee, dated November 7, 1950, for "Committee to Elect All Candidates, 17 Murray St., New York, N.Y., American Labor Party, ARTHUR SCHUTZER, Member."

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UNION SUBJECTS, FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE, ALP, MANHATTAN AND BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, NY, TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION, NINETEEN FIFTY, ELECTION LAWS, REBULET AUGUST TWENTYFOUR LAST. JOHN W. DARR, JR., TWO ZERO ZERO WEST ONE ZERO SEVEN ST., NYC, HAS SUB LET HIS APARTMENT AND IS ALLEGEDLY IN EUROPE. INDIVIDUAL SUB LETTING BELIEVES HE WILL REMAIN IN EUROPE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. WILLIAM M. MANDEL, FIVE FOUR FIVE WEST ONE SIX FOUR ST WAS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED TO MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR INTERVIEW. HE REFUSED TO MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR INTERVIEW, AND STATED HE WOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED BY AGENTS. WHEN AGENT'S WENT TO HIS HOME AND IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES TO HIS WIFE SHE SLACKED DOOR AND SAID HER HUSBAND WAS NOT HOME. AGENTS OF OPINION THAT MANDEL WAS HOME AT THE TIME. EFFORTS CONTINUING TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW REMAINING TWENTYFOUR FORMER ALP CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES. ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO.

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Office Memorandum

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SUBJECT: FAILURE OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AMERICAN LABOR PARTY, MANHATTAN AND BRONX CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, NEW YORK, TO FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, GENERAL ELECTION, 1950 -- ELECTION LAWS

Re: SA JOSEPH TANGEL, 9/20/51, New York, and SA JOSEPH A. MC GRAY, 9/19/51, Albany.

The lead set out in referenced New York report has been covered. All pertinent photostats were obtained and forwarded with ref Albany rep.

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<p>OTTO SKOTTEDAL, HENRY DOLNER, ARNOLD J. MENICK, MARY MURPHY, JOSEPH SHILL, BLISE PODNARA, LESTER ZIRIN, ANTONIO IANICRIO, FELIX WISNIEWSKY, GERALD ROOT, FLORENCE KATZ, WENYNT J. LONGHI, RALPH SHAPIRO, HELEN PHILLIPS, WILLIAM WADDELL, FRANK CROMBESI, ROBERT T. LEICESTER, VITO MARCANTONIO, BERNARD HARKAVY, JOHN W. DARR, JR., WILLIAM M. MANDEL, JOHN GUILLIAN, ROBERT JAMOND, STEPHEN J. WHITE, CHARLES J. F. KELLY, JUST BUHR</p>			

SYNOPSIS:

Twenty-one ALP candidates for Congress, 1950 General Election, who filed statements with the Clerk, House of Representatives, located and interviewed. All stated that statements filed by them were true and correct in every aspect. All explained that their State or County ALP Campaign Committees sponsored their candidacy and handled all receipts and disbursements other than those specifically listed by them on their statements. All claim that the campaign committees were set up prior to the election and dissolved after the election and were "local" in nature and in no way a branch or subsidiary of a national committee, association or organization. MARY MURPHY, candidate from District #4, Queens County, advised she was unaware that she was required to file a statement with the Federal Government. ROBERT T. LEICESTER, candidate from District #17, NY County, said he had found required statements very confusing and was of the opinion that his local ALP group had filed it on his behalf. WILLIAM

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SYNOPSIS (Cont'd):

M. LANDEL, candidate from District #21, NY County, refused to be interviewed. JOHN W. DARR, Jr., District # 20, NY County, is in Europe at the present time. ANSA, SDNY, has declined prosecution against the twenty-two candidates who have been contacted as well as JOHN W. DARR, Jr., who is presently in Europe, on grounds that there is insufficient evidence to proceed any further. He declined prosecution against the two candidates who failed to file statements since he felt that there is a lack of evidence of criminal intent. He also declined prosecution against any of the members of the various campaign committees since there is no indication that the campaign committees as such were a branch or subsidiary of any national committee, association or organization.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is being marked changed to include in the title the names of the twenty-six Congressional candidates who ran for Congress on the American Labor Party ticket in the 1950 General Election. It is to be noted that this case formerly carried the title "JNSUS: Failure of Congressional Candidates and Political Committee, American Labor Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional Districts, New York, to file Financial Statements, General Election, 1950".

The following candidates were interviewed by agents of this office:

DISTRICT #1 (Suffolk County)

JOHN SCOTT DAL
Hunter Avenue
West Islip, Long Island, New York

The above individual advised that he had received no personal contributions nor had he personally expended any money in connection with his candidacy for Congress and had so filed with the Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

He explained that prior to the election a "Primary Committee" for the First Congressional District was set up for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds. He said that he was the chairman of this committee and that the committee had filed a statement with the New York State authorities listing expenditures of approximately \$127.

He added that this committee was "local" in nature and was not required therefore to file any statement with the Federal Government.

DISTRICT #2 (Nassau County)

HENRY DOLINER
299 Jackson Street
Hempstead, Long Island, New York

DOLINER advised he was an American Labor Party candidate for the House of Representatives in 1950.

connection with running for this office had submitted a report to the Clerk of the House prior to the election that he expected no expenditures. DOLINER stated that he did not submit the report that was due after the election because there was no change in the status of his expenditures. After he received a reminder from the Clerk of the House, he submitted a second report stating he had no expenditures or contributions.

DOLINER advised he received no direct contributions for the campaign in 1950 and had no expenses. He stated that there was no political committee set up for his election which would be part of a National Committee. DOLINER advised that indirectly he received some benefits from the American Labor Party of Nassau County in his campaign. He stated that he came to Nassau County in 1940 and was employed as a full-time Executive Secretary of the American Labor Party in Nassau County. His salary at the beginning was \$1,000 per year up to March, 1951, when the full-time position of Executive Secretary was abolished. DOLINER stated that he was the Executive Secretary of the American Labor Party at the time he ran for office in 1950. DOLINER related that there were about eleven to twelve local American Labor Party units in Nassau County and that these local units submit monthly funds to the County Committee of the American Labor Party. He stated that these funds would vary from \$200 to \$300 per month. DOLINER related that the County Executive Committee of the American Labor Party then decided how much money would be taken from these funds for the general American Labor Party election fund for the year 1950.

DOLINER further recalled that in the 1950 elections the Nassau County American Labor Party had something like one fifteen-minute radio program, some spot radio announcements and had some pamphlets and literature printed. He stated that this program covered the campaign of the other American Labor Party members who were running for County and State offices. He stated that his name was probably mentioned in this literature and on the radio program but it would be hard to say how much of this expenditure directly benefited him. DOLINER stated that the American Labor Party of Nassau County probably expended about \$100 to \$500 in the 1950 election but that he did not have the records of this expenditure available.

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He stated he would have to have his accountant get this information. He advised that he probably would make this information available without some legal process and if this information was made available he would want an attorney present at the time.

DOLINER stated he did not mention the above expenditures of the Nassau County American Labor Party in his 1950 election report because, according to his interpretation, the report to the Clerk of the House requested expenditures and contributions made directly to a person not his campaign. DOLINER stated he had received no contributions and had no expenses directly as such in his campaign. He advised he had not spent one cent out of his pocket for the campaign.

DISTRICT #3 (Queens County)

ARNOLD J. CLINTON
136-25 77th Avenue
Flushing, Long Island, New York

The above candidate stated that he did not have any cash receipts pass through his hands which were raised by him or by anyone else on his behalf during the 1950 General Election when he ran for Congress.

He said that on approximately ten occasions at meetings sponsored by other organizations he had given speeches concerning his candidacy. He estimated that he spoke at three meetings sponsored by the League of Women Voters which he described as a "non-partisan political committee". He said that they also invited representatives from other political parties to speak from the same platform.

He explained that the American Labor Party State and County Committees made expenditures on his behalf by including his name in literature which listed himself as well as other American Labor Party candidates.

He also stated that on two or three occasions he spoke from a sound truck which had been retained by the Civil Rights Congress. He added that he was absolutely certain that no partisan or non-partisan political committee, other than the American Labor Party Campaign Committees either raised or expended funds on his behalf.

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DISTRICT #4 (Queens County)

MARY MURPHY
146-20 112th Avenue
Jamaica, Long Island, New York

Mrs. MURPHY explained that her candidacy had been unsuccessful and that she had been unaware that any prescribed statement of her campaign receipts or expenditures had to be filed with the Federal Government until she had received a letter a few days ago from the American Labor Party together with a form from the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

She further explained that she had not, as of this date, filled out this form, but intended to do so immediately. She said that her expenses were negligible, amounting to merely carfare and babysitter's fee on the few occasions when she made speeches.

She added that no committee was set up for her particular candidacy other than a women's committee which comprised of a few women in Queens County. She disclaimed any knowledge as to who organized this committee and said that as far as she knew they had no connection with any national organization of any kind.

DISTRICT #5 (Queens County)

JOSEPH SHILL
21-13 79th Street
Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York

The above candidate stated that he had not raised or expended any money on behalf of his candidacy for Congress. He said that his only expenditures consisted of carfare and telephones. He added that he spoke at meetings sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the American Labor Party State or County Campaign Committees, and from sound trucks which had been rented by the Civil Rights Congress.

He also stated that the American Labor Party did not concentrate upon his candidacy and consequently very little money was spent on his behalf by either the American Labor Party State Campaign Committee or the American Labor Party

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DISTRICT #6 (Queens County)

ROSE PODMAKA
31-05 23rd Street
Long Island City
Queens, New York

Miss PODMAKA advised that she had no receipts and no expenditures of any kind in connection with her particular candidacy for Congress. She explained that there was no particular campaign committee organized to support her candidacy other than the State American Labor Party Campaign Committee and the County American Labor Party Campaign Committee which distributed literature which included her name as well as other candidates. She said that she gave a few speeches from a sound truck which she believed was made available to all the candidates through the State Campaign Committee.

Miss PODMAKA said that both the State and County Campaign Committees of the American Labor Party were organized shortly before the elections and dissolved shortly afterwards, and that the sole purpose of these committees was to account for the monies received and expended in connection with all of the candidates. She said that she was absolutely certain that these committees were in no way a part of any national committee or organization since they only came into existence for the purpose of assisting the candidates in this area.

DISTRICT #7 (Kings County)

LESTER ZIRIN
55 Linden Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York

The above individual advised that his statement which he submitted to the Clerk, House of Representatives, in connection with his candidacy for Congress was true in every aspect.

He stated that he had no receipts and no expenditures and explained that all receipts and expenditures on his behalf were handled by the American Labor Party State Campaign Committee and was set up on behalf of all American Labor Party candidates.

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He explained that most of the candidates ran in "name only" and never expected to get elected. They ran for the purpose of getting a large State vote and for the purpose of getting contributions into the State or County Campaign Committees which he believes spent most of the money on one or two of the candidates. He said that these committees were set up shortly before the election and dissolved after the election. He added that the regular American Labor Party State Committee which is always in existence did not receive any contributions nor did it make any expenditures on behalf of any of the candidates.

He said that he was absolutely certain in his own mind that the campaign committees which had been set up were local committees and were in no way connected with any national committee or organization.

DISTRICT #8 (Kings County)

ANTONIO IANICCHIO
231 North 7th Street
Brooklyn, New York

The above individual advised that upon the specific request of the Kings County Committee of the American Labor Party, he agreed to be a candidate for the above district in the 1950 election.

He pointed out that he did not participate in this campaign since he was employed as a night watchman and related that he, therefore, did not receive any contributions or any expenditures.

He explained that there were no political committees set up on his behalf and the only assistance which he had from the American Labor Party was a few pamphlets which were sent to him by the Kings County Campaign Committee of the American Labor Party.

He also stated that the Kings County Campaign Committee was a temporary committee and was in no way connected with any national organization.

DISTRICT #9 (Kings County)

HELEN WISNIEWSKY
615 Williams Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The above individual advised that she had received no contributions through her campaign nor had she incurred any expenditures and had so filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives. She said that there were no campaign committees established for her particular candidacy and that the little promotion publicity given her had been given by the Kings County Campaign Committee and the New York State American Labor Party Campaign Committee.

She said that both of these committees had been set up for all of the candidates and as far as she knew they were strictly local or State committees and were in no way connected with any national organization.

DISTRICT #10 (Kings County)

GERALD HOOT
276 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The above candidate also said that he had no expenses nor any contributions in connection with his election campaign and had filed a statement to this effect with the House of Representatives.

He said that the only publicity which he had came from both the Kings County Campaign Committee of the American Labor Party and the American Labor Party State Campaign Committee, both of which he claimed were temporary and "local" committees which dissolved themselves after the election.

DISTRICT #11 (Kings County)

BLANCHE KATZ
490 East 17th Street
Brooklyn, New York

Miss KATZ advised that she also had incurred no expenses nor had she received any contributions in connection

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with her candidacy and had filed a statement to this effect with the Federal Government.

She also stated that she received a small amount of publicity in the nature of pamphlets issued by the State and County Campaign Committees of the American Labor Party which she claimed were established for the purpose of taking contributions and making expenditures on behalf of all the candidates in the County or the State.

She said that the American Labor Party was strictly a New York State Party and, therefore, felt certain that the campaign committees which were established were in no way connected with any national organization.

DISTRICT #12 (Kings County)

VINCENT J. LONGHI
374 Clinton Street
Brooklyn, New York

The above candidate advised that his campaign was conducted on a very small scale and consisted of his making a few campaign speeches throughout his district. He said that he had no expenditures and no receipts and had so filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

According to LONGHI, he had no support of any "political committee". However, he stated that he coordinated his campaign activities with the American Labor Party County Committee which did not extend itself beyond Kings County.

DISTRICT #13 (Kings County)

RALPH SHAPIRO
4815 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

Mr. SHAPIRO also advised that he had made no expenditures and had received no contributions and had incurred no financial obligations in connection with his campaign as a candidate for Congress. He said that he had filed a statement with the Federal Government to this effect.

He stated that he had been one of a number of candidates who were supported as a group by the Kings County American Labor Party Campaign Committee as well as the State Campaign Committee of the American Labor Party, and that all expenditures were handled by these committees. He said it was his understanding that both committees had submitted statements to New York State authorities. He also stated that both of these committees were strictly confined to New York State, and that they had no connection whatever with any national committee or national association.

DISTRICT #12 (Kings County)

HELEN PHILLIPS
203 Avenue P
Brooklyn, New York

Attempts have been made during the day as well as the evening hours to locate the above candidate for interview. However, to date efforts to locate her have been unsuccessful.

On October 1, 1951, Miss PHILLIPS was reached telephonically and an appointment was made to interview her on October 3, 1951.

DISTRICT #15 (Kings County)

WILLIAM PODELL
113 Osborn Street
Brooklyn, New York

The above candidate advised that the statement which he filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives showing no expenses and no contributions was true in every respect.

He stated that no campaign committees had been set up on his behalf and the only help which he received toward his election came from both the State and County Campaign Committees which were set up by the American Labor Party. He said that both of these committees dissolved shortly after the election and were "temporary things" which he felt were in no way connected with any national organization.

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DISTRICT #16 (New York County)

FRANK SPINOWSKI
211 Julius Drive
Staten Island, New York

SPINOWSKI stated that his notarized report to the Clerk of the House of Representatives was truthful in that he had received no contributions during his campaign and had incurred no expenses. He further stated that there were no particular campaign employees, no advertising costs, and no rental fees for campaign meetings and no cost for the operation of sound trucks.

SPINOWSKI explained that the only possible expenses to him would be the use of his personally owned automobile. However, he added, such expenses would be negligible and indistinguishable from the private use of his car. He further stated that the sound equipment used in the campaign was owned by the American Labor Party and it was installed in the privately owned automobile of the Chairman of the County Campaign Committee.

He also stated that the County American Labor Party Campaign Organization had very meager funds for the campaign and was unable to make any expenditures except for mailings of literature which was supplied by the State American Labor Party Campaign Committee. He added that both the State and County Campaign Committees of the American Labor Party were dissolved after the election and could conceive of no way that either of these committees could be associated with any national committee or organization.

DISTRICT #17 (New York County)

ROBERT T. LEICESTER
119 Waverly Place
Brooklyn, New York

Mr. LEICESTER advised that he had been an unsuccessful candidate for Congress in the 1940 General Election, and that he had received a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives to which was attached a form.

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He said that he had found the form very confusing and had referred it to the President of the American Labor Party in the early part of 1951 with the understanding that the club would fill out and return the form. He added that he was unaware that he was personally required to do this.

He also stated that all funds which were received as a result of any speeches which he made were turned over to the County Campaign Committee which was "purely local in character".

DISTRICT #15 (New York County)

VITO MARCANTONIO
231 East 116th Street
New York, New York

The above individual was interviewed at his law office at 11 Park Place, New York City.

He said that the American Labor Party was strictly a New York State party and was in no way affiliated with a national party. He explained that in connection with the election of the twenty-six American Labor Party candidates to Congress in the 1950 General Election, the following political committees were set up by or for the American Labor Party:

1. Committee to elect American Labor Party candidates in Yorkville and Harlem.
2. Committee to re-elect Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO.
3. New York County American Labor Party 1950 fall primary campaign committee.
4. New York State Campaign Committee for American Labor Party candidates.
5. Fur Workers Committee for the election of MARCANTONIO and progressive candidates.

He explained that the above committees were the only committees which handled contributions and expenditures on behalf of any of the candidates or all of the candidates collectively. He said that the American Labor Party does not have a "Political Committee" as such, however, does have all committees which are required by New York State law. He added that the committees which are also in existence had nothing whatsoever to do with receiving contributions or making expenditures on behalf of any or all of the candidates. He explained that the Campaign Committee of the American Labor Party which always in existence created the State Campaign Committee and the various county committees which are always in existence of other various county campaign committees. These committees which were established were established for the sole purpose of handling funds in connection with the election and were dissolved after the election.

He also stated that they were "temporary committees" and were in no way a branch or subsidiary of a national organization and were duly organized local campaign committees and as such would file statements with New York State authorities.

MARCANTONIO said that he personally had received no contributions, nor had he had any personal expenditures since money which was sent to him was placed in the general fund of the "Campaign Committee to Re-elect Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO" and all expenditures on his behalf were made by that committee. He added that when filing his statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives he indicated that he had made no contribution nor had he had any personal expenditures and also made the notation "See Campaign Committee".

He remarked that the campaign committee to which he referred did file a statement with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and after checking his files located a letter dated December 4, 1950 from the Clerk of the House of Representatives to Miss LILIAN ADAMS, Treasurer of the above committee, which acknowledged receipt of her statement as treasurer of the committee for the period ending November 27, 1950. This letter was signed by JAMES H. CLARK, Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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DISTRICT #19 (New York County)

BERNARD HARRAVY
60 Van Cortland Park Square
New York, New York

The above candidate stated that the statement which he filed with the Federal Government was true and correct in all respects.

He further stated that no committee having any connection with a national committee was set up or active in connection with his campaign for election other than a "Non-partisan Citizens' Committee to Elect BERNARD HARRAVY" which had been organized on his behalf.

He stated that this committee was a small local committee and was in no way affiliated with any other committee of any kind.

DISTRICT #20 (New York County)

JOHN W. DARR, Jr.
200 West 107th Street
New York, New York

Mrs. A. L. TALKINGTON who is at the present time subletting DARR'S apartment advised that he was in Europe on an extended trip and was not expected back in the immediate future. Mrs. TALKINGTON said she could not furnish any address for him in Europe since she understood he was traveling and she had no idea when he would return to the United States.

DISTRICT #21 (New York County)

WILLIAM M. MANDELL
545 West 164th Street
New York, New York

The above individual was telephonically contacted in order to make an appointment for interview. He advised that he would refuse to be interviewed by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Agents proceeded to his apartment at which time they identified themselves to his wife and she was told the reason for the inquiry at which time she slammed the door and stated that her husband was not at home.

DISTRICT #22 (New York County)

JOHN WILLIAM
2357 8th Avenue
New York, New York

The above individual stated that he had filed a return in response to a letter from the Clerk of the House of Representatives to which was attached a form which indicated that he had no receipts and that his expenditures were approximately \$160. He said that this form was true and correct in every aspect, and that he had no committee established for the purpose of assisting in his campaign, but added that the County Committee had expended a negligible amount in connection with his campaign. He explained that his name was included in literature along with other candidates and that was all that was done on his behalf.

He also stated that he did not feel that the County Committee was in any way connected with any national organization or committee.

DISTRICT #23 (Bronx County)

ROBERT DIAMOND
1145 Woolverest Avenue
Bronx, New York

The above individual advised that he personally did not participate in his campaign as a result of illness and he therefore attempted to withdraw from the ballot, however, was unsuccessful in having his name withdrawn.

He said that as a result of this he had received no contributions and had expended no money of any kind and had not received any assistance from any campaign committee.

DISTRICT #24 (Bronx County)

STEPHEN J. WHITE
1264 Sheridan Avenue
Bronx, New York

The above individual also claimed that he had no personal receipts or expenditures of any kind.

He explained that the American Labor Party set up a State Campaign Committee on behalf of all of the candidates and that this committee sent campaign trucks from district to district at which time each candidate was taken for a tour of the district and gave several speeches. He added that a few leaflets were prepared and distributed by the State Campaign Committee on behalf of himself, but was certain that no additional signatures were made.

He explained that the American Labor Party concentrates its funds on one or two candidates and the others run "in name only".

Mr. WHITE said that it was his understanding that the State Campaign Committee was set up shortly before the election and dissolved itself after the election and was strictly a State organization and was in no way affiliated with a national committee or organization.

DISTRICT #25 (Bronx County)

CHARLES J. FENLLEY
3710 Fairfield Avenue
Bronx, New York

The above individual stated that he had filed a statement with Federal authorities which indicated that he had no receipts and that he had expended approximately \$500 of his own money.

He said that this statement was true in every respect and the only support of any committee for his election was the Bronx County Campaign Committee which was set up on behalf of all candidates and was dissolved after the election.

DISTRICT #26 (Bronx County)

AUGUST BUHR
2310 Continental Avenue
Bronx, New York

The above individual advised that he had not actively participated in the 1950 election due to the fact that he was ill at the time.

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He said that he had received no contributions and had no expenditures and knew of no campaign committee that sponsored him other than the Frank County Committee of the American Labor Party which he described as a committee set up on behalf of all the county candidates. He was of the opinion that this committee was temporary and was in no way connected with any national organization or committee.

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH MARTIN, Southern District of New York, who advised that he would decline prosecution against the twenty-four candidates listed in this report who have been contacted as well as JOHN G. TAYLOR, Jr., who is presently in Europe on the grounds that there is insufficient evidence to proceed any further against the twenty-three candidates who did file affidavits on the grounds that there is a lack of criminal intent on the part of the two individuals who filed the statements with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. MARTIN also said that he would decline prosecution against any of the officers of the various campaign committees mentioned in this report since there is no indication that these committees were a branch or subsidiary of any national committee, association or organization.

ENCLOSURES: To United States Attorney, Southern District of New York: (24)

1. Twenty-four photostatic copies of "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress" which were filed by twenty-four candidates on the American Labor Party ticket with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

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The following agents interviewed the following candidates:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Interviewed by</u>
OTTO SKOTTEDAL	SA Charles M. Curry and SA Spurgeon J. Petersen.
HENRY BOLIN-R	SA Gustav S. Abrandt and SA J. Garth Gray.
ARNOLD J. CLENICK	SA Charles L. McGlohn and SA Sidney J. Prescott.
MARY MURPHY	SA James P. Harris and SA Joseph John Brock.
JOSEPH SHILL	SA Charles L. McGlohn and SA Sidney J. Prescott.
ROSE PODMAKA	SA Charles L. McGlohn and SA Joseph Tangel.
LESTER ZIRIN	SA Joseph Tangel.
ANTONIO IANDIORIO	SA Raymond E. Steelting and SA John H. Lupton.
HELEN WISNIEWSKY	SA Orris C. Beynon and SA John P. Foley.
GERALD ROOT	SA Orris C. Beynon and SA John P. Foley.
PIANCHE KATZ	SA Orris C. Beynon and SA John P. Foley.
VINCENT J. LONGHI	SA Raymond E. Steelting and SA Orris C. Beynon.

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Interviewed by</u>
RALPH BEAPIRO	SA Clark E. Rice
WILLIAM POBELL	SA Clark E. Rice and SA John M. Fisher.
FRANK CHENOWESI	SA E. Theodore Webb and SA Fredrick F. Daly.
ROBERT T. LEICESTER	SA James M. Harris and SA Joseph John Brock.
VITO MARCONI	SA Joseph Tangel and SA John V. Walsh.
BERNARD HARRAVY	SA Joseph John Brock and SA James M. Harris.
WILLIAM M. MANDEL	SA Donald M. McInerney and SA Charles L. McGlohn.
JOHN QUILLIAN	SA Joseph John Brock and SA James M. Harris.
ROBERT DIAMOND	SA Raymond E. Stoelting.
STEPHEN J. WHITE	SA Joseph Tangel.
CHARLES J. HENDLEY	SA Raymond E. Stoelting and SA John H. Lupton.
AUGUST BUHR	SA Raymond E. Stoelting.

A. L. TALKINGTON who advised that JOHN W. DAER, Jr., is presently in Europe was interviewed by SA McInerney and SA Charles L. McGlohn.

A copy of this report is being forwarded for information purposes to Albany and Washington Field who have leads outstanding in their district.

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At New York, New York

Will interview candidate EILEEN PHILLIPS, 203 Avenue
P, Brooklyn, New York.

Will, upon completion of the above, interview
United States Attorney concerning his opinion relative to
prosecution of the above individual.

REFERENCE: Report of SA Joseph Tangel, 9/20/51, New York.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATION SECTION

OCTOBER 23, 1951

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Transmit the following message to:

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Reference is made to the report of SA Joseph Tangel dated October 4, 1971.

The interview of Ralph Inapino as reported on page ten of the above-referenced report reflects that Inapino advised that he had no expenditures or receipts or contributions. The records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives reflected that he filed a statement listing expenditures of \$50.00. This discrepancy should be cleared up in the next report.

This investigation is being conducted in the interest of and as outlined by the Department of Justice. The United States Attorney should not be contacted for a prosecutive opinion as that is a decision to be made by the Criminal Division of the Department.

The investigation should be completed promptly and a report reflecting the results of the remaining investigation should be submitted to reach the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

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Transmit the following message to:

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

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HELEN P. PHILLIPS, Congressional Candidate District #14, Kings County, advised that statement which she submitted to House of Representatives showing receipts and disbursements was accurate in all respects. She claims that no political campaign committee assistance received other than meager assistance from Kings County ALP campaign committee. USA, SDNY declined prosecution.

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DETAILS:

HELEN PHILLIPS, 203 Avenue P, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the statement which she previously submitted to the Clerk, House of Representatives, concerning her receipts and disbursements in connection with her candidacy, was true and correct in every respect.

She explained that she had no assistance from any political campaign committee other than the ALP County Campaign Committee which gave her only meager assistance. According to Mrs. PHILLIPS this committee is not in any way connected with any national committee.

Edmund Schmitt
Special Agent in Charge

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The above facts were made available to Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH MARTIN, Southern District of New York, who declined prosecution against HELEN PHILLIPS and the officers of the ALP County Campaign Committee since he did not feel that the evidence warranted any further action.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA Joseph L. Tangel, 10/4/51 at New York

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE 10/25/51

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, BOSTON
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST, ETAL
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Rebulet 10/8/51.

Referenced letter was not received by the agent handling this case until after the report of SA JOSEPH L. YANCOEL dated 10/12/51 at New York which placed instant case in a closed status had gone out.

In view of the above RALPH SHAPIRO will not be reinterviewed concerning the statement which he filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives listing expenditures of \$50.00, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Assistant Attorney General
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Director, FBI

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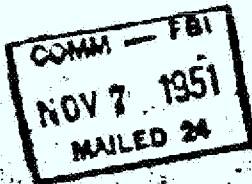
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated October 1, 1951, enclosing a report of Special Agent Joseph Tappel dated October 1, 1951, at New York.

His report reflects that SA [redacted] Shapiro at the time he was interviewed advised that he had made no expenditures and received no contributions; however, it has been noted that a check of the records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives reflected that Shapiro had filed a statement listing expenditures of \$50. Accordingly, Shapiro was reinterviewed in an effort to clarify this apparent discrepancy. On October 29, 1951 he advised that he had inadvertently previously reported that he had made no expenditures in his ALP Campaign; however, Shapiro now recalls that he had expenditures of approximately \$50 as listed by him with the Clerk, House of Representatives.

All of the investigation requested by you has now been completed and no further inquiries will be made in this matter unless you so desire.

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OTTO SKOTTEDAL, ET AL, ELECTION LAWS. REBUTEL OCT TWO FIVE LAST.
 RALPH SHAPIRO RECONTACTED TML DATE. SHAPIRO ADVISED HE INADVERTENTLY
 PREVIOUSLY ADVISED HE HAD MADE NO EXPENDITURES IN HIS ALP CAMPAIGN,
 HOWEVER, NOW RECALLS HE HAS EXPENDITURES OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTY DOLLARS
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: March 20, 1951

TO : SAC, ALBANY
FROM : SA JOSEPH A. MC GRAW
SUBJECT: UNCLE SAM, ET AL
ELECTION LAWS

Re report of SA JOSEPH A. MC GRAW dated 9/19/51 at Albany entitled "UNCLES; Failure of Congressional Candidates and Political Committee, American Labor Party, Manhattan and Bronx Congressional Districts, New York, to File Financial Statements, General Election, 1950, ELECTION LAWS".

Instantaneous copies of numerous documents were forwarded with referenced report to the Bureau and New York office which is origin. A set of these documents has been retained in the Albany office as a bulky exhibit.

COPIES of these exhibits will be destroyed after April 17, 1952.

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TO : Mr. [unclear]

FROM : L. J. [unclear]

SUBJECT : ELECTION TRAVEL - New York

Bulky Exhibit File Number: 56-1033-9

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1113, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

J. W. [unclear]

The exhibits consist of Photostats of "Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of Candidate for Election as a Representative in Congress (Before and After General or Special Election)" filed by 24 American Labor Party candidates for Congress in 1950.

Inasmuch as Statute of Limitations would bar any action by the Federal Government and as the exhibits are merely Photostats of records filed with clerk of House of Representatives it is recommended that the exhibits be destroyed.

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