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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the item appearing in Walter

Winchell's column in the New York Daily Mirror on October 13,

1941, to the effect that the Office of Production Management
received its first report of definite sabotage which is
supposed to have occurred in a Midwestern plant which manufactures
airplane engines. The item indicates that the suspected saboteur
is allegedly a chief steward in a union. The Bureau's files have
been checked in an effort to identify the plant and the act of
sabotage mentioned, with negative results.

The only sabotage case presently in the Bureau's files involving a union official concerns who is the most important suspect in a case involving tamage to allerons of Army airplanes being manufactured by the Fairchild Aircraft Company at Hagerstown, Maryland. No conclusive evidence has been developed up to this time in this case to indicate was responsible for this damage.

The Bureau has several pending investigations at the Allison Engineering Division, General Motors Corporation, Speedway, Indiana, and the Beech Aircraft Company, Wichita, Kansas. However, in none of these cases is there any indication that a union steward is a suspect. No information has been received from the Office of Production Management reporting an act of sabotage in any aircraft factory. In the absence of additional detailed information, it is not possible to identify the act of sabotage mentioned by Wr. Winchell.

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Walter Winchell On Broadway

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Man About Town

A. Hitler got FDR's letter to J. Stalin, but the Government has some sensational memoranda in Adolf's own handwriting—right from his desk, too...The Joe Di Maggios will join the infantry on or about the 20th...Countess Gosta Morner (Geraldine Fitch) is very ill after a major operation at N. Y. hospital...Bioff's defense will be that he got all that coin from the film magnates "to fight the C.I.O."...The rebuttal will be: "There was no C.I.O. at the time".... Diana Barrymore and G. Schirmer, Jr., have romance in their etc.... Ralph Ingersoll, the publisher, is heading home with an exclusive interview with Russia's Mr. Big...Isn't thrush Wynn Murray of the musical shows secretly riveted to a Garden City (I. I.) dentist?... When the H. Tappes' divorce case is aired in court the word-jugglers will get headaches trying to report it.

About 3 weeks ago some New Yorkers motoring between Manhattan and Hempstead (L. L) stopped to give two Gypsy women a lift... When they got out they said they couldn't pay for the ride, but they'd like to tell their fortunes... "Okay," one clowned, "tell me when the war will end"... "Just as sure," one of them replied, "that there will be a dead body in this car tonight—the war will end October 15th"... A few moments later the car was stopped by a motor cop, who urged them to help him take an injured man to the nearest hospital... Before they sped another mile the injured one died... October 15th???...But the Gypsies did not say What Year!

Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe (who beat the raps about allegedly being an intimate of Nazi agents) has been incog at the McAlpin Hotel, New York—under the name "Nancy White"...Who is her Big Interest in Washington where she usually parks, anyhow?... "21" has made \$750,000 this year...The America First offices in Yorkville offer (for sale) such enticers as paring knives, etc. To help pay the rent...Hank Greenberg and Betty Boyce of the Horseshoe ensemble are Cupidata...The City College of N. Y. funds are so low it is the only collitch in the country that can't afford a night watchman...Jacqueline Holt (Jack's dghtr.) and Don Castle are block them in the air...Wm, Hebert queries: "Isn't Gypsy Rose Lee's new book, "The G-String Murders" (Simon & Schuster, publishers) a sort of 'Peeping Tome'?"

Donald Melson, Director of Priorities, will break a scandal this week when he cracks down on a Chicago firm. For "secretly diverting" badly needed aluminum and other materials for bombers—which they used to manufacture juke boxes. Those nickel-in-the-slot machines that play boogle-woogle recordings!...Nelson and Leon Henderson had to force three American firms to take defense orders! They wanted to argue how much profit was in it for them... When FDR signs The Requisition Bill, the OPM will draft hoarded materials—aluminum, copper, chromium and other strategic goods ... Some of America's Blue Book corporations will hang their heads.

The DuPonts have bought Pathe Film Corp... Maestro Blue Barron and Hope Galloway, dghtr. of the transportation biggie, are a Romeo and Julietching... Beth Brown's new 500 pager on Clara Barton ("Dedicated to Life") will be purchased by Paramount... Universal has a film fable already on Broadway Rose... Are Jay Conley and Lucille Bremer secretly blended? The gals in the same chorus will betcha... Sign on a Larchmont (N. Y.) gas deported by the Larchmont of the Sagay after Evensay!"... J. Paterno and Janut Compton will ride the Marry-Go-Round the same day that Bevery Paterno gets her Renotice... You should seen Lou Nova trying to the rhumba—the Nova some pipple!

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New York Daily Mirror

Weshington. D. C.: Walter Winchell. N. Is Mirror: Am sure rou will want to correct your item that George Hill, my secretary was ever a secretary to Senator Lundeen. Hill a disabled veterary of the World War from my district, has been employed in my office for last twenty years, since I have been a Member of Congress. You must have gotten him confused with someone else or someone with the same name—Hamilton Fish... Clad to publish Cong. Fish's telegram. We wish the Congressman would be equally alert to the inaccuracies he inserts (and those about me to which he consents) in The Congressional Record.

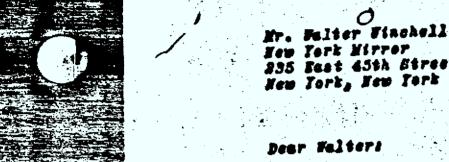
OPM got its first report of definite sabotage. Happened in a mid-West plant making airplane engines. The report came from loyal workers. The suspected saboteur is allegedly a chief steward in a union. The most serious disagreement times the Court fight is dividing Washington: Thurman Arnold vs. Sidney Hillman and the A.F. of L. Only FDR can referee.

U. S. Att'y-Gen'l Thurman Arnold is gathering evidence against the burlesk circuit monopoly...Tex Rieber, who resigned his Texas Corp. job (after revelations concerning Nazi visitors, etc.) has been elected a director of the Barber Asphalt Corp., a Perth Amboy (N. J.) outfit...Illa Roden and John Banner, who had the leads in the Refugee Artists Group production ("From Vienna"), got weary of being jobless. They are working as maid and butler in L. A. Hooray for their courage...The Oakland (Cal.) Inquirer publisher's dghtr (Mrs. J. Lawrence) is threeing...CBS director H. Barnes and Jone (Jone is right, Mr. Printer) Allison will hear wedding chimes in January...General Wavell requests 400 ambulances and 1,000 drivers to serve in the Middle East with the British—the first time they've asked for drivers. Apply American Field Service, One William Street, N. Y. C....Comforting Thought for Columbus Day: America could never have been discovered if Christopher Columbus had been an isolationist.

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From Exclusive to Walter Winchell Although you labelled that Ernst odet story I still insist it is true. My source swears she has seen him many times; and she knew him from Germany where she once lived. 1941 . U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE JAN 11 1967 Kow.

Hovember 24, 1941



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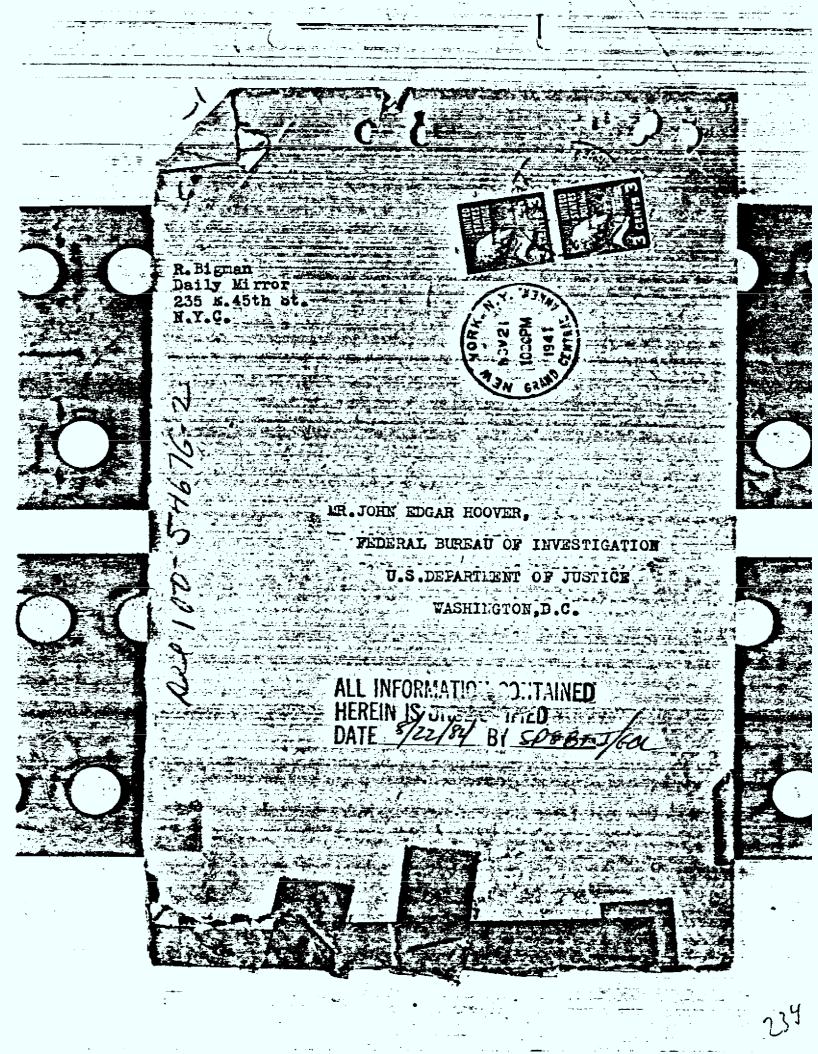
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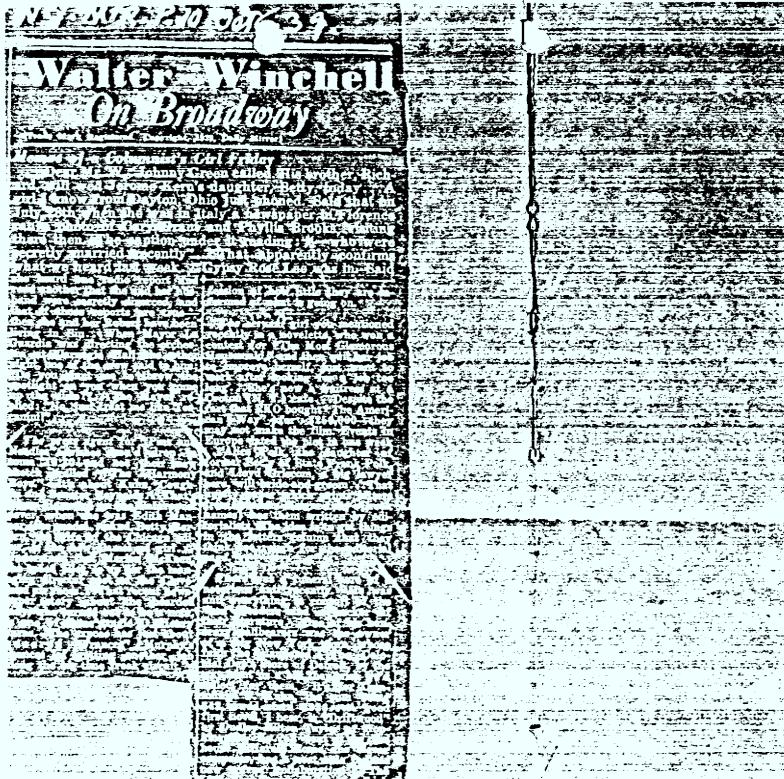
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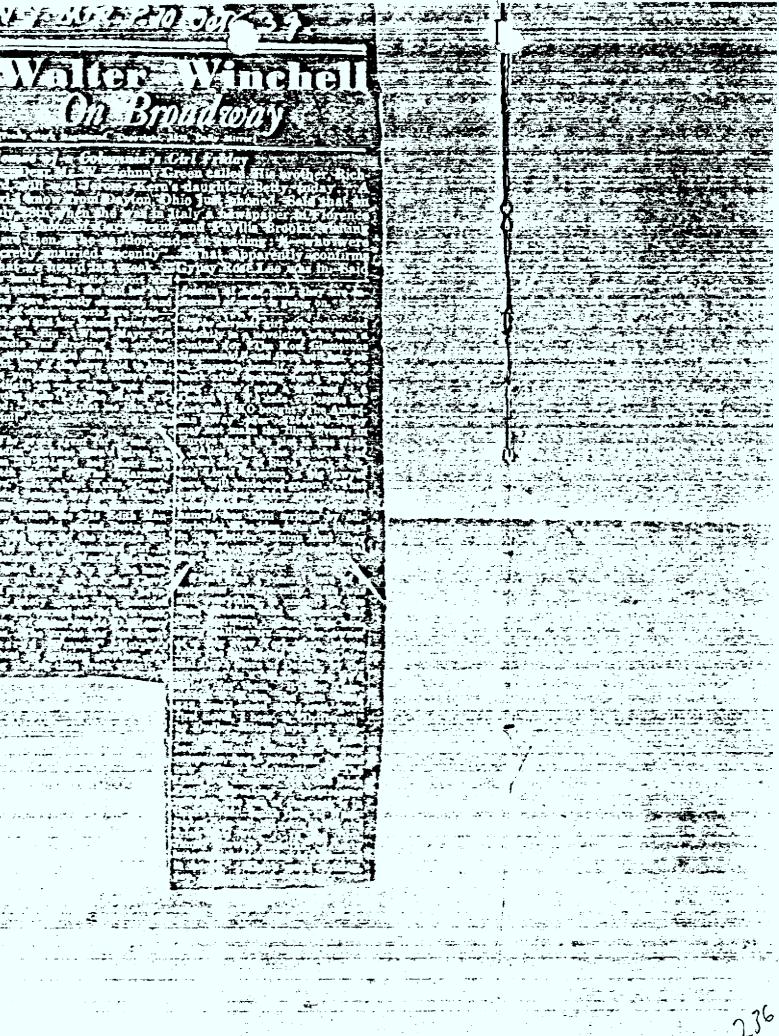
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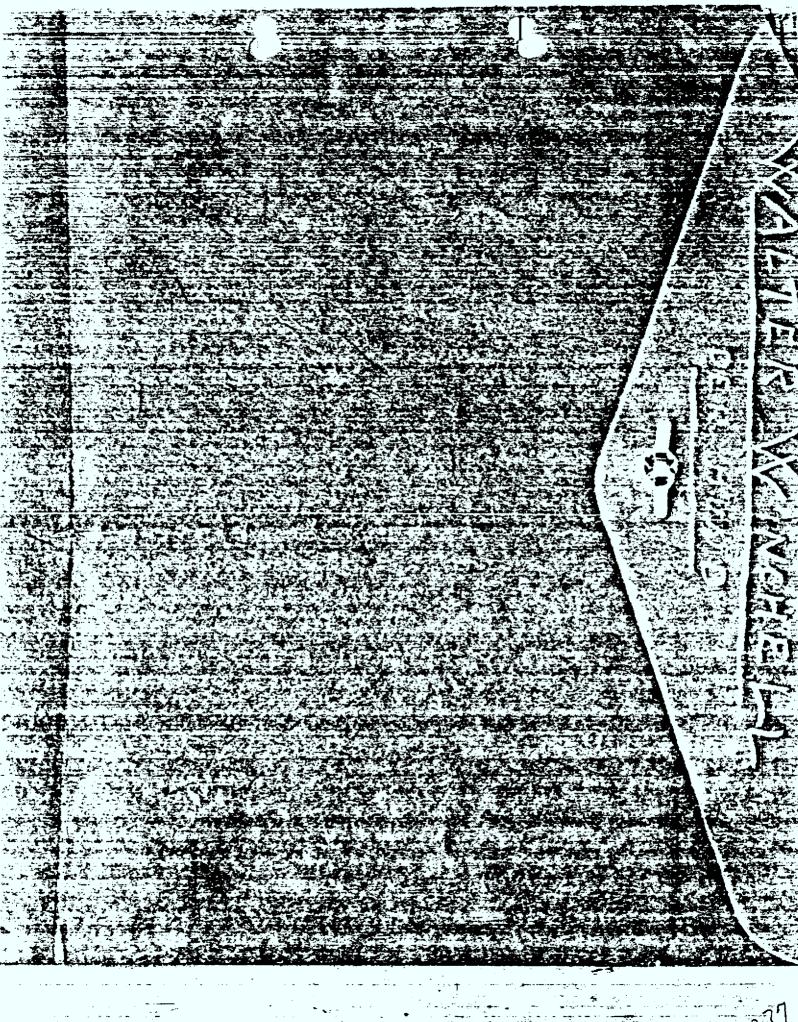
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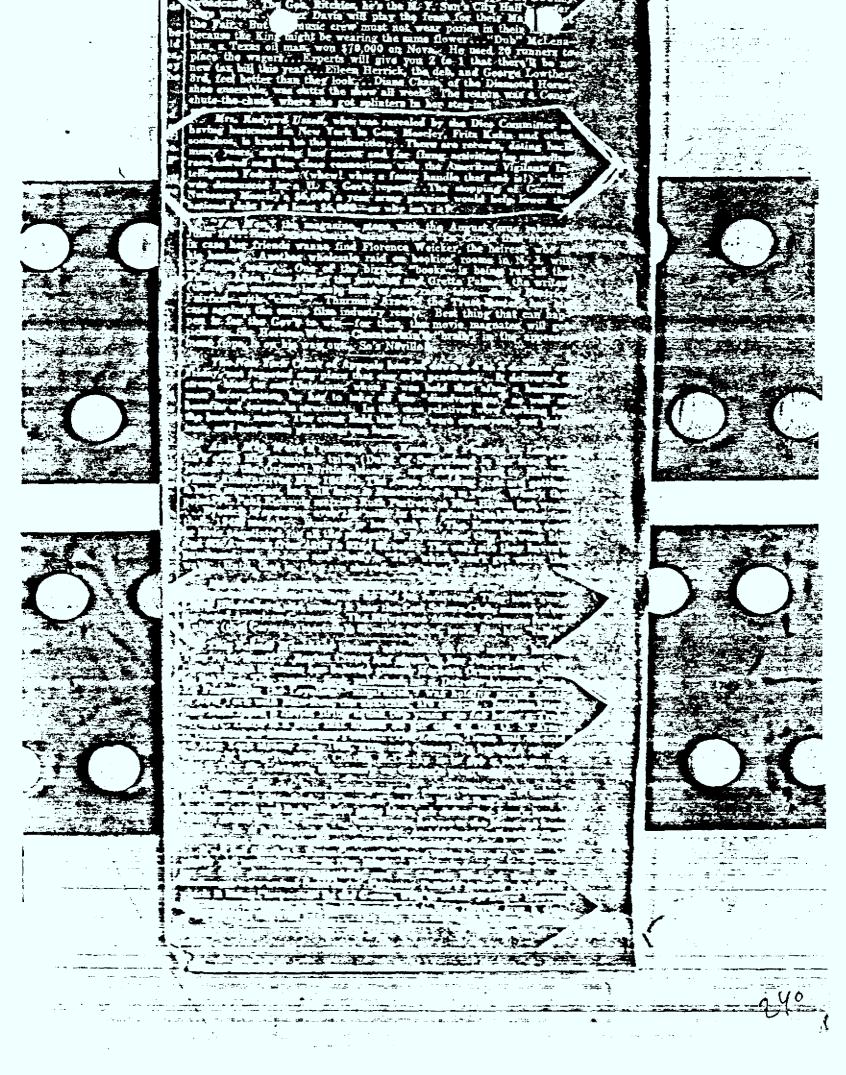
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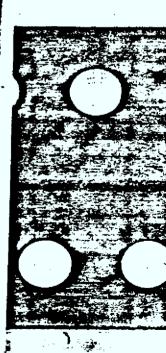
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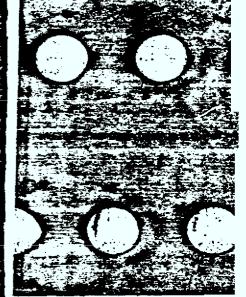
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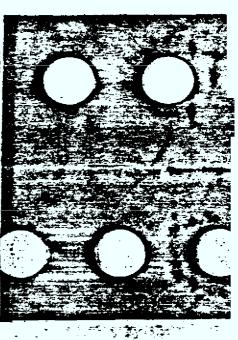
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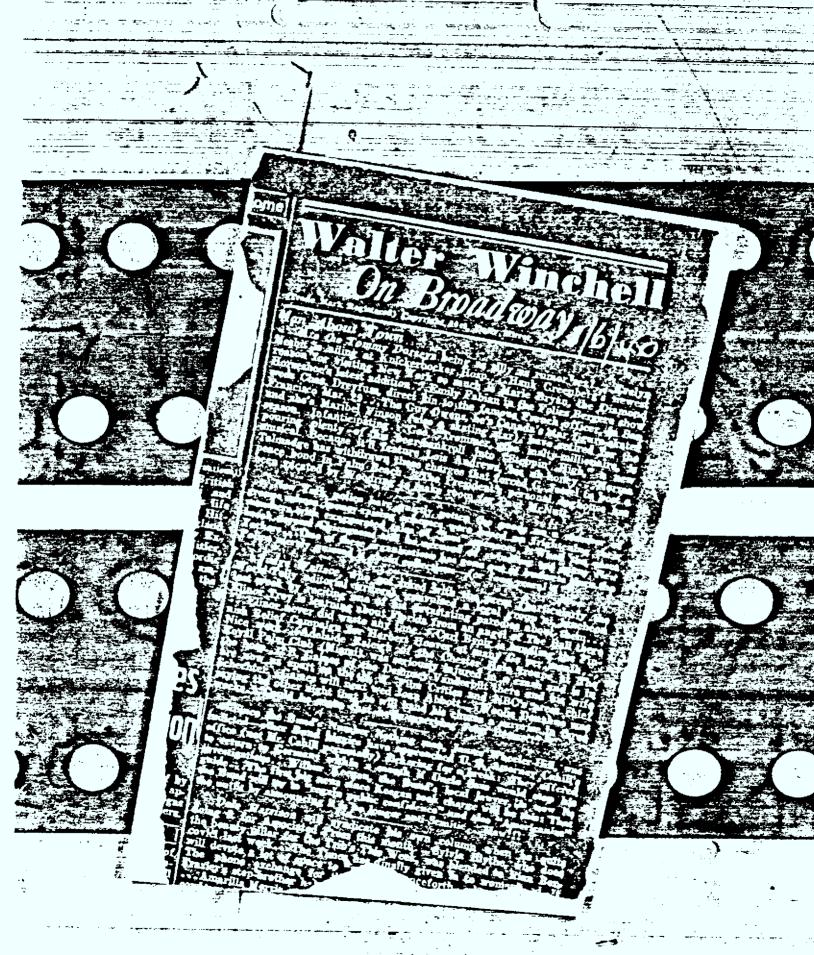
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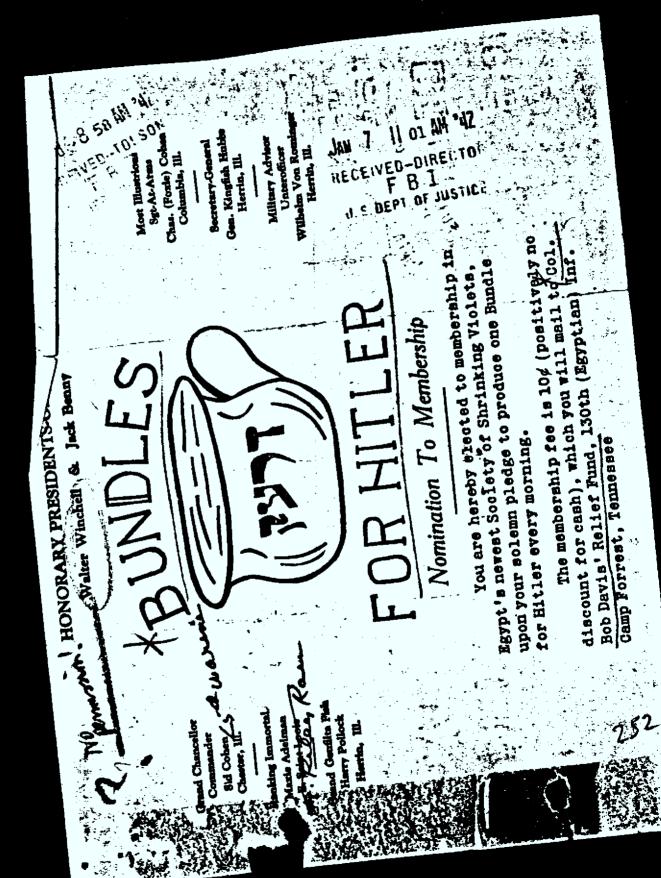
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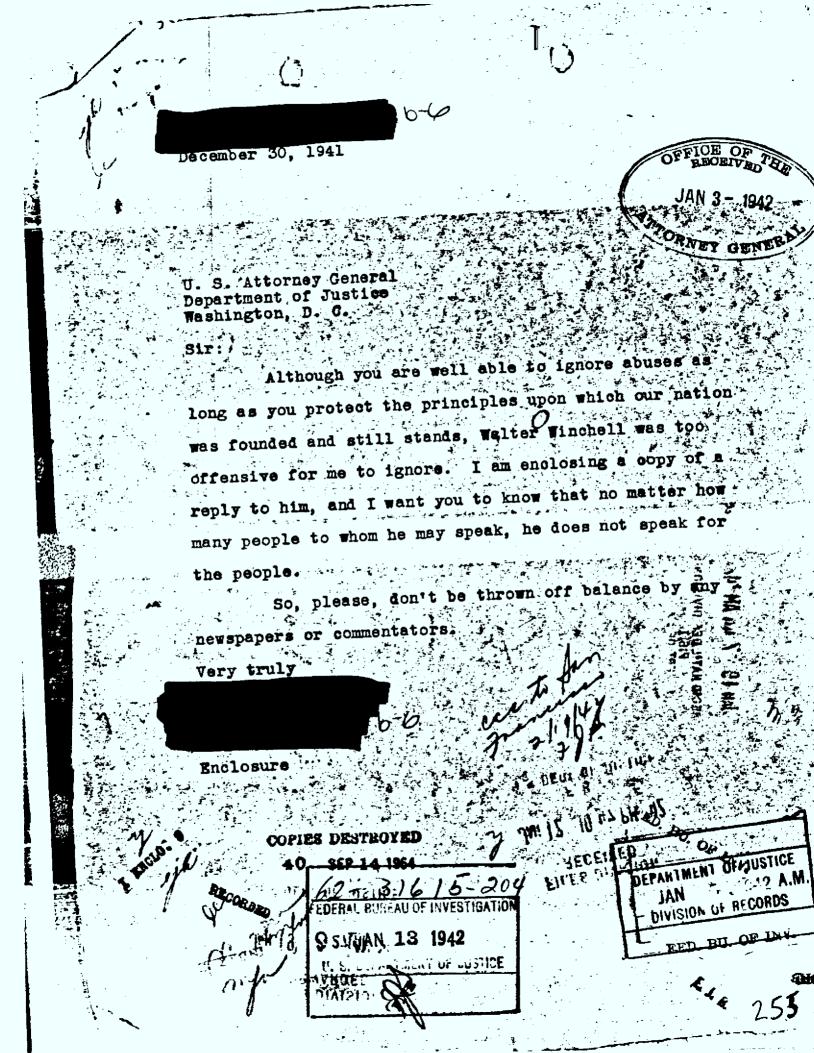
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My dear Mr. Winshell:

Befings of the well balanced attitude of our United States
Attorney General, we have freedom of speech in fact and not
just in theory.

Your attitude in your Bunday might broadcast, when you condemned the Attorney General's release of a person unjustly arrested by the FBI, disclosed the Pascistic viewpoint you ame welcome to hold as your personal opinion as long as you do not misrepresent it to be the epinion of the American people. We just don't like the attitude: "You say that I like or shut

We are not going through h war to give power to any Fascistic actions or thoughts, be they carried out abroad or at home. And, only by speaking freely just what one believes can we discare who our dative Fascists are.

I object to the wasting of this nation's time and money on arresting people upon such silly evidence as you presented in this case by the FBI. Making false accusations of our officials' integrity is far more dangerous to the welfare of our nation than the spoutings of opinions as to who does and who does not make up our nation.

And did you really refer to the suspect as "A rabble-rouser"?
A case of an ambitious pot-calling-the-kettle black, says I.

Yory truly

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February 19, 1942 Special Agent in Charge Sen Francisco, California Dear Sire There are transmitted herewith ou a letter directed to the Attorney Cener December 30, 1941, from and copies of To Walter Minchell dated TOT PETODO DE December 30, 1941. Yery truly yours, John Bigar Boover **Emplosure** COMMUNICATIONS SECTION FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ... B. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

each paragraph (like in a rogues gallery) tials of the person mentioned. For example, the third par raph is the Stork Club. I have already sent you pictures o hese birds. THURS. JAN, 8, 1942 Walter^o Wi Broadway/Rogues' Gallery He's famous and rich... Made it in the last five years... Giving strangers corny counsel...His offices in New York City are spacious and sumptuous...Decided he'd present his big staff with a week's salary as a holiday bonus... After writing the checks he tore them up...Said he couldn't afford it...Remorse set in...So he made, the checks out for half a week's pay...But an exec said: "Look, this isn't the thing to do. Either give them a week's wages or for get it"...So he tore the checks again and made new ones for a week's salary...Then he said: "No! Tear them up. The hell with ...Giving some coin to those who helped him make a fortune the Easy Way almost killed him. The very thought of it!...Anyway, that's why over every employe's deak—his photo is now turned to the wall...(D48326C). He borrowed \$2,000 from a showman three years ago when he needed it... Never paid it back, although he could have... The EDERAL BUYEFU of showman almost lost his wife, who got fed up with his gaming debts. He's been very ill... One of the few pals to sit by his bed every light was this phony... The alling one said: "Look, I never exhault for that \$2,000 you owe me, but I need it now. I owe that much to some bookles, and I'm afraid my wife will hear of he and leave me. I support to her I'd never sample again. and leave me. I swore to her I'd never gamble again. Don't fair me, please"...The phony hasn't visited since...(T5564328). They are German waiters in a swanky ingit spot. One of them claims being kin to a Nazi Party member in Berin. He's cleaned up a young fortune making wagers on which nation Hither would take next. Never missed. Both usually account in the government. would take next... Never missed... Both usually serve men life in the government, who patronize the place... A beautiful spot is a foreign agent to cavesdrop on conversations of important men. Since December 7th, when the joynt's orchestra began playing National Anthem—both waiters he matter how loades their trush back to the kitchen—and wait there until the authent of the source of the control of the source of the