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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
APRIL 2, 1944

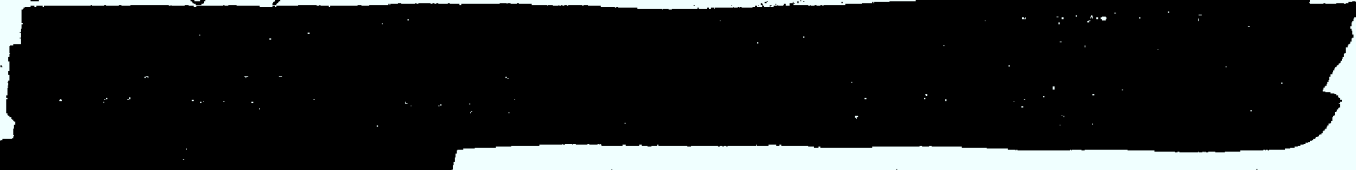
Mr. Winchell's broadcast was entirely devoted to what he characterized as his answer to allegations made by Congressman Martin Dies. A verbatim transcript of Mr. Winchell's remarks is attached. Summarized below are the points believed to be of interest to the Bureau with comment where necessary.

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I. SEDITION INDICTMENT

Referring to Mr. Dies' charge of last week that Winchell had inferred the Dies Committee was protecting the 30 persons now awaiting trial for sedition, Winchell stated if he implied Dies was protecting these persons it wouldn't be necessary for Dies to tell the listeners this. In his answer to this charge Winchell made a charge of his own that there has been no public examination of Father Coughlin, Gerald Winrod and Gerald L. K. Smith.



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The investigation of Father Coughlin, conducted by the Bureau, was discontinued in 1942 when his publication, "Social Justice", was banned from the mails. Recently, however, "P M" and other publications in New York have charged that Coughlin has been making seditious statements during his Lenten services. The Attorney General requested the Bureau to have Agents attend these services and the Detroit Field Division has been instructed to do this.

Gerald L. K. Smith, as you know, has been the subject of an extensive investigation but to date the Department has found no basis for prosecution. Pursuant to the Department's request, the investigation is continuing.

II. WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, SEDITION

FOR DEFENSE



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Last week Congressman Dies stated he exposed Pelley and George Deatherage. Commenting on this, Winchell stated that he had first exposed Pelley and

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that Deatherage was the concern of every alert American as early as 1936. As you know, Felley is presently serving a prison sentence for sedition and Deatherage is under indictment as one of those involved in the sedition conspiracy.

III. JOSEPH P. KAMP, CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE;  
REGISTRATION ACT, SEDITION, SELECTIVE SERVICE

When answering Mr. Dies' statement of last week that the FBI, MIS, ONI and the Dies Committee thoroughly exposed the Nazis in the United States, Winchell commented that these agencies never indulge in "exposures". He then referred to Joseph P. Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League, commenting that the League was once named in a list of Federal indictments as a tool for subversive agents in the United States. An extensive investigation of Kamp and the Constitutional Educational League has been conducted by the Bureau. The facts developed have been presented to the Department but no indication has been received that the Department feels evidence of a violation has been developed. The investigation is continuing pursuant to requests received from the Criminal Division.

IV. DIES TO EXPOSE WINCHELL'S BACKERS

You will recall that Mr. Dies said Congress would find out about the organization he charges is backing Winchell which prompted Mr. Winchell to state that, as usual, Dies doesn't know what he's talking about and makes charges before he can prove them. He challenged Mr. Dies to produce his proof and then read a portion of a letter addressed to him by Dies thanking him for supporting the Dies Committee in its investigation of Communists and Nazis. After reading this he exclaimed very sarcastically, "Oh Martin, how fickle you are!" He did not give the date of the letter.

V. WINCHELL'S PROGRAM NOT TO BECOME POLITICAL FORUM

It is to be noted that preceding Mr. Winchell, the announcer stated that the Andrew Jergens Company provided Dies with fifteen minutes radio time so that he might answer Winchell's charges. He then very pointedly stated that the makers of Jergens lotion have no wish to turn the program into a forum for political discussions and will not permit that to happen. He stated that the Jergens Company sometimes agreed with Mr. Winchell and just as often disagreed.

Respectfully,

  
Grant Stetter

Attachment

TRANSCRIPT OF WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, APRIL 2, 1944

Ladies and gentlemen, it has been alleged by Congressman Martin Dies and some other gentlemen, that Walter Winchell has attempted to discredit the Congress of the United States. The public records prove just the opposite—that Walter Winchell defended the Congress when it was under its most violent attacks by paid agents of foreign governments. My many friends in Congress will testify, as several did in Congress last week, to my devotion to the fundamental principle of representative government. This is my rebuttal to the attack on me last Sunday night by Congressman Dies, point for point:

Point 1. Mr. Dies charges that I use innuendo. My answer: I try to use a typewriter and a microphone as though they were sledge hammers, which my worst enemies have charged. I hereby admit it.

Point 2. Congressman Dies charges that the odium of treason can be attached to a man merely by mentioning his name repeatedly with that of the convicted defendant. My answer: I could no more convict Martin Dies of treason or sedition by mentioning his name with Bund leader Fritz Kuhn than I could make him a statesman by mentioning Mr. Dies name with the magnificent Sam Houston or Davie Crockett who also came from the great state of Texas.

Point 3. Mr. Dies said last week that I identified public men and specifically Mr. Dies, with the guilt of convicted men by indirection. My answer: Men have been lynched by indirection but never convicted or identified by it in any court of law in the United States of America.

Point 4. Mr. Dies stated that I inferred that he and the Dies Committee are protecting the thirty persons now waiting trial for alleged sedition. My answer: If I implied so, it wouldn't be necessary for Mr. Dies to tell you, that you listeners inferred it. I bitterly charge that Mr. Dies has failed to investigate many subversive organizations and many more dangerous persons. I still charge that there have been no public examinations of Charles Coughlin, Gerald Winrod and Gerald L. K. Smith, although other government authorities have acted.

Point 5. Mr. Dies told you that his Committee has operated since 1938 and that to date it has examined 178 people. My answer: Adolf Hitler has boasted of his thousands of agents and sympathizers in the United States. Some of us have been fighting them for eleven years, five years before Mr. Dies was accepting lecture bookings for rehashing what we all had discovered before Mr. Dies was even interested in the subject. Let the records show that when the Dies Committee arrived, Ethiopia was gone, Austria was gone, and Czechoslovakia was going. The only detective work required was the willingness to read an American newspaper.

Point 6. Mr. Dies states that his records fill over 4,000 printed pages. My answer: So do the files of most radio comedians. The question is, how many prison cells did the Dies investigation help fill and how many innocent Americans did they clear.

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Point 7. Mr. Dies stated that he exposed William Dudley Pelley and George Deatherage. My answer: Pelley of the Silver Shirts was exposed by Walter Winchell first, long before the Dies Committee was created. And Deatherage was the concern of every alert American as early as 1936 when he, Deatherage, stained the mails with his un-American activities which, as usual, were asserted to be in behalf of our country. How come Deatherage, since then, contrived to hold down important and confidential jobs in the war effort until uncovered again only recently in Florida by W. Winchell.

Point 8. Mr. Dies stated that the job of exposing the Nazis over here was thoroughly done by the FBI, the Army and Naval Intelligence Services and the Dies Committee. My answer: None of them ever indulged in what Mr. Dies calls "exposures". Those services merely gather evidence and enforce security. Most of their facts in their files are still and will remain military secrets. Mr. Dies himself has no authority to expose. He merely has the authority to investigate and, in my opinion, nothing needs more investigation than Mr. Dies failure to investigate. For example, Joe Kamp's Constitutional Educational League which was once named in a list of Federal indictments as a tool for subversive agents in the United States. The first thing which cries for investigation is Joe Kamp's statement to a reputable reporter and duly published a few years ago that he, Kamp, is responsible for the creation of the Dies Committee. This is not only a libel on Mr. Dies; more important, ladies and gentlemen, it is a libel on Congress.

Point 9. Mr. Dies stated that he is interested in my departure from the United States Navy. My answer: I have not departed from the Navy. I'm in the Naval Reserve and I am on the inactive list as are many thousands of American officers. It also means, Mr. Dies, I am not under the jurisdiction of the Navy. As an American citizen, I need take orders from no Government Department and I will take intimidation from no one.

Point 10. Mr. Dies stated that he is interested in my previous Naval orders. My answer: Once again Mr. Dies' interest exceeds his authority and this time, by Supreme Court decision. Mr. Dies, ladies and gentlemen, is as much entitled to my Naval orders as he is entitled to cross-examine Admiral Nimetz on the battle of Midway or General MacArthur on the battle of Bataan, and in this case Mr. Dies' ability is even less than his authority. Mr. Dies on subversive activities may be interesting. Martin Dies on the conduct of the naval effort is amusing. To the credit of all Congress, however, Mr. Dies is the only Congressman in many years who has questioned the orders of the Military Command to a subordinate officer. Congress, let the records show, is letting the professional men of the Army and Navy run the war. The military leaders have merely to ask and Congress gives from the United States Treasury and from its heart.

Point 11. Mr. Dies told you that I was part of a smear bund and he said the Congress will soon find out who they are and who is behind it. My answer: Why hasn't he exposed them before this? Mr. Dies has had six years and \$675,000 of the taxpayers' money to do that. Incidentally, that is the record

money for any special congressional committee in our history. The duty of Mr. Dies was to examine the smear bund, if any, while it was being incubated, not denounce it when it was full-grown and the reason Mr. Dies did not is that it never existed.

Point 12. Mr. Dies also stated that Congress would soon find out. My answer: That means Mr. Dies doesn't know and that, as usual, he makes charges before he can prove them. Mr. Dies has promised you much but this is my promise to Mr. Dies. You have charged that there is a highly organized and well financed enterprise to destroy by vilification the character of any public man who opposes the men who manage and finance this sinister smear bund. And you have said that I was merely one of its Charlies McCarthys. Now I tell you, Mr. Dies, that by certified public accountants, statements on file with the United States Treasury, and accepted by them, that I am paid by a free and legal American enterprise for services rendered, as an adjunct to their advertising department. The reason my newspaper and radio employers pay me is that over half, over half (repeated with emphasis) the radio listeners in the United States, an an estimated 25,000,000 newspaper readers, have a higher opinion of my news and views than you have. The final things that the income tax people department can show you, Mr. Dies, is that this year Walter Winchell returned 91¢, 91¢ (repeated) out of every dollar. My only complaint is that part of it went to pay your salary. Now I say to you, Mr. Dies, and I will never stop saying it, produce your proof, name the sinister group that you say I speak for, name its money backers and more important, Mr. Dies, tell the American people how this sinister group which you have invented has been able to organize and operate without interference from the constituted authorities. In conclusion, Mr. Dies, last Sunday night you called me a vilifier, among other things, including a serious menace to American life. I now read to you eight lines, the relevant part of a letter once written to me on the official stationery of the House of Representatives. Quote:

My dear Mr. Winchell,

I take advantage of this opportunity to express my appreciation to you for your loyal support. Unlike some people, you have been equally opposed to all forms of dictatorship and un-American activities. You have supported the Dies Committee when we exposed Communist activities the same as when we exposed Nazi activities. Your attitude has, therefore, been the attitude of a real American who is opposed to all forms of totalitarianism. I shall always have a warm spot in my heart for you as a result of your loyal support and splendid help.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Dies.

Oh, Martin! How fickle you are! Good night.

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March 26, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: Walter Winchell Broadcast  
March 26, 1944

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During his broadcast the following statements were made by Mr. Winchell which are of possible interest to the Bureau. His statements are being set out below with comment where necessary.

I. ESPIONAGE

Re: [Redacted] Espionage - G

"New York. This reporter was the very first to disclose several months ago that a man who served Germany as a great spy and who was once traded for seven Russian agents in a deal Moscow made with Germany was writing articles for a very great New York newspaper under another name. I also learned that this former Nazi spy was working for our military. His name must be omitted now. The Department of Justice has just arrested him. It's about time."

The individual who appears to be identical with the person concerning whom Mr. Winchell commented is [Redacted], who was apprehended last week by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, after having been on parole as an alien enemy. He is to be given a hearing at Washington, D. C., on Tuesday. Our first information concerning [Redacted] was received from the State Department in August 1939. It was indicated that he was a German agent and an intensive investigation was subsequently conducted. On December 1, 1941, Walter Winchell's column in the New York Daily Mirror set out [Redacted] address and initials with the charge that he was one of Goebbel's agents in the United States. On December 16, 1941, [Redacted] was arrested by Agents of the New York Office and turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The State Department instructed that he should be interned at White Sulphur Springs with the German diplomatic officials and this was done on December 30, 1941. Thereafter, he was permitted to waive any diplomatic status and was given an alien enemy hearing at Asheville, North Carolina, on June 7, 1942, and as a result was paroled. On October 28 and 29, 1942, he was given a rehearing before an alien enemy hearing board at Washington, D. C., and on January 15, 1943, was paroled to the Attorney General, [Redacted] and [Redacted]

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[Redacted] appeared in behalf of [Redacted] as well as [Redacted] who endorsed [Redacted] as anti-Nazi. As you

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probably recall, the allegation that [redacted] wrote articles for "a very great New York newspaper" (the New York Times) under another name has previously been made by Winchell and found to be untrue. The article in question was published September 19, 1943, was entitled, "The Specter of 1918 Walks in Germany" and was attributed to Conrad Long. Winchell started a rumor that [redacted] was the actual author but this was found to be false.

## II. SELECTIVE SERVICE

Re: Unknown Subject

"Washington. One of the best-known investigators for a very prominent political figure in Washington, where I am broadcasting now, may soon be charged with evading the draft. It will be alleged that his wife resigned her job with a Government agency to keep him from being classified 1-A. Hm!"

The Selective Service Section and the Washington Field Division can cast no light on the identity of the individual referred to in this item. It is to be noted, however, that the resignation of a wife in order to keep her husband from being classified as 1-A is not a legal violation.

## III. SEDITION

Re: ~~S~~ Mankind United

"Sacramento, California. The Tenney Committee of the California State Legislature is probing the financial dealings of a crackpot organization, by name Mankind United, mentioned by me many times in the last few years. Its twelve leaders were arrested by the FBI on charges of sedition. They were convicted. Remnants of Mankind United have acquired great realty holdings in the State of California."

The organization, Mankind United, according to the Los Angeles Field Division, is setting up cooperative farms and it appears that the Tenney Committee is basing its interest in the organization on a possible violation of the California statute which requires such cooperatives to be licensed. As Mr. Winchell stated, the twelve leaders of the organization were convicted of Sedition. They are presently on bond pending an appeal before the Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco. The Los Angeles Office is following the activities of the Tenney Committee generally without actually attending the hearing.

## IV. INTERNATIONAL

A. ~~V~~ American Foreign Policy

"Washington. The great understandings reached by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Marshal Stalin at Tehran still stand, but the sympathy established there does not.

The primary objective remains military—the defeat of the enemy. But diplomatically, serious divisions are arising. This I am allowed to reveal at this time. A very strong, very independent, and very direct American policy will prevail with all the liberated European nations."

B. American Ambassador to Spain under Transfer

"Lisbon. American Ambassador Carlton Hayes may be transferred soon to a new post. The withdrawal of Ambassador Hayes, a close collaborator with Dictator Franco, would mean a further tightening of Allied diplomatic pressure at Madrid."

The Bureau has received no information about Ambassador Hayes being transferred, but it has been noted in the last week that the newspaper, PM, carried an article containing similar statements.

V. GENERAL INTEREST

A. Congressman to Condemn Unauthorized Use of Subpoena

"Washington, D. C. Several members of Congress tomorrow or Tuesday will introduce resolutions condemning the alleged unauthorized use of the power of subpoena by the House Special Committee on un-American Activities."

B. American Labor Party Will Not Support LaGuardia

"A reporter's report to the Nation. New York. Next Tuesday's primaries will decide New York's politics for the next four years. If the American Labor Party Right Wing loses, and the odds are three to two against it, it will bolt. Both sides are for Roosevelt, but the Right Wing romance with Mayor LaGuardia is over. This means that the odds are two to one against the 'Little Flower' for 1945."

C. Winchell's "Declaration of Independence"

"Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States: This is a newspaperman's personal 'Declaration of Independence.' Every citizen of the United States of America has the right of free speech. Any newspaperman worth his salt regards it as his duty. I believe that absolute independence and absolute integrity mean the same thing. That means that I speak only for myself. But it also means that no one else has the right to speak for me. The Constitution of the United States not only provides for the three great arms of our Government; the Constitution's heart is that it limits the powers of that Government and its soul, the Bill of Rights, is that it protects the citizen who disagrees with the men who run the very Government it establishes. The history of liberty is the history of resistance, resistance to irresponsible men who happen to be armed with the powers of Government. It was no group of idle theorists who met in 1789 to draw a Constitution.

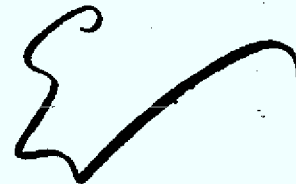


They were the starred veterans of a very terrible war and they were determined to write into the law of the land with pen and ink what they had won on a hundred battlefields with ball and powder. They made grimly sure that they had done more than establish a Government, because an established Government was the very tyrant against which they had just so bitterly fought. They left a Constitution designed not only to protect the people from their own Government, they left a Constitution which protects that Government from itself. They gave the greatest powers to Congress, the powers over commerce, the general welfare and the treasury. So that Congress could be fearless, its members were given absolute immunity for anything they might say on the floor of Congress. And so, that all information may be available to them as lawmakers, Congress was given the power of subpoena. But the power of Congress to subpoena is not the right of an individual Congressman to hold court. A congressional committee can render no decisions. The only Constitutional purpose of Congressional hearings is for the instruction and information of Congress as a law-making body. They cannot be used for the purposes of any Congress. Your Congressman, like yourself, has the American Court, and, Constitutionally, the American Courts alone can administer American justice. Before these American Courts, I am charged with absolutely nothing, and no Congressman has yet elected to challenge me in any open American Court or to lay aside his immunity long enough so that I can challenge him there. The founders of our country did not stop after creating Congress and the Supreme Court. They wanted a nation of free people, not a government by political police over grovelling slaves, and so they armed every citizen. Yes, armed us, armed him against his Government with a Bill of Rights. They gave it to him directly, they gave it to him absolutely, and they gave it to him independently. An American's right to be a man depends on no branch of our Government. Neither does his right to earn a living, because the Constitution also guarantees due process of law. It is often the thankless and ironical duty of a conscientious citizen to warn those whom he detests most of their rights in a general principle. A Constitution which fails to protect all, protects none. Conservative and liberal, capital and labor, banker and merchant, farmer and city dweller, all have the same interest in due process and under that clause a lawmaker has no more right to sit as judge and jury of his critic than the President of the United States has the right to demand the next edition of any newspaper which attacks him. If any lawmaker thinks he is damaged personally, he is guaranteed his full day in Court. The American Courts are independent. They make no exception against and they grant no privileges to either radio commentators or United States Legislators. As for myself, I will gladly appear before any open court or any Constitutional authority, and I here and now freely waive all immunity. I demand only two rights—those guaranteed to every American citizen; one, that I have the right to cross-examination, and two, that the public be present. Far from retracting a single statement, I reiterate every one of them. Far from apologizing for any action, I reaffirm that my conduct has been the product of my deliberate intention. In the meantime, if any Congressman or Senator

has information or evidence that I am guilty of activities against the United States Government, let them run, not walk, to the nearest Federal Grand Jury or United States District Attorney. If he fails to do so, he is derelict in his duty as an officer of the United States. If such evidence ever existed, it would have been offered against me long before this. As an American, my right to criticize the Government of the United States and the official act of any of its servants does not depend upon my sponsor, the radio network, any publisher, any member of Congress, the President of the United States, or, for that matter, the United States Supreme Court. That right was given to me over 150 years ago by the same men who gave them theirs. To the men of the American Revolution and the legions of Americans who fought to preserve it, I reaffirm my personal debt. Because they died as heroes, no American need ever live as a coward. Tonight, in the American tradition, my sponsor has yielded to Congressman Martin Dies the full and unobstructed use of this forum for a presentation of his views. I, therefore, make no new charges against Mr. Dies or his committee at this time. Nor do I refresh his memory with the old unanswered one. But let there be no doubt about this, I reserve the right and I will continue to exercise the right to criticize any public official. That is the Credo without which a free press and a free radio cannot exist. That also is my Credo. For it I have fought and for it I will continue to fight. Good night."

Respectfully,

  
G. Stetter



Copy for J. Edgar H  
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Mr. Martin Dies  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Last Sunday night you did a job in the cleansing and fumigation of a skatological situation which was as thorough and competent as it was long overdue, in my opinion. It was a courageous and patriotic service, for which you have my cordial acknowledgement and thanks, for whatever they may be worth. May they serve in some small part to neutralize the storm of abuse you are certain to receive from those, who, by maladjustment, inheritance or the like, are opposed to our representative form of government. This does not mean, however, that Walter Winchell or his kind should be denied free access to the air, or muzzled in any way. On the contrary, how can we know what they are thinking or planning for us unless we make it possible for them to give free exercise to their own lack of self-restraint and good taste?

What I have heard on the air from time to time confirms me in my opinion, as it apparently has you, that there is a well-organized conspiracy to discredit our constitutional form of government. For instance, within the last year Samuel Grafton (who also peddles cheese on Sunday nights) stated that Congress was opposed to our Government. Certainly, it seems impossible that any intelligent person could honestly labor under any delusion that the Congress is not the government; or at least an undivided one-third of it. What we have seen abroad should teach us what to expect from one-party or one-man governments, yet those who should be the most grateful seem to be the most vocal in yelling out. But whenever I find one of these courageous "Vikings of the Air Waves" wrapping himself in the "Bill of Rights" and yelling to High Heaven in inimitable style for a freedom of speech which he would deny to others, or even destroy, then I know that the home guard has struck a telling blow.

Just what could have elevated Gent's Room Journalism or the peddling of cheese, hand lotions and the like to the high plane of statesmanship, without the necessity of yielding up the more lucrative job may never become known to us. Perhaps we should charitably conclude that what these peddlers are doing springs not from conscious treachery but rather from a deep-rooted love of money wherever it can be got -- even Judas money.

Very truly yours,

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P.S. What concerns me no less than this Viceroy's Viking's continuing attack on Congress is his apparent control of the F.B.I. and his man Friday, J. Edgar Hoover, a control which he so brazenly flaunts without fear of reproof.

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Dear [Redacted]

I appreciated very much your courtesy in sending me a copy of your letter addressed to the Honorable Martin Dies.

Since your inquiry regarding the Federal Bureau of Investigation and myself is answered by a letter I directed to Congressman Clare Hoffman, which appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, I am taking the liberty of setting forth the letter, which was quoted on page 2949.

"My attention has been directed to your remarks in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for March 16 and I received a specific inquiry regarding the following statement appearing on page A1433:

"Perhaps Jergens, if he took the stand, might disclose that the F.B.I., under J. E. Hoover, has in its files information to which Winchell has access, and might show that Jergens associated with individuals who were much closer to the Nazis than any of those who have been indicted for sedition."

"I note, of course, that your statement was made in a conjectural manner, yet I wanted you to know the facts, and the facts are that no one outside of the official staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has access to its files. Any statement

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to the effect that a commentator has access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is wholly unjustified and is not based on fact.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : MR. TOLSON ✓  
FROM : L. B. NICHOLS  
SUBJECT:

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Free Mullen of UP called from the Capitol this afternoon to say that the following story had just been filed by one of the other reporters with reference to Clare Hoffman's antics today.

"Hoffman today on the floor called on Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to explain 'why Hoover accepts commentator and columnist Walter Winchell as a friend and dinner companion.'

"Charging that 'by publicly associating with him Hoover lends weight to Winchell's false charges,' Hoffman asked Hoover 'as head of the FBI to ask Winchell who the saboteurs are in Congress.' He also asked Hoover why it is that he permits this man week after week to assail members of Congress individually and as a group, and why he permits Winchell to claim that he has received advance information from the Department of Justice or the FBI."

Mullen advised that the discussion later ranged from the approximate value of advertising which the House has given Winchell's radio sponsor, estimated by Dickstein as an indefinite sum, more than five hundred Jergens could buy, but enough to make people line up in drug stores with stubs.

Quoting further from the story, Mullen stated:

"Dickstein said that the selection of Mr. Hoover's dinner companions is outside House jurisdiction and suggested that further discussion of Winchell be eliminated from the House agenda. 'In my judgment Winchell has become a symbol of persecution in Congress,' Dickstein stated. 'Congress spends so much time giving dignity to Winchell that I am afraid people of this country often wonder if we have any time to legislate. It's none of our business who Hoover has for dinner or why.' 'Or who paid the check?' Hoffman commented. 'No,' said Dickstein, 'nor who paid the check.' 'Well,' said Hoffman, 'I'd be willing to bet that Winchell didn't.'"

Sumner Dickstein and secret Jergens

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *pk*

FROM : GRANT STETTER

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST - APRIL 9, 1944

DATE: April 9, 1944

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Quoted below are the portions of Mr. Winchell's remarks which are believed to be of interest to the Bureau. Comment has been set forth below the statements where necessary.

### I. DOMESTIC CASES

#### A. Joseph E. McWilliams; Sedition.

"Tip to newspapers in South Bend, Indiana. - This reporter has received a tip that Joe McWilliams, one of the thirty persons indicted by the Government on charges of sedition, has rented headquarters for a new organization, new, huh!, in South Bend, Indiana."

[REDACTED]

This seems to be the matter to which Mr. Winchell referred, and it does not seem likely that he was talking about McWilliams' organizing a new political group

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[REDACTED] was., et al.; Espionage (J).

"Attention New York editors. Please check on a contempt order against a suspected Japanese Agent in New York City. The prisoner was said to be working for the OPA while in contact with Japanese agents. That's all I know about it now."

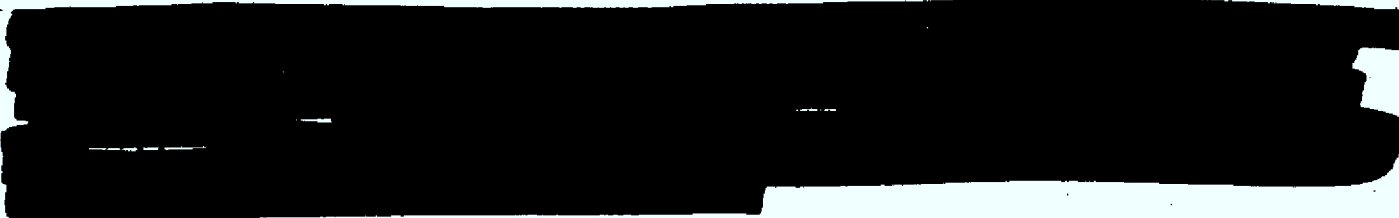
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II. SOUTH AMERICAN CASES

A. Frederick Karl von Zedlitz; Espionage.

"Senator Reed (Clyde M.) of Kansas, has suggested a Congressional inquiry on the alleged tampering with the mails to Count von Zedlitz (Frederick Karl)..... By reputation Count Frederick Karl von Zedlitz is one of the top Nazi agents. He is connected with the Nazi Cartels and he derives his living from them. These Cartels in Buenos Aires, his present location, are reputed to have arranged the escape of the Graf Spee crew..... The United States has blacklisted Count von Zedlitz. This German Nazi Count has no right to the privacy of the United States mails. Every letter which leaves this country or enters it is censored. Exerpts are given to many Government departments of all the United Nations and Censorship has saved many American lives. South American nations do the same. I believe that over 29 departments receive these excerpts. Go and trace that. They not only censor down in South America, they act a c t (spelling) on it, and so I suggest that U. S. Senator Reed of Kansas study the law, especially Section 3-C of the law titled 'Trading with the Enemy Act'..... To whom does this law apply, Senator Reed? Were these letters permitted? If so, why and by whom? If not permitted, what needs investigation is not only how the letter was intercepted but why a letter can be sent to a man whose objective is the defeat of America by the killing of American boys. How about that, Senator Reed?"

This matter has received considerable publicity in the newspapers, and it is not believed necessary to detail the background. With reference to the comment that von Zedlitz is a top Nazi agent, an investigation by the SIS Section has failed to establish anything of the kind. He is known to be connected with a German firm, but whether or not his work has to do with the establishing or maintenance of Cartels probably cannot be determined until after the war ends. The investigation by Agents of the SIS Section has not produced any evidence that he or the organization he represents had anything to do with the escape of the Graf Spee crew, as suggested by Mr. Winchell. So far as SIS Agents have been able to determine, von Zedlitz is not guilty of any activity intended to injure the United States' or the United Nations' war effort. He has been placed on the British black list, and the Bureau files are being checked to determine whether he is on the U. S. black list, as inferred by Mr. Winchell. The Bureau has not received recent Censorship



submissions on his correspondence. The Bureau files therefore do not reflect how many agencies have received copies of them. You will note that Mr. Winchell states 29 departments received these "excerpts." It is known that when copies were being furnished to the Bureau they were also being furnished to the Office of Economic Warfare and the State Department.

III. GENERAL INTEREST

A. Wendell Willkie - Candidate for Mayor of NYC.

"Wendell Willkie may be drafted as a candidate for Mayor of New York City next year on a Liberal Republican coalition. Bad news for both LaGuardia and the Democrats."

B. "The book recommendation of the week. Only one dollar on the news stands too. The author is Dr. Frank Kingdon, the noted commentator who is also mentioned as a probable candidate for the U. S. Senate from the State of New Jersey. Dr. Frank Kingdon's new and very exciting book is titled 'That Man In the White House.' It also reveals why Willkie retired."

C. Income Tax Investigation of Prominent "New Dealer."

"Boston, Massachusetts. A prominent behind-the-scenes New Dealer will receive the shock of his life from the Internal Revenue Department. They are swarming over his books right now."

D. "London - Two very stubborn men, Assistant Secretary A. A. Berle of the State Department and Lord Beaverbrook, are deadlocked tonight. This means British-American aviation plans are stalemated.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Mgr.  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir: SAM FORD

I wrote you I was looking for a picture of one Sam Ford, that when Winchell's voice changed on the radio on certain words I was reminded of Sam Ford.

Today I found a picture of Winchell's & it was not one Sam Ford & Winchell are the same or that they are not the same.

This is the reason why: the picture of Winchell looks like Ford as to eyes, smile, hair, the way his hat set on his head, shape of forehead to the jaw but Ford's jaw seemed rounder & the mouth fuller. First glance I thought it was a picture of Ford second glance gave me the doubts.

If I could have gotten the height of Winchell that might have made me sure as Ford could not have been over 5 ft 6". The article said he was a good friend of the F.B.I. & packed a six gun. Ford packed a Colt automatic. I don't want to sock Winchell if he is not Sam Ford. Those differences really are there & the doubt really in my mind. What's  
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misdeeds & one innocent of his perpetration.

I wrote you that if Lanchell was Sanford then he was used with his full co-operation instrumentally in the removal of operatives in anti-American circles who were no longer useful & jeopardized higher agents.

I only hope this law suit isn't a very fine plan to draw out files secret ones. This files business sort of scares me & I have to put on as much ignorance of it - if I could only use the old crystal ball & find out just which ones they were & tell you all would be O.K.; but -

Anyway a man who could win or hope to win a suit & find solace for his shame etc etc in a sum of money, never had much honor to lose. Now I'm being catty but it's true & I almost wish there was no doubt, though to even wish such a thing would mean my defeat in other things.

Yours sincerely



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GS:rb  
 TO : Mr. D. H. LADD  
 FROM : Grant Stetter  
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 April 16, 1944

DATE: April 16, 1944

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 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Coffey  
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 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Tracy  
 Mr. Egan  
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 J. C. Cartwright  
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 J. [unclear]

Quoted below are the portions of Mr. Winchell's remarks believed to be of interest to the Bureau. Comments have been set forth under his statements when necessary.

### I. BUREAU CASES

(a) Re: Joseph Jeffers, was, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

"Miami, Florida. Joe Jeffers, who calls himself a preacher, was arrested by G-Men for allegedly stealing a motor car in California and moving it to Florida. Jeffers, better known as a rabble rouser, is mentioned in the best seller 'Under Cover.'"

Jeffers was named in a NMVTA complaint along with four other persons at Miami, Florida, and was arrested last week in Miami.

Jeffers is merely mentioned in "Under Cover" where it is stated by Derounian that he was seditious and an exponent of Nazi propoganda. No factual data to support the charge was contained in the book, however.

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(b) Joseph E. McWilliams, was, et al; Sedition.

"Washington. Then there is a most delightful episode of not very long ago. One Sunday night this newspaperman stated that he could not confirm it, but that the Department of Justice was trying to arrange for Rudolf Hess, the number three Nazi leader to come here to testify in the sedition trials starting tomorrow. The Washington Times-Herald belittled our exclusive by reporting that it was bunk and that 'It is typical of Walter Winchell and entirely inaccurate.' Well, what happened? Two days ago, the New York news papers confirmed it. They said in part that the Department of Justice also revealed that the British Foreign Office rejected — the British Foreign Office (with emphasis) — rejected a request to send Rudolf Hess over here as it would violate the rules made at Geneva for prisoners of war. To the publisher of that Washington paper, sorry, that it was accurate, but thank you very much for saying that it was a Winchell story."

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Mr. O. John Rogge of the Department did discuss the possibility of using Hess as a witness with [REDACTED]. Later Mr. Winchell's attorney suggested to Mr. Rogge that Hess could be used as a witness in this case. Apparently Rogge told Mr. Winchell's attorney that he had discussed the matter with [REDACTED].

## II. PRISONERS OF WAR MATTER

"Breckinridge, Kentucky. A few weeks ago this reporter exclusively revealed conditions in German war prison camps over here. Various newspapers carried big denials. The New York Herald-Tribune this week, however, confirmed the stories you first heard on this broadcast. Colonel Paton Winlock confirmed that he unwittingly led a parade of these Nazi war prisoners who sang the Horst Wessel, song of hate. He confirmed many other charges. Another face, Ladies and Gentlemen, which is very red right now, or should be, is that of a reporter named Baskin Clements (phonetic who also wrote similar denials. Uh-h!"

Mr. Winchell made statements concerning the handling of war prisoners on several occasions. On March 5 and March 12, 1944, he alleged generally that prisoners of war were being drilled as Nazi battalions under a Gestapo to take over Germany when they were returned there. He claimed an American Colonel led a parade of 300 prisoners who sang songs which were an insult to America and our Allies. As you know, war prisoners come under the jurisdiction of the War Department and the Bureau has not investigated this matter. Scattered complaints have been received that these war prisoners are not given competent supervision in some instances.

## III. CONGRESSIONAL FEUD

(a) Re: Congressman Hamilton Fish.

"New York City. Tomorrow's issue of the newspaper PM will feature a sensational story concerning Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York. The article will be an indictment of Mr. Fish based on a report by the Americanism Committee of the American Legion of California."

Mr. Winchell's statement undoubtedly relates to the allegation that Fish permitted C. Leon De Aryan to use Fish's franking privilege. De Aryan was one of those indicted in the first two indictments returned in connection with the Department's sedition conspiracy case. He is no longer a defendant. During the summer of 1943 De Aryan was mailing out copies of speeches reprinted from the Congressional Record to persons on his mailing list and was using Congressman Fish's frank. Information concerning this was furnished to the Department, but no action was taken against either Fish or De Aryan.

(b) Congressman Claire E. Hoffman

"A reporter's report to the nation. Dedicated to some of my favorite word eaters.

"Washington, D. C. Nearly every week for over a year, a certain Congressman has denounced this reporter on the floor of Congress because I once

yipped at some who reelected a few obstructionists. He has screamed that I have insulted those voters. He howled that I had vilified the good name of all Americans. He accused me of trying to destroy Congress. He demanded an investigation of me as well as a courtmartial. He has tried to push me off the radio. The other day, this great defender of those voters, viciously denounced in Congress some voters in the State of Illinois who voted for men he opposed. He is not from Illinois, but he described those Illinois voters as feeble-minded and he added, "In my district, we take care of those people in institutions."

#### IV. GENERAL INTEREST

##### (a) Governor Thomas E. Dewey

"Albany. Governor Dewey is on the verge of launching an investigation of the race track situation in New York State. Mr. Dewey's big reason, they say, is to clean up underworld characters allegedly associated with various tracks."

##### (b) Election Forecast.

"Washington. This is the line up in the presidential sweepstakes with the first convention only eight weeks away. For the Democrats: F.D.R. will be drafted and he will run, except, of course, if his health isn't good, and the President is in very fine shape tonight. It is still a horse race for the post of Vice President. Mr. Wallace they insist is lagging. Senator Truman is showing speed and Senator Speaker Raeburn is displaying great strength. The dark horse coming up on the rail is Mr. Justice Frank Murphy of the United States Supreme Court. For the Republicans: As indicated many months ago on these news casts, when most leaders were saying it was all MacArthur, Governor Dewey is top heavy among the favorites. He has the solemn support of party professionals and a tremendous popular following. Bricker is fading. Mr. Justice Owen Roberts of Pennsylvania has great possibilities and may be a great surprise at the tape."

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J. Edgar Hoover

WALTER WINCHELL

I ask, Why is Walter Winchell

New York news reporter, allowed

to smear our Congressman

as he does, his Radio comments

are disgusting to our ears

who is backing this fiend

or why is he given such

privileges to slander our

own in which we have

faith, he should not be

permitted to appear on the

Radio, as <sup>the</sup> American

just plain <sup>posts</sup>, after

giving our Sons to die, we

have to tolerate such a lot

false trash in the Whitehouse  
while our boys bleed and die

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Personal

Honorable Joseph J. O'Brien  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

After you left this afternoon, I checked my files and an inclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter which I wrote to Congressman Clare E. Hoffman on March 18th, and in which I referred to the insinuation made by Congressman Hoffman to the effect that Winchell had access to the files of the FBI. As you will note, I branded such a conjecture or statement as an absolute lie.

It certainly was grand of you to drop in and see me today, and I deeply appreciate your personal and friendly interest in maintaining the good and clean name of the FBI.

Sincerely,

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J. Edgar Hoover

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March 18, 1944

Honorable Clare E. Hoffman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

My attention has been directed to your remarks in the Congressional Record for March 16 and I received a specific inquiry regarding the following statement appearing on Page A1433:

"Perhaps Jergens, if he took the stand, might disclose that the F.B.I., under J. E. Hoover, has in its files information to which Winchell has access, and might show that Jergens associated with individuals who were much closer to the Nazis than any of those who have been indicted for sedition."

I note, of course, that your statement was made in a conjectural manner, yet I wanted you to know the facts, and the facts are that no one outside of the official staff of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has access to its files. Any statement to the effect that a commentator has access to the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is wholly unjustified and is not based on fact.

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : Grant Stetter

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## I. BUREAU CASES

(A) Re: Fire, Frost Coal Company, Boston, Massachusetts (April 23, 1944); Sabotage

"Boston, Massachusetts. Two hundred and fifty boats were destroyed tonight when a five alarm fire ravaged two shipyards. Damage - a quarter of a million dollars."

The Boston Field Division advised that this fire occurred on a coal company wharf and not in a shipyard. Approximately 2,000 tons of coal burned and a number of small pleasure craft anchored in the vicinity were destroyed. The Chief of the Fire Department estimates the damage at approximately \$300,000.00. The cause is as yet undetermined but the Boston Field Division is discontinuing its investigation as the coal company involved is not supplying fuel to any significant defense consumers, depending for its business largely on supplying private individuals with fuel. According to the Boston Office, the number of boats destroyed was exaggerated as there are not two hundred and fifty boats in the vicinity where the fire took place. The exact number is being determined and will be furnished to the Bureau.

(B) Joseph E. McWilliams, was, et al; Sedition

".....I remain your New York correspondent, Walter Winchell, who reminds the clowns who think the sedition trial is a joke, that Democracy always has the last laugh."

Obviously, Mr. Winchell was referring to the trial of Joseph E. McWilliams and the other defendants who were allegedly parties to the Seditious Conspiracy case now being tried in the District of Columbia.

(C) Joseph Jeffers, was, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

"Miami, Florida. The arrest by G-men last week of a notorious rabble-rouser from Hollywood, in Florida, on charges of alleged motor car theft, may bring more serious charges - the Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The woman is a very pretty west coast blonde."

It would appear that Winchell is referring to the subject of this case as he mentioned Jeffers in his broadcast last week, stating that he had been arrested by G-men for allegedly stealing a motor car in California and driving it to Florida.

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He also stated last [redacted] that Jeffers was mentioned in "Undercover". An N.M.V.T.A. complaint was filed against Jeffers along with four other persons at Miami, Florida, and he and the four other subjects were arrested on April 12, 1944.

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[redacted] Jeffers is merely mentioned in "Undercover" where it is stated he is a seditious individual and an exponent of Nazi propoganda. No factual data to support the charges are contained in the book, [redacted]

(D) Re: Mankind United; Sedition

"Los Angeles, Here is one for Robert Ripley and for the radio gag writers. A man named Arthur L. Bell described as the voice for Mankind United, one of those very high sounding patriotic names, was indicted with several others for allegedly conspiring to violate the Wartime Sedition Act in California. Ten of these persons were convicted. Convicted! And now here is the wild finish. These ten convicted persons have just filed a law suit in Los Angeles Superior Court for \$550,000.00 damages, against a Los Angeles Policeman and forty-nine Agents of the FBI. No legal action is contemplated against the United States Marines".

These statements are essentially correct though it is to be noted twelve persons have filed suit instead of ten, and fifty Agents are named as defendants instead of forty-nine as Mr. Winchell said. Complete details have been furnished to you and the Director concerning this law suit and the Bureau has had correspondence with the Attorney General in which he was requested to have the United States Attorney at Los Angeles defend the Agents. The United States Attorney has already taken action to defend the case.

(E) Re: Ku Klux Klan; Internal Security - X

"Atlanta, Georgia. Reports state that the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia has been liquidated. The skeptics up north wonder what its new name will be."

There is no information in the Bureau's files that the Klan has been liquidated or that its name has been changed, except by a local group in the State of Michigan. The Atlanta Office has been instructed to keep the Bureau advised of developments though not to conduct any active investigation. In the State of Michigan the organization has changed its name to "The United Sons of America". Headquarters are located in Detroit and the officers of the new organization are the same officers who formerly directed the Klan there.

## II. GENERAL INTEREST

### (A) Republican Presidential Nominee

"New York, Washington and Hollywood ticker: Washington. Governor Dewey's lines are holding strong. Intimates of Wilkie do not believe he will come out for Dewey. Opposition to the New York Governor is uniting behind Stassen with the hope that if Stassen cannot win, Stassen can deadlock the convention".

### (B) New Labor Party in New York

"New York City. The former Right Wing of the American Labor Party will soon announce a new political party, the fourth to operate in New York State. It will support the President and will oppose Mayor LaGuardia and Congressman Marcantonio."

### (C) Theft of Gems in New York

"New York. Three New York detectives followed a suspect for an hour and a half today, watched him steal \$150,000.00 worth of gems, and then arrested him in about the fastest time in the history of New York crime. - One minute".

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April 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Hoover

May we have an early reply? Many thanks.

Rose Bigman

Notation on Attachment reads:

Write them I am arranging my dates. I will let them know soon.

Rose: Phone Mr. H. Ask him if it is Commy and may I accept it?

Has time to write them?

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Walters:

I am returning herewith the letter addressed to you by [redacted] Philadelphia Navy Yard Garrison Number [redacted] ARMY and Navy Union. We have no record in our files regarding either [redacted] or the Philadelphia Navy Yard Garrison.

For your confidential information, the Army and Navy Union was founded in 1886 for the purpose of unifying persons who had served in the Army, Navy, or Marines. Like all organizations, some of the individual lodges, I understand, have been the subject of complaints. The organization itself in 1937 organized a program to fight un-American activities, and it is my understanding that they organized a campaign directed against the advocacy of Communism, Nazism, Fascism, and all other subversive movements.

I trust that this information will be of assistance.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: April 30, 1944

FROM : Mr. Stetter

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I. SEDITION

George F. Fugii, Sediton

"Phoenix, Arizona. George F. Fugii, the first Japanese-American to be charged with Sediton, will go on trial at Phoenix on June 6th."



You will recall that the Department sent a memorandum to the Bureau indicating no prosecutions would be attempted against Japanese who were in relocation centers or internment camps because of possible retaliation on the part of the Japanese government against Americans in Japan. After this case was solved, however, the United States Attorney, with the concurrence of the Department, initiated prosecution. He will be tried at Phoenix.

Joseph E. McWilliams, with aliases, et al, Sediton

"New York City. You probably haven't noticed it, but for some very strange reason, the news picture services have laid off coverage of the Sediton trial, the most famous, perhaps in all history. The newspaper "PM" tomorrow, however, will feature four pages of exclusive pictures of the various defendants taken at the court house in Washington, D.C."

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It has been observed in the Washington papers that numerous pictures have appeared depicting the defendants involved in this case. However, last week "PM" newspaper commented that only four of the New York newspapers were giving much comment to the Sediton trial, the balance simply reporting factually what took place at the trial. "PM" indicated that it was editorializing in its articles and felt that the other newspapers should be criticized for not doing likewise, as the "PM" editors felt the defendants should be "blasted" by the newspapers.

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II. ESCAPED ALIEN ENEMY

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Escaped Enemy Alien (Canadian)

"Boston, Massachusetts. An escaped Nazi prisoner of war is still at large somewhere in New England. He was last seen in Buffalo, New York. He is twenty-two, five feet, eleven inches, weighs 176; he speaks English, French, as well as German."

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It appears that Mr. Winchell was referring to ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ when making this statement as ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ description checks with the description given by Mr. Winchell. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ however, is not an escaped Nazi prisoner of war. He is an escaped interned German civilian who was transferred to Canada from England. Releases concerning him have been given to the police agencies in the territory surrounding Buffalo. There have been no developments so far.

III. SECURITY MATTERS

Juan ~~X~~Beigbeder y ~~X~~Atienza, Security Matter - S

"Washington. This will introduce to you General Beigbeder. It will also introduce to you a remarkable coincidence. General Beigbeder is a Spanish diplomat splashing around Washington social circles. General Beigbeder, ladies and gentlemen, who is a friend of Herr Von Ribbentrop, says that he believes in the restoration of the Spanish Monarchy. And the coincidence is, so does Herr Von Ribbentrop. That is, of course, if Dictator Franco falls. The mystery is that General Beigbeder, who says he disapproves of Franco, get this please, was promoted (with emphasis) by the Fascist dictator after he, Beigbeder, arrived in this country. Just what did General Beigbeder do over here to merit that promotion?"

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When Beigbeder came to the United States about one year ago, he was a colonel of the Spanish Army and had been in command of troops in Spanish Morocco. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

About four or five months ago he was given a raise in salary and promoted from colonel to general. We do not have any information about the allegation that this Herr Von Ribbentrop is in favor of a restoration of the monarchy in Spain. It is known, however, that Franco is in favor of restoring the monarchy when an opportune time presents itself.

At the request of the War Department, when Beigbeder first came to the United States, he was immediately placed under surveillance. This surveillance was continued until about one month ago when, again at the request of the War Department, it was discontinued. No indication of any suspicious activity on Beigbeder's part was discovered. It is known that he was working on behalf of the monarchy, but with little success. He is still "under the wing" of the Army.

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~~Ku Klux Klan, Security Matter - X~~

"Reporter's Report to the Nation"

"Atlanta, Georgia. Last Sunday night it was reported that the Ku Klux Klan had been liquidated in Georgia. Your newsboy's comment was, 'Some of us wonder what its new name will be.' This is to report now that the Ku Klux Klan dissolved after some legal hokus pokus, allegedly to evade payment of past due Federal taxes. The Klan has dissolved, Ladies and Gentlemen, it has dissolved on paper, but it will continue to operate underground under this name, 'The American Keystone Federation.'

The Bureau's files contain nothing to substantiate Mr. Winchell's statements concerning the dissolution of the Klan or its adopting a new name. The Atlanta Field Division will be requested to make a discreet inquiry in an effort to establish whether or not the statements are true.

IV. LABORATORY MATTER

[REDACTED] Homicide

"Washington. One of the most amazing pieces of detective work is this bit of Sherlock Holmes stuff by the FBI. A young mother placed her newly born babe in a shoe box and then abandoned it in a cemetery. The baby had been wrapped in a cloth to which a cleaner's tag was attached. Though this tag was so stained that the markings were invisible, the Agents in the FBI Laboratory restored five digits. With that very meager information the local police found the cleaner and then the very frightened mother."

On March 17, 1944, the Winchester, Virginia Police Department advised that the body of a dead baby was found in a cardboard box at the Winchester National Cemetery. Also in the box was a skirt and part of a towel. A laundry mark was secured from the skirt and was submitted to the Laboratory for processing. The Laboratory found that the laundry mark was very dim and blood stained, but after cleaning with water and a little soap the numbers 49358 were made out. The report was furnished to the Winchester, Virginia Police Department and advice was received from that agency on March 31, 1944, that all laundries, cleaning and pressing establishments had been canvassed and it was found that [REDACTED] identified as having brought laundry to the cleaners [REDACTED] was questioned she admitted giving birth to the baby, wrapping it up and placing it in a box and carrying it to the National Cemetery. She was placed under arrest and charged with homicide. The Chief of Police, in his letter to the Bureau, commented that had it not been for the Bureau's aid in making out the laundry mark his department would have had absolutely nothing to work on and doubtless would never have solved the case. The Bureau file does not contain the final disposition as yet.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

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V. GENERAL INTEREST

Montgomery Ward Seizure

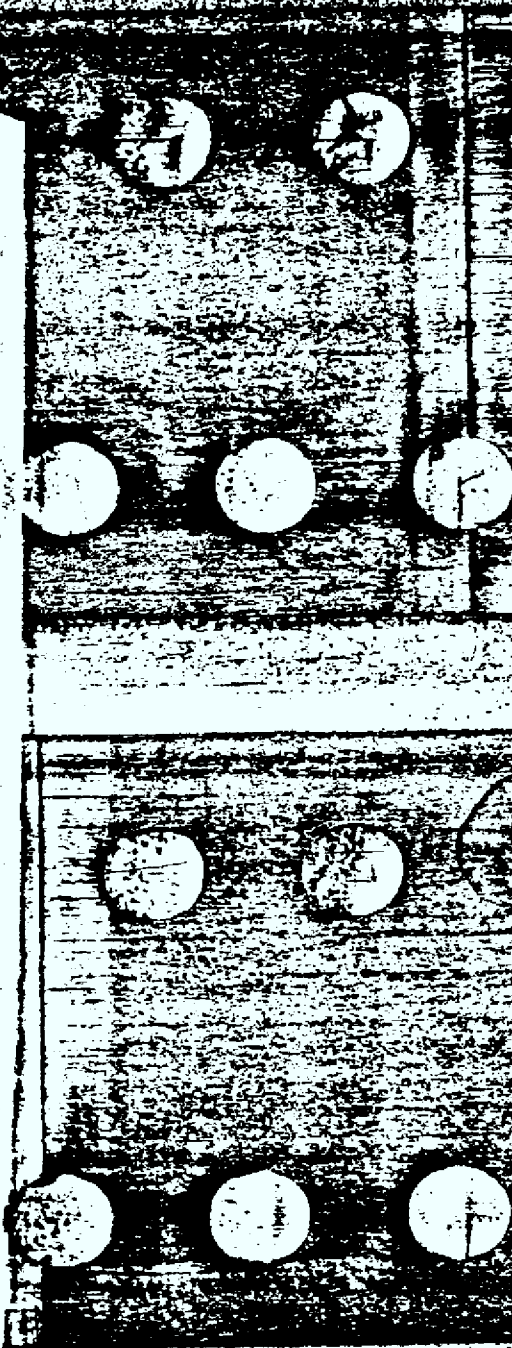
"Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States: Civilian America, this week, put on an inspiring spectacle. Inspiring, that is for Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister, in the disgraceful "Battle of Chicago" the American Courts will decide who is right. But who is wrong, the American people know now. All three: the government's board officials, the Chicago company, and the labor union deserve the newest decoration, the very 'Black Zero' for contributing nothing to help shorten the war. It may be very important to the involved people to measure their rights against each other, but it comes at the very hour that the nation needs the strength of all of them against the deadly enemy. Have they forgotten, at Chicago, that MacArthur does not go out on strike against Nimitz and that General Marshall never locks out Admiral King. Labor should remember that the United States Marines have not asked for collective bargaining, and Capital should never forget that our flyers do not even own the planes in which they die. It is bitterly ironic that unless these young heroes win the fight they are fighting, Capital and Labor will lose the right to fight each other."

"Hopkins Letter"

"Washington. The trial of George N. Briggs, formerly of Secretary Ickes' office, accused of forging the Harry Hopkins letter, is now scheduled for May 22nd."

New Secretary of Navy

"Washington. The Cabinet vacancy caused by the untimely passing of Naval Secretary Frank Knox, may result in the widest Cabinet realignment. Acting Secretary Forestal is the favorite of the Democratic Senators; Lt. Commander Stassen is the favorite of those who originally advised the coalition staff which brought Mr. Stimson to the War Department and Mr. Knox to the Navy. At any rate the insiders closest to the Administration believe that the Navy Department will be 'Liberalized.'"



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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast of April 30, 1944, asserted that the Ku Klux Klan had been liquidated in Georgia allegedly to evade payment of past due Federal taxes but will continue to operate underground under the name of "The American Keystone Federation".

In the Bureau letter of April 28, 1944 to the Omaha Field Division, a copy of which was forwarded to your office, you were advised that it was anonymously reported that the Ku Klux Klan ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> organizing under the name of the "Star ~~Knights~~ <sup>Knights</sup> Association."

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★ In view of these allegations, you are authorized to make ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~investigation~~ <sup>investigation</sup> to determine if the Klan is, in fact, operating under another name, but no active investigation should be ~~conducted~~ <sup>conducted</sup>.

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~~Mr. W. Mitchell:~~  
The Daily Mirror  
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To Hoover

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I have very valuable evidence  
and information with pictures for  
sale at \$2,500<sup>00</sup>/<sub>00</sub> which will clear  
you broadcasts and newspaper columns  
of everything that you're up against  
right now  
I was

[REDACTED]

before the war and

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discharged, from combat.

I have collected evidence while  
was a investigator and still have  
friends who're working for the Dies Committee  
and can prove many things like

Mr. Dies being an honorary member  
of German-American Bund, and  
many other cases, which I know will  
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Walter Winchell

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Sometimes things sound impossible  
but I have the best collection  
of evidence that you ever saw,  
and have people who can stand  
up ~~in~~ any ~~kind~~ court to verify  
my statements and give more  
proof.

The evidence will be turned over  
to anyone who's interested as  
soon as payments are arranged.

For the evidence I hold, if identified  
now, then my life is no good for  
a penny.

With that evidence in the proper hands  
then I'll testify and identify myself  
and others.

I will watch for your column  
in Daily Mirror or Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
program on the radio.

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Kingsbury Run, Cleveland, Ohio.

## Second Beheaded Woman Found in an Ozark Lake

(Special to The News)

Camdenton, Mo., April 17.—The headless body of a second woman was found today in a lake in the Ozarks, just 200 yards from the spot where another hacked and headless body was found yesterday.

The discovery was made by state police searching the shores of the lake for some clue to the identity of the first woman.

### Both Similarly Mutilated.

There were no identifying marks on either body. Both had been stabbed and mutilated, and the heads of both had been severed along a line extending backward from the mouth, appeared to be about 26, while the first was about 50.

Police said the second woman Abbie Woolery, Camden County coroner, said the body of the woman found yesterday had been in the water about a week. It was found by fishermen.

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TO : The Director

DATE: May 7, 1944

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST,  
May 7, 1944

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## I. DIRECTOR POSSIBLE DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE

"Chicago - The Democratic Convention will select its own Vice President but important men behind the scenes in Washington tonight are seriously considering one whose political strength is amazing - John Edgar Hoover, the G-Man."

## II. SABOTAGE

### A. Re: Unknown Subjects (Explosion of Navy Plane SB2A, May 7, 1944)

"New York City - A Navy scout bomber exploded mysteriously in mid-air today en route from Norfolk to Floyd Bennett Field. The FBI is on the job."

The New York Field Division has advised that this plane exploded after it landed at Richmond Airport, Staten Island, New York. The plane had just completed a trip from Norfolk, Virginia, and prior to landing circled the field, which is located on Richmond Avenue near Fresh Kills Bridge, Staten Island. The pilot was given instructions to land by radio, which he did. After reaching the ground, the plane exploded and burned. The Office of Naval Intelligence is investigating; the information set forth here was obtained from ONI. The Bureau is not conducting an investigation, as stated by Mr. Winchell. The explosion took place at 3:20 p.m. There was only one occupant in the plane, a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve whose name will not be disclosed until the next of kin have been notified.

### B. Re: [Redacted] was., et al; Sabotage

"Chicago - The trial of Hans Haupt, arrested by the G-Men on 1/22/1944 has been deferred until May 22nd. The FBI arrested Haupt after the 8 Nazi saboteurs were rounded up. He is charged with aiding one of them."

You will recall Haupt's name appeared in secret writings on the handkerchiefs carried by two of the eight saboteurs. He attempted to help one of them, his son. He was tried and convicted of treason but the conviction was reversed, the reversal being predicated upon the McNabb decision. A new trial is scheduled to start May 22, 1944, and Assistant Director Cornelley is proceeding to Chicago, where he will supervise the Bureau's work in connection with the trial.

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III. SEDITION

A. Re: Joseph E. McWilliams, was., et al; Sedition.

"Washington - In the contempt proceedings of James J. Laughlin, a noisy lawyer for one of the 29 persons charged with alleged sedition, Mrs. Lizzie Dilling's husband was a witness. Mr. Dilling on the stand told the court that one of his wife's money contributors was Henry Ford, thus confirming another Walter Winchell exclusive of a very long time ago."

We do not have any information about this other than that obtained from newspaper stories. We did not investigate Dilling's contributors prior to the time the Department took over this case in 1942, and we have had no request from the Department to do so. According to the newspapers, Mr. Dilling did testify to this effect. His appearance was brought about in connection with Laughlin's defense against contempt charges resulting from his action in advancing numerous motions during the current sedition trial. Dilling testified that Ford furnished money to his wife in attempting to justify Laughlin's previous motion that Ford be subpoenaed as a witness.

B. Re: [REDACTED] Sedition; Security Matter (G).

"Philadelphia - A new subversive underground organization of Philadelphia recently started one of the most disgraceful rackets yet uncovered. This new bunch of bums studies the daily newspapers for the casualty lists. Then they send the families or the wives of the men killed or wounded letters and Hitler-inspired literature. The big idea, of course, is to turn the bereaved kin's heartbreak into race hatred. The Federal authorities know the rat they want in this despicable racket. He is now guiding it from the Mid West, expelled by the Army from the East as a menace to the nation's safety. His last initial is 'S' - 's' as in 'skunk'."

This comment probably relates to [REDACTED]

C. Re: Gerald L. K. Smith, was., Sedition

"Detroit - Responsible labor and business leaders are deeply concerned about industrial unrest. Unscrupulous politicians are at work trying to stir up differences for campaign reasons - the dirtiest of dirty politics."



Partially, at least, the foregoing would seem to refer to Smith. His activities are being followed regularly and reports are sent to the Department as received. No indication that prosecution is contemplated has been received from the Criminal Division.

IV. WAR LABOR DISPUTES ACT

Re: ~~Montgomery Ward and Company~~

"A Reporter's Report to the Nation - The White House: It can be stated with complete authority that these were the facts before the President when he made his Montgomery Ward decision: The Chicago company has 30,000 applications for priority based on special war work. Its last year net was a half billion dollars. It has 700 retail stores, 4 factories and 70,000 employees. President Roosevelt stated that these facts constituted jurisdiction for his war powers, but the President ordered the Government to the courts. In other words, Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States asked the court to review his war powers. Whether the President is right or wrong will be decided in a few days, but that is not the important thing. The important thing is that the chief executive of this country goes before the court voluntarily like any ordinary American citizen, to present the Government's case for decision. This technique is not used in Germany or Japan."

~~As you know, twenty Agents have been assigned to guard the premises of the Montgomery Ward plant, and the Attorney General is being currently advised of any information which comes to the Bureau's attention concerning this matter. It is believed that the Judge's decision concerning the injunction obtained by the Government will be rendered on Wednesday, May 10, 1944.~~

V. CRIMES ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATIONS

Re: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Crime on Government Reservation

"Washington - Exclusive - A sensational story that was hushed up in the Capital all week concerns an attempted assassination of one of America's leaders. A man brandishing a gun in his office tried to assassinate Paul McNutt."

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**VI. ESCAPED PRISONERS OF WAR**

Re: ~~Gert Gutzat~~, et al; Escaped Prisoners of War.

"Georgetown - Secret Service men guarding the President during his vacation in South Carolina breathed a sigh of relief when the last of 4 German war prisoners who had escaped were recaptured from a camp in Georgia."

Four German prisoners of war escaped from Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia, and the last of them was apprehended early last week at Columbia, South Carolina. The four prisoners split into pairs after their escape and Gutzat's partner had been captured 24 hours earlier at the same place. The apprehensions were effected by local authorities. No indication was developed that they were aware of the President's location or attempting to get near him.

**VII. ESPIONAGE**

Re: ~~Vivian Kellems~~; Espionage.

"Washington - A Senate Committee now intends to investigate how the letters between Vivian Kellems and her gentleman friend, a Nazi in Argentina, were made public. Congressman Coffee of Washington underlined the bitter irony about this case. "What concerns me", said Congressman Coffee yesterday, "is that a Committee of Congress is more interested in protecting sources of correspondence than in getting at the bottom of the collaboration between an American woman making secret equipment for the Army and Navy and a very well known Nazi agent." What concerns me, Mr. Congressman, is why this matter doesn't concern a Federal Grand Jury. Fifteen question marks."

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TO : Mr. D. W. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Stetter

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, MAY 14, 1944

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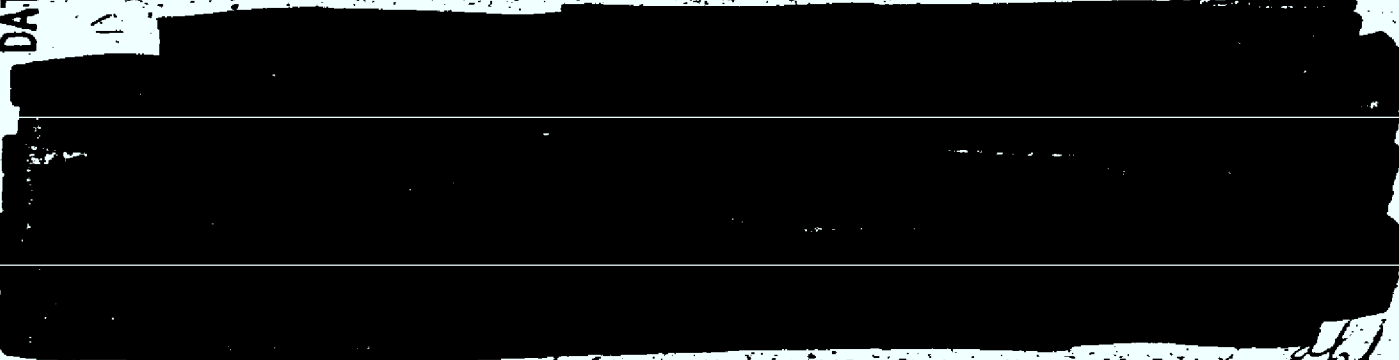
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## I. PAYMENTS TO SUBJECT OF ARMY EXCLUSION ORDER

Re: Donald Shea; Sedition; Individual Exclusion Order

"Chicago - Donald Shea, last October was expelled by the Army, the Eastern Defense zone as a danger to America's safety. Shea, notorious rabble rouser, is now in Chicago, where Army regulations provide excluded persons with expenses in the sum of \$150 per month. Why, some of us would like to know, is a menace to our safety given \$150 a month while an American soldier ready to give his life is given only \$50 a month. In short, the Army gives \$100 a month to Americans who are a menace. Humph!"



## II. NEGRO AGITATION

Attention Boston - Lillian Smith's exciting novel "Strange Fruit", which first won nation wide attention when the censors banned its sale in Boston is now on the top of the best seller list."

This book deals with Negro problems and it has been widely publicized in the Communist press. Its sale was not banned by censors but it was removed from the book stores in Boston at the suggestion of city officials.

## III. COMMUNIST INFLUENCE DURING ELECTION

New York - Now that the political conventions are drawing near, the people who care little about facts are pulling that familiar chestnut, the one about the Communists over here having enough voting power to seize the government. Next time you hear that one, remind them of this, in 1932 the combined votes of the Communists and the Socialists were one million;

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"in 1936 the total vote dwindled to two hundred and eighty thousand votes; in 1940 they polled less than one hundred and sixty thousand. The Communists have lost their legal place on the ballot in several states, especially New York where they couldn't poll the necessary fifty thousand votes."

These figures were evidently taken from the World Almanac for it indicates the following tabulation of votes cast during the years mentioned:

1932 - Communist candidate	102,991
Socialist candidate	884,781
1936 - Communist candidate	80,159
Socialist candidate	187,720
1940 - Communist candidate	46,251
Socialist candidate	99,557

These figures, of course, do not reflect the real strength of the Communist Party since, during Presidential elections, the Communist vote was generally thrown to the candidate in the major parties who Communists desired to see elected. The real strength of the Party is more frequently and accurately demonstrated in off year elections. For example, in California the Communist Party has polled for a minor candidate in a state election over 90,000 votes. Party membership at present is approximately 95,000 and a membership drive now underway will end this month, and it is expected the Party will announce a membership of over 100,000. The Bureau's investigation of the Party has definitely shown that the votes cast for a Communist Party presidential candidate are no reflection whatsoever of the Party's political influence in this country.

#### IV. WINCHELL'S SUIT AGAINST HOFFMAN

"Allegan, Michigan - Congressman ~~Clare Hoffman~~ in a talk here the other day before a labor group stated that this newspaperman has not and will not file the reported law suit against him. The action, ladies and gentlemen, was filed several weeks ago in Federal Court, New York."

The accuracy of Mr. Winchell's statement is not known at this time but it has been noted in newspaper articles recently that Congressman Hoffman has challenged Winchell to file suit against him in the State of Michigan. Hoffman must be aware of the suit filed in New York, and it would appear likely that his statement was that Winchell has not and will not file a law suit against him in Michigan.

#### V. GENERAL INTEREST

##### A. SPANISH SITUATION

"London - The British Cabinet is divided on the question of Spain. Appeasement again paid its usual dividend but last week Franco double crossed the British Ambassador on his promise to expell the Nazis. Not one of them has departed to date.

Various newspaper items have been observed concerning reports that the Spanish Government contemplated forcing Nazi agents to leave Spain but we have had no reports through our channels concerning this so far.

B. ~~MARTIN DIES~~

"Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States - The announcement by Mr. Martin Dies that he will not be a candidate for reelection because of failing health is a matter of regret. The Congressman's illness not only deprives him of his right to seek public endorsement of his recent record but it may also deprive some Americans who feel falsely accused by him of vindication. It means, ladies and gentlemen, that deep issues which touched every person in the nation will suffer by the fact that the principal spokesman for one side cannot continue the battle. Therefore, only the small minded and the petty will rejoice in his retirement because of illness. For whatever else Mr. Dies may have been accused of lacking, he certainly did not lack vigor in prosecuting the views which he advanced. Indeed it is a pity that his accusations so frequently exceed his proof. As the New York Times reported yesterday, 'Reams of testimony, much of it declared to have little or no substantiation, went into the record.' These many unfounded charges constitute the unfinished business of the Dies Committee. Before it closes its books, it should remember that the respected FBI considers the duty of exoneration of the innocent even more sacred than the conviction of the guilty."

C. ~~ERIC JOHNSON GOING TO MOSCOW~~

"Washington, D. C. - Eric Johnson, the President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, is on his way to Russia at the invitation of Joe Stalin."

D. WINCHELL ATTACKED IN CANADIAN PARLIMENT

"A reporter's report to the nation - Attention please all Canadian newspapers. The New York Times yesterday telephoned me that I was under attack in the House of Parliment at Ottawa. Member Bruce (phonetic) is said to have questioned a recent article by me about Canada's part in the war, a column, ladies and gentlemen, which contained nothing but praise. Mr. Bruce wants to know, among other things, if I was in Canada recently secretly. Who got me to write that article, he says, and did the Canadian Treasury pay me anything for it? I wrote the piece as a tribute to Canada's magnificent people. I haven't been in Canada since 1914. Nobody paid me anything and nobody offered to pay me anything. It is the first time I have ever been kicked in the bleachers for writing something nice."

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: May 21, 1944

FROM : G. STETSON

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST, MAY 21, 1944

There are quoted below the remarks of Mr. Winchell which appear to be of interest to the Bureau. Comment is set forth beneath his remarks where necessary.

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I. RACE RIOT

Re: ~~United Sons of America~~  
Internal Security

"The reporter's report to the nation — Detroit — at this very moment several leaders of the fifth column movement in our country make their headquarters in a famous war plant in Detroit. Included among these fifth columnists are the heads of such outfits as United Sons of America and the United Sons of Michigan. Both of these groups are fronts for the Ku Klux Klan. Federal authorities are warned, they are warned, to be on guard to prevent another race riot which leaders have timed to throw a monkey-wrench into the production plans for the invasion. I can furnish any government authority with the proof."

The Bureau files indicate that this organization is the successor to the Ku Klux Klan in the state of Michigan. Most of the leading officials and many of the former members of the Klan in Michigan are now members; Charles Spare, Harvey Hansen and John Hosmer who were the three leaders of the Klan in Michigan are the leaders of the organization and comprise, with several of their associates, the "inner circle" which controls the affairs of the organization. Through technical surveillances and confidential informants it has been learned that the organization is very strongly anti-negro, anti-Jewish, and anti-Catholic, though no mention of its attitude along these lines is made in its contacts with the general public. The organization is also attempting to follow the Klan policy of "boring from within" various labor unions in the plants in the Detroit area and has succeeded to some extent.

Its activities, according to the Detroit Office, are not subversive in the sense that an effort is made to overthrow the Government or to hinder the progress of the war. They are considered subversive in that the secret policy of the organization is to create racial and religious hatred contrary to the accepted views.

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Investigation at the time of the last race riot in Detroit indicated that the organization was not responsible for the outbreak. Members of the organization are employed by the Ford Motor Company, the Packard Motor Company, Cadillac Aircraft and the Ex-Cell-O Corporation. The activities of the organization are being continually followed, but to date no evidence of any violation of Federal laws has been obtained.

## II. BIOGRAPHY OF MARTIN DIES

"New York — On June the 8th, the John Day Publishing Company of New York City will release a new biography on a Congressman. The name of the book — 'Martin Dies'. That's the title. Martin Dies! The author has studied the Texas Congressman for a very long time. The new book already has a considerable advance sale. The New York Times this week says that the book about Martin Dies charges Mr. Dies with 'spearheading a native reactionary movement by failing to expose real un-American forces in the United States.' Among his other plans, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Dies is arranging for a tour of personal appearances at fancy fees — such as \$1,000 for one night's stand. Nice Work! Your reporter, however, sincerely hopes that this indicates that Mr. Dies' illness is less serious than reported."

## III. CARTELS ENDED

"Washington — attention Wall Street! Forget international cartels. They are out the window. Dead! Illegal! Subject to criminal investigation."

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: May 28, 1944

FROM : Mr. Stetter

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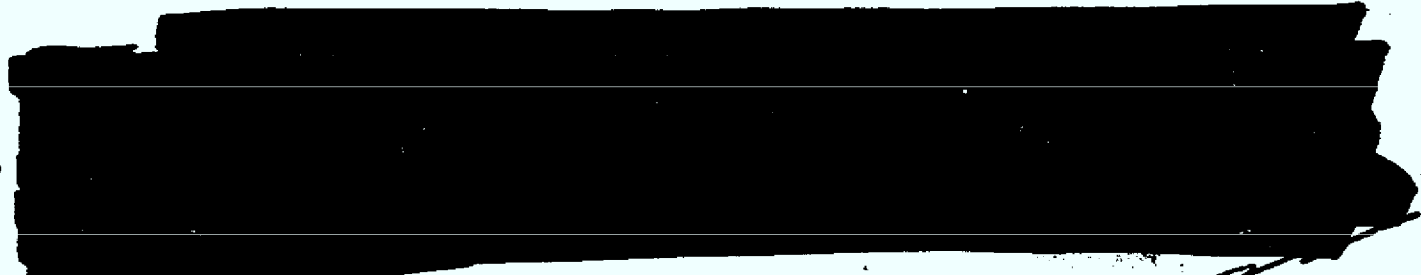
I. WILDCAT STRIKE CHRYSLER HIGHLAND PLANT

"Detroit - Described by the United Auto Workers President as a hot-headed minority the strikers of the Chrysler Highland Park Plant have voted three to one to end their second wildcat strike tonight."

No indication of subversive activities has been alleged to exist in connection with this strike, and as the plant is not under government control we have made no investigation.

II. VIVIAN KELLEMS - ESPIONAGE

"William Fender (phonetic) of Boston. Senator McKellar this week, investigating the leaks on the love letters of Vivian Kellems to a Nazi in Argentina, wondered if love letters could not be a code, taking the words right out of this microphone."



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III. RACE RIOT

Re: ~~United Sons of America~~ - Internal Security

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"To the Chief of Police of Detroit, Michigan - The Proof discussed by me last Sunday night, about a front in Detroit for klansmen planning race riots there, has been sent to my editor of the Detroit Times."

As you were advised when Mr. Winchell mentioned this organization last week the United Sons of America is the successor organization of the Klu Klux Klan in the State of Michigan. Most of the leading officials and many former members of the Klan in Michigan are now members of the United Sons of America which is very strongly anti-Negroes, anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic though this is generally concealed in its contacts with the public. Investigation conducted at the time of the last race riot in Detroit showed that the organization was not responsible for the outbreak.

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IV. GENERAL INTEREST

- (a) Secret Service to investigate gas coupon counterfeiting.

Washington - The United States Secret Service will next go after the black market gas coupon racketeers. They will not be charged with violating the OPA regulations. They will face ten-year terms as counterfeiters.

- (b) ~~Martin~~ Dies

Una H. Mooky (phonetic), Little Palm, Florida, the book about Martin Dies will be published on June 8th. The title of the book, bears his name, Martin Dies."

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Hoover:

Why is it you give tips and work in with that smear artist Walter Winchell who is one of the chief breeders of disunity in this country to-day? Some people listen to him merely to learn what kind of slanderous innuendo he is to deal out next, not because they like him. People are learning from whence he is getting this confidential information and it is being passed around that it comes direct from you. I wonder if you and others in Washington realize the temper of the people, knowing as they do how they have been deceived on certain matters? Slanderous attacks on those who are revealing the truth to the people, in order to undermine them, JUST WON'T WORK!

Your fine reputation is at stake playing ball with this man.

All-American.

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GS:KIP

TO : Mr. D. N. Ladd

DATE: June 4, 1944

FROM : Grant Stetter

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
JUNE 4, 1944

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- Mr. Clegg
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- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
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There are set forth below the remarks made by Mr. Walter Winchell which appear to be of interest to the Bureau. Where necessary, comment concerning the items mentioned has been set forth immediately following each item.

## I. SEDITION

Re: ~~X~~ "We The Mothers"

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"Chicago: In the very same week that the news from Germany was confirmed about the Nazis lynching and shooting American and RAF flyers, it was revealed that a Chicago group of mothers was planning a campaign for a negotiated peace. This outfit hides behind the innocent label of 'We The Mothers.' Your reporter has spotlighted its peculiar activities before. The head of the organization is Mrs. Van Ryning, H-y-n-i-n-g, (spelling). She used to make speeches before the German-American National Alliance. It was one of those outfits which played footy-footy with the discredited German-American Bund."

The Bureau's investigation of "We The Mothers" has been conducted for a period of approximately two years and the information developed has been made available to the Criminal Division of the Department. This group is typical of the "mothers" organizations throughout the country, and has at its regular meetings continuously advocated a negotiated peace. In addition, it publishes a small paper entitled "Women's Voice." The Criminal Division has indicated a definite interest in the seditious aspects of this publication; however, to date it has failed to authorize prosecution against Mrs. Van Ryning or any of the other women connected with "We The Mothers."

## II. FBI "OKAYS" OWI EMPLOYEES

"Washington: Here is a concrete example of how bunk is debunk. The mudslingers have given wings to the lie that the Office of War Information headed by Elmer Davis is crawling with all sorts of un-American and Communists. But what of the fact? Before the OWI hires anyone that person must be investigated, double checked and okayed first by the Civil Service, the Army and Naval Intelligence and the FBI."

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*Winchell should know better - this is a big hash of stuff applying for Congressional Award. It is misleading + inaccurate. All we do is check names. spec.*

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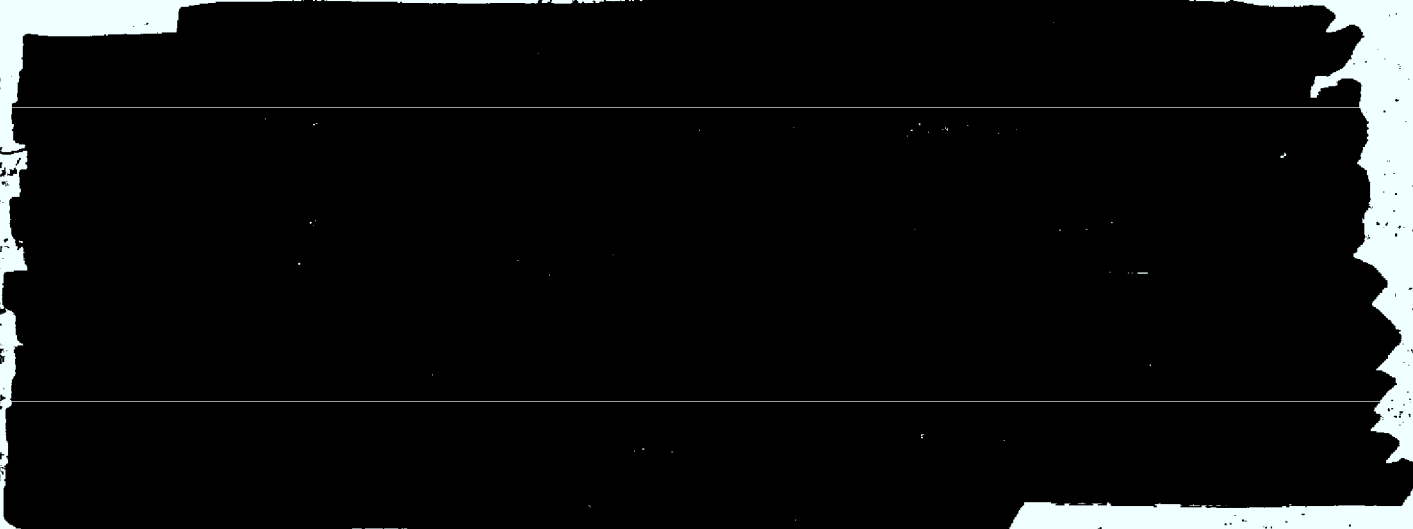
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Mr. D. M. Ladd

The statement that the Bureau certifies persons to OWI is, of course, untrue. We have conducted some investigations on OEM applicants who were later employed by OWI and have made some name checks for OWI. This, of course, cannot be properly taken as an "okay" for such persons. It is also to be noted that numerous refugees have been hired by OWI who have been in this country for only a short time, in many instances not long enough for us to have gathered much information about them. It frequently happens that after they are hired we get information about their Communist sympathies. On several such occasions when derogatory information was furnished to Mr. Elmer Davis, the employees were promptly discharged.

III. NEW PUBLICATION "SCOPE" TO EXPOSE DIES COMMITTEE INVESTIGATOR

"New York: The newest of the digest type of magazines is called 'Scope', s-c-o-p-e, (spelling). It will be on the newsstands all over the nation some time next week. 'Scope's' first issue will put another official period on the life of the Martin Dies Committee. 'Scope' magazine will reveal the long criminal record of the Dies Committee's very first chief investigator. Part of that record, ladies and gentlemen, is too vile to put on the radio."



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IV. GENERAL INTEREST

*\*United Automobile Workers of America, 610*

"Columbus, Ohio: In one of radio's most important cases next week the United Auto Workers will ask revocation of a radio station's license for refusing time to criticize Senator Taft. It will charge that the radio station's classified material praising Senator Taft as non-controversial, and refuse material criticizing him as controversial."

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SWR:ems  
TO :

MR. LADD

DATE: May 29, 1944

FROM : S. W. Reynolds

SUBJECT: *Walter Winchell Broadcast A Stetter*

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- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the memorandum to you from Mr. Grant Stetter dated April 16, 1944, entitled "Walter Winchell Broadcast, April 16, 1944." This memorandum was called to the attention of the writer by Mr. Stetter concerning item II, "Prisoners of War Matter."

The reference memorandum indicates that Mr. Winchell called attention to the fact that he had previously revealed conditions in German war prison camps in the United States. The reference memorandum indicates that Mr. Winchell made statement generally that prisoners of war were being drilled as Nazi battalions; that an American Colonel had led a parade of 300 prisoners who sang songs which were an insult to America and our Allies. Mr. Stetter requested that the writer discuss this matter generally with representatives of the Provost Marshal General's Office in order to ascertain the true status of this situation.

This matter has been discussed with General B. M. Bryan, Assistant Provost Marshal General in charge of prisoner of war camps, who with some reluctance admitted that an investigation had been made as to the conditions at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, and as a result a directive has been prepared which in effect prohibits the prisoners of war from singing their native songs. General Bryan stated that as a result the Germans had taken retaliatory measures in the American prisoner of war camps in Germany prohibiting the American soldiers from singing any of the national songs of this country, including "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner."

General Bryan stated that the Provost Marshal General's Office has been criticized on occasions for American soldiers saluting German officers, prisoners of war. General Bryan stated that people in this country fail to take into consideration that American soldiers who are prisoners of war in Germany are afforded certain courtesies and treatment. He stated that it has been ascertained that in the American prisoner of war camps in Germany, every German salutes the American officers who are of equal or senior rank. General Bryan pointed out that since these courtesies are afforded the American officers in Germany it is rather difficult to issue orders to eliminate similar activities in this country. He stated that the American officers in German prisoner of war camps in this country have been directed that when they visit the room of a senior German officer that they come to attention, hesitate a fraction of a second, and then commence the conversation.

General Bryan pointed out to the writer that in handling German prisoners of war in this country, he must take into consideration American soldiers who are prisoners of war in Germany. He stated that this thought must temper the judgment in each case.

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 TO : Mr. Ladd  
 FROM : Grant Stetter  
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
 JUNE 11, 1944

DATE: June 11 1944

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 Miss Beahm  
 Miss Gandy

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I. RE: ~~EMANUEL~~ KAYLITKA, ESCAPED PRISONER OF WAR.

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 "New York City: A German prisoner of war escaped from the Halloran General Hospital today in New York. He is 29 years old. He is 5' 9". Weighs about 165. His eyes are gray. Blond Hair. He was wearing blue fatigues and don't aid or harbor him. It's over 10 years in Federal Can."

Kaylitka escaped from a hospital on Staten Island. The New York State Police used bloodhounds in attempting to trail him, but the hounds lost the scent after following it for some distance. The New York and Newark Field Divisions have made releases to the newspapers, but without results at the time this memorandum was prepared.

II. RE: ~~GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND~~; INTERNAL SECURITY - G; DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS.

"Brooklyn: Sometime next week the fate of eight members of the German-American Bund will be decided by Federal Judge Matthew Abruzzo. His Honor's decision is expected to be a blistering denouncement of the Bund. Some citizenships will be revoked."

The case mentioned by Mr. Winchell is the consolidated denaturalization proceeding in Brooklyn which was tried in April. There were eight defendants, all of whom were prominent in the Bund. Judge Abruzzo will have to decide whether the Bund was a subversive organization, whether the defendants were affiliated with the Bund and whether they had knowledge of its subversive character. Throughout the trial Judge Abruzzo took a very hostile attitude toward the defendants and it is probable that when he decides the first point, that is whether the Bund was a subversive organization, he will likely make a statement of the type suggested by Mr. Winchell.

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III. WINCHELL RECEIVES AWARD FROM NEWSPAPER GUILD.

MR. JOHN COHÉE OF THE LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS:

"Walter: The Newspaper Guild's award in journalism to you is ..... a symbol of achievement. .... We salute you for your fight for freedom of the press, freedom of speech and for making the fifth column fear the fourth estate."

WALTER WINCHELL:

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the American Newspaper Guild..... Thank you very much. I am very happy to receive this symbol. .... I accept it as an expression of friendship and endorsement from a group I respect more than any other group of people in the nation. I accept it respectfully from a class of fighters whose embrace I would rather have than the handshake of any other group in the world."

The Newspaper Guild is a union composed of employees in the editorial and business departments of newspapers and other publications. It was at one time strongly Communist dominated, but at the present time it is not with the exception of Los Angeles and New York City where Communist domination is still fairly strong. It would appear that the award was made to Mr. Winchell by the national organization of the Guild rather than the New York Chapter, however.

IV. REVIEW OF BOOK "MARTIN DIES".

"Ladies and Gentlemen: The following is part of a book review by Sterling North in the New York Post this week. The book is titled "Martin Dies". It is by William Gelliman (phonetic). Published by John Day. "If radio audiences throughout the land wish documentation for Walter Winchell's accusations I suggest that they read William Gelliman's factual and utterly devastating study of Martin Dies and the Dies Committee." The author, who has a string of degrees after his name, is a Methodist, a Phi Beta Kappa, a Legionnaire, and a professor at Northwestern University. Every page Gelliman has written represents six hours of diligent research. The result, says the review, will convince any open-minded reader that Martin Dies is one of the most dangerous men who ever held public office."

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: June 18, 1944

FROM : G. Stetter

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I. SEDITION

Re: United States vs. Joseph E. McWilliams, et al, Sedition

"Washington: The sedition trial, which you rarely see written up in the newspapers in Los Angeles, by the way, now wallows in its tenth week. William Luedke, former National Secretary of the German American Bund, identified from the witness stand August Klapproth, Herman Schwinn, Mr. Kunze, Hans Diebel in the very act of assisting the Bund's activities in the United States. All these men and their hocus-pocus, ladies and gentlemen, were first shown up by this reporter six years ago."

Luedke has appeared as a witness for the Government during the past several days and it is expected he will be on the stand most of next week. August Klapproth and Wilhelm Kunze of Chicago and New York were national figures in the German American Bund. Herman Schwinn and Hans Diebel were leaders of the Bund on the West Coast.

"Robert G. Harris of New York: Drew Pearson's statement recently that one of the lawyers in the sedition trial would be indicted in Maryland was confirmed the very same week. The day before that lawyer threatened to sue Drew for a million dollars. It is this type of public service reporting that certain legislators would try to keep some of us from telling you, the people."

James J. Laughlin, attorney for defendants Robert Noble and Edward James Smyth was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Baltimore, Maryland, for obstruction of justice. The charges are based on his procuring false statements from witnesses he used in the defense of persons on trial for bank robbery. Drew Pearson made a statement prior to the return of the indictment to the effect that it was to be returned. Laughlin commented on this, pointing out Pearson's advance information, when he pleaded his innocence before the court hearing the sedition trial.

Re: Walter Bober, Sedition

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"Chicago: The next to be tried for alleged sedition will be Walter Bober who will go on trial at Federal Court, Chicago, on June the 20th next."

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## II. WIRE TAPPING

"Washington: With the passing of immediate military danger to continental United States, why not an absolutely impartial investigation of all the charges and countercharges of illegal wire tapping - by a Federal Grand Jury, I mean. If the allegations are true, a few convictions would not only free the wires but might even free a number of bright and busy men for the very hungry draft boards. Let the United States Government, in short, probe itself for a change."

Possibly pertinent to this statement are charges made by Drew Pearson recently that his telephone has been tapped by the Navy Department. Other charges of possible significance are public statements to the effect that the Dies Committee, ONI, MIS and OSS have been engaged in wire tapping. Reports have also been circulating in Washington recently to the effect that representatives of the Navy Department have been tapping the wires of Government officials, especially within the Navy.

## III. NEW AMERICA FIRST ORGANIZATION

"Raleigh, North Carolina: United States Senator Reynolds of North Carolina claims a nationwide organization states it will be based on the principles of America First, and sponsored by fifty unnamed backers. The backers ought to be named by Senator Reynolds, I think. Surely the American people cannot be asked to seriously consider a platform to which the backers refuse to sign their names. There was nothing secret about the signers of the Declaration of Independence and Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee never moved in the dark. The future of the new organization headed by Senator Reynolds, who incidentally refused to risk repudiation at the polls, certainly looks black. The organization's future certainly looks black. It is an American tradition that no man can stand for much who won't stand up to be counted. Senator Reynolds, apparently, is willing to answer the call--huh--but not the bell."

The newspapers have carried stories indicating Reynolds is planning to start an American First organization of his own. Gerald L. K. Smith has also announced recently that Reynolds will help him in making speeches and entering America First candidates in the coming election. As stated by Mr. Winchell, Senator Reynolds has announced that he will not seek reelection.

## IV. WINCHELL'S CONGRESSIONAL FEUD

"Jack Diamond of Beverly Hills: The next Congressman to get the treatment he deserves is Congressman Rankin of Mississippi. Russell Whalen, a newspaperman in Kansas City, Cleveland and Detroit, has done a beautiful job on Congressman Rankin in the July number of the American Mercury. Don't miss it - it's wonderful."

Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

(An aside) "Can't mention the Dies Book, heh. All right, cut me off if I mention the Dies Book."

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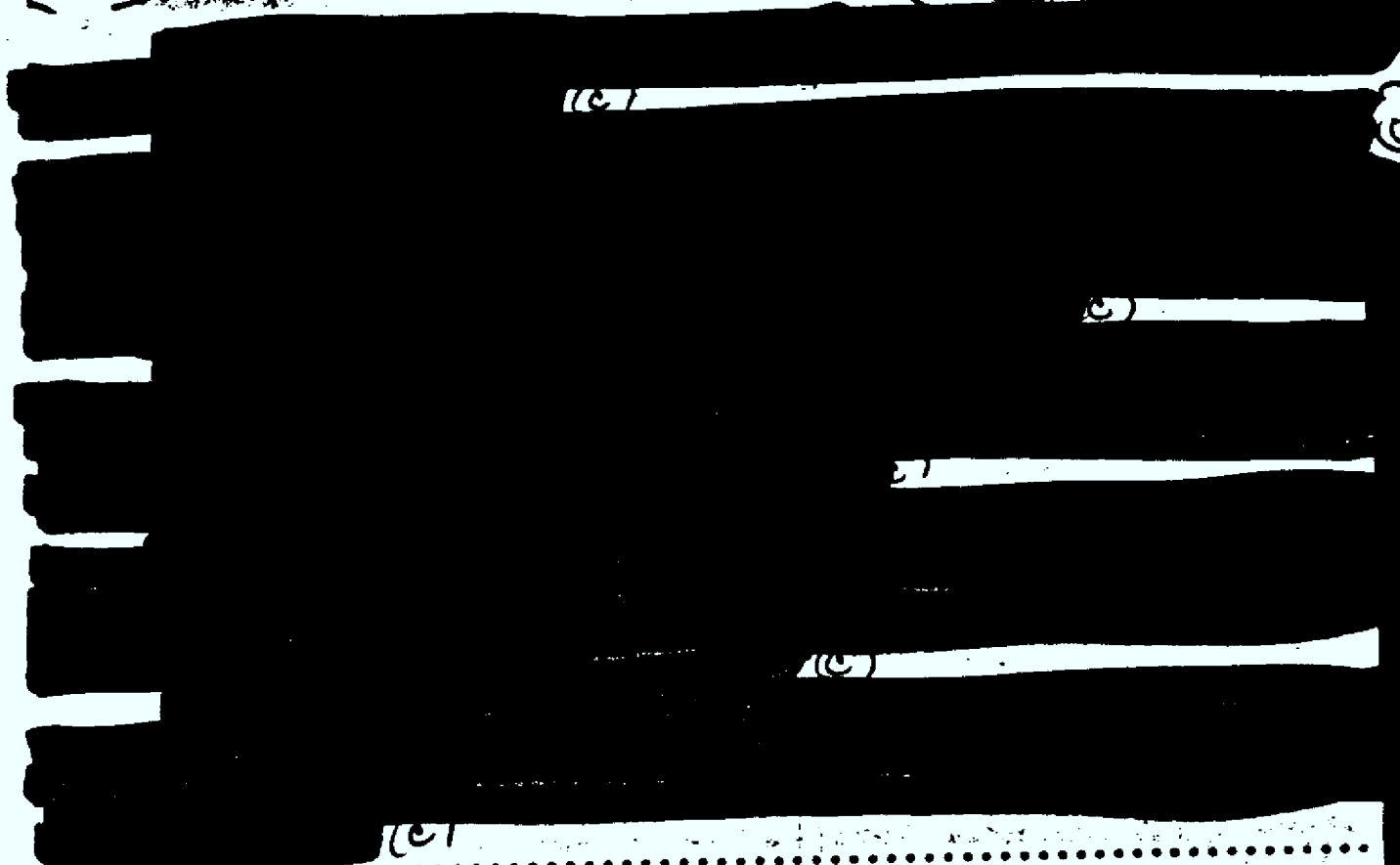
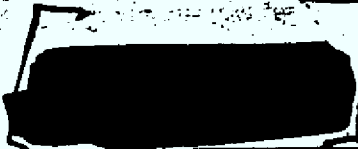
|| "Washington: Former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes is reported gravely ill with members of his family at the bedside. He is past eighty."

|| Shortly after the conclusion of Mr. Winchell's broadcast the Blue Network interrupted its programs to announce that a telephone call had been received from former Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. Mr. Hughes advised that contrary to Mr. Winchell's report, he was in excellent health and the Blue Network added its hope that he would continue so.

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MURRAY HILLS, NEW YORK

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Dear John

Each year during my absence in August from the Daily Mirror and syndicate, as you know, I try to have famous Americans, whom I believe my readers would be interested in, speak for themselves in my column. Which is where you come in.

If you would do me the honor of being my guest columnist for one day in August, I would appreciate a letter telling me of your acceptance.

warmest regards

*Walter*  
Walter Winchell

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