

WINCHELL:

"New York City - Effective Tuesday next New York Civil Defense Directors will have authority to requisition all facilities in case of atomic attack."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information along this line.

WINCHELL: (While commenting on the possibilities of the 1952 Presidential election)

||| "There is great Republican talk in New York City to run McArthur with John Edgar Hoover."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The friends of Dean Acheson have assured him that he has weathered the gale."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

||| "New York City - If you ladies and gentlemen are wondering about Frederick Vanderbilt Field, the millionaire Communist admirer, this might help you figure him out. His wife was once married to Raymond Boyer, ~~Raymond Boyer~~, who he? Raymond Boyer was one of the leaders in Russia's war time Canadian espionage ring, convicted of giving atomic secrets to the U.S.S.R."

COMMENT:

||| This is correct. ~~Boyer's~~ wife, Anita, obtained a Nevada divorce after his conviction in Canada and later married Field.

WINCHELL:

"Washington - Yesterday's newspapers disclose that an American housewife became a member of the Communists over here as an undercover agent for the G-men. In her report to the Congress, last June eleventh, this brave American woman revealed a number of Reds now working in Washington, the names of American Communists, and very interesting to me, how Walter Winchell exposed a Red meeting in Washington, D. C., held at the Willard Hotel."

COMMENT:

This undoubtedly refers to [REDACTED]

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WINCHELL:

"Washington Post - The propaganda line used by various Communist front groups that the F.B.I. is going to make wholesale raids and arrest thousands of people under the Smith Act is entirely without foundation. Only active Communist leaders over here need worry."

COMMENT:

This is true. The Bureau originally recommended seventy seven persons to be arrested; however, this number has now risen to 260 by suggestions from the field.

WINCHELL:

"New York Mirror - The F.B.I. searched the home of Dashiell Hammett, the mystery writer at Pleasantville, New York, looking for his comrades, the four escaped Red leaders. They went thataway."

COMMENT:

Bureau agents went to the home of Hammett to determine if he knew the whereabouts of the fugitive Communists. [REDACTED]

WINCHELL:

"And that, Mr. and Mrs. 48, winds up another Winche
until next Sunday night at the very same time. Until then,
remain your New York correspondent who is sure that the G-men
would have no trouble finding those four fugitive Commies if
John Edgar tried using a little cheese."

COMMENT:

None.

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DATE: July 2, 1951

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. H. Belmont *QJ*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
JULY 1, 1951

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The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday, July 1, 1951, was monitored by Special Agent Dick H. Young, and the following items of interest to the Bureau were noted:

WINCHELL:

"Mexico City - Warning to all fugitives on the lam south of the border. From now on, wanted criminals hiding out in Mexico will be turned over at once to American police."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has had no indication that there has been any change in the situation in Mexico in this regard.

WINCHELL:

"Pittsburgh - Special grand juries have been summoned in Pittsburgh to carry on the anti-Communist drive started in New York. Los Angeles next stop."

COMMENT:

The U. S. Attorney in Pittsburgh has not made any overtures to the Pittsburgh Office in this regard. However, he has made statements to the local press that he was going to prosecute the Communists in Pittsburgh "soon." Regarding Los Angeles, the Department has indicated a desire to proceed there in the very near future.

WINCHELL:

"Cairo - A top secret code, the property of a major Western power, is missing. Stolen from a Middle East embassy. Three staff headquarters are in a frenzy."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information which could be identified with this matter.

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WINCHELL:

"A terrific new scandal is developing over the building of the H-Bomb. Five percenter trouble."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information that could conceivably refer to this. At the beginning of the H-Bomb project near Aiken, South Carolina, the usual allegations were received concerning land speculation and price gouging, but there was no indication that any "five percenters" were involved.

WINCHELL:

"Another big shakeup at intelligence due any day. Not the F. B. I."

COMMENT:

This could possibly refer to one Willicm Jackson, an Executive Assistant at CIA. General Smith recently advised our Liaison representative in confidence that he was not wholly satisfied with Jackson's work and would let him go when his present contract expired.

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WINCHELL:

"Washington Post: Governor Fuller Warren has told his intimate friends that he will not answer the U. S. Senate's subpoena to testify before the Federal Crime Committee."

COMMENT:

No comment. For your information.

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT ~~SECRET~~ DATE: May 14, 1951

FROM : V. F. Keay

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL COLUMN
MAY 14, 1951

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[REDACTED] of CIA, called at 11 a.m. May 14, 1951, to advise that another member of the staff in CIA had orally advised him that Winchell's column of May 14, 1951, contained a statement to the effect that a member of the Soviet Embassy was being recalled to Russia because he had been too friendly with the Americans. [REDACTED] said he had not seen Winchell's column but since it was a matter of primary interest to the FBI, he was calling it to our attention. *(S-1)(X)(u)*

RECOMMENDATION:

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd ✓
 FROM : A. H. Belmont ✓
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

DATE: July 13, 1951

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PURPOSE:

To advise you that Winchell is going on vacation from July 23 to September 10, and that his replacements will not be heard by a Bureau supervisor during this period.

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BACKGROUND:

In his column today (July 13, 1951), Winchell makes the following comment:

"Our holiday replacements on the air (starting July 22nd) will be Tony Martin, Robert Alda and Isabel Bigley (of 'Guys and Dolls'), Jimmy Durante, Martha Raye, Patti Page, Bob Hope and Frankie Laine."

At the end of the column he states: "(Gone to Lunch, Back Sept. 10th)."

It is noted that the number of replacements are sufficient to carry the broadcast through Sunday, September 2, 1951, indicating that he will probably begin his radio broadcast on Sunday, September 9, and his newspaper column on Monday, September 10.

RECOMMENDATION:

Unless advised to the contrary, Winchell's replacements will not be heard for the period beginning Sunday, July 22 and ending Sunday, September 2, inclusive.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD ✓
 FROM : A. H. Belmont ✓
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
 July 15, 1951,

DATE: July 16, 1951

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The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday evening, July 15, 1951, was heard by Special Agent D. H. Young and the following items of interest were noted:

WINCHELL:

New York City - Jose Ferrer, the star, narrowly escaped getting his head broken by thrown bricks. Spectators, watching him on location heremaking a new moving picture, suddenly flung the barrage. Ferrer was recently named in the Hollywood Red inquiry by the Congressional Committee."

COMMENT:

Ferrer's activities are well known to the Bureau. He has been active in numerous Communist front organizations and was named by Louis Budenz as a "concealed Communist."

WINCHELL:

"Versailles - the biggest open secret on a closed question is that someone on the French General Staff is a Russian spy."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"New York Mirror - Frank Costello, owner of a prosperous oil well in Texas, has acquired two more wells in Kansas. They just started gushing."

COMMENT:

None.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
September 9, 1951

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DATE: September 10, 1951

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The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday, September 9, 1951, was heard by Special Agent Paul L. Cox and the following items of interest to the Bureau were noted:

WINCHELL:

"New York City. Walter Mullin, understudy in the play 'Mr. Roberts' has confessed to stealing \$20,000 in silverware. This very bad actor took ten days and five suit cases to lift the loot from Robert Bell, descendent of Alexander Graham Bell."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL:

"Tremendous Russian winter equipment is pouring into Korea from all sides. Intelligence believes that this means another winter offensive perhaps by November - duplicating the one that caught us so flat footed last year."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"Bagdad. The next leader in the Middle East slated for assassination is Nuri As Said, the Prime Minister of Iraq."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"All of the bitterness in the White House is being directed against Senator 'Joe' McCarthy but not even McCarthy realizes how badly he has them all worried at the White House."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"A male moving picture star who testified that he never knew a Communist in Hollywood or any other place may be indicted soon for perjury. An old 'flame' of his has told Senate investigators that he once tried to get her to join up. Oh! boy."

COMMENT:

The individuals referred to are undoubtedly



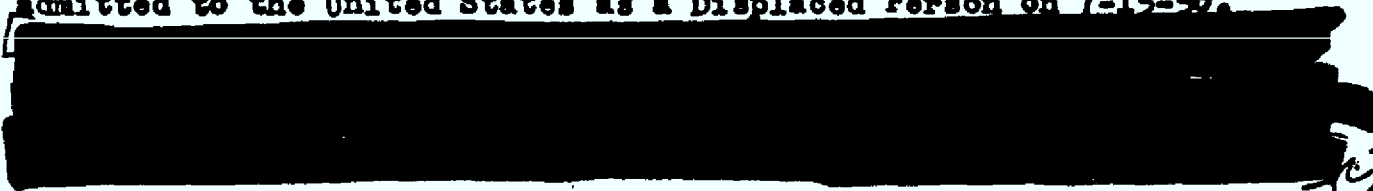
WINCHELL:

"Attention Washington Post. I am sending you documentation on the proof of the following 'shocking'. Nazi leaders who helped Hitler kill American GIs are being admitted to the United States as D.P.'s because the Commissioner of Immigration, Mr. Mackey, is fast asleep. I refer to the Communist and the Nazi, Aleksas Masholiunas and Viorel Trifa now living very comfortably over here at Chicago and Cleveland. They are murderers."

COMMENT:

No reference to Aleksas Maskoliunas was found in the Bureau files. The Chicago Office has been requested to identify this individual, if possible, and to furnish any derogatory information.

Information regarding Trifa has been furnished the Bureau and the Cleveland Office by the Washington Field Office. He was admitted to the United States as a Displaced Person on 7-15-52.



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[REDACTED] Tria is now editor
of the Romania language newspaper "Solis" at Cleveland.
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WINCHELL:

"A reporters report to the people. Washington. In the Winchell column of July 13th, the following appeared, quotes - the answer to the jailing of the Associated Press newsman Bill Otis by the Red Checks is to start kicking the Tass agency reporters out of Washington and other U. S. Government places. In power politics I said. The only answer to a slap in the face is a kick in the teeth. This week I am very happy to see in the papers the reporters who cover the White House and the press galleries in Congress went into action to expell these so called newspaper people from Russia. Thanks also to Senator O'Connor and Congressman Cellar who offered resolutions to stop the Tass agency press priveleges. It will also stop their spying."

COMMENT:

Winchell's statement is true. According to the press on 9-6-51, the Standing Committee of the Congressional Press Galleries has directed letters to Secretary Acheson and Attorney General McGrath for information as to whether the Tass News Agency is a propaganda and intelligence agency rather than a bona-fide news gathering agency. In Congress, Senator Herbert R. O'Connor (Md) is reported to have introduced a resolution to bar Tass from the Capital press gallery. The press reported that Representative Emanuel Cellar (NY) would soon take similar action in the House to bar Tass and other Iron Curtain newsmen from the House Press Gallery.

WINCHELL:

"Sacramento, California. Attention of Congressman Wood. The other day Congressman Yorty of California asked the Un-American Activities Committee to probe the peculiar 'goings on' of a well known west coast 'biggest'. This is to suggest, sir, that when you issue subpoenas to include Gerald L. K. Smith, Go thoroughly into his income and expenditures. You will find a very strange situation."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"San Francisco. President Truman stated in his opening speech at the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference told you all that this country has fantastic weapons that could wipe out nations. Said the President. The fact that such weapons, American weapons exist is not news to you listeners. This reporter made that news public on the broadcast of last New Year's Eve at a time when the nation's moral died to a very new low. Thanks Mr. President for the confirmation. The big secret weapon is paralysis gas."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The Washington Post. A terrific China graft story will break from Washington early this week if not tomorrow morning. It involves the Senate Preparedness Sub-Committee. Hold your noses."

COMMENT:

This undoubtedly refers to the first of a series of articles appearing in the Washington Post, Sunday, September 9, 1951. The articles deal with alleged frauds and irregular dealings of Commerce International Corporation and its subsidiary, Commercial International China, Inc. The irregularities were reported to the Senate Preparedness Sub-Committee about a year ago and involved dealings with the Chinese Nationalists. This matter was investigated by the Bureau at the Direction of the Department. On 7-27-51 the Department advised the investigation disclosed no evidence of bribery and that no prosecution was contemplated.

WINCHELL:

"To the Kingston, New York 'News Leader'. One of the better known ex-Communists is said to have good information on the mysterious death of Louis Adamic, the pro-Tito writer. Elizabeth Bentley thinks it is murder."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is not conducting an investigation of Adamic's death. Because of allegations that Adamic was threatened by four

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Communists, the Newark Office is obtaining results of police investigation. [REDACTED]

WINCHELL:

"Greensboro, North Carolina 'Free Press'. The Government is searching for two powerful left-wing union leaders who suddenly disappeared. They are Donald Henderson and James H. Durkin. Both wanted by a Special Federal Grand Jury in New York probing espionage and Communism. Tell the police in and near Greensboro that Durkin may be there or near there right now."

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None. This is for your information.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : A. N. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
September 16, 1951

DATE: September 17, 1951

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Mr. Belmont _____
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The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday, September 16, 1951, was heard by Special Agent Paul L. Cox and the following items of interest to the Bureau were noted:

WINCHELL:

"To the Washington Post. The Civil Rights Congress who 'bailed' for the convicted Communist leaders in the mass trial at New York is massing a delegation to march on Washington September 20 to protest to United States Attorney General McGrath."

COMMENT:

Information regarding the plans for this delegation has been received by the Bureau, and the Department and interested agencies have been advised. This information has been included in the 'daylet'.

WINCHELL:

"Berlin. All General Staff have been alerted that the world crisis is becoming greater by the hour."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The United States has discovered a sensational surprise witness against William Remington whose conviction was recently reversed. The government will not appeal to the highest court but will rush William Remington to trial again any day."

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COMMENT:

It is true that the United States Attorney at New York plans to re-present the Kenington case to the Grand Jury in the near future and not to appeal the reversal. Neither the Bureau nor the New York Office has information regarding any "sensational surprise witness," but the New York Office is checking with the United States Attorney in the matter and will advise the Bureau today.

WINCHELL:

"It is very reliably reported that U. S. Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed will retire very soon with U. S. Attorney General Howard McGrath moving up to the big bench."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Ladies and gentlemen. Last Sunday night's tip-off on the hideout of labor leaders Donald Henderson and Durkin in North Carolina resulted in their immediate surrender to the FBI the very next morning."

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WINCHELL:

"New York. Amos Bowman, the first negro to be honored in the U. S. Federal Attorney's Office, will be sworn in tomorrow morning as Assistant United States Attorney. This will be 'Judge' Irving Saypol's last official act as U. S. Attorney in New York."

COMMENT:

The Bureau conducted a Departmental Applicant investigation on Amos Edward Bowman in May, 1951, at the request of the Department. The investigation did not develop anything unfavorable regarding Bowman

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WINCHELL:

"The White House. The President has issued orders to 'huc to the line' - let the creeks fall where they may."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. History is more than the record of the past. History is the blue print of the future. The secret Nazi document released this week by Washington, conclusively proves in Hitler's own handwriting, that the German-American Bund and all those spreaders of hate were part of Germany's war plans against the United States of America. These tremendous documents are as fatal to isolationism as a surprise witness at a murder trial because they reveal for the very first time that the only reason Adolph Hitler did not break diplomatic relations with us is that he thought - he thought it would help President Roosevelt win re-election. For exposing the whole plan with proof at the time - the time it was in operation in 1939, Walter Winchell was called many

things from a hysterical alarmist to a British agent, on the floor of the United States Senate by the Messrs. Bilbo, Wheeler, and many others. For exposing the identical technique of the Communists in 1946 I was called a war monger by these very same politicians and isolationists, but I know and American intelligence knows, that the secret files in Moscow proves that our country is under the greatest internal attack since the 'copperheads' committed arson in Chicago. Ladies and gentlemen, history will prove again that our enemies faithful allies are America's secret bigots and America's open fools."

COMMENT:

No record can be found at the Bureau that copies of the secret Nazi documents referred to have been received at the Bureau. Efforts are being made to identify the documents referred to by Winchell and to secure copies.

WINCHELL:

"Washington. This fits here I think. The American Legion's report on subversive activities was inserted into the Congressional record by Congressman Clyde Doyle of the House Un-American Activities. This wholopping document, ladies and gentlemen, warns you all, against hate merchants including Gerald L. K. Smith, Merwin K. Hart, and the Klan. A great job by the American Legion."

COMMENT:

For your information, the Bureau receives all of the American Legion's monthly summary reports on subversive activities. Merwin K. Hart is president of the National Economic Council, Inc. with offices in New York City and Utica, New York. No active investigation has ever been conducted on Hart

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Hart is described as believing in the capitalistic system and particularly opposed to Communism and the New Deal Administration. He has been a supporter of Franco and is reported to have founded the American Union for Nationalist Spain.

WINCHELL:

"New Yorkers are talking about the big melodrama in Brooklyn at the 'bookie' Harry Gross police graft case where eighteen policemen are now on trial. Insiders tell me that eighty per cent of the 'cops' will beat the rap. Why? No corroboration."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The New York State Crime Commission quietly, without television, has been getting some startling information about top racketeers on the East Coast. They claim it will make the Kefauver probe look pale. Frank Costello has been grilled behind closed doors several times very quietly."

COMMENT:

None.

ACTION:

The New York Office will be followed concerning Winchell's statement regarding a surprise witness in the Remington case.

The matter concerning the secret Nazi documents linking Germany's war plans with the German-American Bund will be followed, and copies secured if the data can be identified.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
 FROM : A. H. BELMONT
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
 September 23, 1951

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DATE: September 24, 1951

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The Walter Winchell Broadcast for Sunday, September 23, 1951, was heard by Special Agent Paul L. Cox and the following items of interest to the Bureau were noted:

WINCHELL:

"Heavy units of the British Mediterranean squadron have entered Yugoslavian waters. London is completely committed to the defense of Tito."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"Rome, General 'Red Bill' Donovan, head of the OSS in wartime, is back in Italy tonight on an undercover assignment checking the murder of Captain Holohan."

COMMENT:

CIA was recently requested to furnish a report on the OSS murder incident referred to by Winchell. This report has been furnished to the Bureau. (S)(u)

WINCHELL:

"Another big spy story will break out of Ottawa soon involving a foreign attache."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL:

"'Gus' Vanech will get the number two spot at the Justice Department."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice will investigate newspaper syndicates."

COMMENT:

At the Department's request we are presently conducting an investigation entitled, 'Newspaper Features Syndicate - Antitrust,' in which we have interviewed certain newspaper managers and editors who have complained previously to the Department as to restrictions imposed in obtaining featured syndicates for their papers. The investigation is pending. This is probably the investigation referred to by Winchell.

WINCHELL:

"The new chief of intelligence may be ~~Allen Dulles~~ or General Dean. Dean was Averill Harriman's aide at Moscow."

COMMENT:

It is believed that Winchell is referring to CIA in his comment. As you know Allen Dulles is presently Deputy Director of CIA and is one of three individuals responsible for the preparation of the Dulles Report which criticized the Bureau to a certain extent. (S-1)(~~(u)~~)

WINCHELL:

"The Truman Administration's Department of Justice officially state that crime is costing the nation billions of dollars every year - but Democratic Senators have proved that the Democratic city machines are the criminals best allies. The President also declared that the charges of Communism were Republican 'red herring' - but his own Justice Department debunk that by convicting Alger Hiss for being a liar and the

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eleven top 'red' leaders for plotting to overthrow the United States. Ladies and gentlemen it is very shrewd politics for the President to declare that the Republicans have no issue for 1952 because the truth is that the great and vital issue is the Truman Administration itself - from the bottom to top - professional amateurs."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"The U. S. Senate Gallery. The Senate correspondents voted against excluding Tass - the 'red' news agency - this week on the grounds that it curtailed freedom of the press. The only question they didn't answer is - what makes them think that Tass is a news agency any more than Pravda and Izvestia are newspapers? They forget that you can't make a spy a reporter by merely giving him a press card any more than Goebels could disguise his poison propaganda."

"To present Tass with the privileges of printers ink is as stupid as providing poison for the fangs of a snake. National Press Club - please post on your board."

COMMENT:

Winchell commented on the Tass News Agency having Capitol press privileges in his broadcast of September 9, 1951. As you know, Senator Herbert R. O'Connor (MD) is reported to have introduced a resolution to bar Tass from the Capitol press galleries and it has been reported that Representative Emanuel Celler (NY) will take similar action in the House.

WINCHELL:

"The Washington Post. The next big scandal at the Capitol will make the RFC revelations look tame. It will be directed at a former chief of the Internal Revenue Department and others over peculiar grants of liquor licenses from coast to coast."

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WINCHELL:

"Boston Record. The American Women for Peace have scheduled a meeting in Boston for October five. The arrangements were made by a very top Communist."

COMMENT:

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For your information the names of [REDACTED] are carried in the Security Index. [REDACTED] has been designated a Key Figure. [REDACTED] was last reported to be working for [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. N. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
September 30, 1951

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DATE: October 1, 1951

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Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Egan
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 Mr. Hendon
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease
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WINCHELL:

"New York City. The Harry Gross police graft scandal will force the resignation of at least six top police officials this week or next."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"Hudson, New York. The next step for the State Crime Commission hearings will be in Columbia County, New York. The target will be the wide open white slavery at Hudson, New York."

COMMENT:

The city of Hudson, New York, (10,000 people) is located 45 miles north of Poughkeepsie. New York Division Crime Surveys have reported that the city has always been notorious for its houses of prostitution. Certain information regarding prostitution there has been furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] houses of prostitution in the city. In the July, 1950, Crime Survey New York reported [redacted] a month pay-off to operate [redacted] paid the money to [redacted] a numbers operator in Hudson.

[redacted] wouldn't tell New York reports that there are general rumors in Hudson that Police Commissioner John Farty is the individual affording local protection to houses of prostitution. On June 23, 1950, the New York State Police raided the houses and made arrests and the Police advised no evidence was developed indicating an interstate movement of prostitutes. New York reported in its Crime Survey dated January 15,

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1951, that the State District Attorney had instituted padlock proceedings against the known houses of prostitution in Hudson. No current cases establishing interstate transportation of prostitutes have been developed at Hudson, New York.

WINCHELL:

"Washington. The Department of Justice has started a full scale investigation of the boxing industry. The government expects to establish violation of the antitrust laws. It will concentrate on the IBC - Madison Square Garden 'common-law marriage.'"

COMMENT:

The Antitrust Division at New York has conducted a "preliminary survey" into the operations of the International Boxing Commission. The Bureau has not been called upon to make an investigation of IBC activities. A separate memorandum in this matter has been prepared. There are indications that the Antitrust Division may request authority of the Department to present the matter to a Federal Grand Jury.

WINCHELL:

"The International News - London. Allied Intelligence has given warning that the Red Chinese and the Soviet General Staff have almost completed their plans for a general Far East war."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"They are betting ten to one that Senator 'Joe' McCarthy will not be ejected from the Senate and three to one that Jessup will be confirmed."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL:

"The House Ways and Means Tax Investigation will have the boys jumping across the borders-from coast to coast. The big object is not to convict but to collect."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. Under the President's constitutional powers he has ordered all his departments not to release security information - to safeguard, he says, the national interest. That was last Tuesday. By Thursday the Bureaucrats in the OPS construed this to mean - holdup all information embarrassing to the Truman Administration. Exercising my rights under the same United States Constitution I now tell you on Sunday night that the President's order smells and the principle behind it stinks. In fact in all of our history the two Democrats who would have fought this thing to the death were President Thomas Jefferson and Senator Harry Truman. What our President forgot - was that Senator Truman once stated that the best national security was full information to the people."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Washington. A former Government official investigated by a Congressional committee probing printing companies attempted to justify a hefty expense account. He named as item number one - payments to 'call girls.' This man identified one of them as the current wife of a well known man high in government."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Washington Post. The very hush, hush whispers around the Time-Life Building in New York is that Life Magazine is building the biggest firecracker in magazine history. The

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target - the United States Internal Revenue Department of Washington."

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL:

"Seattle 'Post Intelligencer' - in Washington. The next troopship from Korea arriving here will signal a very big Communist demonstration by Seattle 'Reds.' They will throw propaganda out of the windows there."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL:

"International News Service. Professor L. Budenz, former Communist, has been subpoenaed to reappear before the McCarran Committee. Budenz will produce documented evidence from Communist sources to support his testimony concerning the 'Wallace line.'"

COMMENT:

Reports that Budenz will be subpoenaed to reappear before the McCarran Committee have appeared in the press. The testimony of Budenz before the McCarran Committee has been reviewed and as a result, the New York Office is being requested to expedite an interview of Budenz to get additional details on several items of his testimony and to find out why he withheld certain information from the Bureau at previous interviews. Several items testified to by Budenz before the McCarran Committee vary from his testimony before the Tydings Committee

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and the information he has previously given us. In particular, information regarding the CP membership of John Carter Vincent, who with Owen Lattimore was with Henry Wallace on his trip to the Far East in 1944. Recent articles in the Washington Post by Joseph Alsop have criticized Budenz on the discrepancies.

ACTION

The matter of interviewing Budenz regarding discrepancies in his testimony and the withholding of information from the Bureau at previous interviews will be closely followed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
October 7, 1951

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DATE: October 8, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, October 7, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell:

New York City. Lila Lee, former motion picture star, was the victim of burglary at her apartment at Greenwich Village. \$7,000 in furs and gems.

Comment:

Bureau files fail to reflect the receipt of any information indicating that the above theft involved a matter within this Bureau's jurisdiction.

Winchell:

Mr. and Mrs. United States. I assume that many of you are familiar with the President's statement this week that newspapers and magazines and some radio people revealed military secrets. It appears that some Yale Professors made a hush-hush report to Mr. Truman making that charge While all of us on the papers and radio withheld secrets of the atomic bomb, the Government gave permission to publish a book on how to make one. It is entitled "The Smythe Report," published by Princeton. The forward of thanks in it to the author for explaining to you, the people, was written by General Groves. Only two short years ago, the Administration issued official reports which enlightened not only Americans but our Russian enemies. It was the one that assured you 42 airdromes were enough because 70 would mean rationing and price ceilings.

To keep the Russians thoroughly up to date, Senator Lodge only last Tuesday told the United States Senate that the Joint Chiefs now demanded 140 air groups by expansion of the Tactical Command. The Tass Agency

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reporters from Russia didn't need to read the New York Times on Wednesday because the Tass reporters heard it with their own ears in the Senate gallery the day before. The intelligence officers will tell you that the President's statement itself is the worst kind of breach of security because Russia now knows that we know that she knows our secret.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell:

The G-men know this one that the eight fugitive Red leaders are in Greater New York, the best hiding place of all. This doesn't mean immediate capture.

Comment:

Bureau investigation has failed to reflect the whereabouts of any of the eight fugitives with the possible exception of Gus Hall.

Winchell:

The Baltimore News Post. The new Non-Partisan Committee Against the Smith Act is the latest front outlet. Headquarters - Baltimore, Maryland.

Comment:

The Baltimore Office was contacted for information on this organization. Mr. Lally advised that last week, [redacted] who is actively associated with Communists, was trying to rent a hall in Baltimore for an organization known as the Non-Partisan Committee Against the Smith Act for a meeting over this week end. He was not successful as far as the Baltimore Office knows. [redacted]

[redacted] more is checking this further.

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Winchell:

Miami Herald. A front page box might help the prison authorities at Puerto Rico to this tip: An attempted break at the Insular Penitentiary aided by firearms smuggled into the place by American confederates.

Comment:

Information has been received that a group in the Insular Penitentiary at Rio Piedras were anxious to arrange for a prison break.

The investigation to date has failed to reflect any contact by the above group with "American confederates."

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 15, 1951

FROM : A. W. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
October 14, 1951

Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, October 14, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell:

Michigan City, Indiana. Police have found the first clue in the disappearance of the new-born baby boy from St. Anthony's Hospital twenty-four hours ago. They have sent out a tri-state alarm for a woman about thirty years old clothed in a bright green coat, finger-tip length.

Comment:

The Indianapolis Office, in a teletype dated October 14, 1951, entitled, "Unknown Subject; [redacted]" reported that the victim, a three-day-old child of [redacted] had been taken from the hospital crib shortly before 6:00 P.M. on October 13, 1951. Believed to have been taken by a crank or psychopath. The matter is being followed by the Indianapolis Office. No indication of a Federal violation.

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Winchell:

The FBI will arrest several persons who harbored the recaptured Red chief, Gus Hall, on his flight last Sunday night from New York to Mexico.

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Comment:

As you know, consideration is being given to charging all persons who aided Hall in connection with his escape, as soon as it is definitely known that the escape route will not be used again by other Communist leaders.

Winchell:

To the Cincinnati Enquirer: The Negro Labor Conference on the 27th and 28th in your city has a couple of

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jailbirds working for it behind the scenes; both are also card carriers in the Communist Party of America. Your police can expect violence incited by them.

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[REDACTED] have been reliably identified as members of the Communist Party in Cincinnati, Ohio, and are said to be handling arrangements for the convention of the Negro Labor Council. Both reportedly have criminal records reflecting past participation in violent demonstrations. BOTH ARE ON SECURITY INDEX. (Day letter - October 8, 1951)

Winchell:

To the New York Mirror: The Army is trying to keep this very hush hush. They had a very large riot at Fort J. the other matinee. The men rioted after a hunger strike. Many MP's were beaten up. Court-martials are going on right now.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell:

Hong Kong. The Indo-Chinese Reds are now massing for assault on the French Maginot line of the East..... The French Intelligence revealed that these Communist battalions are led by German officers.

Comment:

None. For your information.

Winchell:

Shanghai. The latest Red list for the firing squad contains 36,000 names.

Comment:

None. For your information.

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Mr. Ladd	✓
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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
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WALTER WINCHELL FOUNDATION HAS DECIDED TO DEFER THE

PROJECT FOR THIS YEAR. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ADVISED BY COUNSEL
THAT THE SIMILIARITY OF NAMES BETWEEN THE RUNYON FUND
AND THE AWARDS MAY CONFUSE THE PUBLIC AND DISSIPATE

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Mr. John E. Foster
c/o Mr. Walter Winchell
The New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Mr. Foster:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful telegram of October 11, 1951. I deeply appreciate your advising me concerning the alteration in the plans for making the Damon Runyon awards.

In the event Walter and you desire that I participate in the award jury in the future, please let me know. I would be most happy to be of assistance in any way possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: New York (with copy of incoming)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : B. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
OCTOBER 21, 1951

DATE: October 23, 1951

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PURPOSE:

This memorandum is in response to the Director's inquiry in connection with the Winchell broadcast of October 21, 1951, as to what distribution we have made of the information outside of the Bureau regarding Gus Hall's changed appearance and the fact Amy Tiesler was with him when arrested in Mexico City.

DETAILS:

The Bureau distributed no information concerning Hall's changed appearance or the identities of the individuals with Hall when arrested in Mexico City to anyone outside the Bureau. As a matter of fact we have furnished no information to anyone outside the Bureau other than what appeared in the press release regarding his arrest and in a memorandum to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, of October 10, 1951. This memorandum to the Criminal Division merely advised that Hall had been taken into custody at Laredo, Texas, on October 10, 1951, and placed in the Federal Correctional Institution at Texarkana, Texas.

The New York Office was instructed to consult with the United States Attorney's Office to ascertain whether additional sentence could be given Hall for his failure to surrender on July 2, 1951, to start serving his sentence. In view of that, I spoke to ASAC Whelan in New York today concerning this matter and asked him specifically whether the United States Attorney's Office in New York had been furnished with the identity of the four persons, including Amy Tiesler, who were with Hall in Mexico City. He said this information had not been furnished to the United States Attorney. I inquired whether Hall's altered appearance had been discussed with the United States Attorney. Mr. Whelan said that this question had come up inasmuch as the United States Attorney was interested in any disguise on the part of Hall as a part of contempt proceedings now contemplated; however, the details of the altered appearance of Hall have not yet been furnished to the United States Attorney, according to Mr. Whelan. Mr. Whelan further

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added that the New York Office is receiving telephone calls concerning the matters mentioned by Winchell and he advised that the police officials on Long Island had immediately identified the woman referred to by Winchell as Amy Sidney Tiesler. According to Mr. Whelan, this identification by the police officials was immediately brought to the attention of the New York Office.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is observed that the leakage of this information may have a very deleterious effect on our contemplated action under the harboring statutes. The Long Island police were able to identify Amy Tiesler through this disclosure on Winchell's broadcast and certainly Tiesler, if she received information that her name had been mentioned on this broadcast, would know to whom Winchell was referring and foresee that she might be prosecuted for harboring. Likewise, it might make the other individuals who were with Hall when arrested feel that they too would be prosecuted for harboring and would make their location more difficult.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as we did not disseminate this information to anyone outside the Bureau and the disclosure of this and other information might be prejudicial to our harboring prosecutions, it is suggested that Mr. Winchell be contacted to determine the source of his information.

ACTION:

If you approve, New York will be instructed to contact Walter Winchell and ascertain the source of his information.

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2 I agree. W.W. would not disclose it but such a leak is serious & certainly has done irreparable harm.

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October 23, 1951

D. M. Ladd

A. H. Belmont

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You will recall that Walter Winchell in his Sunday night broadcast (October 21, 1951) referred to the fact that Mexican authorities had identified the woman passenger in Gus Hall's automobile as a "Red from Long Island whose first name is Amy." Walter Winchell also stated that prison authorities were shocked by the altered appearance of Gus Hall.

ASAC Whalen of the New York Office called today referring to the Winchell broadcast and stated that the New York Office has been receiving telephone calls concerning the matters mentioned by Winchell. Whalen informed that police officials on Long Island had immediately identified the woman referred to by Winchell as Amy Sidney Tiesler, the Secretary of the Nassau-Suffolk County Communist Party. According to Whalen, this identification by the Police officials was immediately brought to the attention of the New York Office. Whalen stated they are answering all inquiries concerning these matters with a no comment.

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ACTION:

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I Spoke to Mr. Whelan concerning this and asked him specifically whether the United States Attorney's office in New York had been furnished with the identity of the four persons, including Amy Tiesler, who were with Hall in Mexico City. He said this information had not been furnished to the United States Attorney. Inquired

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Whether Hall's altered appearance had been discussed with the United States Attorney. Mr. Whelan said that this question had come up, inasmuch as the United States Attorney was interested in any disguise on the part of Hall as a part of the contempt proceedings now contemplated against Hall. However, the details of the altered appearance of Hall have not yet been furnished to the United States Attorney, according to Mr. Whelan.

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TO : D. M. LADD

FROM : A. N. BELMONT *sk*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
October 21, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, October 21, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell:

New York City. The anonymous tip that the Pennsylvania Railroad Station would be bombed tonight was a false alarm up to 8:59.

Comments:

The New York Office advised that they had received no substantiation to the above tip.

Winchell:

Washington. The very next big scandal in Washington will be at the National Production Authority. A Mr. S. will be accused any moment of taking graft from at least one hotel owner in Miami Beach -- a \$25 grand bundle.

Comments:

Bufiles failed to indicate the receipt of any information regarding the above matter.

ASAC Fletcher advised the WFO had received no report regarding such an incident.

SAC Robert Wall, Miami, advised that owner of several hotels had recently acquired Hotel and supposedly has received Government sanction to add 250/rooms. Wall advised he would make inquiries and keep the Bureau posted with regard to this matter. It is not known whether is in anyway connected with the incident.

Winchell:

John Edgar Hoover. Another big shot underworld leader in Greater New York is scheduled for execution -- last initial A.

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Comment:

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Winchell:

Leavenworth Prison. Prison officials were shocked when Gus Hall, the top Communist fugitive, was brought in by the FBI. Hall's physical appearance was completely changed -- No mustache, died hair, and a facial operation.

Comment:

As you know, at the time of Hall's arrest, he had removed his mustache and died his hair and had had a wart removed from the side of his neck.

Winchell:

Mexico City. Mexican authorities have identified one of the women in the Gus Hall getaway car -- a leading Long Island Red -- first name Amy.

Comment:

As you know, Amy Sidney Tisler, Secretary, Nassau-Suffolk County Communist Party, was with Hall when arrested and has long been a member of the Communist Party. She is being considered along with other persons for prosecution for harboring.

Winchell:

Oalo. The infamous Polish steership which carried spies, the MS Batory, has changed her dirty name and is now the SS Cominform, a word originated by the Communists. She will sail the Baltic Far East run.

Just what distortions have we made of this information outside of the Bureau? We should try to find the leaks. H.

Comment:

As you know, Soviet Agent Hans ~~Risler~~ escaped on the MS Batory in New York City. The SS Cominform, according to information furnished the Bureau, is now sailing between Poland, England, and India.

Winchell:

Washington. The internal revenue investigations are centering around a New York lawyer. His initials are J. H.

Comment:

None. The above is for your information.

Winchell:

Mr. and Mrs. United States. Josephine ~~Baker~~, a negro star, complained to authorities this week that she was discriminated against at the Stork Club last Tuesday night and that she had been told that Walter Winchell was in the place at the time. He was not in the Stork Club at the time of the alleged disturbance I am appalled at the agony and embarrassment caused Josephine Baker and her friends at the Stork Club, but I am equally appalled at their efforts to involve me in an incident in which I had no part.

Comment:

Washington newspapers for Sunday, October 21, 1951, reported the police had searched all eight stories of the Stork Club, based on an anonymous tip that it would be blown up because it had refused to admit negroes. No investigation regarding this matter is being conducted by the Bureau.

Winchell:

Washington Post. The search for McLean and Burgess, the missing British Communist atomic spies is considered a farce in high intelligence circles. The two Red Agents are

in Russia. They took the Paris plane to Stockholm where they got aboard a Stockholm Airline to Helsinki at the last moment, and were flown to the Soviet Fortress of Portala (?).

Comments:

No information has been received by the Bureau as to McLean's and Burgess's whereabouts since their disappearance on May 25, 1951. They were reported to have taken a ferry to St. Malo, France, where they obtained a taxi to Rennes, France. There has been no verified trace since that time.

Winchell:

Seattle Post. Communists on the West Coast are plotting to picket General MacArthur, when he visits Seattle.

Comment:

Informants have reported that the Civil Rights Congress is planning to picket General MacArthur when he visits Seattle. The CRC has been cited as a Communist organization by the AG.

(Day Letter - 10-19-51)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *RW*
 FROM : O. J. KEEP *OK*
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
 October 21, 1951

DATE: October 22, 1951

SAC Wall of the Miami Division advised that that office had been informed that on his Sunday broadcast of October 21, 1951, Walter Winchell had stated that a Miami hotel man had given \$25,000 to an OPS employee, whose name started with the letter "S".

Wall stated that on the basis of this information there did not appear to be sufficient justification for instituting any active investigation in the Miami Office at this time and requested the Bureau's advice in this matter.

ACTION

He was informed that no active investigation should be instituted at this time pending further instructions from the Bureau and that if inquiry was desired in Miami he would be so instructed.

It is suggested that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Chappellear on the Bribery Desk in order that consideration may be given to securing more complete details from Walter Winchell prior to the institution of any investigation in this matter.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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DATE: October 29, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, October 28, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

Winchell:

New York City: The Port of New York will not be opened by the strikers as claimed by Joe Ryan, their President, - - only war cargo to Korea.

Comment:

As you know the Maritime strike by members of Ryans union is a "wild cat strike" started because of dissatisfaction with a contract which was agreed to by Ryan. The Bureau has received no information indicating that strikers will or will not return, but Ryan does not appear to be able to control his members. The New York Office in a teletype 10-28-51 advised that there is no indication of any organized CP influence in the strike.

Diary

Winchell:

Washington: The next arrest of top Communist leaders will be in Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Charleston.

Comment:

As you know, at present all plans to arrest additional leaders are being held in abeyance. The Department has not authorized additional prosecution; however, the Department feels that any additional prosecutions should be limited to industrial areas. Philadelphia is included in the proposed group, but no plans have been made regarding Brooklyn or Charleston.

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Winchell:

Mexico City: The Communist Party has ordered a series of rolling strikes across South America. The target

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actions are Cuba, Guatemala, Chile and Brazil.

Comment:

No information regarding such an order has been received by the Bureau. There have been a series of strikes in all of the countries mentioned. According to information in our files the Communists have control over only one or two unions in Cuba. In Guatemala a number of union leaders are pro-Communist.

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Winchell:

Washington: U. S. Senate Internal Security Investigators served subpoenas on thirty persons connected with radio and television in New York City.

Comment:

The McCarran Committee has been holding hearings on Communist Party influence in the radio - television industry. The principal witness has been [REDACTED]

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
November 4, 1951

DATE: November 5, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, November 4, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau

WINCHELL:

Washington: The FBI has another big one almost ready. 65 top U.S. Reds in a nationwide trap will be locked up in a few days.

COMMENT:

As you know, all present plans to arrest additional leaders are being held in abeyance. The Department has not authorized additional prosecution, and the Department feels that any additional prosecutions should be limited to industrial areas.

WINCHELL:

Puerto Rico: A roundup of leading Communists will be the next big news from here. Top Washington men are on their way to San Juan to supervise the trap.

COMMENT:

Your attention is invited to the comment on the preceding item, which is also applicable here.

WINCHELL:

New York City: The nation's six leading bookmakers, paid a \$100,000 retainer to a Washington lawyer this week to combat the new federal tax against bookmakers.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

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WINCHELL:

Shanghai: The Chinese Red Army has put two regiments of chemical warfare in the field. This means that if we attack with atomic field weapons, the Chinese Reds will retaliate with gas.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Rome: The very highest diplomatic circles insist that Moscow is going to give his Holiness a great surprise--an offer to send a Russian ambassador to the Vatican.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

U. S. Senator Joe McCarthy will be the target in a new nationwide attack--a leading figure will be one of the most respected federal judges.

COMMENT:

This is for your information. The Bureau has as yet received no information concerning any such attack.

WINCHELL:

The Miami Herald: This may be one of those rumors, but you never can tell--that the President plans leaving the United States in the near future to help settle the situation at Suez. Probably take off from Key West.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

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

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
NOVEMBER 11, 1951

DATE: November 12, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, November 11, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

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Washington: ~~Phillip Murray's~~ successor is not Walter Reuther, as widely believed. It will be ~~Allan Hayward~~, Murray's man Friday.

COMMENT:

G.I.R.-5

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Karachi: The Pakistan FBI reports that the Red agent who assassinated ~~Premier Jinnah~~ was slain by Red intelligence men to keep him from talking.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The ~~Seattle Post~~ ^{*Douglas*}: Red agitators, the Communists, will picket General ~~MacArthur~~ in Seattle tomorrow--near the University of Washington stadium.

COMMENT:

As you know, on two occasions during the past few weeks, Seattle has advised that the ~~Civil Rights Congress~~ planned to picket General Mac Arthur when he visits Seattle; and the ~~Labor Youth League~~ and local Communist leaders planned to exhibit placards near the University of Washington. ~~The CRC and LYL~~ have been cited by the Attorney General. (Day Letter 10-19-51)

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WINCHELL:

The Washington Post: The talk tonight is that Attorney General McGrath sent his resignation to the President before he left for Florida. The President will probably not consider it.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: November 19, 1951

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST

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November 18, 1951

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Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, November 18, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

New York City: Meyer Berger, the star reporter on the New York Times, has been called as a grand jury witness in the Murder Inc. investigation.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: Whitehousers are telling intimates that forthcoming cabinet changes will approach the size of a purge.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Ticker: The current talk-talk in Washington has Vinson going to the State Department; Acheson or McGrath to the High Court; and Clark Clifford as U. S. Attorney General.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Frank Costello's lawyer will defend his client with the same line used by Aaron Burr--that a man can't testify against himself.

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COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The National Lawyer's Guild, an outfit described as pinko or punko, is getting up another blast at G-Man Hoover and the FBI-- welcome to the club, Bub.

COMMENT:

Winchell is probably referring to the resolution passed by the National Lawyer's Guild at its national convention in Chicago during October 1951. The Bureau has received information indicating that this resolution calls upon the President to appoint a board of trustworthy citizens to investigate the practices of the FBI. You will recall that in 1950 the Guild also urged the President to take similar action against the FBI.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
November 25, 1951

DATE: November 26, 1951

Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, November 25, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

New York City: The Frank Costello Contempt trial will open in Federal Court here January 3.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Washington: Football Coach Jim Tatum of Maryland answered Judge Saul Streit's criticism of college sports. Tatum said, "there are more sized judges and juries than there ever have been college athletes."

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Washington: The King Committee Investigators have placed Attorney General McGrath under their microscope in connection with two very big tax cases--one involving a New England Race Track; the other a Rhode Island Corporation.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

JFB:bjt

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WINCHELL:

Senator McCarran will broadside the San Francisco area with an on the spot investigation of Communism.

COMMENT:

As you know, Senator McCarran publically announced his intention to hold hearings in San Francisco before he was hospitalized

WINCHELL:

Washington: Twenty-five resignations have been handed in since last September by the so called unfaithful few in the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The truth is that the few are already the many, and the scandal is the largest in our history. Through the Treasury portals since 1945 have passed 220 billion of the most beautiful money in the world--220 billion American taxpayers dollars. For the average American family, it may still be from shirt-sleeves to shirt-sleeves in three generations, but for the Kansas City Democrats it's from coat-tails to shirt-tails in one administration, and in a word--crooks.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Post: The government will not rely on documents in the up-coming trial of the second bunch of Communist leaders. The federal prosecutors will parade more than two dozen surprise witnesses.

COMMENT:

Your attention is invited to the fact that Winchell did not specify any certain trial. As you know, the New York, Los Angeles and Baltimore trials are the only ones for which tentative trial dates have been scheduled thus far. More than twenty-four witnesses have been made available to the U. S. Attorneys for these trials.

I would like to know where he gets such stuff.
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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 3, 1951

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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DATE 9/7/84 BY 8865/...

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 2, 1951

Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening
December 2, 1951, included the following items of possible
interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL:

Washington: Orders have just been given to start
criminal charges against T. Lamar Caudle named in the scandals at
the Department of Justice.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information on this.

G.I.R.-6

WINCHELL:

New York City: The 17 Communist leaders will go on trial
in late January. The prosecution staff will be headed by United
States Attorney Myles Lane and his capable assistant Roy Cohen.

COMMENT:

By teletype dated 11/29/51, the New York Office advised that
the next date set for court in New York is December 12, 1951. At
that time it is expected that Judge Conger will render decisions
on motions pending which were argued on 11/8/51. No specific date
for the trial has been set, but it is believed the trial date will
be set on December 12, 1951.

WINCHELL:

Attention-the King Congressional Committee: In your investi-
gation of the Aaron Tax Case in which Caudle received a \$5,000 airplane
commission, you missed the most shocking fact of all. After the tax
evader's conviction was affirmed by the Court of Appeals, his jail
sentence was quietly thrown out the window and he was allowed to
leave prison. Oh, brother!

COMMENT:

We have no information on this. As you are aware, a summary
memorandum dated 11/5/51 was prepared setting forth information in

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our files concerning [REDACTED] The Congressional hearings have been closely followed and subsequent memoranda have been prepared from our files relating to specific instances brought out in the hearings.

WINCHELL:

Peiping: Allied X-2--that's counterintelligence--knows definitely that a Red spy ring has penetrated the British Embassy at Peiping.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Washington: More mink coats showed up this week in the investigations--and in politics whenever there's mink there's skunk. The Internal Revenue scandals are bad enough, but when Republican investigators now in Europe open up on the war surplus stink you won't have enough fingers to hold your nose. These Republican investigators will amaze the world by revealing how much money can be made with a few letters from the White House and certain people at the U. S. Senate. It is too bad that we had so much surplus property and now have absolutely no surplus boys.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

To the Editors of the Detroit Times: The Civil Rights Congress is using great pressure on Senator Ferguson of Michigan to amend or repeal the McCarran Security Act. This is to remind you all out there in Michigan that the Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Justice Department as subversive.

COMMENT:

The Detroit Office, by recent teletypes, have advised that a CRC delegation visited Senator Ferguson. He advised them he was not in favor of repealing the McCarran Act but would consider some changes in it. Detroit also advised that the CRC has attempted to contract Senator Blair Moody of Michigan, but as yet have been unable to make an appointment.

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WINCHELL:

To the Editors of the Washington Post: The Senate Judiciary Committee has another big bombshell upcoming. Great evidence about the Office of Alien Property Custodian. The Government will charge that one million dollars in fees were paid to a pair of political favorites in two big deals. The companies allegedly being ~~General Aniline~~ and ~~North American Rayon~~.

COMMENT:

In the Washington Post of October 16, 1951, the column "Matter of Fact" by Joseph Alsop, related data concerning firms, vested and operated by Alien Property Custodian Leo T. Crowley, wherein the management installed by the Custodian was indicated to be on a "grave train." The column stated that through the association of Crowley and Victor Emmanuel, who was termed a "political fancier," Louis A. Johnson, former Secretary of Defense, was made President of General Dyestuffs at a salary of \$50,000 per year for the period 1942-1947. On the latter date, Johnson was removed from such position, and Jack Frye was installed as President of both General Aniline and General Dyestuffs, for which position he is now drawing \$97,000 per year. At that time, Johnson's law firm of Steptoe and Johnson was appointed general counsel for these two companies from which fees have averaged over \$80,000 per year for the past three years. It was also stated there were other curious cases in OAP which were not identified.

It is believed possible that the intimated Senate case may refer to the above-mentioned circumstances.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 10, 1951

FROM : A. H. Belmont

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 9, 1951

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/7/84 BY SP8/BJE/vjg

Walter Winchell, in his broadcast on Sunday evening, December 9, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

New York City: The decision in Federal Court on the motions of the top reds is expected by Wednesday next. They want them thrown out. The reds will lose.

COMMENT:

By teletype dated November 29, 1951, the New York Office advised that the next date set for court in New York is December 12, 1951 (Wednesday). At that time it is expected that Judge Conger will render decisions on motions pending which were argued on November 8, 1951.

WINCHELL:

Brooklyn: The Grand Jury investigating the death of gangster Abe Reles and the police gangland will render their opinion any day. It will be no change from the others—suicide. Very funny.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

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Washington: The scandals in the Office of Alien Property Custodian tipped by me a week ago started to break wide open this week. Now watch for another mink coat worth \$9,000. The man who gave this mink coat to the wife of another top government official—both have the same first initial—"H".

COMMENT:

What is [redacted] first name?

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington ticklers: The Number One headache for the Democratic National Committee will be the current scandals at the

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Tax Department. Insiders tell me that every State is involved. Every State in the Union is involved. The Republicans will start their "Operation Agony" in January. They will investigate the appointment of every federal judgeship in the past five years.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The President announced he would appoint two top lawyers who will work with John Edgar Hoover and the FBI to dig up all the corruption no matter where it hits. That's what the President said. One of these top lawyers may be Robert Patterson.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Government workers have been told by their Supervisors, that they will be thoroughly probed, investigated and whatnot, if they accept any valuable Christmas gifts from anyone except members of their immediate family.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Mr. & Mrs. United States: This nation is fighting Communism in every part of the globe, but even more desperately we must fight for the respect of our children in every American school. The children cannot be fooled. They are far too honest. Diplomacy is lost on them, because they are not hypocrites. The school books tell our kids that democracy is a government of the people, but the newspaper headlines are telling them that it is a juicy racket for the few. A million American school teachers must now answer thirty million pupils. "Which is right?" And our teachers unlike our politicians cannot toss it off with "no comment." The answer, if the teachers in the whole 48 do not mind my assistance is this:

If our government weren't honest, one Washington thief couldn't make a national headline. When the free press watchdogs bring a crook to bay, it does not mean that the Republic is crumbling.

It means it is being protected. The shadows over every classroom in American today, is that the news itself is hiding the facts.

For every cheap politician who sold a Postmastership we have 10,000 honest postmen who deliver the mail. For every White House General taking care of his friends, there are 25 thousand honest Lieutenants taking care of their platoons. For every miserable Assistant Attorney General who will take a mink coat, we have a thousand honest G-men who don't even take their vacations. But we cannot change the Washington scandal into bedtime stories by telling lies to our children. The only way we can keep faith with the American flag in the classroom is to expose the men who have failed in the nation's Capitol.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 30, 1951

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
December 9, 1951

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd *sk*

DATE: December 17, 1951

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
DECEMBER 16, 1951

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 9/10/84 BY SP6 BJA/MS/STP

Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, December 16, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau.

WINCHELL:

Elizabeth, N.J.: The death toll in that Miami-bound plane was 56 not 53. That makes it the second worst plane crash in the United States.

New York: No passenger list is ready yet on the crash. The only name we have at this time is the pilot--Captain Alvin C. Lyons of Miami.

COMMENT:

The Newark Office advised that plane belonged to an independent airlines--namely the Miami Airlines Inc. The plane a two engine C-46 left Newark airport at 3:05 P.M. and crashed five minutes later in Elizabeth River, in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue and Golden Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. The plane struck one or more homes or buildings. A man, occupant of one of these buildings was reported injured. According to present information there were 47 adults, two children, two infants and five crew members on board, and all were killed. Identities of dead are not known. Newark Office is maintaining liaison with investigating groups through Chief Lombardi of Elizabeth, New Jersey Police Department. No evidence of sabotage developed thus far. A Civil Aeronautics Board spokesman indicated to press that records of plane will be checked to determine if plane was overloaded.

WINCHELL:

New York City: Gus Hall, the Communist leader who jumped bail and escaped to Mexico can expect a Christmas present from the Federal Judge; an extra term in jail.

COMMENT:

Hall is presently in the House of Detention in New York City, awaiting Judge's decision on motion to hold Hall in contempt of court for failure to appear on July 2, 1951, to start his jail term. Decision on motion will probably be made this week.

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WINCHELL:

Washington: The King Committee investigating tax fraud has decided to turn its biggest guns on big shot Republicans.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Another big headache is coming up in the Washington scandals. It will be the investigation of war plant sales in '46 and '47. The opening gun will be fired by the Alien Property probers at a famous German cologne plant.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Two New York Federal Judges will soon be asked to explain to Congress how they got on the Federal Bench.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

A reporter's report to the people:

Washington: The irony of the week ladies and gentlemen is in the White House request for Judge Tom Murphy, the prosecutor of Alger Hiss, to lead the movement to clean out corruption. Judge Tom Murphy was at first turned down for the Bench because he proved that the President's "red herring" was actually a whale. If Judge Murphy will pardon my suggestion, among the first things to investigate are Mr. Truman's pardons.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

The Washington Post: The cousin of Alger Hiss has been visiting Hiss regularly in prison. Why was he refused the last two times? Good tip for a good story!

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2 w's might be try & find out what this is

COMMENT:

The Philadelphia Office by letter dated November 14, 1951, advised that contact had been made with the Warden of the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to ascertain the names of persons who visited or had attempted to visit Hiss. This letter failed to indicate that anyone identified as a "cousin" had either visited or been denied permission to visit Hiss.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 29, 1951

FROM : L. B. Nichols

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 9/11/84 BY 8019 jhe/lwb/tms
(9/10/84 SP8 BTJ/GCL (#221,587))

SUBJECT:

SAC Cornelius telephonically advised Mr. McGuire at 4:30 this afternoon that approximately one hour ago there came to the Philadelphia Office [redacted]

[redacted] of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, accompanied by [redacted]

Incidental to the main purpose of their visit, both [redacted] and [redacted] stated that they had just recently talked to [redacted] who stated to them that two or three days ago the New York Post offered him a sum of money to write an expose on Walter Winchell. [redacted] mentioned that many years ago [redacted]

Walter Winchell and was intimately acquainted with his early background and development. The story series is designed to expose Winchell's private life, his abilities and lack thereof as a bonafide newspaperman, and to point out what a charlatan and fake Winchell is. The article is also supposed to expose Winchell's father [redacted] pointing out that Winchell's father is known to have [redacted] and that Winchell's son, now attending a private school, the Solebury School, [redacted]

[redacted] told [redacted] and [redacted] that he had refused to write the story but mentioned that he would be glad to edit the pieces for \$1,500 to \$2,000, [redacted] and [redacted] understood from [redacted] that the New York Post planned to publish this series in about two weeks and would run the stories in conjunction with a scandal sheet entitled "Expose," which has just recently come out in the New York area.

The Philadelphia Office advised that [redacted] is friendly to the Bureau; that on May 27, 1950, he wrote the Director and was most complimentary to the Director, furnishing some information, and the Bureau replied to him on June 1, 1950, requesting that an experienced Agent interview [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted]

cc: Mr. Ladd

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This is a new low in [redacted] smear.

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SAC Cornelius also advised that an Agent of the Philadelphia Office had been in touch with [REDACTED] this past week, at which time [REDACTED] casually mentioned that he had been approached by the New York Post to do a series of articles but that the money offered was not sufficient and he would not do it. Since this was so non-specific the information was not significant to the Philadelphia Office until tied in today with the information furnished by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Cornelius states that [REDACTED] is considered reliable; however [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are not considered to be very reliable.

You recall that we recently obtained a copy of the magazine Expose, which ran very derogatory data on Walter Winchell and which also made references to the Director's having dinner with Winchell at the Stork Club, together with references to a photograph being taken of the Director at the Stork Club together with a former impersonator named Riley. You recall that we submitted a memorandum on this, pointing out that we had no information in the Bureau's Identification Division files or in the Bureau's indices on the Riley in question and that the Director had observed that no such photograph had ever been taken to his knowledge.

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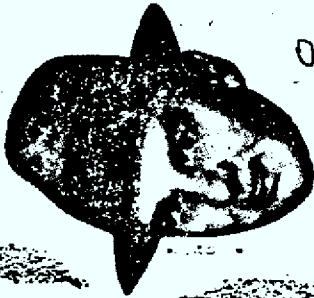
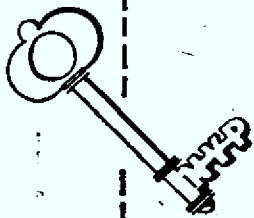
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Things you never knew till now about W. W.

Read them **BEGINNING MONDAY**

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was, "I in a day's work."

Carlsen still was reported in "good health and good spirits." Cheering messages from his wife and two daughters and from the Ibsenhusen Co., New York owners of the ship, were relayed to him by radio.

In Copenhagen, his Danish parents expressed their admiration. "We believe he will succeed because he has always been a clever seaman," said Mrs. Carlsen. His mother said he joined his first ship when he was 15—22 years ago—and qualified as a navigating officer in 1886.

"It's just like him to stay aboard an abandoned ship in mid-Atlantic," his mother said. He is stubborn and never gives up until the very last moment."

Shipper Always a Hero, Man He Saved Recalls

Roselle, N. J., Jan. 3 (AP).—Capt. Carlsen has been a hero for several years to a seaman here.

"He saved my life," says Karl Gilman of Roselle.

Gilman was a third assistant engineer under Carlsen's command in 1947. On one trip, he said, he received a dozen knife wounds from a crewman and lay near death on the ship.

Arteries in each arm were severed, he said, and there was a deep gash near the jugular vein, and other lesser slashes.

Operated Under Flashlight

In a four-hour operation, with flashlights as the only source of illumination, Carlsen first stopped the flow of blood by applying tourniquets. Then he proceeded with the delicate job of sewing the arteries together with a curved needle and surgical thread.

"The measure of a captain's worth is the way he works in an emergency," Gilman said. "Carlsen was superb."

After the long operation, which was performed with no anesthesia and in which Gilman received 57 stitches, Carlsen then questioned each of the 47 persons aboard until one finally confessed to the stabbing. The crewman received a six-month prison term. Carlsen's comment at that time was, "I did the best I could. It was all in a day's work."



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"It will be a massive job, a thankless job. It means first getting about 12 men aboard to handle the ropes."

Those from the tug's 27-man crew picked to board the Flying Enterprise will need the qualities of human flies to stick to a deck tilted 60 degrees of horizontal and pitching like a ship.

Parlier had little idea when he could bring the ship in. If he succeeds in getting tow ropes fastened.

He could make Palmyra in three or four days if the sea calms. But weather forecasters could see nothing ahead but storm, and Parlier said it was anybody's guess when he could get home.

Food Line Breaks

The difficulties of getting a line aboard were demonstrated last night by the Weeks. Twice she tried, but both times the small line broke, stopping the Weeks' effort to put food aboard for Carlsen.

When his ship left Hamburg it was well supplied to care for 10 passengers and a crew of 40. But damage to the ship probably prevented Carlsen from reaching the supplies.

The passengers and other crewmen were taken off Friday and Saturday. Carlsen, shipboard by courageous, refused to leave.

The worst hurricane in the North Atlantic in 50 years caught him Christmas week. On Christmas day the ship cracked. Carlsen ordered all aboard to leave as soon as rescue vessels could reach the Flying Enterprise.

Checked by Family

Carlsen still was reported in good health and good spirits. Checking messages from his wife and two daughters and from the Coast Guard, he was found to be in good health.

In Copenhagen, his Swedish parents expressed their admiration. "We believe he will succeed because he has always been a clever seaman," said Mrs. Carlsen. His mother said she joined his first ship when he was 15—22 years ago—and qualified as a leading officer in 1836.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 31, 1951

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
DECEMBER 30, 1951

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Walter Winchell in his broadcast on Sunday evening, December 30, 1951, included the following items of possible interest to the Bureau;

WINCHELL:

New York City: The bulldog editions of newspapers in New York City and elsewhere are headlining a big very false rumor that the missing C-46 wreckage has been found. This is unfounded.

Pittsburgh: The rumor that the C-46 with 39 aboard has been found is positively without foundation at this time. The non-scheduled plane has been missing nearly 19 hours. It left Miami for Buffalo last night at 10 P.M. with only 3 people aboard - 28 got on at Pittsburgh.

Bulletin: The search by air of the missing plane has been called off for the night because of the fog and the mist. Hundreds of Pennsylvania State Police and others in cars and jeeps are continuing the search with flashlights.

Bulletin: Continental Charters Inc. of Miami is the owner of the missing plane with 39 feared lost. They have not yet released the passenger list.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Federal Courthouse - Foley Square: Judge Sylvester Ryan has been assigned to preside at the contempt trial of Frank Costello. The case will begin the second week in January.

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None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

New York City: Commander Robert Morris, chief counsel for the Senate Security Committee eloped up-State last Thursday. The bride, I hear, is on the staff of the New York Times.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Miami: The pilots of the missing C-46 with 39 feared lost are named C. J. Weber and Vic Harris, both of Miami. Both are veteran fliers with a total of 20,000 hours.

COMMENT:

None. The above is for your information.

WINCHELL:

Paris: Intelligence departments in the West have discovered that the French Army has a terrific number of Commies in its ranks. The French government leaders now fear they might seize control of the army and then take over the Country.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

G-Man John Edgar Hoover is being honored right now with the annual award of the Jewish War Veterans in the Waldorf Astoria in New York.

COMMENT:

None. This is for your information.

WINCHELL:

It is, Florida. The dynamiters who killed Harry G. Moore, a Negro leader in Florida have injured our country as much as if they threw their bombs at the Nation's Capital. Repercussions of the cowardly explosion were heard around the world. Radio Moscow is charging the crime to the United States and not to the unknown dynamiters. The crime, ladies and gentlemen, is murder and the spotlight is now on the men in Tallahassee who must show the rest of the nation that nobody in Florida can get away with it. If, however, Florida cannot protect its citizens, Washington must. The only place for rape and color prejudice is in the diseased mind of the criminal and they could be purified in any electric chair.

COMMENT:

As you are aware the Bureau is actively investigating the killing of Harry G. Moore, a leader of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People in Florida. You are being kept advised of the results of the investigation.

WINCHELL:

Washington: A few months ago I revealed the name of a person now leading the Communist Party in Harlem, New York, the focal point of the American Reds to win over the Harlems from coast to coast. This man's name is William L. Patterson of the West Indies, one of the pets of the Civil Rights Congress which was cited as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General. Anyway, ladies and gentlemen, this is to make you feel good. Communist leader Patterson, now in France, has been given a swift kick in the seat by the Department of State. They have taken away his passport. When the State Department was asked for a reason a spokesman said, "In the best interest of the United States." Good riddance!

COMMENT:

Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress is now in Paris, France. He intends to stay in Paris for the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in order to press charges in the United Nations of genocide (mass murder) of negroes in the United States.

The Bureau has received information that the Department of State had instructed the American Embassy at Paris by teletype dated 12-14-51 to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Washington City News Service of December 26, 1951, carried a news story that Patterson announced that the Embassy at Paris attempted to seize his passport. [REDACTED]

Patterson has also been charged with Contempt of Congress. This case in Washington, D. C. has been continued to January 28, 1952.

WINCHELL:

Miami Herald: There may be a big break in the Miami bombings. One man who fears that he will be blamed with all of them is trying right now to arrange a deal.

COMMENT:

As you are aware the Bureau is actively investigating the Miami bombings, and you are being kept advised of the results of the investigation.

ADDENDUM 12-31-51, EHW:rsn

The Miami Division was contacted and, while they cannot positively state the identity of the person Winchell has in mind, it is possible that the person is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] His name was referred to the Miami Division by [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had come to him and said [REDACTED] could probably join the Klan and find out something

about the bombings. He said he wanted some protection in the event his membership in the Klan became known. We have been interested in [redacted] who has given us information of a general nature which [redacted] picked up [redacted] relative to former members of the Klan, including former law enforcement officers. His knowledge is supposed to extend [redacted] and obtained through [redacted] and connections. He also supplied information about bombings of a gangland nature which occurred [redacted] and which cannot be said to be attributable to the Klan.

[redacted] thought he might be able to join the Klan and wanted protection. He was advised that the Bureau could not offer protection to him but that we will call to the attention of the proper authorities his cooperation. The Miami Division is keeping in contact with him because he also has other underworld contacts.

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The Miami Division does not know if [redacted] who referred [redacted] has talked to the press or the news services about this matter. It is entirely possible, however, that sometime in the past it was suggested [redacted] members of the Klan who were in law enforcement that it would be prolifically wise for [redacted] to be a member of the Klan. This is only speculation, but it is based on the allegations that law enforcement officers have in the past been members of the Klan in Miami, and also because [redacted] needs protection or the cooperation of local law enforcement.

Another outside possibility is [redacted] is a member of the Klan, according to our information, and he has been interviewed as a possible suspect and the Miami Division has been endeavoring to develop him also as a possible informant. At this time, however, the situation is that Miami feels that [redacted] may not be telling all the truth, so they are continuing to work on him on a confidential basis. Some time ago, [redacted] who has worked for [redacted] supplied his name as a Klan member. Miami further advises that discreetly and indirectly the Miami Crime Commission has been trying to develop [redacted] but he has not cooperated with them at all. Miami Crime Commission on the other hand, is closely allied with newspaper interests in the Miami area, and it is possible that the Commission has learned in some unknown manner that we have been talking to [redacted]