

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Winchell Said:

"Washington Post: The House Committee on Un-American Activities will step up its probe of The Fund for the Republic. Investigators are now busy on the case in New York City and on the West Coast."

Comments:

The Bureau is cognizant of the interest of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in The Fund for the Republic. We have been following the matter and taking appropriate action where indicated.

Winchell Said:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States: The significance of the talks between the President and the Prime Minister is not in the newspaper headlines. It is in the files at United States Intelligence. The fact is that the most deadly pattern in all history is repeating itself. The meeting between Mr. Eden and President Eisenhower corresponds exactly to the visit of the British king and queen to Roosevelt in 1939. It is intended to serve notice on the Communists that the two major democracies will stand or fall together. That was the reason behind the royal visit in 1939 - to notify Mr. Hitler that Great Britain and the United States would fight. Hitler did not believe that warning and neither do the Reds in Russia. The ten Communist countries apparently do not satisfy them. They have readied another program along the lines of 'Heads, I win; tails, you lose.'"

"This is it - the Russians want and will get another war in the Middle East. As usual, not one Russian soldier will be involved. Red arms will provide the margin of victory in such a war. It also means the West will be deprived of all the oil fields in the area involved. Best of all from the Communist viewpoint, the United States will be engaged in a national election. To Americans an election means a privilege, but in power politics it means paralysis until it is settled. During our campaign Communists will unleash a violent anti-Semitic campaign. In simple words it is the same old totalitarian swastika masquerading as the hammer and sickle. The President has served notice we will not stand by idly, because a Red Army straddling the Middle East is only a way station on the road to its final objective - 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C."

Comments:

For your information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

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DATE: February 20, 1956

FROM : A. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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WINCHELL SAID:Nikita S.

"Moscow: Khrushchev's seven-hour speech reveals how much personal power he has gained in only three years. U.S. Intelligence believes his next victims will be Malenkov and Molotov, once his very close friends."

Georgi M. Vlasov, Lav Mikha. LovinCOMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington: Ladies and gentlemen, the following news did not receive the circulation it deserved. The other day a former Russian lieutenant colonel in Red intelligence testified before a Congressional committee. He swore that 2 spy rings are currently operating in the United States - one, he said, from Russia's Washington Embassy and the other from United Nations headquarters in New York. But some politicians and some newspapers keep telling you not to worry about the Red threat to internal security!"

COMMENT:

This refers to testimony given by [redacted] Soviet defector who testified before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 2-8-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington: The U.S. Internal Security Committee will make headlines once again next Thursday. The star witness will be a former chief of Russian intelligence."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The Communist Party has a new gimmick to fight the Smith Act, which has failed so many of their leaders. All comrades must now sign a statement that they never advocated overthrow of this Government. If a signer later testifies for the Government in Smith Act cases, the Communist Party will use the signed statement to refute his testimony."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is cognizant of this tactic by the Communist Party. The matter has been discussed with the Department and SAC Letter was sent to the Field in November, 1955, instructing that current informants scheduled to testify at security trials or hearings should make such oral admission or signed statement, if requested to do so by the Party, up to the time the trial or hearing begins, but after such time they should refuse. If an informant makes an oral or signed statement, he should immediately submit a report to the Field Office, setting out complete details and should state the admission was made or statement signed, not because it was true, but solely to protect the informant's status.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Editor and publishers: The jobs of some Daily Worker department chiefs will be chopped on orders of the Communist Party top command over here."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington: U.S. Immigration agents are investigating the Communist background of a very important labor leader in New York -- American Federation of Labor, by the way. His citizenship may be revoked."

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COMMENT:

Based on limited identifying data as set forth above, inquiry of appropriate supervisors at the Bureau and at New York has not resulted in identification of the individual to whom Winchell referred.

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TO : Mr. E. V. Boardman

DATE: February 13, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
FEBRUARY 12, 1956

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## WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Post: The U.S. Internal Security Committee has subpoenaed a large group of Americans working for Tass News. This agency feeds news to Russia. They appear this week in executive session. One is an American-born girl from Washington, D. C."

## COMMENT:

We were informed previously of intention of Senate Internal Security Subcommittee to subpoena a number of U. S. citizens who have been employed by Tass. The American-born girl from Washington, D. C., apparently is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when Tass dispensed with services of American employees. Following her release, we considered interviewing [REDACTED] but decided not to do so. At that time we knew Senate Subcommittee was interested in interviewing her. On 2/6/56, we received information to the effect [REDACTED] has been subpoenaed.

## WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Daily Mirror: Harvey Matusow - he worked both sides of the fence - goes to trial in Federal Court, New York, on the 20th."

## COMMENT:

Matusow's trial on perjury indictment in Southern District of New York is scheduled for 2/20/56, but the U.S. Attorney expects it will actually go to trial within one or two weeks after that date.

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cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Bland  
Mr. Beach  
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WINCHELL SAID:

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"New York City: A political scandal, ladies and gentlemen, that received puny attention in the New York papers was the Paul Hughes case. Hughes was acquitted of perjury. The New York World Telegram-Sun was one of the very few newspapers to feature the verdict on the editorial page as well as its opinion. The following slap in the face is from that exciting editorial: 'Regardless of the verdict, the Hughes case uncovered for the public a shabby plot to smear Senator Joseph McCarthy. Whether one likes Senator McCarthy or not, the effort to use bogus, derogatory information against him merits only contempt. Another sequel to the Hughes trial must be the flushed faces in the ADA' (that's the Americans for Democratic Action) which, says the World Telegram-Sun editorial, 'has made so much righteous to-do about the use of paid informers.'"

COMMENT:

For your information. Hughes was acquitted on 2/3/56 of perjury. He had been charged with lying to a grand jury investigating Harvey Matusow.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Broadway: And the fact that America's best known blonde moving picture star is now the darling of the left-wing intelligentsia, several of whom are listed as red frontiers. I do not think she realizes it."

COMMENT:

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Cal.  
This possibly refers to Marilyn Monroe. A recent news article concerning the divorce action between Arthur Asher Miller, prominent author, and his wife, reflected it was rumored Marilyn Monroe was linked romantically with Miller. On interview by newsmen both of them admitted friendship but denied any romantic ties. Miller is the author of "Death of a Salesman".

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[REDACTED]  
We have not conducted security investigation concerning Marilyn Monroe.



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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington: Two very prominent musical comedy authors on Broadway, formerly married to each other, have been positively identified as Communist Party members in secret testimony. They will be subpoenaed by a Congressional committee next Tuesday."

COMMENT:

On the basis of limited identifying data, check at Seat of Government and at New York Office has failed to identify individuals referred to above. Discreet inquiries are continuing in effort to identify these individuals. At this time we have no knowledge of committee hearings scheduled for Tuesday to interrogate such individuals.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
FEBRUARY 26, 1956WINCHELL SAID:

"Assistant U. S. Attorney General Stanley Barnes will resign. He is expected to receive a judgeship on the Federal Bench."

COMMENT:

For your information. Mr. Barnes is head of the Anti-Trust Division.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Buenos Aires: Russian submarines are reported cruising along the coast of Argentina for the second time in recent weeks."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Havana: President Batista has ordered the Cuban Army on 24-hour alert. A long-time quarrel with President Trujillo may explode next week. Washington fears the Dominican Republic will attack Cuba."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Young Democrats in upstate New York probably do not know it, but they have elected certain officers who are members of the Communist Party."

cc: Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Bland  
Mr. Branigan  
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Buffalo airtel 2-17-56 advised an article in "Buffalo Courier-Express" 2-15-56 revealed that among officers elected the preceding night to posts in Young Democrats of Western New York were the following: Active Mrs. Shirley Cohen, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Dorothy Bader, Chairman of Membership Committee; and Mrs. Irma Gaffe, Chairman of Financial Committee.  
*in Young Democrats Article 2-17-56*

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington: The Senate Internal Security Committee will star another melodramatic witness on next Tuesday. This man enjoys a grant from a leading American foundation. He will admit on the witness stand that he came here as an agent for the Russian Secret Police."

COMMENT:

This possibly refers to

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Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 5, 1956

Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
March 4, 1956

WINCHELL SAID:

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"The Socialist Workers Party, listed as subversive by the U. S. Attorney General, has assigned its most important figure to Montgomery, Alabama, to keep the racial conflict there raging."

COMMENT:

Winchell appears to be referring to

Mobile has been instructed to follow and promptly report on all pertinent activities of

WINCHELL SAID:

"La Paz. The next Latin-American nation threatened with a revolution is Bolivia. That country's miners are leading the rebellion."

COMMENT:

The Bolivian Government is known to be one of the least stable in Latin-America, and has been on the point of collapse on several occasions in the last two years. However, we have received no information concerning an imminent revolution there.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Tokyo. Japan will soon issue a bombshell statement advocating open trade with Red China. This means another Far East defeat for us."

- cc - Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Bland
- Mr. Brantigan
- Mr. Torricelli
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Albany. Two leading New York State officials are quietly being investigated regarding a big banking deal."

COMMENT:

Substantive supervisor on the Federal Reserve Act desk advised that the Bureau has not received any information identifying such State officials or that any violation within Bureau jurisdiction is involved.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Senate hearings this week will feature more Red skullduggery. Secret papers found in a foot locker exposing recent Red-Chinese propaganda."

COMMENT:

This apparently refers to William Howard Hinton (105-24012). Recent publicity in local newspapers in Albany and Boston indicate Hinton is to testify this week before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Publicity indicates his testimony will pertain to documents found in a foot locker seized by Bureau of Customs in 1953 when Hinton entered U. S. through Canada. The documents were made available to the Senate Subcommittee and Bureau.

Since his return to the U. S. he has made speeches and is currently preparing a book entitled "Iron Oxen" in which he has indicated pro-Chinese Communist attitude. Hinton previously testified before this same Subcommittee in 1954.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Rome. President Gronchi of Italy has changed his leftist learnings amazingly while visiting the U. S. Rome is skeptical. So is Washington. Very."

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WINCHELL SAID:

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"New York City, Thurgood Marshall, the general counsel for the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), will not be in the Alabama fight for (Aurtherine) Lucy this week. He was stricken with a virus."

COMMENT:

Aurtherine Lucy is the colored girl who enrolled in the University of Alabama, which subsequently caused riots on the campus. She was later expelled because of allegedly false charges made by her in Federal Court against University of Alabama officials. No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau in this matter. However, local developments have been followed.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The North Pole. Russia knows more about our forces in the Arctic than you do. The Moscow radio calls our personnel in that area by name and rank every day. They tauntingly tell them exactly what they have been doing."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"A member of a very prominent family in Venezuela claims New York agents for that country's dictator have threatened his life. He is in exile living in Manhattan. He has appealed to the FBI for protection."

COMMENT:

This probably refers to Mariano Arce, prominent member of Venezuelan opposition party, Union Republicana Democratica, who is presently residing in New York City.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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"John G. Broady, sentenced to Sing Sing Prison for wiretapping a few weeks ago, was suddenly released last night on a writ of reasonable doubt."

COMMENT:

The Bureau conducted a preliminary investigation concerning the New York wiretapping setup in February, 1955, and Broady was a subject. A copy of our preliminary report was furnished to the Criminal Division. The Criminal Division advised that the Bureau should conduct no further investigation since Frank Hogan, District Attorney, New York, was prosecuting Broady under the New York State wiretapping laws. Broady was sentenced to a term of from two to four years on 1/13/56 in New York State Court and the Criminal Division was so advised. Pursuant to Bureau instructions, New York is verifying this information today. The Bureau is to be promptly advised by New York and we will advise the Criminal Division.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Agents for the Treasury are making a full-scale investigation to learn the names of U. S. Customs guards who allegedly attended closed Communist Party meetings in Greenwich Village."

COMMENT:

The "New York Daily News" for 2/23/56 reflected that John J. Huber would testify on 2/27/56 before the Citizens Waterfront Committee in New York City regarding Communist infiltration on the water front. One item mentioned in his proposed testimony was that he had seen Customs guards in uniform at parties given by the Communist Party. Based on this publicity the Treasury Department is checking their files for any information relating to this situation.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Red leaders in Ohio are plotting a powerful Communist youth movement at Ohio State University. The FBI knows the entire story."

COMMENT:

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 12, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Miami, Florida. Honduras is now the headquarters for all Red Agents in Latin-America. The next move will be an attempt to take over that country--after they assassinate former President Carias and President Lozano."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no information along this line although Honduras, in recent years, has been one of the leading sanctuaries for Central American exiles. It has also become customary for rival revolutionary leaders to brand each other as Communists and this may have some significance in Winchell's statement.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Hong Kong. A terrific backstage fight is raging in the top Red Chinese command over Moscow's orders to vilify Stalin. General Mao's support Russia. The powerful Red leader Liu Shao-chi is in open mutiny."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Buenos Aires. The Argentine cabinet is wobbling to a fall."

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Mr. L. V. Boardman  
Mr. A. H. Belmont  
Mr. A. Rosen  
Mr. F. J. Baumgardner  
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The top Capitol rumor tonight--that Abba Eban, the Israeli Ambassador to the U. S., may be recalled."  
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COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Autherine A/a.  
"Washington. The Communist radio and press are having a field day with the Lucy case. The Reds, however, neglect to report the following facts. No race in the history of man has made greater progress in the last 100 years than the American Negro. The Communist Reds forget to mention that American Negroes distinguish every profession in our country from the Armed Services to medicine and that the free enterprises run by Negroes are the highest in the world at Atlanta, Georgia. The Moscow radio fails to report that in 1901 we had 103 lynchings. But according to the Department of Justice, there have been no lynchings in the last four years. The truth is, ladies and gentlemen, a secret Government report reveals that a very great number of institutions have quietly put into effect the order of the U. S. Supreme Court."

COMMENT:

The lynching figures for 1901 are not entirely correct. Our files and the World Almanac for 1956 reflect 130 lynchings for 1901--25 whites and 105 Negroes. Our files also reflect no lynchings in the last four years.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Six additional American employees for Tass, the Russian news agency, have been subpoenaed by the Senate Internal Security Committee."

COMMENT:

Mr. L. B. Nichols advised that we are aware that Mr. Robert Morris, Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, is continuing his investigations of Tass News Agency. We are reviewing testimony of each and taking appropriate action where necessary.



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WINCHELL SAID:

"G-Man John Edgar Hoover offers a cure for juvenile delinquency. Quote. Hold the parents financially responsible for criminal acts of their children. Unquote. Oh John!"

COMMENT:

This matter was generally contained in the lead letter by the Director in the March, 1958, issue of the "Law Enforcement Bulletin."

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Institute of Pacific Relations, once under fire by Congress, is now being probed by the U. S. Treasury."

COMMENT:

For your information. We are conducting no current investigation on this organization and our files contain no information relative to Winchell's comment.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. The Chase Manhattan Bank has misfiled or lost a check or treasury note for \$1,000,000. If you find it, turn it in. No reward."

COMMENT:

For your information. Substantive Supervisor in the Accounting and Fraud Section advised that there does not appear to be any violation within our jurisdiction based on the above.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"Mexico City. Jacques ~~Mornard~~, the murderer of Leon Trotsky, has been ordered released from jail in 30 days by order of the Mexican federal courts."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Philadelphia Inquirer." One hundred Communists are being trained in your area to get out the vote for a candidate running for Congress."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is aware of the activities of the Communist Party in Philadelphia in this regard. This matter apparently refers to the Party's interest in electing three Negro candidates for Congress in the Philadelphia area. They are Earl F. Dales, Lenerte Roberts and Walter D. Treuville. All of these individuals are considered progressives but are not Communist Party members. The latter two are given little chance for election by the Party.

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(C) The Department has been advised of the Communist Party's interest in infiltrating the major political parties in the Philadelphia area. (100-9-72)

WINCHELL SAID:

"Newark, New Jersey. L. B. Saperstein, shot four times in the face, once in the mouth, is now described in fair condition though still critical. Gangland's vengeance for talking to the District Attorney."

COMMENT:

For your information. This refers to Louis B. Saperstein, who was shot and critically wounded at 8:40 A.M., 8/10/56, in Newark, New Jersey. He is known as a wealthy insurance broker

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who was recently the target of both Congressional and New York investigations for the handling of millions in insurance funds. He is reported to have cooperated with New York District Attorney Frank Hogan after a contempt conviction for refusal to talk on union finances. Newark, New Jersey, and New York City Police Departments have joined forces to locate the would-be-murderer of Saperstein. ("New York Daily News," 8/11/56)

The Bureau in 1954 and 1955 conducted investigation involving the welfare fund of the Wholesale Licensed Alcoholic Beverage Salesmen's Union, Local 20376, aka, Local 2, to determine whether this fund had been legally established under the Labor Management Relations Act (Taft-Hartley Act). Based on the Bureau investigation, the Criminal Division of the Department decided that the fund was legally established and no Federal violation was involved even though information was received that the funds had been misapplied through a conspiracy between the union officials and Louis B. Saperstein, the insurance broker for the fund. Investigation of Saperstein's activities was, therefore, not conducted. (92-942)

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# Office Memo.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 19, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
March 18, 1956

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## WINCHELL SAID:

"London. Diplomatic intelligence to Washington and London adds up to this. Unless decisive action is taken by the United States and Britain, war between Israel and the Arabian states is almost certain in about eight weeks."

## COMMENT:

For your information.

## WINCHELL SAID:

"Paris. Another major scandal has been hushed up in the sabotage of NATO military equipment. Whole arsenals have been looted."

## COMMENT:

For your information.

## WINCHELL SAID:

"Belgrade. Marshal Tito has entered into outright secret military alliance with Red Russia. Red army officers are integrating Yugoslav airfields into the air corps. A terrific headache from Vienna to Rome."

## COMMENT:

For your information.

cc - Mr. L. B. Nichols  
Mr. L. V. Boardman  
Mr. A. H. Belmont  
Mr. A. Rosen  
Mr. F. J. Baumgardner  
Mr. W. A. Branigan  
Mr. J. F. Bland

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New Orleans. The manager of a leading television station in New Orleans has been subpoenaed by the Senate Internal Security Committee. They expect him to plead number five."

COMMENT:

This refers to [REDACTED]

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He is scheduled to appear before the Eastland Committee in Washington today, March 19, 1956.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Convicted Communist leader Henry Winston on the lam for five years goes to trial here tomorrow morning. His lawyer, Harry Sacher, was convicted for contempt of Congress last week."

COMMENT:

Henry Winston, the former Communist fugitive who surrendered himself on March 3, 1956, in New York City, is appearing at a hearing to show cause why he should not be held in contempt. Sacher is a key figure of the New York Office. He was tried March 12, 1956, in Washington, D. C., for his refusal to discuss his Communist affiliations when subpoenaed by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on April 19, 1955. He was given six months and fined \$1,000. He is expected to appeal and this matter is being closely followed by Washington Field.

WINCHELL SAID:

N.Y.  
"New York City. The 'New York Times,' the champion of freedom of speech and freedom of the press, has blue-pencilled any and all advertising for Lee Mortimer's new book, 'Around the World Confidential.' This new book, ladies and gentlemen, is a



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great expose of Communist crime and vice. Mr. Mortimer's previous books sold more than seven million copies as leading best sellers but the 'New York Times' will not mention the new one in their ads or otherwise. The same newspaper accepts advertising on books whitewashing Alger Hiss to Rosenberg--that's the Red spies--the official Soviet publication bureau and it is not too prissy to carry copy on Polly Adler's memoirs as a 'madam' shall we say. The American Civil Liberties Union, which defends the rights of various authors, has been strangely silent."

COMMENT:

This book has been reviewed by the Bureau and its receipt has been acknowledged by Crime Records. Mortimer was one of the collaborators of the book, "Washington Confidential."

WINCHELL SAID:

"International Airport. Following exposure by an undercover agent for the FBI, U. S. Immigration has suspended a Customs guard at Idlewild."

COMMENT:

Based on limited identifying data as broadcast by Winchell, pertinent Bureau supervisors and the New York Office were unable to identify the specific individual involved. It appears, however, that this may have reference to testimony of John J. Huber, who recently testified before the Citizens Water-front Committee in New York City.

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[REDACTED] Comments concerning the Winchell broadcast for March 4, 1956, as contained in memorandum from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated March 5, 1956, noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is not known whether Winchell is referring to an Immigration employee or to a Customs guard who would actually be a Treasury employee. Mr. Cleveland was advised by ASAC Simon



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of New York on March 19, 1956, that a check with established sources at INS and U. S. Customs determined that they did not know to whom Winchell was referring. New York is continuing its check. Liaison supervisors at the Bureau are following this matter and a separate memorandum will be prepared when pertinent information is developed.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 26, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
March 25, 1956

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## WINCHELL SAID:

"Berns. U. S. Intelligence now believes that the Arab league is reluctant to attack Israel but Moscow keeps pressing for war. The secret London-Arab talks were showing too much progress to suit the Kremlin."

## COMMENT:

For your information.

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## WINCHELL SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. The Communist Party opened up its murderous attack on the ghost of Josef Stalin and all the guessperts over here are expending tons of newsprint publicly wondering why. In any tough game from Broadway to U. S. Intelligence the answer to the why of any charges is found in the names of the people who make them. The Khrushchev mob is making these charges for two obvious reasons: to lull suspicion abroad and to build themselves up at home. There are only two ways for men and political machines to look bigger. One is to build yourself up, the other is to tear down the bigger man. The fact that Khrushchev is trying to tear down Stalin's so-called reputation with the Russian people proves that the present leadership fears that it has failed. In effect, Mr. Khrushchev is trying to convince the world that he has turned state's evidence in the name of decency. The answer to which, of course, is bunk. Khrushchev was a leader, ladies and gentlemen, in the very crimes he now blames on Stalin and he never cried out against them before. Under cross-examination he would have to answer the following question: Mr. Khrushchev, were you a craven coward then or an outrageous liar now? The

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unfortunate answer for our Pollyanna is both. The truth is conclusive. Since Khrushchev discovered that Stalin was a monster how many slave labor camps has he closed? None. Khrushchev alleges that Stalin murdered people on false evidence after the mockery, he says, of a trial. But what kind of a trial did Khrushchev give to any of his enemies. Just how much Khrushchev's alleged heart has softened can be judged by his refusal to agree to mutual inspection of arms as suggested by our President. Khrushchev, the great man of peace, keeps telling the Russians that they cannot have more baby carriages because, he says, Russia needs more guns. In short Khrushchev by his charges admits the Reds were principals to Stalin's crimes. Khrushchev, ladies and gentlemen, has not indicted Josef Stalin, he has merely convicted himself."

**COMMENT:**

For your information.

**WINCHELL SAID:**

"The American Communist Party has decided to knock Vice President Nixon out of the 1956 campaign through their allies on the air and pro-Red newspapers."

**COMMENT:**

This undoubtedly refers to the article written by William Z. Foster, chairman, Communist Party, USA, in the "Daily Worker" for March 23, 1956. The article was captioned "The Nixon Menace" and generally pictures the Vice President as a "threat against everything progressive" and an "extreme reactionary." The article concludes that Nixon should be defeated now, before he even gets the Republican nomination and because President Eisenhower cultivates such a dangerous political figure he must also be defeated in the November elections.



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WINCHELL SAID:

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"Paris, France. United Press covered the following intelligence the other day. Another Winchell confirmation by the way. Says the U. P. quote Josephine Baker, the American Negro singer ended her long career today. She said, with the end of today's performance at the Olympia Music Hall in Paris, her name will blink out unquote. Miss Baker's career, ladies and gentlemen, ended three years ago when she turned on her own country, the United States, spouting anti-American things that the Reds must have loved. No tears."

COMMENT:

For your information. She is a Negro entertainer who gave up her American citizenship and secured French citizenship in the 1930s. We conducted no investigation of her as such but we have furnished interested agencies with information concerning her connections with procommunist organizations in the past.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"Washington. The shock of the week, over at my desk anyway, was this. Charles P. Clark, Washington attorney, is a registered lobbyist for Dictator Franco. Mr. Clark's lawyer is FDR, Jr. He is also the registered agent for Dictator Trujillo. Imagine, ladies and gentlemen, anyone with the initials FDR working for dictators."

COMMENT:

D. For your information. On March 16, 1956, Clark and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr., registered with the Department as representatives of the Dominican Republic (Trujillo). Clark has been registered for several years as a representative of the Spanish government.



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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. Four employees have been suspended by the Post Office Department for suspected Red activity at the Grand Central Station Post Office and the General Post Office, New York."

COMMENT:

We are aware of the action taken by the Post Office in this matter. Actually, this action involved eight employees, two of whom resigned following submission of charges by the Post Office. Security of Government Employee investigations revealed all eight employees allegedly had communist sympathies. They were suspended about two months ago and hearing dates have not been set as yet. (100-407315; 140-3101)

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: April 2, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
APRIL 1, 1956

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Atlantic City, New Jersey. A United States Investigating Committee will turn its spotlight on racketeering in Atlantic City. This committee will concentrate on establishing a link to a top national political figure. A real scandal."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. Harvey Matusow, the turnabout witness indicted for perjury, goes on trial in New York Federal Court April 16."

COMMENT:

Matusow's trial for perjury in the Southern District of New York is set for April 16, 1956. Matusow was indicted for perjury based on false statements he made in an affidavit submitted in connection with the United States vs. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, et al case and for false statements in his testimony at the hearing on a retrial in the Flynn case.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Tyler, Texas. Autherine Lucy, the controversial Alabama student, has decided on the date for her wedding, April 22. His name is the Reverend Hugh L. Foster."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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Mr. Boardman  
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