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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

COMMENT:

Mr. Nichol's office had advised that the individual referred to by Winchell is [REDACTED] of the "New York Daily Mirror."

Ben Mandel of the Eastland Committee contacted Mr. Nichol's office last week to obtain [REDACTED] most recent address and the foregoing address was furnished to Mandel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. V. Boardman

DATE April 16, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
APRIL 15, 1956.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. The news about Victor Riesel is discouraging. The acid thrown in his face has completely destroyed the tear duct glands."

COMMENT:

The substantive supervisor on the Obstruction of Justice desk has advised that the Bureau has a pending case concerning the attack on Victor Riesel which is entitled "Unknown Subject; Victor Riesel - Victim, Obstruction of Justice." This matter is being followed closely.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Lieutenant Aldo Icardi goes on trial tomorrow. A very sensational case. If Sergeant LoDolce, also implicated, admits guilt, he will go free - immunity."

"Mike Stern, who first broke the Major Holohan murder, has another scoop for the next issue of "True" magazine. A letter allegedly written by Lieutenant Icardi, now on trial, allegedly asking for his cut of OSS (Office of Strategic Services) funds."

COMMENT:

(5-1)(5) [REDACTED] Holohan was allegedly murdered. Icardi and LoDolce were tried in absentia in Italy and Icardi was sentenced to life imprisonment and LoDolce to 17 years' imprisonment.

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Icardi has been indicted for perjury in connection with his testimony during 1953 before the House Armed Services Subcommittee which investigated the death of Holohan. This perjury case has been developed by the Department of Justice and other Government agencies. The Bureau has, at the request of the Department, conducted specific limited interviews of individuals.

"The Sunday Star" for April 15, 1956, states that LoDolce did not testify before the House Armed Services Subcommittee and will be a prosecution witness. Icardi and LoDolce cannot be extradited to Italy.

Icardi was the subject of an Obstruction of Justice and Bribery investigation predicated upon a March 31, 1955, allegation that he offered certain house repairs to a prospective witness providing she did not testify in a criminal prosecution arising out of a possible Federal Housing Act violation indictment which was returned 5/19/55 at Pittsburgh charging Icardi with violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 209. Icardi pleaded not guilty and a defense motion for dismissal of the indictment on the ground that no Federal violation existed was allowed and the indictment was dismissed 3/20/56.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Copenhagen, Denmark, is on the verge of signing a nonaggression pact with Moscow. This means, Mr. and Mrs. United States, another ally has gone neutral."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Iceland. The American forces will be told to get out sooner. Heavy pressure for immediate evacuation will hit Washington, D. C., this week."

COMMENT:

Recently the Government of Iceland resigned as a result of a left wing segment of the coalition Government refusing to go along with the Government regarding American military bases in Iceland. Elections are expected in June, 1956.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Hong Kong. Sabotage resistance is at its peak inside Red China. Peasants under the noses of Red guards are wrecking their own machinery and killing their own cattle."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Colombo. Ceylon will be the next to quit the British Commonwealth of Nations sometime next year. The Reds in Russia are stepping up the agitation."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Paris. Mendes-France will bolt the French cabinet soon. This means another stroke for already paralyzed France."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Moscow. Khrushchev, who now denounces Joe Stalin, made the following brilliant statement in 1939 before the 18th Congress of the Communist Party. 'Long live the towering genius of all humanity - our beloved Comrade, Stalin.'"

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Brazilian Vice President Goulart will visit the White House April 30th. The Brazilian Communist Party worked very hard for this man's election."

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COMMENT:

Our files show that Joao Goulart, recently elected Vice President of Brazil, has been accused of procommunist sympathies on many occasions in the past; however, there has been no concrete evidence linking him with the Communist Party of Brazil. The Brazilian Communist Party did support the candidacies of Goulart and President Jascelino Kubitshek in the November, 1955, elections. Kubitshek recently visited the United States.

WINCHELL EDITORIAL:

Winchell discussed General Gruenther's resignation as Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organizations (NATO). Winchell stated that General Gruenther resigned because NATO forces were inadequate to defend western Europe, the first possible line of defense being the Pyrenees, a mountain range between France and Spain. Winchell also stated General Gruenther was displeased because NATO air power is entirely inadequate and should have been doubled in strength several years ago in order to keep up with Soviet air power.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Senator Olin Johnson of South Carolina is expected to announce his support of Governor Harriman (of New York) for president."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The President and Senator Joseph McCarthy may be reconciled in the near future. Mrs. Joseph McCarthy has been invited by Mrs. Eisenhower to a luncheon at the White House in early May."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"San Diego Union." Dr. H. C. Steinmetz - he once refused to answer regarding alleged membership in the Communist Party - is teaching again at a southern Negro college."

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Steinmetz in July, 1955, denied under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he was at any time a member of the Communist Party. Steinmetz pleaded the Fifth Amendment to questions concerning his Communist Party membership prior to 1940. San Diego informants have reported that Steinmetz is contemplating taking a position at a small unidentified Negro college in the south. We are awaiting verification of this information from San Diego.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. A Senate Internal Security Committee is looking for a newspaper reporter on the staff of New York's leading standard size newspaper. He is suspected of being a member of the William Remington Red cell."

COMMENT:

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

WINCHELL SAID:

"A congressional committee will investigate Swiss and Canadian money in top American corporations. They believe most of it comes from Russia."

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LEOPOLD Mr. Nichols' office advised that this concerns Benjamin Silberstein, head of the Penn-Texas Corporation. Penn-Texas has taken over several companies in the recent past. Silberstein and his Penn-Texas Corporation were the subject of considerable financial publicity recently when Penn-Texas attempted to gain control of Fairbanks Morse Company. Silberstein is not the subject of a Bureau investigation.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The next show business personality to be involved in a congressional investigation is a noted female Broadway dance instructor -- alleged secret work for the Red spy network here."

COMMENT:

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

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE 4-18-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
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With reference to your memorandum of April 16 summarizing Walter Winchell's broadcast, there were certain items wherein we did not have the identifying data. With reference to the item on page 5 of your memorandum pertaining to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee looking for a newspaper reporter you are advised that according to Robert Morris this is [redacted] who formerly worked for the New York Times and who was named in a recent book portions of which were put into the records of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee written by a woman who now lives in one of the West Indies and who formerly worked for Time Magazine.

With reference to the so-called female Broadway dance instructor mentioned on page 6, Morris had no knowledge of this. I rather suspect that this might have to do with the House Un-American Activities Committee which is presently holding meetings in Los Angeles.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Rosen

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: 4-23-56

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
APRIL 22, 1956.

It is to be noted that Winchell's broadcast was not carried over a local radio station on 4-22-56 due to a broadcast of a baseball game being carried by Radio Station WJDC; however, the New York Office has advised that Winchell mentioned the following items of interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Harry Gold and David Greenglass of the Rosenberg spy case will testify next week at a public session. They were summoned by the Senate Internal Security Committee. Both men are doing long stretches in the penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania."

COMMENT:

Gold and Greenglass were the principal Government witnesses in the Julius Rosenberg espionage case. Gold and Greenglass had previously plead guilty and Gold is serving a 30-year sentence and Greenglass is serving a 15-year sentence. Both are incarcerated at the U. S. penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Their testimony is scheduled for 4-26-56.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Bern, Switzerland: Allied Intelligence reports that the Russian Atlantic submarine fleet had a dry run against Western ports, undetected even off New York City."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. One of the better known New York publishers was before a Senate Investigating Committee this week. He admitted in secret session that he had been a communist for 20 years. He also named 40 persons as Communist Party members."

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COMMENT:

Mr. Nichols' office has advised that the individual referred to by Winchell is undoubtedly [REDACTED]

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. There is a movement now underway to rehabilitate Alger Hiss with the public. It was given added impetus the other night following Federal Judge Keech's directed acquittal for Aldo Icardi. Icardi was acquitted of perjury before a Congressional committee. The theme of the drive to clean up Alger Hiss will be made by certain commentators and newspaper writers....Men who operate in left field....They will tell you that Uncle Sam couldn't get Hiss on espionage, so he was railroaded, they will tell you, for perjury. The Hiss engagement to speak before the Princeton group is the starter.

The man behind the scenes is a deadly enemy -- a longtime deadly enemy -- of your FBI and John Edgar Hoover. A White House favorite when Mr. Truman was the President."

COMMENT:

Mr. Nichols advised that the individual referred to by Winchell is undoubtedly Max Lowenthal who is the author of "The Federal Bureau of Investigation," a very anti-FBI publication. Lowenthal's anti-FBI activities and writings are well known to us.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington, D. C. There are many editorial writers who complain in print when "reds" and "pinks" lose their jobs after they are spotlighted by Congressional investigators. These newspaper people consider it an injustice, but not one of these editorial

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writers has protested the discharge of a professor from American University, Washington, D. C. Ladies and Gentlemen, this man was fired after he appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a friendly witness, that is, one who is for the United States."

COMMENT:

Winchell is obviously referring to



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WINCHELL SAID:

"'New York Mirror.' The Communist Party National Committee will meet here on the 27th and 28th to celebrate their many victories recently in American courts."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"'New York Times.' The trial of Harvey Matusow will be delayed until the Fall. It was due next week, but Federal prosecutors don't want it to conflict with the Smith Act trial now in progress here."

COMMENT:

Harvey Matusow's trial for perjury in the Southern District of New York was scheduled to begin on 4-23-56. On 4-19-56 U. S. District Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, Southern District of New York, issued an order delaying the trial of Matusow until the conclusion of the Smith Act trial, U. S. vs. Alexander Trachtenberg, et al.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. *AN 5/15*

FROM : MR. A. N. BELMONT

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Winchell's broadcast was not carried on WDC Washington which was broadcasting a baseball game. The following items of interest to the Bureau in Winchell's broadcast of above date were obtained from the New York office:

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. The following inside intelligence is reported to annoy local Red leaders on how it leaked to me: — The top Red command just held a secret meeting in New York City. Comrades were instructed to push infiltration and stir up racial tensions and keep denouncing Stalin's crimes. The same leaders are now denouncing their chief, William Z. Foster."

COMMENT:

An enlarged meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party was held in New York City from April 28 to May 1, 1956. About 50 leaders from all over the United States attended. Informants reported that above instructions were issued to the leaders at the meeting. The Communist Party has been accelerating its mass-type of activity, including penetration and infiltration of legitimate organizations since the Geneva Conference in July, 1955.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The new chairman of the Communist Party Committee, Albany, New York, has been given 6 months to revitalize the organization there, while the former chairman infiltrates non-Red groups."

COMMENT:

An informant has reported that Arthur Weindon signed his position as chairman of the City Committee of the Communist Party, Albany, New York, on April 19, 1956, in order to carry on his Party work in an open manner in mass organizations. A new

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chairman, Harry Shatch, has been appointed. Shatch is reported to be "full of fire" and has given himself a 6 months' deadline to get the Albany Communist Party working smoothly.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Hollywood would be amazed to know the name of the moving picture star who conferred with a Soviet diplomat in a Beverly Hills hotel suite until 4:00 a.m."

COMMENT:

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We had no previous record on [REDACTED] but in view of her contact [REDACTED] she is being investigated at the present time by the Los Angeles office.

WINCHELL SAID: Joseph L. Rauh Jr.

"New York City. Please read the current 'Saturday Evening Post' editorial page regarding Joe Rauh, Jr. He is the chairman of Americans for Democratic Action. It deals with Mr. Rauh's participation in the notorious Paul H. Hughes case involving newspapers in New York, Washington, and elsewhere. They paid Hughes about \$12,000 for information to destroy Senator Joseph McCarthy which turned out to be wholly counterfeit. For reasons which seem very strange indeed, most newspapers ignored or buried this very disgraceful story revealing the extremes to which some men will sink to sink another, especially, if he fights communists. Read about it in the current 'Saturday Evening Post,' a remarkable debunker."

COMMENT:

In an editorial entitled "The ADA can Take 'McCarthyism' or Leave It Alone," in the May 5, 1956, issue, the "Saturday Evening Post" pointed out that although it has been two months since

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Paul H. Hughes was acquitted of two charges of perjury, the members of ADA have given no indication how they feel about their chairman, Joseph E. Rauh, Jr. The editorial points out that Rauh fell for Hughes' fabrication and that the ADA seemed willing enough to use an informer while it has waxed eloquent against the use of informers by the Department of Justice.

Hughes was tried on six counts of perjury arising out of his testimony before the Grand Jury investigating the Matusow case. Rauh was a Government witness. Hughes was acquitted on two charges and the jury disagreed on the other four. The Department has not advised of its final decision as to whether or not Hughes will be retried.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"The very same people who screamed that the communists were being convicted without a fair hearing are now yelling that Vice-President Nixon is being compromised because his former campaign manager Murray Chotiner accepted a legal fee on a matter completely disconnected with the office of Vice-President. Mr. Nixon did not even know about it until the story broke in the papers....The least that Mr. Nixon's ex-campaign manager is entitled to is the very same Constitutional procedures given to Reds. So far there is not enough evidence to go to a grand jury, but enough, it appears in an election year for the opposition to go to the press."

COMMENT:

In two ~~cases~~ cases, "Fabric Garment Company et al, Theft of Government Property, Fraud Against the Government," and "Kravin Park Clothes, Inc., et al, Embezzlement of Government Property, Fraud Against the Government," information was received in 1955 from the Department that Chotiner represented Herman Kravitz who was convicted in the embezzlement case. Included in the information received was an allegation that Joseph Abrams, a principal in the Fabric case, had used Chotiner to exert political pressure. The Bureau's investigation developed no information involving Chotiner. The U.S. Senate Investigations Subcommittee released the information that Chotiner has admitted in testimony before it the receipt of a \$5,000 legal fee from Kravitz.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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"Newspapers, check rumor - Rushed-up riot last night -
Louisburg penitentiary, black and white mess hall."

COMMENT:

A check has been made with the Philadelphia Office which advised that it had not received a report to date of any such incident in Louisburg. A check is being made by Philadelphia through reliable sources at the penitentiary to determine if such a riot did occur and if a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction exists. The matter is being closely followed by the substantive supervisor at the Bureau.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Daily Mirror" - "Stalin will next be charged with the Katyn Forest massacre, not by the Kremlin, despite the anti-Stalin line. They are trying to silence the Polish underground, which now can prove that Moscow's NKVD staged those murders."

COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

"Los Angeles Herald - Express" - "The Los Angeles Reds are planning a very big reception in your City June 17 for Paul Robeson."

COMMENT:

Our files reflect that on June 17, 1956, the annual "Festival of Nationalities" is scheduled in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. A press release concerning this affair reflects that Paul Robeson has accepted an invitation to give a special concert at the Festival. C-11-F

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Post" - "One of the 6 graves of the executed Nazi saboteurs was opened by unknown persons in a potter's field near Washington. Medical students are suspected."

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On 4-27-56 the Washington Field Office reported information from the Washington Metropolitan Police that the grave of one of the Nazi saboteurs had been found disturbed. The saboteurs were buried at Blue Plains, D. C., secretly at night in unmarked graves by a medical detachment from Walter Reed Hospital immediately after execution. Police and a deputy coroner examined the disturbed grave and found that it had been opened by unknown persons but the remains had not been disturbed. A number of empty beer cans were scattered about the scene and investigation disclosed that nearby residents heard loud voices and carousing in the immediate area several nights before. Examination of the beer cans for latent fingerprints was negative. Police believe medical students may have opened the grave without knowing whose grave it was and failing to find a fresh body, reclosed it. This matter has been closely followed with the Metropolitan Police by our Washington Field Office and no additional action by the police is contemplated at the present.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Labor leader Walter Reuther has demanded that the Democrats kick out Senator Eastland, but Mr. Reuther has made no move to expel a member of his United Automobile Workers in the Atlanta, Ga., local - the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan."

COMMENT:

Eldon Lee Edwards, the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, is employed as a paint sprayer in an automobile plant in Atlanta. His affiliation with the Klan is publicly known. We are following the activities in our investigation of the Associated Klans of America, which has been cited by the Attorney General.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The publisher of a Broadway publication has been named a communist by a former Red in secret session before an investigating committee."

COMMENT:

Based on the limited identifying data above, inquiry of appropriate supervisors at the Bureau has not resulted in identification of the individual referred to by Winchell.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L.

April 30, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
APRIL 29, 1956

It is to be noted that Winchell's program was not broadcast over local radio station WDCG on 4/29/56 due to a broadcast of a double-header baseball game; however, the New York Office has advised that Winchell mentioned the following items of interest to the Bureau:

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Judith Coplon, whose conviction as a spy was reversed on a technicality, became a mother this week. As soon as she is physically able she will be subpoenaed before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee."

COMMENT:

Robert Morris, Chief Counsel of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, furnished the Bureau with a proposed list of individuals who the Committee contemplates subpoenaing. Judith Coplon's name appears on this list. Coplon, a former Department of Justice employee, was convicted with Valentin Gubitchev, a Russian delegate to the United Nations, of espionage. Her conviction was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, Second District.

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"Editor, 'San Francisco Call-Bulletin.' Mr. Editor - About three years ago you may recall I tried over the air to warn the people of Crestline, California, that a training school for communists was operating in that community. The Crestline newspapers, however, devoted one entire issue to calling Walter Winchell names instead of trying to check the story. One year

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later a man by the name of Joseph Springer invoked the Fifth Amendment when he was subpoenaed before a congressional committee about a school for communists at Camp Tenaya at Crestline, California, a full confirmation of that tip. This is to tell the 'Crestline Courier' now to please send a reporter to that same camp on May 13th and find out who appears there. Is it the Labor Youth League, listed subversive by the Government?"

Los Angeles advised on 4/19/56 that [redacted] reported there is going to be a meeting for children of six to fourteen years of age at Camp Tenaya, which is operated by Joseph Springer. [redacted] advised the Los Angeles Office that he would have [redacted] attend the meeting. We have instructed Los Angeles to alert its informants concerning this meeting. We have received no evidence that the meeting is sponsored by the Labor Youth League; however, the Labor Youth League in Los Angeles is concentrating on children in the six to fourteen year age group. The communist school referred to by Winchell was held on the weekend of December 5-7, 1952, and was conducted by the Los Angeles County Communist Party.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Post." The American communists are trying to get the American Civil Liberties Union to fire a man named Irving Ferman, their Washington agent, because he exposed Lord Bertrand Russell as being used as a tool by the Sobell Committee. This Committee is now trying to win freedom for Sobell, the atomic spy."

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COMMENT:

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Morton Sobell is currently serving 30 years' imprisonment. He was convicted, together with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, for engaging in Soviet espionage.

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Lord Bertrand Russell, a prominent British philosopher, wrote a letter 3/26/56 to the "Manchester Guardian," a British newspaper, attacking the Rosenbergs and Sobell convictions. Irving Ferman, Washington, D. C., director for the American Civil Liberties Union, and Harold R. Green, formerly with the Atomic Energy Commission, and with the Humphries Committee inquiring into security programs in 1955, authored a letter dated 4/3/56 in which they criticized Russell's letter.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. This is a warning to the national organization of the Parent-Teachers Associations. The communists are assigning more members to join the P-TAs without, of course, your knowledge. These communists will try to present resolutions following the Communist Party line at your next convention. Now please do not tell me that I do not know what I am talking about. I am making this public to show the communists involved that I do."

COMMENT:

We are aware of the Communist Party's infiltration tactics in this regard. The infiltration of legitimate organizations, such as the P-TA, church, civic and similar groups, has been part of the united front program of the Communist Party. Since the Geneva Conference in July, 1955, the political climate in the United States has changed, whereby the Communist Party has accelerated its mass-type of activity which includes penetration and infiltration of legitimate organizations.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Havana. American companies in Cuba were stoned by communist-dominated mobs. The targets included Woolworth's and Western Union."

COMMENT:

There has been considerable unrest in Cuba recently involving several anti-American demonstrations by extremist elements.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New Haven. A Yale professor was identified as a Communist Party member at a closed session of a congressional committee this week - Yale Law School professor."

COMMENT:

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

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It is possible that the individual referred to by Winchell was named by [redacted] during his testimony. A Photostat of [redacted] testimony is being disseminated to the field for appropriate action.

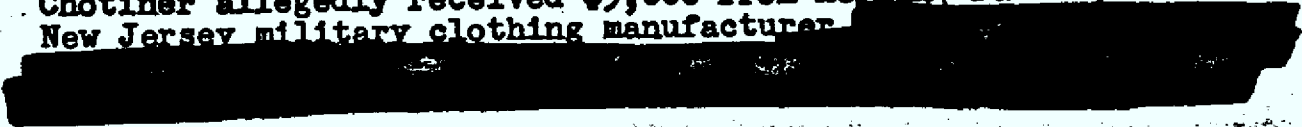
WINCHELL SAID:

"Attention 'Philadelphia Inquirer.' A prominent public relations man from Philadelphia will be questioned regarding an \$18,000 payment in the Senate graft probe, which has involved California Republican leader Murray Chotiner."

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COMMENT:

Based on the limited identifying data set forth above, inquiry of appropriate supervisors at the Bureau has not resulted in the identification of the individual referred to by Winchell. Chotiner has been identified in the press as Vice President Richard M. Nixon's 1952 campaign manager. Chotiner allegedly received \$5,000 from Herman Kravitz, a New Jersey military clothing manufacturer.



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WINCHELL SAID:

"Department of State: Ashley Nicholas, Passport Director, will take the Senate witness stand next Thursday. He will expose a ring bringing in Reds with counterfeit passports."

COMMENT:

Grand juries are presently sitting in New York City and San Francisco examining evidence of passport and visa violations by Chinese. These alleged violations are under the jurisdiction of the State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Bureau is maintaining close contact with all developments. No subversive ramifications have as yet been uncovered.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"Archbishop Joseph ~~X~~ Beran of Prague may be given his freedom by the Russians in the very near future. He has been in a concentration camp since 1951."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Belgrade: Marshal Tito is reported very sick and tests are being made to see if he has stomach cancer."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Havana: Batista knows that a big-scale revolution can be expected in about two months, a series of small uprisings leading to the big blow. The big one is backed by industrialists in his own Havana. Batista has removed over 50 military leaders from general to lieutenant - all suspected of being among the plotters. His private plane is on 24-hour alert in case the rebellion succeeds."

Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

COMMENT:

The Cuban political situation has been extremely tense for the last six months. Reports have been received indicating a second revolution may take place in the near future.

Winchell concluded his broadcast with the following statements: "This is Walter Winchell congratulating G-man John Edgar Hoover on his 32nd year as Chief of the FBI. Crime never had a tougher enemy; decency never had a better friend."

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 14, 1956

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MAY 13, 1956

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Paris. Last week I reported that Marshal Tito was undergoing tests for suspected stomach cancer. I am now told it is definitely malignant."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"General Swing, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, went through the Senate finger this week regarding appropriations. General Swing can expect more trouble."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Prime Minister Anthony Eden declared it is not in the public interest to disclose how Commander Crabb of the Royal Navy met his death -- if he died . . . Commander Crabb, the British frogman, was not murdered, he was killed in action. The report that he may have gone over to the communists is ridiculous. Intelligence people believe he was inspecting the Red cruisers' hull to get a look at atomic mine-laying gadgets. They believe something went wrong with Commander Crabb's artificial lung and he was forced to surface. At that point a squad of Red frogmen simply went over the side and took him -- no shots were fired -- in keeping with the tradition of the 'silent service.'"

"Intelligence people assume Commander Crabb was taken aboard the Red cruiser because supersonic devices in Portsmouth Harbor cannot locate the body. British agents who knew Commander Crabb know he would not be taken alive, if conscious."

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Press reports reflect that Lionel Crabb, skin diver and retired Lieutenant Commander of the British Royal Navy, is presumed to have lost his life while taking an underwater peek at the Soviet warships in Portsmouth, England, during the state visit of Bulganin and Khrushchev, but his mission is disowned by the highest level of the British Government. Commander Crabb's body has never been found. The British Admiralty has publicly announced that he presumably died on April 10, 1955, while on board the Soviet vessel "Ordzhonikidze."

WINCHELL SAID:

Dr. Harry Charles Steinmetz

"H. C. Steinmetz invoked the Fifth Amendment before a Congressional committee last year regarding Communist Party membership. He was fired from San Diego State College for refusing to sign a loyalty oath. Steinmetz has left California and next month he will start teaching at Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina."

COMMENTS:

Dr. Harry Charles Steinmetz

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In July, 1955, he denied under oath before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that he was then a Communist Party member. He invoked the Fifth Amendment as to his membership prior to 1940. Our informants at San Diego have reported that he intended to join the faculty of a small southern college, and investigation has now confirmed that he has joined the faculty of Benedict College, a Negro co-educational institution at Columbia, South Carolina.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The following counterespionage is aimed only at Red leaders here to annoy, hurt, and get on their nerves. Martha Stone, New Jersey Party Chairman, who was convicted of violating the Smith Act, and Howard Fast, a very pro-left author, have been attending teen-age affairs which they call 'socials.' These are sponsored by the Labor Youth League of New Jersey. This front is listed by the United States Government as subversive. Their next 'social,' which will feature the above named, will be in Trenton, New Jersey, on May 18, 1956."

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COMMENT:

Informants report that the Communist Party has been concentrating on teen-age affairs all over the country. Stone and Fast have participated in a number of such affairs in New Jersey. These are characterized as "socials" for teen agers held for the purpose of "re-evaluating the Labor Youth League."

[REDACTED] (The Labor Youth League was been officially branded as a communist front after appropriate hearings by the Subversive Activities Control Board. This decision is presently under appeal in the Court of Appeals, District of Columbia.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The communists have formed a new front. They call it the 'Emergency Committee for a Free Press.' It is to collect money for the limping 'Daily Worker.' This tactic is to get around the income tax people who have frozen the Reds' funds."

COMMENT:

We are currently investigating and closely following the activities of the above organization, and informants have reported it was originated by Howard Fast immediately after the seizure of the assets of the "Daily Worker" by the Internal Revenue Service. The purpose of the organization is to raise funds to permit the continued operation of the newspaper since at present all revenues coming into the paper directly are impounded by the Treasury.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Several important communist leaders will be ousted soon. This has decided other Red big shots to throw in the sponge."

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WINCHELL SAID:

N. K. Khrushchev will shortly announce sweeping labor and election reforms in Russia - all of it window dressing - completely reversing the policy of Stalin. Russia will soon make a big play for the tourist trade - especially dumb Americans."

COMMENT:

For your information. Recent press reports reflect a liberalization of some of the Soviet labor regulations, for instance, the severe penalties for absenteeism from work which have been in effect since the war years, have reportedly been relaxed somewhat and provisions are now made for a worker in some industrial positions to resign voluntarily and seek other employment.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Senate Investigating Committee has assigned detectives to Los Angeles to check every case in which lawyer Murray Chotiner has received a fee of more than \$1,000. They have subpoenaed one of his clients - an air line - not TWA (Winchell's sponsor)."

COMMENT:

Murray Chotiner, Vice President Nixon's former campaign manager, has been the target of much recent unfavorable publicity involving alleged influence peddling. The air line referred to above may possibly be North American Airlines, since Drew Pearson in his broadcast on Saturday, May 12, last, alleged that Chotiner called at the White House on behalf of that air line.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Tip to the 'Washington Post': Why did the State Department give a passport to the mother of atomic spy Morton Sobell of the Rosenberg spy case? She is back from a 3 months tour of Europe, in which she made speeches demanding his freedom. Mrs. Rose Sobell will make a big speech Tuesday, next, at Carnegie Hall, a red-sponsored rally."

COMMENT:

Rose Sobell, the mother of Morton Sobell, was granted a passport on 11-14-55, valid for 2 years, for the purpose of making a 6 months' trip to England, France, Italy, and Israel in order to visit relatives.

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This information was immediately disseminated to the State Department and Central Intelligence Agency by the Bureau.

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[REDACTED] On 4-10-56 the French communist newspaper, "L'Humanite," reported that she had arrived in Paris after traveling in England and Italy. Mrs. Sobell returned to New York City on the "Queen Mary" on 5-8-56.

The New York Office is aware of tomorrow night's rally at Carnegie Hall for Morton Sobell and will give the appropriate coverage.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Senate Internal Security Committee will make melodrama again this week. The chemist who recruited Harry Gold as a Red atomic spy, and who has been a Red spy for 17 years, will confess, admit, give up to everything. He's a New Yorker. His last name is Black."

COMMENT:

The individual referred to is Thomas Lessing Black [REDACTED] N.Y.
[REDACTED] He is officially registered as a foreign agent. His registration statement was withdrawn by the Attorney General from public perusal in 1953.
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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: May 21, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
MAY 20, 1956ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 12/19/84 BY SP6 BJA/WINCHELL SAID:

"The House Committee on Un-American Activities is going after the Broadway Commies again. Proceedings are on the way. One of Marilyn Monroe's new romances, a long-time pro-lefto, will be asked to testify."

COMMENT:

This may refer to

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. District Attorney's detectives assigned to the Victor Riesel case are on their first hot lead."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is continuing its intensive investigation of the "Obstruction of Justice" case involving the attack on Riesel, and this matter is being followed very closely at the Bureau. The New York Office has been instructed to determine the substance of the lead.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Montevideo. A. I. Mikoyan is making a very quiet tour of Latin America. He is Russia's economic minister. He is now in Uruguay. His next stop is Buenos Aires."

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

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For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. A blackmail ring operating against Iron-Curtain refugees here under false names will be exposed by a Congressional committee one day next week."

COMMENT:

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has conducted extensive hearings on the general problem of undue influence being brought to bear on defectors from Iron-Curtain countries in the United States by Soviet or satellite officials. The incident of the 5 Soviet seamen who re-defected to the U.S.S.R. on April 7, 1956, has been examined in great detail by the Subcommittee, and more recently testimony has been taken from Hungarian refugees who have been subjected to pressure to return home. We are obtaining all information divulged at these hearings and are very closely following all phases of them.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The next target for an investigating committee will be a prominent former CIO executive—probable indictment for perjury. He denied membership in the Communist Party."

COMMENT:

This probably refers to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He refused to be interviewed by Bureau Agents in 1953. He testified before executive and public sessions of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 3/21/56. He denied that he had ever been a Communist Party member or had ever knowingly attended a Party meeting. The New York office is presently conducting investigation to establish legally admissible evidence of a perjury violation [REDACTED] in the above testimony. This matter is being closely followed at the Bureau.

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Russian Embassy will start publishing a magazine next month - four-color, slick paper, 64 pages, 25 devoted to pictures. The first issue will be 25,000 copies."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The House Committee on Un-American Activities will start hearings on Wednesday. Subpoenas are now being served - passport violations by Americans."

COMMENT:

Above hearings are scheduled to start in Washington, D. C., on May 23, 1956, and are scheduled to continue for 3 days. The main question involved in the hearing is, how are American citizens able to get into Iron-Curtain countries when their passports have been specifically restricted against such travel?

Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The communists are whipping up another pressure campaign - to win freedom for convicted atomic spy, Morton Sobell. They have ordered a barrage of letters sent to the President and to the U.S. Attorney General. This is to tell you that this spy case - Morton Sobell, along with the Rosenbergs, was reviewed more times by the highest courts than any other case in American history."

COMMENT:

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case has been conducting a stepped-up campaign to free Sobell from prison, particularly within the past 6 months. As early as January, 1956, the "Daily Worker" quoted William Z. Foster as urging every worker and every other citizen to demand of the Attorney General and President a new trial for Sobell. A motion was filed on behalf of Sobell on 5-8-56 for a new trial. Arguments will be heard on this motion today in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Tips to the newspapers - Newark, New Jersey, 'Star Ledger.' Arthur F. Schroeder, Jr., the head man of the Atlas Refining Company of Newark, will be subpoenaed by the Senate Internal Security Committee. The Senators are furious at him over his firing the former Red spy - Black, mentioned by me exclusively last Sunday night, who confessed and wants to help expose other Red spies."

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Thomas Lessing Black [REDACTED], who has admitted engaging in industrial espionage on behalf of the USSR in testimony before the Internal Security Subcommittee [REDACTED]. The revelations he has made in his testimony are not new to the Bureau. Black was dismissed on Friday, May 18, from the Atlas Refining Company, where he was working on an assignment for another company as a chemist. Arthur F. Schroeder furnished the information regarding the dismissal to the press, indicating that the admissions by Black in his testimony the day before were the reasons for the dismissal.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Three former communists sought refuge in this country. They were taken back to Poland this week under very mysterious circumstances. One bought a brand new car the day before he left - an obvious Red kidnapping."

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COMMENT:

It is believed that Winchell may in fact be referring here to the 3 Polish defectors to the United States who had been residing in Connecticut and who returned to Poland on 10-20-55 with the assistance of Polish consular officials. These men were, Marion-Mic Wegrzynowski, Stanislaw Kedzierski, and Wlodzimierz Taucznowski.

These 3 Poles were merchant seamen aboard a Polish vessel which was captured by the Chinese Nationalists, and were granted asylum in the United States. They were induced to return to Poland by officials of the Polish Embassy in Washington. One of these seamen had just purchased a new 1955 Mercury automobile, which he transferred to the Polish Embassy.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The U. S. Senate Internal Security Committee has a subpoena for a missing New York State executive high in the Labor Department; they call him a Commie."

COMMENT:

Based on the limited identifying data listed above, inquiry of appropriate supervisors at the Bureau, as well as of the New York Office, has not resulted in identification of the above individual

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

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DATE May 28, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Federal Courthouse, Manhattan. An important witness who refused to talk to a Congressional Committee is now telling everything to the grand jury. His testimony will cause the arrest of many top Red spies."

COMMENT:

Winchell is probably referring to [redacted] who is a principal in the Silvermaster group. His conviction for contempt in refusing to answer questions before a Congressional Investigating Committee after being granted immunity from prosecution has recently been confirmed by the U. S. Supreme Court, which upheld the constitutionality of the "Immunity Act." [redacted] is presently testifying before the Federal Grand Jury, Southern District of New York.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Morton Sobell's motion for a new trial will be heard next Thursday by the same Federal judge who sent the Rosenbergs to the chair."

COMMENT:

Morton Sobell is serving a 30-year sentence after conviction with Julius and Ethel Rosenberg of engaging in Soviet espionage. Judge Irving R. Kaufman of the Southern District of New York presided at the Rosenberg's trial, and will hear arguments on above motion Thursday, May 31.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Santiago, Cuba. Students plan big trouble June 20. They are marking sidewalks and buildings with that date. Many students were shot by Government troops on that date three years ago."

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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

COMMENT:

The Cuban political situation has been very tense for the past six months. Reports have been received indicating a second revolution may take place in the near future.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Broadway - the scene was 52nd Street. The time was 5 a.m. Three men with pistols allegedly trapped Bob Harrison in a taxicab. He is the publisher of 'Confidential' magazine. 'You know,' one said, 'what this is about, don't you?'"

"Mr. Harrison says it is not true."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Victor Riesel has been asked to appear in public session before the Senate Internal Security Committee, June 19, in New York - the first witness in a new investigation of communists along the water front."

COMMENT:

Riesel, who has completely lost his eyesight, has been discharged from the hospital. We are continuing an intensive investigation to locate his assailant for violation of the Obstruction of Justice Statute.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party: the following report is to let the communist leaders know that their secret plans are not very secret."

"Farmers in eastern Pennsylvania and Ithaca, New York, can expect visits from Red agitators in the very near future. The Albany, New York, Red chiefs are laying plans quietly to start a milk strike in those sectors within the next 90 days."

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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

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[REDACTED] Tioga County, New York, Local of the Farmers Union of the New York Milkshed on 5/17/56 advised Agents of our Albany Office that three named officials of that union, whose communistic affiliations have previously been reported to the Bureau, are aiming for a milk strike by the Farmers Union in August, 1956. In laying the groundwork for above action they have organized an 8-men group of so-called "Minute Men" to set up meetings of farmers in the counties surrounding Ithaca, New York, and extending into eastern Pennsylvania. At these meetings they agitate for higher milk prices and recruit for the Farmers Union. They hope, thus, to organize groups of pickets to use in the August strike.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Boston communists will soon hold a meeting of their state committee to devise means to bring their Party before the American public."

COMMENT:

This activity is part of an over-all program being carried out by the Communist Party throughout the United States to implement the policies laid down at the enlarged national committee meeting in New York last month. At that meeting, Max Weiss, Party educational director, reported on the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and pointed out that it had reaffirmed the possibility of peaceful roads to Socialism and a long-range policy of peaceful coexistence between countries with different social systems.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Red leaders are looking for a place to hide their portable mimeograph machines. They are made especially for their underground operations. The store in New York City in which they are now allegedly hidden must go out of business."

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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States: The editorial of the week appeared in the Scripps-Howard newspapers, the text of which, in my opinion, should be reprinted in the 48 states. One of the editors reported: 'We are in graver peril at this moment than at any time since the Bolshevik revolution because Moscow's goal of world domination is more shrewdly camouflaged than in the past.' The Scripps-Howard editorial writer took it from there, reminding its readers that Russia's propaganda experts recently sent Khrushchev and Bulganin to other countries, portraying them as amiable chatterboxes - as men who have changed and who were never really bad."

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Memorandum for L. V. Boardman

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. The editors of 'Look' magazine have received numerous threats over the articles on Dr. J. de Galindez, missing mysteriously since last March -- an outspoken enemy of Dictator Trujillo."

COMMENT:

Disappearance of Jesus de Galindez-Suarez, on 3-12-56, is the subject of a missing person investigation by the New York City Police Department. Our New York office is keeping close contact with the New York Police Department in the event evidence of a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction is disclosed. We are pressing collateral investigations on Registration Act cases that might shed light on the situation. Contact with appropriate Bureau supervisors, as well as the New York office, reflects that alleged threats to "Look" editors have apparently not as yet been reported to the Bureau or the New York office.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The Senate Investigating Committee has sent for Albert Anastasia of the 'Brooklyn Waterfront Society.' He will testify Tuesday."

COMMENT:

Anastasia is the long-time notorious hoodlum and former member of "Murder, Inc.," whose brother, Tony Anastasia, is the dominant figure in the International Longshoremen's Union in Brooklyn. The Bureau is aware that the above committee has been planning hearings on racketeering in the New York - Brooklyn area.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 4, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

Mr. Nichols

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Mr. Broden

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
JUNE 3, 1956Classified by SP8 BT/ACL

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WINCHELL SAID:

"FBI men have their first hot lead in the mysterious disappearance of J. D. Galindez, believed slain by paid killers for a Latin American dictator. 'G' men are now quizzing the missing man's dearest lady friend, Katherine Sargent of 2 Sutton Place, New York City."

COMMENT:

Jesus de Galindez, professor of Latin American history at Columbia University, New York City, disappeared while en route home from an evening class on 3-12-56. He was a bitter enemy of Dominican Dictator Rafael Trujillo. The Bureau is not actively investigating Galindez's disappearance, but is maintaining close liaison with the New York City Police Department (NYCPD).* The NYCPD have talked to Sargent, we have not. Sargent was a close friend of Galindez.

The NYCPD do not feel she is implicated.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The disappearance and possible murder of Professor Galindez, enemy of Dictator Trujillo, has involved Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr. (F.D.R., Jr.) \$30,000 a year paid agent for the Dominican Republic. F.D.R., Jr., wrote the Department of Justice urging the solution of the mysterious disappearance. The Justice people made the following sarcastic reply, 'We are sure it would assist in the investigation to know you have addressed any such appeal to the Government of the Dominican Republic for which you are a registered agent, and if so, the nature of the response.' F.D.R., Jr., has stated, 'I never heard of Galindez.' The current issue of 'Time' magazine published a picture of F.D.R., Jr., and Galindez standing side by side at Hyde Park."

COMMENT:

The 6-4-56 issue of "Time" reported Trujillo became a Roosevelt client on 3-1-56, and police suspect Trujillo was responsible for Galindez's disappearance. "Time" published a picture of F.D.R., Jr., and Galindez when Galindez placed a wreath on In addition, we are vigorously pressing all collateral investigations, such as the Registration Act (Dominican) for any information which may be developed re: Galindez's disappearance.

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt's tomb. F.D.R., Jr., is registered with the Department of Justice as a registered agent for the Dominican Republic.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The 'Reds' in New York City are meeting in New York City next Thursday afternoon to figure out how Walter Winchell gets so much inside information on their alleged activities."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The authorities know the name of the motion picture writer raising funds right now in Hollywood to get Morton Sobell, 'red' atomic spy, a new trial."

COMMENT:

This apparently refers to John Wexley, author of the book "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." Wexley has been identified as a Hollywood writer and a Communist Party member. The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell has held meetings at which Wexley's book has been sold to secure money for Sobell.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The next cabinet meeting will review the Russian situation. The optimistic report by United States Ambassador Chip Bohlen that the 'Red' leaders have changed has very few supporters. They are amazed in Washington, D. C., that Bohlen has swallowed their bait."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The United States Internal Security Committee will make a very sensational charge next week that a very high city hall executive on the staff of Mayor O'Dwyer was a member of the Communist Party."