

November 8, 1956

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

*note*  
Al Dann of "Collier's" sent me an advance copy of the November 23 issue of that magazine containing the very excellent article recounting your activities. I thought the author did an exceedingly good job of accurate reporting.

The reference to the Buchalter case revived memories of a very difficult period and was a pleasant reminder of the excellent contribution you have made to furthering the interest of law enforcement over the years. Congratulations on a job well done.

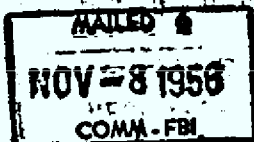
Sincerely,

*1st John*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 13, 1956

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
November 11, 1956

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Tammany Hall, New York. If Governor Harriman gives the Javits job of New York Attorney General to F. D. R., Jr., there will be, I'm told, the biggest split in New York political history."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Stockholm. The Soviet High Command has reached unanimous decision on all satellite nations. Back to the iron fist. Hungary will be the example, meaning a systematic blood bath will follow the brave broken resistance."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Ankara. Red Army forces are sweeping into Syria. The Israeli Army captured Russian Army officers and pilots who are in action with the Egyptians."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Bern. Moscow has expelled the Israeli ambassador with the most brutal terms in history with four words, 'Get off the map.'"

COMMENT:

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November 11, 1956

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. The Serge Rubenstein murder mystery, two years old next January, will make the front pages again very soon. The new number one murderer suspect is well known around midtown New York, a playboy, initials, P. C."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New Delhi, India. For the very first time, hear this, Mr. Nehru, the Prime Minister, is confronted by very bitter opposition in his own party. The Hungarian purge is a frightening lesson for India, - the very first time a punch on the other fellow's jaw opened India's eyes."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Vice President Richard Nixon, exonerated by the voters from the very lowest blows in years in politics, will be elevated again by Mr. President - practically to Deputy President of the United States. The office of Vice President will be expanded to its greatest importance in our history. Congratulations Mr. Deputy President Nixon."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The FBI is investigating alleged threats on the life of a Broadway male star by Miami Beach remnants of the Capone gang. End of warning."

COMMENT:

This probably refers to dealings [redacted] has had with [redacted] of Miami, Florida, whom [redacted] owed \$7,000.00. The New York Office interviewed [redacted] on November 6, 1956, and the Bureau was furnished full details of this matter on that date. [redacted] stated he had not been threatened with bodily harm by [redacted]. No further investigation is being conducted by the Bureau.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Atlanta, Georgia. A television commentator on another network will soon offer an interview with a Klansman in full regalia. The same Klansman pleaded guilty to using the mails to defraud in January, 1950, at Atlanta, Georgia, under another name."

COMMENT:

On his WMAL-TV program, November 11, 1956, at 2:15 p.m., Drew Pearson interviewed a person (not identified by Pearson) who was dressed in a Klan robe and mask. This person has been identified previously by the Bureau as [redacted] Bureau Agents of the Atlanta Office interviewed [redacted] on November 7, 1956, at which time he advised he was not a Klansman and that most of his story, for which he was getting \$200.00 from Pearson, was not true. The details of this matter have been furnished to the Attorney General and the intelligence agencies previously.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Madison, Wisconsin. Red leadership has replaced the Labor Youth League on the campus of the University of Wisconsin with a Marxist Study Club. The Labor Youth League, ladies and gentlemen, is now on the Government's subversive list. It has been for a long time."

COMMENT:

The Bureau is aware of Marxist Study Club activities in the Milwaukee Division.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Scoop. Two heroes of the Hungarian resistance movement have been flown here secretly. They will testify in public before a Senate committee next Tuesday."

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: November 26, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

cc - Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Branigan

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
November 25, 1956

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Winchell Said:

"Newark, New Jersey, Star-Ledger. The Senate probe into juvenile delinquency starts at Newark December 11. Young girls trained as confidence game operators by a crime syndicate will be disgraced. The G-men know all the names of the gangsters involved."

Comment:

A "Washington City News Service" item dated November 25, 1956, disclosed that Senator Estes Kefauver stated today his Senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency has uncovered "A 20th Century Fagin Story" involving an underworld ring which trains young girls for a career of "larceny," which takes more than \$1,500,000 a year by fleecing elderly people. Kefauver said the ring would be spotlighted at subcommittee hearings in Newark, New Jersey, December 11 and 12. He said "testimony at the hearings will show a strong connection between this group of racketeers and organized crime, such as narcotics traffic, gambling syndicates and white slavery." The Bureau has received no information within the past three months to indicate there has been any such activity.

Winchell Said:

"Bern. The Suez crises will become a disaster. The so-called solution is a temporary and very shaky armistice. Red arms continue to pour into Syria."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Gibraltar. The United States Atlantic battle force is now just west of the Straits--our heaviest naval units under full cruiser and destroyer convoy. They are moving up in reserve of the U. S. Sixth Mediterranean Fleet which never loses a fight."

Comment:

For your information.

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November 25, 1956

Winchell Said:

"Baltimore communists are being assessed a very big amount to send communist delegates to the National Convention. Chumps."

Comment:

The Bureau has been previously advised that all Communist Party (CP) members are being assessed by the CP for the purpose of paying the transportation expenses of CP delegates to the National Convention scheduled to be held in New York City in February, 1957.

Winchell Said:

"Washington lowdown. American sea and air forces are now on alert number one. The Pentagon notified the National Security Council that it is ready to accept any responsibility east of Malta."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Stockholm. Mr. <sup>V</sup>Molotov's comeback predicted by Winchell two weeks ago means that all promises to all satellites are off. The bloodiest purge since 1936 will be applied without mercy from Sofia to Riga."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"Washington Post. All former FBI counteragents inside the Communist Party have been alerted by Mr. G-Man, John Edgar Hoover, to be on a stand-by basis."

Comment:

The Bureau has no concerted program of contacting former Communist Party informants at this time.

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November 25, 1956

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Winchell Said:

"Communist youths throughout our country will hold a meeting in New York City December 8th to discuss their role in the plot to communize the world."

Comment:

The Bureau is cognizant of this Labor Youth League meeting and the New York Office has been alerted to establish necessary informant coverage for this meeting. The Department was advised of this scheduled meeting by letter dated November 20, 1956. The Department is being advised on a continuing basis concerning progress in the dissolution of the Labor Youth League. This matter is being followed closely with the New York Office.

Winchell Said:

"Lower East Side New York communists have started a Marxist Study Club for all the dopes in that area."

Comment:

The New York Office has advised that the Labor Youth League in the Lower East Side, New York City, is being reorganized. This reorganization is being watched by the Communist Party. Previous information has been received from other offices indicating that Marxist Study Clubs are being formed to replace the Labor Youth League. This matter is being followed with the New York Office.

Winchell Said:

"Congratulations to the people doing the wonderful job to combat juvenile delinquents. They will do what I recently mentioned on the air--play up the good work done by the juvenile decents."

Comment:

For your information.

Winchell Said:

"John Edgar Hoover and Clyde Tolson of the FBI. Mrs. J. U. Contella (phonetic) is giving her everloving husband, Fred, the old yazoo. Her lover is Red leader J. K. G."

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Comment:

No information identifiable with Mrs. Contella or her husband could be located in Bureau indices. From the limited information available, "J. K. G." could not be identified; however, one of the top Communist Party officials is [REDACTED] but no information is known to the Bureau to indicate there is any domestic strife in the Gates family.

Winchell Said:

"New York Journal-American. In a big secret communique the communists are boasting that they now have a cell in every major industry in New York City and New York State."

Comment:

It has not been possible to identify this or similar information from Bureau files.

Winchell Said:

"Secrets inside the Communist Party. Secrets (humph!!)-- now known to Mr. and Mrs. You. A Boston Red told a crowd of comrades 'There must be bloodshed for the betterment of the Communist Party wherever it may be--here in the U. S. A. or in Hungary.' The Red who said that will be among the very first thrown into a cell the moment war comes, if it does."

Comment:

This may refer to current discussions by the Communist Party growing out of the Hungarian situation. The Bureau is aware that the Foster faction of the Communist Party, USA, has supported the use of troops in Hungary to suppress "fascism;" however, since the person making this statement cannot be specifically identified, the Boston Office is being instructed to attempt to identify this person and advise Bureau.

Winchell Said:

"The House Committee on Un-American Activities is investigating alleged Reds and former communists on the staff of a very great standard-size newspaper in New York City."

Comment:

No information has been received by the Bureau insofar as is known to indicate any such inquiry by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: November 26, 1956

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-252)

ATTENTION: TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> WALTER WINCHELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

For the information of the Bureau, the above captioned Nationally prominent news commentator and columnist is scheduled to report to Paramount Pictures, Incorporated, Hollywood, California, on December 4, 1956, to commence narrating the new BOB HOPE picture, "BEAU JAMES."

This production is a story of the life of former New York Mayor JAMES WALKER.

According to present information, Mr. WINCHELL is scheduled to remain in Los Angeles for at least eight weeks and might possibly extend his stay to sixteen weeks.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : L. V. Boardman

Tlc: Nichols

DATE: December 3, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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DECEMBER 2, 1956

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WINCHELL SAID:

"St. Moritz Hotel - 59th Street. Fred P. Duffy 59, popular executive manager died tonight. He had nothing but friends - a nice guy way about him."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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Declassify on: OADR 9/24/84WINCHELL SAID:

"International Murder Incorporated! Baghdad. Iraq has notified Britain and Turkey that attack from Syria is imminent; that she, Iraq, will call upon her allies to honor her alliance. The British and the Turkish general staffs are now in emergency conferences."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Vienna. A paralyzing fear of war is gripping the Austrian capital."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Belgrade. Marshall Tito, the communist leader, fears that he is the target of Moscow. Yugoslavia is mobilized."

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman  
Re: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
DECEMBER 2, 1956

WINCHELL SAID:

"Stockholm. The most dangerous factor of war is the panic in the Kremlin. There is genuine fear that an all-out satellite uprising can be stopped only by attacking the West. Meaning you and your neighbors."


COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*Gamal Abdel Nasser*  
"Washington. Dictator Nasser the other night sent a coded, secret cable - if it was secret and coded Mr. Winchell, how do you know what is in it? - Well, I do. This cable was sent to Ahmed Hussein, Egyptian Ambassador to Washington, ordering him to demand of the State Department that it refuse to accept Jewish refugees being kicked out of Egypt. The despicable dictator Nasser is making King Farouk look positively wonderful and lovable." *Eg*

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(S) This information was furnished to State Department, National Security Agency, CIA, Army, Navy and Air Force Intelligence by 11-30-56 memorandum.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The greatest concentration of American Naval forces since Tokyo Bay is now in Mediterranean waters. Reinforcements

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Memorandum from Belmont to Boardman  
Re: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
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continue to pour in. We now have the greatest striking power in naval history. Over ten times that of our famous Task Force 58."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party - USA. Large trouble in the leadership of the Bronx Communist Party. The chairman is fed up with party tactics. He may resign."

COMMENT:

New York, by 11-25-56 teletype, advised the [REDACTED] Chairman, Bronx County Branch of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] has a long history of Communist Party activity and has been a leading functionary for many years.

The Department was advised of [REDACTED] contemplated action by 11-29-56 memorandum.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"All Scymunist clubs in the San Diego area are being consolidated into one big ugly mess for solidarity purposes."

COMMENT:

San Diego by 11-23-56 airtel advised that according to a reliable security informant, [REDACTED]

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b7D that the chairmanship was to be turned over to the county committee and an unnamed individual.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Comrades in Portland, Oregon are fed up with supplying funds to keep the communist newspaper in Portland, Oregon on the newsstands. Nearly all of them will refuse to be patsys, chumps, dopes and suckers from tonight on."

COMMENT:

Portland by 11-20-56 airtel advised that during the past week little enthusiasm for support of the "Daily Peoples World" west coast communist newspaper, was noticed on the part of Communist Party members in that area. This general attitude has been prevalent since the 20th Congress of the Communist Party - Soviet Union and the denouncement of Stalin by the Russian leaders.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Reds National Convention date has been changed suddenly to March. Who's telling 'em all of our secrets?"

COMMENT:

The Communist Party National Convention is still scheduled to be held in New York in February. We are aware that members of the national committee have discussed putting off the National Convention until March, however to date they have not done so as they fear this action would be dangerous.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"A one-time Red witness is again available to testify that he once attended a red cell, a Comy cell at Time Magazine. He says more than 60 subversives were planted in that cell at Time Magazine. I know him very well."

COMMENTS:

It is believed Winchell is referring to Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the "Daily Worker" who has been interviewed concerning communist activities at Time Magazine. Budenz, according to an article in the January, 1955 issue of "Confidential" magazine, shortly before World War II attended a weekly communist meeting of 50 staff members of Time Magazine. We are aware of efforts of the Communist Party in the early 1940's to infiltrate Time Magazine. We do not have any information indicating that Budenz is contemplating testimony concerning communist activities at Time Magazine.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Time Magazine, as I have reported many times, and of which they are 'offly miffed' had as its senior managing editor in Time Magazine - Moscow's number one spy in the U. S. to Mr. Stalin in person. He finally came over to our side eight years later explaining all those boffs, bangs and boofs at Winchell and other Comy fighters in Time Magazine. This man's name - Whittaker Chambers."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

- I am offering evidence by the way to Senate and Congressional Committees that some of the rating services are not true findings on what you, the people look at and listen to on the air. I hope a committee will prove it. Just to show you all that what I charge is true-I have fought ratings and I fight them even when I am first. A law suit will soon confirm me. One rating deputy in a southern city took about \$5000, the law suit will allege, to juggle the arithmetic for someone, they won't let



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MASTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
December 2, 1956

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me tell you what the name is and so I'll have to get off."

COMMENT:

This matter would not appear to be within the Bureau's jurisdiction. We have no information concerning the law suit in question.

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December 7, 1956

AIRMAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Walter Winchell  
Beverly Hills Hotel  
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Walter:

Your column today was particularly interesting as it had so many facts in it. I did appreciate so much your kind observations on Don Whitehead's book, "The FBI Story," and I certainly hope that the reviewers take your advice. We are all very proud of the book because, for the first time, it gives a detailed account of our activities over the years presented in a very honest and objective manner.

I regretted that the author found it necessary because of space limitations to omit some of the episodes in the Bureau's development. Certainly I would have liked to have seen more reference to your own contributions over the years as I have never forgotten the interest you took in the Bureau back in 1934 and how helpful you were in many trying periods.

I do hope you are enjoying that "good" California sunshine, and I rather envy your opportunity to be in California at this particular time. 62-31615-1017

Clyde joins me in extending to you best wishes.

With kind regards

Sincerely,

*John*

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# Walter Winchell Of New York

## The WW Variety Show

There are 9 shows in the current season's top bonanza category. About 30 challenged the Homicide Squad... Jayne Mansfield, who adores pets, just added a wabbit to her private zoo. (She also collects wolves)... Spin Les Tully's "Around the World With Elwood Pretzel." A spoof of Elvis' grunting... Follywood's latest happy-go-luxury: Mink bikinis... "Bells Are Ringing" is ringing the loudest bell on the cash register. Tickets are being sold for January, 1958... The Rockettes are high-kicking to a rumba beat. How they can wiggle their waggles!... Fred Allen's "Much Ado About Me" includes this swifty-nifty: "I always felt that success is a status a person enjoys only in the estimation of another"... The Seville on Santa Monica Blvd (Girlywood, USA) is where the most glamorous H'woodarlings go to unwind or Set The Alarm... On fire there last night were Esther Williams, Isabel Jewel, Ann Miller and the newspaper profession's No. 1 Baby-Sitter for Stars (Roberta Sherwood, Lisa Kirk, Shelley Winters, Rowan & Martin and Norma Douglas)... Steve Peck, who teaches stars How To Do It, is the landlord. The band has a beat as hot as the one at El Morocco. In short, this is WW's new all-night address on the West Coast... Sextress Joan Collins announced: "I want a man who knows how to laugh." (Hahahahahaha-hahahahahahahahahahaha.)



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The value of inhaling beautifully: Diana Dors owns a plane and yacht... Mike Todd, of all people, once taught bricklaying... Before joining Actors' Studio you must be okayed by a board composed of students plus the Board of Directors... Oh, those critics! The Herald-Trib's reviewer scorned "Candide" as a "spectacular disaster" while the N. Y. Timesman hailed it as "a brilliant satire"... David Wayne's starrer, "The Loud Red Patrick," is a financial click. A trio of movie companies are bidding for the rights... "Anastasia" sounds like a song worth your bent ear. A dreamy thing... "I don't like this fuss that everyone makes about my bust measurements," declared Sophia Loren—whose lucky numbers are 36-24-36.

Janet Leigh and Tony Curtis are smarties. They are investing in real estate... Those tv shows from Miami Beach are mighty sun-teresting... Ray Bolger's reprise of "Once in Love With Amy" (via NBC) demonstrated why audiences are in love with Ray... The season's 12 flops (thus far) represent a loss of more than \$2 million... Les Baxter's "Dream Rhapsody" disc is a happy whirl. Musical music... Julie London reveals her gift for gamuting in the forthcoming "Great Man" flicker... Judy Garland's quotable kwote: "It's children, not furniture, that make the home."

"Just One More" (published by the Los Angeles Press Photos Association) is crowded with de luxe camera-work... Herb Stempel, the "21" show's know-it-all, threatens to become the Fort Knox among quizzards. Moral: Nothing is more entertaining than money... Shelley Winters is a Girl. She was modeling swimsuits and nightgowns when she was 15... Peggy Lee, who earns about \$500,000 annually, recently had to sell some real estate to pay back taxes... Why Judy Holliday must watch those calories: She's a potato pancake fanatic. (Who isn't?)... Mike Wilding's understatement of the week: "Marriage is difficult when you're not together."

Edie Piazz never had a musical education and can barely read the do-r-mi lingo... Sir James Durante's mythical character "Umbriago" is derived from Italian folklore... Movieville's top producers, DeMille and Goldwyn, are both 74. In other words, you're never too old to be young... The "My Fair Lady" record is expected to gross \$3 million... Ingrid Bergman's twin girls are not lookalikes. One is blonde and blue-eyed, the other is a brown-eyed brunette... Julie Andrews recently explained the secret of her success: "For many years I did nothing but practice, practice, practice, practice." Talk about stewpe: R. Presley's guitar costs \$375. MacNeil

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In Japan, Miss Monroe is popularly known as "The Honorable Antelope Swinging Actress". Which reminds me: Machiko Kyo, the Japanese doll in the "Teahouse of the August Moon" movie, proves there's nothing as international as beauty. At no extra cost, we give you George Abbott's formula for constructing a play: "In the first act you get a man up a tree, in the second act you throw rocks at him. And in the third act you get him down." No producer has ever equaled Jed Harris' record: He once had 4 hits on Broadway at the same time. Bob Hope, who plays James J. Walker in "Beau James" (the story of Walker's life based on Gene Fowler's best-selling book), has a big hit. Alexis Smith, Vera Miles and the cameramen's shots of N.Y. (as I know it) might be stars.

Ethel Merman's chums hardly ever call her Ethel. Their affectionate names for the star are Mermo, Mermsey or The Merm. The latter was coined by George Solotareff. Actress Kim Stanley, who called the critics fatheads last season, will bravely challenge them in an upcoming drama. Carroll Baker, "Baby Doll" star, was one of teevee's weather forecasters several years ago. Don Whitehead's "The FBI Story: A Report to the Nation" merits the raves of book reviewers. Reading this tome will make Americans feel proud and safe. Ray Bolger wins the right trophy with this comment: "These TV shows whirl around like a revolving door. You have to watch out you don't get trapped in it."

"Girls of Summer" is a show only for people who have emotions. Sexy as a bachelor's daydreams. If it's controversy you desire, this is to report that Alf Hitchcock is anti-egg. He announced: "I've never eaten an egg in my life. To me an egg is a sinister thing." Susan Strasberg's big ambition (before becoming a star) was to be a commercial artist. Doris Schary's payoff after being dropped by MGM is \$100,000 per annum for 10 years. In other words, Hollywood is the only place where you can be a failure—and get rich. Sallie Blair belongs in a show like "The Ziegfeld Follies." Sings "Black Magic" better than Billie Daniels and "Hold 'Em Joe" better than Harry Belafonte. She is sex with a capital X.

The most successful songsmiths have difficulty creating clicks. Cole Porter, for example, has composed over 500 tunes. About 75 have been major hits. The value of talent: Yul Brynner received a \$1,000,000 offer to direct and star in a movie. Edward G. Robinson is another graduate from Vaudeville U. What is success? The Edie Adams-Ernie Kovacs duplex has 15 rooms, seven bathrooms. Ella Fitzgerald's "April in Paris" platter makes the oldie sound superior to most newies. The ratings race rat race: Arithmetic has replaced entertainment. A decimal point can mean the difference between success and failure. Incredibly, the ratings have a life-or-death effect for a show—but they cannot be proved right or wrong.



November 26, 1956

Dear Walter:

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I am answering your letter of the 12th of Nov. It was indeed gratifying to know you haven't forgotten me.

When Rose Bigman wrote to me she mentioned something about personal property. You may remember when we were all having lunch one afternoon at Lindy's Restaurant you, Leon Rosen, and myself, I handed you four slips of paper. You in turn handed them to the photographer who was sitting at our table. You may also remember, Mr. Rosen had to leave for the Immigration Authority Building on Columbus Ave. After lunch we all left in your car. We drove Leon Rosen to his destination. Our interview was brief as you had a dental appointment.

Those papers are quite important to me. If you still have them, I would greatly appreciate it if you would return them.

Miss Bigman also wrote about the cigarette lighter which I had given you. Walter, it made me quite happy, & good inside when you accepted the lighter. I trust it is still in working order. When you use it, please think of me.

Here is an "Item" that may restore your faith in people like me.

Just before I left town, I made a promise. I told you I was "turning the leaf." Well, I've got great news for you. I am employed, I am working at something that I have always liked. I am [REDACTED] city of Miami.

I'm not making any fortunes, but what I lack in salary, I make up in experience. I follow a strict routine, & what's more I live it.

We don't have any "Signal 30s" down here [REDACTED]

I would like to give you an "Exclusive," but alas, I'm here & you are there.

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You may remember our last telephone conversation, the one in which you were quite perturbed about some plot which you thought I was involved.

Walter, I had no intention of trying to extort any money 22282  
from you. Somehow or other, (I don't know if you are now) but you were under the impression that I was part of a plot to extort \$25,000 from you. I swear to you here & now that was the farthest idea from my mind. As a matter of fact, I knew nothing whatsoever about it.

Any information which I might have passed on to you came from a third party & I only relayed to you what was told to me.

Needless for me to say, I felt very hurt that you could even have thought that I could do anything like that. You befriended me when I needed a friend. You were on the level with me & I would never do or say anything that would jeopardize our friendship. To show good faith now, I have that information you wanted [redacted] is his name. His nefarious activities extended in three locals in Nassau County, Great Neck, Williston Park, & Westbury.

I'm sure I still have that picture lying around somewhere.

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Write & let me know if you still want it. There is so much more that I want to say. I realize that you must be exceedingly busy. What with your Television Show (which by the way is really Winchellific). I'm sorry the sponsors aren't picking up your option.

I didn't mean to write such a long letter. But when I started one word lead to another. As a result, five pages.

I sincerely trust this letter finds you and yours enjoying the best of health. I will anxiously await an early reply.

Respectfully Yours,  
[redacted]

P.S. I just ran across this article in the Miami paper.

# Winchell Power Is Dangerous

Walter Winchell sounds more and more like a dangerously sick man... (and remember that you read it here FIRST!)

It is interesting that he is paradoxically one of the most vigorous foes of totalitarianism and yet he seems so closely to resemble that which he despises.

He is becoming a desensitized demagogue, so totally transfixed of his own power that he becomes an unmercifully vicious opponent.

He has so much power that a favorable paragraph in his column could mean fame and success to the recipient and one or two condemning sentences could mean the end of a career or the end of a personality, or both.

Even his untiring efforts for worthy causes lose their perspective when they are cheapened with gimmicks, given the 'huckster' treatment and sold to the public with his coined words.

This is a most unwholesome situation. Many fear N.A.A. think few must respect him.

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Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Mirror  
235 East 45th Street  
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

Many thanks for the letter and newspaper clipping which were sent to you by [REDACTED]

I thought you might like to know I had a copy of his communication made for our files, and as you requested, I am returning the letter and clipping to you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

*John*

Enclosure

NOTE: Winchell is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Attached was received from  
Walter Winchell.

Handwritten notation in pencil on first page:  
"TV Send to J. E. Hoover & return."

*Let to Winchell (copy) 12/19/52 (you know best) 1 auth made 12-6-56 dlt*

It will be recalled Mr. Winchell published an  
article [redacted]

[redacted] in connection with the Peter  
Weinberger kidnaping case [redacted] inferred he had  
information regarding the case. [redacted] had been  
contacting Mr. Winchell regularly and supposedly  
furnishing information about the case. He did not  
furnish any pertinent information to the kidnaping.  
[redacted] has a long arrest record from 1941  
and was committed to a mental institution in 1945.  
[redacted] was picked up by Nassau County Police  
in a Times Square Subway Station on 7/6/56 as  
Mr. Weinberger had gone to the subway station on a  
telephone call that was arranging a pay-off. [redacted]  
was picked up because he had been loitering around  
the area. He was not arrested as they had not been  
able to identify him in connection with that pay-off, but  
his activities were suspicious. Subsequently, the  
Weinberger's received annoying calls and 2 calls made  
on 7/15/56 were traced to the home of [redacted]  
As a result of these calls [redacted] was arrested by the  
Nassau County Police and charged with disorderly  
conduct, which charge is still pending. At the time  
[redacted] was contacting Mr. Winchell, he was considered  
a possible suspect. Subsequent investigation showed  
he had nothing to do with the actual kidnaping.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *12/24/56*

Tic: Nichols DATE: December 17, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Big Secret Department - the New York State Communist Party Committee held a very secret meeting in New York City a few mornings ago. Delegates from all Red cells attended. They also decided the fate of ex-convict John Gates, ex-editor of the Red newspaper, the Daily Worker."

COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. John Santo, the former Red leader will be flown from Vienna. Santo will blow the lid off the American Communist Party in public hearings before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Committee."

COMMENTS:

Santo, true name Desiderio Farmer, was formerly Secretary-Treasurer of the Transport Workers Union in New York City. While under a deportation order, he voluntarily left the U.S. in 1949. On 11-21-56, he traveled to Austria from

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WINGFIELD SAID:

"Mr. and Mrs. United States. Foreign policy is to our government what the steering wheel is to a motor car. It gives direction. The power and the strength, however, is concentrated in the engine and that engine is represented by you, the people. It cannot function without the fuel of facts, and here are the facts. There is no peace. The Russian leaders won victories by division and subversion. Conquest by propaganda, terror and local conflict. Tonight they continue their skullduggery in Korea and Indo-China while setting up Syria as a Red base. Opposite Formosa, the Reds are ready for attack at any time. The Middle East might be compared to a volcano - cool on top - beneath, fire and fury. Economically, the British are on a wartime footing. The French are trapped in the squeeze. Another Marshall Plan must come. More billions will be added to the billions we have wasted abroad. What will it cost you? Prices are going up - taxes will not come down. Inflation pressures are a major threat. There will be a scarcity of steel and other strategic metals. In plain Yankee Doodle talk, Suez is as close to every American as his pocketbook."

**CONSENT:**

*For your information.*

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TO : L. V. Boardman

CONFIDENTIAL DATE: December 26, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside U.S. Communist Party - Top Reds have convinced Max Weiss not to resign until after their national convention so that the comrades will not be too depressed by the adverse publicity. Max is their Education Director. I hope Max is now educated to the shock that his and their secrets are not so very secret."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this. Weiss submitted his resignation as Education Director of the Party, however, Party leaders convinced him to hold off until after the national convention.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party - A high official in the Ohio Communist Party has quit."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Red leaders are planning a campaign to force a change in the rules to abolish U.S. Senate filibusters."

Ticklers: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
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COMMENT:

This has been a party-wide project for several months. Much about same has appeared in recent issues of the "Daily Worker."

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Communist Party county convention was secretly held at Syracuse, New York, on last Friday. Some secret."

COMMENT:

We were aware of this local meeting of upstate New York Communist Party leaders.

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TO : L. V. Boardman *fb 12/12/56*  
 FROM : A. H. Belmont *abbs*  
 SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
 DECEMBER 9, 1956

Tic: Nichols DATE: 12-10-56  
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WINCHELL SAID:

*X Political matters - NICARAGUA*  
 "Managua, Nicaragua, is reported on the verge of a rebellion. The government is rounding up persons suspected of plotting a coup. Thousands of 'antis' arrested."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*X Political matters - FRANCE*  
 "International Murder Incorporated! Paris. The French Government is ready to throw in the sponge in Algeria. Algerian independence is very near. Mr. Eden is ready to step down but he wants Mr. Mac Millan for his successor. Mr. Rab Butler will contest for the conservative leadership."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*X Political matters - GERMANY*  
 "The East Germans are very edgy again. A new rebellion against Red dictators may explode any minute."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*X Political matters - INDIA*  
 "New Delhi. When Mr. Nehru visits Mr. Eisenhower, he will ask - that's Nehru will ask - for seven hundred and fifty million dollars for his five-year plan. Nehru has been more pro-Russian than pro-Yankee Doodle."

COMMENT:

For your information.

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DECEMBER 9, 1956

WINCHELL SAID:

*X political matters - Russia*  
"Berne. Another so-called Russian peace offer is in the wind. The terms may be like these. The satellites behind the Iron Curtain be allowed to 'Titoize' - that means - their own Red nationalist government in return for neutralization for West Germany - which will reject."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*X political matters - Cuba*  
"Havana. The Cuban capital is an armed camp, they tell me. Secret Police almost everywhere in 'Habana.' President Batista keeps moving, they say from one bed to another to foil assassins."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

*DE, NY*  
"Attention, Editor, Newark, New Jersey Star Ledger. Senator Joseph McCarthy will be in your city, Newark, next Thursday to testify in Aaron Coleman's libel suit. Coleman was suspended as a Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, radar man."

COMMENT:

Coleman, a Fort Monmouth employee, who was an classmate at City College of New York of Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell, convicted Soviet agents.

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[REDACTED] We are aware of Coleman's

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\$600,000 libel suit filed against the Newark Star Ledger in connection with stories published by that paper during the McCarthy committee hearings at Fort Monmouth in 1953, in which Coleman was linked with Rosenberg and Sobell.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Editor, Washington Post. The Senate Internal Security Committee will make its first test of the new Congressional Immunity Statute this coming week. It will order two well-known communists to waive immunity and answer all questions. No number fives."

COMMENT:

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We are not aware of the identity of the two individuals referred to by Winchell. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols' office contact the Senate Internal Security Committee to determine the identity of the individuals in question.

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December 9, 1956

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party. The closing of the red front Jefferson School in New York City is simply another red tactic to avoid an order issued by the Subversive Control Board demanding that all of them register. They, the reds can be expected to start a new front, of course."

COMMENT:

We are aware that the Jefferson School of Social Science intended to close this month and the Department has been so advised. The closing of the school is occasioned by financial difficulties and a substantial drop in enrollment.

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WINCHELL SAID:

Racial Situation -  
"Clinton, Tennessee. Another communist myth was blown sky high the other day. U. S. Government men arrested 16 persons for criminal contempt of the Federal Court - charged with causing the outbreak of racial violence which closed the Clinton High School. Your President again displayed his moral courage. The issue has long since passed any racial question. The only question, ladies and gentlemen is whether the law can be disobeyed without penalty. The ridiculous and bigoted defendants do not realize that the law requires us all to obey it whether we like it or not. None of us for example enjoys paying income taxes. The issue is not segregation - it is far deeper. Without law and order we have no United States of America. Like Washington and Lincoln, President Eisenhower takes very seriously his oath to uphold the 48 states."

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Walter Winchell's Broadcast  
December 9, 1956

COMMENTS:

We are aware of this situation. The U. S. Marshal arrested 16 individuals in Clinton, Tennessee, last week on contempt of court charges. At the request of the Department and the U. S. Attorney, and with the consent of the Federal Judge, we are conducting an investigation to determine whether the provisions of the judges' permanent injunction order have been violated. ✓

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York City. Four teen-aged juvenile 'delunatics' sent three New York newspaper cameramen to the hospital several weeks ago. Two of the four candidates for the electric chair - their names are Joe Ware and Dick Nelson - were arrested in New York Friday night. All were out on very low bail of \$1,000 - after a judge had set the bail at \$25,000 each - very high. I know the Constitution says no excessive bail, but these boys are pretty pretty rough. Political influence, as I charged at the time, may have arranged that dirty trick on the people of New York City. One bum the other night had a five inch switch-blade knife. They are charged with malicious mischief - humf. At their hearing the last time I said to them before the court that I would next see them in Sing Sing Prison. I never dreamed that it would be so soon."

COMMENT:

This is not within our jurisdiction and we are not conducting any investigation relative to this matter. We are aware of the incident involving the beating in September, 1956, of three newspaper representatives by Ware, Nelson and two others. On 10-25-56 the four defendants appeared in Adolescent Court, New York City, at which time their bail was reduced to \$1,000 each.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

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DATE: December 31, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

Tic: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Branigan

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Bland

Mr. Evans

Mr. Stokes

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
DECEMBER 30, 1956WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The U.S. Senate Investigating Committee will start the biggest probe ever made in the labor movement. Eacketeering. The investigation will cover 17 states, starting with the teamster's union in New York - alleged in its use of funds by leaders."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this. The New York, Philadelphia, Seattle and Portland Offices have reported the presence of Committee representatives in their territories. The New York situation referred to by Winchell is the case involving Philip Masiello and Lester Stickle, business agents of Local 445 of the teamsters union, who on 10-27-55 were convicted in Federal court in New York of conspiring to extort \$64,000 from milk haulers in that area. Masiello and Stickle appealed the case and lost. They are presently in prison.

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"Inside the Communist Party. The one Winchell department that drives them all berserk. Fred Fine is the latest national red chief to leave New York. He moves to Chicago."

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"Inside the Communist Party number two. Oregon reds hold their state convention January 13th. Each club will send one delegate."

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DECEMBER 30, 1956

COMMENT:

We are aware of this. The Portland Office furnished the information on December 17th.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party number three. Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade on December 14th voted to dissolve as a political entity. Their new setup will be a social club. Same difference - Same leaders."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this as New York so advised on December 19th. The Department has been informed.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party number four. A very big name Scummy is now secretly in Los Angeles looking for an apartment and a job. He will go underground to get work - and maybe the Party if he has to. The chump."

COMMENT:

This may relate to [REDACTED] Communist Party organizer at Buffalo, New York, who on December 19, 1956, travelled to Los Angeles to look for work and housing. A reliable informant of the Buffalo Office advised [REDACTED]

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party number five. This is a pip. The communists on the west coast have what they call a gimmick to test the identity of a comrade. Transfer his membership from one city to another. This is a very big secret. So lets make it public."



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DECEMBER 30, 1956

The comrade changing cities carries a dollar bill the serial number of which has been sent on to the red executive in the new town. As for example 3411768D."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this technique which has been used by Party members for some time. Specifically Winchell may be referring to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] No record in Bureau indices of the serial number quoted by Winchell.

WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Journal-American." The finger man in the Victor Riesel acid blinding case has lost thirty pounds from worrying. He was a witness for the prosecution. He is now in the hands of a psychiatrist."

COMMENT:

This refers to Joseph Carlinio, witness in the first trial just concluded in this case. Carlinio is in prison awaiting sentencing in this matter. We are aware he is upset and concerned because of his testimony; however, he is not to our knowledge in the hands of a psychiatrist. \*

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. G-man John Edgar Hoover your most under paid public servant for forty years will be 62 New Years Day. Happy birthday - Speed."

COMMENT:

For your information.

\* I checked with NY - Carlinio is not receiving psychiatric treatment. In fact [REDACTED] where Carlinio presently staying states Carlinio now in good spirits.

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *pl 1.5*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *pl 2*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
JANUARY 6, 1957

DATE: January 7, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Havana. Over 5,000 revolutionists, according to Cuba's #1 rumor tonight, will invade Cuba within 3 weeks from the Dominican Republic and Mexico."

COMMENT:

We have received several reports of pending plans of Cuban revolutionaries to invade Cuba from the Dominican Republic. Possible dates for the attempt have varied and always been postponed. The latest predicted date was January 10th. All such reports have been disseminated to all interested agencies.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Canon City, Colorado. John Gilbert Graham - he killed 44 innocent persons when he put a time bomb in a plane to kill his mother - will die next Friday night."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Milwaukee. Alfred T. Williams, one of the Stepp brothers - on television - goes to trial in Federal Court, Milwaukee, January 14th - morals charges."

cc: Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Branigan  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Bland  
Mr. Price  
Mr. Van Wagoner

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COMMENT:

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1 Alfred T. Williams, alias Al Stepp, a Negro TV entertainer, induced the transportation of a prostitute named [REDACTED] white, from Chicago, to Milwaukee, in December, 1954. This is a Bureau investigation which resulted in his indictment by a Federal grand jury at Milwaukee in November, 1956, on a charge of violating the White Slave Traffic Act. Trial is scheduled for January.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Buenos Aires. The Argentina Government is expected to fall again before sun-up."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Attention all respectable clubs and organizations. Communist Party chiefs will again launch an attack against the FBI and the House Committee on Un-American Activities. A 7-page leaflet has also been mailed to labor unions lambasting United States Attorney General Brownell as a labor baiter, which he is not."

COMMENT:

By airtel of December 27, the Portland Division, and by airtel of December 28, the Boston Division, advised that the Labor Committee of the Communist Party, USA, had prepared a 7-page leaflet captioned "Greetings to the American Working People on the Occasion of the First Anniversary of the Great Labor Merger, AFL - CIO!" scheduled to be distributed to union leaders and members. The leaflet recounts the importance of this AFL - CIO unity. It points out that "Red-baiting, labor-hating, Attorney General Brownell" is the reason that the independent unions, including the longshoremen, mine, mill and smelter workers, miners, and a large section of the electrical workers are not contributing to the "strength and fighting spirit" of the AFL - CIO. This is repetition of charges repeatedly made by the Communist Party in public pronouncements and "Daily Worker" editorials based upon the government's complaints against the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"A move, known to the G-men and other Federal law enforcement agents, is now under way to open gambling at gulf resorts in Mississippi."

COMMENT:

By letter of 12-21-56, the New Orleans Office furnished in connection with the General Investigative Intelligence File information that open and possibly large scale gambling would soon be allowed on the Mississippi Coast along the Gulf of Mexico. It was reported that both Governor J. P. Coleman and U. S. Senator John C. Stennis would resign and Lt. Governor Carroll Gartin, not a pronounced foe of gambling, would become governor. Stennis is slated by Mississippi politicians to get an authorized Federal judgeship in the Southern District of Mississippi and Gartin would appoint Coleman to fill Stennis' unexpired term in the Senate. The Harrison County Sheriff is already reported to have sounded out the provost marshal at Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi as to the attitude of the military toward gambling in the county..

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party. Los Angeles communists will stage a dinner and a rally at the Embassy auditorium next month - \$100 a plate - for the benefit of Morton Sobell - now doing 30 years at Alcatraz for his part in the Julius and Ethel Rosenberg atomic spy case. But here's the punch line. United States Senator William Langer - North Dakota - will be the communist's principal speaker that day and night."

COMMENT:

Los Angeles Office on 12-21 and 27-56 has furnished information from a confidential informant quoting Alice Haggerty, Los Angeles Sobell Committee, to effect that the committee is planning a \$100 - per - plate dinner and mass rally at the Embassy auditorium, Los Angeles, sometime during February, 1957.



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She stated that Senator Langer of North Dakota had accepted an invitation to address both affairs and will be billed as the chief attraction. This information was furnished Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Tompkins by letter of 1-2-57.

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