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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

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DATE: January 14, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
JANUARY 13, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The U. S. Government will accuse two American officials now in Hungary of collaborating with the enemy."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Portland, Oregon. The U. S. Senate investigating committee has subpoenaed high executives in Portland and Seattle teamster unions."

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COMMENT:

Releases from the committee over the past week have indicated that officials of the Teamsters Union in Portland would be subpoenaed in connection with the activities of these officials in attempting to control slot machines and other gambling in that city. They also indicated they would investigate the situation in Seattle to see if there is any connection between officials there and the situation in Portland since Portland officials are subordinate to the Western District officials in Seattle.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington backstage. Attention, Department of Justice! One of the major cigarette companies is distributing copies of the race-hating newspaper in the southland. Through their salesmen, this vicious propaganda charges a competitor cigarette company with assisting Negro organizations. Investigators have documented that evidence. Unless this is stopped at once, I will name the bigoted cigarette company next week."

COMMENT:

For the past year or so considerable literature distributed throughout the South has criticized the P. Lorillard Co., makers of Phillip Morris cigarettes, for hiring Negroes in high positions in the company and for donating money to the NAACP, the Urban League, and other such organizations. We possess no information that such criticism of P. Lorillard is being circulated by a competing cigarette manufacturer.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Federal authorities know that the Georgia legislature will shortly receive a new bill which is sure to pass. It would restore the use of masks to the KKK. Klansmen were unmasked by Georgia's State Assembly of two years ago."

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COMMENT:

The Bureau is not in possession of such information. In fact most editorial comment and opinion in Georgia and throughout the South has been in opposition to the Klan and such a development, based on such sentiment, would appear unlikely.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party! - A Walter Winchell radio feature to keep the communists over here confounded, confused, and in conniptions on how their secrets are not so very. A secret meeting of high-ranking Oregon Reds is going on right now at a residence on Southeast 34th Street, Portland, Oregon. The current occupant recently moved from an apartment."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The new editor of the 'Daily Worker' in New York City may be a long-time Stalin loyalist - pen name - J. S. Allen alias Sol Auerbach."

COMMENT:

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Bureau files reflect that Allen, whose true name is Solomon Auerbach, has been described as embittered against the denouncement of Stalin.
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WINCHELL SAID:

"A new political club composed of Communist youth is being formed at the University of Pennsylvania."

COMMENT:

By airtel of 1-7-57, the Philadelphia Division furnished information secured that date from a confidential informant that

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WINCHELL SAID:

"When the Greenwich Village Section of the New York County Communist Party rented a county hall for a Red meeting, they rented it under the nom de plume 'Manuscript Readers.'"

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The 'Daily Worker's' new correspondent in Washington, D. C., is 'one-time pro-red braintruster.' His name is A. B. Magil."

COMMENT:

The FBI Current Intelligence Analysis of January 3, 1957, states that A. B. Magil, formerly in charge of peace activities of the CP, USA, has replaced Rob F. Hall as the Washington correspondent of the "Daily Worker."

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *LPB*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ahb*

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Special! Marshal Tito's one-time top aide will testify in public. In public session this week before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee - Washington. He will reveal how mountains of American dollars sent to Yugoslavia were turned over to Russia by Marshal Tito."

COMMENT:

Jakov Levi, chief correspondent for TANJUG, (Telegraph News Agency, New Yugoslavia) an official news agency, defected on 11-26-56. He has been exhaustively interviewed by the New York Office, interview being completed 1-11-57. A full report of the interview is enroute. Chief Counsel Bob Marris of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee called him on 1-13-57. He was interviewed on 1-14 by Nelson Frank, researcher for the committee.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The investigating committee now probing alleged racketeers in unions will subpoena Teamster leader, James Hoffa, sometime next month."

COMMENT:

Hoffa is 9th Vice President of the International Teamsters Union and President of the Midwestern Conference of Teamsters Union. The Committee has adjourned its hearings until sometime in February. Hoffa's business connections were subject of a hearing conducted by Special Joint Subcommittee of the House Committees on Government Operations and on Education in Labor in November, 1953. The disclosures of this Committee have been the subject of four Bureau investigations which did not result in any prosecution.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Americans will again enjoy another big laugh. Internal Revenue will sue concert star Paul Robeson for taxes on the cash he received with the Stalin award from the Kremlin a few years ago."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Reporter Don Whitehead's thrilling book, 'The FBI Story,' ignored by the Book-of-the-Month Club, is the run-away best-seller in forty-eight states. 225,000 copies to date! The fifth printing sometime next week!"

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The U. S. Senate Internal Security Committee has issued a publication called, 'The Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States.' It includes the testimony revealing that communists have circulated pornographic pamphlets and books in the forty-eight states. One of the Government accused 'reds' is named Philip S. Foner. This Foner was listed as coconspirator in a federal grand jury indictment against one Samuel Roth for sending filthy literature and books through the mails. I exposed this Samuel Roth a few years ago when he published a 'flop book' about me. Roth was convicted and sentenced to five beautiful years in federal prison. One of his pro-scummy authors was once convicted for attempted extortion, a black mailer. I said at the time the money had to come from 'commies.' Now, years later, Winchell is confirmed again."

COMMENT:

Winchell has mentioned Samuel Roth several times before on broadcasts and in his columns. In March, 1954, he alleged that Roth had made derogatory remarks against the Director, Senator McCarthy and Winchell. Our inquiry at the time failed to substantiate this charge. Roth is a veteran dealer in obscene literature having been convicted in

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1936 and 1956 for violations of postal laws, after investigation by Postal Inspectors and having numerous arrests by local authorities for dealing in pornographic literature. In his 1956 indictment,

and [redacted] were named as coconspirators but not indicted.

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Review of Bureau files, including Foner's file, at that time reflected no information that Foner was engaged in such activity on behalf of the Communist Party nor that the Communist Party has ever used or advocated the use of pornographic material as part of its over-all strategy to further the cause of communism.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party! All communist literature and books in the Modern Book Store at 64 W. Randolph Street in Chicago have been moved to 'red headquarters' in Chicago. The book store exposed by Walter Winchell is now out of business."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The next secret meeting of the National Resolutions Committee of the Communist Party in the United States will be held in New York tomorrow and Tuesday - end of secret."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Federal charges in Milwaukee against Al Stepp, one of the Stepp Brothers, night club stars, were dropped. The Government's key witness suddenly refused to testify invoking Number 5, the Fifth Amendment."

COMMENT:

The trial of Alfred T. Williams, alias, Al Stepp, a Negro TV entertainer who induced the transportation of a white prostitute from Chicago to Milwaukee in December, 1954, began in federal court in Milwaukee on the 15th of this month. He was charged with violation of the White Slave Traffic Act after investigation by this Bureau. Trial was dismissed when the prostitute declined to testify under protection of the Fifth Amendment.

Inaugural Balls Entertainment Committee and who is known to the Director and Bureau officials was appreciative of information concerning this case when it was learned the Stepp Brothers were booked for the Inauguration. He indicated he might have Al Stepp dropped from the dot.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. The U. S. Senate Internal Security Committee next Tuesday, at public hearings, will disclose how a fortune in United States bonds ended up in Russian vaults."

COMMENT:

This possibly refers to the subpoena of Richard Henry Abrey by the Eastland Committee to explain his source for \$125,000 worth of United Steel Works bonds, a German corporation which has sold many bonds in the U. S. and other countries. Abrey is a naturalized U. S. citizen of Polish origin. Many of these bonds were looted by the Russians upon entry into Berlin in 1945. There is a "Validation Board for German Dollar Bonds" which decides whether or not bonds such as these presented for validation are legitimate. About October, 1956, the Board decided not to validate Abrey's bonds because he could not prove that they were outside of Berlin in 1945.

WINCHELL SAID:

"International gangsters! --- La Paz! Venezuela is on the brink of a rebellion. U. S. intelligence knows another attempt to overthrow that government is expected very soon."

COMMENT:

We have received no such information. An alleged plot to assassinate the Venezuelan president was allegedly uncovered by Venezuelan authorities about August, 1956, implicating Romulo Betancourt, former president, who resides in San Juan, Puerto Rico. State Department requested Bureau to conduct investigation to determine if he was so implicated. The facts have been presented

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to the Department for a determination as to whether there is any statute under which the Bureau should investigate. No reply has yet been received.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The investigation of the Teamsters Union will explode in Detroit. It stems from shocking evidence out of Los Angeles. It will stagger the complacent American public on the grip of the union grabbers."

COMMENT:

Because of the nonspecific nature of this information, we are unable to determine to what this statement may refer.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Inside the Communist Party! The National Convention of the Communist Party convenes in New York City on February 9 but the National Committee will meet secretly on February 6th and February 7th."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

b-1 "The 'Red Party' leaders from Eastern Pennsylvania are holding a secret meeting all this weekend in the State of New Jersey."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Another communist book shop is closing. The latest fatality is located in Cleveland where the comrades cannot find any comrade to run it."

COMMENT:

By airtel of January 17, 1957, Cleveland furnished information from [REDACTED]

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Fortune Magazine out next Tuesday will report, I am told, that Author Howard Fast has resigned from the Communist Party. A long ago Winchell tip."

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COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Martha Stone, New Jersey State Chairman of the Communist Party, is at liberty on bond following her conviction last spring for violation of the Smith Act. Comrade Martha Stone is mending from a recent operation at her secret hideout in Lakewood, New Jersey."

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Mr. Walter Winchell
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Dear Walter:

I noted your reference to my possible
retirement in your column of January 21st.

I was pleased that you stated you did
not believe it, for there is not a scintilla of
fact to the story.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

W. J. ...

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Walter Winchell Of New York

The Broadway Lights

The First Nights: The week's solitary newcomer, a comedy titled "The Waltz of the Toreadors," challenged the Bulls-on-the-Aisle. It represents an Anglo-French alliance—written by France's Jean Anouilh and starring Britain's Sir Ralph Richardson. The new hit was hailed by the New-York Times man as "a remarkably gay comedy" . . . An entertaining sundae, "Ice Follies of 1957," glided into Madison Sq. Garden. It is, according to the aislemen, replete with graceful tutti-fruttis . . . "A Clearing in the Woods," starring Kim Stanley, discarded its closing notice and decided to battle the critics. . . The day after "Small War on Murray Hill" closed, critic Brooks Atkinson authored a lengthy essay hailing the direction, acting and costumes. In other words, he sent posies to the funeral . . . In Philly, Tallulah Bankhead scored her customary personal triumph in "Eugenia" . . . "Tunnel of Love," starring Tom Ewell, is having a successful treasure-hunt in the tryout towns . . . Seven babies, all boys, have been born to cast-members of "The Most Happy Fella" since the musical hit opened last May.



In the Wings: Comic George DeWitt explained the difference between performing in a theater and in a night club. "In a theater if someone out front is celebrating a birthday party or anniversary they don't want it announced" . . . Frank Sinatra hit a few clinkers at the Copa the other night and kidded himself with: "If I could find the key I'd go to my room!"

The day after the opening night flop: "It wasn't that the critics hated it. They just didn't like it" . . . "The plot dragged the cast down with it" . . . "We'll get some new money and blow town!" . . . "You see, no show can last longer than its money" . . . "The author is no writer. He's a drunk!" . . . "We should have opened during Lent, then we'd have an excuse."

Stairway to the Stars: Frank Capra, one of the Hollywood greats, told us: "If they took a poll on the star everyone likes, from producers down to the stage hands (and the kid who runs for the coffee) in every studio, the winner would have to be Barbara Stanwyck" . . . In her latest movie, "Written on the Wind," Lauren Bacall (Mrs. Humphrey Bogart) becomes a widow . . . Nat (King) Cole has another recording hit in "After Midnight" . . . Beccarno, the only Indian chorus girl in town (with "Li'l Abner"), and her writer-husband expect a papoose in the Spring. . . Ingrid's next picture (when "Anastasia" ends its run in N.Y.) will be "Paris Does Strange Things" via Warner's . . . Dolls who worked in the same chorus ("Panama Hattie") in 1941 and crashed the Hollywood heavens include June Allyson, Vera-Ellen, Doris and Constance Dowling, Lucille Bremer, Miriam Franklin and Janice Carter . . . Don Rondo, whose Jubilee recording of "Two Different Worlds," is so good, was a plumber before making that hit.

The Newsboys: It happened in a Bronx court. The gazettes apparently didn't hear it. The magistrate was hearing the complaint of a wife. She alleged her husband lived with her this week and with another woman the next. "You will have to make up your mind," said his honor, "Do you want this other woman or your wife?" . . . "I want my mother!" was the reply . . . Now about Joe Louis and his tax problem. Why doesn't the boxing club (for which the ex-champ made so many millions) show its appreciation by staging an important bout and contribute the entire receipts to the tax collector to help Joe pay up? . . . Hmmm, I thawtnut . . . Headline: "Ingrid Bergman Files to N. Y. From France For Award" . . . Showing how far some people will go just to say thanks . . . Goffredo Lombardo, chief of an Italian film firm, told reporters: "Your new American cars are precisely like our actresses. They have enormous bumpers, handsome lines, large rear ends and wonderful motors" (Whatz their license numbers?) . . . News note: "Modern child Or anyone else?"

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The Magazines: The "huh?" of the week is Time mag's declaration: "By sticking to the facts, Alfred Hitchcock missed the truth" . . . Jerry Lewis plays Pagliacci in Look mag. Stresses the grimmer side of being a clown. Boo-hookum . . . Aldous Huxley, Esquire's intellectual, comes out boldly in favor of pleasure. He logically argues that you can be happy by enjoying yourself . . . Men, a lady byliner in Pageant candidly contends that "men are not what they used to be" . . . The Satevepost's editorial page boots the brains of yellow-travelers. Read it and think . . . Meet Walter Lippmann, fortune-teller. In the New Republic he sizes up the world of 1957-67. Unhappily, the future seems more Red than rosy . . . The U.S. News-World Report's startler: "A rumor is around that J. Edgar Hoover is considering retirement." That rumor was reported by this column and we said we did not believe it.

The Story-Tellers: The week's good news was the report by Roscoe Drummond, the Washington correspondent: "If anything were needed to show President Eisenhower's recouped vigor and stamina, this three-day, 4600-mile, seven-stop dawn-to-dusk drought trip has done it" . . . Why the to-doodle about the press being barred from the Sabbath private Inaugural ceremony? Several editorialists argued it is a threat to press freedom. Oh, nutz! President Wilson took his oath minus press coverage.

The Intelligentsia: J. Hyams, the H'wood sentinel, has a hot book. Humphrey Bogart's autobiography which Hyams collab'd. Bogart rejected Messner's offer of \$40,000 recently . . . Audrey Hepburn's loot from "War and Peace," the picture, will be about a million. She received \$250,000 and 10 p.c. of the world rights . . . Gerald W. Reldenaugh, author of the Broadway-bound drama, "The Strongest," is an ass't drama prof at Syracuse U . . . The new Bea Kalmus album is named "Love Scenes Starring You and I" . . . You and me, dearie . . . "Count Roller Skates," Thomas Sancton's new novel (Doubleday), is already in the 3rd printing with little help from reviewers. It is about a wild man on the show-business fringe. Could be a good film . . . The "latest" Elvis Presley quip making many colyums is late, indeed: "Don't just do something—stand there!" was used to tease actress Geraldine Page a few seasons ago.

Quotation Marksmanship: Oscar Wilde: Anyone can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success . . . Jules Levine: There's really only one thing wrong with the younger generation; a lot of us don't belong to it any more . . . Anon: Tact is the unsaid part of what you think . . . Joe E. Lewis: If I had it all to do over again I wouldn't have the energy . . . B'way Confucius: Ingrid Bergman learned one thing. Friends are people who never change just because your luck does.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"A one-time Red spy high up in Soviet intelligence will be the next big surprise witness testifying for our Government. He will appear before the United States Senate Internal Security Committee next Wednesday in Washington."

COMMENT:

We are not aware of the identity of this individual. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols' Office contact the Senate Internal Security Committee to determine his identity.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Governors Island, New York. The Army brass at this base is hushing up a big front-page story involving a number of WAC's. MPs reportedly raided the barracks."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The arrest by the FBI of suspected Red spies in New York City was for very good reason -- stolen plans of the guided missile."

COMMENT:

Investigation in the "Mocase" reflects no indication that any of those involved obtained information re guided missiles, nor was there any assignment that we know of to obtain information of this nature.

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- cc Mr. Belmont
- cc Mr. Nichols
- cc Mr. Rosen
- cc Mr. Branigan
- cc Mr. Baumgardner
- cc Mr. Kelly

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WINCHELL SAID:

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"Alice Kelly, the clerk at Consolidated-Edison who traced the handwriting of the 'Mad Bomber' is now under twenty-four hour police protection."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Colby
"U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York City. Atomic-spy Morton Sobell doing thirty at Alcatraz appeals for a new trial tomorrow morning for his freedom. He charges that the U. S. Government convicted him on lies."

COMMENT:

This is a continuation of Sobell's appeal which was turned down in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, by Judge Irving Kaufman. We have a copy of the defense brief, which has been reviewed at Seat of Government.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington. Three cabinet changes are expected before next summer. If the next U. S. Supreme Court Justice is a Democrat, he may be former Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson." N.C.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Radio City. The Department of Justice is conducting a sub-rosa investigation of a very popular quiz program now on television. An alleged slick communist angle."

COMMENT:

The Bureau has received no such information. Winchell may be referring to the House Committee on Un-American Activities' current inquiry into communist infiltration of the entertainment industry in New York. A special subcommittee will hold closed hearings in

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New York February 6, 7, and 8. It is believed that this inquiry will include television as well as radio and the legitimate theater. Approximately forty or fifty witnesses are expected to be called and the closed hearings are to be followed by public hearings.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Look" magazine, the current "Look" magazine, is recommended to all persons in the State of Tennessee, especially Clinton, scene of the race riots ignited by a troublemaker by the name of John Kasper. "Look" magazine's Arthur Gordon, does a very good job for law and order. He discloses that this young 'bum,' inspired by Ezra Pound, now in an insane asylum, defied Tennessee police, the courts, and the U. S. Government. Kasper's mother is ashamed of her son's Hitler-like activity. She told a reporter quote "When you have a child you don't know how it is going to turn out. You just have a baby' unquote."

COMMENT:

Winchell in his column in the "Daily Mirror," 1/31/57, * credited the citizens councils and Kasper with statements of a violent nature. He urged that the Attorney General designate the citizens councils pursuant to Executive Order 10450. A memorandum was prepared 2/1/57 concerning Winchell's column, copies of which were furnished to Attorney General, Rogers and Tompkins.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Bern. Foreign powers now have the names of those behind the gigantic and anonymous Swiss bank accounts. Very embarrassing to London, Moscow and New York. U. S. Internal Revenue is now more interested than our Military Police."

COMMENT:

A subcommittee of the Senate Internal Security Committee has conducted hearings in the past year in an effort to determine the identities of anonymous investors who have purchased interests in American industry through Swiss banks. Under Swiss law if an individual investor requests anonymity, Swiss banks cannot divulge the investor's identity. To date such inquiries have failed to reflect that Soviet funds are being used to purchase interests in American industry. The original hearings of the Committee were based on allegations that Soviet funds were being used to purchase interests in, and thereby control, American industry.

*concerning citizens councils in the south and including similar references to the Clinton, Tennessee, incident.

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No indication has been received that the Swiss law protecting the identities such investors has been amended or that negotiations have been undertaken for a treaty between the United States and Switzerland whereby banking information hitherto protected by both countries would be made available on a reciprocal basis. Without such an amendment to Swiss law or treaty, it appears unlikely that anyone would obtain a list of such depositors in Swiss banks.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Communists will hold their National Convention in New York City from February 9th to February 12th at the Chateau Garden, 195 E. Houston Street, New York City. Delegates from forty-eight states will attend." NY

COMMENT:

We are aware of this information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"(1) San Francisco Reds are moving their headquarters to what they think is a secret to the FBI. (2) The offices of the Red-front California Emergency Defense Committee at 1026 Market Street, San Francisco, will be closed."

COMMENT:

(1) Information has been received to the effect that leaders of the CP in California are discussing the possibility of moving state CP headquarters from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Leaders of the Los Angeles CP want district headquarters moved to Los Angeles, or as an alternative, to split the State of California into two CP districts.

(2) The San Francisco Office advised by airtel 1/22/57 that information had been received indicating that the California Emergency Defense Committee is moving from its present headquarters, 1026 Market Street, San Francisco. No definite information has been received indicating that the organization is going out of existence, or is moving to other office space.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Betty Gannett, a commie leader, is now getting the 'cold shoulder' from her Party chiefs. After she had served twenty months in Federal prison fighting for them all."

~~BETTY TORNEY~~

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COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

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"The Government now knows that the largest group of Reds in the U. S. is the New York Party outfit, which will come out solidly for the Moscow line, Stalinism, and William Z. Foster at the National Convention in a very few days."

COMMENT:

WINCHELL SAID:

Hungary

"A report to the people. Attention please. U. S. Immigration Commissioner General Swing. A Nazi war-criminal is in our country. He sneaked in a few weeks ago as a bona-fide refugee from behind the Iron Curtain. His name is Count Nicholas Serenyi. He's a refugee all right, a refugee from an Hungarian prison where he was supposed to be doing life as a Nazi-killer of Jews and Catholics and other opposed to Hitler. This Count Serenyi sent many thousands of people to gas chambers and concentration camps during World War II. Premier Nagy's Government sentenced this louse to life. He was released after the recent communist coup. Now he is here, as a so-called refugee. Refugee? Is that the way they spell Red agent?"

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COMMENT:

A review of Bureau files reflects the following information which may be identical with Serenyi.

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A supplement issued by the "Interdepartmental Committee For The Acquisition of Foreign Publications," dated 3/14/45, contains information reflecting that Count Nikolaus Serenyi had been elected to fill a vacancy in the 36 - Committee of the Lower House of the Hungarian Parliament.

We have received no information indicating that Count Serenyi is in the United States. If you approve instructions will be issued to the Newark Division to check the records at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, to verify Serenyi's presence in the United States. Liaison will also be instructed to contact Immigration and Naturalization Service for all pertinent information re Serenyi.

This is being done -

AWBs

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

DONE. MEMO SENT THRU 2-5-57 RW

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To : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 8, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 4, 1957

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Nichols _____
Boardman _____
Belmont _____
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Rosen _____
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Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

With regard to Mr. Belmont's recommendation that I ascertain from the Senate Internal Security Committee the identity of the so-called surprise witness who was a "one-time Red spy high up in Soviet intelligence," I wish to advise that Bob Morris tells me on Wednesday they [redacted] before the committee [redacted] will discuss financial matters and the use of Spanish gold by the communists. This was undoubtedly the person Winchell had in mind.

Morris also told me on Thursday, February 7, they contemplate having [redacted] who rigged up the typewriter in the Hiss case and who has been carrying on a campaign to discredit Isaac Don Levine's story of Stalin's acting as a Soviet police spy.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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DATE: February 11, 1957

TO : L. V. Boardman

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 10, 1957

WINCHELL SAID:

Tolson	✓
Nichols	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Nease	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

"Two of the most important communists have just broken with the Party. They will testify in secret session this week before a Congressional Committee. One of the Reds will testify in public February 20."

COMMENT:

A check with logical supervisors, both at the Seat of Government and in the New York Office, has failed to identify these individuals. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols's Office attempt to determine their identities.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - A shake-up in the top ranks of the State Department has been agreed on in administration circles. Two leading Department officials will be kicked upstairs to post of Ambassador."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - Democratic leaders in the Senate will hold up a bill creating new Federal judgeships until the administration agrees on a division of the new jobs."

COMMENT:

For your information

- cc Mr. Boardman
- cc Mr. Belmont
- cc Mr. Nichols
- cc Mr. Rosen
- cc Mr. Branigan
- cc Mr. Bland
- cc Mr. Baumgardner
- cc Mr. Evans
- cc Mr. Kelly

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Re: Walter Winchell's Broadcast

WINCHELL SAID:

"Helsinki - Allied Intelligence is deeply concerned over the fact that Finland is now the hot bed for Soviet agents. The spies they say reach very high - into the Finland leadership."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Paris - Tremendous size bands of guerrillas are organizing in the Pyrenees. Franco's regime was never more shaky."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

(1) "Baltimore - A prominent lawyer, whose clients included the Teamsters Union, is feeding the U. S. Senate Labor Committee its very best information.

(2) "Detroit - One of the biggest businessmen in Detroit will be subpoenaed by the same Senate Committee regarding financial deals with Union Chief David Beck. *He said "P.S."*

(3) "Washington- Ladies and gentlemen last September 23rd I reported that Colliers magazine would run a sensational series on the Teamsters Union. Colliers went out of business before that scandal could be printed. On February 8th a U. S. Senate Investigating Committee subpoenaed the author of that expose. His initials 'RPS.' He is now protected by three Government agents. His evidence will soon be made public by Senator McClelland's Committee. Union officials from many other unions will be embarrassed, humiliated."

COMMENT:

Inquiry of logical supervisors at the Seat of Government has failed to identify the individuals referred to in items 1, 2 and 3. If you approve, a check will be made with the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field in an effort to identify them.

I don't think we should agree with this - follow.

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Re: Walter Winchell's Broadcast

WINCHELL SAID:

"Attention Minneapolis - The ~~Minnesota~~ Minnesota Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born is as you may know a commie front. It will hold a state convention in your city late in March or early April."

COMMENT:

We are aware of this information.

WINCHELL SAID:

"To the People of the State of Tennessee - John ~~Kasper~~ Kasper of New Jersey, responsible for the riot at Clinton and other Southern cities, has been exposed thoroughly in 'Look' magazine and the New York Herald-Tribune.' His tirades against Negroes amaze them in New York City where only a little more than a year ago this Kasper attended parties with colored girls and he was the host to blacks and whites in his place in Greenwich Village. Law enforcement people are watching this Kasper closely. His affection for Negroes in New York was first disclosed by this reporter over these microphones."

COMMENT:

Kasper is executive secretary of White Citizens' Councils of District of Columbia. Background data concerning Kasper including his alleged "affection" for Negroes while residing in New York City was developed and has been furnished Department. Kasper sentenced 8/31/56 to one year in prison for contempt of court. Sentence being appealed. Articles concerning Kasper which have appeared in 2/19/57 issue of "Look" magazine and in various issues of New York "Herald-Tribune" have been reviewed. These articles contained no pertinent data not previously developed by the Bureau.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Karen Morley, the actress once under fire by a Congressional Committee is reported embracing a new religious faith."

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RE: Walter Winchell's Broadcast

COMMENT:

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(S) No information has been received by the Bureau regarding Morley embracing a new religious faith.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The FBI will be among the spectators when the '\$64,000 Question' program goes on Tuesday night. They are most interested in a contestant who allegedly once performed a major service for the Communist Party."

COMMENT:

In his column in the 2/10/57 issue of the "Sunday Mirror" Winchell identified this individual as Professor Ashley Montagu, who last week reached the \$32,000 plateau on the "\$64,000 Question" program. Winchell stated in this column "The professor was the signer for a brief before the U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Communist Party."

This individual may be identical with [REDACTED]

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