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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: February 25, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Laggett
cc Mr. Evans
cc Mr. Kelly

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 24, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The Senate's probe of the Teamsters Union will disclose that many records are missing. The most wanted records - payments to party girls for prounion politicians."

COMMENT:

The facts that Teamsters Union records covering the Pacific northwest area have previously been subpoenaed by the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field and that the Teamsters Union has claimed that such records are missing, have appeared previously in the public press. On 2/23/57 Senate investigators publicly announced that testimony from prostitutes and others would be used to show whether some west coast officials of the Teamsters Union had ties with the underworld.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The President is being supported three-to-one on the Middle East according to the mail to Congress. The support is more than four-to-one according to the White House mail. Congressional leaders expect Mr. Dulles will retire at the first letup in the Middle East tension."

COMMENT:

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WINCHELL SAID:

"The most sweeping ambassadorial shake-up in State Department history is about to break. Insiders believe the shake-up will affect most American Embassies."

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WINCHELL SAID:

"At a reception at Moscow recently for Khrushchev, he dropped the following tip to American communists: 'God grant,' he said, 'that every communist should be able to fight like Stalin.' That is why American Red leaders voted to return to the Stalin Party line at their recent convention in New York City."

COMMENT:

Despite the fact that the communist and legitimate press reported that at its recent national convention the Communist Party, USA, ostensibly proclaimed its independence from Moscow, the above reported comment of Khrushchev as well as recent editorial comments in Pravda approving the results of the Communist Party, USA, national convention, clearly indicate that the Communist Party, USA, is still subservient to the dictates of Moscow.

WINCHELL SAID:

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"Israeli underground hero Menachem Beigin will arrive here on the 28th. He will meet with Senator Knowland and other Congressional leaders on March 4th and 5th. The press will be barred. All of the talks will be off the record."

COMMENT:

We have received information re Beigin's impending arrival in the United States. He is the leader of the extreme right-wing political party in Israel, the Tenuat Hacherut, which is the successor to the Irgun, the Israeli underground group. ~~X~~Appropriate sources have been alerted to Beigin's arrival, and if he undertakes any activity indicating that active investigation is necessary, we will undertake it. (u)

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The Department of Justice will accuse a top labor official of wiring a Federal Grand Jury room."

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We have received no such information. However, the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, is currently presenting evidence to a Federal Grand Jury re a possible violation of the so-called Federal Wire Tapping Statute by James R. Hoffa, 9th Vice President of the International Teamsters Union and subject of Bufile 139-267, and [REDACTED] professional New York wire tapper. In connection with this hearing, information has been developed to the effect that in 1953 at Hoffa's request, [REDACTED] furnished Hoffa's subordinates with miniature recording devices which they wore in connection with their appearance before a local grand jury investigating labor racketeering in Detroit, Michigan. This may be what Winchell had reference to.

WINCHELL SAID:

"A Reporters Report to the People - Washington - Arthur Miller a prize-winning playwright and the husband of a well-known movie star was indicted this week for refusing to tell Congress the names of persons he met at communist meetings. Mr. Miller's pro-Red leanings are stale news to you listeners. I was the first to make them public. The law may not be clear but the ethics are. The highest court in the land has ruled that a man may have many loyalties but one of them must be the highest of all - loyalty to this nation. Naming the Red comrades is not being a tattletale. It is identifying a rattlesnake which intends to destroy us all. In this fight there is only one man in the United States who has the right to be anonymous, the unknown soldier."

COMMENT:

Arthur Asher Miller [REDACTED] playwright and husband of movie actress, Marilyn Monroe, was indicted for contempt of congress by a Federal Grand Jury at Washington, D. C., on 2/18/57.

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Miller was reportedly a member of the Communist Party in the 1940s and affiliated with numerous communist-dominated organizations during the period from 1946 to 1950. He is not on the Security Index.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Hollywood - The California Senate investigation of private detectives and tipsters for the scandal magazines may jail many of them under the criminal libel code. Several trained lawyers for moving picture stars now suing scandal publications in the East are assisting the State of California. When the case goes to trial the names of persons who sold out their friends, sometimes for a mere \$200, will be made known. One of them is already known by her initials 'C. K.' She is the ex-wife of a television favorite. If her own life story were offered for sale, no scandal magazine could possibly publish it."

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TO : L. V. Boardman *2/26/57*

DATE: February 18, 1957

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
FEBRUARY 17, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - The next star witness for a Congressional Committee will be a prominent member of the Christian Science Monitor, a former undercover leftist. He will testify for the Government."

COMMENT:

We are not aware of the identity of this individual. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols's Office attempt to determine his identity.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington - One of the generals in the Hungarian Army is flying to the United States. He will bring the plans of the Reds for satellite nations. He reports on Tuesday, next."

COMMENT:

While we are not aware of the specific identity of this individual, General Bela Kiraly has previously been in the United States as a refugee, has testified before the United Nations and has furnished information to the Department of State. He may be the individual referred to by Winchell.

Kiraly, a professional soldier, fought against the Russians in World War II. After the war he joined the Communist Party, rose to the rank of Major-General and became commander of the general staff college of the Hungarian Army. In 1951 he was imprisoned for opposing political pressures on the military forces and was expelled from the Party. He was released from jail on parole September 5, 1956, just seven weeks before the Revolution. He served as commander of the Budapest forces during the Revolution, and fled Hungary in November, 1956, after the Russians crushed the Revolutionary forces.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Leavenworth - Gus Hall, the former national secretary of the Communist Party, will be released from Federal Prison March 30th after a five-year term." KANS

COMMENT:

We are aware of this information.

The original indictment of Hall in 1948 consisted of two counts, (1) conspiracy to violate the Smith Act, and (2) membership in the Communist Party with knowledge that it advocated the use of force and violence. Hall was tried and convicted only on the conspiracy count. A detainer was filed against him at Leavenworth under the membership count of the indictment and it is anticipated that he will be rearrested upon his release March 30 under that count of the indictment. The Department has been advised of Hall's impending release.*

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Senate has received devastating evidence concerning a tie-up between big labor and a Las Vegas syndicate. It will be the hot potato of the year in Washington."

COMMENT:

We have received no such information. Winchell's statement probably relates to inquiries by the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field. This committee will conduct hearings in Washington, D. C., beginning February 25, 1957. Committee Chairman Senator John McClellan has publicly announced that the committee is interested in evidence indicating that hoodlums have infiltrated the trade union field.

WINCHELL SAID:

"The Senate Internal Security Committee has subpoenaed a Communist Party chief to tell the inside story on the recent trouble in Moscow. I think this man may be Eugene Dennis." DC

*On basis of Hall's conviction for conspiracy to violate the Smith Act and for contempt of court he was sentenced to five years on the conspiracy count and three years on the contempt count, terms to run consecutively. He began serving these sentences 10/9/51 and completes service of these sentences, less good time, on 3/30/57.

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COMMENT:

The Senate Internal Security Committee will conduct hearings in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday and Thursday, February 20 and 21, 1957. Dennis is scheduled to testify before the committee during these hearings. The purpose of the committee in subpoenaing Dennis, however, is to question him relative to the change in the Party line resulting from the recent national convention of the Communist Party.

WINCHELL SAID:

"Pittsburgh Courier - The one thing that puzzled the Reds at their first convention in ten years was the absence of Paul Robeson, once the most militant comrade."

COMMENT:

No information has been received indicating that the Communist Party was distressed over Robeson's absence from the convention. b6
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WINCHELL SAID:

"Tips to the Papers - Variety - United States Senator Warren Magnuson's Subcommittee will resume its investigation of television networks on March 6th. The probe will include an investigation of ratings." DC

COMMENT:

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: February 19, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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With regard to Mr. Belmont's memorandum of February 18, covering the Walter Winchell broadcast, you are advised the individual Winchell referred to as a "prominent member of the Christian Science Monitor" according to Morris is an Arnold Beichman who covered the Communist Convention for the Christian Science Monitor. Morris stated that the Winchell item was badly garbled.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE March 4, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST
MARCH 3, 1957

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WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - The U. S. Senate Labor Committee's next target will be John O'Rourke, New York City's powerful teamster leader. He will take the stand in Washington in ten days."

COMMENT

John O'Rourke is the head of the Teamsters Joint Council in New York City. The Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field is making inquiry relative to O'Rourke's taking over of the Teamsters Joint Council. This committee has indicated to the Bureau that it will be some time before this matter is sufficiently investigated to appropriately hold hearings in this regard.

WINCHELL SAID

"Washington - The internal spy ring trial in the United States will reveal important operations in Denmark and Sweden. Another triumph for the FBI."

COMMENT

Winchell is probably referring to the forthcoming trial of Jack Soble, his wife, Myra Soble and Jacob Alban. They were arrested by the Bureau in New York City on January 25, 1957, for conspiracy to commit espionage and subsequently indicted. There are no Danish or Swedish angles to this case.

WINCHELL SAID

"The Distilleries Workers Union and the Laundry Workers will soon have their laundry washed in public by Senate probers. Federal Attorney Paul Williams has subpoenas out by the way for a garment union local."

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COMMENT:

In 1956, the Subcommittee on Welfare and Pension Funds of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee investigated the embezzlement of health and welfare funds of the Distilleries Workers Union and the Laundry Workers Union. The Department held that the Bureau had no jurisdiction relative to the embezzlement of these funds.

A Federal Grand Jury in New York City has been hearing evidence for the past several months with respect to possible labor violations in the garment industry. The Bureau is conducting investigation of possible violations of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 and of the Anti-Racketeering Statute at the request of the U. S. Attorney in New York City predicated upon a review of the books and records of businesses in the garment industry which books and records were subpoenaed by the Federal Grand Jury.

WINCHELL SAID

"Former Police Commissioner Wallander of New York City and civilian defense experts have been summoned to testify before the House Committee on Government Operation."

COMMENT

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID

"David Beck, fugitive from a subpoena isn't afraid of the 5th Amendment as he is of an underworld six-shooter."

COMMENT

The press has recently reported that David Beck, head of the Teamsters Union, is in Europe and the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field has been unable to subpoena him.

WINCHELL SAID

"Inside the Communist Party: Communists met secretly in Washington, D. C., on February the 19th, at a home on Ogden Street, Northwest. They met with a committee trying to get atomic spy, Morton Sobell, out of Alcatraz. He is doing 30 years there for his part in the spy ring that sent the Rosenbergs to the chair at Sing Sing. Mrs. Sobell, his wife, was the principal speaker."

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WINCHELL SAID

"New York communist leaders are negotiating with Frederick Vanderbilt Field for purchase of one of his buildings on West 26th Street, New York City. If they acquire it, it will be the new headquarters for the New York State Communist Party. Their next meeting by the way, will be held March 9th."

COMMENT

WINCHELL SAID

"Red leaders are pumping new blood into the 20th Century Book Shop in Berkeley, California--one of the top outlets on the west coast for their propaganda."

COMMENT

The 20th Century Book Shop, 2021 University Avenue, Berkeley, California, is an outlet for literature for the Eastbay Labor Youth League in California as well as the Communist Party. By airtel February 20, 1957, San Francisco advised that

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WINCHELL SAID

"Bridgeport - The Defense Department and the Senate Security Committee are investigating a large company engaged in secret defense work. The new owner, the new management is suspected--allegedly a long time communist supporter. He is well known among show people. His initials are A. S."

COMMENT

Winchell is possibly referring to 

WINCHELL SAID

"And that Mr. and Mrs. 48 winds up the final edition until the Fall. I began shooting the first scenes of a new television film series this week for Desilu Productions. Thanks to the Mutual Network and all of you for 28 exciting years. Goodnight."

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