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Boston Mass

You ing Kitten Kagen
I you dear come to R. I
You will be Rather Sick
and Sot-Nanny Sick
and if That Old Witch
Gentman Don't Watch her
P. & S. she will get the
Same Nothing as you Now
I know you keep to Hell
Out of Mass & R. I. For
the Last Enough of you
Damn Borrer Sis & Around Here

To I had my way I would
have all the Red-Blooded Black
Niggas Cock-Suckers (Nasty)
in a Coal Mine.
That is One Big Nasty
Lincoln made when he turned
the Black Bastards loose
So I want for the Crazy Cock-
Sucker not show our Black
men around Negro or N. I
Negro
The Union —
Shield & Cross Bones.

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Divine I have a hate on you
and want to kill you. and going
to have you find if you don't be
ad I by God I will kill you
by. I want $2,000 today
at 11 a.m. and do not like
Police and the law.

Bring it in small Bills
Be in a cab, so that I can
give the number in front of the
Pocket window, as I shall be
with my mother. Don't
[illegible]

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Rev. Father Divine
Kingdom Dept
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March 25, 1940

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9-3796-

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, alias
"Angle", FATHER DIVINE,
VICTIM, EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 16, 1940, submitting the following listed specimens for examination in connection with the above-entitled case and requesting that the handwriting and any latent impressions developed be compared with those in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, alias Black Ace, Father Divine, Victim, Extortion", Bureau file #9-2512, in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-615:

Q 1 Envelope postmarked "New York, N. Y., Mar. 11, 1940, 5:30 P.M."
Q 2 First sheet of accompanying letter, beginning "If you don't want your——"
Q 3 Second sheet of accompanying letter, beginning "If you can't go in there your——".

You are advised that the specimens submitted have been examined for latent impressions, but none of value was developed.

You are being separately advised as to the laboratory comparisons requested.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED 9-2512-11

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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March 27, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: Unknown Subject, aliaes
"Angelo"; Father Divine,
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau March 18, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

March 27, 1960

Case: Number:

Unknown Subject, alias "Angle"; 9-3776-2
Father Divine - Victim;
Specimens: Extortion.

Q1 Envelope postmarked "New York, New York, March 12, 1960, 5:30 P. M.".
Q2 First sheet of accompanying letter, message beginning "If you don't want yourself".
Q3 Second sheet of accompanying letter beginning "If you won't go in there yourself".

Examination requested by:

Date received: New York

Examination requested: March 12, 1960

Result of examination: Document - Fingerprint Examination by:

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Specimen Q1 is a white linen finish envelope addressed in script in blue-black ink. This envelope is slit at the top and has a horizontal tear about 6/10 of an inch long at the left side. Specimen Q1 measures 7.46 inches at the bottom to 7.48 inches at the top by 3.09 inches at the right to 3.[illegible] inches at the left by 0.0092 to 0.0093 inches, weighs 5.7[illegible] grams and has an opacity of 0.[illegible]. This specimen contains no watermark.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 are white bond finish sheets of paper torn from a tablet at the top. The message is written in script with blue-black ink. Specimen Q2 measures 8.00 by 5.01 inches at the bottom to 5.02 inches at the top by 0.0089 inches, weighs 1.[illegible] grams, and contains no watermark.

Specimen Q3 measures 7.97 to 8.00 by 5.01 inches at the bottom to 5.02 inches at the top by 0.0089 to 0.0090 inches, weighs 1.[illegible] grams, and has an opacity of 0.[illegible]. This specimen contains no watermark.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were processed for latent fingerprints and a separate report will be submitted on this phase of the examination.

As requested, the questioned material in the instant case

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was compared with specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted by the New York office on July 27, 1939 and specimens Q3 and Q4 submitted by the New York office on July 21, 1939 in connection with cases entitled, Black Hand; Extortion, Victim; Extortion, and Unknown Subject; Extortion, Victim; Extortion, both of the last-named cases are designated as Bureau File 9-6512. As a result of the handwriting comparison, it has been concluded that neither the individual who wrote specimens Q1 and Q2 nor the individual who wrote specimens Q3 and Q4 in Bureau case 9-6512 wrote any of the questioned material in the instant case.

The writing appearing on the questioned material in the instant case will be searched through the anonymous letter file of the Bureau and in the event that any identification is made, your office will be so advised. Should no identification be made, a photographic copy of the writing in the instant case will be added to this file to be compared with anonymous communications which will come to the attention of the Bureau in the future.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are transmitted herewith.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED. SEPARATE FROM OTHER EVIDENCE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE BY BUREAU DRAWN BY CONNECTION IN OTHER CASES, AS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE.

Bureau (1 for file 9-6512)
2-New York
Laboratory (1 for file 9-6512)

Cinch for Divine To Have Created Earth in A Day

But He Took 6, Not Believing in Short Work-Week

In six days, according to Scriptural sources, God created heaven and earth.

"I could have done it in one day," confided Father Divine, who has assumed the role of God in Harlem, "but I made it in six days so that my children would also work six days. I planned it that way."

This latter-day revelation was quoted today in Supreme Court by one of the cult leader's disillusioned angels, 67-year-old Thomas Brown, who with his wife, Verinda, is interested now only in recovering $4,500 allegedly contributed to Divine's "heavenly treasury."

NOW, ABOUT MONEY—

The little Negro Messiah mixed his account of cosmic creation with frequent hints that money deposited in the "treasury" by his followers would make them all "healthy, wealthy and prosperous."

"You will be that way as I am —in every bone, sinew, atom, joint, vein and tissue," the Father expatiated to the faithful, Brown testified.

"I rule the cosmic forces, and I have barrels of money. All my children have all they need. They put their money in my bank," Brown quoted Divine as saying.

All this happened, according to Brown, once a thrifty butler, when he was spending a two-weeks vacation in Divine's former "heaven" at Sayville, L. I., in 1939.

PUTS ON WEIGHT.

Food was served in abundance. In the first week, Brown said, he put on 32 pounds.

"The Father weighed his guests every day," Brown told Supreme Court Justice Dineen, who is hearing the suit to throw Divine's worldly kingdom into receivership.

"He used to say, *'If my children listen to me they will get fat. Those that don't haven't got my spirit.'*"

It was also one of Divine's contentions that he could travel around the world in a few seconds —in his spirit—while various angels indulged in group reading "from the first and second books of the masters of the Far East."

"He just went into another room," the witness declared, "and then he'd come back to and say he had been to the ends of the world."

It worked wonders, though. Listening to him one night, Mrs. Brown exclaimed, *"The Kingdom has come"* and fell in a swoon on the floor.

"I said, *'I am complete,'* and fell on the floor, too," the disconsolate angel told the court.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK, N.Y. NY FILE NO. 9-524 HQ

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	11/2/39	10/19,20/39	D. J. KENNEDY

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BLACK ACE. FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Bureau Laboratory advises no latent impressions of value developed on specimens submitted. Case closed on authority of Special Agent in Charge.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Walter J. Higgins, dated at N. Y. C. August 30, 1939.
Letter from the Bureau dated October 18, 1939.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY:

The Bureau Laboratory advises that a fingerprint examination of the original letters and envelopes submitted in connection with this case (Bureau file #9-2512) was conducted and that no latent impressions of value were developed on any of the specimens submitted.

A review of the file in this case reflects that there are no clues as to the identity of the person sending the threatening letters to Father Divine and it has also been ascertained that Father Divine has not received any further threatening letters, therefore, this case is being closed by authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE — CLOSED — DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: BLACK ACE; FATHER
DIVINE, VICTIM
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 13, 1939, requesting information as to the result of the fingerprint examination conducted on the original letters and envelopes submitted in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-524.

A review of the file in this case has disclosed that no latent impressions of value were developed on any of the specimens submitted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Lester
Mr. Gurnea
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New York, N. Y.

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October 13, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Identification Division

Re: BLACK ACE;
FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM;
EXTORTION.
Bureau file 9-2512

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the laboratory report dated August 4, 1939, #29592 and #29595, in which it is mentioned that a report of the fingerprint examination of the documents would be submitted to the New York Office at a later date. No report on the fingerprint examination has been received by the New York Office, and the laboratory is requested to advise whether any latent fingerprints were developed on the specimens submitted to the laboratory.

Should advise when the lab report 10-18 P.F

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY N.Y. FILE NO. 9-524 pb

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	8/30/39	7/18; 8/8/39	WALTER J. HIGGINS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BLACK ACE. FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM.	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Threatening letter postmarked July 13, 1939, 7:30 a.m., College Station Post Office, New York City, addressed to FATHER DIVINE, Hyde Park, N.Y., received by victim at New York City. Letter demanded payment of $10,000 to be paid apparently on July 15, 1939, under threat of death. Case received at New York Field Division on July 18, 1939. Laboratory report set out. Victim interviewed.

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REFERENCE: Teletype to the Bureau dated July 18, 1939.
Letter to the Bureau dated July 28, 1939.
Bureau letter dated August 4, 1939.
(Bureau file No. 9-2512.)

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a personal callpaid at the New York Field Division on July18, 1939, by Mr. JOHN LAMB of 1887 Madison Avenue, New York City, who advised that he is the personal secretary to FATHER DIVINE, the Negro spiritual leader. Mr. LAMB had in his possession a threatening letter which had been addressed to FATHER DIVINE and received by the victim at his residence at 1887 Madison Avenue, New York City.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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This letter reads as follows:

"Divine I know a late on you
and want to kill you and going
to have you kill if you dont do
as i say God wont help you
any. I wants $10,000 satday
at 11 a m. and I do not like
Police are the law.
Bring it in 5 and $10 Bills
Be in a car ford V8 top down
W. 140 St 7-ave in front of the
Dentist with the clock in the
window. one of my men
will it my only word are Death
do as you want
the Black Ace
told "

The above letter was enclosed in an envelope which was postmarked at 7:30 a.m., July 13, 1939, at College Station, New York City, and was addressed to "Rev. Father Divine, Hyde Park, New York City", but found its way in due course to FATHER DIVINE'S headquarters at 1687 Madison Avenue.

Mr. LAMB could not state exactly when this letter was received due to the large volume of mail which is received by FATHER DIVINE, but in reading the text of the letter quoted above, it is noted that the extortionist requests that $10,000.00 be paid on "satday at 11 a.m.". Due to the fact that this letter is postmarked July 13, 1939, the following Saturday would be July 15, 1939, which had already passed at the time this case was reported to the New York Field Office by Mr. LAMB.

Mr. LAMB stated that he had discussed this matter with the victim and that neither he nor FATHER DIVINE had any suspicion as to who the author of the same might be. He further stated that the letter had been more or less handled indiscriminately by various members of FATHER DIVINE'S office force. He further stated that for the past several

years the victim has received numerous letters some of which are threatening in tone, probably due to FATHER DIVINE'S policy of buying up valuable pieces of real estate, sometimes in white communities.

Mr. IAMS was advised of the cooperation of the New York Field Division in this matter and was furnished with several cellophane envelopes and given specific instructions as to the handling of any further threatening letters should the same be received.

By teletype dated July 18, 1939, the Bureau was advised of the receipt of the above quoted letter.

By letter dated July 28, 1939, the above letter was transmitted to the Bureau with the request that it be afforded the regular documentary examination and that it be processed for latent fingerprints, although it had been ascertained that the letter had been indiscriminately handled before being turned over to the New York Field Division.

By letter dated August 4, 1939, the Bureau furnished the following laboratory report concerning the above letter:

"Specimen Q3 is a white envelope with bond finish and measures 5.43 by 3.33 by .0038 inches. This envelope weighs 2.208 grams, has an opacity of 0.910 and bears no watermark. This envelope is addressed in script with medium soft lead pencil.

Specimen Q4 is a yellow piece of bond paper, apparently scratch or note pad paper, measuring 5.04 by 3.02 by .0034 inches. This piece of paper weighs 0.616 grams, has an opacity of 0.763, and bears no watermark. The substance number of this paper is 16. The message on this paper is written in script with medium soft lead pencil."

The Bureau further advised that the above envelope and letter had been searched through the Bureau's file of anonymous communications but no identification was effected.

The above laboratory report also mentioned that a report on the fingerprint examination would be submitted separately but the New York Field Division is not as yet in receipt of same.

FATHER DIVINE, the Negro spiritual leader, was interviewed at his headquarters and residence at 1837 Madison Avenue, New York City, by Special Agent Birthright and the writer. He advised that he had absolutely no idea as to the identity of the author of this letter. He appeared to take this letter as a matter of course, stating that for the past several years all sorts of crank letters have been received by him due to the widespread publicity accorded himself and his followers. He stated that he had read this letter apparently after it had hung around his office for a few days and that his white secretary, Mr. JOHN LAMB, had reported this matter to Sergeant LOUIS J. HIEGER of the 28th Precinct, New York City Police Department, who had referred Mr. LAMB to the offices of the New York Field Division. FATHER DIVINE could offer no assistance in the investigation of this case.

He was advised of the correct method of handling all future notes of this nature and stated that he would abide by these instructions.

Difficulty was encountered in obtaining a physical description of FATHER DIVINE through interrogation due to the fact that he sets himself up to be "God" and when questioned as to his date of birth stated that he did not know when he was born and that he had no relatives that he knew of. The writer has previous knowledge concerning the victim in this case in that it has been FATHER DIVINE'S practice to claim that he is of a divine nature and that he was not born but that he more or less just happened.

However, the following description of FATHER DIVINE was the best obtainable under the cir cumstances:

Name:	FATHER DIVINE
Marital Status:	Single
Height:	5' 4"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Race:	Negro
Color:	Dark brown
Hair:	Bald
Occupation:	Negro spiritual leader; claims to be "God".
Residence:	1887 Madison Avenue, New York City.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: NEW YORK OFFICE - Will report the results of the fingerprint examination of the letter and envelope in this case when the same is received from the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY N.Y. FILE NO. 9-529 pb

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	8/30/39	7/18; 8/3/39	WALTER J. HIGGINS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT. FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM.	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Obscene threatening letter containing no demand for anything of value addressed to FATHER DIVINE, Harlem, New York, N.Y., postmarked Boston, Mass., 7:00 p.m., July 14, 1939, received by victim. Substance of letter is to the effect that FATHER DIVINE should stay out of Massachusetts and Rhode Island under threat of harm. Laboratory report from the Bureau received; no latent fingerprints of value developed. Victim and secretary interviewed and have no idea as to author of letter but state that they have received a large number of crank letters due to FATHER DIVINE'S activities as Negro spiritual leader. Case being closed due to fact that no logical leads present themselves.

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REFERENCE: Letter to the Bureau dated July 27, 1939. Bureau letter dated August 7, 1939, Bureau file No. 9-2512.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY

This investigation is predicated upon a personal

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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call paid to the New York Field Office by Mr. JOHN LAMB, 1337 Madison Avenue, New York City, who is Personal Secretary to FATHER DIVINE, the Negro spiritual leader. Mr. LAMB turned over an obscene letter postmarked July 14, 1939, at 7:00 p.m., at Boston, Mass., which was addressed to FATHER DIVINE, Harlem, New York, N.Y. This letter, which was written in pen and ink, did not contain a demand for anything of value but threatened to kill FATHER DIVINE should he make an appearance in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. The contents of this letter are not being set out here due to the obscene nature of the same.

Mr. LAMB stated that he has discussed this matter with FATHER DIVINE and that neither he nor the victim had any knowledge as to who the possible author might be, stating that they had received a large number of crank letters during the past several years due to FATHER DIVINE'S activities.

Mr. LAMB stated that the above letter had been indiscriminately handled before being turned over to this office. He was furnished with several cellophane envelopes and instructed in the proper method of handling any future threatening letters should the same be received. The obscene letter in this case was forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated July 27, 1939, with the request that the same be given the regular documentary examination and that it be processed for possible latent fingerprints, although it had been ascertained that the letter had been indiscriminately handled before being received by the New York Office.

By letter dated August 7, 1939, the Bureau advised that the specimen had been examined but no latent impressions of value had been developed.

By letter dated August 4, 1939, the following laboratory report was received from the Bureau.

"Specimen Q1, which is an envelope postmarked Boston, Mass., July 14, 1939, at 7:00 p.m., is a pink envelope with bond finish and measures 5.58x3.55x.0061 inches. This envelope weighs 3.443 grams and has an opacity of 0.970 and bears no watermark. This envelope is addressed in script with blue-black ink.

Specimen Q2, which is one sheet apparently enclosed in Q1, beginning 'You dirty rotten', is a white piece of tablet paper ruled on both sides with 24 blue-green lines spaced 0.372 inches apart, starting 1.21 inches from the top of the sheet. This piece of paper measures

10.01x7.99x.0041 inches, weighs 4.238 grams, has an opacity of 0.888 and bears no watermark. The substance number of this paper is 20. The message on this paper is written in script with blue-black ink."

FATHER DIVINE was interviewed at his headquarters and residence at 1887 Madison Avenue by Special Agent Birthright and the writer, and he advised that he has no idea as to who the possible author of this letter might be. He stated that he has received numerous letters of this nature over the past few years due to his activities as leader of his Negro spiritual cult and also due to his manner of buying pieces of real estate to establish "heavens" for his Negro followers in white communities.

FATHER DIVINE was instructed by interviewing agents as to the proper handling of any future letters of this nature should the same be received.

Due to the fact that FATHER DIVINE claims to be of divine nature, difficulty was encountered in obtaining a full physical description of the victim. He stated that if he had any relatives, he did not know of them and he stated that he did not know when or where he was born. It is noted that FATHER DIVINE leads his followers to believe that he is God and that he was not born but that he just happened. Under the circumstances, the following is the best description of FATHER DIVINE obtainable:

Name:	FATHER DIVINE
Marital Status:	Single
Height:	5'4"
Weight:	170 lbs.
Race:	Negro
Color:	Dark brown
Hair:	Bald
Residence:	1887 Madison Avenue, New York City.
Occupation:	Negro spiritual leader; claims to be "God".

In view of the fact that there are no logical leads which present themselves for the further investigation of this matter, this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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August 4, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: Mail; AOM;
Father Divine - Victim;
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 29, 1939.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

August 4, 1939

Case: Black Ace;
Father Divine - Victim;
Extortion.

Number: 9-2512-3
9-2512-4

Specimens: 9-2512-3 Q1 One envelope postmarked "Boston, Massachusetts, 11, July 14, 1939, 7 P. M.".
" Q2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q1 beginning "You Dirty Rotten".
9-2512-4, Q3 One envelope postmarked "New York, New York, College Station, July 13, 1939, 7:30 A. M.".
" Q4 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q3 beginning "Divine I know".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: July 29, 1939

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Gastelger

Specimen Q1 is a pink envelope with bond finish and measures 5.58 by 3.55 by .0061 inches. This envelope weighs 3.443 grams, has an opacity of 0.970 and bears no watermark. This envelope is addressed in script with blue-black ink.

Specimen Q2 is a white piece of tablet paper ruled on both sides with twenty-four blue-green lines spaced 0.372 inches apart starting 1.21 inches from the top of the sheet. This piece of paper measures 10.01 by 7.99 by .0061 inches, weighs 4.238 grams, has an opacity of 0.838 and bears no watermark. The substance number of this paper is 20. The message on this paper is written in script with blue-black ink.

Specimen Q3 is a white envelope with bond finish and measures 5.43 by 3.33 by .0038 inches. This envelope weighs 2.308 grams, has an opacity of 0.910 and bears no watermark. This envelope is addressed in script with medium soft lead pencil.

Specimen Q4 is a yellow piece of bond paper, apparently scratch or note pad paper, measuring 5.04 by 3.02 by .0034 inches. This piece of paper weighs 0.616 grams, has an opacity of 0.783, and bears no watermark. The substance number of this paper is 16. The message on this paper is written in script with medium soft lead pencil.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

It has been concluded that specimens Q3 and Q4 were written by a different person than specimens Q1 and Q2.

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Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q4 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

Specimens Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Bureau's file of anonymous communications but no identification was effected. Suitable photographic copies of these specimens will be added to this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be notified.

The evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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2-New York
1-Laboratory

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

WJH:NB
9-524

New York, N.Y.

July 28, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: BLACK ACE
FATHER DIVINE - Victim
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled case, there are enclosed herewith a letter and envelope postmarked at 7.30 a.m., July 13, 1939 at College Station, New York City, addressed to "Rev. Father Divine, Hyde Park, New York City." The letter and envelope are written in pencil. The letter reads as follows:

"Divine I know a late on you
and want to kill you and going
to have you kill if you dont do
as i say God wont help you
any. I wants $10,000 satday
at 11 a m. and I do not like
Police are the law.
Bring it in 5 and $10 Bills
Be in a car ford V8 top down
W. 140 St 7-ave in front of the
Dentist with the clock in the
windor. one of my men
will it my only word are Death
do as you wast
the Black Ace
told "

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 29 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Bureau is requested to give the enclosed letter the regular document examination and to process the same for latent fingerprints, although it has been ascertained that the letter has been indiscriminately handled before being received by the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Foxworth

F. E. FOXWORTH,
Special Agent in Charge

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August 7, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
FATHER IRVING, VICTIM
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 27, 1939, submitting one letter beginning "You Dirty Rotten..." and accompanying envelope postmarked "Boston, Mass., 11, Jul. 14, 1939, 7 PM" for latent fingerprint examination in connection with the above-entitled case, your file 9-528.

You are advised that the specimens submitted have been examined, but no latent impressions of value could be developed.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Egan
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Keith
Mr. Crowley
Mr. Carson
Mr. Lawler
Mr. Metzerott
Mr. Baker
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Nichols
Mr. G. Tolson
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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16715

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded 7-31-39 1:00 P.M.

Laboratory Report

Case: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
FATHER DIVINE - Victim
EXTORTION

Number: 9-2512-3
9-2512-3

Specimens:
9-2512-3 Q 1 One envelope postmarked Boston, Mass. 11, Jul 14, 1939, 7 PM.
" Q 2 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q1 beginning: "You Dirty Rotten —".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: (Blocked 7-29-39)kr

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Gasteiger
Upton

LATENT CASE

CC - Negative
Left for evidence 8-1
Negatives to photo 8-2
Latents of no value
Destroyed 8-5-39
Dpw

Upt 8/3/39
JC

L-7

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#29595
15716

Recorded 7-31-39 1:00 P.M.

Laboratory Report

Case: BLACK ACE
FATHER DIVINE - Victim
EXTORTION

Number: ~~9-2512-4~~
9-2512-4

Specimens:
9-2512-4 Q 3 One envelope postmarked New York, N.Y. College Sta., Jul 13, 1939, 8:30 AM.
Q 4 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q3 beginning: "Divine I know —".

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: (Blocked 7-29-39)kr

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: [illegible] Gastelger
Upton

LATENT CASE

No latents developed - slip attached
Answered on lab report.
Rpd 8-1-39

1-7

WJH:EB
9-324

New York, N.Y.

July 28, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: BLACK ACE
FATHER DIVINE - Victim
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled case, there are enclosed herewith a letter and envelope postmarked at 7.30 a.m., July 13, 1939 at College Station, New York City, addressed to "Rev. Father Divine, Hyde Park, New York City." The letter and envelope are written in pencil. The letter reads as follows:

> "Divine I know a lots on you
> and want to kill you and going
> to have you kill if you dont do
> as I say God want help you
> any. I wants $10,000 satday
> at 11 a m. and I do not like
> Polise are the law.
> bring it in 5 and $10 Bills
> in a car ford WE top down
> W. 140 St. 7-ave in front of the
> Dentist with the clock in the
> window, one of my men
> will at my only word are Death
> do as you want
> the Black Ace
> Wait"

9-324-4
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 28 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NOT RECORDED

The Bureau is requested to give the enclosed letter the regular scientific examination and to compare the [illegible] for latent fingerprints, although it has been ascertained that the letter has been indiscriminately handled before being received by the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

F. E. Ramsey,
Special Agent in Charge

Encls. 2

WJH:EB

9. 2512-3

Enclosure Retained

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

WJH:MB
9-528

New York, N.Y.

July 27, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention Technical Laboratory

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
FATHER DIVINE - Victim
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith an obscene letter and envelope addressed to "Father Divine, Harlem, New York, N.Y." The envelope is postmarked, "Boston, Mass. 11, 7 p.m., July 14, 1939." The text of this letter is not being quoted herein due to the obscene nature of the same.

It is requested that the Bureau afford the enclosed letter the regular document examination and process the same for possible latent fingerprints, although it has been ascertained that the letter has been indiscriminately handled before being received by the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH,
Special Agent in Charge

Encls. 2

REGISTERED MAIL

RECORDED & INDEXED

9-25/2-3

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 28 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 18 1939

TELETYPE

DECODED COPY

FBI NEW YORK CITY 7-18-39 8-48 PM EDST JCW

DIRECTOR

UNSUB REVEREND FATHER DIVINE VIXXX. FATHER DIVINE, NEGRO SPIRITUAL LEADER RECEIVED YESTERDAY A LETTER POSTMARKED JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE AT SEVEN THIRTY AM, NYC, DEMANDING PAYMENT OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS UNDER THREAT OF DEATH, SIGNED BY THE BLACK ACE. PAYMENT WAS TO BE AT ELEVEN AM ON JULY FIFTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. CASE RECEIVED TODAY, BEING HANDLED THIS OFFICE.

FOXWORTH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 20 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR,

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

I am in receipt of your memorandum dated February 13, 1937, with an attached copy of a letter dated February 10, 1937, from Mr. N. N. Kramler, attorney at law, 24 Commerce Street, Newark, New Jersey.

As you have observed, Mr. Kramler has written to the Attorney General concerning this matter, inclosing photostatic copies of alleged anonymous threatening letters which you set forth in your memorandum to me.

For your information, Mr. Kramler has been advised today that an examination of the facts contained in the threatening letters which he submitted for consideration fails to disclose a violation of any Federal law or laws upon which action by the Department must be predicated.

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON
Assistant Attorney General.

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February 18, 1937

INDEXED

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter dated February 10, 1937 from H. K. Kramsler, Attorney at Law, Newark, New Jersey, a copy of which is attached hereto.

It is noted that he has indicated he has previously written to the Attorney General concerning this matter. Photostatic copies of the original letters are in the possession of the Bureau. They are typewritten on what appears to be a minute record of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Atlanta, Georgia, and read as follows:

"February 5, 1937

Brother General
G/G Father Divine
6805 Arlington Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

Sir -

This is your Second and Final Notice to carry out our previous orders.

(We do not, and will not) be tolerated with such conditions, such as a white woman and her children being in your possession, with (seven) days (only) from this date to see that this condition is corrected or take (the way (follows).

(SAMPSON) (WASHINGTON) (SAMPSON)
K.K.K."

COMMUNICATION	
Father Divine 6805 Arlington Ave. Baltimore, Md. Sir -	

Mr. Michael
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ennis
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Hoover
Mr. Kerwin
Mr. Lanahan
Mr. McMahon
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Scanlon
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Miss Gandy

our minutes regarding this matter in wich we hope you will pay attention or take heed. It has been called to our attention that a mother and three children are living at this address under the so called Peace Mission of Father Devine wich we understand is being opperated by a negro who reprepresents himself as Father Devine, as this mother and three children are of a white race we do not consider the surroundings a suitable place for them to be, and we hereby give you warning to render these conditions at once, as this this place and all pertaining to this place are being watched 24 hrs, each day, and we also wish to remind you that this is your first warning further action will be taken at once if this condition is not corrected.

Signed
(K I K)"

It is believed that photostatic copies have been furnished to the Attorney General in view of the statements of Mr. Kranzler contained in his letter.

Mr. Kranzler's letter to this Bureau has not been acknowledged, in view of the fact that he states he has written to the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 103566

N. N. KRANZLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
24 COMMERCE STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
MARKET 2-2527

HAROLD KRANZLER

February 10th, 1937.

Honorable Edgar J. Hoover,
Federal Intelligence Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

As counsel to Reverend M. J. Divine and the Father Divine Peace Mission, I desire to call your attention to the matter contained herein and which I believe comes within the jurisdiction of your department.

I enclose herewith photostatic copies of the original letters which are in my possession, the contents of which are self-explanatory. Needless to say, immediate action must be taken in order to avoid the possible consequences of the threats made, and I feel perfectly confident that you will give this your immediate attention.

Should you desire any additional information in our possession, you may consider me, as well as all concerned, at your service. Although previous threats have been made, these are the only written evidences of such threats and I believe the matter should now be taken in hand to determine who the writers are, and what, if any complaints shall be taken and prosecuted.

So that this matter might receive the attention of those under whose jurisdiction it may come, if your department does not happen to be the one in charge, I have today written to Congressman Samuel Dickstein and Attorney General Cummings.

Your early reply will be greatly appreciated, since I will feel assured that the matter is receiving your prompt consideration, and in the meantime wish to express my appreciation for your efforts.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Respectfully yours,

NKK:SG
Enc.

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9 Encl

Sec 62-3233 9 NKK 9 Rec'd

February 5 1937

Brother Samuel
C/O Father Devine
823 Arlington Ave.
Baltimore, Md.

Sir-

This is your Second and Final Notice to carry out our previous orders.

(We do not, and will not) be tolerated with such conditions, such as a white woman and two children being in your possession, wich means you have (five) days (only) from this date to see that this condition is corrected or take what(follows).

(WARNING) (WARNING)(WARNING)

K.K.K.

KLONKLAVE HELD February 1 AD 19 A.K.

Klonklave was called to order at O'clock P.M. by Kl.

Kludded Cyclops in the Chair. The following Officers were present:

Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl. Kl.

(Rev. 6/21/78)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERNAL ROUTING/ACTION SLIP

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	211	5829	MR. BAILEY		211	5636	Mr. Dudney
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	211	5644	MR. AWE		211	5640	Mr. Keane
	211	5835	MR. RAMEY		211	5638	Miss Murphey
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	141	4266	MR. ANDREWS		142	5260	Mr. Wallace
	112	4356	Miss Durrer		221	5863	Miss Walp
	123	4955	Mrs. A Rogers				
	111	4336	Mrs. Standriff		221	5865	Mr. Bauserman
	113	4366	Mrs. Williams		141	4262	Mrs. Johnson
					211	5634	Miss Korb
	224	4869	MR. O'ROURKE		142	5262	Mr. Lyle
	225	4859	Mr. Crookston		141	4264	Mrs. Worsham
	225	4913	Mrs. Hackley				
	121	4989	Miss Hearon		224	4859	Miss Bowie
	224	4861	Mr. Isner/Mr. Sumner		211	5636	Miss Kolly
	224	4859	Mr. Kuhn		211	5634	Mrs. Ricker
	152	1B341	Mrs. McCrum		141	4264	Miss Sheehy
	152	1B327	Mr. Rhinehart		142	5266	Miss Sigler
					224	4869	Mrs. Watson
	211	5835	Miss Lass				
	211	5644	Miss Phelan		221	5881	Mrs. Rector
	211	5829	Miss Rogers		135	6912	Mrs. Bailey
	211	5829	Mrs. Walter		142	5280	Mrs. Britton
					125	4881	Mr. Cockerham
					142	5280	Mrs. Howse
					121	4280	Miss Hurst
					125	4881	Mr. Pekar

Attn: Dennis

Case file in on Micro-film. Are you still looking this old Mail?

- ☐ RECOMMENDATION/COMMENT
- ☐ SEE REMARKS ON REVERSE
- ☐ MAKE COPIES (NO.)
- ☐ RETURN (BY)
- ☐ LOG
- ☐ FILE
- ☐ SEE ME
- ☐ CALL ME
- ☐ NECESSARY ACTION
- ☐ COORDINATE
- ☐ PER INQUIRY
- ☐ INFORMATION

FROM: FAYR HACKLEY
RECORDS SYSTEMS SECTION
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION

BLDG.:

ROOM: 4905

PHONE: 4750

DATE: 11/24/75

FORM DOJ-359A
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4-5a (Rev. 12-10-74)

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11-5-55

Unsub. wa: A. J. Anderson.
Wm. M. J. Devine aka Father Devine
vikex

9- 29314-1
Photos of latents
- Dir I
Rson.

Returned
2-27-74

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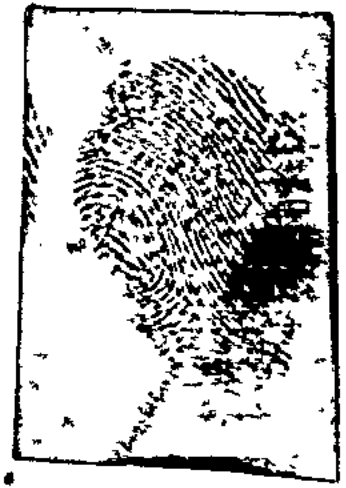
Unsub: wa: A. J. Anderson

Mr. M. J. Devine aka Father Divine

vikes

2 cards

On Q7 submitted as
9-29314-11



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1-11-56
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1 fgpt
1-4-56
RSW

OD: Philadelphia

lat fgpt from envelope Q1.

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Numb. was A. J. Audubon,
Andrew Morales, A. Morales,
Mr. M. J. Devine aka Father Devine
Vikes (OO-Philadelphia)

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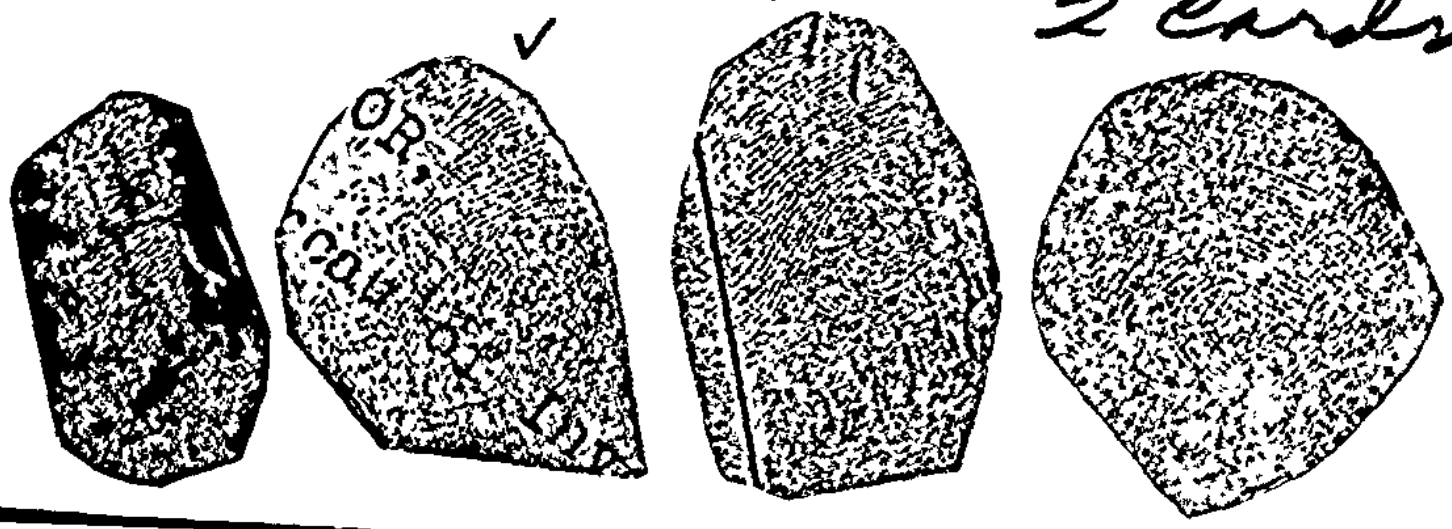
2 cards



oo: Philadelphia

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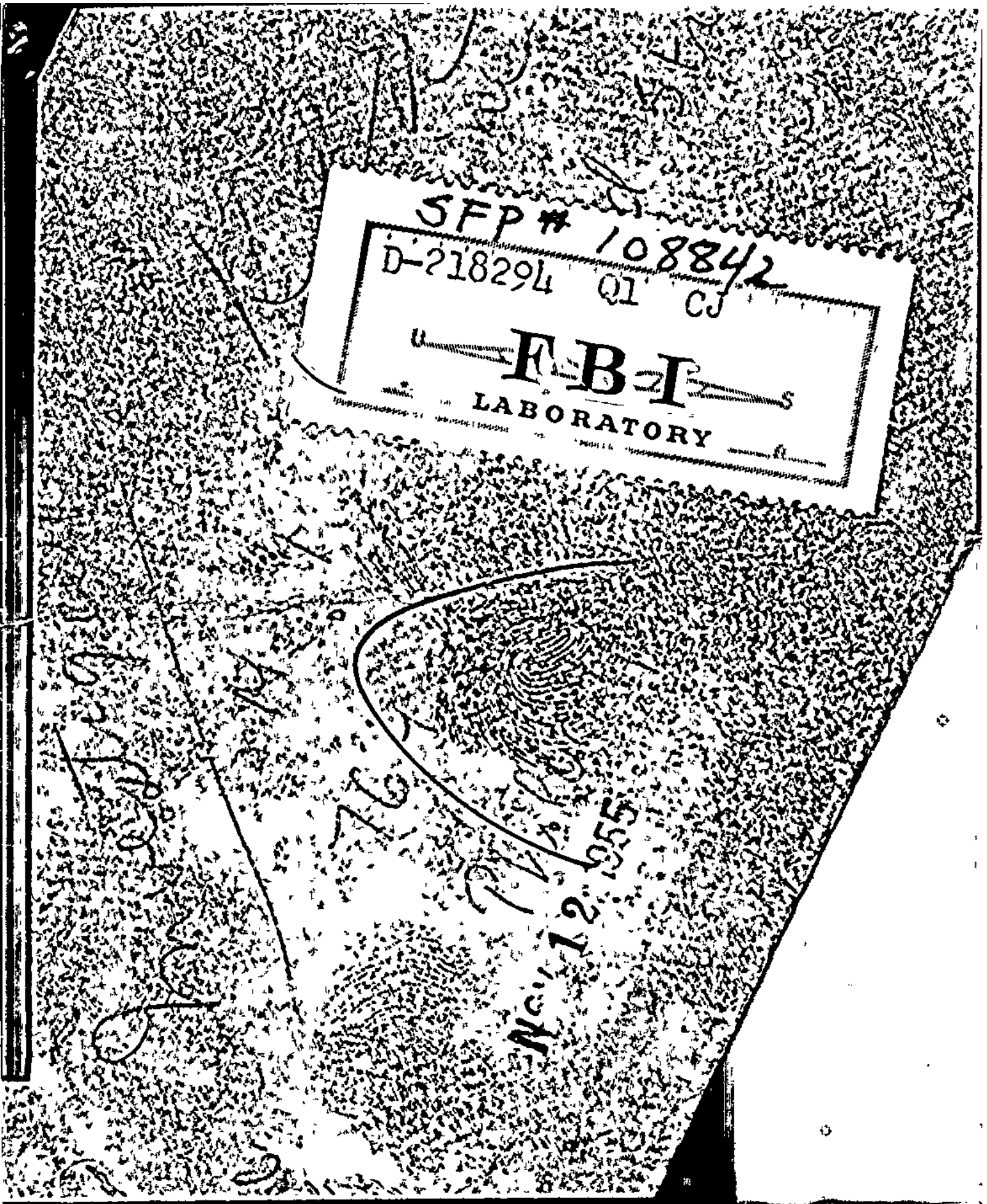

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from envelope Q1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUS

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU (REGISTERED MAIL)(Encl-6)
ATTENTION FBI LAB
LOUISVILLE(AIR MAIL)
NEW ORLEANS(AIR MAIL)
LOS ANGELES(AIR MAIL)

FBI PHILADELPHIA 12-27-55

DIRECTOR

UNSUB., WA., A. J. ANDERSON. MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX.

Re PH tel to Bureau 12-26-55.

Attached for comparison with the Anonymous letter file and processing for latents are two letters addressed to "MR. M. J. DIVINE, 764 - 772 Broad St., Philadelphia, 46, Pa."

The first letter is postmarked 11-9-55 at Leesville, La. The second is postmarked at Louisville, Ky., on 12-22-55.

The first letter is handwritten and threatens destruction of some of Father Divine-s establishments. It also asks for $128,400. The second letter is hand printed, signed A. J. ANDERSON, makes reference to the first letter and designates the "baggage room of the main Greyhound Bus Terminal", city not named sometime on 12-31-55 thru 1-2-56 as the payoff dates and area. Father Divine suspects these letters were written by one of his former followers:

(1) JOHN WUEST HUNT, former Federal Prisoner and currently on parole under jurisdiction of ROBERT L. ASHBY, Ventura County Probation Dept., Ventura California.

(2) CAROL SWEET who married HUNT in 1948 and who is believed to now reside at Oxnard, California.

(3) PATRICIA RIVERS of Los Angeles California who is friendly with SWEET.

(4) JOB PATIENCE, 1739 Brambrey St., Phila., Pa.

On 11-2-55 at 1:54AM under Western Union Telegram #0-OXA 110 NL addressed to "Rev. M. J. Divine" above address, the sender "HAROLD SWEET" demanded the return of $50,000. or she would expose Rev DIVINE. REV. DIVINE believes the sender was CAROL SWEET not "HAROLD". REV. DIVINE will not comply with the demands. UACB PH will not cover payoff on 12-31-55, 1-1, 1-2-56 in the absence of another letter giving a specific time and place the payoff is to take place. Elimination fingerprints and specific addresses are to be furnished by REV DEVINE on 12-28 next. Louisville, Los Angeles and New Orleans will hold investigation in abeyance pending receipt of this information.

Approved: N H MC CABE
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M _____ Per _____
(3 U, 2 LS, 2 LA, 2 NO, ~~1 PH~~)

Ph 9-161P
JDV/JDC

9-29314

COPY & SCREENING RETAINED IN LAB FOR INVESTIGATION & REPORT 12/28/55

ERAL BUREAU OF INVEST
D STATES DEPARTMENT O.

Recorded 12/29/55 vpp

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 12-30-55 4:00 PM/ho
LAB FILE OPENED

LATENT

Re: UNSUB., wa. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE,
VIKEX

File #
Lab. # D-218234 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia
Airtel 12/27/55
Date of reference communication: Teletype 12/26/55 **Date received:** 12/28/55

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
Wittmus

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 An envelope bearing the hp and hw add "Mr. M. J. Divine 764-772 Broad Street. Philadelphia 46, Pa.," marked "PERSONAL" pm "LEESVILLE, LA. NOV 9 1955 2-PM."

Q2 First page of acc let beginning "Dear Sir, Every word in..."and ending on the reverse side "...in advance."

Q3 Second page of acc let beginning "We own a..." and ending on the reverse side "...constant observation."

Q4 An envelope bearing the hp add "MR. M. J. DIVINE 764-772 BROAD St. PHILADELPHIA 46, PENNSYLVANIA," marked "PERSONAL" and "AIR MAIL," pm "LOUISVILLE 2 KY. DEC 22 1955 4 PM."

Q5 First page of acc let beginning "DEAR SIR, I ASSUME THAT..." and ending on the reverse side "...UP BY US."

Q6 Second page of acc let beginning "AFTER WE HAVE..." and ending on the reverse side "...WILL BE STOPPED."

Q1 through Q6 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.
Compare latents developed instant case with the fingerprints of the following named suspects, JOHN WUEST HUNT PATRICIA RIVERS
CAROL SWEET JOB PATIENCE

OVER

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

BEING RETAINED.

ROOM 1224A

December 28, 1955 Airtel

SAC, Philadelphia

UNSUB, was., A. J. ANDERSON, FATHER M. J. DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re Philadelphia teletype 12/26/55 and Philadelphia airtel 12/27/55.

Philadelphia insure that Father Divine is aware that the Bureau cannot afford him personal protection. Philadelphia maintain close liaison with Father Divine and [redacted] in order to be immediately advised of any subsequent information setting forth a more specific date and place for a payoff.

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b7C

Philadelphia present facts to U. S. Attorney. Keep the Bureau advised.

HOOVER

NOTE: [redacted] secretary to Father Divine, advised Philadelphia 12/26/55 that Father Divine received two letters, one postmarked 11/9/55, Leesville, La., the second 12/22/55, at Louisville. First letter threatens destruction of some of Father Divine's establishments. Letter demands $128,400. Second letter signed A. J. Anderson refers to first letter. It designates Greyhound Bus Terminal, city not named, as payoff spot. Payoff to be sometime on 12/31/55 through 1/2/56. Philadelphia airtel advised payoff not to be covered in absence of another letter giving a specific time and place for the payoff.

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(4)

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Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Harbo
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
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6 (6-21-55)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Tamm

FBI

Date: 12/30/55

Transmit the following message via AIR-TEL

REGULAR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, PHILADELPHIA

To: BUREAU ATTN. IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

UNSUB; wa. A. J. Anderson, Father M. J. Divine - VIKEX.

Re PH air-tel to FBI Laboratory, 12/27/55.

Attached herewith for comparison with any latents which may be developed on the letters received by Father DIVINE, Pastor Circle Mission Church, Home and Training School of Pennsylvania, 772 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., are the fingerprints of Father DIVINE and his personal secretaries;

1. Father M. J. DIVINE
2. GREAT B. LOVE
3. [redacted]
4. JUNE S. PEACE
5. SYBIL S. CHILD

b6
b7C

In view of previous investigations of this cult, it is further requested that these fingerprints be searched through the Criminal Section of the Identification Division.

It is to be noted the birth data in some instances is not reflected as none would be furnished. Also, the names given are "religious" names. The true names or given names would not be given.

These prints are to be returned.

MC CABE

END.

3 - Bureau (REGULAR MAIL)(Encls. 5)
1 - Philadelphia (92-1611)

JAV:ARD
(4)

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm

Called Ident
Mr. Fleming
By

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17 JAN 3 1956

Approved: Special Agent in Charge Sent M Per

60 JAN 12 1956

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-3-56 12:00 Noon

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: UNSUB., WA., A. J. ANDERSON;
FATHER M. J. DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Number: [illegible]

Specimens:

Compare latents previously developed instant case with the fingerprints submitted of the following persons for elimination purposes:

M. J. DIVINE** JUNE S. PEACE
GREAT B. LOVE** SYBIL S. CHILD

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Search above listed fingerprint cards through Criminal Files.

NOTE LAST PARAGRAPH OF LETTER.

RETURN PRINTS.

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (

Date received: 1-3-56/ho

Date of reference communication: 12-30-55 Airtel

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wittmus

Evidence Noted by:

[illegible]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 1 1956

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. McGuire
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

FBI LOUISVILLE 1-1-56 9-25 PM CST JTN

DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC PHILADELPHIA URGENT

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON--MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX.

REPHTEL INSTANT. PHONE CALL TRACED TO LOCAL DOWNTOWN PAY PHONE. NOT IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUS NUMBERS.

GEARTY

END AND ACK PLS

WA 10-26PM OK FBI WA DD

PHTU OK FBI PH WPH

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Mr. Rosen

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JAN 9 1956

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Mohr

WA 2 FROM PH 12/30/55 3.10 PM MGL

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

UNKNOWN SUBJECT - WA., A. J. ANDERSON, FATHER M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX. REBUAIRTEL DEC. TWENTYEIGHT, FIFTYFIVE, AUSA, EDPA., STATES WORDING OF LETTER COMES WITHIN PURVIEW OF EXTORTION STATUTE. FATHER DIVINE AND [redacted] ARE AWARE BUREAU CANNOT AFFORD DIVINE PERSONAL PROTECTION. CLOSE LIAISON IS BEING MAINTAINED. NO SURVEILLANCE IS BEING MAINTAINED UNLESS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED. UNDER PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS, THE CALLER FOR THE PACKAGE WOULD BE UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE PAYOFF PACKAGE UNLESS HE POSSESSED THE STUB ISSUED TO THE DEPOSITOR OF THE PACKAGE.

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Mr. Rosen

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DECEMBER 31, 1955

SAC
PHILADELPHIA AIRTEL

UNSUB. WAS., A.J. ANDERSON;
MR. M.J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE
VICTIM EXTORTION

Re Philadelphia letter of December 27, 1955 and Los Angeles teletype of December 29, 1955.

One latent fingerprint of value developed on one envelope, laboratory designation Q 1. Latent fingerprint not identified as fingerprint of John West Hunt, FBI #1 169 [illegible], or Joe Robinson, FBI #765 [illegible] 3. Unable to locate identifiable fingerprint records for Carol Sweet or Patricia Rivers.

Confirming.

HOOVER

ADDEND. - [illegible]

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2 - Los Angeles (AM)
2 - Louisville (AM)
2 - New Orleans (AM)

AIRTEL MAILED FROM IDENT DIV 12-31-55 wrf

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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9-29314-7

To: SAC, Philadelphia

January 3, 1956

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence described below which was received from your office on December 28, 1955, and December 29, 1955.

Re: UNSUB., wa., A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE,
VIRX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO. B-218294 CJ
B-218316 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtels 12/27/55 - 12/28/55

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens: Submitted by your office with airtel dated 12/27/55:

Q1 An envelope bearing the hand printed and handwritten address "Mr. M. J. Divine 764-772 Broad Street. Philadelphia 46, Pa.," marked "PERSONAL" postmarked "LOUISVILLE, LA. NOV 9 1955 2-PM."

Q2 First page of accompanying letter beginning "Dear Sir, Every word in..." and ending on the reverse side "....in advance."

Q3 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "We own a..." and ending on the reverse side "...constant observation."

Q4 An envelope bearing the hand printed address "MR. M. J. DIVINE 764-772 BROAD ST. PHILADELPHIA 46, PENSILVANIA," marked "PERSONAL" and "AIR MAIL," postmarked "LOUISVILLE 2 KY. DEC 22 1955 4 PM."

Q5 First page of accompanying letter beginning "DEAR SIR, I ASSUME THAT..." and ending on the reverse side "...UP BY US."

Q6 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "AFTER WE HAVE..." and ending on the reverse side "...WILL BE STOPPED."

Submitted by your office with airtel dated 12/28/55:

K1 Handwritten envelope containing no letter, postmarked 12/17/52, at Los Angeles, California, bearing the handwriting of MRS. PATRICIA RIVERS.

K2 Envelope and accompanying letter dated 3/9/53, bearing the handwriting of JOB PATIENCE.

K3 Handwritten communications postmarked 8/27/43, Camp Pickett, La., 8/11/43, Camp Pickett, La., 6/19/43, Camp Pickett, La., 6/2/43, Fort Belvior, Va., 6/2/43, Fort Belvior, Va., and 11/9/36, Beverly Hills, Calif., all bearing the known handwriting of JOHN W. HUNT, aka., The Prodigal Son, and Revelator SMITH.

Enclosures (3) - REGISTERED MAIL

1-Louisville 1-New Orleans 1-Los Angeles

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Results of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q6 were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added to this file for future reference.

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 was not written by either of the writers of specimens K1 and K2. Because of the lack of hand printing for comparison with the hand printing on Q4 through Q6, it could not be determined whether either of these individuals prepared specimens Q4 through Q6.

Because of the occurrence of characteristics in the questioned material which could not be explained on the basis of the known material available and because of the lack of adequate comparable known handwriting and hand printing, it could not be determined whether any of the questioned handwriting and hand printing appearing on specimens Q1 through Q6 were prepared by the writer of the handwriting and hand printing appearing on specimen K3. It is suggested that efforts be made to obtain elevated handwriting and hand printing specimens from the writer of specimen K3, in the same wording as the questioned material, for further comparison. Whenever such specimens should be obtained.

Specimen Q1 is a white envelope having an ornamental finish and measuring approximately 7½x4 inches. This envelope contains a fragmentary watermark consisting of " ONTAG 1889 WRITING PAPER." This watermark is probably "MONTAG." The watermark "MONTAG" is registered with MONTAG BROTHERS, INC., 182 Marietta, N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia. Specimens Q2 and Q3 are two sheets of white linen paper measuring approximately 10½x7½ inches and containing no watermark. Specimen Q4 is a white bond envelope measuring approximately 7x4 inches and containing no watermark. Specimens Q5 and Q6 are two sheets of white bond writing paper measuring approximately 10½x7 inches and containing no watermark.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimens Q1 through Q6 will be returned after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Specimens K1 through K3 are returned herewith. K1 through K3 have not been photographed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

__AIRTEL__

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU

FBI, PHILADELPHIA 12/28/55

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

RE: UNSUB; wa, A. J. ANDERSON,
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

Re Philadelphia ~~let~~ air-tel, 12/27/55.

Attached for comparison with the anonymous letters received by the victim are the following letters:

1. Handwritten envelope containing no letter, postmarked 12/17/52 at Los Angeles, Calif., bearing the handwriting of Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS.

2. Handwritten letter from JOB PATIENCE, ~~postmarked 12/17/55,~~ dated March 9, 1953. ~~at Los Angeles, Calif.~~.

3. Handwritten communications from John W. HUNT, aka., The Prodigal Son, and Revelator SMITH, postmarked:

8/21/43 at Camp Pickett, La.
8/11/43 at Camp Pickett, La.
6/19/43 at Camp Pickett, La.
6/2/43 at Fort Belvoir, Va.
6/2/43 at Fort Belvoir, Va.
11/9/36 at Beverly Hills, Ca.

These are to be returned.

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3 - Bureau (ENCLOSURES 19) (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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(4)

Mr. Rosen

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB EXAMINATION & REPORT

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

FBI PHILADELPHIA 12/26/55 7/30 PM DAS

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

UNSUB, WAS, A. J. ANDERSON, FATHER M. J. DIVINE DASH VICTIM. EXTORTION. [redacted] SECRETARY TO FATHER DIVINE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT FATHER DIVINE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS ONE POSTMARKED ELEVEN NINE FIFTYFIVE AT LEESVILLE, LA. OTHER POSTMARKED TWELVE TWENTYTWO FIFTYFIVE AT LOUISVILLE, KY. FIRST LETTER, SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THREATENS DESTRUCTION OF SOME OF FATHER DIVINE DASH S ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASKS FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. SECOND LETTER, SIGNED A. J. ANDERSON, MAKES REFERENCE TO FIRST LETTER AND DESIGNATES GRAYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, CITY NOT NAMED, SOMETIME ON TWELVE THIRTYONE THROUGH JAN. TWO FIFTYSIX AS PAYOFF SPOT. IN REFERENCE TO PAYOFF SECOND LETTER STATES MONEY WILL BE PICKED UP BY QUOTE STRANGER GOING THROUGH PHILA. END QUOTE AND IMPLIES THREAT OF BODILY HARM TO DIVINE. [redacted] SAID FATHER DIVINE RECEIVED TELEGRAM ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO FROM HAROLD SWEET, OXNARD, CALIF., ASKING FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE DELIVERED TO PHILIP DORFMAN, ATTORNEY IN PH. MONEY WOULD KEEP SWEET FROM SIGNING AN EXPOSE OF DIVINE FOR PUBLISHING. DORFMAN SUBJECT OF BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR

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NINE TWO FIVE EIGHT. [redacted] UNAWARE OF AUTHORS. DIVINE WILL b6 b7C
BE INTERVIEWED TWELVE TWENTY SEVEN AND TELEGRAM OBTAINED.
LETTERS BEING FORWARDED TO LAB.

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END AND ACK PLS

WA 7-33 PM OK FBI WA EW

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FBI PHILADELPHIA 1-1-56 TELETYPE 1-45 AM CJB

DIRECTOR AND SAC LOUISVILLE U R G E N T

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON- MR. M.J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX. REPHAIRTEL TO BU TWELVE THIRTY FIFTYFIVE. MALE GIVING NAME A.J. ANDERSON ATTEMPTED TO PLACE PERSON TO PERSON TELEPHONE CALL FROM LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY TO FATHER M.J. DIVINE AT PENNYPACKER FIVE DASH THREE NINE ONE SEVEN PH BETWEEN THREE AND THREE- THIRTY P.M., SEVEN, TEN-TWENTY FIVE, AND ELEVEN- NAUGHT FIVE P.M. TWELVE THIRTY ONE FIFTYFIVE. PERSON WOULD NOT SPEAK TO DIVINE-S SECRETARY, [redacted], AND INDICATED HE WOULD CALL AGAIN. LS ADVISED OF ABOVE BY TELEPHONE AND REQUESTED TO CONTACT TELEPHONE COMPANY IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY OPERATOR PLACING CALLS AND TELEPHONE OR TELEPHONES FROM WHICH CALLS MADE. FOR INFO LS VICTIM RECEIVED LETTER POSTMARKED ELEVEN NINE FIFTYFIVE AT LEESVILLE LA. AND LETTER POSTMARKED TWELVE TWENTY-TWO FIFTYFIVE. FIRST LETTER, SIGNATURE ILLEGIBLE, THREATENS DESTRUCTION OF SOME OF DIVINE-S ESTABLISHMENTS AND ASKS FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS. SECOND LETTER, SIGNED A.J.ANDERSON, MAKES REFERENCE TO FIRST LETTER AND DESIGNATES GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL CITY NOT NAMED, AS PAYOFF SPOT SOMETIME FROM TWELVE THIRTY ONE FIFTYFIVE THRU ONE TWO FIFTYSIX. STATES MONEY WILL BE PICKED UP BY STRANGER GOING THRU PH AND IMPLIES THREAT OF BODILY HARM TO DIVINE. AUSA PH STATES LETTERS CONSTITUTE VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUTE BUT NO PROCESS OBTAINED. IN EVENT CALLER IDENTIFIED, HE SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED.

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FBI PHILADELPHIA 1-1-56 7-26 PM CJP

DIRECTOR AND SAC LOUISVILLE U R GENT

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON- MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE,
VICTIM-EXTORTION
VIKEX. RE LS TEL INSTANT. SUSPECT ANDERSON, SIX TEN P.M.
INSTANT COMPLETED CALL TO VICTIM DIVINE INSTRUCTING TO QUOTE
FORGET ABOUT WHOLE DEAL UNQUOTE. NEW INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE GIVEN
AT A LATER DATE QUOTE FIVE OR SICXXX SIX MONTHS UNQUOTE. LS [redacted]
[redacted] RECONTACT SOURCE TO DETERMINE PAY STATION OR PHONE USED.

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SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611) January 12, 1956

Director, FBI (9-29314)

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UNSUB., WA. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

EX-125

Reairtel January 4, 1956, submitting an envelope and accompanying letter, designated in the laboratory report as Q7 and Q8, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value developed on Q7. This latent fingerprint compared insofar as possible with previously developed latent fingerprint in this case with negative results. The submitted envelope and letter are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enclosures (2)

2 - Louisville

2 - New Orleans

2 - Los Angeles

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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LATENT

Recorded 1-6-56 3:00 PM/jo

Re: UNSUB., ma. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE
VIKEX

File # 9-29314 - 11
Lab. # D-218751 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 1/4/56 **Date received:** 1/5/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
Wittmus

Specimens submitted for examination

Q7 An envelope bearing the hand printed address "Mr. M. J. Devine 764-772 Broad St. Phila 46, Pensilvania," postmarked "LOUISVILLE, KY. JAN 2 1956 7:30 PM."

Q8 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Dear Sir, Please..." and ending "...Sincerely yours, Anderson."

Q7 and Q8 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

Compare latents developed instant case with latents previously developed instant case.

cc-Louisville
New Orleans
Los Angeles

(Recorded from incoming)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR-TEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to: BUREAU
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FBI, PHILADELPHIA 1/4/56

DIRECTOR

218751

UNSUB, wa., A. J. Anderson;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

Re Philadelphia tel, 1/1/56, and Louisville tel, 1/1/56.

Attached for examination and comparison with Q4, Q5, and Q6 is a handprinted letter postmarked 1/2/56 at Louisville, Ky., and signed "ANDERSON." It is also to be processed for latents and be compared with the latent developed on Q1.

"Dear Sir,

"Please have the package ready to be delivered at any time it is asked for. The pick up will probably occur at the end of this month or the beginning of next.

"Final instructions will be given later, by letter or phone.

"The date of our meeting is also postponed until March.

"Sincerely yours,

"Anderson"

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3 - Bureau (ENCLOSURES - 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Louisville (AIR MAIL)
1 - New Orleans (AIR MAIL)
1 - Los Angeles (AIR MAIL)
1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

Mr. Boren
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Tamm

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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This letter was received by Father DIVINE at Philadelphia, Pa., on 1/4/56 and opened by Agent JOSEPH A. VERICA in the presence of SA CHARLES T. BYERS and DIVINE's personal secretary, [redacted]. It appears the writer of this letter also printed Q4, Q5, and Q6. The address Pennsylvania in each envelope is written as "Pensilvania." b6 b7C

For the information of New Orleans, a male giving his name as "ANDERSON" completed a telephone call to Father DIVINE at Pennypacker 5-3917, at 6:10 P. M. on 1/1/56 from Louisville, Ky., directing DIVINE "to forget about the whole deal for the time being. We will give you more instructions and some changes later on." Hence, the above letter.

This person giving his name as "A. J. ANDERSON" attempted to complete a person to person call to Father DIVINE from Louisville, Ky., 12/31/55 on three occasions, between 3:00 and 3:30 P. M., 7:00 P. M., 10:20 P. M., and 11:05 P. M.

The caller who completed the call on 1/1/56 appeared to have a definite foreign accent suggesting to DIVINE's Secretary to be Greek, Russian, or possibly Austrian.

Louisville maintain stops for future calls to the above telephone number. Determine if "A. J. ANDERSON" is listed in telephone directories or employed at Greyhound Bus Company or on any railroads at Louisville, Ky.

Father DIVINE is of opinion "ANDERSON" may be a pullman porter or baggage employee of a public transportation facility.

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END.

Called Ident

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By

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

BEING RETAINED.

ROOM 1224A

January 9, 1956

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611) AIRTEL

UNSUB, WA. A. J. ANDERSON, FATHER M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX.
BUFILE 9-29314.

Reurairtel December 30, 1955.

Latent fingerprint previously developed on Q1 not identified as fingerprints of M. S. DEVINE, GREAT B. LOVE, [redacted] JUNE S. PEACE or SYBIL S. CHILD. No previous criminal fingerprint record located for above named individuals except M. J. DEVINE who as #15267, was arrested by the New York City Police Department on 4-23-37 on a charge of "fel assault". The submitted fingerprints are enclosed.

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Not confirming.

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AIRTEL - REGULAR MAIL

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Airtel mailed from Ident. 1-9-56.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

January 9, 1956

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EX-107

Re: UNSUB.
A. J. ANDERSON
FATHER M. J. DIVINE
VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-218582 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtel 1/3/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

K4 One-page letter, dated September 12, 1954, in the known handwriting of PATRICIA T. RIVERS.

Result of examination:

It has been previously concluded that MRS. PATRICIA RIVERS, whose known handwriting is contained on K1, did not prepare the script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 in this case. The results of this examination are set forth in combined Laboratory report D-218294 CJ and D-218316 CJ, dated January 3, 1956, and directed to your office. Specimen K4 is not comparable with the hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q6 and, accordingly, a definite conclusion cannot be reached as to whether this individual prepared the hand printing on Q4 through Q6.

Specimen K4 is returned herewith. K4 has not been photographed.

Enclosure (1) - REGISTERED MAIL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIR-TEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to: BUREAU

FBI,PH 1/3/56

DIRECTOR

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

UNSUB;
A. J. ANDERSON
FATHER M. J. DIVINE
VIKEX

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Attached herewith for examination and comparison with the handwriting this case, is a handwritten letter dated 9/12/54, at LA, Calif., purportedly written by PATRICIA T. RIVERS, 3812½ South Hill Street, of that city.

This letter is to be returned.

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1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy
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FBI, LOS ANGELES 12-29-55 1-12 PM

DIRECTOR ATTN - IDENT. DIV. U R G E N T

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON - MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE,

IKEX.

PM TEL DEC. TWENTYNINE, FIFTYFIVE. JOHN WEST HUNT, VENTURA CO.

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NO. TWO ONE FIVE THREE FOUR, FBI NO. ONE ONE SIX NINE EIGHT TWO

OUR, ON PROBATION THRU MARCH FIFTEEN, FIFTYSIX. IDENT. COMPARE

INGERPRINTS WEST WITH EXHIBITS SUBMITTED BY PM. PHOTO AVAILABLE.

M CC PH.

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MALONE

END AND ACK PLS

15PM OK FBI WASH DC CCW

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Mr. Rosen Mr. Tamm

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SAC, Philadelphia

January 10, 1956

Director, FBI (9-29314)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
WA. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE,
VIKEX

Reurairtel December 27, 1955, and Los Angeles teletype of December 29, 1955, submitting two envelopes and accompanying two-page letters, designated in the laboratory report as Q1 through Q6, for examination, and naming John Wuest Hunt, Carol Sweet, Patricia Rivers, and Job Patience for comparison purposes.

Confirming Buairtel of December 31, 1955, one latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q1 only. This latent fingerprint has been compared with the fingerprints of John West (Wuest) Hunt, FBI #1169824, and Job Patience, FBI #7059218, with negative results. Unable to locate identifiable fingerprint records for Carol Sweet or Patricia Rivers. The submitted evidence is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

Enclosures (6)

2 - Los Angeles

2 - New Orleans

2 - Louisville

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 12-30-55 4:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: UNSUB., WAS., A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER
DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Number:

Specimens:

Compare latents previously developed instant case with the fingerprints of named suspect, JOHN WEST HUNT, FBI# 1169824, and Ventura County SO# 21534.

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles

Date received: 12-30-55/ho

Date of reference communication: 12-29-55 Teletype

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wittmus

Evidence Noted by:

cc-Philadelphia

REPORT
of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

January 9, 1956

Re: UNSUB; ma.
A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE
VIRX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-218751 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtel 1/4/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q7 An envelope bearing the hand printed address "Mr. M. J. Divine 764-772 Broad St. Philadelphia 46, Pensilvania," postmarked "LOUISVILLE, KY. JAN 2 1956 7:30 PM."

Q8 Accompanying one-page hand printed letter beginning "Dear Sir, Please...," and ending "...Sincerely yours, Anderson."

9-29314-16

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on specimens Q7 and Q8 was prepared by the writer of the hand printing on specimens Q4 through Q6, previously submitted by your office.

It was also found that the envelope described as Q7 is similar to the envelope described as Q4 in finish, style and dimensions. Further, the paper described as Q8 is similar to the paper used for specimens Q5 and Q6 in finish and dimensions.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 contain no identifying characteristics which would assist in identifying the source of this material. A detailed record of the physical characteristics of specimens Q7 and Q8 has been made and is retained in the Laboratory.

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1 - Louisville
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1 - Los Angeles

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You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimens Q7 and Q8 will be returned after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Photographs are retained.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON., MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE, VICTIM, EXTORTION, BUFILE NINE DASH TWO NINE THREE FOURTEEN.

ANDERSON, AT LOUISVILLE, KY, COMPLETED A TELEPHONE CALL TO VICTIM-S SECRETARY AT PHILA., EIGHT PM, JAN. TWENTYNINTH LAST, INSTRUCTING DIVINE TO DELIVER A PACKAGE AT EIGHT AM ON FEB. FIRST, AT PHILA. AIRPORT IN FRONT OF EASTERN AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE. ARRANGEMENTS FOR COVERAGE BEING MADE. LOUISVILLE HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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FBI, LOUISVILLE 1/30/56 JDM

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

UNSUB, Wa., A. J. Anderson;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka. Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re: Philadelphia teletypes dated 1/29/56.
Louisville teletype dated 1/29/56.
Louisville airtel dated 1/30/56.

Results of investigation to date in Louisville Office: five initial telephone calls made on 12/31/55 and 1/1/56, traced to pay stations located in lobby of Main Post Office Building, Greyhound Bus Depot, a public auto parking lot in downtown Louisville, a small transient hotel, and to the Liberty Restaurant in Haymarket area of Louisville. No investigation conducted at first three places because of congested telephone traffic in these points and because of lateness of securing information regarding these locations. Investigation at Liberty Restaurant, where call of 1/1/56 was effected, revealed that this restaurant was closed all day and night during January 1, and January 2, 1956. Similar investigation Broadview Hotel, where 10:00 p.m. call on 12/31/55 was placed, revealed that night attendant is positive call was not placed to Philadelphia at time designated. Very meager telephone traffic on Broadview Hotel phone, and activity in lobby very quiet.

Check of City and Telephone Directories reveals one A. J. ANDERSON, white, a lifetime resident of Louisville and an apparently reputable plumber, together with son A. J. ANDERSON, JR. Investigation reveals A. J. ANDERSON and son's movements

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cc: 2 - Philadelphia (9-1611)
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accounted for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, and are not believed likely suspects.

Philadelphia requested furnish Louisville Office photographic or photostatic copies of 2 letters postmarked Louisville, 12/22/55 and 1/2/56, in order that appropriate handwriting or handprinting specimens might be secured from any suspects developed.

Check of Greyhound Bus Depot, Union Station Railroad Terminal and Pullman Co., negative, as to any A. J. ANDERSONS employed as porter, bus or pullman porters. Efforts to trace call of 1/2/56 at 8:01 p.m., EST, through check of [illegible], negative, inasmuch as instant coin box not emptied for two weeks and believed to contain approximately $20 or [illegible] in quarters at present time, considering average revenue from box. Long-distance Operator advised that unsub deposited seven quarters in pay station phone upon placing instant call. It is to be noted likelihood exists that instant calls made from Louisville could have been placed from any number within given exchange and a fictitious number within that exchange given the operator in reply to her question as to the number from which the call is being placed. Telephone officials state this practice is common, especially among users of slugs who purposely mislead operators as to location of telephone number to avoid tracing.

Stops being continued by Southern Bell Telephone employees, who will immediately advise Louisville Office in event any additional calls are placed.

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FBI, RICHMOND 2-1-56 7-17 AM LCW

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC PHILADELPHIA U R G E N T

UNSUB, WAS. A. J. ANDERSON, MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE. VIKEX. RE BUR TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE. MICHAEL HANSON SUPERVISOR E. A. L. WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT ARLINGTON, VA. ADVISED SA WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB, TODAY THAT ONLY PASSENGER ARRIVING ON E. A. L. FLIGHT FOUR NINE ZERO TODAY WITH DESTINATION PHILADELPHIA WAS A MR. SCHORER FROM ST. LOUIS MISSOURI. MR. SCHORER DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, AGE THIRTY- TWO DASH THIRTY- FIVE, FIVE FT. TEN IN., BROWN HAIR, WEARING DARK BLUE SPORT SHIRT, NO HAT, LIGHT GRAY JACKET, DARK GRAY TROUSERS, REDDISH BROWN SHOES, GABERDINE TOP COAT AND CARRING A SHAVING KET. SCHORER HOLDS SPACE E. A. L. FLIGHT FIVE NINE ZERO FROM WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT TO PHILADELPHIA DEPARTING SEVEN NINETEEN A. M. TODAY ARRIVING EIGHT TWENTYSEVEN A. M. HANSON STATED NO THROUGH PASSENGER FLIGHT FOUR NINE ZERO DEPLANED WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT

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WA 7-21 AM OK FBI WA JP

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Mr. Rosen

CC INVEST DIV.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

WA 3 FROM PH 2/1/56 5.09 PM MGL

DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON, MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE,
VICTIM - EXTORTION
VIKEX. DIVINE-S SECRETARY REPORTED ANDERSON COMPLETED A TELEPHONE
CALL FROM LOUISVILLE, KY., TO HER AT PHILA., TWELVE NAUGHT ONE AM,
INSTANT, TO BE ASSURED ARRANGEMENTS WERE COMPLETED FOR EIGHT AM
PAYOFF TODAY. COVERAGE OF PAYOFF WAS EFFECTED AT EIGHT AM, BUT
SUBJECT FAILED TO CALL FOR PACKAGE. PERSON IDENTIFYING HIM
AS ANDERSON AT PHILA., AT NINE NAUGHT FIVE AM, TELEPHONICALLY
REQUESTED A SECOND PAYOFF BE MADE TODAY AT NINE THIRTY AM, AS CONDITIONS
OF FIRST PAYOFF WERE UNFAVORABLE TO HIM. SHE DENIED THE SECOND
REQUEST. INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY CALLER CONTINUING. LOUISVILLE
ADVISED.

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SAC, LOUISVILLE

UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON - MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX.

Reurtel 2/1/56.

For your information and future guidance, airlines with the destination Washington, D. C. arrive at the National Airport, which is located in the territory covered by the Richmond Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI, LOUISVILLE 2-1-56 1-48 AM CST CFR

SAC-S, PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON FIELD ..... U R G E N T .....

UNSUB, WAS., A. J. ANDERSON - MR. M. J. DIVINE AKA, FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX. REPHTELS DTD JANUARY THIRTY-ONE. EAL PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT FOUR NINETY DEPARTING LS ONE TEN AM CST FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. WITH CONNECTING PASSENGERS FOR NEW YORK CONTAINED FOLLOWING THIRTEEN PASSENGERS -- FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. -- MISS F. BROOKS, PVT. E. REED, COLORED, U.S. ARMY, THIRD ARMORED DIVISION, DESTINATION NEWARK, N.J., J. L. SUTER, PURCHASER OF ROUND TRIP TICKET TO WASHINGTON, J.M. THARP. FOR NEW YORK -- L. BATTS, SOLDIER, J. CUSAMANO, G. LYNCH, SOLDIER, DESTINATION UPPER NEW YORK STATE. MRS. C. LUTZ, J. SHAPIRO, MISS W. WOODS, MRS. D. SULLIVAN, MISS F. LITTLE, AND SGT. R. ATKINSON, DESTINATION BOSTON. REGARDING PASSENGER CUSAMANO THIS INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED AS WHITE, MALE, TWENTY-SIX TO TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS, FIVE FEET, EIGHT INCHES, ONE FIFTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, OLIVE COMPLEXION, HATLESS, WEARING GREY TWEED, HIP LENGTH SUBURBAN COAT. EAL OFFICIALS ADVISE ABOVE FLIGHT NOT THROUGH FLIGHT BUT CONNECTING FLIGHT WASHINGTON. WFO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHAT PASSENGERS ABOVE FLIGHT MAKE CONNECTION FOR PHILADELPHIA ADVISING LATTER OFFICE. IF WFO NOT IN POSSESSION BACKGROUND INFO INSTANT CASE SUGGEST TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH PHILADELPHIA. ABOVE FLIGHT FOUR NINETY ARRIVES NATIONAL AIRPORT, WASHINGTON FOUR NINETEEN AM, EST INSTANT DATE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS IF UNSUB PURCHASED NEW YORK TICKET MAY MAKE CONNECTION FOR PHILADELPHIA ON EAL FLIGHT FIVE NINETY DEPARTING WASHINGTON SEVEN FIFTEEN AM, EST.

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E CORR EIGHT LINE THIRD MAN-S NAME SHD BE -G. LYNCH-

AND C. LUTZ SHD BE -MRS. C. LUTZ-

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Re attached tel:

SA Hughes advised at 3:10 AM. He recommended telephonically advising SA Lipscomb, RA at Alexandria, Va., of contents of attached tel and to cover lead at National Airport originally set out for WFO and immediately thereafter advise Philadelphia of results. SA Lipscomb was telephonically contacted at 3:15 AM, was furnished all details in attached tel and was instructed to comply. He was also advised payoff reportedly to be at 8 AM, 2/1/56, at airport, Philadelphia. Clerk Leo Wade of Richmond Office was telephonically advised of instructions given to SA Lipscomb.

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SEE ATTACHED RICHMOND TEL 2-1-56

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: February 7, 1956

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (9-884) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. A. J. Anderson
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka. Father Divine - VICTIM
E X T O R T I O N

Re Philadelphia teletype dated January 31, 1956.

Referenced teletype referred to the name S. J. ANDERSON, Midway, Kentucky, which was furnished the Philadelphia Office together with remaining guests registered at the YMCA in Louisville during the pertinent period of the last telephone calls made shortly prior to the designation of the pay-off date and place. Philadelphia requested handwriting of S. J. ANDERSON and background be secured and forwarded to Laboratory.

Enclosed herewith is known handwriting of SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, age 55, Midway, Kentucky, referred to herein above. This consists of a card bearing the handwriting of ANDERSON relative to application for room at the YMCA and the complete application blank filled out by ANDERSON.

By way of background, ANDERSON is originally a native of Midway, Woodford County, Kentucky and has resided in Louisville for the past twenty-five years. He is presently engaged in the real estate business with real estate offices located at 310 West Liberty Street. He is the son of a doctor residing at Midway, is married and has two boys, the oldest being fifteen years of age. ANDERSON is believed at the present time to be involved in domestic difficulty and living apart from his wife, who it is believed resides at Route 5 and Shepherdsville Road, Beuchel, Kentucky, at the present time.

With regard to the enclosed handwriting specimens, it is to be noted the original specimens were turned over to SA C. ADDISON KINCAID contrary to regulations of the YMCA. It is, therefore, requested that comparison of the handwriting contained thereon with the questioned handwriting on instant extortion notes be expedited and the original exhibits returned as soon as possible to the Louisville Office for return to officials of the YMCA.

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REGISTERED MAIL

Enclosure

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COPY OF SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Louisville

February 13, 1956

Re: UNSUB., aka.,
A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. IRVINE,
aka FATHER IRVINE
VIKEY

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-[redacted]
FBI FILE NO. 9-[redacted]
LAB. NO. D-[redacted] CJ

Examination requested by: Louisville

Reference: Letter 2/7/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

K5 Application for Room, Central Branch, YMCA, Louisville, Kentucky, dated 1/11/56, and a card also bearing the caption Application for Room, dated 1/11/56, both bearing the known handwriting and signatures of A. J. ANDERSON.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11, previously submitted in this case by the Philadelphia Division, was not written by the writer of specimen K5. The hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 is not comparable to the handwriting appearing on specimen K5. Accordingly, it could not be determined whether the hand printing was prepared by the writer of K5.

Specimen K5 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed in the Laboratory.

Enclosure (1) REGISTERED MAIL

1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

February 14, 1956

Re: UNSUB, wa.,
A. J. ANDERSON
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE;
VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-221189 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtel 2/7/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimen:

Q9 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Mr. Divine 764-772 Broad St. Philadelphia, Pensilvania," postmarked MOBILE ALA FEB 3 1956 6:30 PM."

Q10 Accompanying two-page handwritten letter, first page beginning "Mr. Divine I was rather...," ending on reverse side "...10 year program for you."

Q11 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "This personally promise...," ending on reverse side "...to support us."

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Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on specimens Q9 through Q11 was written by the writer of specimens Q1 through Q3, previously submitted in this case. The material contained on Q9 through Q11 is not comparable with the hand printing appearing on the other questioned specimens submitted in this case.

Specimen Q9 is a white envelope which measures approximately 4" by 7 1/2" and contains the watermark "Nekoosa Bond." This watermark is registered with the Nekoosa Edwards Paper Company, Port Edwards, Wisconsin. It is noted that the envelope appears to be discolored in its entirety with the exception of portions where the glue line appears in the main part of the envelope on both the front and the back. No reason for this discoloration could be found in the Laboratory. Specimens Q10 and Q11 are sheets of white bond paper, each apparently torn from a [illegible] and each containing no watermark.

Tolson, Boardman, Nichols, Belmont, Harbo, Mohr, Parsons, Rosen, Tamm, Sizoo, Winterrowd, Tele. Room, Holloman, Gandy

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You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimens Q9 through Q11 will be returned after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Photographs are retained.

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SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

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February 15, 1956

Director, FBI (9-29314)

UNSUB, WA.
A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA
FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reurairtel February 7, 1956.

Submitted envelope and accompanying two-page letter, described as Q9 through Q11 in the laboratory report, examined for latent impressions with negative results.

Laboratory report separate.

Submitted specimens enclosed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB., wa.,
A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE
VIKEX

File # 9-29314
Lab. # D-221189 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 2/7/56 **Date received:** 2/8/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
Leapley

Specimens submitted for examination

Q9 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Mr. Divine 764-772 Broad St. Philadelphia, Pensilvania," postmarked "MOBILE ALA FEB 3 1956 6:30 PM."

Q10 Accompanying two-page handwritten letter, first page beginning "Mr. Divine I was rather...," ending on reverse side "...10 year program for you.

Q11 Second page of handwritten letter beginning "This personally promise...," ending on reverse side "...to support us."

Q9 through Q11 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

Compare latents developed instant case with latents previously developed instant case on Q1 to Q8.

Also compare latents developed with the fingerprints of SA JOSEPH A. BERICA named for elimination.

No lat. of value 2-13
Subm. spec. returned K/O 2-14
Dated 2-14-56 [illegible]

Return

FD-36 (6-21-55)

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Date: 2/7/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, PHILADELPHIA

To: BUREAU ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DIRECTOR

UNSUB; wa., A. J. Anderson
Mr. M. J. Divine, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

Attached herewith is a handwritten letter addressed to "Mr. Divine, 764-772 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pensilvania," which is postmarked 2/3/56, at Mobile, Ala., at 6:30 p.m. It is requested it be compared with Q1 to Q8 this case and it be processed for latent prints. This letter was opened by SA JOSEPH A. VERICA in the presence of [redacted] [redacted] No others are known to have handled it. It is to be returned.

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3 - Bureau (Encls. 3)(REGISTERED MAIL) (9-29314)
1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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Mr. Parsons
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boyd
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge Sent M Per

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PHILADELPHIA		12/2,27,28,31/55 1/3,4,9,29-31; 2/1/56	JOSEPH A. VERICA (ARD)

TITLE "CHANGED"
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Reverend M. J. DIVINE is the Bishop, Founder and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement in Philadelphia, Pa. He resides at the Circle Mission Church Home and Training School of Pennsylvania at 764-772 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. DIVINE received a telegram, 11/2/55, from HAROLD SWEET, Oxnard, Calif., demanding $50,000 or SWEET will sign a publication contract to expose the "truth" of DIVINE's movement. DIVINE received from Leesville, La., and Louisville, Ky., on 11/9/55 and 12/22/55, respectively, related letters which demanded $128,400 be left in a handbag at the Greyhound Bus Terminal for an anonymous caller during weekend 12/31/55-1/2/56. A. J. ANDERSON, Louisville, Ky., on 1/1/56, called Reverend DIVINE at Philadelphia, Pa., to cancel this payoff until a future date. DIVINE received a third letter postmarked Louisville, Ky., 1/2/56, directing the money demanded be packaged and ready for delivery at any time it is asked for. ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., 1/29/56, telephonically instructed DIVINE to deliver the money at Philadelphia International Airport, 8:00 a.m., 2/1/56, for the anonymous caller. ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., midnight, 1/31/56, telephonically contacted DIVINE's Secretary to insure payoff 2/1/56 would be made. Coverage of payoff was instituted 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 2/1/56, but the anonymous caller failed to obtain the package. ANDERSON from Philadelphia, Pa., 9:00 a.m., 2/1/56, called DIVINE's Secretary indicating he failed to recognize DIVINE's representatives who delivered the package. He demanded these representatives make a second delivery at a new hour, 9:30 or 9:45 a.m. the same day. Secretary declined as time would not permit meeting this demand. If ANDERSON called for this package 2/1/56 by 8:30 a.m.,

Call from Philadelphia
FBI rule
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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Synopsis of Facts: (Continued)

he departed Louisville, Ky., by TWA, 11:54 p.m. CST or 1:10 a.m. CST. DIVINE received a fourth letter postmarked Mobile, Ala., 2/3/56, indicating the writer's representatives at Cincinnati or Louisville will contact DIVINE every two to six months. FBI Laboratory concluded writer of letters #2 and #3 are identical. One latent was discovered on the envelopes of letter #1 and letter #3. DIVINE and his Secretary suspects former bittered followers JOHN HUNT, his wife CAROL SWEET HUNT of California, and JOB PATIENCE of Philadelphia.

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Copies of This Report:

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2 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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PH 9-1611

DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

The title of this case is marked "CHANGED" to add the aliases of ANDREW MORALES and A. MORALES, the writer of two letters to the victim.

I. COMPLAINT

Miss [redacted] Secretary to Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka Father DIVINE, Bishop, Founder and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement, Philadelphia, Pa., and who resides at the Circle Mission Church Home and Training School of Pennsylvania at 762-772 South Broad Street, on December 26, 1955, advised SA J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY that Reverend DIVINE had received two letters in the U.S. Mails, one postmarked November 9, 1955, at Leesville, La., and the other postmarked December 22, 1955, at Louisville, Ky. The contents of these letters will be set out below. These letters contain instructions on the part of the writers to extort money from Reverend DIVINE. She advised Reverend DIVINE frequently receives letters from individuals who are opposed to him and his Movement and usually he ignores most of them. These letters are brought to the attention of the authorities with Father DIVINE's consent, inasmuch as they threatened to blow up DIVINE's establishment if a sum of money is not paid. b6 b7C

She also furnished the identities of each of the Secretaries at the above church who have handled each letter. Prior to receipt of each of these letters, Reverend DIVINE received a telegram from a HAROLD SWEET at Oxnard, Calif., which Miss [redacted] claims to be near Ventura. She said the telegram requested that $50,000 be turned over to a Philadelphia attorney, PHILLIP DORFMAN, to be delivered to SWEET. This money would keep SWEET from signing an expose of DIVINE and his Movement. According to Miss [redacted] the telegraph operator apparently obtained the name phonetically of CAROL SWEET and inserted HAROLD SWEET. CAROL SWEET is a former follower of Reverend DIVINE. CAROL left the movement with another former follower, JOHN W. HUNT, aka The Prodigal Son. The Prodigal Son was Father DIVINE's personal photographer for over 13 years. His brother, JOHN DEVOUT, is the editor of Father DIVINE's newspaper, "The New Day." JOHN HUNT is bitter against Father DIVINE and has made a statement that he will make every effort to break up DIVINE's Movement. [redacted] stated that JOHN and CAROL HUNT were capable of writing these letters. b6 b7C

Miss [redacted] and Reverend M. J. DIVINE were interviewed at the above church by SAs RICHARD J. MARTIN and JOSEPH A. VERICA on December 27, 1955. At this time Reverend DIVINE advised that they had considered four individuals who were former followers as the persons who may be responsible for writing these letters. Their identities were furnished b6 b7C

as CAROL SWEET and her girl friend, PATRICIA RIVERS of Los Angeles, Calif.; JOHN WUEST HUNT, aka The Prodigal Son, of Ventura, Calif.; and JOB PATIENCE of 1712 North Bambrey Street, Philadelphia, Pa. JOHN WUEST HUNT was Father DIVINE's personal photographer for over 13 years and after marrying CAROL SWEET, they moved to California. HUNT reportedly had made a statement that he would break Father DIVINE's Movement if it took him the rest of his days. SWEET, HUNT, RIVERS, and PATIENCE are well known to each other and share this same opinion. It has come to their attention that HUNT has attempted to enlist the cooperation and gain whatever information he could obtain from former followers to accomplish this purpose.

II. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE VICTIM

A. Telegram

"PT287 OA840
"O OXAl 10 NL PD-OXNARD CALIF 1-
"REV M J DIVINE-
"772 SO BROAD ST PHILA-

"DEMAND MY MONEY RETURNED I GAVE YOU PLUS SERVICE AND SLANDER AND VIRGINITY AT $50000 KINDLY DEPOSIT WITH ATTORNEY PHILLIP DORFMAN TOWER BLDG TODAY OR WILL SIGN PUBLICATIONS CONTRACT THURSDAY LIE DETECTOR PLUS HYPNOSIS BUS CONCIOUS TEST RECORDED SENSANTIONAL TRUTH AND THAT IS NOT ALL RADIENCE IS HERE-
"HAROLD SWEET="

According to [redacted], RADIENCE LOVE was a former follower of Father DIVINE who resided in one of Father DIVINE's residences at 1609 West Allegheny Avenue. In November 1954, she told a woman in charge that she was going to New York on a visit. Apparently from the above telegram RADIENCE LOVE has left the Movement and joined CAROL SWEET in California. Apparently HUNT has succeeded in persuading RADIENCE to join him for his stated purpose. The demand by SWEET for $50,000 is apparently the sum of money she estimates she would have obtained for the services that she performed for the Movement. The attorney, PHILLIP DORFMAN, Tower Building, Philadelphia, has in the past assisted PATIENCE, SWEET, and HUNT in legal matters. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that the names of the individuals appearing above in some instances are religious names that they had adopted when joining the Movement.

B. Letters

During the period November 10, 1955 to February 6, 1956, Reverend DIVINE has received four letters which either made a demand for a sum of money, gave instructions to obtain the sum of money, or to clarify instructions previously given to obtain this money. Each of these letters are being set forth verbatim below.

Letter #1 is a handwritten letter postmarked November 9, 1955, at Leesville, La. It is addressed as follows:

"Mr. M. J. Divine
764-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pa.

"Personal"

This letter was received on November 12, 1955, at the above address.

"Dear Sir,

"Every word in this letter will be of utmost importance to you, so please pay very close attention to every word in this letter.

"First as an introduction we would like for you to get slightly acquainted with our organization. We are a group of some two hundred and some odd people who are violently opposed to many of your ideas.

"During the past fifteen years we have observed you closely and come to the conclusion that you are dangerous to society. Our present understanding of you boils down to a few simple facts. It appears, you in actuality have renounced God, made a mockery of Him, and set yourself up as a false God.

"(No man falsely calls himself God as long as even one of us can prevent it.)

"Some of our members have suffered because of your evil doings, some loss of health, some loss of honor, some loss of money.

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The following are a few of the steps we might take against you:

"(1) We have several dozen people, some of these people having been members of your movement for many years, some still are,-anxious to testify some rather unpleasant things against you. We also possess a stack of documents, some tape recordings, photographs, and some other interesting material.

"This evidence has been collected by our lawers and detectives over a period of ten years. It has many interesting possibilities. (Depression)?

"(2) We have set up a rather ingenious network of plastic mines and fire bombs in some of your most valuable establishments. (Inhabitants, if there are any, will be notified a short time in advance.

"(3) We own a very lonely island in a very remote location on this planet that may have to serve as your new home.

"However, before we will pass sentence on you, we will give you one chance to defend yourself,(meaning - to defend your views). Only if you really are God can you, or will you, possibly succeed. If you do succeed we will leave you and you will never hear from us again. (We will arrange a meeting with you at some convenient date.

"Before everything, however, you will have to compensate the people that you have caused immeasurable suffering.

"The amount of money our people have lost through you is exactly 186520 dollars. Since one of these persons ceased to exist recently, you owe us only 128400 dollars. (We will notify you a little later the date of payment.)

"Please have the money ready since we may ask for it from 3 weeks to a few months from now. (The denomination - 20 dollar bills.)

"Just for your information,-we are not interested in financial gain. If we were, we could ask for 10 or 20 million instead of for a measly 128400 dollars.

"In case you have any doubts, whatsoever, as to wether we can carry out to the word, everithing mentioned in this letter, please forget about the payment of money, and we will prove to you, beyond the shadow of doubt, that we are very sincere. We will apply article (2) to a limited degree. (Financial loss not to exceed 5 million dollars.) After that we will again ask for your cooperation.

"We would like to impress upon you, that if you cooperate with us to the fullest, there is little chance that any harm will come to you or to your movement.

"Sincerely yours,

Andrew Morales b6 b7C

"P.S.
"Please remember that you are under our constant observation."

Persons handling this letter, according to Miss [redacted] are Father DIVINE, [redacted] and Secretaries GREAT B. LOVE, JUNE S. PEACE, and SYBIL S. CHILD.

For the purpose of future identification and clarity, the envelope of this letter will be designated as Q1, pages one and two as Q2, and pages three and four as Q3. The letter "Q" indicates that it is a "questioned" specimen and its examination by the FBI Laboratory will be indicated below.

Letter #2 is a handprinted letter postmarked December 22, 1955, at Louisville, KY. It is addressed as follows:

"Mr. M. J. Divine
764-772 Broad St.
Philadelphia 46, Pensilvania"

It is marked air mail and personal. It was received December 24, 1955. Persons who handled this letter, according to Miss [redacted], are Father DIVINE, Miss [redacted] and JUNE S. PEACE. It is quoted as follows: b6 b7C

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"Dear Sir,

"I assume that you have been looking forward anxiously to this letter.

"Here are the final instructions concerning the delivery of the money, and also, concerning our meeting. You should have the money ready by Dec. 31, contained in a handbag or small suitcase, locked, with no keyes. The bag should be handed to one of the attendants in the baggage room of the main Greyhound Bus Terminal and left with instructions to hand it to a person, man or woman, who asks for a bag from Mr. Divine on Dec. 31, Jan. 1, Jan 2.

"Be certain that someone knowing about the bag is present on those dates day and night.-(can be 2 persons) or 3.

"Just to explain to you briefly some of our methods and also to help you over temptations that may prove fatal to you.

"Here is a brief description of how we operate.

"A complete stranger going through Phil. and traveling in the desired direction will be asked on some pretext to pick up a bag and deliver it to some other town. We will make it our business to know every employee at the bus terminal and also to follow the stranger carring the bag to see that he is not followed or the money come to any harm.

"In case an employee in the bus terminal is substituted by a detective, or the stranger carrying the bag followed, the money will not be picked up by us.

"After we have received the money it will be sent in plain envelopes to charities, hospitals, orphanages.

"In case you may wonder why we would be so careful with a man we have very little to be afraid of. Our organization has never made a blunder in its 35 years of existence and we wish it to remain that way.

"Now concerning our meeting. Our meeting will be held in Philadelphia or N.Y. on Feb. 28 and Feb 29. On this meeting five

"of our members will be present. You, however can only bring one person besides yourself -- you can be assured that no physical harm will come to you, even should you lose all arguments presented by us.

"At least 10-15 of our detectives will be on duty to secure the safety of our delegation.

"You will be informed a little later about the exact time and place of the meeting.

"Sincerely yours,

A. J. Anderson.

"P.S

"Please remember that this whole thing may be a facke - We have'nt produced any evidence of our sincerity.-Remember the articles I. II.? In our opinion you have cheated some simple minded people too long.- It will be stopped."

For purposes of clarity, the envelope is designated as Q4, the first and second pages as Q5, and the third and fourth pages as Q6. It is to be noted that line 7, page 1, and line 15, page 1, appears to have been left blank for a date to be inserted. It further appears that the letter may have been printed and forwarded to another party for insertion of these dates.

Letter #3 is a handprinted letter in ink, postmarked January 2, 1956, 7:30 p.m., at Louisville, Ky. It is addressed as follows:

"Mr. M. J. Divine
764-772 Broad St
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania"

It was received January 4, 1956, at the above address. The letter is quoted as follows:

"Dear Sir,

"Please have the package ready to be delivered at any time it is asked for. The pickup will probably occur at the end of this month or the beginning of next.

"Final instructions will be given later, by letter or phone.

"The date of our meeting is also postponed until March.

"Sincerely yours,

Anderson."

For purposes of clarity the envelope is designated as Q7 and the letter as Q8. No one is known to have handled this letter. This letter was opened by SA VERICA at the above Peace Mission in the presence of SA CHARLES T. BYERS and [redacted] b6 b7C

Letter #4 is a handwritten letter in ink addressed to "Mr. Divine, 764-772 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania," marked "Personal." It is postmarked Mobile, Ala., February 3, 1956, at 6:00 p.m. It was received February 6, 1956, at the above address. The contents are as follows:

"Mr. Divine,

"I was rather disappointed to hear the sad news about you.

"As I heard, my men discovered that there were three detectives present on the morning the money was to be delivered. It also seemed very likely that the round, light-grey bag, which the two ladies were carring, did not contain money,-it also was not locked.

"Since your detectives arrived already 15 minutes ahead of time our detectives informed the passenger, who was to pick up the bag, to forget about the whole thing.

"You must be taking us for complete fools, Mr. Divine. As you probably can recall, we mentioned once previously, that the package would not be picked up on such instances, and even if the detectives would have picked up the passenger, they would not have been able to extract any information from him,-he knew nothing.

"As things stand now, we will forget all about the money and go ahead with the next part of our program. (The meeting of course is cancelled.) Apparently you wanted it this way - so you shall have it.

"To be frank with you, Mr. Divine, we could easily destroy you, and your whole movement in a matter of hours,- this however would be too easy, and since you are only one of our sideline hobbys, we have adopted a 10 year program for you.

"This much I personally promise if you are still alive after 10 years,- you will own absolutely nothing more than your own black soul.

"My representative in Louisville or Cinti. will call you once every 2-6 months to inquire about your health for the next 10 years.

"The first call will signify the beginning of our program, the last call - the end.

"Sincerely yours,

A. Morales

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"P.S.
"Did those 3 detectives have the whole story of the 'Blackmail'? We will see to it that they get it, with a few facts to support us."

No one is known to have handled this letter. It was opened by SA VERICA on February 6, 1956, in the presence of [redacted].

C. Telephone Calls

On December 31, 1955, four telephone calls were placed long distance from Louisville, Ky., to Philadelphia, Pa., for Father DIVINE at PE 5-3917. The individual at Louisville furnished his name as A. J. ANDERSON. This person would not speak to DIVINE's Secretary, [redacted] and indicated that he would call at a later date. The Louisville Office was advised of the receipt of these calls.

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On January 1, 1956, at 6:10 p.m. ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., completed a long distance call to Father DIVINE's residence and a transcript of this conversation as furnished by [redacted] follows:

"Mr. Anderson: This is Mr. Anderson. I guess you have heard about me.

Father: Yes, I have, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson: Have you made the necessary arrangements?

Father: Why, yes we tried to comply with some of your requests yesterday; but the arrangements couldn't be completed because we didn't know exactly where to leave the package, you see.

Mr. Anderson: Just forget about the whole deal for the time being.

Father: It is a little hard to understand. You write and ask us to do something and now you say, forget about it.

Mr. Anderson: We will give you more instructions and some changes later on.

Father: Why so? Well, of course, it is a little inconvenient to be kept wait, kept in suspense like this.

Mr. Anderson: Well, you don't have anything to worry about. Maybe it is going to be five or six months. So don't worry.

Father: Nothing is going to happen?

Mr. Anderson: Just don't worry about anything.

Father: Then there is nothing for us to do then. Is that the idea?

Mr. Anderson: Pardon?

Father: There is nothing for us to do then. Is that the idea?

Mr. Anderson: That's right. Don't do anything and don't worry about anything. Maybe there will be never anything come out of it and maybe again and later. So don't worry.

Father: All right.

Mr. Anderson: All right. Goodbye."

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It is to be noted that Mr. LA VERE BELSTROM received this call as Father DIVINE at Father DIVINE's directions. Father DIVINE as a practice has members of his staff, secretaries, etc., conduct his business at his direction.

On January 29, 1956, at 4:00 p.m. from Louisville, Ky., a male person attempted to complete a call to Father DIVINE. Father DIVINE was not available.

On the same date at 8:01 p.m. ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., completed a long distance call to Miss [redacted] at Father DIVINE's residence, giving instructions to deliver the package he described in his letter containing the money at 8:00 a.m. on February 1, 1956, at the Philadelphia International Airport in front of the Eastern Airlines Ticket Office. A transcript follows: b6 b7C

"Mr. Anderson called about 4:00 P.M. from Louisville, Ky. for Mr. Divine but when the Secretary advised this was the residence of Rev. Divine he indicated that was who he wished to speak with. However, he was advised Rev. Divine was not in and was not expected until much later. When asked if he would speak with the Secretary, he said he would call back.

"At 8:12 or 8:13 the operator called and asked for Mr. Givens, stating Louisville, Ky. was calling. When she was told she must have the wrong number, she asked if this was Pennypacker 5-3917 and when told it was, she again inquired of her party the name of the person he was calling, to which he responded Mr. Divine- that was the way he pronounced it - She was then told this was Rev. Divine's residence, but that Rev. Divine was not in. The Secretary then asked for the Operator's number, stating she would have Rev. Divine call; but almost immediately Mr. Anderson said he would speak with the Secretary.

"The Secretary then spoke with him. He informed her this was Mr. Anderson calling and although the Secretary asked what his first name, he spoke as follows:

'Would you take a message for Mr. Divine?' The Secretary said she would when she saw Him, but she didn't know just when He would be in. He then said, 'Deliver the package in airport, in front of Eastern Airlines Ticket Office on first of February at 8 in the morning.'

"Of course, the Secretary appeared not to know anything of what he was speaking and inquired as to whether or not Rev. Divine knew anything of this as she did not know to what he referred. He assured her that Rev. Divine knew. The Secretary then asked him to repeat his instructions and he said, 'The first of February at 8 in the morning.' She then asked for the rest of the instructions and he said 'Deliver the package at Airport in front of Eastern Airlines Ticket Office.' He said He (Rev. Divine) or someone else could deliver it. The Secretary asked did he want it delivered to the Ticket Agent, but he said no, someone would be there and would identify themself.

"The Secretary asked if Rev. Divine could call him if He wanted to, but he said he, (Mr. Anderson) would not be calling again."

This information was also furnished the Louisville Office.

At approximately midnight, January 31, 1956, ANDERSON completed a long distance call from Louisville, Ky., to [redacted] at Reverend DIVINE's residence to insure that the arrangements he made for the payoff on February 1, 1956, at 8:00 a.m. were to be complied with. A transcript of this conversation follows: b6 b7C

"When Mr. Anderson was advised that Rev. Divine was in conference, he told the operator he would speak with (Rev. Divine's) Secretary. Then, without giving his name, he said, 'Do you know whether all arrangements have been handled?

"Secretary: Who is this?

"Mr. Anderson: Oh, Mr. Anderson.

"Secretary: From where?

"Mr. Anderson: Louisville.

"Secretary: What arrangements do you refer to?

"Mr. Anderson: Oh, Mr. Divine did not tell you?

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"Secretary: Is this the Mr. Anderson who called the other day?

"Mr. Anderson: Yes. Any questions?

"Secretary: Well, any changes?

"Mr. Anderson: No.

"Secretary: All right.

"Mr. Anderson: Goodbye."

On February 1, 1956, at 9:00 a.m. a male individual described by [redacted] as being the same voice as that of ANDERSON completed a local call from Philadelphia to [redacted] at Reverend DIVINE's office. A transcript of this call is as follows: b6 b7C

"When the Secretary answered the telephone, Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Divine was there. He was told to wait a moment while she ascertained whether or not Rev. Divine was available. However, she returned to the phone and advised Mr. Anderson that Rev. Divine was not available at this time. He then wanted to know if I was His Secretary, to which I replied I am one of them. He then said, 'Do you know anything about a package?'

"Secretary: Well, I know something about a package.

"Mr. Anderson: He was supposed to deliver a package in the morning.

"Secretary: This morning?

"Mr. Anderson: Yes.

"Secretary: Was it delivered?

"Mr. Anderson: No.

"Secretary: Why?

"Mr. Anderson: That's what we would like to know.

"The Secretary then told him that it was delivered, to which Mr. Anderson asked where was he? She then asked if he had

"designated any particular person and he said, no. She then told him that two followers were there. He then said, 'Were they two ladies??

Secretary: That's right. Did you see them?

Mr. Anderson: Yes.

Secretary: Well, why didn't you pick it up?

Mr. Anderson: We had reasons to not to.

He then informed the Secretary that two ladies were there and also three men.

The Secretary then informed him she did not know anything about that.

Mr. Anderson: Can you get there by 9:30?

Secretary: Where?

Mr. Anderson: Same place.

The Secretary then advised that she didn't know whether they could or not, that it took time to get down there. He then said words to the effect, 'You'd better be there.' The Secretary again said she didn't know whether they would be or not that it took time. He said, all right 9:45, no later."

The Louisville Office on January 29, 1956, advised that the long distance calls to Father DIVINE from that city on the dates and times specified above were made from diversified public pay booths in downtown Louisville, Ky. Miss [redacted] related to SA VERIGA each call as received. b6 b7C

III. RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS OF LETTERS DIVINE RECEIVED

The FBI Laboratory on January 3, 1956, advised that letters #1 and #2 above were examined and the following noted:

Specimens Q1 through Q6 were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens

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Q1 through Q3 was not written by suspects Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS and JOB PATIENCE. Specimens for these individuals were submitted by this office on December 28, 1955. Because of the lack of handprinting for comparison with the handprinting on Q4 through Q6, it could not be determined whether PATIENCE or RIVERS prepared these specimens. Because of the occurrence of characteristics in the questioned material which could not be explained on the basis of the known material available and because of the lack of adequate comparable known handwriting and handprinting, it could not be determined whether any of the questioned handwriting and handprinting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q6 were prepared by the writer of the handwriting and handprinting of JOHN W. HUNT, aka The Prodigal Son. Specimens for HUNT were also submitted by this office on December 28, 1955.

Q1 is a white envelope having an ornamental finish and measuring approximately 7½" x 4". The envelope contained a fragmentary watermark consisting of "ONTAG 1889 WRITING PAPER." This watermark is probably "MONTAG" which is registered with Montag Brothers, Inc., 182 Marietta NW, Atlanta 3, Ga. Specimens Q2 and Q3 are two sheets of white linen paper measuring approximately 10½" x 7¼" and containing no watermark. Specimen Q4 is a white bond envelope measuring approximately 7" x 4" and containing no watermark. Specimens Q5 and Q6 measure approximately 10½" x 7" and contain no watermark.

The FBI Laboratory advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q1. The fingerprints of Father DIVINE and his Secretaries, GREAT B. LOVE, [redacted] JUNE S. PEACE, and SYBIL S. CHILD, were obtained by SA BRUCE W. LANTHORN on December 27, 1955. These prints were compared with the latent on Q1, as well as with the fingerprints of JOHN HUNT, FBI #1169224, and JOB PATIENCE, FBI #735921B, with negative results. On specimens Q4 through Q6 no latent fingerprints were discovered. b6 b7C

The FBI Laboratory advised on January 9, 1956, that the handprinting appearing on specimens Q7 and Q8 was prepared by the writer of the handprinting appearing on specimens Q4 through Q6. It was also found that the envelope described as Q7 is similar to the envelope described as Q4 in finish, style, and dimensions. The paper described as Q8 is similar to the paper used for Q5 and Q6 in finish and dimensions. Q7 and Q8 contain no identifying characteristics to identify the source of this material.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q7. This latent fingerprint was compared insofar as possible with the latent fingerprint on Q1 with negative results.

Letter #4 has been submitted for examination and comparison by the FBI Laboratory.

IV. PROSECUTIVE OPINION

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH L. McGLYNN, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on December 28, 1955, advised the wording of letters #1 and #2 come within the purview of the Extortion Statute. SA VERICA presented this case.

V. SUSPECTS

As indicated above, the principal suspects of Reverend DIVINE and Miss [redacted] are JOHN WUEST HUNT, FLORINE CAROL SWEET, JOB PATIENCE, and Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS. A secondary group Miss [redacted] and Miss ST. MARY BLOOM, President of the Circle Mission Church, 772 Broad Street, suspect are RADIENCE LOVE, PRECIOUS LOVE, C. M. HEATH, and SALLY P. LOVE. This latter group they believe could be used by JOHN W. HUNT or CAROL SWEET in an effort to break the Movement. b6 b7C

A brief description relative to each as known by Miss [redacted] [redacted] and Miss BLOOM is set out as follows: b6 b7C

JOHN W. HUNT is a former Federal Prisoner in the State of Washington for a Mann Act violation. He is presently under the supervision of the probation officer at Ventura County, Calif. He, since 1948, has been married to FLORINE CAROL SWEET. In 1936, which is the approximate time he joined Father DIVINE's movement, JOHN HUNT assumed the religious name of REVELATOR SMITH and his residence address at that time was 807 North Roxbury Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. Other correspondence reflects he was a conscientious objector in the U.S. Army in June 1943, and was assigned at Fort Belvoir, Va., under Army Serial No. 13141839.

A Philadelphia edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" dated June 19, 1948, page 1, column 8, captioned "Great Interest in Wedding of Divine Man," reflects HUNT married SWEET at Philadelphia on June 20, 1948.

A Philadelphia edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier" dated July 16, 1949, page 12, column 2, captioned "Denies Gave $200,000 to Rev. Divine," Mrs. MARY B. TREE, mother of HUNT, declared that the statements of her son that she allegedly turned over $200,000 to Father DIVINE are "lies and are untrue and false." Mrs. TREE, mother of HUNT, is also a follower of Father DIVINE. HUNT, who left the DIVINE Movement shortly after Father DIVINE married a white woman, declared in his article in the August 1949 issue of "Our World" magazine that he would sue Father DIVINE to recover the $200,000 in cash DIVINE allegedly obtained from his mother. HUNT's brother, JOHN DEVOUT (true name WARNER HUNT) is also a follower and editor and publisher of "The New Day," Father DIVINE's newspaper.

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FLORINE CAROL SWEET, who married HUNT in 1943, is from Pasadena, Calif., and closely associated with a former follower, Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS of Los Angeles. FLORINE CAROL SWEET came from California to join the Movement in approximately 1942. At that time she resided at Father DIVINE's office and residence above. She also worked at Merin Studios, 1010 Chestnut Street, in the dark room of the photography shop. She allegedly worked in the Photography Department at the U.S. Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philadelphia edition of the "Philadelphia Afro-American" newspaper dated June 19, 1948, page 1, column 6, in part reflects that Miss SWEET, then age 26, studied photography at Pasadena Junior College.

SALLY S. LOVE, a former follower who was employed at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, under this name, is a true friend of RADIENCE LOVE, also a former follower. RADIENCE LOVE was employed under this name at the Einstein Medical Center, Southern Division, in approximately 1949. There she met a patient, CLARENCE HEATH of Philadelphia. HEATH is also a former follower. HEATH has recently attempted to obtain some money from Father DIVINE for services he had rendered. HEATH has a sister who resides at 403 North Wanamaker Street, Philadelphia, Pa. HEATH is a retired pullman porter for the Pennsylvania Railroad. SALLY LOVE formerly lived at 1010 Tree Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and it is believed she departed for California in 1954.

PRECIOUS LOVE (true name Mrs. (FNU) RANDOLPH) resided at 1068 56th Street, Oakland, Calif., in 1952. She departed this Movement in approximately 1944, and is well acquainted and may be associated with HUNT and SWEET. The last known address for Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS is in care of her husband, CHARLES RIVERS, 3812½ South Hill Street, Los Angeles, Calif. They resided at this address in 1952. Mr. CHARLES RIVERS at that time was employed with the Andrews Hardware Company.

JOB PATIENCE is currently employed at the Hahnemann Hospital as a carpenter since August 4, 1954, under Social Security No. 180-30-2540. According to information he furnished in a letter to Father DIVINE, he learned of Father DIVINE in 1933. In 1936 as a follower and a resident of one of Father DIVINE's incorporated hotels at 1604 West Oxford Street, he obtained permission from Father DIVINE to take pictures of DIVINE and members of the movement. In 1947, permission was granted for him to work away from any of the Movement's establishments. In 1947 to 1952, PATIENCE indicated in his letter that he contributed approximately $2,000 to $3,000 to Father DIVINE for his personal funds. He estimated that his wages due

him from Father DIVINE for his carpentry work for 16 to 18 hours a day for nine years was $128,876. It is to be noted that the only demand in the letters received above has been for $128,400. JOB PATIENCE, following his arrest by the Philadelphia Police Department in March 1954, and being jailed on March 12, 1954, for obscene photographs, was released from the Movement. On March 18, 1954, an unknown man and wife furnished bail for PATIENCE after Father DIVINE refused to do so. According to DIVINE, PATIENCE is bitter and is capable and has confessed to organizing criminal gangs. Father DIVINE believes that PATIENCE is one of the principal individuals involved in this extortion plot.

As noted above, handwritten specimens had been obtained for HUNT, PATIENCE, and RIVERS, and submitted for the examination, and it was concluded that neither PATIENCE nor RIVERS executed the letters received by Father DIVINE.

IV. PAYOFF DATES AND PLACES

Letter #1 indicated payoff date would take place at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, 30th and Market Streets, Philadelphia. A list of all of the employees employed by the Greyhound Bus Company at this Terminal was obtained and displayed to Father DIVINE and his personal Secretaries. They were unable to identify any employee as any person they knew or had been associated with. This list is not being set forth and is being retained in the Philadelphia Office.

On telephonic instructions, as indicated above, the second payoff at the Philadelphia International Airport on February 1, 1956, at 8:00 a.m. was effected. The following Special Agents participated:

SAC NORMAN H. MC CABE
CHARLES T. EYERS
PAUL V. HAGAN
GERALD S. COOLEY
GROVER C. TURNER
JOHN J. KENNEY
JOHN F. GANLEY
CHARLES E. GANLEY
JOSEPH A. VERICA

Miss ST. MARY BLOOM and Miss [redacted] appeared as instructed by ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., at the Eastern Airlines Ticket Office at the above airport at 7:50 a.m. They remained until 8:15 a.m. when they departed. Surveillance was terminated at 8:30 a.m. b6 b7C

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In order for ANDERSON at Louisville, Ky., to place the call at 12:00 midnight on January 31, 1956, and to be in Philadelphia on February 1, 1956, at 8:00 a.m. to execute the payoff, he would have to leave Louisville, Ky., by TWA at 11:54 p.m. and arrive at Philadelphia at 5:56 a.m. or take the Eastern Airlines at 1:10 a.m. and arrive at Philadelphia via American Airlines out of Washington, D.C., at 8:00 a.m. Flight 490, Eastern Airlines, departed Louisville at 1:10 a.m. CST, arrived in Washington, D.C., 4:19 a.m. EST. The identities of the 13 passengers aboard this plane have been obtained. The identities of the individuals who departed Washington, D.C., to Baltimore on Flight 540, American Airlines, on February 1, 1956, have been obtained. The identities of the individuals on American Airlines Flight 540 departing Baltimore to Philadelphia at 6:50 a.m. and arriving at Philadelphia at 8:00 a.m. have been obtained. The identities of these individuals are not being set forth at this time.

The Louisville Office obtained a list of all the registered guests at the YMCA at Louisville, Ky., on January 29,30, 1956. The identities of those individuals are not being set forth at this time. Wherever the names of the passengers coincide with any of the registered guests at the YMCA or coincide with the identities of persons investigation develops to be related or associated with the suspects named by Father DIVINE, these names will at that time be set forth.

VII. DESCRIPTION OF VICTIM

It is to be noted that Reverend M. J. DIVINE is regarded by his followers as God and not a natural being. They advised that any background information relative to Father DIVINE is not known or recorded. The description obtained by observation and interview of Father DIVINE follows:

Name	Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka Father DIVINE
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Nationality	American
Height	5' 4"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Bald
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Light brown

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Administrative Details

It is to be noted the writer of each envelope of letters #2 and #4 spells Pennsylvania in each instance as "Pensilvania."

JOHN W. HUNT has previously furnished information to this office in 1949, which reflected at that time he was opposed to Father DIVINE and Father DIVINE's Movement. As late as 8/16/54, he submitted a typewritten letter bearing the return address of Post Office Box 203, Newbury Park, Calif., indicating that he was Father DIVINE's personal photographer for 13 years and that in 1948, he "got the inside evidence on DIVINE that he was seeking, then I left him immediately."

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CINCINNATI OFFICE (INFO.)

A copy of this report is being furnished the Cincinnati Office as it is contemplated investigation will be initiated in Cincinnati, Ohio, at a later date.

LOUISVILLE OFFICE
AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

1. Will maintain a stop with long distance telephone operators for calls from Louisville, Ky., to PE 5-3917 at Philadelphia, Pa.

2. Will determine through credit, criminal, city directories, and contacts at public utilities the addresses of all the "A. J. ANDERSON" and "A. MORALES" or "ANDREW MORALES" residing at Louisville, Ky.

3. Will at Louisville Police Department and Credit Bureau determine if JOHN WEST HUNT, aka "Prodigal Son," resided at this city during the period 1948 to present.

4. Will contact local postal inspectors to determine if any individuals known to them are habitual writers of anti-religious letters, anti-Negro letters, or, if any, those who complained to them of Father DIVINE's movement. A photostatic copy of each letter, which is being submitted by separate cover is to be displayed to postal inspectors to determine if the same is recognized as the wording or manner of writing of persons previously known to them.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE
AT VENTURA, CALIF.

1. Will review records of Probation Officer, Ventura County, to determine known present or past associates of JOHN W. HUNT, who may be residing at Louisville, Ky., Mobile, Ala., or Leesville, La.

2. For the same purpose, determine HUNT's place or places of incarceration and set forth leads to review his correspondents listed on his mailing list or lists at these institutions. Also interview for this purpose prison record clerk, probation officers, or prison officials who may recall HUNT's close associates among fellow inmates.

3. Will attempt to institute a thirty-day mail cover for this purpose at his residence address for first mail, return addresses, and postmarks.

4. Will obtain through employments or public records handwritten and/or handprinted specimens executed by his wife, FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT.

AT PASADENA, CALIF.

Will obtain for examination by FBI Laboratory handprinted and handwritten specimens on file for FLORINE CAROL SWEET at Pasadena Junior College. Furnish all available background of SWEET and her family.

AT OXNARD, CALIF.

Will determine the identity of person who sent Father DIVINE the telegram dated 11/2/54 signed "HAROLD SWEET." Obtain the original or photostatic copy of the original telegram, if handwritten or handprinted by the sender, for examination and comparison.

MOBILE OFFICE
AT MOBILE, ALA.

Will determine through city directories, credit bureau, police department, contacts at public utilities, if A. MORALES or ANDREW MORALES is a resident of that city. MORALES wrote letters #1 and #4.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE (INFO.)

A copy of this report is being furnished the New Orleans Office as letter #1 was mailed from Leesville, La.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
AT OAKLAND, CALIF.

Will obtain background and handwritten or handprinted specimens at places of employments or through public records for PRECIOUS LOVE, aka Mrs. (FNU) RANDOLPH, 1068-56th Street, Oakland, Calif., for examination and comparison. In 1952 RANDOLPH was known to reside at this address.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Will maintain contact with victim.

2. Will obtain handprinted or handwritten specimens of FLORINE CAROL SWEET at Merin Studios, 1001 Chestnut Street, and the Philadelphia Navy Yard where she was employed in 1942.

3. Will determine through marriage records the identity of JOB PATIENCE's wife. Will attempt to learn the identities of any relative or friend she has residing at Louisville, Ky., Leesville, La., and Mobile, Ala.

4. Will obtain a list of all personnel on duty at Philadelphia International Airport, 2/1/56, between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

5. Will place mail cover on residence of JOB PATIENCE.

6. Will obtain through employments handwritten specimens for C. M. HEATH, Pennsylvania Railroad; PADIENCE LOVE, Einstein Medical Center, Southern Division; SALLY S. LOVE, Temple Hospital.

7. Will execute all logical leads relative to Father DIVINE's Movement.

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Request for Mail Cover Authorization
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (9-29314)

Date: 2/9/56

From : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

Attention:

Subject : UNSUB; wa., A. J. Anderson, Mr. M. J. Divine, aka, Father Divine - VIKEX

[ ] Domestic Intelligence Division

[ ] Investigative Division

Name: JOB PATIENCE and Mrs. JOB PATIENCE

Address: 1712 North Bambrey, Philadelphia 21, Pa.

Type of Mail: First Class

Type of Cover: Return Address and Postmarks.

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Period Covered: 2/12/56 to 3/31/56.

Purpose of Cover: Determine the identities of PATIENCE's contacts.

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Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.) Victim has received letters from Jeesville, La.; Louisville, Ky., and Mobile, Ala., either setting up an extortion payoff or clarifying instructions to execute a payoff. Victim believes JOB PATIENCE's "out of State" contacts are executing these instructions at PATIENCE's directions. There are no known reasons to assume this coverage will embarrass the Bureau.

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

Philadelphia, Pa.
Postmaster,
30th and Market Streets

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Approved 2/28/56

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOUISVILLE	2/23/56	12/31/55;1/1-4, 9,12,29-31;2/1, 2,7,13/56	C. ADDISON KINCAID jam

TITLE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa., A. J. Anderson; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two telephone calls made by unsub at Louisville, Ky. to victim's phone, Philadelphia, Pa., on evening of 1/29/56, allegedly from pay station in central YMCA. Physical observation of phone in question and other investigation to identify unsub unsuccessful. Handwriting specimens of one S. J. ANDERSON, registered at YMCA since 1/11/56, furnished FBI Laboratory. Conclusion reached questioned handwriting instant case not written by S. J. ANDERSON. Loose surveillance of A. J. ANDERSON, SR. and JR., local plumbers and lifetime residents of Louisville, and apparently reputable citizens, reveals both present in Louisville over pertinent pay-off period, 2/1/56, and nothing suspicious noticed. Five previous telephone calls made by unsub from Louisville, Ky., on 12/31/55 and 1/1/56, traced. Three calls made from public phones in P.O. Building, Greyhound Bus Depot, and booth of public parking lot in heart of downtown section respectively. Fourth number listed to small hotel, and fifth call to downtown restaurant, which was closed at time call made. Unsub believed to have placed calls from one telephone number and supplied operator with number of another phone. Check of Greyhound Bus Depot and Union Station Railroad Depot and Pullman Co., negative as to A. J. ANDERSON

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a long-distance telephone call from Duty Agent, WILLIAM H. GOODING, of the Philadelphia Division, at approximately 10:15 p.m. on December 31, 1955, advising that four long-distance telephone calls had been placed from Louisville, Kentucky to Father DIVINE in Philadelphia, at Pennypacker 5-3917. These calls, placed at approximately 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 10:25 p.m., and 11:05 p.m., were made person to person to Father DIVINE, and the party calling gave his name as A. J. ANDERSON. Father DIVINE, according to Agent GOODING, did not talk to the caller on any of the calls, and the party calling would not talk to Father DIVINE's secretary. Agent GOODING requested the Louisville Office to contact the telephone company to see if possible that the caller might be identified and interviewed regarding instant case.

Pursuant to the above request on December 31, 1955, SA ROBERT E. PETERS contacted T-1, who has given reliable information in the past, from which it was determined that the above four calls were made at the following times from the following locations:

1. 2:00 p.m., December 31, 1955, from WAbash 9772, which is located in the Main Post Office Building, Louisville.

2. 5:45 p.m., December 31, 1955, from WAbash 9613, which is located in the lobby of the Greyhound Bus Depot.

3. 9:25 p.m., from AMherst 9202, which is located in a public pay phone booth of the System Auto Park, 4th and Chestnut Streets, Louisville.

4. 10:00 p.m., from JUniper 4-9618, which is located in the Broadview Hotel, 1607 West Broadway, Louisville.

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On the evening of January 1, 1956, the Philadelphia Office advised that a fifth call had been completed at 6:10 p.m., January 1, 1956, advising the victim to forget about the whole deal and that new instructions may be given at a later date. SA PETERS determined this call had been made from telephone number JUniper 4-9549, which is located in the Liberty Restaurant, 207 East Jefferson Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Investigation was conducted by SA C. ADDISON KINCAID and SA ROBERT E. PETERS on January 2, 1956, at which time it was determined that the above telephone numbers were located in the places listed. Due to the amount of traffic and congestion in the Post Office lobby, Greyhound Bus Depot, and the public phone booth in the System Auto Parking Lot at 4th and Chestnut Streets, which is in the heart of downtown Louisville, efforts to verify the placing of any calls at the above times, or to identify the unknown subject, were negative.

Regarding the call allegedly made from the Broadview Hotel, contact was had on January 3, 1956, with Mr. HERSCHEL HOSKINS, Manager, and Mr. EDWIN SEELBACH, Night Clerk. It is to be noted that the above call, approximately made at 10:00 p.m., would have occurred on the shift of Mr. SEELBACH. Mr. SEELBACH stated, however, that he is confident that no such call was made from the pay station phone located on the counter or desk of this small hotel, inasmuch as he was present at the desk during the pertinent time and would have observed any such phone call being made. Mr. SEELBACH stated that there was little or no activity in the lobby of the hotel on New Year's Eve at the hour of 10:00 p.m.

Contact with Mr. JOSEPH SHAHADEY on January 3, 1956, proprietor of the Liberty Restaurant, 207 East Jefferson Street, revealed that this restaurant was closed during the entire day and night of both January 1 and 2, 1956. Mr. SHAHADEY was at a loss to understand

why the telephone number of his pay station would be given as the source of any such call from Louisville. It is to be noted that both the telephone in the lobby of the Broadview Hotel and the Liberty Restaurant are open phones on the counter or suspended from the wall and not contained in any booth such as to afford privacy during a long-distance telephone call.

Pursuant to request in airtel from the Philadelphia Office, dated January 4, 1956, suggesting that the unsub may be a pullman porter or baggage employee of a public transportation facility, on January 12, 1956, Mr. W. L. PORTER, Terminal Manager, Greyhound Bus Depot, was contacted relative to any porters and baggage handlers or employees of the Greyhound Company in Louisville, Kentucky by the name of A. J. ANDERSON. Mr. PORTER stated, however, that he, at the present time, has no employee by that name, nor has he in the past employed any porter, bus driver, or baggage handler by that name.

In line with this same occasion on January 12, 1956, Mr. R. A. WEDEKIND, Chief Clerk, Baggage Room, Union Station Railroad Terminal, Louisville, Kentucky, was contacted relative to any pullman porter or baggage handler employed at the above railroad station by the name of A. J. ANDERSON, with negative results.

Mr. WILLIAM BLANSFORD, Clerk, Pullman Company, Louisville, Kentucky, similarly, on January 12, 1956, advised that the Pullman Company has no pullman porter employed at the present time or in the past, bearing the initials A. J. ANDERSON.

Arrangements were made by SA PETERS by the maintenance of appropriate stops for further calls to be made to the Philadelphia number of victim DIVINE with the request that the Louisville Office be immediately notified in the event of the placing of any such calls.

Regarding checking of the Louisville City and Telephone Directories, in the name of A. J. ANDERSON, it is to be noted that there were two such A. J. ANDERSONs

listed. A. J. ANDERSON, SR. and A. J. ANDERSON, JR., both father and son and both employed as plumbers in the firm of ANDERSON, SR., known as A. J. Anderson and Son, Plumbing Contractor. It was determined through Major JAMES E. MALONE, Chief of Detectives, Louisville Police Department, on January 12, 1956, that these individuals are lifetime residents of the city of Louisville, having, for the past 25 or 30 years, resided at the same address, 2653 Rowan Street, Louisville, and are apparently reputable citizens.

By teletype dated January 29, 1956, the Philadelphia Division informed that subject ANDERSON had attempted to complete a long-distance telephone call to Father DIVINE from Louisville, Kentucky at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on that same date. Inasmuch as the victim was unavailable, arrangements were that subject ANDERSON was to call back at approximately 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on that same date. Arrangements were immediately effected for coverage of the telephone number from which the above call was made in Louisville, which was determined to be JUniper 4-9519, a pay station booth in the lobby of the central YMCA. The name of the caller was not given the Louisville long-distance operator. At the local YMCA it was determined that the above telephone was housed in a booth together with three other adjoining pay phone booths. Arrangements were made for SAs JOHN F. MC CAULEY and JOHN C. GRUNDER to cover these phone booths in anticipation of the follow-up call to be placed at 7:00 or 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Informants of the local telephone company were to advise SA C. ADDISON KINCAID immediately upon the placing of any such call, who in turn was to immediately relay this message to SAs MC CAULEY and GRUNDER for appropriate investigation. Informants of the local telephone company advised SA KINCAID, on the evening of January 29, 1956, that another call was made at 8:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, to "DURN", or possibly Dr. DIVINE (phonetic), three minutes duration from the same Louisville number, namely JUniper 4-9519. Because the name of the receiver was not clear to the long-distance operator, the operator did not come forward with this information or furnish SA KINCAID with the information until the lapse of approximately 50 minutes after the call was placed. SAs MC CAULEY and GRUNDER stated that during

the time the alleged call was being made, they were observing the phone booth at the YMCA, and stated that they observed only a few youths making apparently local phone calls and observed no individuals of the Negroid race and no activities of a suspicious nature.

With regard to the physical set-up possibly employed in instant case, it is to be noted that on January 29, 1956 T-1 advised SA KINCAID that it is possible to make a long-distance telephone call from one number within a given exchange such as JUniper, WAbash, and AMherst, and upon being requested by the operator to identify the number from which the call is being made, the caller might well give some other number within that exchange. This could occur even though the coins are dropped in the coin box and the call is completed. T-1 stated that the long-distance operator would have no way of knowing as a certainty whether a given call was made from the number supplied by the caller. T-1 pointed out that this is common practice in Louisville, and doubtless in other cities, and is a racket resorted to by bookies, touts, and other gamblers who employ slugs in making long-distance telephone calls to avoid tracing the call to any given telephone number.

Pursuant to request of the Philadelphia Office by airtel dated January 30, 1956, a complete list of the guests registered at the YMCA, Louisville, Kentucky, on January 29 and 30, 1956, was supplied.

By teletype dated February 1, 1956, at 12:50 a.m., the Philadelphia Office advised that unsub ANDERSON had completed another telephone call from Louisville to victim's secretary at 12:02 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, to be assured arrangements were made for the pay-off at 8:00 a.m., February 1, 1956, at Philadelphia. It was pointed out that the only flight leaving Louisville to arrive at Philadelphia by 8:00 a.m., was Eastern Airlines Flight departing Louisville, 1:10 a.m., Central Standard Time, for Washington, D. C. At Washington, D. C., passengers were to take American Airlines to arrive at Philadelphia by 8:00 a.m. The Louisville Office was requested to obtain the identity of all passengers leaving Louisville on the 1:10 a.m. flight via Eastern Airlines. This information was

secured on February 1, 1956, by SAs KINCAID and MC CAULEY with the assistance of Mr. O.M. REEVES, Ticket Agent, Eastern Airlines, Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. REEVES advised that the above referred to flight was flight 490, departing Louisville, 1:10 a.m., Central Standard Time, February 1, 1956, and contained four passengers destined for Washington, D.C., and nine passengers destined for New York City. The names and destinations of these passengers were furnished to the Philadelphia Office by teletype with particular mention made of J. CUSAMANO, the only foreign appearing individual departing on this flight, for the interest and attention of the Philadelphia Division. Confirmation and reservation data was secured reference each passenger, and is being retained in the 1A Exhibit envelope in this case at the Louisville Office, in the event additional investigation into the background of these individuals is desired.

Contact had with T-1 on the afternoon of February 1, 1956, revealed that long-distance telephone toll tickets for the call made at 11:01 p.m., January 31, 1956, Central Standard Time, were not available, but had been immediately placed behind the telephone number from which the prepaid call was made at Louisville, for billing purposes. T-1 stated that normally this toll ticket would have been retained for a few days prior to separation for billing purposes, but since the call was made right at the first of the month, these tickets are immediately posted according to the exchange from which made and without information concerning the number from which the prepaid call was made, it is impossible to verify this call.

By teletype dated January 31, 1956, the Philadelphia Office requested the Louisville Office to determine through sources of impersonal contact, the identity, background, and whereabouts, of S. J. ANDERSON, age 51, whose name was furnished as a registrant at the YMCA, Louisville, during the pertinent period. It was requested that handwriting and handprinting specimens be furnished for comparison with the questioned writing in instant case.

By way of background, it was determined by SA KINCAID, on February 7, 1956, from Mr. ROBERT R. RITCHIE, General Manager, YMCA, Louisville, Kentucky, that S. J. ANDERSON

was originally a native of Midway, Woodford County, Kentucky, and had resided in Louisville for the past 25 years. ANDERSON is presently engaged in the real estate business for himself, with offices located at 310 West Liberty Street. He is the son of a doctor residing at Midway, is married and has two boys, the oldest being 15 years of age. Handwriting specimens consisting of application for, and registration card for room at the YMCA, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under date of February 7, 1956, with the request that same be compared with the questioned writing in instant case.

The FBI Laboratory, under date of February 13, 1956, advised that the conclusion was reached that the questioned writing appearing in instant case was not written by S. J. ANDERSON.

With further regard to S. J. ANDERSON, whose full name was determined to be SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, contact was had with Mr. H. BEMIS LAWRENCE on February 13, 1956, who is Secretary of the Kentucky State Real Estate Commission, who advised that SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON is well known to him and concerning whom considerable derogatory information appears in his files. LAWRENCE stated that on the last four or five occasions ANDERSON has been guilty of the mis-use of client's funds that have been entrusted to ANDERSON as a down-payment on real estate purchases, or as payments advanced for the procurement of options to buy real estate. LAWRENCE stated that on two occasions ANDERSON has converted the client's funds to his own use in the amount of $1000, and the most recent instance occurred on January 23, 1956, in which he mis-used some $500 advanced to him by a client for the purchase of a piece of real estate. LAWRENCE stated that as a result of the most recent incident ANDERSON will be suspended as a member of the Louisville Real Estate Board. Mr. LAWRENCE stated that in most of the instances of mis-use of funds, ANDERSON has managed to procure the necessary money to make restitution, thereby avoiding any criminal conviction. LAWRENCE further stated that S. J. ANDERSON, at the present time, is separated from his wife, who, because of his mis-use of client's funds, has ceased to have anything to do with him, and at the present time is living apart at Route 5, Buechel, Kentucky. Mr. LAWRENCE stated that in his opinion, however, while

ANDERSON is the type that cannot resist the temptation to mis-use funds placed in his hands for a specific purpose, he is not believed to be the type of individual that would conceive of or plan any offensive criminal act such as extortion, robbery, or related types of criminal operation.

Mr. LAWRENCE also stated that ANDERSON had formerly been employed as a defense worker at the E. I. Dupont Powder Plant, Charlestown, Indiana, from January 19, 1945 to August 26, 1945, and had, prior to that employment, been engaged in defense work at the Jeffersonville Boat and Machine Company, Jeffersonville, Indiana, from May, 1944 to January, 1945. ANDERSON is described, based on information supplied by Mr. LAWRENCE, as follows:

Age:	55
Date of Birth:	3/22/00
Height:	5'7"
Weight:	132 lbs.
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Realtor
Permanent Address:	Route 5, Old Shepherdsville Road, Buechel, Kentucky
Present Address:	Number 500, YMCA, Louisville, Kentucky

A request is being made by separate letter for the Identification Division to endeavor to locate the fingerprint impressions of SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON for comparison with the latent prints developed on the questioned documents in instant case.

Regarding A. J. ANDERSON, SR. and JR., 2653 Rowan Street, Louisville, Kentucky, it was determined that these individuals full names are ANDREW JAMES ANDERSON, and both are employed as plumbers. Pursuant to instructions from SAC THOMAS J. CHARTY, a loose surveillance was maintained on both A. J. ANDERSON, SR. and JR. by SA C. ADDISON KINCAID and SA JOHN F. MC CAULEY over the period January 30, 1956 through February 1, 1956. As a result of this surveillance, it was observed that both ANDERSON and his son were at home at the above address on the night of January 31, 1956 and were at work on a

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contract at the Clearview Sub-division Housing Project, reporting for work on the morning of February 1, 1956.

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Pursuant to instructions in an initial letter of reference in which the Philadelphia Office instructed that Auxiliary Offices hold investigation in abeyance pending receipt of specific instructions relative to the time and place the pay-off was to take place prior to January 29, 1956, no active investigation was made into this matter, only the specific investigation requested by the Office of Origin being conducted.

Copy of instant report is not being designated for the USA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, inasmuch as same contains solely negative information from a prosecutive standpoint.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS:

T-1 [redacted] b7D

LEADS

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will advise when stops placed through the local telephone company, referred to in body of instant report, may be withdrawn.

LOUISVILLE DIVISION:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Will report results of Laboratory examination.

REFERENCES

Letter from Philadelphia to Director dated 12/27/55.

Teletype from Philadelphia dated 1/1/56.

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Airtel from Philadelphia dated 1/4/56.

Teletype from Philadelphia dated 1/29/56.

Teletype from Louisville dated 1/29/56.

Louisville airtel dated 1/30/56.

Philadelphia teletype dated 1/31/56.

Louisville teletype dated 2/1/56.

Louisville letter to the Director dated 2/1/56.

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SAC, Louisville (9-884)

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Director, FBI (9-29314)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WA.
A. J. ANDERSON; MR. M. J.
DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE -
VICTIM; EXTORTION

Reurlet February 23, 1956.

The latent fingerprints previously developed instant case compared with the fingerprints of Sidney Johnson Anderson with negative results. Fingerprint card located for Anderson bears E. I. Dupont #DU 773599.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 2-27-56 4:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER
DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Number: 9-29314-

Specimens:

Compare latents previously developed instant case with the fingerprints of named suspect: SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, DOB-3-22-00, Midway, Kentucky.

Examination requested by: SAC, Louisville (9-884)

Date received: 2-27-56/jo

Date of reference communication: 2-23-56

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Leapley

cc-Philadelphia (9-1611)

Evidence Noted by:

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 2/23/56

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (9-884)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Wa., A. J. Anderson;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

ATTENTION: SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

Reference is made to the report of SA C. ADDISON KINCAID dated 2/23/56 at Louisville, Kentucky, wherein mention was made of SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, suspect in instant case. It is requested that the fingerprints of SIDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, believed on file at the Bureau as a result of defense employment by ANDERSON at the E. I. Dupont Powder Works, Charlestown, Indiana, from 1/19/45 to 8/26/45, be checked against the latent fingerprints developed on questioned writing in instant case.

ANDERSON is white male, 55 years of age, having been born 3/22/00 at Midway, Kentucky.

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cc: 1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 5:30 PM 3-15-56

DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

UNSUB; Wa. A. J. ANDERSON, ETAL; MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

Rerep SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, 2-16-56 at PH.

No handprint or handwriting found for FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT. Handwritten and typed pages prepared by suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT obtained Ventura County Probation Office. CS, Oxnard, Calif. exhibited telegram sent victim 11-1-55 signed HAROLD SWEET, telephoned from residence of OTA COMBS, Rt. 2, Box 260, Camarillo, Calif. The caller requested copy be mailed to COMBS' address. COMBS advised Bureau agents HUNT and wife close neighbors who used telephone. Business calls to Philadelphia and telegram telephoned by JOHN HUNT during late Fall 1955. Toll calls reviewed by CS, Oxnard 3-14-56. HUNT called following:

10/7/55-Museum 3-2000, Pittsburgh, PA. W. BEVERLY CARTER, a publisher, Pittsburgh-Currier. CARTER and ROBERT RATLIFF unavailable, spoke to LORENZO HILL 5 minutes, 10:43 PM PST, (Probation file reflects CARTER a benefactor negotiator for newspaper articles re victim).

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1 - Mobile (AM) (INFO)
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Mr. Rosen

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Special Agent in Charge

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10/29/55-Howard 55884, Philadelphia, PA, CLARENCE HEATH, 8 minutes, 1:32 PM, PST.

11/1/55-Trinity 79244, Philadelphia, PA, PHILLIP DORFMAN, attorney; in absence spoke to Mrs. DORFMAN 3 minutes, 6:47 PM, PST.

HUNT corresponds with unknown individual flushing NY. Copy of telegram held Western Union, Oxnard. Operator receiving message 11-1-55 BOBBY GENE CONNER, now employed Western Union, El Centro, Calif.

San Diego requested to interview.

Western Union employee Oxnard recalls man telephoning later about copy of telegram.

HUNT has sold home Newberry Park, Calif.; will move soon.

Bureau teletype authorization requested for 30-day mail cover JOHN WUEST HUNT, Box 203, Newberry Park to obtain names correspondents. LA will hold interview HUNT and wife in abeyance.

Philadelphia consider HEATH prime suspect in view of telephone call and almost anonymous threat against victim by unsub and HUNT. Probation file disclosed C/O CARTER, Pittsburgh, PA, 10/10 to 10/15/55; resided the Pittsburger Hotel.

Pittsburgh determine if HUNT in company logical suspects. Philadelphia furnish background to Pittsburgh.

Philadelphia present facts to USA re telegram under Section 875, Title 18. HUNT on Ventura County Probation until 4/56 and alleged to Probation Office, Internal Revenue, LA obtaining extensive info from him re tax evasion by victim and followers.

LA will verify and advise.

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HUNT and wife furnished data for expose of victim in current issue, "Confidential". HUNT in serious financial distress and on County Relief.

Investigation continuing.

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SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611) March 27, 1956

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Director, FBI (9-29314)

UNSUB., WAS. A. J. ANDERSON,
ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE
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Reurlet March 14, 1956.

Four latent fingerprints of value developed on submitted envelope, described as Q12 in the laboratory report. Elimination comparisons conducted with the fingerprints of SAC Norman N. McCabe with negative results.

Laboratory report separate.

Submitted specimens, described as Q12 and Q13 in the laboratory report, enclosed.

Enclosures (2)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 3-22-56 10:00 AM/ho

Recorded 3/19/56 cb

LAB FILE

LATENT

Re: Unsub; was., A. J. Anderson,
Andrew Morales, A. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

File # 9-29314-30
Lab. # D-224023 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1811)

Date of reference communication: let 3/14/56 **Date received:** 3/16/56

Examination requested: Doc - Fgpt

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
Leapley

Specimens submitted for examination

Q12 **One white env.** addressed to DIRECTOR, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa.; ~~xxxxx~~ marked "Personal" and pm Mar 10, 1956, 4pm, Lake Charles, La.

Q13 Accompanying one-page tw letter beginning "After reading "Confidential" magazine, May issue, lots.....," and ending".....personal heavens, and elsewhere."

Q12 and Q13 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

Retain Evidence

Compare latents developed instant case with the fingerprints of SA W. H. MC CABE, named for elimination.

cc-New Orleans

Letter to Black 3-22
Envelope Q12 to Phote 3-22
Lat fgpts of value developed on Q12 3-23
Lts. Comp w/ fgts of SAC McCabe with neg results 3-23
Spcs returned

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 3/12/56

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; was., A. J. Anderson,
Andrew Morales, A. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Attached herewith for examination and comparison with the Anonymous Letter File and to be processed for latent fingerprints is a typewritten or stenciled letter bearing a postmark Lake Charles, La., 4:00 p.m., 3/10/56. Said letter is addressed to Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa., and bears an Air Mail sticker. Light blue ink was used.

It is requested that examinations be made to determine the type of paper used and the type of stencil or make of typewriter employed. SAC N. H. MC CABE opened this letter.

This letter need not be returned.

New Orleans office notified. FBI Laboratory is requested to furnish the New Orleans office the results of the examination.

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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Date: 3/20/56

Transmit the following message via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

From SAC, SAN DIEGO (9-332)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

UNSUB; wa A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE aka - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Re LA airtel 3/15/56.

On 3/19/56, BOBBY GENE CONNER, Operator, Western Union, El Centro, Calif. (Residence 144 H Street, Brawley, California), advised SA ARNOLD C. DOLDE he recalled instant telegram because of so many "big" words. Stated he believed telegram called in about 7 or 8 P.M., 11/1/55, and believed sender was a man. Did not know if could recall voice if heard it again over telephone. CONNER pointed out he had placed "copy .10" on bottom of telegram which indicated a copy was requested sent to sender at location of telephone used, ETTA COMBS, Route 2, Box 260, Camarillo, Calif. CONNER said since he had made notation and charged sender 10¢, he must have sent a copy, but does not recall so doing. CONNER claimed had no discussion of telegram with other employees of Western Union, Oxnard, and unable to furnish further info. RUC.

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Mr. Rosen

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 22, 1956

To: SAC, Philadelphia

Re: Unsub, was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mrs. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine; VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-224023 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter 3/14/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q12 One white envelope addressed to DIRECTOR, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa.; marked "Personal" and postmarked March 10, 1956, 4 PM, Lake Charles, La.

Q13 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "After reading 'Confidential' magazine, May issue, lots...," and ending "...personal heavens, and elsewhere."

Results of examination:

The typewriter impressions appearing on specimens Q12 and Q13 were compared with the typewriter standards maintained in the Laboratory and it was found that these impressions were prepared on a machine equipped with Underwood pica type, spaced 10 letters to the inch. This typewriter was equipped with a light blue ribbon.

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Specimens Q12 and Q13 were compared with the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies will be added to this file for possible future reference.

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Nothing was found on examination of the envelope and paper which would assist in identifying the source of this material. No watermarks are contained in the envelope or paper. It is noted that the envelope measures approximately 4 1/8 by 9 1/2 inches and contains the printing, "Return in 5 days to," in the upper left-hand corner, printed with light blue ink. The paper measures approximately 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

You will be advised separately with regard to the fingerprint examination requested.

Specimens Q12 and Q13 will be returned to your office after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Any subsequent comparisons may be made from the photographs retained in the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
ST. LOUIS	3-26-56	3-7,14,15,19,20-56	SA RAYMOND T. SPRUILL slh

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: A. J. ANDERSON; ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine VICTIM	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records at FRC, GSA, SLMO, indicate SWEET employed with War Dept., Ordnance, Philadelphia, Pa. Terminated by transfer. Employed Navy Dept., Philadelphia, Pa. Suspended without pay on 2 occasions. Official warning on 3-7-47 for tardiness. Received unsatisfactory efficiency rating. Employment terminated by removal because of abandonment of position. Supervisors and background and descriptive information set forth. Born 7-7-21 at Pomona, Calif.

- RUC -

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On March 20, 1956, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for CAROL FLORINE SWEET, indicates that she was employed on June 7, 1943 as an Under Photographer with the War Department, Ordnance Department at Large, Frankford Arsenal at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This employment was terminated on August 22, 1943 in the same position by reason of transfer to the Navy Department.

She was employed on August 23, 1943 as an Assistant Photographer with the Navy Department, Naval Air Material Center, Personnel Relations Department, Navy Yard at

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was transferred on March 16, 1945 to the Naval Air Experimental Station, General Service Department, Photographic Division at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

She was transferred on July 1, 1945 from the General Service Department to the Aeronautical Photographic Experimental Laboratory. She was suspended without pay for three days, from December 26, 1945 through December 28, 1945 due to her faulty workmanship. She received an official warning on March 7, 1947 for having been tardy on four occasions in February, 1947. She was suspended without pay for five days from May 7, 1947 through May 13, 1947 because of loafing on duty on March 27, 1947.

This employment was terminated on June 30, 1947 by reason of removal due to abandonment of position because of unauthorized absence on April 28, 1947 and since May 15, 1947. At the time of removal, she had a pending penalty action being taken against her as a result of an unsatisfactory efficiency rating dated April 11, 1947.

The records failed to contain a list of the persons that SWEET worked with or for while employed with the Navy and War Department. However, the War Department file shows her supervisor as MARIE REEDER and her Navy Department supervisors are shown as follows: I. CHEKIS; JOSEPH J. PURDY; GEORGE W. STEDMAN; MARY C. ASHTON; ALFRED BERSAUI; and GRANVILLE C. CRUMPLER.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the file: CAROL FLORENCE WEST

Date of birth	July 7, 1921
Place of birth	Pomona, California
Race	White
Height	5' 4"
Weight	145 pounds
Address	1943 - 1947, 772 S. Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Navy Dept. Check No.s	051372; 056010; 560100; 047131
Employed	August 1942 to December 1942 Merin-Baliban Studios 1010 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Employed (Cont.)	January 1943 to May 1943 Becker Studio 710 52nd Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 1940 to October 1940 X-Ray's 17 North Madison Avenue Pasadena, California
Education	1938 to 1942 Pasadena Junior College Pasadena, California

The Navy Department employment record contains a photograph of SWEET.

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REFERENCE: Philadelphia letter to St. Louis dated 2-29-56

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Date: 3-28-56

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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

From SAC, PITTSBURGH (9-1176)

To: DIRECTOR, FBI and SACs LOS ANGELES, PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK

UNSUB: wa. A. J. ANDERSON, ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka. Father Devine - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Rerep of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, 2-16-56, at Philadelphia, and LA airtel to Bureau, 3-15-56.

On 3-27-56, STANLEY BOBER, Assistant Mgr., Pittsburgher Hotel, Pgh., after checking records, advised SA EDWARD F. STILES that JOHN W. HUNT, Newberry Park, Calif., registered at said hotel at 5:49 AM on 10-10-55 and departed on 10-13-55. HUNT occupied single room alone and hotel bill charged to Mr. HILL, c/o Pittsburgh Courier newspaper. Record of long distance calls disclosed HUNT, on 10-11-55, at 3:21 PM, placed call to NYC, 7-4080, no exchange noted, and spoke for 6 minutes. On 10-12-55, at 6:27 PM, HUNT placed call to Philadelphia, HO 5-5884 and spoke for 11 minutes. It is noted from referenced LA airtel that latter phone number is same as that at which HUNT at Oxnard, Calif., contacted CLARENCE HEATH in Philadelphia on 10-29-55. Hotel bill disclosed HUNT, while in Pgh., made, several local phone calls, but records identifying same destroyed after two months. Hotel has no record for CLARENCE HEATH.

NY Office requested identify subscriber to phone No. 7-4080 and to identify person with whom HUNT in contact from Pgh. 10-11-55 in effort to determine person's possible participation in instant case. To assist NY, there are attached hereto one copy of ref. communications. Upon completion of the investigation, N.Y. requested to return referenced report to Philadelphia Office. RUC.

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Special Agent in Charge

Request for Mail Cover [illegible] ion
FD-227 (12-10-54)

To : Director, FBI (9-29314)

Date: 3-20-56

From : SAC, Los Angeles (9-1810)

Attention:

Subject: UNSUB; wa., A. J. ANDERSON, etal; Mr. M. J. Divine, aka - VICTIM EXTORTION.

[ ] Domestic Intelligence Division

[x] Investigative Division

OO Philadelphia

Name: JOHN WUEST HUNT

Address: P.O. Box 203, Newbury Park, California

Type of Mail: **First Class.**

Type of Cover: **Postmarks and return addresses**

Period Covered: April 1 - 30, 1956 (30 days)

Purpose of Cover: To determine the identity of HUNT's correspondents and thereby identify the UNSUB in this case.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)
Investigation has shown that HUNT has exhibited similar opinions of Victim to those of the UNSUB and may have conspired or in some way participated in the preparation of the threatening letters. The Postmaster at Newbury Park, Calif., has been very cooperative and reliable and no possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau is contemplated as a result of this mail cover.

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Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:
POSTMASTER
Newbury Park, California.

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SAC, Los Angeles (9-1810) March 29, 1956

Director, FBI (9-29314)

UNSUB., WA. A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL.;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA. - VICTIM
EXTORTION

For the information of the Philadelphia Division, the Los Angeles Office under date of 3/20/56 submitted FD-227 requesting a mail cover on John Wuest Hunt, Newbury Park, California. In conducting the investigation in this case, it should be borne in mind that the victim has furnished the names of Hunt and a couple of Hunt's associates who broke with Father Divine and apparently bear malice toward him. Los Angeles airtel 3/15/56 indicates that Hunt and his wife furnished information to expose the victim in a current issue of "Confidential." Other information in file indicates that on 11/2/55 the victim received a telegram from Harold Sweet, a supposed associate of Hunt, demanding $50,000, as Sweet had signed a publication contract to expose "the truth" of Divine's movement.

It does not appear advisable at this time to place any mail covers on individuals in this case until there is a substantial indication that the suspect is the author of the communications in this case. The request for mail cover is not being approved at this time. If additional information is developed regarding Hunt, resubmit your request.

cc: 1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	APR - 9 1956	2/24,27;3/9,12,14,15, 21,28/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	WALTER N. ATTEBERY	pcw

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS:

Efforts to obtain handwriting for FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT unproductive. Handwritten personal history and typewritten letters to Los Angeles County Probation Office by JOHN WUEST HUNT obtained. Handwritten pages sent Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory. HUNT and wife sold house Newbury Park, California, and wife alleged to be employed Los Angeles area in photo studio. T-1 advised telegram sent to victim 11/1/55 from Oxnard dictated from home of OTA COMBS, Newbury Park. COMBS states believes calls to Philadelphia and telegram phoned by JOHN WUEST HUNT. T-3 advised HUNT telephoned attorney PHILIP DORFMAN, Philadelphia, same day of telegram, 11/1/55. JOHN HUNT on county probation for petty theft conviction until 4/19/56; in financial distress and receiving county relief.

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LA 9-1810

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA GILMER G. ROBINSON at Pasadena, California:

Miss MARY L. NASON, Clerk, Records Office, Pasadena City College, advised on February 24, 1956, that the records reflected that FLORINE CAROL SWEET was born July 7, 1921, at Pomona, California. Her step-father was listed as C. O. SIPPELL, and her father as G. W. SWEET. It was indicated that she graduated from Pasadena High School June 21, 1940, and attended upper division classes as Pasadena Junior College. She attended from September 24, 1940, until May 7, 1942, taking courses in photography.

GEORGIA L. ORR, Secretary to Dean of Personnel at Pasadena City College, advised February 24, 1956, that there were no records available concerning the handwriting or handprinting of SWEET, as the records reflecting this only go back to 1946.

GEORGIA L. ORR advised again on February 27, 1956, that she had personally checked all possibilities and definately determined that there were no handwriting or handprinting records on file pertaining to SWEET.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY:

On March 9, 1956, ROBERT L. ASHBY, Assistant Probation Officer, Ventura County, Ventura, California, advised that JOHN WUEST HUNT had been under his supervision since April 19, 1955. He advised that HUNT has been no disciplinary problem, and there is every indication that he may be released after his completion of probation period, April 19, 1956. He stated that HUNT is an unusual individual since he has been at one time a follower of Father DIVINE and has since broken away from the movement, and is one of DIVINE's most bitter opponents. ASHBY stated that HUNT has been attempting to have articles published concerning his wife, FLORINE CAROL HUNT, and her association with Father DIVINE. In this regard, HUNT was dealing with Confidential Magazine

in an effort to get an article published regarding DIVINE and his wife.

ASHBY made available the file on the subject, which contained the following background information:

Residence	Newbury Park, Ventu Road, Post Office Box 203
Arrested	February 25, 1955, by Oxnard Police Department for petty theft when he was caught shoplifting in a grocery store
Birth data	November 11, 1903, Cleveland, Ohio
Father	WARNER D. HUNT, was President of the United Milk Products in Cleveland, Ohio (passed away in 1924 at the age of 58)
Mother	FLORENCE WUEST (deceased)
Brother	WARNER D. HUNT; resides at 507 Broad Street, Philadelphia, where he is the editor of Father DIVINE's newspaper, "New Day." He presently uses the name JOHN DE VOUT
Marital status	Married CAROL SWEET June 20, 1947, in Philadelphia; she is presently 34 years of age
Children	[redacted] b6 b7C
Previous arrest	Arrested 1936 in Los Angeles for Mann Act; received two years, eight months, twenty-three days confinement McNeil Island, Washington

The McNeil Island report sent to the Ventura County Probation Office under McNeil Island Registry

Number 12965-M, sets forth that HUNT began his sentence July 2, 1937, and received a conditional release October 23, 1939. One of the correspondents listed in the file while in McNeil Island was Mr. ROSS HUMBLE, 316 Lessner Building, Los Angeles.

In a written report to the Probation Office on February 14, 1956, HUNT indicated that he had sold his house in Newbury Park and was awaiting completion of escrow.

Mr. ASHBY made available certain documents in the file which have been photostated and will be sent to the office of origin. In addition, a six page handwritten "Detailed Case History" in the handwriting of JOHN WUEST HUNT was obtained and has been sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for comparison with documents previously submitted. This "Detailed Case History" purports the history of HUNT's life. It also has been photostated and copies are being sent to Philadelphia.

The following excerpts were obtained from the typewritten reports submitted by HUNT to the Probation Office:

The report of July 26, 1955, contains the following paragraph concerning a story to be given by HUNT to the publisher of Confidential Magazine:

"The big pay-off to him about the story was when I gave him a signed statement that my wife would submit to a lie detector test, and also submit to any qualified hypnotist to get her sub-conscious mind to tell the truth. This is the acid test, because the sub-conscious mind always tells the truth - it is a scientifically accepted fact now. Also my wife will name 100 girls to also take these two tests including Father DIVINE himself. This is a new idea in truth detection which Father DIVINE never counted on. In my expose, this gimmick of truth detection will be incorporated, and should prove to be the straw that could break his back. Not bad, eh?"

It is noted that the telegram received by victim on November 2, 1955, contained the following statement:

"Demand my money returned I gave you plus service and slander and virginity at $50,000. Kindly deposit with attorney PHILLIP DORFMAN, Tower Building, today or will sign publication contract Thursday. Lie detector plus hypnosis subconscious test recorded sensantional truth and that is not all RADIENCE is here.

/s/ "HAROLD SWEET"

In a typewritten report of October 4, 1955, HUNT advised he had urgent business on the East Coast in connection with his articles on Father DIVINE. He requested permission of the Probation Officer to make the trip. He made reference to his good neighbor, Mrs. ETTA COMBS, Thousand Oaks 3438, and that he had telephoned Pittsburgh from that number on October 1, 1955. He stated the jest of the conversation with the party in Pittsburgh, (Mr. W. BEVERLY CARTER, Publisher, Pittsburgh Courier Newspaper), was how much money he needed to keep his family supported if they had him fly to Pittsburgh with story affidavits and material.

The typewritten report of October 5, 1955, stated HUNT would leave by T.W.A. on October 9, 1955, at 7:30 P.M. on Flight 20 through to Pittsburgh. His address would be in care of W. BEVERLY CARTER, Pittsburgh Courier Publishing Company, 2628 Centre Street, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania.

A typewritten report dated October 11, 1955, on stationery from the Pittsburgher Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised that due to circumstances beyond his control, he would leave Pittsburgh Wednesday, October 12, arriving Newbury Park Saturday morning, October 15.

The typewritten report of October 25, 1955, advised of his failing health and financial distress. He pointed out he was getting help from county welfare, and

that due to their mailing permit problems, Confidential Magazine had to set his story aside. He was of the opinion Pittsburgh Courier would run the article first.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 9, 1956, that the following

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[redacted] According to T-1, [redacted] T-1 advised that the [redacted] was received by T-2, who is presently [redacted] and would be available under the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the following long-distance telephone calls emanated from Thousand Oaks 3438. T-3 stated that this number was subscribed to by OTA COMBS of Newbury Park, California.

Crestview 16884
Beverly Hills, California
6:27 P.M.
(five minutes)
August 27, 1955

August 27, 1955
Crestview 16884
12:56 P.M.
(two minutes)

August 28, 1955
Diamond 76713
Canoga Park to the GEORGE WRIGHT
Residence, 9:40 A.M.

LA 9-1810

October 7, 1955
Museum 3-2000
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

The call was placed to W. BEVERLY CARTER; in absence would speak to ROBERT RATLIFF; eventually spoke to LORENZO HILL, 10:43 A.M.

October 29, 1955
Howard 55884
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
CLARENCE HEATH
1:32 P.M.
(eight minutes)

October 31, 1955
Hunter 77211
Oxnard, California

November 1, 1955
Telegram signed
HAROLD SWEET

November 1, 1955
Trinity 7-9244
From JOHN HUNT to PHILLIP DORFMAN, Attorney:
Talked to Mrs. DORFMAN 6:47 P.M.
(three minutes)

November 2, 1955
Hunter 38410
Oxnard
CHARLES CROME
(CROME is an Oxnard attorney)

November 16, 1955
Hollywood 2966
Hollywood, California
1:35 P.M.

November 26, 1955
Ryan 15718
Los Angeles area
8:05 A.M.

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January 3, 1956
Atlantic 65808
Alhambra, California
10:40 P.M.
(eight minutes)

On March 14, 1956, SA DALE NORMAN and WALTER N. ATTEBERY interviewed Mrs. OTA COMBS at Route 3, Box 260, Camarillo, California, located on Ventu Road in Newbury Park. Mrs. COMBS advised that JOHN HUNT and his wife, CAROL, are her next door neighbors, and that presently CAROL is working in the Los Angeles area in a photo studio. She explained that during the late fall of 1955, JOHN HUNT did use her telephone frequently, and made business calls to Philadelphia. She can recall on at least one occasion he sent a telegram over her telephone but she was unable to recall to whom it was sent or the text of the message. She stated that a number of the people in the neighborhood had used her telephone, and she would collect from them after she received her bill. She stated that at no time did Mrs. HUNT make any business calls.

Mrs. COMBS advised that the HUNTs were not particular friends of hers inasmuch as they were not the type of people she would associate with. She stated she was sorry for the children, and knew that the HUNTs were in financial trouble. She stated that Mrs. HUNT visits only on week ends at this time, and she believes that her mother resides in Pasadena.

As for a copy of the telegram, Mrs. COMBS advised she never received such a document. On occasion she has found that the HUNTs checked her mail box, and it was entirely possible they may have removed a letter.

She advised she had no additional information regarding the HUNTs.

On March 12, 1956, Miss IRA VIJOVICH, Welfare Worker for Ventura County, advised that she had been the worker to which the HUNT case had been assigned. She

advised that as of September 30, 1955, the case was closed; however, they still receive requests from both Mr. and Mrs. HUNT for food and other assistance the office could give them.

On October 20, 1955, both Mr. and Mrs. HUNT received medical examinations, and it was determined that she had no incapacity and he had some incapacity, but would be able to do light work. Because of this, they were unable to furnish any additional help.

She furnished the following log of the activities of both JOHN HUNT and his wife:

November 17, 1955
Visited the home on Ventu Road. Mr. HUNT was not at home but in Los Angeles working as a proof passer; had a buyer for their house.

November 18, 1955
Both HUNTs came into the office. She was working part-time in a San Fernando Valley photo studio; also working house-to-house selling photographs.

December 23, 1955
Mrs. HUNT came into the house to request toys for the children, and was referred to the Oxnard Office.

January 6, 1956
Mr. HUNT advised there was a delay on the sale of the property

February 3, 1956
Came in for surplus commodity order; Said wife was in Los Angeles five days a week looking for work

March 8, 1956
Called to advise the article had finally been published in Confidential Magazine and he was going to New York

The file disclosed that CAROL HUNT was born July 7, 1921, and in a sworn complaint on March 29, 1955, listed her mother as EMILY SIPPELL, age 65, 1558 Mentou Street, Pasadena. The HUNTs had no documentary proof of their marriage, but she exhibited a newspaper article showing they were married in July, 1948, in Pennsylvania.

T-1, on March 15, 1956, advised that he had learned that a man had called back to the Western Union Office in Oxnard, California, inquiring about the copy of the message sent out November 1, 1955. The man calling seemed quite perturbed and it was not known whether a copy had been mailed to the subscriber's address in Newbury Park. There was some discussion that the man who called would pick up the copy personally. The final disposition of this matter was not definitely known by T-1.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1956, that he recalled the message dictated on the telephone, because there were so many "big words." It was his recollection the call came in about 7:00 or 8:00 P.M. on November 1, 1955, and T-2 believed the caller was a man. The typewritten notation "copy .10" indicated that a copy of the telegram was requested sent to the sender at the location of the telephone used. This address, therefore, would have been ETTA COMBS, Route 2, Box 260, according to T-2.

The following description of JOHN WUEST HUNT was obtained from the files of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Probation Office, Ventura, California:

Name	JOHN WUEST HUNT
Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Nationality	American

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Birth data	November 11, 1903 Cleveland, Ohio
Height	5'11½"
Weight	180
Hair	Light brown, graying
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Build	Heavy
Marital status	Married
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number	1169824

ENCLOSURES: TO PHILADELPHIA

Two photostatic copies each of the following documents:

(1) "Detailed Case History" written by JOHN WUEST HUNT.

(2) Typed report to Ventura County Probation Office, July 26, 1955.

(3) Report of October 4, 1955.

(4) Report of October 5, 1955.

(5) Report of October 11, 1955.

(6) Report of October 25, 1955.

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FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT is featured in the April issue of "Confidential Magazine," wherein she purports to expose Father DIVINE.

In HUNT's typed report to the Probation Office, 10/25/55, he states as follows:

"It is impossible for me to locate a job right at present. The Treasury Agents all of a sudden swopped in on me this week, and yesterday I typed 17 hours. I must have all my evidence and records ready by Friday morning in their Los Angeles office at 8:00 A.M. for photostating and myself available for recording. In my ten-page letter to the Internal Revenue Department four months ago, they found tax fraud against DIVINE and all his followers from coast to coast. I am right now building up the Los Angeles area case for them, and for other area offices. My material is voluminous and they want it all so they can understand it, and God only knows how long it will take me to get everything together. I am waiting for other evidence that I left in Pittsburgh."

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL LUTHER:

MARIAM STONE, Investigative Section, Internal Revenue Service, Room 1343, Federal Building, Los Angeles, advised on 3/21/56 that she could find no reference to the victim or JOHN WUEST HUNT in the files of the Informant Claims or the Frauds Section. She stated that if HUNT had furnished information as an informant regarding the victim, both names could normally be located. She pointed out that any information received with regard to an alleged tax evasion or evader would be forwarded to the location where the suspected evader or evasion took place.

Miss STONE related that if HUNT had only been contacted in an investigation, and had not acted as an

informant, there would be no way of locating this record. It does not appear any investigation has been conducted in this area regarding the victim inasmuch as there is no record of such information being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service Office covering the residence of the victim.

A copy of this report has been sent to Louisville, Mobile, New Orleans, and San Francisco for information in view of pending leads in these divisions.

On 3/20/56, Form FD-227 was submitted to the Bureau for authorization to place a mail cover on JOHN WUEST HUNT.

INFORMANTS:

T-1:

T-2:

T-3:

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LEADS:

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

1. Will review register of the Pittsburgher Hotel to determine inclusive dates of residence of JOHN WUEST HUNT on or about 10/11/55.

2. Will further attempt to identify his associates while residing in Pittsburgh who can be considered as suspects in this case.

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

1. Will establish whereabouts of CLARENCE HEATH during pertinent period, and if interviewed, determine if in contact with JOHN WUEST HUNT by any means.

2. By reason of his employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad, will consider possibility HEATH used a go-between to have letters posted in Louisville.

In the absence of a specific request from Philadelphia, interviews with JOHN WUEST HUNT and CAROL HUNT are being held in abeyance.

3. Will present facts to the United States Attorney regarding the telegram of 11/1/55, under Section 875, Title 18, United States Code.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Newbury Park, California:

Will, if cover authorized on the mail of JOHN WUEST HUNT, report results thereon.

At Pasadena, California:

1. Will discreetly ascertain if FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT is residing with her mother, EMILY SIPPELL, 1558 Mentou Street.

2. Will further locate her place of employment and endeavor to obtain handwriting specimens.

3. If possible, will obtain inclusive and specific dates employed.

At Ventura, California:

Will maintain liaison with ROBERT ASHBY, Ventura County Probation Officer, as regards HUNT and wife.

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 2/16/56 at Philadelphia.

Los Angeles Airtel to the Bureau, Philadelphia, et al, dated 3/15/56.

Los Angeles Airtel to San Diego dated 3/15/56.

San Diego Airtel to Los Angeles dated 3/20/56.

Los Angeles letter to the Director dated 4/3/56.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, St. Louis

April 11, 1956

Re: UNSUB., was., A. J. ANDERSON,
ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE
VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1204
FBI FILE NO. 9-89314
LAB. NO. D-225014 CJ

Examination requested by: St. Louis

Reference: Letter 3/27/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Kc6 Photostats of the following documents bear the known handwriting of CAROL F. SWEET:

PRD Form #6, Naval Air Material Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated 11/28/44.

Oath of Office, dated 8/23/43.

Naval Aircraft Factory, Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Employment Data, dated 8/6/43.

Five Naval Air Material Center Application for Sick Leave forms dated 7/17/45, 11/21/44, 11/28/44, 5/17/__ and 2/19/45.

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 was not written by the writer of the questioned handwriting on specimen Kc6. The hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 is not sufficiently comparable with the hand printing on specimen Kc6 and the hand printing on Kc6 is too limited to warrant a definite opinion as to whether the writer of the hand printing on Q4 through Q8 prepared the hand printing on Kc6.

Specimen Kc6 is retained in the files of the Laboratory.

1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)
ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

DATE: 3-27-56

FROM : SAC, St. Louis (9-1204)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: A. J. ANDERSON;
ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

RE: Philadelphia letter to St. Louis dated 2-29-56

Referenced letter requested that all handwriting and handprinting specimens of CARDL F. SWEET be forwarded to Bureau Laboratory for comparison purposes. NO LOCALITY

Two each of the following photostatic certified copies of documents, which appear to contain specimens of SWEET's handwriting, are being forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory for purposes of examination and comparison with the questioned letters of this case: PRD Form Number 6; S. F. Number 8; NAF Form 10; 5 NAF 490 Forms.

The War Department and Navy Department employment folder contained numerous records and a representative number of documents, which appear to contain handwriting specimens of SWEET, were obtained.

The FBI Laboratory will furnish the results of its investigation to the office of origin and may, upon completion of its investigation, retain the enclosed specimens for its files.

The office of origin will report results of the Laboratory examination.

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2 - Philadelphia (9-1211)
1 - St. Louis (9-1204)
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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

April 16, 1956

Re: UNSUB., wa.,
A. J. ANDERSON, et al;
MR. M. J. DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-285530 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter 4/5/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Kc7 Photostat of an Employment Application of Mount Sinai Hospital bearing known handwriting of RADIENCE LOVE.

Result of examination:

The available known handwriting of RADIENCE LOVE, described as Kc7, is too limited and not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 to warrant a definite opinion as to whether or not this individual prepared the questioned material. However, from such comparison as could be made, nothing of particular significance was noted which would indicate that this individual prepared the questioned writing.

There is no known hand printing of RADIENCE LOVE contained on Kc7 to permit a comparison with the hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8.

Specimen Kc7 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed in the Laboratory.

Enclosure (1) - REGISTERED MAIL

1 - New York

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 4/5/56

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; wa., A. J. Anderson, ET AL;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Attached for examination and comparison with questioned writings of this case is a photostatic copy of an employment application of RADIENCE LOVE dated 9/2/52, which LOVE furnished Mount Sinai Hospital at Philadelphia, Pa.

New York Office has been requested to obtain additional available specimens at the Queens General Hospital.

2 - Bureau (9-29314)(Encl. 1)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)

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COPY & SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB. FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

April 17, 1956

To: SAC, Los Angeles

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EX-100

Re: UNSUB., was.
A. J. ANDERSON, ANDREW MORALES,
A. MORALES;
[redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

[redacted] CJ

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 4-3-56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K8 Five sheets of yellow ruled paper and one sheet of white paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JOHN WUEST HUNT.

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q13 was not written by the writer of the handwriting on specimen K8. There is an insufficient amount of comparable known hand printing contained in specimen K8 to warrant a definite opinion as to whether the hand printing on specimens Q4 through Q8 was prepared by this individual.

Specimen K8 is returned herewith. This material was not photographed in the Laboratory.

Enclosure (1) - REGISTERED MAIL

1- Louisville
1- Philadelphia (9-1611)
1- Mobile
1- New Orleans
1- Pittsburgh
1- San Francisco

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 4/3/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-1810)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, was. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM EXTORTION

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Re Philadelphia letter to the Director dated 12/27/55.

Enclosed are six pages of the known handwriting of suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT. These pages contain limited hand-printing and are entirely in pencil. CABLE

Compare with documents previously submitted by Philadelphia, and furnish results to offices receiving copies of this letter.

Originals should be returned to Los Angeles so they can be placed in the Ventura County Probation Office file. Los Angeles has prepared photostats for Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

3-Bureau (ENCLS - 6) (REGISTERED)
1-Louisville (INFO)
1-New Orleans (INFO)
1-Philadelphia (INFO)
1-Pittsburgh (INFO)
1-Mobile (INFO)
1-San Francisco (INFO)
1-Los Angeles

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOUISVILLE	4/19/56	2/23,27; 3/1,5, 8,26; 4/13/56	C. ADDISON KINCAID jdm

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record Louisville, Ky. PD, credit bureau, or other sources of information of one ANDREW or A. MORALES, JOHN WUEST HUNT, or "PRODIGAL SON". FBI Lab advises fingerprints and handwriting of S. J. ANDERSON, YMCA, Louisville, not identical with fingerprints and handwriting contained on instant letter. Postal inspector and confidential sources, Louisville, unable to furnish any information re likely suspects. Stops on victim's telephone, Philadelphia, continued.

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DETAILS: AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

On February 27, 1956, Mr. LABAN WESLEY, Postal Inspector, Federal Building, was contacted relative to the identity of any habitual writers of anti-religious letters, anti-Negro letters, or anyone that might advocate an anti-Father DIVINE movement. Mr. WESLEY stated that he knew of no individual in the past complaining of Father DIVINE's activities, or anyone that might have advocated furtherance of the Father DIVINE movement. Mr. WESLEY was requested to notify the Louisville Office in the event he receives any complaints regarding any such individuals, or in the event he receives copies of any correspondence which appeared similar to the handwriting and handprinting contained in instant extortion letters. Mr. WESLEY, as well as his

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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PROPERTY OF FBI—THIS REPORT IS LOANED TO YOU BY THE FBI, AND NEITHER IT NOR ITS CONTENTS ARE TO BE DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE THE AGENCY TO WHOM LOANED.

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assistant, Mr. HERBERT BISIG, Postal Inspector, were again contacted on March 8, 1956, after receipt in the Louisville Office of photostatic copies of the various extortion letters involved in instant case, at which time the handwriting and handprinting appearing thereon were exhibited to Mr. WESLEY and Mr. BISIG. Both of these individuals stated that they recalled seeing no correspondence resembling the handwriting and handprinting appearing thereon.

T-1, who has given reliable information in the past, upon contact on March 2, 1956, was requested to immediately notify SA C. ADDISON KINCAID of the Louisville Office in the event any long-distance telephone calls were placed from Louisville, Kentucky to Pennypacker 5-3917 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the telephone of the victim.

A check was made at the Record Room, Louisville Police Department, on February 23, 1956 by Mrs. MAUDE CURTIS, at which time she informed that there was no record on file in the name of ANDREW MORALES, A. MORALES, JOHN WUEST HUNT, or "PRODICAL SON".

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, was contacted on March 5, 1956, at which time he was requested to make inquiries through sources available to him, determining the identity of any individuals interested

in the Father DIVINE movement or likely suspects in the promulgating of any anti-religious movement directed against the followers of Father DIVINE. T-2, upon subsequent contact on March 26 and April 13, 1956, stated that he had been unable to develop any information regarding likely suspects in instant case. T-2 stated that he would beon the alert and notify the Louisville Office in the event information regarding the identity of any such individuals came to his attention.

On March 1, 1956, Miss HELEN BRIGANCE, Clerk, Credit Bureau of Louisville, stated that the indices of her bureau contain no reference in the name of ANDREW or A. MORALES, JOHN WUEST HUNT, or "PRODICAL SON". Miss BRIGANCE stated that the indices of her bureau contain a satisfactory credit rating on ANDREW JAMES ANDERSON, SR., 2653 Rowan Street, Louisville, but contain no reference in the name of ANDREW JAMES ANDERSON, JR.

Under date of March 2, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that after comparison of the known fingerprints of SYDNEY JOHNSON ANDERSON, a suspect and resident of the Central YMCA, Louisville, with the questioned latent fingerprints contained on instant documents, that the conclusion was reached that S. J. ANDERSON's fingerprints were not contained theron.

Under date of February 13, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that after a comparison of the known handprinting of S. J. ANDERSON, Central Branch, YMCA, Louisville, with the questioned handwriting appearing on instant extortion letters, the conclusion was reached that the questioned writing was not written by S. J. ANDERSON.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS:

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LEADS

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will advise when stops placed through the local telephone company, refered to in body of instant report, may be withdrawn.

REFERENCES

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 2/16/56 at Philadelphia.

Report of SA C. ADDISON KINCAID dated 2/23/56 at Louisville.

Bureau letter dated 3/2/56.

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ERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIC
ATED STATES DEPARTMENT OF

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 5-2-56 9:00 AM/ho

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LAB FILE

LATENT

Re: URSUR., MRS. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX

File # 9-29314
Lab. # D-226960 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 4/26/56 **Date received:** 4/27/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
Lockman

Specimens submitted for examination

1 - [illegible]

Q14 An envelope bearing the hand printed address "MR. F. DIVINE 764-772 BROAD ST. PHILADELPHIA PENNA.," postmarked "LOUISVILLE 1 KY. APR 16 1956 11 30 AM."

Q15 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "MR. DIVINE, HERE..." and ending "...YOUR FINAL YOURNEY ANDERSON."

Q14 and Q15 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

Compare latents developed instant case with the fingerprints of M. J. DIVINE, named for elimination.

EVIDENCE NEED NOT BE RETURNED.

cc-Louisville (9-884)

6 MAY 4 - 1956

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BUREAU
cc: LOUISVILLE

SAC, PHILADELPHIA 4/26/56

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: UNSUB was A. J. Anderson;
MR. M. J. DIVINE - VIHEX

Attached for examination and comparison with previous letters of this case was well as processing for latent fingerprints, is a handprinted letter addressed to the victim. It is postmarked 4/16/56 at Louisville, Ky., and is quoted as follows:

"Mr. Divine,

"Here is the news you have been waiting for so anxiously.

"The final arrangements are almost completed and was are ready to begin with our 'program'.

"The date set is May 15, 1956.

"All of the rules set still hold except for a few minor changes.

"1. We have decided to cut the program from the originally intended 10 years to a maximum of two years and a minimum of 2 months. Since the time will be so short we decided not to bother you with phone calls.

"There will be only two calls made. One shortly after, or just before the beginning, and the next one when we are approx. half-way finished.

"I wish you luck on your final journey.

"Sincerely, 1956 Anderson"

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3 - Bureau (7-2231)(Incl. - 2)
1 - Louisville (9-[illegible])(Info)
1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)
JRF:[illegible] (5) 1956

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Approved: N.H.M. Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE

Jackson 5-8-56
TL 8 SP #44
Buffalo 9-29314

SEVENTH FLOOR FILES

ED-36
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~Teletype~~ message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI 4/26/56

RE: UNSUB was. A. J. Anderson;
Mr. M. J. Divine - VIKEX

This letter need not be returned.

Only Reverend DIVINE handled this letter.

MC CABE

Approved:_____ Sent_____M Per_____
Special Agent in Charge

MAY 2, 1956

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

SAC
PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

UNSUB., WAS. A.J. ANDERSON;
MR. M.J. DIVINE - VICTIM
SUFILE 9-29314

Reairtel April 26, 1956.

No latent impressions of value developed on specimens designated in separate laboratory report as Q 14 and Q 15. These items are being returned separately.

Not confirming.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

May 2, 1956

Re: UNSUB., was. A. J. ANDERSON;
MR. M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-226960 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtel 4/26/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimen:

Q14 An envelope bearing the hand printed address "MR. F. DIVINE 764-772 BROAD ST. PHILADELPHIA PENNA." postmarked "LOUISVILLE 1 KY. APR 16 1956 11 30 AM."

Q15 Accompanying hand printed letter beginning "MR. DIVINE, HERE..." and ending "...YOUR FINAL YOURNEY ANDERSON."

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing appearing on specimens Q14 and Q15 was prepared by the writer of the hand printing on specimens Q4 through Q8 previously submitted in connection with this case. It is noted that the envelope Q4 and the envelope Q7 were both postmarked at Louisville, Kentucky.

It was further noted that the paper Q15 contains the watermark "Nekoosa." This watermark is registered with the Nekoosa Edwards Paper Company, Port Edwards, Wisconsin. It is noted that the envelope Q9 bearing the postmark Mobile, Alabama, February 3, 1956, also contains this watermark.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

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Specimens Q14 and Q15 will be returned after the fingerprint examination has been completed. Photographs are retained.

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1 - Louisville (9-884)

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EDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTI
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date ~~5-3-56~~

Case References UNSUB.; WAS. A. J. ANDERSON;

Consigned to: ~~SAC,~~ Mr. M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX

~~Philadelphia (9-1611)~~

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Mr. Parsons, 7621
Mr. Conrad, 7621
Mr. Beach, 7133
Mr. Bowles, 7601
Mr. Downing, 6228 IB
Mr. Deiss, ~~6306~~ IB 6127 x

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number; Shipping Room, show date of shipment, bill of lading number and initial this invoice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialed, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

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REGULAR MAIL

AC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

NSUB; ET. AL., A.J. ANDERSON, ET AL;
R. M.J. DIVINE, aka
ATHER DIVINE
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UFILE 9-29314

Reurlet May 16, 1956.

Previously developed latent fingerprints in this case
ot identified as fingerprints of John [illegible] 169 824.

Not confirming.

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FE[illegible] BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 5-18-56 9:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: [illegible], MA., A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL; MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA, FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM EXTORTION

Number: 9-29314-

Specimens:

Compare latents previously developed instant case with the fingerprints of named suspect, JOHN WUEST HUNT, FBI# 1169824.

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date received: 5-18-56/ho

Date of reference communication: 5-16-56

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wittmus

Evidence Noted by:

~~5-3 MAY 28 1956~~

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 5/16/56

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: wa. A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL; MR. M.J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine
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Attached for examination and comparison with Q4 to Q8 are photostatic copies of Applications for Employment or Application for Examination of two present and one former employee of the Philadelphia International Airport. Former employee FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART presently resides 4216 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif. WILLINGHEART is a follower of Father Divine and resided at one of Father Divine's hotels during the above employment.

BILLUPS and COOLEY are porters who worked during the payoff of 2/1/56.

These need not be returned.

ENCLOSURE

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 5/16/56

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611) ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: wa., A.J. ANDERSON, et al;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka
Father Divine
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JOHN WUEST HUNT, FBI #1169824, McNeil Island Registry Number 12965-M, was born 11/11/03 at Cleveland, Ohio. For elimination purposes compare his fingerprints with the latents previously reported and discovered on Q7 and Q12 of this case.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

May 23, 1956

Re: UNSUB, aka.
A. J. ANDERSON, et al;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka.
Father Divine
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-22314
LAB. NO. B-228384 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter 5-16-56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Kc9 Photostat of an Application for Employment dated 3-9-53, bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of CLARENCE SHADRICK COOLEY.

Kc10 Photostat of an Application for Employment dated 5-28-52, bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART.

Kc11 Photostat of an Application for Examination dated 7-23-53, bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of MYERS B. BILLUPS.

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Results of Examination:

The hand printing appearing on specimens Kc9 through Kc11 is not sufficiently comparable with the hand printing on specimens Q4 through Q8, Q14, and Q15, to warrant a definite opinion as to whether any of the writers of Kc9 through Kc11 prepared any of the questioned hand printing in this case. However, from such comparison as could be made, nothing of particular significance was noted which would indicate that any of these individuals prepared the questioned material.

Specimens Kc9 through Kc11 are returned herewith. Photographs have not been made in the Laboratory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	MAY 31 1956	3/5,10,13,15-17,20,22, 27-29; 4/3,5,16,18,26, 27; 5/1,11/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was., A.J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	JOSEPH A. [illegible]ERICA	MLS

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS: Victim received a letter postmarked 4/18/56 at Louisville, Ky., from "ANDERSON" reflecting that "arrangements are almost completed to begin our program on May 15, 1956." The "originally intended 10 years" program was cut to "2 years" or "a minimum of 2 months." The FBI Laboratory concluded this letter was written by the same person who prepared the second and third letters received by the victim, postmarked at Louisville, Ky., on 12/22/55 and 1/2/56 respectively. Handwritten specimens of JOHN WUEST HUNT and his wife CAROL SWEET HUNT were examined by the FBI Laboratory and it was concluded they did not prepare the writing on letters received by the victim. Handprinted specimens for the HUNTs are too limited for a comparison. Telephone numbers called by HUNT and former DIVINE follower, CLARENCE M. HEATH at Philadelphia have been obtained. Former and present DIVINE followers employed at Philadelphia International Airport are known. No record of "A. MORALES" or "ANDREW MORALES" was located at Mobile, Ala.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

The victim, Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine, is the Bishop, Founder and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement in Philadelphia. He continues to reside at the Circle Mission Church Home and Training School of Pennsylvania at 764-772 South Broad Street.

Since the receipt of the last telephone call and attempted payoff, February 1, 1956, only one communication has been received by the victim. This makes reference to the last letter signed "A. MORALES" at Mobile, Ala., on February 6, 1956, which he received. The initial demand for $128,400.00 was not reiterated.

I. COMMUNICATIONS

On March 12, 1956, a typewritten anonymous letter postmarked March 10, 1956, at Lake Charles, La., and addressed "DIRECTOR, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa. PERSONAL" was received at the Philadelphia Office of the FBI. It was opened by SAC NORMAN H. MC CABE.

It is quoted as follows:

"New Orleans, La.
3/10/56

"Dear Sir:

"After reading 'Confidential' magazine, May issue, lots of decent income-tax paying Citizens will begin wondering WHY the F.B.I. and the Income Tax authorities have not long since pounced down on the degenerate income-tax evader and MORAL GANGSTER, the so-called 'Father Divine', there in Philadelphia????? Maybe an early call, around 1:30 some morning, the F.B.I. could rake in the whole filthy gang, males and females, and investigate all past members of this lewd outfit.

"Respectfully,

Ex-soldier.

"Note: Last year two different well-known Columnists had something to say about this Divine racketeer, as follows:

"'Father Divine's angels are now flying around in a regular dope-heaven, many of them are dope and drug addicts. Right under the nose of the F.B.I. in Philadelphia. Income tax gypping is the smallest crime comitted by this Cultist Hoodlum, and his gang.'

and another:

"'Much is being said and written about Juvenile Delinquency. What about those Adult delinquents headed by the Voodoo King (Father Divine) in Philadelphia, who encourage juvenile white girls into his filthy web of organized vice and prostitution? We arrest a few polygamists way out in Utah and permit this bum in Philadelphia to practice it openly, as he has done for many years, under the hypocritical cloak of religion. It is a National Scandal and commented on by visitors to U.S. from other Nations as a "disgrace to civilization." And how much lettuce the Government, if it exerted a little effort, could rake in from this Voodoo Racketeer, for past and present Income Tax dies. He has it salted away in many, many lock-boxes in many, many phoney names, plus his hoard in his personal heavens and elsewhere.'"

The New Orleans Office was notified of the receipt of this letter on March 14, 1956. For the purpose of clarity and future identification, the envelope will be designated as Q-12 and its accompanying letter as Q-13. The letter "Q" indicates that is a questioned specimen and its examination by the FBI Laboratory will be indicated below.

Miss [redacted] secretary to Reverend M.J. DIVINE, on April 18, 1956, advised SA JOSEPH A. VERICA that the victim received a letter from "ANDERSON" at Louisville, Kentucky, that date. This letter was opened by Reverend DIVINE and he was the only individual who handled its contents. It is postmarked April 16, 1956, at Louisville, Ky., at 11:30 a.m. and addressed as "Mr. F. DIVINE, 764-772 Broad St., Philadelphia Penna."

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It is quoted as follows:

"Mr. Divine;

"Here is the news you have been waiting for so anxiously.

"The final arrangements are almost completed and we are ready to begin with our 'program.' The date set is May 15, 1956. All of the rules set still hold except for a few minor changes.

"1. We have decided to cut the program from the originally intended 10 years to a maximum of 2 years and a minimum of 2 months since the time will be so short we decided not to bother you with phone calls. There will be only 2 calls made, one shortly after, or just before the beginning, and the next one when we are approx. half-way finished.

"I wish you luck on your final journey.

"/s/ ANDERSON."

This is the fifth letter received by the victim from the anonymous writers.

This letter was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory on April 26, 1956, for examination and comparison with previous letters received by the victim. The envelope is designated as Q-14 and its accompanying letter as Q-15.

It is to be noted that a letter received by the victim signed by "A. MORALES" postmarked February 6, 1956, at Mobile, Ala., contained this sentence, "This much I personally promise if we are still alive after 10 years, you will own absolutely nothing more than your own black soul." Further, "To be frank with you, Mr. DIVINE, we could easily destroy you, and your whole movement in a matter of hours,-this however would be too easy and since you are only one of our sideline hobbys, we have adopted a 10 year program for you."

On May 11, 1956, the Louisville Office was notified to alert their informant of the promised telephone call from that area to the victim during May 14-16, 1956.

The following checks were made on March 5, 1956, by SA JOSEPH R. CONNORS:

Regarding the references Q4 through Q8 above: As previously reported Q4 to Q6 pertain to the second letter received by the victim from "A.J. ANDERSON" postmarked December 22, 1955, at Louisville, Ky. Similarly, Q7 and Q8 pertains to the third letter received by the victim from "ANDERSON" postmarked January 2, 1956, at Louisville, Ky.

III. SUSPECTS

Reverend DIVINE continues to suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT and HUNT's wife, FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT, who were former followers. HUNT was DIVINE's personal photographer for thirteen years and HUNT's wife was one of DIVINE's secretaries.

Miss [redacted], DIVINE's Secretary, on April 18, 1956, reiterated her former statements that it is HUNT's primary ambition to break the Movement. HUNT contacts former followers after leaving the Movement to obtain their knowledge or assistance in his effort. b6 b7C

The Pittsburgh Office on March 28, 1956, reported that Mr. STANLEY BOBER, Manager, Pittsburgher Hotel, said JOHN W. HUNT, Newbury Park, Calif., registered at the Pittsburgher Hotel at 5:49 a.m. on October 10, 1955, and departed October 13, 1955. HUNT occuped single room alone and hotel bill was charged to Mr. HILL, c/o "Pittsburgh Courier" newspaper. Record of long distance calls disclosed HUNT, on October 11, 1955, at 3:21 p.m., placed a call to New York City 7-4080, no exchange noted, and spoke for six minutes. On October 12, 1955, at 6:27 p.m., HUNT placed a call to Philadelphia, HO 5-5884, and spoke for 11 minutes.

It is noted from Los Angeles Airtel to Bureau dated March 15, 1956, that latter phone number is the same as that at which HUNT at Oxnard, Calif., contacted CLARENCE HEATH in Philadelphia on October 29, 1955. The hotel bill disclosed HUNT, while in Pittsburgh, made several local telephone calls, but records identifying same destroyed after two months. Hotel has no record for CLARENCE HEATH.

The New York Office was requested to identify the subscriber to telephone number 7-4080. The New York Office on April 18, 1956, advised that inquiry at New York City Telephone Company by SE THOMAS MC GUIRE on April 10, 1956,

disclosed that over 60 of the several hundred telephone exchanges covering the five boroughs of New York City are followed by the first digit 7. Each of these 60 exchanges have a subscriber to the number 7-4080. In addition, there are 30 other such exchanges for surrounding counties and close areas of Long Island which also should be checked to insure complete coverage of the New York area.

On April 3, 1956, the Los Angeles Office obtained typewritten, handwritten and limited handprinted specimens which HUNT submitted to his probation officer, Ventura County Probation Office, Ventura, Calif. Inasmuch as HUNT's thinking relative to Reverend DIVINE is contained in these specimens, they are being quoted in their entirety:

"July 26, 1955

"Mr. Robert L. Ashby
Probation Officer
P.O. Box 769
Ventura, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Ashby:

"Two days after you visited me at my home in Newbury Park, I received a letter from the Afro-American newspapers editor Mr. C. W. MACKAY in Baltimore, Md., in answer to negotiations going on between us regarding a series of articles to be published by them on the whole story of Father Divine. The following is a verbatim quote from that letter:

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Replying to your letter of recent date, please be advised that it would be impossible for us to advance payment to you for a series of Father Divine, or appraise it at a figure we would be able to pay without seeing them.

If you could submit the twelve (12) articles you have for appraisal, I am sure we can arrive at a figure mutually satisfactory to both of us.

Very truly yours,
C.W. MACKAY
Editor

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"The Afro-American newspapers was established in [illegible], in 1892. It has a rich background in all negro affairs - it is the pulse of the negro body, and the leader of negro opinion that is expressed by other negro newspapers and religious leaders throughout the United States. Their newspaper morgue is rich with [illegible] articles and information on Father Divine since 1915 when he worked in Baltimore as a hedgeclipper, and jack-legged preacher, after leaving the state ofGeorgia in the same year of 1915 on completion of serving a six months term on the Georgia chain gang- Father Divine is no stranger to the Afro-American newspaper nor the Murphy family who own the paper.

"I personally held a strategic position between Father Divine and the Afro-American due to the fact that I was staff photographer for both of them at the same time. On the other hand both of them know me like a book, too. The relationship of all three of us is tantamount to the Father Divine story. The Afro has been building the Divine story since 1915 as a fraud; I have been building it since 1937 as a fraud. However, they have not had the evidence to print it since the advent of one John Hunt. Therefore, unlike Confidential magazine, the Afro has been acquainted with Divine long before me, and when they give me the green light on the story, they do so with long considered experience - they know what they are about.

"In view of the intensity the Divine condition may affect the negro in race relations and religion through adverse publicity, I think it expedient that a negro newspaper chain like the Afro be the one to break the story - the judges to set the thinking pattern of the negro public - which will tend to quell any mis-understandings by hot-heads. If Confidential magazine, with the many suits against them by prominent persons, puts the truth of the Father Divine story as expressed by both me and my wife, in a very doubtful atmosphere in the minds of the general public and leaves an opening for Divine to attack its authenticity. This would not happen if the Afro published the identically same story. I am not primarily interested in making money, but rather preserving the true facts without doubt to effect his conviction.

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"Like before, as of right now, the Afro will take position on the front line just like an army attack against the common enemy. All the rest of the news hounds can pick at the carcass.

"Behind the front line will be the different departments of government and state all alerted to the opening guns of the Afro on this 'D' day. It will take money for me to make many duplicate briefs of the Divine case. There are many photographs to copy, as well as letters, articles, confessions and transportation to appear before those concerned in Washington, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York to lay the foundation.

"It is impossible for me to sit here three thousand miles from every tributary and try to feed it. Now that the Afro has committed themselves to me I have got to pack up all my voluminous amount of evidence and hash it out with them in Baltimore - just a stones throw from my main base in Washington, D.C., where I should be under the circumstances.

"I have four obligations to adjust and I can see only one way in which I can do it. The purpose of this letter to you is to site my intention.

"My obligations to myself and others are:

1. The conviction of Father Divine.
2. Relieve the State of California from supporting me, and return the money.
3. Repay the Ventura County Welfare.
4. Pay my debt to Santa Cruz market.

"My proposed solution is to sell my property for a cash return that will allow me and my wife to appear in Baltimore and Washington. Two of my children start school in September. Therefore they can live in Pasadena with my wife's mother, along with the other two children.

"Our business will be transacted, and our books will be published from the east coast, but our home will be in southern California. In every my wife needs to support our family she can work in the area where her mother lives.

"I listed my property for sale two days ago with a Mr. PREISS in Newbury Park who assures me that he can sell it readily at low cash price I need.

"If a deal come through I will notify you immediately.

"Sincerely yours,
JOHN W. HUNT

"P.S. The next morning after you were hear I talked with BOB HARRISON, publisher of Confidential magazine, in New York City. That same evening his two west coast representatives spent three hours with us going over the material. He said is was so fabulous it was no use even taking his typewriter out of his car - there was too much to it. I suggested his bringing a tape recorder the next time he came up. He is expecting to bring BOB HARRISON himself and an attorney from New York.

"The big pay-off to him about the story was when I gave him a signed statement that my wife would submit to a lie detector test, and also submit to any qualified hypnotist to get her sub-conscious mind to tell the truth. This is the acid test, because the sub-conscious mind always tells the truth - it is a scientifically accepted fact now. Also my wife will name 100 girls to also take these two tests including Father Divine himself. This is a new idea in truth detection which Father Divine never counted on.

"In my expose, this gimmick of truth detection will be incorporated, and should prove to be the straw that could break his back. Not bad, eh?

"Times are getting rough for the law violator when every act he commits can be read right out of his mind. Dunringer is now doing it on TV. I have known about it for many years but could not prove it myself - NOW I CAN PROVE IT."

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"John W. Hunt
Newbury Park, Cal.

"Oct. 4, 1955

"Mr. Robert L. Ashby
Asst. Probation Officer
Ventura County Probation Department
Room 110, Courthouse,
Ventura, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Ashby:

"I request the honor of your office to have a stand-by grant of permission for me to leave this jurisdiction temporarily and fly back to the east on an urgent business matter which I have already discussed with you at length.

"The time has come when the newspaper and magazine publicity is to break affording me the opportunity to bring my brother WARNER (JOHN DEVOUTE) HUNT before a court in Philadelphia, Pa. for an accounting of our mother's half million dollar estate and disposition thereof including the mysterious whereabouts of her body.

"This case has to do with the actions of Father Divine under whom my mother and brother were subject to duress and undue influence by him. Therefore, my time in the east will be fully taken up with those in authority and publication that I have been in correspondence for the past seven years - this climaxes eighteen years of investigation on my part and over twenty-five years by the United States Government.

"My itinerary will be :

Washington, D.C.
Mr. D. H. Stephens, Chief Post Office Inspector,
Sen. Estes Kefauver, Chairman Senate sub-committee on juvenile delinquency and white slave minors
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Internal Revenue Bureau
The Interstate Commerce Commission
The Federal parole board

"The Federal Pardon Board
The Federal Bureau of Prisons
Harrisburgh, Pa.
Governor George M. Leader
Ass't Attorney General Frank M. Lawley
New York, N.Y.
Confidential Magazine
Publishers
Divine victims
Philadelphia, Pa.
Court action
Attorney
Divine victims
newspapers
Baltimore, Md.
Mr. C. W. Macay, Afro-American newspapers
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. W. Beverly Carter, publisher
The Pittsburgh-Courier newspaper.

"Through my long time friend and newspaper side-kick Mr. CARTER, now publisher of the Pittsburgh-Courier, the largest negro newspaper chain in the nation, in a letter from him in my possession, he wants the exclusive rights to my Father Divine story and its further developments for his newspper. In the only way that it is financially possible for me to be in the east and work on the story with him, he is planning to send me plane fare to Pittsburgh where we can negotiate terms for the story and work together. This opportunity is what I have been seeking, not only to help prosecute the case, but to re-enter my profession in the newspaper business which will be the means of my financial support. Herein lie my greatest potential. I have already been assured by Mr. CARTER that I will be their west coast photographer and reporter when I return to Southern California. In a Western Union telegram to me through the Oxnard office on Sept. 30th Mr. CARTER urgently requested me to telephone him in Pittsburgh which I did at 9 am Saturday morning Oct. 1st. from the home of my good neighbor Mrs. ETTA COMBS, Thousand Oaks 3438. The gist of the conversation was how much money I needed to keep my family supported here if they had me fly to Pittsburgh with my story affidavits and material. They planned to have me in Pittsburgh not later than the 7th and I would hear from them in the meantime.

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"I am writing this letter to you in anticipation of having their request for me to leave Los Angeles on a moment's notice. Therefore, I am trying to pave the way smoothly with you for a 'stand-by' permission to leave this jurisdiction due to the existing circumstances when, as and if the moments notice comes for me to leave.

"I bind myself in all respect to the law, to obey all the laws, rules and regulations of your good office, as I have thus far done, if you see fit to grant me this permission. Furthermore, I would consider it a privilegge to send you a weekly report of my actions and progress with the case. I am availing myself of every opportunity to set not only MY score right with society, but the long over-due score of the worst type of criminal as a protection for innocent victims from rape and mental slavery. I am sure that when my long job on the Father Divine case has ended, the mental tension under which I have been laboring that caused me to momentarily relax and blow my top and serve under your office, the false smoke of stigma from the branding iron of public opinion will blow away, my stumbling blocks will appear as stepping stones to the kind of a person I really am. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter, and for your kind consideration in the past.

"Respectfully and Sincere,
JOHN WUEST HUNT"

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"John W. Hunt
Newbury Park, Cal.

"Oct. 5, 1955

"Mr. Robert L. Ashby
Asst. Probation Officer
Ventura County Probation Officer
Room 110, Courthouse,
Ventura, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Ashby:

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"Confirming my telephone conversation today with Mr. Murphy who gave me permission to leave this area for the east.

"I leave by TWA Sunday Oct. 9, 1955 at 7:30 PM on flight #20 direct to Pittsburgh, Pa. at the expense of the Pittsburgh-Courier newspapers.

"My home base address will be: JOHN W. HUNT
c/o W. Beverly Carter
Pittsburgh-Courier Pub. Co.
2628 Centre St.,
Pittsburgh 19, Pa.

"Thank you for everything. I will write you each week.

"Sincerely yours,
JOHN W. HUNT

"P.S. If there is any chance to reduce my probation time, I would appreciate your consideration to the matter.
"JH"

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"Oct. 11, 1955

"Mr. Robert L. Ashby
Probation Officer
Room 110, Courthouse
Ventura, Cal.

"Dear Mr. Ashby:

"Due to circumstances beyond my control I will leave Pittsburgh, Pa. Wed. Oct. 12 and arrive back home in Newbury Park early Saturday morning Oct. 15th.

"Due to the Confidential magazine controversy with the Post Office on the next issue, my story will not appear at this time. However, the Pittsburgh-Courier is

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having their attorneys work on another angle which might break it anyhow. In the meam time they have agreed to buy the story, and are sending me home until they decide what steps they will take. My important material will remain here with them to work out the complete story and strategy.

"Very truly yours,

JOHN W. HUNT"

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"John W. Hunt
Newbury Park, Cal.

"Oct. 25, 1955.

"Mr. Robert L. Ashby
Probation Officer
Courthouse Rm 110
Ventura, Calif.

"Dear Mr. Ashby:

"I returned home from Pittsburgh, Pa. temporarly about 10 days ago. Would you please send me some monthly report blanks.

"Except for my traveling expenses, out of which I salvaged about $50 to be credited to the newspaper when they pay me next month for the story, I have had no money, not even to pay my rent this month. I paid my loan of $20 and the Electric bill of about $20. The rest for some food.

"The county welfare gave me a temporary food order of butter, beans etc. I reported my financial condition to Miss IRENE VIJOVICH and she stated that the doctors report of my physical condition was that 'I WAS JUST AS GOOD AS NEW AND COULD RETURN TO MY HEAVY WORK ON MY LAST JOB.' There must have been a misunderstanding somewhere along the line because three doctors told me I should not attempt to do anything but light work for at least a year after I was released from my six months disability. Whereupon Miss VIJOVICH had me return to

"County hospital for another examination. This doctor assured me that I COULD NOT DO HEAVY WORK, confirming the report of the three doctors. Personally I never heard of a person being just as good as new after a heart attack, especially, four days after that report was given, the doctor gave me a prescription for nitroglycerine pills. That report was sent into the State Aid Department and I have not heard from it since.

"I have tried to locate a job. The owner of the Acorn Theater in Thousand Oaks would not even let me sweep out the theater due to having a heart attack at my age of 52. I am financially back in the same condition I was before, I have sweat out this story as a financial support and have made it pay off which I will realize next month. But this month, I am almost at rock bottom. Would you look over my record with Miss VIJOVICH and see if arrangements can be made to get my rent paid and some food for the next few weeks, at which time I see now, that I will be OK.

"It is impossible for me to locate a job right at present. The Treasury agents all of a sudden swooped in on me this week and yesterday I typed 17 hours. I must have all my evidence and records ready by Friday morning in their LA office at 8 AM for photostating and my self available for recording. In my ten page letter to the Internal Revenue Department four months ago, they found TAX FRAUD against Divine and all his followers from coast to coast. I am right now building up the Los Angeles area case for them, and for other area offices. My material is voluminous and they want it all so they can understand it and God only knows how long it will take me to get everything together. I am waiting for other evidence that I left in Pittsburgh.

"Hell is ready to break loose on Father Divine from here on out. All government agencies will be in this deal. This is it. The newspaper story is breaking in about 10 days.

"Confidential magazine has set the story aside due to their mailing permit controversy which is judged on this Nov. issue. If my story was printed they never would get the permit - that's for sure.

"I am not waiting for them, I sold the whole story lock, stock and barrel to the Courier. I HAVE NOT BEEN PAID. They have no estimate yet of what it is worth, its so big.

"I have no money accruing from Confidential. I doubt if they will run the story after the Courier runs it. Now with the government back on the Divine case all the newspapers in the nation will keep logs on the fire.

"I'll admit my situation is unique. If I did get a job I probably would need to quit in a couple weeks. My wife has got to take care of the children while I type. Please realize that I am giving my service to prosecute the law against one of the worst criminals in this nation. I have spent myself BROKE to pay for the investigation the government should have paid for, and I am handing it to them on a gold platter without compensation. All I have ever asked is food and shelter for my family.

"Thank you for your kind cooperation with me, I am

"Sincerely yours,

JOHN W. HUNT"

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DETAILED CASE HISTORY

"From the day I was born in 1903 through to 1935, 32 years, I was never in trouble or even close to it. However, through the next 20 years from 1935 to 1955, my relationship years with Father Divine, trouble has been heaped upon me physically, mentally, spiritually and financially. March 1935 our family of three, mother, brother and me began following Father Divine. In 1940 I finally came to a surprise awakening that Father Divine as God was a faker, impostor, religious racketeer and confidence operator with a finesse so subtle that even today, 1955, has proved further that he is a degenerate, pervert and sex maniac by my help with the postal inspectors in Washington, D.C., that not even they and the F.B.I. have been able to prosecute him, I BEGAN MY LONE WOLF inside investigation to prove it

"and expose him. To this day I have not detered in my efforts. I am on your side - doing the government job they do not seem able to do. No one is paying my food bill to do it, except the sweat of my brow.

"Not until 1948 did I get the inside facts I had been seeking since 1940 - eight years. Tight huh!

"These facts were given to me by one of his secretaries who had been raped by him - her name is FLORINE CAROL SWEET. Almost immediately I evacuated both she and myself from his movement. Two months later we married with the vow that we, together, could and would put an end to his raping virtuous girls, underaged babies and draining the widow of her last mite and the orphan in his wages.

"Not until 1948, when we married, and received a voluminous amount of radio and newspaper publicity which attracted 5000 persons to our wedding, was the Postal Inspector in Washington, D.C., Mr. K.M. FOUST, alerted to possibly gain from me more detailed information and evidence against Father Divine. Whereupon he came to me and CAROL to cooperate with him fully. This we did wholeheartedly. The evidence of which is in my files on Post Office letterhead from him.

"Back to 1935

"Like innocent lambs had to slaughter our family of three left Los Angeles, March 1935, and arrived in New York City to follow Father Divine there.

"We listened to his lectures everyday. Ate at his sumptuous banquets everyday. Our open minds were subtley and unwittingly being filled and molded to think his preconceived ideas and opinions according to the Bible. We found no dissenting voice - the U.S. Mails allowed him to say he was God - the law enforcing agencies to this day have investigated him and accept him, so to speak. But, like a termite, there comes a day when your own former sense of mental equalibrium relaxes like darkness when the light appears and no longer are you Edgar Bergen, instead you are

"Charlie McCarthy. You eat, sleep drink and think that which has been stamped into your mind just like the A-B-C's. From here on out the phenomenon of hypnotic suggestion goes to WORK within you at the slightest bidding of the suggestor. (Some people never got their own mental equalibrium back). I got mine back - it took the mental shock of a three year prison term at McNeil Island plus an elapsed time of the first six months there away from the constant hum-drum reiteration of Father Divine's lecturing. For the next two years in prison I had plenty of time to think this thing out. I studies the Bible constantly to find a loophole whereby I could prove to my mind he was a faker, an anti-Christ - I found it. Before I left prison I made up my mind to be a Lone Wolf in his sheep's clothing and carry on an undercover investigation for provable evidence against him. I was released from McNeil Island just before the year turned 1940. The government accepted Father Divine as my adviser and sent me to him in New York City. At this point my mind was armoured against his mental suggestions and I knew how to act to deceive him. My brother and mother never got out from ear-shot of him - they were never mentally shocked in any way to release him in their mentality. Consequently, my mother died in that state of mind. My brother will never leave him until a shock takes place - neither will any other followers who know him by his midnight, split personality, as Mr. Hyde. Do you not see the mystery? This is the apparent mystery of the Incredible Messiah called Father Divine. His only counterpart in history is Rasputin the Russian.

"Back to [illegible]

"Feb. 1936 I was a full fledged Charlie McCarthy, well oiled in the mouth and all other joints. He made my mother very proud of me by allowing me to be his official photographer and eventually a sort of assistant God. My mother was sitting on 1/2 million dollars and Divine used me as his subtle means to get her to rise off her chair so he could pick up the money. Through me he did the trick OK.

"By suggestion to me he told me to write a confession of my past sinful life in the form of a resignation to my college fraternity Alpha Tau Omega and send it to all Congressmen, Senators, the heads of all Nations etc. This I did. The Post Office department immediately picked me up in New York City and booked me for sending 'Obscene literature' through the U.S. Mails. I spent a few days in in Bellview Hospital and after examination I was released. No charge. My mother was elated that I had made an open public confession. She then spent $25,000 for a Father Divine home in Yonkers, N.Y. (Divine was scoring) Then he made my brother Editor and Publisher of his newspaper 'The New Day' and gave him the name JOHN DEVOUTE.

"My mother had a $70,000 home in Beverly Hills, yet the means he used to get her out of Beverly Hills and sell her home for the cash, was: By mental suggestion he sent me on a lecture tour to California leaving New York City October 20, 1936. I stayed at the Beverly Hills home where I conducted Father Divine meetings with several hundred persons present at times both colored and white. Lionel Barrymore and Jan Garber lived next door and signed a complaint of the meetings and singing. The new Chief of Oxnard Police, CARL HARTMYER, then on the Beverly Hills police force, arrested me for disturbing the Peace. I received probation as a result of this trial.

"After the trial a few days a motorcade of mine toured to the Father Divine Mission in Denver, Colorado. (Mentally, I am still under hypnotic suggestion by mental telepathy from Father Divine).

"In Denver I found a girl to be with me, one Delight Jewelt, a follower also. She willingly came back with me to California - sex was my Peace Mission fulfillment of the Bible the same as Father Divine's wife was to him. We had sex relations in California. Her mother and father, both followers of the Father Divine, left off following Divine when they saw that my mother could pay $25,000 for their daughters chastity. However, I was true to my religious conviction and naturally would have no part of blackmail. Therefore, I was indicted and sentenced to serve three years at McNeil Island.

"This is my whole case history in a nut shell. Eventually my mother was forced, by conscience, to sell out in California and took the cash money to Father Divine in New York. She gave him all her money as a silent spiritual protection for me in my hour of distress. When I returned to NewYork from McNeil Island in 1940 she didn't have enough money to pay the electric bill in the Yonkers, N.Y. home.

"In 1948 she had been suffering from Double Enemia and no one to buy her one bottle of milk or a fresh egg - completely broke, sick and forgotten. When I left Divine they moved her to one of his many farms or hideouts located throughout three states and I could not find her.

"It will do no good to kill him. But for God sakes let me expose him before he dies a natural death or someone does shoot him, so I can help salvage the followers and children now in there.

"He records on tape their confessions of robbery, abortions and other crimes - if they try to leave him he blackmails them to say. He says, 'You see what I did to John Hunt, he left me and I gave his confessions to the press - I exposed him. John Hunt will die soon. Now if you want the same potion and not live where I am - your God - it is up to you to choose - of course.'

"Thank you,

"JOHN W. HUNT

"Note: Consider my position relative to blackmailing Father Divine. If I wanted to steal in order to live, Don't . . . . .

"On the yellow pages is all of my who, what, when, why and where. Compare this with all the record I have ever had and you will find nothing missing. (Added to what I told you personally).

"<u>As to my future</u>:

"My pattern is set. My foundation has been layed during the past 20 years. I will do only writing and

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"lecturing on my past experiences in the field of religion. I plan to be an ordained minister backed up by the practical experiences in Father Divine as a prisoner and law violator with more of the inside - to speak and teach a better way of thinking to produce a better way of life. To learn all there is to know about the phenomenon of hypnotic control of one person over another and its relation to the things we have to do with.

"Investigating forces need a lot of understanding about religious racketeering which they overlook today. In fact, the Internal Revenue Department will be a lot richer when they know how Father Divine evades income taxes and his followers transfer money in contemplation of death. This is a new field for investigation and I have a long head start in its experience which is very valuable to both the government and myself.

"I chose to expose it coupled with its educational possibilities.

"It is not that Father Divine is especially smart-rather is it that all the people are ignorant. Ignorant of the phenomenon of mental suggestion so well used by advertising agencies with nationally known products.

"'The most priceless jewels come out of the darkest parts of the earth.'

"DIVINE has been 50 years ahead in his knowledge and practice of how to operate this phenomenon. He has no competition. He applies it to the 5% of the population who are considered strongly religious minded - as being termed religious fanatics. I, as well as they, are, and have been, victims of circumstances.

"So many persons have made this statement to me, 'Father Divine must be alright because the F.B.I. and the Post Office Department let him operate.' How wrong they are. Divine sends this statement through the United States mail under a cord class permit: "I am the true and living God' - 'I am God'

"Is it any wonder that under the authority of the government - as the people view it, he can abuse the widow, the orphan and the hireling.

"You may say, 'I don't believe he is God.' Well, if the government can't figure out whether he is or not how in God's name would you expect me to figure it out. I had to be hypnotized, go through prison, steal food to eat, fight a friendless battled against him to pioneer the fact he is not God and hand it to the Government on a gold platter.

"JWH

"As a last word. Like the Communists, Father Divine is a master in the art of double talk in preaching 'Peace', which is his salutation replacing 'Hello.' He is an expert at compromise, blackmail, duplicity, double-cross, and mass psychology. He preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ - even says he is God, on the other hand, through the United States mail his printed lectures quote, 'The Communists Are Fulfilling the Scriptures More Than The Preachers" and "Mother is a nasty word." Now, with all the knowledge, understanding and experience I possess along this line, what would you do if you were me? Bury it under a bushel? Blackmail him or benefit those who cannot fight their own battle? I am my brothers keeper."

These specimens were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison on April 3, 1956.

The Laboratory on April 17, 1956, reported that it was concluded the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q13 was not written by HUNT. Further it was reported that an insufficient amount of comparable known handprinting was contained in these specimens to warrant a definite opinion as to whether the handprinting on specimens Q4 through Q8 was prepared by HUNT.

The St. Louis Office on March 27, 1956, furnished all handwriting and handprinted specimens on file of "CAROL F. SWEET" located at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.

The FBI Laboratory on April 11, 1956, concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 was not written by CARDL F. SWEET.

The handprinting appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 is not sufficiently comparable with the handprinting on that submitted for SWEET. The specimens submitted for SWEET were too limited to warrant a definite opinion whether SWEET prepared Q4 through Q8.

Mr. MAX MERIN, Proprietor, Merin Studios, Photography, 1010 Chestnut Street, on March 17, 1956, advised that several followers of Father Divine worked part time at his studio. Each did not have a Social Security card because of religious conviction. As FLORINE CAROL SWEET, Mrs. HUNT was employed in the dark room from April to May 1942. As CAROL SWEET, she was re-employed from September 27, 1947, to December 31, 1947. Her residence at this time was 772 South Broad Street. Her fellow workers, who also lived at this address, were VIRGINIA HOPE, [redacted] and RUTH GRACIOUS. It is to be noted that [redacted] is Miss [redacted] Miss [redacted] confirmed this and her employment, above, from 1942 to 1944. b6 b7C

Mr. JOHN LAUGHLIN, Civilian Investigative Division, Philadelphia Navy Yard, on February 29, 1956, advised that CAROL FLORINE SWEET was employed as an Assistant Photographer from August 23, 1943, to June 30, 1947, when she was dismissed. No handprinted specimens were on file nor were her associates known.

Miss [redacted] on April 18, 1956, advised that a Mr. O. L. NELSON, Palm Springs, California, voluntarily came from California to Philadelphia in April 1956, to give a signed statement to Father Divine to the effect that he was incensed over CAROL F. SWEET's article in the April 1956 issue of "Confidential" magazine. NELSON stated that contrary to her article that she was a virgin before coming to Father Divine, NELSON knew she had been promiscuous while a high school student in California. It is believed NELSON is SWEET's stepfather. b6 b7C

District Superintendent's Office, Pullman Company, 30th Street Station, records were checked on April 27, 1956. No background information nor handwritten specimens were on file for CLARENCE M. SMITH, retired Pullman Porter, and former follower of Father Divine. These records are now in care of Mr. H. E. WORLEY, Superintendent, Pullman Company, Pennsylvania Terminal Station, New York City, N.Y.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, on March 29, 1956, and April 5, 1956, advised SE E. DAVIS PORTER that Mrs. FLOSSIE B. SPENCER, 2014 Gerritt Street, is the subscriber to telephone number HOward 5-5884. It is to be noted JOHN WEST HUNT from the Pittsburgher Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa., on October 12, 1955, at 6:27 p.m. placed a call to and spoke to a party at the above telephone number. CLARENCE M. HEATH resides at this address. SE PORTER determined that the following calls were made from HO 5-5884 during the period December 16, 1955, to March 15, 1956:

Date	Time	Number Called
12/25/55	5:39 AM	NY - Kin 2-0024 6 min. 70¢
1/1/56	8:47 AM	NY - Kin 2-0024 4 min. 50¢
2/25/56	9:00 PM	Split charge call from Butler at Chambersburg, Pa., CAL 4-9972 to FLOSSIE SPENCER 6 min.
2/26/56	8:49 PM	Baltimore - LAF 3-3005 13 min. $1.40

Mrs. SARA BINDER, Personnel Office, Einstein Medical Center, Southern Division, 1429 South 5th Street, on March 20, 1956, said that RADIANCE LOVE was employed as a receptionist, Information Desk, from September 2, 1952, to August 25, 1955, when she resigned. Her service was broken as September 2, 1952, to October 23, 1953, and January 11, 1954, to August 25, 1955. Her employment application reflects she was born September 15, 1924, at Reading, Pa. As a follower of Father Divine she had no Social Security number. She resided at 1609 Allegheny Avenue and listed St. Mary Bloom, 772 South Broad Street, as person to notify in case of accident.

On December 1, 1955, Mrs. BINDER received an inquiry from the Queens General Hospital, 8218-164th Street, Jamaica, N.Y., and Mrs. BINDER believes RADIANCE LOVE was seeking employment at that hospital. LOVE's employment application was submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination on April 5, 1956.

The Laboratory on April 16, 1956, concluded the specimens submitted were too limited and not sufficiently comparable with Q1 to Q3 and Q9 to Q11. However, nothing of particular significance was noted which would indicate RADIANCE LOVE prepared the questioned writings.

Mrs. BINDER was recontacted on May 1, 1956, and she stated that CLARENCE M. HEATH was admitted as a patient at this hospital on May 9, 1955. He was born October 19, 1894, place not recorded. He resides with his common-law wife, Mrs. FLOSSIE SPENCER, at 2014 Gerritt Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. M. GLADFETTER, Provost, Temple University, on March 22, 1956, advised that SALLY S. LOVE worked at the Temple Hospital for Doctor JOHN V. BLADY from September 11, 1950, to August 31, 1954. She was born November 1, 1923, USA, place not indicated. She graduated the Kingston High School, Balboa, San Francisco, in 1941. She resided at 772 South Broad Street. Because of her affiliation with Father Divine, no Social Security number was recorded. No handwriting was on file.

Lieutenant CHARLES WALSH, Philadelphia International Airport Police, on March 13, 1956, advised several followers of the Divine Movement were employed at the Airport in the past. On April 16, 1956, Lieutenant WALSH stated he learned that FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART from California worked at maintenance and had a private plane. CLARENCE VINCENT, also a follower, worked around the kitchen at the airport for the Berlo Caterers. A field attendant, AARON HUTCHINS, occasionally eats at one of Father Divine's Peace Restaurants but Lieutenant WALSH feels HUTCHINS is not a follower. HUTCHINS does do for economy reasons as prices are substantially lower there than at most restaurants.

Lieutenant WALSH on March 13, 1956, had furnished a directory of all the employees employed at the airport during the payoff of February 1, 1956. Miss [redacted] reviewed these names on March 15, 1956, and stated none were known to the movement. This directory is being maintained and it will not be set out in this report. b6 b7C

Mr. JOHN MULVANEY, Personnel Administrative Assistant, above airport, on April 16, 1956, stated WILLINGHEART was employed from June 23, 1952, to August 2, 1952. From 1942 to 1948, he owned the Skyway Ferry Service, Vail Field Airport, 6429 Sunshine-Telegraph Road, Los Angeles, Calif., telephone number Union 1-9107. He was previously employed by Airport Equipt Corporation by V.C. RASMUSSEN, President, from March 1947, to December 1948; Naval Air Station, Seattle, Wash., October 5, 1944, to April 4, 1945, and

by ARTHUR A. MADISON, Attorney, 1 W. 125th Street, New York. He was born December 21, 1898, place not shown.

[redacted] on April 18, 1956, stated WILLINGHEART was then living at 4216 North Figueroa, Los Angeles, Cal. [redacted] does not regard WILLINGHEART as a true follower. CLARENCE VINCENT has a "child's mind" and he continues to reside at 772 South Broad Street, according to [redacted]. She would suspect neither. b6 b7C

SALLY S. LOVE, as previously reported, was very friendly with PRESCIOUS LOVE. [redacted] previously reported that SALLY and PRESCIOUS LOVE shared the same room at 772 South Broad Street. b6 b7C

On March 28, 1956, the San Francisco Office advised that investigation at Oakland, Calif., reflects ROSETTA RANDOLF, presently living 3011 A Ellis Street, Berkley, possible identical with PRECIOUS LOVE. Mrs. RANDOLF employed as diet maid, Alameda County Hospital, Oakland, Calif., and was so employed November 9, 1955, December 22, 1955, January 2, 1956 and February 3, 1956, when letter was sent to victim from Southern States. RANDOLF employers and public sources in California do not have sufficient amounts of RANDOLF's handprinting or handwriting for accurate comparison.

San Francisco was advised on April 5, 1956, to hold direct interview with ROSETTA RANDOLF in abeyance to obtain these specimens.

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Administrative Data

A copy of this report is not being furnished the Baltimore Office to identify the subscriber of telephone number LAF 3-3005. This is being done by letter. This number was called by C.M. HEATH on February 26, 1956. Lead to interview Afro-American newspaper editor, Mr. C.W. Makay is being held in abeyance.

On March 29, 1956, the Bureau declined to authorize instituting a mail cover on JOHN WUEST HUNT.

Lead to interview Mr. W. BEVERLY CARTER, Publisher, "Pittsburgh Courier," is also being held in abeyance at this time.

Informants

T-1: [redacted] b7D

Leads

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT NEWBURY PARK, CALIF.

Attempt to obtain handprinted specimens of JOHN HUNT through Realtor, Mr. PREISS, Newbury Park, Calif., who sold HUNT's house.

AT OXNARD, CALIF.

Interview Chief PD CARL HARTMEYER re HUNT and his associates in other cities, principally Philadelphia, Louisville, Kentudy; New Orleans, La.; and Mobile, Ala.

At LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

1. Will attempt to obtain HUNT's handprinting at Veterans Administration, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Selective Service Board or Welfare Agencies.

2. Obtain handprinting and typewritten specimens through Internal Revenue agents he mentioned in his letter to his probation officer dated 10/25/55.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

3. Will interview FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART, 4216 N. Figuerora, Los Angeles, re identities of any persons who are opposed Father Divine. WILLINGHEART is not to be advised that Divine is a victim of extortionists nor of our interest in JOHN W. HUNT.

4. Continue efforts to obtain the handprinting of Mrs. CAROL F. SWEET HUNT.

AT PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

Interview Mr. O. L. NELSON to determine his identity as well as the identities of persons known to him who are opposed to Father Divine's movement. NELSON is not to be advised that DIVINE is a victim of extortionists. Attempt to determine relatives, friends or correspondents of the HUNTs in Louisville, Ky.; Philadelphia, Pa.; New Orleans, L.A.; and Mobile, Ala.

AT VENTURA, CALIF.

Will recontact Mr. ROBRRT L. ASHBY to determine the wording following the "note" in the lower left hand corner on page five of the "Detailed Case History" submitted by HUNT to Mr. ASHBY. A photostat of the same was submitted to this office on 4/13/56.

LOUISVILLE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished Louisville for info as it is anticipated investigation will be requested at a later date.

MOBILE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished Mobile for info as it is anticipated investigation will be requested at a later date.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished New Orleans for info as it is anticipated investigation will be requested at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA (CONTINUED)

PH 9-1611

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, N.Y.

1. Identify the subscriber to telephone number KE 2-0024 called by Flossie Spencer, 2/25/55, and obtain complete background, handwritten and handprinted specimens on file for CLARENCE M. HEATH through Mr. H.E. Worley, Superintendent Pullman Company, Penn Terminal Station, who has custody those files. Also determine if HEATH has any relatives or contacts at Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La; Mobile, Ala., or Leesville, La.

2. Obtain handprinting on file and additional background of JOHN WUEST HUNT from Postal Inspectors, New York City, where HUNT was arrested 1940-1941 for sending obscene matter through the mails.

3. Review records of HUNT at Bellview Hospital 1940-1941 where he was committed for psychiatric examination.

4. Obtain HUNT's handprinting on file, also obtain identities of any witnesses HUNT may have furnished ROBERT HARRISON, Publisher, "Confidential" magazine, to substantiate HUNT's allegations there are others victimized by Father Divine.

Mr. HARRISON is to be requested not to make known our interest in HUNT.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Contact Postal Inspector A. M. POUSI re HUNT and HUNT's contacts at Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La., or Mobile, Ala.

2. Obtain HUNT's handprinted specimens for examination.

Mr. POUSI is mentioned by HUNT in HUNT's "Detailed Case History" above.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (CONTINUED)

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Determine the identity of the subscriber to telephone number CAL 4-9972. FLOSSIE SPENCER called this party on 2/25/56 at 9:00 a.m.

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Obtain handprinted and typewritten specimens of FLOSSIE B. SPENCER, 2014 Gerritt Street, for examination and comparison.

2. Submit for typewritten examination by the FBI Laboratory the anonymous letter received at this office from Lake Charles, La., on 3/12/56, and those letters HUNT sent to Mrs. ASHBY, Ventura, Calif., above.

3. Will maintain contact with the victim.

References.

Bureau airtel to PH, Louisville 5/2/56.
Philadelphia airtel to New York 5/11/56.
Report S. C. ADDISON KINCAID, 4/19/56, Louisville.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOUISVILLE	6/6/56	4/28;5/14/56	C. ADDISON KINCAID cjh

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Was. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone sources, Louisville, Ky., realerted for prompt reporting of anticipated call of 5/15/56. No information forthcoming relative to placing of call. Stops continued.

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DETAILS:

At Louisville, Kentucky:

Pursuant to referenced airtel from Philadelphia and teletype from Philadelphia dated May 11, 1956, arrangements were made on May 14, 1956, with T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to realert long distance supervisors and operators, in order that the Louisville Office might be promptly notified in the event the anticipated telephone call from unknown subject to the victim was to be placed on May 15, 1956, as indicated in referenced airtel and teletype. No information, however, was forthcoming from T-1 or any other sources relative to the actual placing of the anticipated call.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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As previously reported, stops are being continued by the Louisville Office on the victim's phone, in order to be advised promptly of the placing of any further calls.

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[redacted]
[redacted] April 26, 1956.

[redacted] teletype dated [redacted] 1956.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 11 1956

TELETYPE

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

WASHINGTON 1 FROM PHILADELPHIA 6-11-56 6-24 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON, M. J. DIVINE - VIKEX. VICTIM RECEIVED HANDPRINTED LETTER POSTMARKED JUNE FIVE, FIFTYSIX, AT LS, KY., DIRECTING HIM TO HAVE [redacted] A SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS IN TENS AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS IN THE AIRPORT AT LS, KY., BY TWELVE P. M. ON FIFTEEN JUNE, NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. THE BAG IS TO BE PUT IN ONE OF THE LOCKERS AT THE AIRPORT. THE KEY GIVEN TO AN EMPLOYEE AT THE EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET OFFICE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE IT TO A PERSON WHO ASKED FOR A PACKAGE FROM MR. DIVINE. [redacted]. THE LETTER CAUTIONS VICTIM NOT TO WRITE DOWN SERIAL NUMBERS OF BILLS OR TO NOTIFY THE POLICE. LS ARRANGE TO HAVE A DUMMY PACKAGE DELIVERED AS INSTRUCTED AND TO INSTITUTE A SURVEILLANCE TO EFFECT APPREHENSION OF PERSON OR PERSONS CALLING FOR THE BAG IN THE NAME OF DIVINE. AS NOTED PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM ANONYMOUS WRITERS, A MESSENGER WHO HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE CASE WILL CALL FOR THE BAG. PHOTOSTATIC COPY BEING FORWARDED.

MC CABE

Mr. Rosen

LOUISVILLE ADVISED.....

END ACK PLS

WA PH R 1 WA CW

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June 24, 1956

AIRTEL

REGULAR MAIL

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1811)

RE: UNSUB; was., A. J. ANDERSON
M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE -
FRAUD

REFILE 9-29324

Re Philadelphia airtel 6-12-56.

We intend impressions of value developed on envelope and letter designated Q16 and Q17 in separate laboratory reports.

Evidence returned to Philadelphia separately.

Not confirming.

HOOVER

cc 2 LOUISVILLE eam

RGW-eam

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AIRTEL MAILED FROM IDENT DIV 6-14-56 eam

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 6-14-56 3:00 PM/ho

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LAB FILE

LATENT

Re: Unsub; was., A. J. Anderson
M. J. Divine, aka., Father Divine-
VIKAX

File # 9-29314
Lab. # D-230112 CJ

Examination requested by: X SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 6/12/56 Date received: 6/1 /56

Examination requested: Doc - Fgpt

Result of Examination: Examination by: Holland Wittmus

9-29314-53

Specimens submitted for examination

Q16 Envelope bearing the hand printed address "Mr. M. F. Divine 764-772 Broad St. Philadelphia, Pensilvania," postmarked "Louisville Jun 5 1956 8:30 PM."

Q17 Accompanying two-page hand printed letter, first page beginning "Mr Divine, As a result.....," ending on reverse side "....completely free. Anderson."

Q16 and Q17 submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

RETURN EVIDENCE

cc-Louisville

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
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Mr. Holloman
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Airtel

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

To: Director, FBI (9-29314) Date: 6/12/56

From: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

UNSUB; was., A. J. Anderson
M. J. DIVINE, aka., Father Divine -
VIKEX

230112

Attached for examination and comparison with previous letters in this case as well as processing for latent fingerprint impressions is a letter postmarked 6/5/56, 8:30 p. m., at Louisville, Ky., which was received by the victim on 6/8/56. Said letter is handprinted in ink on an unlined white sheet of paper and signed "ANDERSON."

The writer directs "You will have a sum of 128,400 dollars in $10 and $20 bills in the ariport in Louisville, Ky., by 12:00 p. m. on 15 June 1956. The bag is to be put in one of the lockers in the airport. The key given to an employee at the Eastern Airlines ticket office, with instructions to give it to a person who asks for a package from Mr. Divine."

The letter cautions victim not to write down the serial numbers of the bills or to notify the police.

This letter is to be returned.

AUSA, EDPA, states wording of letter is a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

NO CASE

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Mr. Parsons

11 JUN 13 1956

Called Idem:

Mr. Tamm

By

Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT
of the

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field Office

June 15, 1956

Re: Unsub; was., A.J. Anderson
Andrew Morales; J. Morales;
Mr. M.J. Divine, aka,
Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LAB NO. [redacted]

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: [redacted]

Examination requested: [redacted]

Specimens: [redacted]

K12 Four typewritten pages, two of which bear known signatures of JOHN W. HUNT, and the other two bear known signatures and known handwriting of JOHN W. HUNT.

Results of Examination:

It has been previously concluded that the script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q13 was not prepared by JOHN WUEST HUNT, whose known handwriting is contained on K8. This conclusion is set forth in Laboratory report D-225604 CJ, dated April 17, 1956, directed to the Los Angeles Division with copies for Philadelphia, Louisville and other offices.

The hand printing appearing on specimen K12 is too limited to permit a definite opinion as to whether the writer of the hand printing prepared the hand printing on the questioned evidence in this case.

Specimen K12 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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6/11/56

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORAT[illegible]

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-1006)

UNKNOWN SUB: was, A.J. Anderson
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[illegible] N.J. DIVINE, aka, Father [illegible]
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DIRECTOR, FBI

UNKNOWN SUB;was; A.J. Anderson
MT. M.J. DIVINE
EXTORTION

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a: Mr Rosen

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JUNE 15, 1956 TELETYPE URGENT

SAC, LOUISVILLE

[redacted], VA., A. J. [redacted], M. J. [redacted] DAVIS [redacted] VIEW. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL JUNE SEVEN LAST. ADVISE [redacted] OF SURVEILLANCE AT BAL VIEW OFFICE.

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cc: 1 - Philadelphia

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SAC, LOUISVILLE URGENT

UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON, M. J. DIVINE DASH VIKEX. RE PHILADELPHIA TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST. ADVISE RESULTS OF SURVEILLANCE AT EAL TICKET OFFICE.

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Miss Holloman
Miss Gandy

FBI LOUISVILLE 6-17-56 112 AM CDST

DIRECTOR FBI URGENT

UNSUB, WA A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX

RE LS TEL SIX SIXTEEN, FIFTYSIX. SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED FROM SIX PM CDT JUNE FIFTEEN FIFTYSIX THROUGH TWELVE THIRTY AM CDT JUNESEVENTEEN FIFTY-SIX WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO EFFORT MADE TO PICK UP PACKAGE. PACKAGE REMOVED TWELVE THIRTY AM AND SURVEILLANCE DISCONTINUED.

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WA 213 AM OK FBI WA ELR

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Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

FBI PHILADELPHIA 6-16-56 5-42 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS NEWARK AND LOUISVILLE U R G E N T

VICTIM - EXTORTION

UNSUB, A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL, M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX. RE PH TEL JUNE ADJPEN LAST. PH PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION IN WHICH VICTIM HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS DEMANDING A SUM OF MONEY WITH THREATS TO BLOW UP SEVERAL OF HIS ESTABLISHMENTS IF THE VICTIM FAILED TO CONFORM TO THE ANONYMOUS WRITER-S DEMND. VICTIM ADVISED FOUR FIFTEEN P. M. THIS DATE THAT THEIR CHURCH AT ONE TWENTY FIVE SPRUCE STREET NEWARK, N. J. RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN ANONYMOUS PERSON THAT STATED THAT THE PLACE WOULD BE BLOWN UP AT SEVEN THIRTY P. M. TONIGHT. VICTIM ADVISED TO INSTRUCT HIS NEWARK, N. J. , FOLLOWERS TO ADVISE LOCAL POLICE OF INSTANT THREAT. NEWARK WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INITIATING SURVEILLANCE FROM SEVEN TO EIGHT P. M. INSTANT FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING LICENSE NUMBERS OF PERSONS IN VICINITY ONE TWENTY FIVE SPRUCE STREET, AUCB. WILL ALSO NOTIFY NK PD OF ABOVE AND MAINTAIN LIASON.

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FBI NEWARK 6-16-56 8-59 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC PHILADELPHIA U R G E N T

UNSUB, A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL, M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX. RE PH TEL THIS DATE. SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED AT ONE TWENTY FIVE SPRUCE STREET NEWARK, N. J. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL. NEGATIVE RESULTS. LAISON ESTABLISHED WITH NK PD. NK PD ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF PREMISES BY EMERGENCY CREW WAS NEGATIVE. RUC.

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FBI, LOUISVILLE 6-16-56 1-17 AM CDT CFR

DIRECTOR, FBI U R G E N T

UNSUB, WA., A. J. ANDERSON, M. J. DIVINE DASH VIKEX. REBUTEL JUNE FIFTEEN, FIFTYSIX. AS OF ONE O-CLOCK AM CDT JUNE SIXTEEN, FIFTYSIX NO ATTEMPT MADE TO PICK UP EXTORTION PACKAGE. SURVEILLANCE CONTINUING.

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Mr. Rosen
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Invoice of Contents from LFP#850
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date June 15, 1956

Case References ~~UNSUB; was.; A. J. ANDERSON~~

Consigned to: SAC

M.J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE -

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Mr. Bowles, 7601
Mr. Downing, 6228 IB
Mr. Millen, 7140
Mr. Deiss, 6127 IB

JUN 21 1956

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number; Shipping Room, show date of shipment, bill of lading number and initial this invoice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialed, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

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AIRTEL JUNE 14, 1956

SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

UNSUB., WAS., A. J. ANDERSON, M. J. DIVINE, AKA., FATHER DIVINE - VIKEX.

Reairtel June 12, 1956. Concluded hand printing on envelope and accompanying letter (Q16 and Q17) prepared by writer of hand printing on specimens Q4 through Q8, Q14 and Q15 previously submitted this case. Nothing noted on examination of envelope and letter which would assist in tracing the envelope or paper. You will be advised separately regarding results of fingerprint examination. Q16 and Q17 will be returned after fingerprint examination has been completed. RUC.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, New Orleans

June 28, 1956

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Re: UNSUB., was.
A. J. ANDERSON,
ANDREW MORALES ; A. MORALES;
MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka
Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1268
FBI FILE NO. 9-29[illegible]
LAB. NO. D-230739 QM

Examination requested by: New Orleans

Reference: Letter 6/22/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

K13 Seven letters and two post cards bearing the known handwriting of AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON.

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11, previously submitted in connection with this case, was not written by the writer of specimen K13.

The hand printing appearing on other specimens submitted in the instant case is not comparable with any of the handwriting contained on K13. Accordingly, it could not be determined whether this individual prepared any of the hand printing.

Specimen K13 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed in the Laboratory.

Enclosure (1) - Registered Mail

1 - Philadelphia (9-1611)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY DATE: 6/22/56

FROM : SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: UNSUB., was.,
A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, VA. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Philadelphia

Reference is made to Bureau file 9-21340, entitled AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON, wa. A. J. Anderson, and specifically to the report of SA OLIVER M. FLETCHER dated November 29, 1951 at New Orleans. It is to be noted that ANDERSON, using the name A. J. ANDERSON, admitted writing numerous threatening letters from Ruston, Louisiana to his wife and her relatives in Philadelphia, Mississippi, all letters being obscene.

Inasmuch as prosecution was declined, these letters were never submitted to the Laboratory and there are being forwarded herewith 7 letters of the known handwriting of ANDERSON and two post cards with the request that the writing be compared with specimens previously submitted in instant matter.

This ANDERSON, in 1951, was described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Born	April 22, 1911 Philadelphia, Miss.
Height	5' 8"
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown with gray
Eyes	Gray
Characteristics	Thin sharp features, rimless glasses.
Relatives	Wife - DRUE SILLA SIMS ANDERSON
Employment	Tuberculosis Hospital, Ruston, La.

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ENCLOSURE

Director, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY 6/22/56

RE: UNSUB., was.;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: PHILADELPHIA

Investigation is continuing at Buston, Louisiana to determine the present activities of this ANDERSON and to determine whether or not he has been associating with suspects in instant matter.

Enclosure to Bureau:

1 obscene enclosure with following:

(1) Letter in envelope addressed to Mrs. LENA SIMS, 8/20/51.

(2) Letter in envelope addressed to Mr. ERWIN SIMS, 8/20/51.

(3) Letter in envelope addressed to Mr. ERWIN SIMS, 8/17/51.

(4) Letter to Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON, 8/20/51.

(5) Letter to Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON, 8/27/51.

(6) Letter to Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON, 8/13/51.

(7) Two post cards to Mrs. A. J. ANDERSON both 8/13/51.

(8) Letter, no envelope, 9/18/51.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PHILADELPHIA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LOUISVILLE	7/12/56	6/13-17/56	C. ADDISON KINCAID fsm

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Mrs. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Surveillance maintained at ticket counter Eastern Airlines, Louisville, Ky., 6/15-17/56 with negative results. No suspects developed.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Pursuant to referenced teletype of June 11, 1956 advising of the demand of subject for payment of $128,408.00 to be left in a locker at the Staniford Field Airport, Louisville, Kentucky by 12:00 p.m., June 15, 1956, at which time the key was to be left with the ticket attendant for Eastern Airlines, arrangements were made by SAC THOMAS J. GEARTY and SA C. ADDISON KINCAID with Mr. RICHARD C. HUBBARD and Mr. JACK PEFFER, Ticket Manager and Operations Manager respectively, Eastern Airlines, Staniford Field, for the key to be deposited with representative of Eastern Airlines, during which a surveillance was to be maintained on the ticket counter. The cooperation of Mr. HUBBARD and Mr. PEFFER was pledged and accordingly a dummy package was prepared for delivery to a locker in the lobby of the airport, and the key deposited at the ticket counter.

Participating in the surveillance maintained at the airport during the period from 6:00 p.m., June 15, 1956, through 12:30 a.m., June 17, 1956, were the following agents of the Louisville Office;

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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During the course of the above surveillance, no contact was made by subject or his representative asking for the package and no attempt was made to procure same from its location in the airport locker.

After maintaining the surveillance until 12:30 a.m., June 17, 1956, the package was removed from its location in the locker and the surveillance discontinued. Arrangements were made prior to the institution of the surveillance and after its discontinuance on the early morning of June 17, 1956, for the Louisville Office to be notified in the event any individual called for a package in the name of Mr. DIVINE. No information was forthcoming relative to inquiry for such a package.

It is to be noted that on the afternoon of June 15, 1956, Mr. HUBBARD notified SA C. ADDISON KINCAID that Ticket Agent, HOWARD ALLEN, who was on duty on the night of June 14, 1956, stated that an unknown male individual had approached him at the ticket counter and asked, "Do you have a key?" It is to be noted that ALLEN on this occasion was unaware of the arrangements being effected for the surveillance of a package in the name of Mr. DIVINE. ALLEN stated, upon interview by SA KINCAID, that his first thought was that the individual was inquiring for car keys, which are frequently left on deposit at the ticket counter and are placed in a will-call box provided especially for such keys. He stated that he checked the will-call box in which there were no keys of any type and upon telling the man "no," the man casually walked away. ALLEN stated that there was nothing suspicious regarding the man's activities, and that it is a frequent occurrence for individuals

to inquire concerning car keys left at the desk. ALLEN described the unknown individual as follows:

AGE:	35
RACE:	White
SEX:	Male
HEIGHT:	5' to 5' 2"
WEIGHT:	100 to 105
COMPLEXION:	Dark
DRESS:	Wearing sport clothes - clean, neat
CHARACTERISTIC:	Possesses a normal accent for this part of the country.

ALLEN stated that he did not pay particular attention to the incident, and as a result, he was unable to supply further descriptive data.

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REFERENCES

Philadelphia teletype dated June 11, 1956.

Bureau teletype dated June 15, 1956.

Louisville teletypes to the Bureau dated June 16 and 17, 1956.

Louisville teletype to Philadelphia dated June 18, 1956.

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Report Form
FD-263 (5-12-55)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW YORK	PHILADELPHIA	7/23/56	6/6,7,8,17,18,19,28,29;7/2,6/56

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	FRANCIS P. HENRY	kas
	CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

Records postal inspectors, NYC, reflect JOHN WUEST HUNT, suspect in this case, was arrested 2/13/36, for sending obscene letter through mail. Complaint dismissed 6/2/36, when USA, SDNY, declined prosecution on findings of Psychiatric Division, Bellevue City Hospital, that HUNT was not possessed of that degree of resppnsibility necessary to legally violate the criminal statutes of the US. PO Inspector J.J.BRODERICK, who arrested HUNT in 1936, remembers him as being "mentally unbalanced". BRODERICK stated that JOHN HUNT's brother claimed that HUNT was being "driven insane by syphilis". ROBERT HARRISON, publisher, "Confidential" magazine, describes HUNT as "a born nut". MARJORIE MEADE, free lance writer who interviewed HUNT in California, and EDITH TOBIAS, secretary to ROBERT HARRISON, both described HUNT as "perhaps brilliant but definitely a fanatic". Files of postal inspectors, New York City, and "Confidential" magazine do not contain specimens of HUNT's handwriting. Photostats of all printed documents in files of "Confidential" magazine obtained. CLARENCE M. HEATH, suspect, retired from Pullman Company, 9/1/54. Handwriting

Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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specimens for HEATH and his complete background data available at Pullman Company, Chicago.

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AILS:

J. R. GRAHAM, Assistant Postal Inspector in Charge, General Post Office, New York City, New York, advised SA FRANCIS P. HENRY his office strips all files five years after final disposition of a case. GRAHAM reviewed his file on JOHN WUEST HUNT and said the file contains only a disposition sheet and a short, synopsis type report outlining the offense that HUNT was charged with.

Inspector ANGELO P. CASSAL furnished the disposition sheet on JOHN WUEST HUNT. This sheet contained the following information. A complaint was filed in the Southern District of New York, on February 13, 1936, charging HUNT with sending an obscene letter through the mails. HUNT was arrested and had a hearing on the same date before United States Commissioner GARRETT COTTER. HUNT was held without bail and committed to Bellevue City Hospital for psychiatric examination.

JOHN HUNT had a new hearing on February 26, 1936, before United States Commissioner COTTER and was held in $200 bond for the Federal Grand Jury. HUNT made bond and, after fingerprinting by United States Marshal, was released.

On June 2, 1936, the United States Attorney declined prosecution against HUNT, stating that, on the basis of psychiatric findings by Bellevue City Hospital, HUNT was not possessed of that degree of responsibility necessary to legally violate the criminal statutes of the United States. The complaint was dismissed by United States Federal Judge GEORGE CAFFEE (name not clear). The disposition sheet on the case did not contain additional information or background data on HUNT.

A short report on HUNT's case was read to SA FRANCIS P. HENRY by Assistant Postal Inspector in Charge

J. R. GRAHAM. The report was a narrative that stated that HUNT sent a mimeographed letter, postmarked February 7, 1936, at New York City, to Postmaster General JAMES A. FARLEY, the President of the United States, and other nationally known figures. The letter allegedly was HUNT'S public resignation from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. The report stated the letter was a crude obsdenity. The report also stated that [illegible] filed alleging that HUNT sent an obscene letter [illegible] "
The disposition of the charge was [illegible] not contain any additional information.

Postal Inspector J. J. BRODERICK, General Post Office, New York, New York, was interviewed by SA FRANCIS P. HENRY on June 20, 1956. BRODERICK stated he was the inspector who arrested HUNT in 1936. He said that he still vividly recalls the case.

BRODERICK said that, according to his recollection, the mother of JOHN WUEST HUNT was a very wealthy woman with a fortune estimated well over one quarter of a million dollars. BRODERICK said that she was undoubtedly eccentric and during the 1920's became imbued with the idea that Father DIVINE was God. BRODERICK said that JOHN HUNT made allegations that his mother began to lavish money on DIVINE and gave him at least $100,000 on two occasions. BRODERICK said that most of Mrs. HUNT'S money came from the sale of the milk drink known as Ovaltine. BRODERICK said that he recalls HUNT saying that HUNT'S mother brought JOHN and his brother into Father DIVINE'S fold. JOHN HUNT became Father DIVINE'S official photographer and his brother became editor of DIVINE'S newspaper called "New Day".

BRODERICK said that HUNT apparently in 1935 and early 1936, got the idea that he had to completely show that he was renouncing the world and all its follies. He therefore wrote the 12 to 15 page letter which he called his resignation from the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. This letter

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was sent to the President of the United States, the Postmaster General, the Pope and leading figures both here and abroad. BRODERICK said that he closely investigated the case and found that in 1936, HUNT, his mother and brother were living at Father DIVINE's Heaven in Harlem, New York. BRODERICK said that he found that the letter was printed on the presses of Father DIVINE's newspaper, which was the "print shop" located next door to DIVINE's Heaven in Harlem, New York. BRODERICK interviewed Father DIVINE at the time the letter was mailed and DIVINE stated that he knew nothing whatever of the matter.

BRODERICK said that during the investigation he also interviewed Mrs. HUNT and described her as "definitely eccentric". According to BRODERICK's recollection, Mrs. HUNT did nothing but praise Father DIVINE.

BRODERICK said that HUNT's brother, who's name he cannot now recall, was also interviewed. The brother described JOHN HUNT as "a recalcitrant". The brother also said that HUNT was "being driven insane by syphilis".

BRODERICK said that on occasions he would run across one or another of the HUNT family for one or two years after HUNT's arrest. He said that once Father DIVINE left New York City, in about 1942, he lost all contact with the HUNTS and has not seen them in recent years. BRODERICK advised that he does remember hearing from one source or another that HUNT was arrested and sent to McNeil Island for transporting a young girl across state lines for immoral purposes in the 1940's.

BRODERICK said that all the information he is giving is strictly from his recollection of the case, however, he said the impression still remains with him that every one of the HUNT family was "balmy".

Inspectors J. R. GRAHAM and J. J. BRODERICK both advised that HUNT's file contains no specimens of his hand-

writing. At the request of SA HENRY, BRIDEWITT made a thorough check of all files and records. He advised that his office does not maintain any handwriting specimens for HUNT.

"CONFIDENTIAL" MAGAZINE

ROBERT HARRISON, Harrison Publications, 1697 Broadway, New York City, New York, was interviewed [illegible] FRANCIS P. HENRY and JOE D. STARNES on July 2, 1958. [illegible] advised that one of the publications put out by his [illegible] ation is "Confidential" magazine.

HARRISON stated that he never had any personal contact with JOHN WESLEY HUNT but remembers him very vividly.

HARRISON said that HUNT first contacted "Confidential" by telephone in the summer of 1955, and offered to sell a "story" about Father DIVINE. HARRISON said that on the basis of the original contact he sent his West Coast representative, Mrs. MARJORIE MEADE, of 708 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, California, to see HUNT. HARRISON said that, on the basis of MEADE's interview of HUNT, the magazine thought they had a story. Since HUNT had indicated he was going to travel to the East Coast, arrangements were made for him to personally stop in to the office of "Confidential" Magazine. HARRISON said that HUNT did stop in the office later in the year and was interviewed primarily by EDITH TOBIAS, who is Mr. HARRISON's personal secretary and assistant.

HARRISON said that his present file on HUNT contains several typewritten letters and a signed statement from HUNT's wife, CAROL SWEET HUNT. The file, however, does not contain any specimens of HUNT's handwriting.

Mr. HARRISON said that, although he had no personal contact with HUNT, he does remember seeing some of the literature that HUNT submitted, and is also familiar with his

background and story. Mr. HARRISON said that the general impression that he received was that HUNT is a "born nut".

Mrs. MARJORIE MEADE was interviewed by SA FRANCIS P. HENRY in the office of "Confidential" magazine. This interview was arranged by Mr. HARRISON, who knew that Mrs. MEADE was then visiting New York City. Mrs. MEADE advised that she and her husband, FRED, are free lance writers who usually conduct interviews and write stories for magazines who need representatives on the West Coast. She stated that she and her husband had worked for magazines other than "Confidential" but usually the stories are about the same type. Mrs. MEADE stated that Mr. HARRISON contacted her during the summer of 1955, and furnished HUNT's address, which she now fails to recall. Mrs. MEADE said that she interviewed HUNT and his wife, CAROL, and was amazed at the story they had to tell. Mrs. MEADE said that she feels that CAROL HUNT's story is true and thus she suggested that HUNT stop into the "Confidential" office at his first opportunity.

MEADE stated that HUNT told her that he had the names and addresses of 12 former "angels" of Father DIVINE, who would be willing to testify and substantiate the story of his wife, CAROL HUNT. Mrs. MEADE said that "Confidential" did not intend to go deeper into HUNT's story because additional data would make HUNT's story too long for publication. MEADE also said that HUNT stated that he had over 50,000 feet of film which he took as Father DIVINE's personal photographer. HUNT claimed that he could prove at any given moment that Father DIVINE was a "a fraud, a hypocrite, a human beast and a sex crazy extortionist".

MEADE stated that she would be unable to add substantially to the information that is in "Confidential's" file on HUNT. She said, however, that she received the impression that both HUNT and his wife were "basically brilliant but definitely fanatics". MEADE stated that HUNT came forth immediately and furnished her the facts of his past

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life, including his arrest on a White Slavery charge in California. She said that he intimated he was on "parole or probation" and apparently did not attempt to hide any other details.

EDITH TOBIAS, secretary to [illegible] advised on July 2, 1956, that HUNT and his wife [illegible] office of "Confidential" magazine, probably in about December, 1955, or early January, 1956. She said that both HUNT and his wife told their story about Father DIVINE taking "advantage" of Mrs. HUNT for six years. She stated that they both seem to be rational and "perhaps brilliant but definitely fanatics". She said that she feels the HUNTS have received so much degradation at the hands of Father DIVINE that their main purpose in life is to expose him. TOBIAS advised that she handled most of the details concerning the "expose", of Father DIVINE that appeared in the April, 1956, issue of "Confidential" magazine. Miss TOBIAS said that all of the details of the "expose" were incorporated into a statement entitled "My Life As a Follower of Father Divine". This statement was written by CAROL SWEET HUNT in the first person. It was signed by her and sworn to before a notary. Miss TOBIAS said that this statement is kept on file by "Confidential". Miss TOBIAS also said that HUNT attempted to furnish the magazine with voluminous other matter, most of which was returned to him. Both Mr. HARRISON and Miss TOBIAS stated that "Confidential's" file on HUNT contains all the information that the magazine has on him. They stated that the names of additional witnesses who could substantiate HUNT's claim or the names of other individuals with whom he is familiar or has contact in the past, would appear in either one of the documents on file with the magazine or they would not be maintained by "Confidential" at all.

Mr. HARRISON furnished his file on JOHN WUEST HUNT. The file was reviewed by SA FRANCIS P. HENRY and did not

contain any handwriting specimens for HUNT. The file did contain numerous documents and copies of "New Day", the official publication printed by Father DIVINE. The following documents appeared in the file of "Confidential" magazine. Photo copies of these documents were furnished by Mr. HARRISON and the documents are enclosed herewith for the information of the Philadelphia Office. The documents obtained are:

1. A 5 page signed statement [illegible] by CAROL [illegible] HUNT entitled "[illegible] Life As A Follower of Father [illegible]

2. A 2 page letter from JOHN HUNT to D.H.STEPHENS, Chief Post Office Inspector, Washington, D. C. The letter if dated August 25, 1955.

3. A 2 page "statement of CAROL SWEET".

4. A 3 page letter to EDITH TOBIAS, dated August 5, 1955, from JOHN HUNT.

5. A 5 page letter, dated July 16, 1955, from JOHN HUNT to ROBERT HARRISON.

The file of "Confidential" also contains one or two back issues of "New Day", the official publication of Father DIVINE. The file also contains several other miscellaneous papers, which were not deemed pertinent to this investigation.

Mr. HARRISON advised that he, Mrs. TOBIAS and Mrs. MARJORIE MEADE would keep the Bureau's interest in JOHN WUEST HUNT confidential.

Inspector HARRY REDDING, Pullman Company, Pennsylvania railroad , New York City, advised SA FRANCIS P. HENRY that CLARENCE M. HEATH retired from the Pullman Company on September 1, 1954. Inspector REDDING said that his office does not maintain any handwriting specimens for HEATH. HEATH's

original application for employment with the company and other personal papers are maintained on file at the Pullman Company, Chicago, Illinois. REDDING said that his office merely maintains an index card on HEATH which contains the following information:

HEATH was born October 15, 1894, at [illegible], Pennsylvania. The last address was given as 630 North 56th Street, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. REDDING said that HUNT originally hired with the company on January 12, 1927, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was furloughed due to lack of work on May 23, 1938, and hired back on November 21, 1938. HUNT transferred to New York City apparently on December 18, 1938.

The index card shows that a credit check was submitted to the company on December 8, 1933, by a Mrs. JOHN F. HALLANAN. Her address was not given. On July 31, 1935, a Mr. JOHN M. ROBERTS of Los Angeles, California, was listed as reference. Again on July 10, 1937, a Mrs. CHARLES BECHT was listed as reference. Her address was not given.

Pullman passengers who rode with HEATH wrote letters to the company commending him in 1948 and 1952. The addresses of these individuals who commended HEATH are not given. Their names were listed as H.S.GARNETT, F.G.BOISELT, and W.E.ATTZEL.

REDDING said that during HEATH's 20 years with the Pullman Company he had a reputation in the Administrative Office for not knowing how to handle his money. REDDING said that HEATH was always in hot water because of shortages that were due to mishandling or carelessness rather than theft or criminal activities.

REDDING stated that he did not want this information concerning HEATH's deficiencies in handling his money made public because the company could not at this date substantiate such allegations.

ENCLOSURES: TO PHILADELPHIA (5)

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Los Angeles Office since they have conducted investigation in the case and HUNT is believed to be presently living in their area.

LEADS

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will review records of Pullman Company, Chicago, Illinois, for all information on CLARENCE M. HEATH, mentioned in this report.

Per instructions of the Philadelphia Office, will obtain complete background data on HEATH and of specimens of his handwriting or handprinting, for submission to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the extortion material in this case.

For the information of the Chicago Office, HEATH is listed by the Philadelphia Office as a suspect who is attempting to extort approximately $168,000 from the victim.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will identify the subscriber to the telephone number KE2-0024, called by FLOSSIE SPENCER on February 25, 1955.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, dated 5/31/56, at Philadelphia.

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LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	JUL 3 1956	6/29;7/3,10,17,18,20/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. Andrew Mr. M. J. DIVINE, Father Divine	WALTER N. ATTEBERY	JAI

CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS:

JOHN WUEST HUNT and wife CAROL, residing Los Angeles, California since 3/19/56. FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART employed Sequoia National Park. No record for suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT at Veterans Administration, Los Angeles. No additional handprinting located. HUNT alleged to be writing book entitled, "Father Divine - Devil at Large."

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of March 19, 1956, JOHN WUEST HUNT and his wife, CAROL, could be contacted through Box 17163, Los Angeles 17, California.

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On June 29, 1956, ROBERT ASHBY, Deputy Probation Officer, Ventura County Probation Office, Ventura, California, made available the file on JOHN WUEST HUNT. In the lower left hand corner of page five of the detailed case history prepared by HUNT was the following statement in HUNT's handwriting:

> "[illegible] I wanted to steal in order to live don't you think I could have gotten $100,000 years ago for my evidence to keep my mouth shut? Think."

In his monthly probation report submitted on April 15, 1956, which was his final report, HUNT said the following:

> Probation to end April 19th. Public recognition of DIVINE through article in Confidential which had circulation of five million. He published he would sue Confidential for one million. Only a hoax in words to keep the flock together. Follow-up book and get him, entitled "Father DIVINE - Devil at Large." The book will sell for $5.00. Already have $100,000 in commitments.

ASHBY advised he had no additional information concerning HUNT or his wife and was not in possession of a present address. Since HUNT is no longer on probation, it is unlikely they will receive any additional information unless HUNT elects to write one of his letters.

On July 17, 1956, ETHELYN MINTER, Clerk, Local Board 81, 2312 East Main Street, Ventura, California, advised that there would be no record of HUNT with her Selective Service board due to his age. All such records would be maintained on the previous Selective Service Act at the State Headquarters for Selective Service in Sacramento, California.

On July 18, 1956, OLIVER H. PREISS, 3334 Ventura Boulevard, Newbury Park, California, advised that he had nothing in the handwriting or handprinting of JOHN WUEST HUNT, with the exception of his signatures.

On July 5, 1956, Chief of Police CARL HARTMEYER of the Oxnard Police Department, Oxnard, California, advised that he had no information regarding HUNT other than what [illegible] files. It is to be noted that this informa- [illegible] through the files of the Ventura County Probation [illegible]

The following investigation was conducted by SA GERALD D. HARRISON:

At Los Angeles, California:

Mr. L. J. BOTHUM, 4216 North Figueroa Street, advised on June 29, 1956 that FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART presently resides in Sequoia National Park where he is employed as a carpenter. According to BOTHUM, WILLINGHEART is not expected to return to Los Angeles in the near future. His mailing address is FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART, Sequoia National Park, Sequoia, California.

BOTHUM stated that WILLINGHEART is, or was, one of Father DIVINE's followers, but he does not think WILLINGHEART follows Father DIVINE's preachings very well, in that he drinks considerably. BOTHUM stated FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART is a religious name and he does not know WILLINGHEART's legal name. BOTHUM described WILLINGHEART as being a white man, about 56 years old, and a World War II veteran. BOTHUM does not know of WILLINGHEART having any relatives in the Los Angeles area.

On July 3, 1956, Mr. CHARLES FILLMORE, Contact Representative, Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, California, advised that he was unable to locate any record identifiable with JOHN WUEST HUNT, Serial Number USA 13141839. Mr. FILLMORE did advise that he located a record of one JOHN WUEST HUNT, JR., born August 3, 1929. Inasmuch as suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT was born in 1903, it is apparent that this record is not identical with suspect, but may be the suspect's son.

Records of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were checked on July 3, 1956. Suspect HUNT is identical with JOHN W. HUNT, with aliases, LASO Number 251435. The only record of the suspect at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reflects his arrest on April 9, 1937 on the Mann Act, released on bond; and his arrest on July 1, 1937, transferred to McNeil

Island Penitentiary. The files of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office contain no handwriting or handprinting of JOHN WUEST HUNT.

[illegible] Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office reflect no [illegible] SWEET HUNT.

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department, as checked on July 3, 1956, reflected no information identifiable with suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT or FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT.

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INFORMANT

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T-1: [redacted]

LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

At Sacramento, California:

Will report results of search for handprinting of suspect JOHN WUEST JONES at the Department of Motor Vehicles and State Selective Service Headquarters (refer Los Angeles letter 7/10/56).

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Sequoia National Park:

Will locate and interview FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART who is reported to be employed by the park as a carpenter, regarding the identities of any persons who are opposed to Father DIVINE. WILLINGHEART is not to be advised that DIVINE is a victim of extortionists nor of the FBI's interest in JOHN WUEST HUNT.

At Los Angeles, California:

1) Will, from the U.S. Post Office, obtain residence address of JOHN WUEST HUNT and CAROL HUNT, it being noted they, on 3/19/56, furnished a change of address to the Newbury Park Post Office of Box 17163, Los Angeles 17, California. Interviews of HUNT and his wife are still being held in abeyance pending a request for interview from the Office of Origin.

2) Will discuss the facts of this case with the United States Attorney in regards to the telegram sent from Oxnard, California on 11/1/55, presumably by JOHN WUEST HUNT.

REFERENCES:

Los Angeles letter to Philadelphia dated [illegible]

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VICARA dated 5/31/56 at Philadelphia.

Los Angeles letter to San Diego dated 6/6/56.

Los Angeles letter to San Francisco dated 7/10/56.

Los Angeles letter to Philadelphia dated 7/10/56.

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PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	7/31/56	6/4,7,8,11,12,16,22,27; 7/10,12/56

TITLE OF CASE
UNKNOWN SUBJECT: was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY
JOSEPH A. VERICA

TYPED BY
MLS/RRR

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS:

Victim received a handprinted anonymous letter postmarked 6/5/56 at Louisville, Ky., from "ANDERSON" reflecting "our members decided to give you one more chance." The letter directed that the victim "have a sum of 128,400 dollars in $10 & $20 bills in the airport in Louisville, Ky., by 12:00 PM June 1956. The bag is to be put in one of the lockers in the airport." A person was to call for the bag. On 6/15/56 Louisville Office maintained a surveillance but no one called for the bag. On 6/16/56 an anonymous caller telephonically called DIVINE's church at Newark, N. J., threatening to blow it up that evening. Nothing resulted. FBI Laboratory concluded this letter was written by the same person who wrote previous letters to victim. WILLIE H. BUTLER, Knoxville, Tenn., had written DIVINE in December 1955. Handprinting of HUNT was obtained at Washington, D. C., and examined.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

SUSPECTS

The following investigation [illegible] RICHARD H. GRABHAM at Chambersburg, Pa.:

Confidential Informant T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 4, 1956, advised that the telephone call from BUTLER (FNU) at Chambersburg, Pa., to FLOSSIE SPENCER on February 25, 1956, at 9:00 p.m. from CAL 4-9972, may have been from a Colony exchange. Informant stated that Chambersburg numbers are preceded by prefix CO, for Colony. However, the Colony numbers do not run as high as 4-9972 and undoubtedly this was an incorrect number. Informant stated that it was his supposition that instant call was made from the pay station at the Acme Super Market on Lincoln Way East in Chambersburg. This number is Colony 4-9927. He stated the caller must have transposed the number in giving it to the operator.

The Chambersburg Telephone Directory listed one surname BUTLER with a telephone in Chambersburg as: WILLIAM H. BUTLER, 136 W. Washington Street, telephone Colony 4-2988.

The Chambersburg Directory lists the following persons named BUTLER residing in this area:

Miss DORIS BUTLER, 922 Scotland Avenue,
employment unknown;
MARGARET BUTLER, 17 Spruce Street,
employed at C.M. Wood Company, son is JAMES;
SHERMAN BUTLER, 79 West Liberty Street,
employed as laborer;
RUEL BUTLER and BETTY, 28 Spruce Street,
employed Letterkenny Ordnance Depot.

Chambersburg, Pa., Police Sergeant J. BYERS SCHLICTER said that SHERMAN BUTLER was chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People during the time it was active in Chambersburg.

On June 22, 1956, Miss [redacted] Private Secretary to Reverend M. J. DIVINE, Victim, 764-772 South Broad Street, advised that b6 b7C

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none of the names BUTLER at Chambersburg, Pa., are familiar to her. She said she would search her correspondence files and advise if the name BUTLER is known to the victim.

On July 10, 1956, [redacted] advised that a letter was located from a WILLIE H. BUTLER, aka Hoyt Butler, dated Decemb[illegible] from 2918 Badgett Street, Lawnsdale [illegible] the victim for [illegible] happenings. [illegible] EISENHOWER had ignored letters [illegible] written to him and as a result the President became ill. b6 b7C

[redacted] regarded the writer BUTLER as mentally deficient. She recalled that BUTLER was in prison in the South, place and date not known, shortly before he visited the victim, possibly in 1955. A further search is being made of visitors' records as well as any handwritten or handprinted specimens for examination purposes. b6 b7C

On July 12, 1956, the SanDDiego Office advised that the following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD S. CLARK at Palm Springs, California:

The following persons were contacted June 11, 1956, and advised that they could locate no record of O. L. NELSON in the files of their respective organizations:

NORMA CRANN, Palm Springs Police Department;
EVELYN GREER, Credit Bureau of Palm Springs;
MILDRED MC LAUGHLIN, Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Idio, California Substation.

Sergeant WILLIAM LUX, Palm Springs Police Department, advised on June 27, 1956, that he could locate no record of OL. NELSON [illegible] a post office box at that station. Also no record could be located for him at the general delivery window, either current or with a forwarding address listed.

The city directory for the area lists an OLAF NELSON, Nelson's Motel, 71-660 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, California (a community about ten miles from Palm Springs). It was determined that Nelson's Motel is closed for the summer. SIDNEY GREENLEAF, Postmaster, Rancho Mirage, advised on June 27, 1956, that the NELSON family gave him a forwarding address for the summer of in care of D. H. SHAW, 205 De La Grulla, San Clemente, California. He advised Mr. NELSON, a caucasian, is a long time resident of this area and that he could locate no record of his using a middle initial.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Miss [redacted] on June 8, 1956, advised SA JOSEPH A. VERICA that she received the following anonymous letter: b6 b7C

"Louisville
June 5
8:30 PM

"PERSONAL"

"MR. M. F. DIVINE
764-772 Broad St.
Philadelphia, Pensilvania"

"MR DIVINE,

"AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING OF OUR MEMBERS WE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE. SINCE THE FATE AWAITING YOU IS VERY GRUESOME WE WANT TO BE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT YOU DESERVE IT. OUR 2 YEAR PLAN, BEGINNING MAY 15, 1956 & ENDING 14 May, 1958, DEVISED TO DESTROY YOUR MOVEMENT COMPLETELY IS STILL IN EFFECT, AND WILL REMAIN SO UNLESS YOU DECIDE TO COOPERATE. IN CASE YOU DO DECIDE TO COOPERATE YOU WILL HAVE THE SUM OF 128400 DOLLARS IN $10 & $20 BILLS IN THE AIRPORT IN LOUISVILLE, KY BY 12:00 PM ON 15 JUNE 1956. THE BAG IS TO BE PUT IN ONE OF THE LOCKERS IN THE AIRPORT. THE KEY GIVEN TO AN EMPLOYEE AT THE EASTERN AIRLINES TICKET OFFICE, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE IT TO A PERSON WHO ASKS FOR A PACKAGE FROM MR. DIVINE.

"THERE WILL BE NO MORE PHONE CALLS OR LETTERS IF YOU FAIL TO DO EXACTLY AS TOLD. ALSO WILL YOU TAKE DOWN THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE BILLS, OR WILL YOU TRY TO WARN THE POLICE, ORDO ANYTHING ELSE DEVISED TO CATCH US, WE WILL DEAL VERY SEVERLY WITH YOU PERSONALLY.

"IN CASE YOU WILL COOPERATE, WE WILL ARRANGE A MEETING WITH YOU IN JULY, AFTER WHICH REGARDLESS OF ITS OUTCOME YOU WILL BE COMPLETELY FREE.

"/s/ ANDERSON"

Miss [redacted] and the victim were the only individuals who know of its receipt. Miss [redacted] is the only person who handled it. b6 b7C

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On June 12, 1956, this letter was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison.

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH L. McGLYNN, Eastern [illegible] the contents of the same [illegible]

On June 11, 1956, the Bureau and the Louisville Office were advised of the receipt of the letter. The Louisville Office was requested to institute a surveillance to effect the arrest of the person calling for the bag in the name of DIVINE.

The Louisville Office on June 18, 1956, advised that a surveillance was instituted from 6:00 p.m., June 15, 1956, through June 16, 1956, 12:30 a.m., with negative results. An inquiry was made for a "key" on the evening of June 14, 1956, which apparently was one of many inquiries received at the ticket counter for car keys left on deposit at the will call desk of the Eastern Airline Ticket Office, Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky.

Miss [redacted] on June 16, 1956, at 4:15 p.m. advised SA VERICA that church workers at their church, 125 Spruce Street, Newark, N.J., just received a telephone call from an anonymous person who stated that the church would be blown up at 7:30 p.m. on June 16, 1956. The victim advised his Newark followers to advise the local police of this threat. b6 b7C

The Newark Office was advised of this threat the same day and that office was requested to institute a surveillance and maintain contact with the local police.

The Newark Office on the same evening advised that a surveillance was initiated with negative results. The Newark Police Department advised they had searched the church premises with emergency crews but nothing explosive was found.

RESULTS OF FBI LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS

The New Orleans Office conducted inquiries at Lake Charles and Leesville, La., in an effort to identify the writer who mailed communications to the victim from those localities.

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On June 22, 1956, the New Orleans Office submitted for examination handwriting of AUZIE EILLIES ANDERSON. On June 28, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that it was concluded that the script handwriting appearing on the specimens Q-1 through Q-3 and Q-9 through Q-11, which have previously been identified, were not written by EILLIES ANDERSON.

SA [illegible] Assistant Director in Charge of the Mail [illegible] STRONG, Main Post Office, Washington, District of Columbia, on June 7, 1956, the following items:

1. A typewritten page beginning Stephens-Hunt and ending Sincerely Yours JOHN W. HUNT, with inked address Newbury Park, Calif.

2. A typewritten page beginning Hunt 4. "My future action" and ending "therefore I am addressing this letter to you. JH" containing handprinted notation Box 203 Newbury Park, Cal.

3. A typewritten page beginning FOUST-HUNT "I wish I could give" and ending "I had better not want to work for Him. JWH" and containing a handwritten paragraph signed JWH

4. A typewritten page beginning "The big magazine and television" and ending "Sincerely John W Hunt." containing a penciled paragraph signed JWH PO Box 203 Newbury, Cal.

Mr. STRONG advised that Postal Inspector F.M. FOUST has been dead for two years. Further, he said that his office considers JOHN W. HUNT, suspect of this case, to be "psycho."

The above items were submitted for comparison. The FBI Laboratory advised that the handprinting on items one to four, above, are too limited to permit a definite opinion as to whether HUNT prepared the handprinting on the questioned evidence in this case.

The FBI Laboratory on June 14, 1956, advised that the letter the victim received postmarked at Louisville, Ky., on June 5, 1956, was compared with previous letters of this case. It was concluded

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that the handprinting on the envelope, designated as Q-16, a questioned specimen and the handprinting on the accompanying letter, Q-17, were prepared by the writer who prepared specimens Q-4 [illegible] Q-14 and Q-15 of this case.

No latent impressions of value were [illegible] or its envelope.

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Administrative Data

For the information of the Knoxville Office, since December 1955, the victim, Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine, Bishop, Founder and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement in Philadelphia, with Headquarters at 764-772 South Broad Street, has received several letters that are handprinted and handwritten from an anonymous writer or writers in which the sum of $128,400

the package.

The communications received by the victim have been mailed in Louisville, Ky., Lake Charles and Leesville, La., and at Mobile, Ala. In Kentucky, the writer signs his name as A. J. ANDERSON. In the other localities he signs A . MORALES or ANDREW MORALES.

To date the writer has not been identified.

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only where identities must be concealed.

Informant

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T-1: [redacted]

Leads

KNOXVILLE OFFICE

AT KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Determine the identity of WILLIE H. BUTLER, aka Hoyt Butler, Negro, who in December 1955, mailed a letter to the victim from 2918 Badgett Street, Lawnsdale, Knoxville, Tenn. If available, obtain through public or private sources any handprinting or handwritten specimens for examination and comparison by the FBI Laboratory with the questioned letters in this case.

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LOUISVILLE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished Louisville for information as it is anticipated that investigation may be requested at a later date.

LOS ANGELES (INFORMATION)

[illegible] this report is furnished Los Angeles for [illegible] in this case.

NEW ORLEANS (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is submitted New Orleans as that office is conducting investigation in this case.

NEW YORK (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is submitted New York for information as that office is conducting investigation in this case.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

1. Advise the Louisville Office when stops placed through the telephone company may be removed.

2. Review the records with [redacted] for correspondence from WILLIE H. BUTLER and submit specimens obtained to the FBI Laboratory for examination. b6 b7C

3. Maintain contact with the victim.

4. Upon receipt of the background information and handwriting specimens on file at the Pullman Company for CLARENCE HEATH, interview HEATH and FLOSSIE SPENCER regarding this case.

References 9-22314

Report SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY, 7/25/56, Los Angeles.
Report SA FRANCIS P. HENRY, 7/23/56, New York.
Report SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, 5/31/56, Philadelphia.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Chicago

August 16, 1956

Mr. M. J. Divine, AKA.
Father Divine - Victim
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-2402
FBI FILE NO. 89-29314-66
LAB. NO. D-233713 CJ

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Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Letter 8/3/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K14 Original and Photostat of Pullman Company Application for Retirement signed by CLARENCE M. HEATH dated August 21, 1954.

Results of Examination:

The available known handwriting of CLARENCE M. HEATH, contained on K14, and the limited hand printing appearing on this specimen are too limited and not sufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting and hand printing on evidence previously submitted in this case to warrant a definite opinion as to whether HEATH prepared any of the questioned material. If a further examination is desired with regard to HEATH, dictated handwriting and hand printing specimens should be obtained in the same wording as the questioned evidence. Numerous such specimens should be submitted.

Specimen K14 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed in the Laboratory.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 8/3/56

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (9-2402) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was.
A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales,
A. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, Aka.
Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Philadelphia O.O.)

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Original and photostatic copy of 1 page Pullman Company Application for Retirement signed by CLARENCE M. HEATH dated August 21, 1954.

The original was made available by Mr. LOREN HAMPTON, Supervisor of Pensions and Group Insurance, Pullman Company, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, on August 1, 1956.

It should be noted that HEATH was absent from duty as a Porter with the Pullman Company from December 23, 1953, to date of his retirement due to Bilateral Atrophy of the hand muscles and Traumatic Arthritis of the left hip which caused him pain and weakness. This may have some effect on his handwriting.

It is requested that the handwriting and handprinting of HEATH appearing on the application be compared with the extortion material which has been submitted.

ENCLOSURE The original application for retirement should be returned to the Chicago Office.

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EDWARD L. BRAUNE, NY Telephone Co., (~~conceal identity~~) advised SA ROBERT D. WARDEN on 7/27/56 that the telephone number KE 2-0024 does not exist in the Greater NY area. Neither the exchange, KE, or the combination of numbers could be located. RUC

Mr. Rosen

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KNOXVILLE	[redacted]	8/4,6,7/56	JOHN A. PARKER bgc
TITLE OF CASE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: [redacted] Anderson, [redacted] Morales; [redacted] - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RE: WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, Was., FBI #1175525 - SUSPECT

WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, who mailed letter to victim from 2918 Badgett St., Knoxville, Tenn., in December 1955, identified as Negro, born 3/27/19, Atlanta, Ga., and former inmate of Kentucky State Penitentiary where served life term for murder. Background, description, relatives and arrest record of BUTLER obtained and set forth. Sister of BUTLER unaware that he wrote letters to victim and also unaware of BUTLER'S present whereabouts. No specimens of BUTLER'S handwriting other than signatures located.

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DETAILS: AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 9-29314-68

RE: WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, Was., FBI # 1175525 - SUSPECT

The report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, dated 7/31/56, at Philadelphia, reflects that on 7/10/56, Miss [redacted] Private Secretary to Rev. M. J. DIVINE, also known as Father Divine, bishop, pastor and founder of the Peace Mission Movement, 764-772 S. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., who is the recipient of several extortion letters, made available for examination a letter from one WILLIE H. BUTLER, also known as Hoyt Butler, 3918 Badgett St., Lawnsdale, Knoxville, Tenn., in December 1955, in which the writer admonished the victim, FATHER DIVINE, for ignoring his warnings of coming and current happenings. BUTLER also mentioned that President EISENHOWER had ignored letters BUTLER had written to him, and as a result the President had become ill. Miss [redacted] said she regarded the writer, BUTLER, as mentally deficient. She recalled that BUTLER was in prison in the South,

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date and place not known, shortly before he visited the victim, possibly in 1955. The Knoxville Office was requested to identify WILLIE H. BUTLER, aka Hoyt Butler, 2918 Badgett St., Knoxville, Tenn., and, if available, obtain through public or private sources specimens of his handwriting or handprinting for examination and comparison by the FBI Laboratory with the questioned letters in this case.

On 8/4/56, Mr. ANSEL HALL, Assistant Manager, Knoxville Retail Credit Association, advised that they have a card initiated in October 1955 concerning one WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, Negro, age 35 in 1955 who resided at 2918 Badgett Drive, Lonsdale Homes, [illegible] listed his divorced wife as [illegible] card reflects [illegible] loans from the First [illegible] Endorsement Company, both of Knoxville.

Knoxville Credit Bureau records also contained a card for Rev. WILLIAM H. BUTLER, Negro, residence 1250 Pickett St., identified as pastor of the Bush Grove Baptist Church, 1455 Fourth Avenue, N.W., and employed as a porter at Hope Brothers Jewelers, Market St., Knoxville. This individual's birth date was given as 1906 and his wife's name was shown as ANNIE, she being employed as a maid at the Andrew Johnson Hotel, Knoxville.

The Knoxville City Directory for the years 1955 and 1958 reflect that the address of 2918 Badgett Drive, N. W., Lonsdale Homes, Apartment 37, was occupied by CLARENCE MCCURDY (colored) and his wife, GRACE B. MCCURDY.

No listing was found in the above city directory for an individual identifiable with WILLIE HOYT BUTLER.

Sgt. GEORGE [redacted] (NA), Identification Officer, Knoxville Police Department, advised [redacted] rest files of his department contained a record for HOYT BUTLER, [redacted] ry Butler, FBI #1175525, Knoxville Police Department #10763, [redacted] as last arrested by the Knoxville Police Department on 7/17/36 on a charge of house breaking and larceny and was sentenced on 10/8/36 to 3 years in the State Training and Agricultural School at Pikeville, Tennessee. This individual, in 1936, was described as follows:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	3/27/19
Place of Birth	Atlanta, Ga.
Height	5'6"
Weight	105 lbs.

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Hair	Black
Eyes	Maroon
Complexion	Brown
Build	Small
Teeth	Good
Scars and Marks	None
FBI No.	1175525
Knoxville PD No.	10763
Residence	616 Willow St., Knoxville.

A photograph [illegible] 1936 when he was 16 years of age is contained in the Knoxville [illegible] Sgt. IRELAND pointed out that the address 616 Willow St. [illegible] inasmuch as all dwellings in that area have been razed.

Sgt. IRELAND further advised that his file concerning HOYT BUTLER contains an FBI identification record received in 1941 which reflects the following entries under FBI #1175525:

DATE	AGENCY	NAME	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
7/13/36	Knoxville PD	HOYT BUTLER	House breaking and larceny	3 years, State Training and Agricultural School
8/22/38	City Magistrate Court, N.Y. City	HENRY BUTLER	Vagrancy	None
8/29/38	PD Pittsburgh, Pa.	HENRY BUTLER	Vagrancy	$10 or 30 days, committed to Allegheny Workhouse
5/2/39	Pittsburgh, Pa.	HENRY BUTLER	Larceny	1 yr. in workhouse
1/6/40	State Reformatory, Eddyville, Ky.	J. E. JEFFERY	Murder	Sentenced to be electrocuted
6/27/41	State Reformatory, LaGrange, Ky.	J. E. JEFFERY	Murder - transferred from Eddyville	Life imprisonment

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Sgt. IRELAND advised that it appeared from FBI identification record that BUTLER, as J. E. JEFFERY, had been charged with murder at Whitley City, Kentucky, on 9/21/39 and had been sentenced to be electrocuted, but this sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. He advised he had no more recent information concerning BUTLER in his files.

On 8/6/56, Mr. U. E. BERRY, Manager of the First Finance & Loan Co., Mercantile Building, Knoxville, advised that WILLIE HOYAT BUTLER, 2918 Badgett Drive, had borrowed $50 on 12/19/55, still owed $31.50 balance, had made no recent payments and his present whereabouts were unknown. Mr. BERRY stated, however, that BUTLER'S father, Rev. WILLIAM H. BUTLER, had been making some payments on the above notes. In his loan application WILLIE BUTLER stated that he had been employed

On 8/8/56, Mr. E. M. PURVIS, Manager, E-Z Endorsement Co., Mercantile Building, a loan agency, advised that WILLIE H. BUTLER, 2918 Badgett Drive, on 10/17/55, had borrowed $15 and still owes $12.15 balance. He was described as follows:

Age	35
Race	Negro
Height	5'10"
Weight	150 lbs.
Marital status	Divorced
Employment	Employed as day laborer by following persons: DONALD TUCKER 1333 Tugaloo Drive, Mrs. SNYDER 1625 White Ave., DAVID D. DECULLA 2030 Yale Ave., all of Knoxville
Father	Rev. WILLIAM H. BUTLER 1238 Pickett St.

Mr. PURVIS advised that Rev. BUTLER had been making some of the payments on above loan. It further appeared that at the time he applied for this loan, WILLIE BUTLER resided with his sister, Mrs. GRACE MCCURDY at 2918 Badgett Drive. Mr. PURVIS advised his files contained no information as to the subject's present whereabouts.

Mr. BERRY and Mr. PURVIS of above loan agencies advised they have no specimens of BUTLER'S handwriting in their files other than his signature appearing on the notes which he signed.

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Miss JANE SNYDER, 1625 White Avenue, advised on 8/6/56 that a colored man named WILLIE BUTLER had done yard work for her mother periodically during the Summer of 1955 but had not been seen in several months. She knew nothing concerning his background or whereabouts.

Mrs. CLARENCE MCCURDY, nee GRACE BUTLER, 2927 E. Badgett Drive, Lonsdale Home (formerly 2918 Badgett Drive), an employee of the Gem Theater, advised on 8/7/56 that she is the sister of [illegible] BUTLER, JR., commonly known as HOYT BUTLER [illegible] that BUTLER has resided in [illegible] Drive intermittently [illegible] early 1956. Mrs. MCCURDY [illegible] has not seen BUTLER since approximately [illegible] and does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. MCCURDY identified the arrest record of HOYT BUTLER, was. FBI 1175526, Knoxville PD #10763, above, as reflected in the files of the Knoxville PD, as the record of her brother, WILLIE HOYT BUTLER. She stated he was born 3/27/19 in Georgia and resided as a youth at 616 Willow Street, Knoxville. She further stated that, when about 16 years of age, WILLIE was sent to the State Training & Agricultural School at Pikeville, Tennessee, and thereafter went to live with an aunt, Mrs. JESSIE JOHNSON, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She stated that in about 1939, under the name of J. E. JEFFERY, her brother was convicted of murder at Whitley City, Ky., and was sentenced to a life term in a Kentucky state penitentiary at Eddyville, Ky. She advised that he was paroled from that institution 3 or 4 years ago and went to live with an aunt, Mrs. MATTIE BUTLER, 437 Winde[illegible], Detroit, Mich., and was under the supervision of the state parole officer at Detroit for 2 or 3 years. While in Detroit he married one [redacted] (LNU) by whom he has a [redacted] year old son; however, [redacted] subsequently divorced him, probably at Detroit, and is reportedly now living at her family home in Albany, Ga. Mrs. MCCURDY advised she has never met [redacted] and does not know her maiden name or her exact address in Albany, Ga. Mrs. MCCURDY went on to relate that, while WILLIE has not lived in Knoxville regularly since approximately 1936, he did come to Knoxville on a visit during 1955 and moved into her apartment at 2918 Badgett Drive, staying there off and on during portions of 1955 and early 1956 during which time he took trips away from Knoxville, including a trip to Albany, Ga. to visit his ex-wife and son. She stated that regulations of the housing project where she lived prohibited his residing in her apartment permanently and she asked him to move, after which he reportedly rented a room somewhere on Orange Street in the Mechanicsville section of Knoxville. During that time he worked at mowing grass and other odd jobs for people in West Knoxville. She said she last saw him on the street in May 1956 but does not know his present whereabouts, although she is confident he is no longer in Knoxville.

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Mrs. MCCURDY stated that she has no knowledge that her brother wrote letters to Father DIVINE or President EISENHOWER but does recall that he frequently set up late at night during the time he was staying in her apartment; however, she did not know the nature of the writing which he did. She further stated that while her brother has never been institutionalized, she is of the opinion that he suffers from some kind of mental difficulties inasmuch as he acted (peculiar) at times and was difficult to get along with.

Mrs. MCCURDY advised that she had no samples of her brother's handwriting nor did she have a photograph of him. She could [illegible] of his handwriting could be [illegible] education.

Mrs. MCCURDY furnished the following list of relatives of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER other than herself and his ex-wife:

Father	Rev. WILLIAM H. BUTLER 1228 Pickett Ave. Pastor of Bush Grove Negro Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mother	ANNIE BUTLER 1228 Pickett Ave. Employed as a maid at Andrew Johnson Hotel, Knoxville, Tenn.
Grandmother	Mrs. MARY BUTLER 207 Court A, College Homes Knoxville, Tenn.
Half-sister	Miss ALEENE BUTLER 644 Gay Street Jacksonville, Fla.
Half-sister	Mrs. JAMES (HELEN) CROON Jacksonville, Fla.
Aunt	Mrs. JESSIE JOHNSON 718 Manila Pittsburgh, Pa.
Aunt	Miss MATTIE BUTLER 437 Winder Detroit, Mich.

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On 8/4/56, Mrs. BERTHA PERK, Secretary, Eastern State Hospital, a mental institution, advised she had no record of an individual identical with WILLIE HOYT BUTLER ever having been a patient at that institution.

Several trips were made in an effort to contact Rev. WILLIAM H. BUTLER at 1238 Pickett Ave., N.W., but no one could be found at home and neighbors do not know where Mr. BUTLER is presently employed.

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Three copies of this report are being designated for Philadelphia in the event it subsequently becomes advisable to furnish one copy to U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

No leads to locate WILLIE HOYT BUTLER are being set forth based upon information contained in the details of this report pending conclusion by FBI Laboratory that handwriting in the questioned letter was written by BUTLER.

[illegible] to obtain specimens [illegible] handwriting following receipt of FBI Laboratory report, it is suggested that leads for locating him be set forth based upon information as to his relatives as listed herein. It is noted that specimens of his handwriting may be on file at Kentucky State Penitentiary, at the State Parole Office in Detroit, or in the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D. C., it being noted he has allegedly written letters to the President of the U.S.

It is also noted that specimens of BUTLER'S handwriting should be contained on his fingerprint cards on file with the FBI Identification Division.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA at Philadelphia dated 7/31/56.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Ing office	Office of origin	Date	Investigative period
ORLEANS	PHILADELPHIA	8/17/56	5/26;6/22;7/3,13;8/10/56

OF CASE	Report made by	Typed by
	JAMES W. HAMILTON	jab
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
NOWN SUBJECT; was. A. J. erson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father ine - VICTIM	EXTORTION	

U[illegible] Anderson, formerly of Ruston, La., ev[illegible] as possible suspect. Handwriting specimens obtained nd forwarded to FBI Laboratory. Laboratory advises that handwriting ot identical with questioned writing previously submitted; that ndprinting appearing on questioned documents previously submitted t comparable with handwriting of ANDERSON. Present whereabouts AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON unknown.

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AILS:

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect that estigation was conducted in 1951 concerning a number of threaten- letters determined to have been written by AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON, h alias A. J. ANDERSON, of Ruston, Louisiana. These letters were tten by ANDERSON to his wife.

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In 1951 AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON was described as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
	April 22, 1911
Height	[illegible]
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown with gray
Eyes	Gray
Characteristics	Thin sharp features, rimless glasses
Relatives	Wife - DRUE SILLA SIMS ANDERSON
Employment	Tuberculosis Hospital, Ruston, La.

Handwriting specimens of the above individual as obtained in 1951 were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with questioned letters received in instant case.

On June 28, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised it was concluded that the script handwriting appearing on specimens designated as Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 previously submitted in instant case were not written by AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON.

The Laboratory advised that the handprinting appearing on other specimens submitted in instant case was not comparable with any of the handwriting of AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON. Accordingly, it cannot be determined whether this individual prepared any of the handprinting.

AT RUSTON, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM E. DENT, Jr.:

On July 3, 1956, R. M. SATTERLEE, Administrator, Ruston Tuberculosis Hospital, advised that AUZIE J. ANDERSON

was employed at this hospital from October 26, 1949, to January 31, 1952, when he resigned as a male nurse. The only local address listed for ANDERSON was care of General Delivery, Ruston. His permanent address was given as Philadelphia, Mississippi. His wife was listed as DRUCILLA ANDERSON.

[illegible] also reflect that NORMAN ANDERSON was a patient at the hospital but deserted on April 27, 1952, and his whereabouts since are unknown.

Check of the files of the Ruston Credit Bureau and the Ruston Police Department on July 13, 1956, revealed no information concerning A. J. ANDERSON.

It is noted that the files of the New Orleans Office contain no indication that AUZIE ZILLIES ANDERSON was a follower of Father DIVINE or was known to be associated with followers of Father DIVINE.

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NO #9-1204

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Philadelphia Office has been previously advised that inquiries of local authorities and credit sources at Lake Charles and Leesville, Louisiana, have failed to identify suspects of this case or would [illegible] could furnish no information of value regarding possible suspects in this case. It is noted that most recent letters in instant case were mailed from the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky. It is also noted that prime suspects in this case have been located and considerable investigation has been conducted concerning these persons by the Los Angeles Division.

REFERENCES:

New Orleans letter to Philadelphia, 5/29/56.
Bureau letter to New Orleans, 6/28/56.

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CHICAGO	8/16/56	8/1-3,7/56	WILLIAM B. HUNTER

TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Was., A.J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M.J. DIVINE, aka Father Divi-
VICTIM

CHARACTER OF CASE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Records Pullman Company, Chicago, Illinois, reflect that CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH was employed at the Philadelphia District on January 12, 1927 as a porter and was retired on September 1, 1954. Additional background information set forth. Specimens of HEATH's handwriting and handprinting forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 1, 1956 S.J. FUNDAREK, Chief Clerk, Office of the Superintendent of Transportation, Pullman Company, Fifth Floor, Merchandise Mart, made available for examination the personnel file of CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH (Pullman Company File Number B-4903), who was employed as a porter on January 12, 1927 and retired, effective September 1, 1954.

The file contained the following information concerning HEATH:

The original application filed by HEATH was not dated. HEATH was born on October 15, 1894 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and at the time he executed the application, he resided at 604 North 43rd Street (City not listed).

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HEATH listed the following as previous places of employment:

JOHN McLEOD
5029 Morewood Avenue
11/1913 - 5/1923

Rev. CHA[illegible]
12 [illegible] Street
[illegible]ga, Pennsylvania
[illegible]/1923 - 3/1926

Wanamakers
Market and Juniper Street
Philadelphia
9/1926 - 12/1926

Gimbel Brothers
Eighth and Market
Philadelphia
3/1926 - 5/1926

Normandie Hotel
36th and Market
Philadelphia
6/1926 - 8/1926

HEATH listed the following individuals as character references:

Mr. JOHN McLEOD
Schealey Hotel
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Rev. C.H. PRIDGEON
No. 12 Couyless Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

A letter in the file signed by F.H. JONES, Porter Instructor, dated July 2, 1926 disclosed that JONES had contacted Mr. JOHN McLEOD in reference to the applicant and that McLEOD had informed him that HEATH had been employed from 1913 to 1924 and that McLEOD had found HEATH to be dependable,

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honest, and faithful. The letter also indicated that Rev. CHARLES PRIDGEON stated that HEATH was a student at the Bible Institute from May, 1924 until March, 1926 and that HEATH was a promising young man of excellent character and good faith.

The file contained a handwritten letter dated January 12, 1927 and signed by FRANK W. TERRY, Assistant [illegible] Pennsylvania, [illegible] attendance, courteous and neat.

Another handwritten letter dated January 12, 1927, signed by E.L. PEARCE, Head Bellman, Normandie Hotel, Philadelphia, indicated that HEATH was reliable, steady and honest.

The following are the locations in which HEATH was employed as a porter:

Philadelphia, 1/12/27, transferred to Pennsylvania Terminal, New York, 1/12/27.

Temporary employment, Miami, 2/18/38.

Pennsylvania Terminal, New York, 4/8/38.

The following are the dates in which HEATH was furloughed:

5/23/38 - 11/21/38
6/9/39 - 6/27/39
7/7/39 - 7/13/39
6/13/40 - 6/29/40
7/16/40 - 7/17/40

It should be noted that HEATH had been absent from duty from December 23, 1953 to the date of his retirement due to bilateral atrophy of the hand muscles and traumatic arthritis of the left hip (treatments by Dr. DAVID J. COHEN, 1823 Pine Street, Philadelphia, telephone number PE 5-6524).

On July 27, 1954 HEATH, giving his address as 2014 Gerritt Street, Philadephia, Pennsylvania, directed a letter to the District Superintendent of Pullman Company and stated that due to the handicaps, he was compelled to make application for pension. On December 14, 1954 and

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effective February 1, 1954, the Railroad Retirement Board appointed a full annuity pension to HEATH under Section 2-A, Subsection 4-I of the Railroad Retirement Act.

HEATH was retired under provisions of the company's retirement plan, effect September 1, 1954.

On August 1, 1956 Mr. LOREN HAMPTON, Supe[illegible] of Pensions and Group Insurance, Pullm[illegible] available the application f[illegible] and signed by CLARENCE MA[illegible] 21, 1954 reflecting th[illegible] number was 709-12-5812.

This application sets forth that HEATH was born on October 15, 1894 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, however, in ink the notation "Barbados, BWI" had been inserted as the place of birth.

This application for pension bearing the handwriting "CLARENCE M. HEATH - August 21, 1954" and the handprinting "Barbados, BWI" was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on August 3, 1956 so that the handwriting of HEATH could be compared with the handwriting appearing on the extortion material.

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One copy of this report is being furnished the New York Office as they are presently conducting an investigation in this matter.

LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO

[illegible] report results of the Laboratory Examination comparison of the handwriting of CLARENCE MAC [illegible] HEATH with that which appears on the extortion material.

2. Will return the original application for pension to LOREN HAMPTON, Fifth Floor, Room 19-A, Merchandise Mart, when it is returned from the Laboratory.

REFERENCES

Report of SA FRANCIS F. HENRY, dated 7/23/56 at New York.
Chicago letter to Director dated 8/3/56.

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

August 17, 1956

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Re: UNSUB; was., A. J. ANDERSON
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE
VIKEX

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-233928 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter 8/7/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Resubmission of Q12 and Q13.

Kc15 Five Photostats of typewritten letters addressed to Mr. ROBERT L. ASHBY, Probation Officer, Ventura, Calif., from JOHN WUEST HUNT, dated 7/25/55; 10/4/55; 10/5/55; 10/11/55 and 10/25/55.

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned typewriting appearing on specimens Q12 and Q13 was not prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the typewriting appearing on specimen Kc15.

The evidence submitted is returned herewith. No photographs of Kc15 are retained.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 8/7/56

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

SUBJECT: U.S.M; wa., A. J. Anderson
Mr. M. J. Divine, aka Father Divine
VIKEX

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Attached are the following:

1. Typewritten letter dated 3/10/56, at New Orleans, La., and its accompanying envelope, Q12 and Q13

2. Five photostatic copies of typewritten letters addressed to Mr. ROBERT L. ASHBY, Probation Officer, Ventura, Calif., from JOHN WUEST HUNT, dated 7/25/55; 10/4/55; 10/5/55; 10/11/55 and 10/25/55

It is requested that items #1 (Q12 and Q13) be compared with the letters in item #2 to determine if each was prepared by the same typewriter. Each is to be returned.

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KNOWN SUBJECT, was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Bles; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, a. Father Divine - VICTIM	WILLIAM H. HUNTER	mbh
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FBI Laboratory reports that known writing of CLARENCE M. HEATH appearing on Pullman Company Application for Retirement is too limited and not sufficiently comparable with writing appearing on extortion material.

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AILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 3, 1956, an original Pullman Company Application for Retirement bearing the signature of CLARENCE M. HEATH, dated August 21, 1954, was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory so that HEATH's handwriting and hand printing could be compared with the extortion material.

By correspondence dated August 16, 1956, the Laboratory reported that handwriting and hand printing appearing on the above

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application was too limited and not sufficiently comparable with the handwriting and hand printing appearing on the extortion material to warrant a definite opinion as to whether HEATH prepared any of the extortion material.

[illegible] the original application for [illegible] was returned to Mr. LOREN HAMPTON, Pullman Company, Merchandise Mart, by SA WILLIAM B. HUNTER.

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REFERENCES

Report [illegible] HUNTER dated August 16, 1956, at Chicago.
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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

Operators License Bureau records, California State DMV, Sacramento, California, reflect California State Operators License No B1157936 issued 2/16/54 to JOHN WUEST HUNT, P. O. Box 203 Newbury Park, California. Bears right thumb print and signature, only. Operators License No Z 976118 issued 10/21/55 to JOHN W. HUNT, Jr. 1039 South Indian Summer Avenue, West Covina, California, bears right thumb print and signature only. Auto registration files DMV Sacramento, California, checked negatively as to handwriting or handprinting for JOHN WUEST HUNT, JOHN W. HUNT, Jr. Registration and Operators License files negative as to CAROL SWEET HUNT. Cameragraph copies of Operators License for JOHN WUEST HUNT and JOHN W. HUNT, Jr. bearing signatures submitted to FBI Laboratory.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWIN P. PARK.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

On July 19, 1956, Miss RUTH ASSALENA, Sacramento, Representative of the National Auto Theft Bureau, caused a check of California State Operators License Bureau records, California State Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, and furnished the following Operators License data under name JOHN WUEST HUNT, Post Office Box 203 Newbury Park, California, and JOHN WUEST HUNT, Jr., 1039 South Indian Summer Avenue, West Covina, California.

The records reflect California Operators License Number B1157936 was issued on February 16, 1954, to JOHN WUEST HUNT, residing Post Office Box 203 Newbury Park, California. License to expire February 16, 1958. HUNT described as follows:

Born:	November 11, 1903, (Birth place not required)
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 11½"
Weight:	180 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Marital Status:	Married

License bears right thumb print and signature.

California Operators License Number Z976118 was issued on October 21, 1955, to JOHN WUEST HUNT, Jr. residing

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1039 South Indian Summer Avenue, Covina, California. License to expire October 21, 1959. A description of JOHN WUEST HUNT, Jr. is as follows:

Born:	August 3, 1929 (Birth place not required)
Sex:	Male
Height:	6'
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Blonde
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Married

License bears right thumb print and signature. (Signed as JOHN W. HUNT, Jr.)

Miss ASSALENA advised a search of California Operators license records failed to reflect any handwriting or handprinting for either JOHN WUEST HUNT or JOHN WUEST HUNT, Jr., except their signatures.

Miss ASSALENA advised further that a check of Division of Auto Registration files, California State Department of Motor Vehicles revealed only one registration under name of JOHN W. HUNT residing Post Office Box 203, Newbury Park, California. No registration could be located for JOHN W. HUNT, Jr.

The registration files reflected JOHN W. HUNT is the registered and sole owner of a 1941 Dodge 4-door Sedan, Motor Number D2244202, bearing 1956 California License BNN 700. Certificates having been issued for instant vehicle on April 26, 1956.

The above registration failed [illegible] handwriting or handprinting for JOHN W. HUNT and no signature.

Miss ASSALENA advised further she was unable to locate any California State Auto Registration or Operators License for CAROL SWEET HUNT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HAYNES C. FINCH:

On August 6, 1956, San Francisco T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that her files failed to reflect any record of registration for either JOHN WUEST HUNT or JOHN W. HUNT, Jr.

Photostatic copies of California Operators License for both JOHN WUEST HUNT and JOHN W. HUNT, Jr. bearing their signatures are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate handwriting comparison.

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San Francisco T-1 is [redacted] b7D

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T-symbols were untilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

REFERENCE: Los Angeles letter to San Francisco, dated July 10, 1956.

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, dated February 16, 1956, at Philadelphia.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, San Francisco

September 7, 1956

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Re: [redacted]
A. J. ANDERSON; et al
Mrs. E. J. REVERE, etc.
THOMAS REVERE - VICTIM
[redacted]

John Edgar Ho[illegible]

YOUR FILE NO. 9-11[illegible]
FBI FILE NO. 9-[illegible]
LAB. NO. D-[illegible] CJ

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Reference: Letter 8/20/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

Kel6 Photostat of California Operator's License No. [illegible]157[illegible], dated 2/16/54, bearing the signature "John W. Hunt."
Kel7 Photostat of California Operator's License No. [illegible]76118, dated 10/21/55, bearing the signature "John W. Hunt, Jr."

Results of Examination:

The signatures appearing on specimens Kel6 and Kel7 are too limited and not sufficiently comparable with any of the questioned material to warrant a definite opinion as to whether any of the questioned writing was prepared by the writer of either of these signatures.

However, for your information, JOHN WUEST HUNT, whose known handwriting has previously been submitted to the Laboratory and described as K8, has been previously eliminated as the writer of the handwriting on Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q13 previously submitted. The results of this examination are contained in Laboratory report D-225604 CJ, dated April 17, 1956, directed to the Los Angeles Division with copies for Louisville, Philadelphia, Mobile, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and your office.

Specimens Kel6 and Kel7 are retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: August 20, 1956

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9-1129)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Was. A. E. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, Aka. Father Divine - VICTIM

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Philadelphia

Re Los Angeles letter to San Francisco, dated July 10, 1956.

There is enclosed, herewith, by registered mail camergraphic copies of, to wit:

1. California Operators License Number B1157936 bearing signature of JOHN WUEST HUNT.

2. California Operators License Number Z976118 bearing signature of JOHN W. HUNT, Jr.

The above camergraphic copies were obtained from original License currently on file with the California State Department of Motor Vehicles, Operators License Bureau, Sacramento, California.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the written signatures on each camergraph with questioned specimens previously furnished by the Philadelphia Division, Office of Origin.

Upon conclusion of the Laboratory Examination, the above documents may be destroyed or forwarded to the Office of Origin for any disposition that Office desires.

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JOHN WUEST HUNT, MISCELLANEOUS; POLICE COOPERATION.

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cc: Philadelphia (By mail)

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A. J. ANDERSON

Note: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Re Mobile tel advised Montgomery, Alabama, PD contacted by Hunt 9/22/56. Hunt informed PD has worked almost full time since 1939 to expose father Divine's racket. PD desired background information re Hunt as feared may be engaged confidence game or as racial agitator.

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JOHN WUEST HUNT, MISCELLANEOUS; POLICE COOPERATION.

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cc: Philadelphia (By mail)

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Note: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Re Mobile tel advised Montgomery, Alabama, PD contacted by Hunt 9/22/56. Hunt informed PD has worked almost full time since 1939 to expose father Divine's racket. PD desired background information re Hunt as feared may be engaged confidence game or as racial agitator.

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JOHN WUEST HUNT, MISCELLANEOUS, POLICE COOPERATION. REURTEL TWENTY-FOURTH INSTANT. SUBJECT POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL SAME NAME, URFILE NINE DASH TWO NINE EIGHT, QUOTE UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WITH ALIASES, MR. M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE, VICTIM, EXTORTION. UNQUOTE. BACKGROUND INFORMATION RE HUNT APPEARS ABOVE FILE. IDENT DIVISION FORWARDING AMSD IDENTIFICATION RECORD JOHN WUEST HUNT, FBI NUMBER ONE ONE SIX NINE EIGHT TWO FOUR, WHO MAY BE IDENTICAL. SUGGEST OFFICE OF ORIGIN EXTORTION CASE BE ADVISED WHEREABOUTS HUNT TO DETERMINE IF HIS INTERVIEW DESIRED AT THIS TIME.

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	9/27/56	7/11;8/2,3,17;9/17/56

TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
A. J. Anderson, Andrew
Morales, A. Morales;
Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka

REPORT MADE BY: WALTER N. ATTEBERY

TYPED BY: pcw

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS:

FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART, true name WILLIAM JAMES WALLACE, Sequoia National Park, California, no longer follows teachings of Father DIVINE. Holds victim in great respect. States Mrs. CHARLES RIVERS of Los Angeles, and EUGENE JACOBS of Santa Cruz, California, are disgruntled ex-followers of DIVINE. T-1 advised CAROL SWEET HUNT wrote a letter 8/2/56, attempting to obtain a copy of telegram she sent to victim from Oxnard 11/2/55. Los Angeles attorney of JOHN and CAROL HUNT unknown to T-2.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT J. PETTYJOHN:

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AT SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

Mr. F. J. NOVACK, Administrative Officer, Sequoia National Park, advised on July 11, 1956, that his office has no record of FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART being employed here by the National Park Service. He stated, however, that he may possibly be employed by the National Parks Company at Giant Forest Lodge, which company has the concession in the park for the Lodge's cafes, etc.

On [illegible] National Parks Company, Giant Forest, California, advised that FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART was employed by this company at Giant Forest as a carpenter and through her he was located at Giant Forest and interviewed on August 3, 1956. FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART advised that his true name is WILLIAM JAMES WALLACE, but that he has used the name of FAITHFUL WILLINGHEART, a religious name, since about 1930. He was not advised that Father DIVINE is a victim of an extortionist nor of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's interest in JOHN W. HUNT. He appeared cooperative and readily volunteered being a follower of Father DIVINE for many years prior to about 1952, when he stopped practicing Father DIVINE's teaching. He stated that he did not quit practicing the teachings because of being disgruntled, but that he merely "slipped" and started smoking and drinking again. He stated he is still a firm believer in the teachings of Father DIVINE and has great respect for Father DIVINE. He furnished the following as the only two disgruntled members of Father DIVINE's followers: Mrs. RIVERS, wife of CHARLES RIVERS, who works at the Anderson Hardware Store on Main Street in Los Angeles; EUGENE JACOBS, Santa Cruz, California, who formerly operated a printing office in Santa Cruz, which he reportedly sold. He still resides in Santa Cruz. He stated that Mrs. RIVERS was an extremely disgruntled person and had caused considerable trouble to Father DIVINE and his followers in this area.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY on August 3, 1956:

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T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 2, 1956, CAROL SWEET HUNT of Post Office Box 17163, Los Angeles 17, California, signed a [illegible] which is set out verbatim below:

"Aug. 2, 1956.

"Western Union
Oxnard, Cal.

"Dear sir:

"Around Dec. 1955, a telegram was sent by me over the telephone of Mrs. ETTA COMBS, Newbury Park, Cal, phone number Thousand Oaks 3438.

"I requested the telegram copy be sent to me, to my address CAROL SWEET HUNT P.O. Box 203 Newbury Park, Cal. I was assued that it would. I did not receive it. WILL YOU KINDLY SEND ME AN OFFICIAL COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM IMMEDIATELY. I am entering it as evidence in a law_suit.

"The telegram was addressed to:

"Rev. M. J. DIVING
772 S. Broad st.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

"It contains about 50 words, and signed by me as CAROL SWEET.

"Thank you,

CAROL SWEET HUNT

"CAROL SWEET HUNT
P. O, Box 17163
Los Angeles 17, Cal.

"P.S. I sold out in Newbury Park and now living in Los Angeles where I use a box numbe_r for security reason."

T-1 stated further that HUNT was apprised of the company policy that all messages after a six-month period are destroyed.

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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 2, 1956, advised that Post Office Box 17163 is presently held by JOHN W. HUNT, and is located in the Branch Office of the Post Office at 813 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles. The only address HUNT gave when renting this box was Box 203, Newbury Park, California.

References were listed as Mrs. FLORENCE HAMPTON Newbury Park and [illegible] No information was listed in connection with this box.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Copies of this report are being sent for information purposes to Louisville, Mobile and New Orleans Offices in view of recent investigation in these divisions, and for reference in the conducting of future investigation.

T-1 has advised that the original messages as taken by his office from a news [illegible] in his files until such time as he has been notified that this matter is closed. T-1 made available to SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY the original letter received from CAROL SWEET HUNT, which contains her signature in pencil. This letter is being retained in the 1-A Section of the Los Angeles file.

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INFORMANTS:

T-1:

T-2:

LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At Santa Cruz, California:

Will locate and interview EUGENE JACOBS regarding the identity of those opposed to Father DIVINE. JACOBS should not be told of the FBI's interest in JOHN W. HUNT or CAROL SWEET HUNT, or further, that DIVINE is the victim of an extortionist.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California:

1. Will similarly interview Mrs. CHARLES RIVERS (Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS), last known address 3812½ South Hill,

Los Angeles. CHARLES RIVERS is allegedly employed by the Andrews Hardware Company on Main Street, Los Angeles.

2. Will, through pretext, obtain addresses of JOHN and CAROL HUNT from Mrs. RIVERS.

3. Will recontact T-2 to determine if he can obtain residence address of the HUNTS through pretext.

4. Will, thereafter, discuss the facts with United States Attorney regarding telegram sent from Oxnard to victim on 11/1/55.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY dated 7/25/56 at Los Angeles.

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 7/31/56 at Philadelphia.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	10/31/56	9/13,16,26,27; 10/2,3,27,31/56

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ANSWER was. A. J. ANDERSON, ETC.; FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM	JOSEPH A. VERICA	J

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS:

CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH, retired pullman porter, born 10/15/94, Barbados, British West Indies, presently resides at Philadelphia, Pa. He is an ex-follower of Father DIVINE but denies any knowledge of instant letters. He furnished a handprinted specimen for examination. Victim furnished correspondence of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, FBI #1175525, for examination. FBI Lab compared typewritten specimens, JOHN WEST HUNT furnished to his probation officer at California, with the typing on the anonymous letter postmarked 3/10/56 at New Orleans, La. It was determined they were not prepared on the same typewriter. HUNT was reported to be in Montgomery, Ala., on 9/22/56 seeking assistance in doing research on victim's former attorney, MADISON. HUNT's brother, JOHN E. DE VOUTE, editor of victim's newspaper "The New Day," stated HUNT's second or third wife wrote threatening letters to HUNT's mother.

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Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIE HOYT BUTLER

The Knoxville Office on August 10, 1956, advised that WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, was., FBI #1175525, was born March 27, 1919, at Atlanta, Ga. No specimen of BUTLER's handwriting, other than his signatures, was located for examination and comparison with writings in this case.

Miss [redacted] private secretary to victim M. J. DIVINE, aka., Father DIVINE, Bishop, Founder, and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement at Philadelphia, Pa., advised that no additional communications have been received by the victim since the receipt of the last letter postmarked June 5, 1956, at Louisville, Ky. Miss [redacted] advised that she would make a search of her records to determine if the correspondence of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER has been retained. She was contacted on August 10, 1956. b6 b7C

On September 13, 1956, Miss [redacted] furnished 20 handwritten letters purportedly written by BUTLER to Father DIVINE during the period of March 4, 1942, through September 15, 1956. b6 b7C

The postmark of each letter obtained is set forth as follows:

1. Detroit, Mich., September 15, 1956
2. Knoxville, Tenn., December 20, 1955
3. Knoxville, Tenn., December 13, 1954
4. Jacksonville, Fla., November 28, 1954
5. Detroit, Mich., February 15, 1954
6. Albany, Ga., November 30, 1953
7. Albany, Ga., October 16, 1953
8. Detroit, Mich., November 28, 1951
9. Detroit, Mich., October 29, 1951
10. Detroit, Mich., September 17, 1951
11. Eddyville, Ky., August 3, 1951
12. Eddyville, Ky., July 20, 1951
13. Eddyville, Ky., July 5, 1951
14. Eddyville, Ky., April 3, 1951

16. Eddyville, Ky., [illegible]
17. Eddyville, Ky., August 15, 1950
18. Eddyville, Ky., May 19, 1950
19. Eddyville, Ky., April 4, 1943
20. Eddyville, Ky., March 4, 1942

These letters, along with additional writings obtained from other sources, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison on October 31, 1956.

CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH

On August 3, 1956, the Chicago Office submitted handwriting specimens of CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH which were obtained from a review of the records of the Pullman Company at Chicago, Ill. HEATH is a retired pullman porter who was born October 15, 1894, at Barbados, British West Indies.

The FBI Laboratory on October 16, 1956, advised that the handwriting of HEATH was too limited and insufficiently comparable with the questioned handwriting and the handprinting on evidence previously submitted in this case to warrant a definite opinion as to whether HEATH prepared any of the questioned material.

On August 10, 1956, SA JOSEPH A. VERICK telephonically contacted Mr. CLARENCE HEATH at his residence address, 2014 Gerritt Street, Philadelphia, Pa., to arrange an interview.

On October 16, 1956, Mr. HEATH advised that he continued to be ill and granted a limited interview. At this time he stated that he had joined Father DIVINE's Peace Movement on June 29, 1941. His son and wife are still members and active in this movement in the state of New York. HEATH served as an assistant Pastor in this movement for a period of three or four years, between 1948 to 1951.

During 1951, he also experienced severe pain in his hip, which ailment continued and is still a source of trouble since that time. The

[illegible] to bring about a cure for this ailment.

Accordingly, in September 1952, [illegible] movement as an assistant Pastor.

He no longer regards Father DIVINE as God and stated that he has no knowledge of any individual sending any threatening letter to Father DIVINE. He further stated "If Father DIVINE is God he will know who is writing these letters."

Mr. HEATH admitted that he was contacted in 1952 after leaving the movement, by JOHN WUEST HUNT, who was Father DIVINE's personal photographer and was known as the Prodigal Son. HUNT's purpose in contacting him was to elicit from him any evidence to indicate that Father DIVINE is not as divine as he purports to be "a God."

HEATH denied any implication and consented to furnish one handprinted letter in the original wording of one of the extortion letters for examination and comparison. During this writing he claimed that it was a great effort and he could not furnish additional specimens because of the pain he experienced in his right hand.

HEATH advised his common-law wife, FLOSSIE SPENCER, at this address, is not and has never been affiliated with Father DIVINE's movement.

HEATH verified his date and place of birth, and his retirement as a pullman porter on September 1, 1956.

HEATH does not know of any present member or former member of this movement who resides in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, or Georgia.

His wife's religious name is Annointed Cherub and his son's religious name is Daniel Love.

HEATH's handprinted specimens were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison.

On August 7, 1956, five photostatic copies of typewritten letters, addressed to Mr. ROBERT L. ASHBY, Probation Office, Ventura, Calif., from JOHN WUEST HUNT, dated July 25, 1955; October 4, 1955; October 5, 1955; October 11, 1955; and October 25, 1955, were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison with an anonymous typewritten letter postmarked March 10, 1956 at New Orleans, La.

The latter letter was from an anonymous source who criticized Father DIVINE.

The FBI Laboratory on August 17, 1956, concluded that the questioned typewriting in each of the above letters was not prepared from same typewriter.

The FBI Laboratory on September 7, 1956, reported on the examination of handwriting of JOHN WUEST HUNT, obtained by the San Francisco Office from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles at California. It was determined that the submitted specimens were too limited for comparison reasons. It is also indicated that HUNT's handwriting has been eliminated as being identical with the questioned handwriting in this case from evidence previously submitted to the FBI Laboratory.

The Los Angeles Office on September 27, 1956, reported that JOHN WUEST HUNT had listed "JOHN E. BOUTE, 507 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.," as a reference at the time HUNT rented Post Office Box #17163, Branch Post Office, at 1013 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

On October 2, 1956, Miss [redacted] advised that "JOHN E. BOUTE" is not known to her. The residence address furnished at 507 South Broad Street is a property owned by Father DIVINE's movement and apparently "JOHN E. BOUTE" is HUNT's brother, JOHN E. DE VOUTE, who is the editor of the victim's newspaper "The New Day." b6 b7C

The Mobile Office on September 25, 1956, advised that Captain E. P. BROWNE, MD, Montgomery, Ala., Police Department, that date stated

[illegible] indefinite stay. HUNT contacted Captain BROWNE [illegible] worked almost full time since 1939 in efforts to expose "the racket of Father DIVINE." HUNT claimed to BROWNE that his mother was buried in Philadelphia in 1939 under fraudulent death certificate of Father DIVINE's organization, to get her $500,000.

On September 26, 1956, the Mobile Office was requested to interview HUNT regarding letters received by the victim.

Miss [redacted] was contacted by SA VERICA on September 26, 1956, and she advised that there are no known former followers of Father DIVINE known to her at Montgomery, Ala. b6 b7C

The Mobile Office on October 4, 1956, advised that on September 27, 1956, Captain E. P. BROWNE, Montgomery Police Department, Montgomery, Ala., was contacted by SA SPENCER H. ROBB to determine the present whereabouts of HUNT. BROWNE said he has not seen HUNT since September 22, 1956, but understood from HUNT that HUNT was going to contact JOE AZBELL, city editor of the "Montgomery Advertiser" a daily newspaper in Montgomery, Ala.

On September 27, 1956, SA ROBB contacted Mr. JOE AZBELL, who advised SA ROBB that HUNT contacted him on September 22, 1956, asking AZBELL's assistance in doing some research on a person by the name of MADISON who was originally from Montgomery, Ala., and who is presently an attorney for Father DIVINE. HUNT left AZBELL on September 22, 1956, stating he was going to Georgia, place not stated, to do more research and would recontact AZBELL in a few days.

On October 3, 1956, AZBELL was again contacted by SA ROBB who said he has heard nothing from HUNT. Both AZBELL and Captain BROWNE observed HUNT drive an old model car which appeared to be loaded down with clothes, boxes, and other material.

On October 2, 1956, Miss [redacted] advised that JOHN E. DE VOUTE spends the majority of his time at a printing plant at Washington, N. J. He usually returns to Philadelphia each Friday. b6 b7C

[illegible] JOHN DE VOUTE, 507 South Broad Street, [illegible]

On this date he furnished a confession, made to Father DIVINE, prepared by his brother JOHN WUEST HUNT, which appears in printed form on pages 26 through 30, in an article published by the "New Day" February 8, 1936, and captioned "The Testimony Confession and Experience of JOHN WUEST HUNT, by JOHN WUEST HUNT." Said confession reveals the immoral behavior of JOHN WUEST HUNT, his marriage to three women and his exposure to and transmission of a venereal disease. His conduct led to his illness and his subsequent conversion to Father DIVINE's Peace Movement and his cure. For the purpose of brevity this confession is not being set forth and is being maintained as an exhibit to this file.

Mr. DE VOUTE reviewed this confession and advised that JOHN WUEST HUNT's first marriage was to ETHLYN WHEATON. They were married about 1921 at Ionia, Mich., and had one child, a girl, and resided in Hillsdale, Mich., and Cleveland, Ohio, during this time.

HUNT's second marriage was to DAISY, last name not known. They were married 1925 at Los Angeles, Calif., where HUNT lived with DAISY for about one and one-half years. There were no children.

A Third marriage to ELEANOR S., last name unknown, was in 1927 in Cleveland, Ohio. HUNT and his wife lived most of the time in Los Angeles, Calif. They had one child, a boy.

HUNT is presently married to CAROL SWEET, reportedly married in Philadelphia in 1949. There are four children by this marriage. CAROL SWEET was a former private secretary to Father DIVINE.

It is the recollection of Mr. DE VOUTE that either HUNT's second or third wife wrote threatening letters of an extortion nature to HUNT's mother who is now deceased.

It is to be noted, in the confession mentioned above, HUNT's second wife DAISY was many years HUNT's senior. DAISY sued HUNT's mother and obtained, in a suit for "alienation of affection," $16,000.

[illegible] went to reside at San Diego, Calif., [illegible]

Said confession also indicated that HUNT's brother-in-law in San Diego, Calif., arranged or procured women for HUNT for immoral purposes in San Diego, Calif. His name is not disclosed.

Mr. DE VOUTE is making efforts or obtain old correspondence reflecting the handwriting of HUNT's second or third wife, also background information pertaining to each..

Mr. DE VOUTE stated that the wording of the initial letter received by the victim in this case would indicate to him that it was written by his brother or someone who is associated with his brother.

He said HUNT has a great deal of drive and tenacity which is usually diverted in the wrong direction.

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LOUISVILLE: (Information)

One copy of this report is furnished the Louisville Office for information as it is anticipated investigation may be requested at a later date.

LOS ANGELES:

At Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Will attempt to locate JOHN WUEST HUNT, interview him regarding these letters, and obtain a list of his associates or former followers who reside in the states from which the questioned letters were initiated.

2. Will obtain handprinted specimens for comparison with Q-4 to Q-8, Q-14 through Q-17, previously reported in this case.

3. Will interview and obtain handwritten and handprinted specimens from his wife CAROL SWEET HUNT for the same purpose.

MONTGOMERY:

At Montgomery, Ala.

1. Will maintain contact with Captain E. P. BROWNE, Montgomery Police Department, and JOE ARBELL, editor of "Montgomery Advertiser" for the whereabouts of HUNT.

2. Will interview HUNT in accordance with the information set forth in the Philadelphia teletype to Montgomery, Ala., on September 26, 1956.

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[illegible] Conversation)

One copy of this report [illegible] Office as it is anticipated investigation may be requested [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Will maintain contact with the victim and advise the Louisville Office when stops placed through the telephone company may be removed.

2. Will follow and report results of the FBI Laboratory examinations.

References

Philadelphia teletype, dated 10/2/56, to Los Angeles.

Philadelphia teletype, to Mobile Office, dated 9/26/56.

Bureau teletype to Philadelphia, 9/25/56.

My report of 7/31/56 at Philadelphia.

SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611) 11-8-56

Director, FBI (9-29314)

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UNSUB., WAS.
A. J. ANDERSON. ET AL;

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Reurlet 10-31-56.

Latent impressions previously developed instant case compared with the fingerprints of Willis Hoyt Butler, FBI file 9-[illegible], with negative results.

Disposition of submitted items and results of laboratory examinations are the subjects of a separate report.

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FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Letter 10/31/56 Date received: 11/1/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland
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Specimens submitted for examination

K18 Twenty letters addressed to Reverend M. J. Divine bearing the kn hw of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER.

K19 Three-page letter dated 10/14/56, addressed to the Philadelphia Office of the FBI bearing the kn hw of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER.

K20 Envelope and sheet of paper bearing kn hp of CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH.

Compare latents previously developed instant case with the fingerprints of named suspect: WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, WAS., FBI#1175525

Latents previously developed compared with fingerprints of Willie Hoyt Butler FBI # 1175525 - no Ident 11-7

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 10/31/56

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; was.,
A. J. Anderson, ~~etc.;~~

EXTORTION ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Attached herewith are 20 letters addressed to Reverend M. J. DIVINE, 762-764 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., which were written by WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, was., FBI #1175525.

These letters were obtained from Miss [redacted], following a review of the victim's files. b6 b7C

Also attached is a letter received at this Office, bearing a return address of 1408 Overdale Avenue, Montreal 3, Quebec, Canada, dated 10/14/56, which was addressed to the Philadelphia Office of the FBI.

It is requested the writings contained in instant letters be compared with the writings of this case: On Q-1 through Q-3, Q-9 through Q-13, and under Lab #D235189CJ.

Mr. CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH, 2014 Gerritt Street, an ex-follower of Father DIVINE furnished a handprinted specimen in the original wording of one of the letters received by the victim. This specimen is to be compared with the printing in this case to determine if they are identical: Q-4 to Q-8 and Q-14 through Q-17.

It is further requested that the fingerprints of BUTLER, under the above FBI number, be compared with the latents of this case to be determined if they are identical.

ENCLOSURE

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	11/5/56	10/24,25,29,31/56

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	GERALD D. HARRISON CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

AUSA JOHN DUNCAN [illegible] les, California, furnished opinion that telegram sent by CA[illegible] HUNT to victim on 11/2/55 demanding $50,000 does not con[illegible] ation of Extortion Statute or Section 875, Title 18, USC. [illegible] RICIA RIVERS, EUGENE JACOBS, and PURITY LOVE, all disgruntled [illegible]-followers of Father Divine, interviewed with negative results.

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

On October 24, 1956, Assistant United States Attorney JOHN DUNCAN was made acquainted with the facts concerning the telegram sent by CAROL SWEET HUNT to Father Divine on November 2, 1955 wherein HUNT demanded $50,000.00 be returned for service and slander and virginity under threat of signing a publications contract. Mr. DUNCAN furnished the opinion that the telegram sent by CAROL SWEET HUNT under the name of either CAROL SWEET or HAROLD SWEET

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does not constitute a violation of the Extortion Statute or of Section 875, Title 18, United States Code. Mr. DUNCAN pointed out that if any effort was made to interpret that telegram as a threat and same was brought to trial, the prosecution would become involved in the corollary issue of proving that [illegible] was not due the sender of the telegram for services [illegible]

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association of Los Angeles, made available to SE JAMES L. MAHAN on October 29, 1956, reflect a credit report on CHARLES BENNY RIVERS, age 60, and his wife, PATRICIA. The report reflects their address as 3812½ South Hill Street, Los Angeles and lists Mr. RIVERS' employment as being a mail clerk at the Andrews Hardware, 334 South Main Street, Los Angeles. There was no additional information in this credit report of interest in this investigation.

Mrs. PATRICIA RIVERS, 3812½ South Hill Street, telephone ADams 4-7761, was interviewed at her residence in the presence of her husband on October 25, 1956 by SAs GERALD D. HARRISON and JEROME WRIGHT. She advised that she has had no connection with Father DIVINE or his movement since 1948. She stated that she was in Philadelphia for approximately seven weeks around 1947, but did not live at Father DIVINE's mission and was there principally for the purpose of trying to establish in her own mind whether or not there was anything illegal about the Father DIVINE Movement.

Mrs. RIVERS advised that to the best of her knowledge, the most disgruntled ex-followers of Father DIVINE [redacted] JOHN WEUST HUNT and his wife, CAROL SWEET HUNT. Mrs. RIVERS identified the following individuals as being disgruntled ex-followers of Father DIVINE:

JOHN WEUST HUNT and CAROL SWEET HUNT, present address unknown.

PURITY LOVE, 17th Street, Santa Monica, California.

EUGENE JACOB or name possibly KAUEROFF, address unknown.

HARRY N. JESSEN, 1379 Pearl Street, Alameda, California.

According to Mrs. RIVERS, JESSEN's mother and brother, names unknown, are still in Father DIVINE's movement. Mrs. RIVERS stated that JESSEN's father, who was also in the movement, recently died.

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Both Mr. and Mrs. RIVERS advised that possibly the person in Los Angeles who would know the ex-followers of Father DIVINE more than anyone else, with the exception of JOHN and CAROL HUNT, would be PAUL DANIELS, who owns the Abel Tree and Rubbish Service, 1049 East 57th Street, Los Angeles.

Mr. RIVERS advised that he was [illegible] Father DIVINE Movement and possesses lit[illegible] [illegible] concerning same.

[illegible] stated that while she was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, [illegible] she gathered the definite impression that Father DIVINE's movement was nothing more than a fraud against a number of very gullible people. She claimed to have talked to a number of young girls who were in the movement at that time in Philadelphia and she believes that Father DIVINE was guilty of immoral activities with a number of these young girls. Mrs. RIVERS stated that on one occasion she took the matter to the District Attorney's Office in Philadelphia, but his attitude was that there was nothing they could do about the situation. Mrs. RIVERS further stated that she gathered the impression when she was in Philadelphia in 1947 that she was being followed by some of Father DIVINE's disciples and she was threatened that she had better keep her mouth shut.

It is noted that Mrs. RIVERS apparently possesses considerable literature and material concerning Father DIVINE's movement and she indicated her willingness to cooperate in any investigation that might be designed to prove that Father DIVINE is violating any laws.

It is noted that Mrs. RIVERS was not told the nature of the present investigation nor was she advised that Father DIVINE is the victim of an attempted extortion.

Mrs. RIVERS was questioned concerning her knowledge of the identity of any disgruntled ex-followers of Father DIVINE in Louisville, Kentucky, Leesville, Louisiana, or Mobile, Alabama. She advised she knows of no ex-followers in these places. Mrs. RIVERS also claimed inability to furnish the identity of any ex-followers named ANDERSON or MORALES.

On October 26, 1956, the San Francisco Division advised that EUGENE JACOBS presently resides at Santa Monica, California.

AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA:

On October 31, 1956 inquiry was made at 1661 17th Street to locate EUGENE JACOBS. It was noted that a calling card on the door at this residence indicated that this was also the residence of PURITY LOVE.

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Mr. EUGENE JACOBS answered the door at this address, and upon agents identifying themselves, he called in PURITY LOVE and introduced her to agents, and stated that he requested that agents interview him in PURITY LOVE's presence. Both JACOBS and PURITY LOVE advised that they are ex-followers of Father DIVINE. PURITY LOVE stated that she had been involved in a lawsuit several years ago in which Father DIVINE was attempting to obtain considerable money [illegible] she had defrauded him of same. Both JACOBS and LOVE [illegible] they have had no connection with Father DIVINE since [illegible] 1956. They were reluctant to discuss Father [illegible] and they both disclaimed knowledge of any [illegible] DIVINE located at Louisville, Kentucky, Leesville, [illegible], and Mobile, Alabama. JACOBS and LOVE also advised they are not acquainted with any ex-followers named ANDERSON or MORALES.

It is noted that neither JACOBS nor LOVE were advised of the nature of the present investigation and they were not advised that Father DIVINE is the victim of an extortion attempt.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE U. S. ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES:

One (1) copy of the report of SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY dated 9/27/56 at Los Angeles.

One (1) copy of the report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 2/16/56 at Philadelphia.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA WALTER N. ATTEBERY dated 9/27/56 at Los Angeles

Philadelphia teletype to Los Angeles dated 10/2/56

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

November 9, 1956

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Unsub, was
A. J. ANDERSON, et cetera;
M. J. DIVINE, aka.,
FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-239901 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Letter 10/31/56

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimen:

K18 Twenty letters addressed to Reverend M. J. Divine bearing the known handwriting of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER.

K19 Three-page letter dated 10/14/56, addressed to the Philadelphia Office of the FBI.

K20 Envelope and sheet of paper bearing known hand printing of CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 was not written by either of the writers of specimens K18 and K19. The hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17 is not comparable with the script handwriting appearing on specimens K18 and K19. Accordingly, it could not be determined whether the hand printing was prepared by either of these individuals.

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17

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was not prepared by the writer of the hand printing appearing on specimen K20. The script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 is not comparable with the hand printing on specimen K20.

Specimens K18 through K20 are returned herewith. This material has not been photographed in the Laboratory.

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 29, 1956

To: SAC, Los Angeles

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Re: Unsub, was
A. J. ANDERSON, etc.;
M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE -
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1810
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-[illegible]937 CJ

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 11/15/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K21 Two sheets of paper bearing known hand printing of MRS. FLORINE CAROL HUNT.

Results of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17, previously submitted in this case, was not written by the writer of specimen K21.

Specimen K21 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (Lab No. D-225604 CJ)

UNSUB., WAS. A. J. ANDERSON, ETC.; M. J. DIVINE, AKA FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM. EXTORTION.

OO: Philadelphia.

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Enclosed herewith are two pages of hand printing specimens furnished by suspect Mrs. FLORINE CAROL HUNT, wife of suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT. Laboratory requested to compare known hand printing of Mrs. FLORINE CAROL HUNT with hand printing on specimens Q-4 through Q-8 and Q-14 through Q-17, previously examined this case. Laboratory requested to submit results to Philadelphia and LA as soon as possible.

Mrs. FLORINE CAROL HUNT interviewed at residence, Culver City, Calif., on 11/15/56 and voluntarily furnished two pages hand printing specimens. Limited amount of specimens taken due to fact HUNT had to report to her employment as photostat operator at Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif. Mrs. HUNT freely admits being disgruntled ex-follower of victim but denies any knowledge of extortion attempt against victim. Mrs. HUNT does admit sending telegram to victim demanding $50,000 but claims no attempt made to conceal her identity. Mrs. HUNT denies knowledge of any ex-followers who might be responsible for attempted extortion; also denies knowledge anyone named ANDERSON or MORALES.

JOHN WUEST HUNT presently residing in rooming house at 79 Court St., Newark, N. J., engaged with unknown writer and agent in preparing book exposing Father DIVINE. Mrs. HUNT unable to advise how long JOHN WUEST HUNT expected to remain in Newark.

Philadelphia will immediately furnish Newark necessary info to handle interview HUNT.

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Mr. Parsons

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Newark will immediately interview JOHN WUEST HUNT regarding extortion letters received by victim; will obtain a list of his associates or former followers of victim who reside in states from which questioned letters initiated; will obtain hand printing specimens for comparison with Laboratory specimens Q-4 through Q-8 and Q-14 through 17

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INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reply to Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	12/19/56	11/13,15;12/3/56

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed by
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was., A. J. ANDERSON, ETC.; M. J. DIVINE, aka., FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM	GERALD D. HARRISON (A)	pra
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

Mrs. FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT, wife of JOHN WUEST HUNT, denies possessing any information regarding attempted extortion; also denies that her husband involved in attempted extortion of victim. JOHN WUEST HUNT presently residing 79 Court Street, Newark, New Jersey and is engaged in preparing a book exposing FATHER DIVINE. Mrs. HUNT expressed extreme bitterness toward victim. Handprinting specimens obtained from Mrs. HUNT and FBI Lab concluded that she did not prepare handprinting on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17.

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DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that JOHN WUEST HUNT moved on March 14, 1956 to 5513½ Inglewood Boulevard, Culver City, California.

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AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. FLORINE CAROL SWEET HUNT was interviewed at 5513½ Inglewood Boulevard, on November 15, 1956, by SAs [illegible] SCOLL and GERALD D. HARRISON (A). She advised that [illegible] HUNT, is presently residing in a rooming house at [illegible] 2, New Jersey. She exhibited a return address on a letter [illegible] from him on the date of this interview, which contained [illegible] Mrs. HUNT stated that she did not know when her husband [illegible] to return to Los Angeles, but [illegible] is presently engaged with a writer and an agent in [illegible] book which is to be an expose of FATHER DIVINE. Mrs. [illegible] claimed inability to furnish the name of either the writer or agent.

Mrs. HUNT advised that she is presently employed on morning-shift at Douglas Aircraft [illegible], Culver City, as a photostat operator.

Upon being advised of the nature of this investigation, Mrs. HUNT immediately identified herself as being a very disgruntled ex-follower of FATHER DIVINE. She expressed extreme hatred for FATHER DIVINE and stated that she is not surprised that someone has been attempting to extort money from him. Mrs. HUNT also identified herself as the individual who wrote an "expose" of FATHER DIVINE which appeared in the April, 1956 issue of "Confidential" magazine. She also readily stated, without having been questioned concerning same, that she sent FATHER DIVINE a telegram demanding $50,000.00. She claims she made no attempt to conceal her identity and the main purpose in sending the telegram was an attempt to influence FATHER DIVINE to make some sort of settlement with her, which money she hoped to use in her husband's work, which she described as being the exposure of FATHER DIVINE. Mrs. HUNT stated that as a matter of fact she had already signed a contract with "Confidential" magazine to have the article published prior to the time she sent the telegram demanding $50,000.00.

In view of the fact that the United States Attorney at Los Angeles has previously furnished the opinion that this telegram did not constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute, Mrs. HUNT was not questioned concerning the matter.

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Mrs. HUNT denied any knowledge whatsoever of the attempted extortion under investigation. She likewise advised that she is positive that her husband knows nothing about the [illegible] and has had no part of the attempted extortion. Mrs. [illegible] knowing any ex-followers of FATHER DIVINE named AND[illegible] also claimed inability to furnish the identity of a[illegible] ex-followers from Louisville, Kentucky; Mobile, Ala[illegible] Louisiana.

Mrs. HUNT voluntarily furnished specimens of her handprinting, after being advised that same was to be used for comparison purposes.

These handprinting specimens were furnished to the FBI Laboratory on November 15, 1956, with the request that the handprinting of Mrs. HUNT be compared with the questioned handprinting on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17, which were previously submitted to the Laboratory.

On November 29, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that from an examination of the known handprinting of Mrs. FLORINE CAROL HUNT, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17 was not written by Mrs. HUNT.

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Copies of this report are furnished the Louisville, Mobile and New Orleans Offices for information purposes in [illegible] investigation conducted in this matter by [illegible]

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INFORMANT

Careful [illegible] has been given the source concealed and [illegible] in this report only in that instance where the [illegible] source must be concealed.

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LEAD

NEWARK DIVISION:

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY:

Will locate and interview JOHN WURST HUNT, 79 Court Street, for any information known by him concerning identity of unknown subject; will question him concerning identity of ex-followers of FATHER DIVINE located in Kentucky, Louisiana, and Alabama; will obtain handprinting specimens from HUNT to be compared with handprinting appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

Will maintain contact with Mrs. CAROL SWEET HUNT, 5513½ Inglewood Blvd., and arrange for interview with her husband upon his arrival back in this vicinity if he is not interviewed by Newark Office prior to such arrival.

REFERENCE

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Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, 10/31/56, at Philadelphia.
Los Angeles Air-tel to the Bureau, 11/15/56.
FBI Lab report to Los Angeles, 11/29/56.

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PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	12/28/56	11/9,16; 12/5,10,12,14, 17/56

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed by
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was., A. J. Anderson, etc.; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father DIVINE - VICTIM	JOSEPH A. VERICA	

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

FBI Laboratory concluded WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, FBI [illegible] not prepare the questioned handwriting in this case. His fingerprints were compared with the latents of this case with negative results. Further, CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH did not prepare the questioned handprinting. JOHN WUEST HUNT's second or third wife wrote threatening letters of an extortion nature to HUNT's mother, who is now deceased. HUNT was in Newark, N.J., in November 1956, engaged with an unknown writer preparing a book exposing Father DIVINE. Additional background information regarding HUNT has been obtained.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. JOHN DE VOUTE, 507 South Broad Street, is the editor of the victim's newspaper "THE NEW DAY." He is also the brother of suspect, JOHN WUEST HUNT, the former personal photographer of the victim. Mr. DE VOUTE previously furnished

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information to the effect that HUNT had three wives prior to his marriage to his present wife, CAROL SWEET HUNT. Further, HUNT's second or third wife wrote threatening letters of an extortion nature to HUNT's mother, who is now deceased.

WHO WROTE THE THREATENING LETTERS.

Mr. DE VOUTE on November 9, 1956, advised that he was unable to locate any correspondence reflecting the handwriting or handprinting of HUNT's wives for comparison purposes.

Mr. DE VOUTE said that he discovered correspondence which reflected that HUNT's third wife was ELEANOR S. STARK HUNT. Her brother, WILLIAM K. STARK, as well as ELEANOR, resided in San Diego, Calif. ELEANOR and JOHN HUNT had a son, JOHN HUNT, JR., who should now be age 27.

HUNT first married ETHELYN WHEATON. His daughter by this marriage is JACQUELINE HUNT, also known as Mrs. JACKIE R. E. FLANEGIN. FLANEGIN as of March 1954 resided at 424 Orchid Avenue, Corona Del Mar, California.

Mr. DE VOUTE telephonically advised SA VERICA on November 16, 1956, he was unable to furnish any additional background information or the present residence addresses of the above-named persons.

The FBI Laboratory by letter dated November 8, 1956, advised that the fingerprints of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER, FBI Number 1175525, were compared with the latents previously developed in this case with negative results.

The Laboratory by letter dated November 9, 1956, advised that the script handwriting of WILLIE HOYT BUTLER was compared with the handwriting in instant case. It was concluded that BUTLER did not prepare the questioned writing. Further, it was concluded that CLARENCE MAC DONALD HEATH did not prepare the questioned handprinting in this case.

The Los Angeles Office on November 19, 1956, advised that Mrs. JOHN WUEST HUNT on November 15, 1956, advised agents of that office that JOHN WUEST HUNT was then residing in a rooming house at 79 Court Street, Newark, N.J., engaged with an unknown writer and agent in preparing a book exposing Father DIVINE.

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This information was furn[illegible] the Bank Office. That office on December 6, 1956, a[illegible] Mary L. N. N[illegible] KRANZLER, 2[illegible] Commerce Street, Newa[illegible] Collegenton off[illegible] that office on December 5, 1956, h[illegible] attorney representing JOHN WUEST HUNT. Eur[illegible] received a letter from HUNT advising KRANZLER he was [illegible] in Philadelphia, Pa. The letter [illegible] KRANZLER wished to contact HUNT, [illegible] his wife, CAROL SWEET HUNT, 1558 [illegible] Sh[illegible]. She would know hi[illegible]

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Leads

LOUISVILLE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is furnished the Louisville Office for information as it is anticipated investigation may be requested at a later date.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

1. Will, at 1558 Mentone Avenue, interview upon his return JOHN WUEST HUNT re his associates, acquaintances or former DIVINE followers in states from which the extortion letters were mailed: Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana and New Orleans.

2. Will obtain handprinted specimens in ink in the original wording of letters postmarked 12/22/55; 1/2/56, 4/16/56 and 6/5/56 at Louisville, Kentucky.

3. Will obtain the identities and residence addresses of HUNT's first three wives, ETHLYN WHEATON; DAISY LNU and ELEANOR STARK as well as that of his son, JOHN HUNT, JR.

The present address of WILLIAM E. STARK is also to be obtained and leads set forth to interview each of the above to obtain handprinted specimens and handwriting for comparison purposes.

MOBILE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

One copy is furnished for information purposes as it is anticipated investigation may be requested at a later date.

SAN DIEGO OFFICE

AT CORONA DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview JOHN W. HUNT's daughter, MRS. JACKIE R. E. FLANEGIN, who resided at 424 Orchid Avenue in 1954.

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interview her to determine the identities [illegible]
residences the persons set forth in the Los [illegible]
above. Determine if any of her father's asso[illegible]
in the cities from which the extortion letters [illegible]

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Will check the San Diego [illegible]
determine if JOHN WUEST HUN[illegible] JR., and WI[illegible]
STARK have an arre[illegible]

[illegible] the information of the San Diego Offi[illegible]
[illegible], JOHN DE VOUTE, previously reported that [illegible]
married ELEANOR S. STARK in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1[illegible]
HUNT and ELEANOR lived most of their mar[illegible] life i[illegible]
Angeles, Calif. Further, a confession H[illegible] wrote f[illegible]
DIVINE indicated that HUNT's brother-in-l[illegible] in San Di[illegible]
Calif., arranged or procured women for HU[illegible] for immora[illegible]
purposes in San Diego, Calif. Mr. DE VOU[illegible] believes [illegible]
brother-in-law referred to WILLIAM E. STA[illegible] ELEANOR's
brother. All are of the white race. No additional
information is available.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will maintain contact with the victim and advise the Louisville Office when stops placed through the telephone company may be removed.

References

Report SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, [illegible], Philadelph[illegible]
Los Angeles airtel to Philadelphia 12/11/56.
Bureau letter to Los Angeles [illegible] 29/56.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 12/28/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-1810)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; was., A. J. Anderson, etc; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - Victim; EXTORTION
OO: Philadelphia

ReNK Airtel to Philadelphia, 12/6/56 and report of SA GERALD D. HARRISON at Los Angeles. 12/10/56

[illegible] interviewed on 12/18/56 by SAS GERALD D. HARRISON and JEROME WRIGHT at his present residence, 5513½ Inglewood Boulevard, Culver City, California. HUNT denies knowing any of victim's ex-followers named ANDERSON or MORALES and also denies knowing identity of any of victim's ex-followers in the areas from which extortion letters emanated. HUNT declined to identify anyone working with him, claiming he works alone but does have some female informants in the Philadelphia and New York City areas who keep him posted as to victim's activities.

HUNT advised that the only person who comes to mind who might be involved in this attempted extortion is an individual with whom he, HUNT, served time at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary around 1937-1939. HUNT claimed inability to recall this man's name and could only describe him as a white man who came from Tupelo, Mississippi and continually talked about Biloxi, Mississippi. HUNT claims he never knew for what crime this individual was serving time but believes he was still at McNeil Island Penitentiary when he, HUNT, was released in October 1939.

According to HUNT this unknown individual came to Father Divine's Mission in Philadelphia around 1943 and resided at 507 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, in Divine's Mission for about six months. HUNT places this time as being at about the time Father Divine opened his hotel located at Broad and Catherine Streets, Philadelphia.

HUNT stated this individual posed as one of Father Divine's followers but he, HUNT, always thought that the individual was merely attempting to place himself in a position to steal or obtain anything of value. According to HUNT, this man continually questioned HUNT

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about where he, HUNT, kept his money. For this reason, HUNT thinks this unknown individual is the type person who could possibly be involved in this attempted extortion. HUNT claims he has not seen this individual since around 1944 and can furnish no information [illegible] present whereabouts or the identity of anyone who could identify [illegible] information regarding his whereabouts.

HUNT searched through [illegible] possesses on Father Divine and located an undated newspaper [illegible] he claims was from one of Father Divine's publications. [illegible] contains numerous news pictures of Father Divine and his followers. HUNT identified the afore-mentioned unknown individual as the white man appearing in four pictures in company with a Negro male.

Forwarded herewith to Philadelphia are two photographs each of the section of this page containing this unknown individual's photographs along with two photographs each of smaller pictures from this page depicting close shots of this individual's face. The negative from which these prints were made is also enclosed for Philadelphia's use in the event that office desires to make additional photographs. The original news sheet clipping has been returned to HUNT per his request.

Philadelphia will consider desirability of conducting investigation at Father Divine's Mission to establish identity and whereabouts of this unknown individual whom HUNT names as a possible suspect in this matter.

Dictated specimens of known handwriting and handprinting of JOHN WUEST HUNT has been furnished to the F.B.I. Laboratory by separate communication.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE - VENUE
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YOUR FILE NO. [redacted]
FBI FILE NO. [redacted]
LAB. NO. [redacted]

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Letter 12/28/56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

K22 One envelope and seven sheets of paper bearing the known handwriting and hand printing of JOHN WUEST HUNT.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17, previously submitted in this case, was not prepared by JOHN WUEST HUNT, whose known hand printing is contained on specimen K22.

Specimen K22 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 12/28/56

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY (LAB. #D240937 CJ)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-1810)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; was. A. J. Anderson, etc.
M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Philadelphia

Submitted herewith as an enclosure to the FBI Laboratory, and marked as evidence, are seven pages and one envelope containing dictated specimens of the handwriting of suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT.

The Laboratory is requested to compare these known handprinting specimens of suspect JOHN WUEST HUNT with the handprinting on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17, which were previously examined in this matter. The Laboratory is requested to submit results of examination to Philadelphia and Los Angeles as soon as possible.

Philadelphia will report results of Laboratory examination.

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LOS ANGELES	PHILADELPHIA	1/29/57	12/18/56;1/21,23/57

OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
	GERALD D. HARRISON (A)	pk
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was., A. J. Anderson, etc; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	EXTORTION	

SIS:

JOHN WUEST HUNT denies knowledge of extortion attempts against victim; also denies acquaintance with any of Father DIVINE's ex-followers named ANDERSON or MORALES. HUNT also denies acquaintance with any of DIVINE's ex-followers in areas from which extortion letters emanated. HUNT furnished photograph of man whom he knew while in United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, around 1937-1939, whom HUNT considers likely suspect. Photograph sent to Philadelphia. HUNT voluntarily furnished dictated specimens of handprinting. FBI Laboratory concluded that HUNT did not prepare handprinting on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17. HUNT furnished identity and last known addresses of his former wives and his son. HUNT presently engaged in writing book exposing Father DIVINE.

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DETAILS

AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

JOHN WUEST HUNT was interviewed on December 18, 1956, by SA's GERALD D. HARRISON and JEROME WRIGHT at his present residence, 5513½ Inglewood Boulevard, Culver City, California. HUNT denies knowing any of victim's ex-followers named ANDERSON or MORALES and also denies knowing identity of any of victim's ex-followers in the areas from which extortion letters emanated. HUNT declined to identify anyone working with him, claiming he works alone but does have some female informants in the Philadelphia and New York City areas who keep him posted as to the victim's activities.

HUNT advised that the only person who comes to mind who might be involved in this attempted extortion is an individual with whom he, HUNT, served time at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary around 1937-1939. HUNT claimed inability to recall this man's name and could only describe him as a white man who came from Tupelo, Mississippi, and continually talked about Biloxi, Mississippi. HUNT claims he never knew for what crime this individual was serving time but believes he was still at McNeil Island Penitentiary when he, HUNT, was released in October, 1939.

According to HUNT, this unknown individual came to Father DIVINE's Mission in Philadelphia around 1943 and resided at 507 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, in DIVINE's Mission for about six months. HUNT places this time as being at about the time Father DIVINE opened his hotel located at Broad and Catherine Streets, Philadelphia.

HUNT stated this individual posed as one of Father DIVINE's followers but he, HUNT, always thought that the individual was merely attempting to place himself in a position to steal or obtain anything of value. According to HUNT, this man continually questioned HUNT about where he, HUNT, kept his money. For this reason, HUNT thinks this unknown individual is the type person who could possibly be involved in this attempted extortion. HUNT claims he has not seen this individual since around 1944 and can furnish no information regarding his present whereabouts or the identity of anyone who could identify the man or furnish information regarding his whereabouts.

HUNT searched through voluminous material he possesses on Father DIVINE and located an undated newspaper or magazine page which he claims was from one of Father DIVINE's publications. The page contains numerous news pictures of Father DIVINE and his followers. HUNT identified the afore-mentioned unknown individual as the white man appearing in four pictures in company with a Negro male.

Dictated specimens of known handwriting and handprinting of JOHN WUEST HUNT have been furnished to the FBI Laboratory by separate communication.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

On January 7, 1957, the FBI Laboratory advised that upon examination of the known handprinting and handwriting of JOHN WUEST HUNT, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on specimens Q4 through Q8 and Q14 through Q17, previously submitted, was not prepared by HUNT.

AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

Attempt was made to re-interview JOHN WUEST HUNT at his residence, 5513 Inglewood Boulevard, on January 21, 1957, by SA GERALD D. HARRISON with negative results. HUNT was re-interviewed January 23, 1957, by SA HARRISON and THOMAS E. WALSH. HUNT advised that on February 1, 1957, he is moving to a new residence in Venice, California. He believed that his new residence address will be No. 17, 28th Avenue [illegible] 28th Street, Venice.

HUNT advised that his first wife was named ETHELYN WHEATON from Iona, Michigan. According to HUNT, ETHELYN is remarried and is now Mrs. H. B. MILLER. She resides on Hazel Street, Corona Del Mar, California. HUNT stated that he is not sure of her exact address but that she could be located through her daughter, Mrs. JACKIE E. E. FLANEGIN, 424 Orchard, Corona Del Mar.

HUNT stated that his second wife, whom he married sometime around 1924 or 1925 and whom he divorced approximately one year later, was named DAISY REDMAYNE. He stated that the last address he had for her, which was around 1928, was 7706 Padre Terrace, Hollywood, California. HUNT stated he has not heard from DAISY in approximately 20 years, and he has no idea where she might presently reside. She was originally from New York City. She had a sister named MAY REDMAYNE. HUNT claims that in the divorce action with DAISY she was represented by an attorney named CHARLIE ARTER, who was employed by the firm of Dustin, Mac Keen, Merrick, Arter and Stewart of Cleveland, Ohio. HUNT claims that attorney ARTER is a "first-class hoodlum" and that DAISY collaborated with the attorney in attempting to force a large divorce settlement on him. HUNT believes that attorney CHARLIE ARTER is still living in Cleveland, Ohio.

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HUNT's third wife was named ELEANOR S. STARKE. At the time they were married she was a private secretary to the secretary of the Los Angeles Soap Company. HUNT believes that ELEANOR remarried in approximately 1953 to an accountant named ANDERSON who is employed by the Los Angeles Soap Company. He claims she formerly resided in a duplex apartment on West Boulevard near the Los Angeles High School, possibly at 1180 West Boulevard. He did not know her present location but believes that ELEANOR could be located through her husband at the Los Angeles Soap Company.

HUNT advised that ELEANOR STARKE's brother, WILLIAM E. STARKE, is employed as a night supervisor at Technicolor Studios, Hollywood, California, and resides at 12340 Hartsook Avenue, North Hollywood, California.

HUNT advised that his son, JOHN WUEST HUNT, Jr., graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles and presently resides in West Covina, California. HUNT stated he does not know his son's street address, but he understands his son is married and is employed as a school teacher. HUNT stated he has not been in touch with his son for a number of years.

HUNT stated that due to his former association with Father DIVINE, his criminal record and his general background, none of his ex-wives, his children, or WILLIAM E. STARKE will have anything to do with him. HUNT stated that they make a concerted effort to avoid him in every manner and consequently he has had no contact with them in recent years and is of the firm opinion that they know nothing about the matter under investigation.

During the course of both interviews with HUNT, as set out above, he advised that he is presently in the process of writing a book which will be a startling expose of Father DIVINE and his alleged illegal and immoral activities. HUNT claims that he intends to write, publish and market this book himself. It is noted that HUNT has indicated no reticence to discuss his previous association with Father DIVINE and has also expressed his willingness to cooperate with Agents in connection with instant investigation.

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One copy of this report is being furnished the San Diego Office for information in view of pending investigation being conducted by that Office to locate and interview subject's ex-wife, ELEANOR S. STARKE, her brother, WILLIAM E. STARKE, and subject's daughter, Mrs. JACKIE FLANEGIN.

It is noted that the report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated December 28, 1956, at Philadelphia set forth leads for the Los Angeles and San Diego Offices to locate and interview and take handprinting specimens from subject's former wives, his son, his daughter, and WILLIAM E. STARKE. In view of the fact that HUNT is apparently completely alienated from all these people and there is no indication whatsoever that any of them might be involved in the extortion attempts against Father DIVINE, no investigation is being conducted at Los Angeles to locate and interview these people unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

LEADS

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will conduct appropriate investigation at Father DIVINE's Mission to establish identity and whereabouts of unknown individual whom JOHN WUEST HUNT names as a possible suspect. It is noted that by letter dated December 28, 1956, the Los Angeles Office furnished Philadelphia with photographic copies of newspaper photographs of this unknown individual.

REFERENCES

Letter from Los Angeles to Director dated 12/28/56.
FBI Laboratory report to Los Angeles dated 1/7/57
(Laboratory No. D-243636CJ)
Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 12/28/56 at Philadelphia.

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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was., A. J. Anderson, Andrew Morales, A. Morales; Mr. M. J. DIVINE, aka., Father Divine - VICTIM	JOSEPH A. VERICA	JMH
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

JOHN WUEST HUNT furnished a photograph of a fellow inmate, McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary, who around 1943, following his release, resided at the victim's mission, 507 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa. DIVINE's followers identified him as WILLIAM A. BROWN. Records at above penitentiary reflect BROWN, FBI #1395490, has his next of kin residing at Plantersville, and Tupelo, Miss. The FBI Laboratory was requested to check BROWN's fingerprints with the latents of this case.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

The Los Angeles Office on December 28, 1956, advised that JOHN WUEST HUNT, 5513½ Inglewood Boulevard, Culver City, Calif., was confined at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary between 1937 and 1939. HUNT advised that Office that he became acquainted with a fellow inmate, whose name he cannot recall. This inmate could only be described by HUNT as a white man who came from Tupelo, Miss., and who continually talked about Biloxi, Miss. Following his release, this individual came to Father DIVINE's Mission in Philadelphia, around 1943, to reside. [illegible] Father DIVINE's establishment at 507 South Broad Street for approximately six months. HUNT furnished a photograph of this person and suspected him as a likely subject.

Miss [redacted] Personal Secretary of Father DIVINE, victim, viewed this photograph on January 7, 1957, and advised SA JOSEPH A. VERICA that this person was not familiar to her. She would determine from the followers his true identity. b6 b7C

On January 17, 1957, Miss [redacted] advised SA VERICA that a search of her records indicated that a WILLIAM A. BROWN was the name of the person apparently described by HUNT. Mr. WILLIAM CARLTON, a follower of Father DIVINE, who resided at 507 South Broad Street when the photograph was taken, May 17, 1945, viewed this photograph and identified the person as WILLIAM A. BROWN. b6 b7C

The Seattle Office on January 18, 1957, was requested to furnish background information regarding BROWN. This Office on February 1, 1957, reported the following:

A review of the McNeil Island files reflects the WILLIAM A. BROWN referred to by JOHN WUEST HUNT is probably identical with WILLIAM ALBERT HUNT, McNeil #15118 and 13190.

Mr. THOMAS HEDGES, Record Clerk, was unable to locate the main file for WILLIAM A. BROWN due to a probable misfiling; however, the skeleton file reflects the subject was received

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at McNeil on January 12, 1937, assigned number 13190-M on a charge of larceny of personal property and forgery. He received one year and one day. He was conditionally released August 28, 1938, after serving part of his sentence at the Federal Prison Camp at Kooskia, Idaho, (#427-K).

On January 10, 1941, he was sentenced by the U. S. District Court, Spokane, Wash., to 13 months custody of the Attorney General for altering a U. S. Treasury check. He was received at McNeil for this offense on January 21, 1941, and transferred to the Federal Prison Camp at Kooskia on April 29, 1941.

His next of kin was listed as Mrs. MAUDE [illegible], [illegible], Plantersville, Miss. Other relatives were:

Father: [illegible]
Plantersville, Miss.

Sister: Mrs. LOTTIE FORST TEAGUE,
Richmond, Mass.

Ex-wife: EULA AGNES BICKERSTAFF,
married March 15, 1920,
Tupelo, Miss., divorced
October 19, 1920, in
Chancery Court, Tupelo,
Miss.

WILLIAM H. BROWN

Physical Description: Born January 29, 1904, at
Plantersville, Miss.
5' 8½" tall
161 pounds
Blue-gray eyes
Light brown hair
Fair complexion
Medium build
FBI #1395490

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The FBI Laboratory was requested on February 19, 1957, to compare BROWN's fingerprints with the latents of this case.

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Administrative Details

For the information of the Memphis Office, Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka., Father DIVINE, Founder, and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement, Philadelphia, Pa., resides at the Circle Peace Church and all mailing should be addressed to 740-742 Pine Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

A sample of letters from the extortionate mailing received has been [illegible] and the original letters will be destroyed.

These letters and the person signing the same are as follows:

POSTMARK OF LETTER	ANONYMOUS WRITER
11/9/55, Leesville, La.	ANDREW MORALES
12/22/55, Louisville, Ky.	A. J. ANDERSON
1/2/56, Louisville, Ky.	A. J. ANDERSON
2/3/56, Mobile, Ala.	A. MORALES
4/16/56, Louisville, Ky.	ANDERSON
6/5/56, Lousiville, Ky.	ANDERSON

Victim also received telephone calls from "ANDERSON" from Louisville, Ky., to Philadelphia, Pa., to amplify or change payoff dates reflected in these letters on the following dates:

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1/29/56
2/1/56

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Administrative Details (continued)

Considerable investigation has been co[illegible]ted by several Offices but to date, the subject or subj[illegible] have not been identified.

Transmitted by separate cover are the [illegible]ts [illegible] SA JOSEPH A. [illegible] at Philad[illegible] dated 2/16/[illegible] [illegible]31/56 and 7/31/56. [illegible] reflects [illegible] the world[illegible] received by [illegible]tion to [illegible] Memphis Of[illegible] WILLIAM A. [illegible]

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[illegible]ough [illegible] BROWN and [illegible] Locate[illegible] interviewed [illegible] A. BROWN to obtain [illegible] specimens in the [illegible] of the [illegible]tion [illegible]

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AT [illegible]

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SAN DIEGO (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished this Office as [illegible] being conducted by that Office.

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Report of Mr. [illegible] (6) at Los Angeles dated [illegible]

Philadelphia letter to Seattle 4/26/57.

Seattle letter to Philadelphia dated 5/1/57.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
SAN DIEGO	PHILADELPHIA	2/26/57	1/19;2/6,8,13/57

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, etc.; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	T. HYRUM CALLISTER	rk
	CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION	

SYNOPSIS:

Mrs. ROBERT E. (JACKIE) FLANEGIN, Corona Del Mar, Calif., and her mother, Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, nee WHEATON, former wife of JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR., state they have no information as to this HUNT's present whereabouts. Information furnished by them concerning former wives of HUNT, SR. and his other children set out. Neither Mrs. FLANEGIN nor Mrs. MILLER know of any persons who live in Kentucky; Mobile, Alabama; or New Orleans, Louisiana areas, who might have written extortion letters. Handwriting samples of Mrs. MILLER obtained for submission to FBI Laboratory. She considers JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. very vindictive and believes him capable of writing such extortion letters. Records of one WILLIAM STANLEY STARK and one JOHN W. HUNT, located in files of Credit Bureau, San Diego, Calif. Sheriff's Office and Police Department files, San Diego, contain no arrest record relating to WILLIAM S. or E. STARK and JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. or JR.

No Code

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DETAILS: At San Diego, California

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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On January 19, 1957, Lt. JACK BAKER, Records Bureau, Police Department, and Captain BROOKS WHITNEY, Identification Bureau, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised they were unable to locate any record in their files identifiable with WILLIAM S. or E. STARK or JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. or JR.

On January 19, 1957, Mrs. OLIVE ROBINSON, Secretary to the Manager, Merchants Central Credit Association, ascertained from her records that one WILLIAM STANLEY STARK, wife, BERTHA, resided at 4343 Ocean Boulevard, San Diego, for seven years prior to 1948. In 1954 his residence was listed as 1377 Thomas Avenue, San Diego. In 1948 he was employed as a cook by Brown Military Academy. He claims to own property in Gary, Indiana. Credit and paying habits are spotty and some members claim he is a collection problem.

On January 19, 1957, Mrs. ROBINSON located a file on one JOHN W. HUNT, age 65 years in 1955, wife RITA. His address in 1955 was 2135 Eldora Street, Lemon Grove, California, and he formerly resided at Rt. 1, Box 3895, Spring Valley, California. He formerly worked as a mechanic for Convair but is presently listed as retired. His credit record is satisfactory and he has resided in the San Diego area for more than 14 years. From information in the file it was determined he is not identical with the JOHN WUEST HUNT in this case.

On February 13, 1957, an attempt was made to contact WILLIAM STANLEY STARK at the Brown Military Academy without success.

At Corona Del Mar, California

The following investigation was conducted by SA GEORGE A. PAINE, JR.:

On February 6, 1957, Mrs. ROBERT E. (JACKIE) FLANEGIN, nee JACQUELINE HUNT, 424 Orchid Avenue, advised she is the daughter of JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. from the first marriage of HUNT and ETHELYN WHEATON, her mother. ETHYLEN WHEATON is now Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, 525 Hazel Drive, Corona Del Mar. She stated HUNT, SR. married one DAISY (LNU) as his second wife. She could furnish no additional information regarding DAISY or DAISY's present location. ELEANOR STARK was the third wife of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. and her present married name and location are

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not known by Mrs. FLANEGIN. She believed ELEANOR was possibly residing in the Los Angeles or La Habra, California, areas. CAROL SWEET is the fourth and present wife of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. The location of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. and CAROL is not known to Mrs. FLANEGIN. Mrs. FLANEGIN has a half-brother, JOHN W. HUNT, Jr., born of the marriage of HUNT and ELEANOR STARK. This half-brother was last known residing at 1039 Indian Summer, West Covina, California. Mrs. FLANEGIN first met JOHN HUNT, JR. about one year ago. She had not met him previous to that time.

Mrs. FLANEGIN was adopted when she was about eleven years of age by HERBERT MILLER, present husband of her true mother. She recalled seeing JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. her father, about 1933 or 1934 at Detroit, Michigan. Her mother and HUNT, SR. were divorced about ten years earlier. Since 1933 she has had only a rare letter or telephone call from JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR.. She did not see her father again until Summer, 1956, at Los Angeles, California when her father located her and her mother. They felt it would be best to meet him instead of refusing to have anything to do with him and possibly face the chance of reprisals on the part of HUNT, SR. in the form of "bad publicity". Reportedly, HUNT, SR. did not know the location of Mrs. FLANEGIN until about one and one-half years ago. She has not had any contact or communications with her father since that time.

Her father entered the "DIVINE movement" about 1933 or 1934. Mrs. FLANEGIN last saw her father at that time in Detroit, Michigan. JOHN W. HUNT, SR., his brother, WARNER HUNT, and their mother, were traveling from California to Philadelphia, to enter that movement. JOHN W. HUNT, SR. indicated he desired Mrs. MILLER and Mrs. FLANEGIN to enter the movement with him. They refused. Reportedly JOHN HUNT was the "left-hand God" to Father DIVINE. WARNER HUNT, brother of JOHN, SR., reportedly was an All American football player at Stanford University in California. He has been the publisher of the Father DIVINE newspaper since about 1933. Reportedly ELEANOR WUEST HUNT, mother of JOHN and WARNER, formerly resided in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. The HUNT family was reportedly "well to do". ELEANOR WUEST HUNT is believed not deceased. Mrs. FLANEGIN believed she died in the DIVINE "camp". The husband of ELEANOR died about 1923. He had resided in the Beverly Hills, California area.

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Mrs. FLANEGIN has not been a member of the Father DIVINE movement. Her father, JOHN W. HUNT, SR., left that movement about nine years ago. Since that time she stated he has been very "anti-Father DIVINE". JOHN W. HUNT, SR. was incarcerated at Mc Neil Island Federal Penitentiary for violation of the "Mann Act". Reportedly he was convicted for "traveling and living with a juvenile". After his release from prison he returned to the DIVINE movement and married CAROL SWEET, his fourth and present wife. Mrs. FLANEGIN believes her father and CAROL SWEET are so "anti-DIVINE", either of them could have written extortion letters. She does not know the identity of any present, or former, members of the DIVINE movement, particularly in the Kentucky, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, or New Orleans areas. Her father believes his mother died in the DIVINE "camp" without proper medical care. Reportedly, JOHN W. HUNT, SR. is very "bitter" concerning this as he was very "attached" to his mother. Mrs. FLANEGIN believes her father is rational and mentally stable, however possibly emotionally unstable. She stated she has not heard the names of A. J. ANDERSON, ANDREW MORALES, or A. MORALES.

On February 6, 1957, Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, formerly Mrs. JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR., nee ETHELYN WHEATON, 525 Hazel Drive, was interviewed at her daughter's residence at 424 Orchid Avenue, Corona Del Mar.

Mrs. MILLER was the first wife of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. She married him on February 11, 1922 at Lyons, Ione County, Michigan. She was age 17 and HUNT, SR. was age 18. She divorced him in November, 1923 at Ione County, Michigan, charging him with mental cruelty. She left California in August 1923 to return to Ione County to divorce him.

Mrs. MILLER advised the second wife of JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. was DAISY REDMAYNE, present name and location unknown. DAISY reportedly was a "California girl" and DAISY and HUNT lived together for less than one year. In the Summer, 1956, JOHN W. HUNT, SR. advised Mrs. MILLER he did not know the location of DAISY.

The third wife of HUNT, SR. was ELEANOR STARK. She has reportedly married an accountant. Her present marriage name and location is unknown. It is believed by Mrs. MILLER that ELEANOR resides in the Los Angeles, California, area. WILLIAM STARK is the brother of ELEANOR. WILLIAM is believed residing in the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. MILLER was introduced to CAROL SWEET HUNT in the Summer of 1956, at Los Angeles, California. HUNT, SR. met CAROL in the "DIVINE movement". The location of CAROL and JOHN W. HUNT, SR. is unknown to Mrs. MILLER. Mrs. MILLER saw JOHN W. HUNT, SR. only on the occasions Mrs. MILLER visited the HUNT, SR.'s mother, Mrs. ELEANOR WUEST HUNT, at Cleveland, Ohio, when Mrs. HUNT was residing there. Mrs. HUNT is reportedly now deceased. WARNER HUNT, brother of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. reportedly is still connected with the Father DIVINE newspaper, "New Day" around Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. MILLER has never been a member of the "DIVINE movement". She does not know any present or former followers of Father DIVINE residing in either Kentucky, Mobile, Alabama, Louisiana, or New Orleans, areas. She could not recognize the names of A. J. ANDERSON, ANDREW MORALES, or A. MORALES.

Mrs. MILLER voluntarily furnished handwriting and handprinting specimens. These specimens are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the writing in this investigation.

Mrs. MILLER terminated the interview by stating JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR. is a very vindictive person and appeared very "anti-Father DIVINE" when she last saw him in 1956. She stated from the information and tone of information contained in the letters to DIVINE, she felt it sounded very much like the work of JOHN W. HUNT, SR. She had no information he wrote such letters, but believes he is capable of writing such extortion letters.

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JOHN W. HUNT [illegible] being made [illegible] the
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SA GERALD D. HARRISON (A) [illegible] on set out in report [illegible]
January 29, 1[illegible] at Los Angeles

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PHILADELPHIA [illegible]

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

WILL [illegible] results of [illegible] FBI Lab examination of handwriting of Mrs. [illegible] B. nee ETHEL WHEATON [illegible]

REFERENCES

Report of SA GERALD D. HARRISON (A) [illegible] at Los Angeles, 1/29/[illegible].
Report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated [illegible] Philadelphia, 2/28/50.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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LAB FILE

Re: Unsub, was
A. J. ANDERSON, etc.;
M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE
EXTORTION

File # 9-29314
Lab. # D-247312 CJ

Examination requested by: SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

Date of reference communication: Airtel 2/19/57 **Date received:** 2/20/57

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Holland

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Specimens submitted for examination

Request that fingerprints of WILLIAM A. BROWN, #FBI-1395490, be compared with latent fingerprints of instant case. Also request that handwriting and/or hand printing in instant cases be searched through files of Identification Division.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Philadelphia

March 1, 1957

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Re: Secret, aka
A. J. ANDERSON, etc.;
M. J. RIVERS, aka
PAUNER RIVERS
Extortion

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1611
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-047213 CJ

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Reference: Airtel 2/18/57

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimen:

Request that fingerprints of WILLIAM A. BROWN, #FBI-1395490, be compared with latent fingerprints of instant case. Also request that handwriting and/or hand printing in instant case be compared with all available known handwriting of WILLIAM A. BROWN, #FBI-1395490.

Results of Examination:

The questioned handwriting and hand printing appearing on evidence previously submitted in this case is not comparable in word and letter combinations with the signatures of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #FBI-1395490, appearing on fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division of the Bureau. Accordingly, it could not be determined whether BROWN prepared any of the questioned material. It is suggested that additional handwriting specimens be obtained from this individual for further comparison with the questioned material. These specimens should consist of both handwriting and hand printing and, if possible, should be in the same wording as the questioned evidence.

Latent fingerprints in the instant case are not identical with the fingerprints of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #FBI-1395490.

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Date: 2/19/57

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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

TO: BUREAU (9-29314)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-1611)

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It is requested BROWN's fingerprints under FBI number 1395490 be compared with latents of this case. Further all handwriting specimens on file at the Identification Division are also to be compared with the writing, printing or both in this case.

Efforts have been initiated to locate handwritten and handprinted specimens executed by BROWN.

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TO: BUREAU (9-29314) ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 2/2/57

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (9-332)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
A. J. Anderson, etc.;
M. J. DIVINE, aka
Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, nee ETHYLEN WHEATON, former wife of JOHN WUEST HUNT, SR., was interviewed at Corona Del Mar, California on February 6, 1957. She denied any knowledge of the extortion letters in this case but voluntarily furnished one page of handwriting and one page of hand printing which are enclosed herewith by registered mail.

It is requested that the above handwriting and hand printing be compared with extortion writing previously furnished to the Bureau by the Philadelphia Division and results be furnished the Philadelphia and San Diego Divisions.

The handwriting samples need not be returned if no identification is made.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, San Diego

March 11, 1957

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Unsub, was
A. J. ANDERSON, et cetera;
M. J. DIVINE, aka
FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-332
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-248079 CJ

Examination requested by: San Diego

Reference: Letter 2/26/57

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

K23 Two sheets of ruled paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing of MRS. HERBERT B. MILLER.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting and hand printing appearing on specimens Q1 through Q11 and Q14 through Q17, all previously submitted in this case, were not written by the writer of specimen K23.

Specimen K23 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Memphis

March 28, 1957

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Re: Unknown Subject, was
A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL.;
N. J. DIVINE aka FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO. 9-824
FBI FILE NO. 9-29314
LAB. NO. D-249691 CJ

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Letter 3/20/57

Examination requested: Document

Specimen:

K24 Envelope postmarked "MOBILE 2 ALA AUG 1 1947 6:30 PM" and accompanying two-page letter bearing the known handwriting of WILLIAM A. BROWN.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned script handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11 was not written by the writer of specimen K24. The hand printing appearing on the specimens submitted in this case is not comparable with the script handwriting contained on specimen K24.

K24 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

Enclosure - Registered Mail

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SEANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI DATE: 3/20/57

FROM : SAC, Memphis ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was.
A. J. Anderson, et al;
M. J. DIVINE aka Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Philadelphia OO)

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On 3/8/57, Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 624 Jackson St., Tupelo, Miss., sister of WILLIAM A. BROWN, suspect, advised that she has not seen her brother in approximately ten years. Mrs. POSEY stated that her brother is presently working for the Great Northern Railroad in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. POSEY furnished SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR. with a two page letter written by her brother, which letter was postmarked Mobile, Ala., 8/1/47. This letter is submitted herewith to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with specimens under FBI Laboratory No. D243636CJ

Attached herewith for the Philadelphia Office are the reports of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 2/16/56, 5/31/56 and 7/31/56, which reports the Philadelphia Office requested be returned to the Philadelphia Office upon completion of the investigation by the Memphis Office at Tupelo, Miss.

No leads are being set out by the Memphis Office for the Seattle Office to locate and interview WILLIAM A. BROWN, who is presently employed at the Great Northern Railroads, Seattle, in view of the fact the possibility exists BROWN may be eliminated as a suspect on the basis of handwriting specimens furnished by his sister, Mrs. POSEY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Title of Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MEMPHIS	PHILADELPHIA	[illegible]	4/4,8/57

Title of Case	Report made by	Typed By
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, WAS. A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE, VICTIM	LAM H. ALLEN, JR.	[illegible]

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

[illegible]. TULANE POSEY, Tupelo, Mississippi, sister of WILLIAM A. BR[illegible] [illegible]. MAUDE BROWN, Route # 1, Pontotoc, Mississippi, mother of [illegible] BROWN, advised that WILLIAM A. BROWN is presently working [illegible] Great Northern Railroad, Seattle, Washington, as a painter.

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DETAILS: On April 4, 1957, Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 624 Jackson Street, Tupelo, sister of WILLIAM A. BROWN advised that she did not know her brother's address. She said she is reasonably sure her brother is presently working for the Great Northern Railroad, Seattle, Washington. Mrs. POSEY was of the opinion that her mother, Mrs. MAUDE BROWN, Pontotoc, might know the address of WILLIAM A. BROWN.

On April 8, 1957, MRS. MAUDE BROWN, Route # 1, Pontotoc, advised that she does not know the exact address of her son, WILLIAM A. BROWN, but said that he is presently working for the Great Northern Railroad in Seattle, as a painter. Mrs. BROWN stated that sometimes it is six months to one year before she receives any correspondence from her son. She said it had been several months since she had received

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a letter from BROWN.

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Memphis is not setting forth a lead to have WILLIAM A. BROWN interviewed by the Seattle Office inasmuch as Philadelphia Office by airtel dated March 28, 1957, requested that Philadelphia be furnished the address of BROWN so that Philadelphia could set out appropriate leads in this regard.

REFERENCE: Philadelphia airtel to Memphis dated 3/28/57

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	6/14/57	3/8,28;4/10;5/3;6/5/57

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed by
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Was. A. J. ANDERSON, ETAL; M. J. DIVINE, Aka. FATHER DIVINE - VICTIM	JOSEPH A. VERICA	RAM
	CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

SYNOPSIS:

Fingerprints of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, FBI #1395490, compared with latents this case with negative results. FBI Laboratory determined Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, nee Ethelyn Wheaton, former wife of JOHN WURST HUNT, did not prepare questioned handprinting and handwriting in this case. FBI Laboratory concluded WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN did not prepare questioned handwriting this case. BROWN's available handprinting was not comparable. Memphis Office determined that BROWN was working for the Great Northern Railroad, Seattle, Wash.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

The FBI Laboratory on March 11, 1957, concluded that the questioned handwriting and handprinting in this case were not prepared by Mrs. HERBERT B. MILLER, nee Ethelyn Wheaton, former wife of JOHN WURST HUNT.

Miss [redacted] Personal Secretary of FATHER DIVINE, victim, was contacted by SA JOSEPH A. VERICA on April 10; May 3, and June 5, 1957. On each occasion Miss [redacted] advised that the victim has received no additional communications, either oral or written, from the anonymous writer or b6 b7C

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writers reiterating his or their demands.

The FBI Laboratory on March 1, 1957, advised that WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN's (FBI #1395490) fingerprints were not identical with the latest fingerprints in this case. The questioned handwriting and handprinting previously submitted in this case were not comparable in word and letter combinations with the signatures of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN appearing on the fingerprint cards on file in the Identification Division of the FBI. Accordingly, it could not be determined whether BROWN prepared any of the questioned material.

The Identification Division on March 6, 1957, furnished the identification [illegible] of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN under FBI #1395490 dated March 5, 1957. [illegible] that a [illegible] received from Mrs. [illegible] BROWN, his mother, c/o Mr. L. A. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], Miss.

On March 21, 1957, the Memphis Office was requested to interview Mrs. BROWN to locate WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN to obtain handwritten and handprinted specimens from BROWN in the original wording of the extortion letter received by the victim.

The Memphis Office on March 23, 1957, advised that on March 8, 1957, Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 624 Jackson Street, Tupelo, Miss., sister of WILLIAM BROWN, said she had not seen her brother in approximately 10 years. Mrs. POSEY said he was presently working for the Great Northern Railroad in Seattle, Wash. Mrs. POSEY furnished SA SAM H. ALLEN Jr. with a two-page letter written by BROWN, which letter was postmarked Mobile, Ala., August 1, 1947. This letter was transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the anonymous letter in this case.

The FBI Laboratory on March 28, 1957, concluded that the questioned script handwriting appearing on BROWN's letter postmarked at Mobile, Ala., on August 1, 1947, was not written by the writer of the questioned specimens previously identified as Q1 through Q3 and Q9 through Q11.

SA SAM H. ALLEN Jr. at Tupelo, Miss., on April 4, 1957, recontacted Mrs. TULANE POSEY at which time she advised she did not know her brother's address, and she was reasonably certain that he was then employed by the Great Northern Railroad in Seattle, Wash.

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On April 8, 1957, Mrs. MAUD BROWN, Route 1, Pontotoc, Miss., advised SA ALLEN she did not know the exact address of her son, WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN. She stated he was working for the Great Northern Railroad at Seattle, Wash., as a painter.

Identification Record of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN under FBI #1395490 dated March 4, 1957, is as follows:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Sec. Serv. Div., Spokane, Wash.	WILLIAM A. BROWN #--	6/14/37	forg.-theft and conp.	
MSP, Helena, Mont.	[illegible]	11/4/37	burglary, [illegible]	1 yr. & 1 day [illegible]
[illegible] Co., [illegible]	WILLIAM A. BROWN #13190	11/12/37	[illegible] per. prop. and forg.	1 yr. & 1 day served, [illegible] 18 days
Idaho Pr. Comp #11 Kootenia, Idaho	WILLIAM A. BROWN #827-K	5/17/38 in trans. from USP, McNeil Isl. Wash.	lare. per. prop. and forg.	$1 fine not committed - 1 yr. 1 day 8/20/38, cond. rel.
PD, Missoula, Mont.	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #--	4/15/40	inv.	
PD, Wenatchee, Wash.	WM. ALBERT BROWN, #8676	9/5/40	altering US Treas. check	
US Sec. Serv., Seattle, Wash.	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #--	9/5/40	altering Govt. check	1/10/41, 13 mos. and $100 fine
SO, Spokane, Wash.	WILLIAM A. BROWN #25436	9/5/40	viol. Sec. 262, Title 18, USCA	1/10/41, 13 mos. USP & $100 fine on chg. of altering US check

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Rec'ived	Charge	Disposition
USN, Spokane, Wash.	WILLIAM A. BROWN #1568	9/5/40	viol.Sec 262, Title 18, USCA altering US check	
USP, Seattle, Wash., Wash.	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #[illegible]	1/21/41	altering U.S. Treas. check	13 mos. 1/29/41 tr. to F.P.C. Seattle, Wash.
Fed. Prison Camp, Seattle, Wash.	[redacted]	[illegible] Wash.)	[illegible]	13 mos
U.S. Naval Recruiting Sta., New Orleans, La.	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN	applicant 5/1/42		
SO, Mobile, Ala.	W. G. BROWN #[illegible]	5/12/43	public drunk	
Capt. of the Port, Mobile, Ala.	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, #A082-34811	ident.card 2/21/44		
CS Comm., Wash., D.C.	WILLIAM A. BROWN #203-NAVY-1 Residence: 507 S. Broad St.,Phila., Pa., Born: 1/29/04	FP 5/23/45 Phila.,Pa.	Position: Painter, Industrial Dept., U.S. Navy Yard, Phila., Pa.	
PD, Mobile, Ala.	WM. ALBERT BROWN #26529	12/26/46	drunk	$12 or 10 days
PD, Mobile, Ala.	WM. ALBERT BROWN #26529	8/24/47	Inv.	Nol Pros.
SOS Army	WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN #51 A48	appl 6/30/42		

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Administrative Details

For the information of the Seattle Office, Reverend M. J. DIVINE, aka. FATHER DIVINE, Bishop, Founder, and Pastor of the Peace Mission Movement, Philadelphia, Pa., resides at the Circle Mission Church Home and Training School of Pennsylvania at 762-772 South Broad Street of the city.

He received six letters from the anonymous writers who demanded the sum of $128,400 or he and his movement would be destroyed.

These letters and the person signing the same are as follows:

Postmark of Letter	Anonymous Signature
11/9/55, Louisville, Ky.	[redacted]
12/28/55, Louisville, Ky.	A. J. [redacted]
1/2/56, Louisville, Ky.	A. J. [redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
1/14/56, Louisville, Ky.	[redacted]
6/5/56, Louisville, Ky.	ANDERSON

Victim also received telephone calls from "ANDERSON" from Louisville, Ky., to Philadelphia, Pa., to amplify or change payoff demands reflected in these letters on the following dates:

1/1/56
1/29/56
2/1/56

Considerable investigation has been conducted by several offices and to date, the subject or subjects have not been identified.

Transmitted by separate cover are the reports of SA JOSEPH A. VERONA at Philadelphia dated 2/16/56; 5/31/56, and 7/31/56. Each reflects in detail the wording of the letters received by the victim to assist the Seattle Office to interview WILLIAM A. BROWN. BROWN resided at victim's mission, 507 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., following BROWN's release from McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary.

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LEADS

SEATTLE:

Will contact Great Northern Railroad to determine the location of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN and interview him to obtain handprinted specimens in the original wording of the extortion letters for comparison by the FBI Laboratory.

[redacted]:

[redacted]

[redacted]

Report of SA JOSEPH A. VENICA dated 3/1/57, at Philadelphia.

Bureau Letters to Philadelphia dated 3/11/57 and 3/28/57.

Report of SA SAM H. ALLEN Jr. dated 4/24/57, at Memphis.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SEATTLE	PHILADELPHIA	8/3/57	6/25;7/29/57

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, et al; M. J. DIVINE, aka Father Divine - VICTIM	OTTIS V. KELLEY	hke
	CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

Records, Great Northern Railroad, Seattle, Washington, reflect one WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, Brewster, Washington, employed as maintenance gang laborer from February 18, 1952, to March 14, 1952. WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN not located at Brewster, Washington.

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DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On June 25, 1957, Special Agent JAMES MARKLE, Great Northern Railroad, Seattle, Washington, advised Special Agent TIMOTHY M. CASEY, JR., that one WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN was employed as a maintenance gang laborer from February 18, 1952, to March 14, 1952, resigning at the end of this period. From

Approved: R. L. Auerbach Special Agent In Charge

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Great Northern records, BROWN is described as follows:

Date of Birth	January 29, 1908
Place of Birth	Plainville, Mississippi
Height	5'10½"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Wife	AUGES BROWN, Rt. 1, Brewster, Washington.
Daughter	MARY EUNISE BROWN, age 13.
Son	JOHN OWEN BROWN, age 10.
Parents	ALBERT KIMBRO BROWN and MAUD EMMA BROWN, Plainville, Mississippi.

The records reflect that while BROWN was employed by the above railroad, his address was listed as Route 1, Brewster, Washington.

AT BREWSTER, WASHINGTON

On July 29, 1957, CARL ELLIOTT, Postmaster, Brewster, Washington, and long-time resident of that community, advised that they have no one by the name of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN or AUGES BROWN receiving mail through that Post Office at the present time, and added that he does not recall anyone by this name as being a resident in that area in the past. ELLIOTT further advised, after a search of his record, that he was unable to locate any forwarding address for WILLIAM ALBERT or AUGES BROWN.

ELLIOTT advised that their "Route 1" is divided and commented that part of this route is across the Columbia River and is actually located in Douglas County, Washington.

On July 29, 1957, Mrs. GEORGE SCHULTZ, Okanogan County Public Utility District, Brewster, advised that she was unable to locate any record of a WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN or AUGES BROWN as being a subscriber to electricity at the present time or in the past.

On July 29, 1957, Mrs. HELEN BLENKNER, Douglas County Public Utility District, Bridgeport, Washington, advised that she was unable to locate any record of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN or AUGES BROWN as being a present or past subscriber to electricity in Douglas County, Washington.

On July 29, 1956, ROYE THORNAL, Vocational Agriculture Teacher, Brewster High School, Brewster, made available the grade school records of the Brewster, Washington, Grade School but no record was located of a MARY EUNISE BROWN or a JOHN OWEN BROWN as being a present or former student.

On July 29, 1957, LARRY GREENE, Great Northern Railroad Agent, Brewster, advised that he is the only permanent employee of the above railroad at Brewster, and related that he was not assigned to Brewster until 1955. GREENE stated he does not know anyone by the name of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN living in Brewster. GREENE stated that there is a "Bridge and Building" gang in the Brewster area at the present time and that TURY PALMQUIST is the foreman of this gang.

On July 29, 1957, TURY PALMQUIST, Foreman, Bridge and Building Gang No. 14, Great Northern Railroad, presently at Brewster, advised that he has been with the above railroad for a number of years, but stated that he does not know any employee by the name of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN.

ENCLOSURES TO PHILADELPHIA: Reports (3) of Special Agent JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 2/16; 5/31; 7/31/56 at Philadelphia.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314)

DATE: 8/3/57

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (9-719)

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.,
A. J. Anderson, et al.
M. J. DIVINE, aka Father
Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO-PHILADELPHIA)

Review of SA JOSEPH A. VERLIA dated 6/14/57 at Philadelphia, and Philadelphia letter to Seattle dated 6/24/57.

Reviewed herewith is the report of SA OWEN V. MILLER dated 7/3/57.

LEADS

THE SEATTLE DIVISION

AT TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Will recontact Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 604 Jackson Street, sister of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, to determine if she can furnish any additional information regarding the present whereabouts of her brother.

AT PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

Will recontact Mrs. MAUD BROWN, Route #1, to determine if she can furnish any additional information regarding the present address of her son, WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 8/5/57

FROM SAC, SEATTLE (9-719)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.,
A. J. Anderson, et al.
M. J. DIVINE, aka Father
Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO-PHILADELPHIA)

Rerep of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated 6/14/57 at Philadelphia, and Philadelphia letter to Seattle dated 6/14/57.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA OTTIS V. KELLEY dated 8/3/57.

LEADS

THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

Will recontact Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 624 Jackson Street, sister of WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, to determine if she can furnish any additional information regarding the present whereabouts of her brother.

AT PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI

Will recontact Mrs. MAUD BROWN, Route #1, to determine if she can furnish any additional information regarding the present address of her son, WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN.

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2 - Memphis (Encl. 2)
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Title of Case	Report made by	Typed By:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. [illegible] J. Anderson et al; [illegible] J. DIVINE aka Father Divine - VICTIM	SAM H. ALLEN, JR.	ED

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, suspect, as of 6/10/57 was residing at 703 8th Avenue, Seattle 4, Washington, Apt. #30.

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DETAILS: On August 19, 1957, Mrs. TULANE POSEY, 624 Jackson Street, Tupelo, Mississippi, the sister of suspect WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, advised that she does not know the present whereabouts of her brother. She said that recently SAM LONG, an attorney, Tupelo, handled a matter for her mother, Mrs. MAUD BROWN, of Troy, Mississippi, concerning the disposition of some property. She was of the opinion that as a result of this matter, which was handled in Chancery Court, Tupelo, that her brother, WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, might have received some money.

On August 19, 1957, JOHN A. RASBERRY, Chancery Clerk, Tupelo, advised that recently his office mailed to WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, 703 8th Avenue, Apartment #30, Seattle 4, Washington, a check for $907.81. He said that this was his share of the sale of a piece of property by his mother, Mrs. MAUD BROWN, Troy, Mississippi. He said that this check was mailed on June 10, 1957 and that

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it was a voucher to the Peoples National Bank of Washington, 1st Avenue Branch, Seattle.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/28/57

FROM: SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson et al;
M. J. DIVINE aka Father Divine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(Philadelphia 00)

Enclosed herewith is report of SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR., 8/26/57, Memphis.

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SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will attempt to locate and interview WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, suspect, who as of 6/10/57 was living at 703 8th Ave., Apt. #30, Seattle. If BROWN cannot be located at this address, will attempt to obtain information concerning his present whereabouts from the Peoples National Bank of Washington, 1st Avenue Branch, Seattle.

REFERENCE: Report of SA OTTIS V. KELLEY, 8/3/57, Seattle.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Seattle (9-719)

Date: October 18, 1957

Re: Unknown, Was
A. J. ANDERSON, et al.;
M. J. DEVINE, aka
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EXTORTION

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Enclosures (4) - Registered Mail (K25, 3 Lab rpt)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Seattle

Date: October 18, 1957
FBI File No. 9-29314
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Re: Unsub, was
A. J. ANDERSON, et al.;
M. J. DEVINE, aka
FATHER DEVINE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Specimens received from FBI, Seattle, 10/7/57:

K25 Three sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and hand printing specimens of WILLIAM A. BROWN.

Results of examinations:

It was ascertained that the questioned hand printing on specimens C6 through C8 and C10 through C17, previously submitted in this case, was not prepared by the writer of specimen K25.

Specimen K25 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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MAIL ROOM

FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (9-29314) DATE: September 30, 1957

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (9-719)

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was.
A. J. Anderson, et. al;
M. J. DEVINE, aka. Father
Devine - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: Philadelphia

Re: Report of SA SAM H. ALLEN, Jr. dated August 26, 1957 at Memphis;
Seattle airtel to Philadelphia dated September 9, 1957.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA WILLIAM J. DRESCHER dated September 30, 1957 at Seattle, Washington.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed handprinting specimens with instant letter postmarked December 22, 1955, Louisville, Kentucky. The Philadelphia Office should be advised of the results of the comparison. It is to be noted that the handwriting of BROWN and the fingerprints of BROWN have previously been compared with the material of instant case with negative results as to the fingerprints and with the opinion of the Laboratory that BROWN did not prepare the handwriting of instant case.

Also being enclosed for the Philadelphia Office are reports of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA dated February 16, May 31 and July 31, 1956.

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PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

Will report the results of the Laboratory examination as to the handprinting of suspect WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN.

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2 - Philadelphia (9-1611) (Enclosures 5)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SEATTLE	PHILADELPHIA	9/30/57	9/9,24/57

Title of Case	Report made by	Typed By:
UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was. A. J. Anderson, et. al; M. J. DEVINE, aka. Father Devine - VICTIM	WILLIAM J. DRESCHER	jcj
	CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

Suspect WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, born 1/29/04, Planters-ville, Mississippi, interviewed Seattle, Washington 9/24/57. Handprinting specimens obtained and forwarded Laboratory. BROWN states he has not been east of Montana or Wyoming since 1948.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Special Agent in Charge: DSH

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, 703 Eighth Avenue, Seattle, was interviewed on September 24, 1957. He works as a part-time janitor at the Compass Mission, 77 Washington Street, Seattle. BROWN stated he intends to go to the Wenatchee, Washington area in the immediate future to pick apples.

BROWN advised that for the last two years he has been in the State of Washington. He stated in 1945 he was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at which time he worked in the Navy Yard and did some painting. He stated that since 1948 he has not been east of the states of Montana and Wyoming and since 1948 has resided and worked in the states of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Washington with no trips east. He recalled that he stayed at Father Devine's Mission for a short time in 1945 in Philadelphia. He related that he went there out of curiosity inasmuch as when he was in the United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, in 1938 he became acquainted with an inmate named JOHN HUFF who was stated to be the prodigal son in the Devine movement and he often discussed Father Devine. BROWN stated he had never at any time written letters of any nature to Father Devine.

BROWN voluntarily furnished three pages of handprinting specimens which are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. A portion of these specimens contains the wording of letter postmarked December 22, 1955 Louisville, Kentucky, addressed to Father Devine.

Interview with WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN File # 9-719

on 9/24/57 at Seattle, Washington

by Special Agent WILLIAM J. DRESCHER

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BROWN's description from observation and interrogation is as follows:

Race	White
Date of Birth	January 29, 1904, Plantersville, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	160 pounds
Build	Slender
Eyes	Blue-gray
Hair	Brown
Military Service	U.S. Army, discharged 1932, Ft. Missoula, Montana, Company C, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry. (Previous service in U.S. Navy and Marines.)
Marital Status	Divorced
Social Security	No. 516-18-9865
Address	703 Eighth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.
Education	Grammar School.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	10/31/57	9/23:10/18,22/57

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By
UNKNOWN SUBJECT; was. A. J. ANDERSON, et al; M. J. DEVINE, aka, Father Devine- VICTIM	JOSEPH A. VERICA	bao
	CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

Synopsis:

FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handprinting in this case was not prepared by WILLIAM A. BROWN. Victim has received no additional communications from the subject reiterating his demands. Review of the file reflects all logical leads have been covered.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.:

WILLIAM ALBERT BROWN, 703 Eighth Avenue, Seattle, Wash., on September 24, 1957, furnished Seattle agent with handprinted specimens for examination and comparison with the questioned handprinting in this case. These specimens were transmitted to the FBI Laboratory by the Seattle Office on October 7, 1957.

Miss [redacted] personal secretary to victim, was contacted by SA JOSEPH A. VERICA on September 23, and October 22, 1957, She said the victim has received no additional communications from the anonymous writer reiterating his demands.

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PH 9-1611

TO: FBI, Seattle DATE: October 18, 1957

RE: UNSUB, was FBI File No. 9-29314
A. J. ANDERSON, et al;
M. J. DEVINE, aka Lab. No. D-263047 QJ
Father Devine - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

SPECIMENS RECEIVED from FBI, Seattle, 10/7/57:

K25 Sheet sheets of paper bearing known handwriting and handprinting specimens of WILLIAM A. BROWN.

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handprinting on specimens Q6 through Q9 and Q14 through Q17, previously submitted in this case, was not prepared by the writer of specimen K25.

Specimen K25 is returned herewith. This material has not been photographed.

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A review of the file reflects that all logical leads have been covered.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (9-29314) DATE: 10/31/57

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (9-1611)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; was. A. J. ANDERSON, ET AL;
M. J. DIVINE, aka. Father DIVINE -
VICTIM;
EXTORTION
OO - Philadelphia

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA JOSEPH A. VERICA, dated 10/31/57, at Philadelphia.

References

Seattle letter to Bureau, dated 9/30/57.

Bureau letter to Seattle, cc to Philadelphia, dated 10/18/57.

Report of SA WILLIAM J. DRESCHER, dated 9/30/57, at Seattle.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ John J. McGuire

DATE: 6/11/59

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FROM : D. J. PARSONS

SUBJECT: Unsub, wa A. J. ANDERSON
MR.M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE
VIKEX

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There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure ~~behind~~ the main file in the Records Branch.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New Orleans (157-65)

Date: September 15, 1960

Re: Unsub, aka
"True Texan"
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
CONCERNING (RACIAL MATTERS)

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. D-346140 DG

Examination requested by: New Orleans

Reference: Letter 9/8/60

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

The case involving FATHER DIVINE was Bureau file 9-29314. This case was closed in 1957. Specimen Q12 was a white bond envelope addressed to the Director, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, postmarked March 10, 1956, 4 PM Lake Charles, Louisiana. The report covering the examination of specimens Q12 and Q13 was dated March 22, 1956, and was directed to the Philadelphia Office. A copy of this report was directed to your office.

The extortion case involving MRS. J. SKELLY WRIGHT and MRS. HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY referred to in attached Laboratory report referred to the evidence submitted in connection with your file numbers 9-1587 and 9-1588.

Enclosures (8) (Q1 through Q6, 2 Lab report) 9-29314-

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Re: Unsub, aka
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Specimens received 9/12/60

Q1 White envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Opie L. Shelton MANAGER Chamber of Commerce of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, Louisiana," postmarked "LAKE CHARLES, LA APR 12 1960 9 PM"

Q2 Accompanying carbon copy of a typewritten letter dated 3-29-60, Sulphur, La., addressed to "Hon. Harry F. Gamble III," and beginning "As you know, New Orleans has been..."

Q3 White envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Opie L. Shelton MANAGER Chamber of Commerce Baton Rouge, La.," postmarked LAKE CHARLES LA MAR 9 1960 9 30 A M"

Q4 Accompanying carbon copy of typewritten letter addressed to "Hon Leander H. Perez" dated 6-10-60 Sulphur, La., beginning "No doubt you read the drivel..." attached to which is a newspaper clipping entitled " 'LAW' HELD HOPE OF WORLD PEACE"

Q5 White envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Opie L. Shelton, Manager Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce Baton Route, La," postmarked "LAKE CHARLES, LA MAY 2 1960 2 30 PM"

Q6 Accompanying typewritten document beginning "This SOB Chicago Carpetbagger..." attached to which are two newspaper clippings, one entitled "UNITED APPEALS FUND DRIVE LEADER NAMED," and the other "CHARLEY LAKE SAYS"

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 through Q6 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File. As a result of this search and subsequent comparison, it was concluded the specimens were prepared on the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q12 and Q13 previously submitted by the Philadelphia Office in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subject, aka, A. J. ANDERSON, et al.; MR. M. J. DIVINE, aka FATHER DIVINE, VIKEX.

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It was concluded specimens Q1 through Q6 were prepared on a typewriter equipped with Underwood pica type spaced 10 letters to the inch. This style of type has been used on various models of Underwood typewriters from 1902 to 1924.

It was further concluded specimens Q1 through Q6 and the specimens submitted in the case entitled Unknown Subject MRS. J. SKELLY WRIGHT, MRS. HERBERT W. CHRISTENBERRY, Victims, EXTORTION were not prepared on the same typewriter.

No watermarks or other significant identifying data were found, as a result of the examination of specimens Q1 through Q6, by which the source of these documents could be determined.

Specimens Q1 through Q6 are returned herewith. Photographs are retained.

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FBI

Date: 5/9/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-new)

SUBJECT: JOHN WUEST HUNT, aka., Prodigal Son; Mrs and Rev. M. J. DIVINE - VICTIMS
EXTORTION MRS M. J. DIVINE
(OO: PHILADELPHIA)

Re Bureau file 9-29314.

[redacted] Personal Secretary, Rev. M.J. DIVINE, in the presence of JOHN DEVOUT, aka., Warner Hunt, at the Circle Mission Church Home and Training School of Pennsylvania, 764-772 South Broad Street, on 5/7/61, furnished two typewritten letters she considered threatening. b6 b7C

Letter number one is postmarked 4/29/61, 12 p.m., San Diego, Calif., and is addressed as follows:

Mrs. & Rev. M. J. DIVINE
772 So Broad Street,
Phila., Pa.
This letter bears return address "The Professor."

The letter was received on 5/2/61, at the above address and was handled by Mother DIVINE, Father DIVINE, and [redacted] The contents of the letter are as follows: b6 b7C

"P. O. Box 1525
"San Diego, 12, Calif.

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"April 29, 1961.
A. D. J. D.
Time; Is Out.

"Mr. and Mrs. DEVINE, and aliases; and
MY Peace Mission on Earth Board of Directors.
772 South Broad st.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

"THIS LETTER WILL SERVE AS NOTICE THAT ALIAS FATHER DIVINE, HIS EVE, AND OTHER HEIRARCHY, BE EVICTED FROM THE GARDEN OF EDEN; OF, FOR AND BY THE OWNERS OF THE KINGDOM, MA[redacted] FOR THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREE OF LIF[redacted]OTING THE TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GOOD AND EVIL - BOTH TREE'S BELONG TO GOD.

"Mr. Devine, Eve and coworkers:

"You understand of course that this April 29, 1961 ADJC&M, is your final 'guessing game' Wedding anniversary celebration of the bride and the Goat in the Garden of the childre of God's Kingdom and MY Peace Mission on Earth and New Birth of Freedom. DO YOU NOT SEE THE MYSTERY?.,Im sure you do - therefore, 'A WORD TO THE WISEACRE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT AND EFFICIENT, HUH?'..or do you want the cards laid on the table, JHW. by JWH.

"I shall be back home again, this time with the rat poison, and all the KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREE OF LIFE, which is quite a different fruit of Seeds. Father ADAM Divine's anti-false Christ of his Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.....do you see the mystery, or do you? A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

"You Were Born To Die, Rot and Decay
Your Only Good Is Fertlizer For Those Of Us Who Stay
Your Corruption is Obsolete
MY Incorruptibility Is Complete,
This is the New Day, You're Acting Up in The Wrong Play
Here's Your Hat, No Need to Fury,
The Door Opens Out, If You Forget In Your Hurry.

"IM THE FIRST BORN AGAIN HEIR TO THE
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREE OF LIFE

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"IM A LEGAL HEIR IN THE PEACE MISSION,
FREE OF WRATH, SIN AND STRIFE.
IM COMING FOR MY INHERITANCE, ON TIME AND IN SEASON,
YOUR ADAMIC SCHOOL HAS KEPT OPEN FOR THIS REASON.
IM SURE YOUR AWARE ONE DAY THIS WOULD COME WITH THE ONE
THAT YOU KNEW AS THE PRODIGAL SON.

"So your still, well, healthy etc etc etc etc etc etc.
Lets see, for fun?

"See you later, sucker,

"JOHN WUEST HUNT
(Prodigal Son)

"P.S. NOW, YOU, STEP ASIDE."

Letter number two is also postmarked 4/29/61, 12 p.m., San Diego, Calif., and is addressed as follows:

Mr. JOHN DE VOUTE
507 So. Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pa.
Personal

This letter was also received 5/2/61, at the above address and was handled by Mother DIVINE, [redacted] and JOHN DEVOUT. The contents of this letter is as follows: b6 b7C

"JOHN WUEST HUNT
2045 San Diego Ave., Apt. #25
San Diego 1, California

"April 29, 1961

"JOHN DEVOUTE

"Greetings Warner:

"The 'guessing game' is all over. The inclosed letter to god is self explanatory. Devine

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"understands it perfectly, even though you are not quite up on the details, which are very easily explained and understood by the most ignorant follower.

"In other words, I am taking over Devines job, not as a god, but under the fundamental principle of nature, that is Supernatural, with a law that governes every thing.

"MIKE, get back to your Bible and everywhere the word GOD is written, replace with the name MELCHISEDEC in the old testament, and with FATHER in the new testament---this is the Key.

"Devine is the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL--- I am the KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREE OF LIFE...altogether a different TREE....the good of one tree is not the same good as that of the other TREE.

"It took a long time, but the very same Jesus had a trying time reaching me. I am the second coming of Christ in a PROCLAMATION that must be printed in The New Day..No other paper can publish it. The Peace mission is the actual Kingdom of God of Peace and Freedom under God, BUT NOT THAT JERK OF ADAM, from down in Liberty County in Georgia...he was the false chirist out of which we emerge, and the properties of the followers, in all their sincerity, keep from the legal wolves, for Jesus when he sees all is as it was supposed to be.

"Melchisedek was the pure God in body; Jesus was the half God and half man; I am the all man and woman child from which is the son of man AWAKEN all humanity into the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE, (The KNOWLEDGE OF THE TREE OF LIFE)...You are the other witness, along with me in Revelations 11th chapter- you with the printed work and me with the spoken word that brings the Peace on Earth and that New Birth of Freedom under God. Divines record is certainly a can of 'GARB-AGE.'

"Well, Mike old boy, I glad it all over, and just on time and season, 40½ years ahead of time for the elects sake that flesh is saved. Everything is

"worked by nature in exact time. God's nature grows the devil grass right beside the good grass;:the cursing and the blessing; the tare and the wheat. Prayer, hope, superstition, miracles etc are guessings games like gambeling on horse races, and worthless. You curse and bless yourself, BY GOD. Communism is GOD in action in Devil grass; it is the same as Good grass, but we have corrupt farmers who just cant get the seed of good in the minds of the people to be quickened in the soil of the soul.

"As soon as I get my inheritance money which you hold, ill get back to Philadelphia and well get working, as we should.

"I am sure that you will understand. I am come for my inheritance from a legal and from a Kingdom of Peace on earth. RIGHT. I am not measuring Father ADAM Divine...I am replacing him, and he better, and his Eve and corruptible coworkers had better step aside..ADAMS DAY IS NOW DONE. Adam builds and Jesus inhabits.

"I have a box number. Please remit as soon as possible. I hate exhume mothers grave, and her murder, in court.

"Your righteous brother, and
humble Servant,

"JOHN WUEST HUNT
(Prodigal Son)

"P.S. Sending PROCLAMATION later for the Board of Directors of the Churches, and the property owners with the new format of God, not man. 'RIGHTEOUSNESS MARCHES ON.' John

"P.S. Remember when I saw you in 1956? I had just come up from Richboro, Georgia, where I took about 100 shots of Devines relatives, parents and brother garves etc. His real name is..JOHN HILLIAR WILSON. His relatives all know him. Some right in the movement. His pay off is up in the millions. Vicy Dove, Daisy the photographer,

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PPriscilla, Green the Barber, relatives etc etc etc etc. Politicians through Austin Norris...I worked with the FBI and Postal department for two years...The upt politicians didnt want to affron the negro to save the vote so the government pigeon-holes the evidence. The main thing is that I know Jesus Christ. HE was here in Boston in 1935 when they had the Great awakening; then he lived in Camberage, Mass. and made hiself known to Benjamin Franklin, who enacted the first colonial flad the the two documents. Quite a story. I saw him in Mexico where I have been living for about two years. MANS DAY IS DONE. DIVINES DAY IS COOKED. THAT BABOON."

JOHN WUEST HUNT, the writer, was formerly a follower of Father DIVINE, and was DIVINE's personal photographer for 13 years before he left the movement in 1948. FBI number 1169824 is assigned to HUNT, who is considered a suspect by DIVINE when DIVINE received six anonymous letters dated 11/9/55 at Leesville, La.; 12/22/55 at Louisville, Ky.; 1/2/56 at Louisville, Ky.; 2/3/56 at Mobile, Ala.; 4/16/56 at Louisville, Ky.; and 6/5/56 at Louisville, Ky. On leaving the movement he vowed he would return to destroy it.

JOHN DEVOUT is the brother of JOHN WUEST HUNT and his true name is WARNER HUNT. DEVOUT is presently the editor and publisher of DIVINE's newspaper, "The New Day." HUNT's mother, MARY B. TREE, who died in one of the homes operated by DIVINE, was an ardent follower of DIVINE's movement. JOHN HUNT alleged that his mother turned over to DIVINE $200,000 of which he felt and continues to feel that he should receive a third interest.

AUSA SULLIVAN CISTONE, EDPA, on 5/7/61, viewed each letter and was of the opinion that the wording of each does not indicate a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute. Mr. CISTONE believes that the tenor of the letters indicate that DIVINE has fallen from grace and that someone is attempting to replace him. AUSA's opinion being confirmed by letter. No closing report being submitted.

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Father Divine Protests Celebration Expenses

Peace! Father Divine expressed his opposition to the expenses deducted from the funds taken in at his Universal Peace Day Celebration in Convention Hall in Atlantic City on June 6, explaining his reasons in a letter to Commissioner Samuel Battle of New York, published in his organ, New Day, issued this week. The Father expected net proceeds of at least $3,000 from the affair, which was to go to charitable purposes, whereas the net proceeds were reported as $627.54.

From the exchange of letters published in New Day, the celebration was handled by Clay Claiborne, popular sports radio commentator of Atlantic City, who reported total expenses of $1,776.46. Profits were divided between Sydenham Hospital and the Harlem Recreation Fund.

According to Clairborne, Divine agreed to appear at Convention Hall for the celebration under the conditions that all monies over and above expenses be donated to charity.

Divine accused Clairborne of making his report two days later than he had promised and of deducting expenses for certain items which were not in the bargain.

Clairborne had assured him that he "was not getting anything out of it," Divine wrote Commissioner Battles, "and I note an item of $200 for 'compensation for time involved'."

"The most outrageous item of expenses," however, declared Divine was for two engraved golden statuettes presented to Commissioner Cuthbert and himself.

"Mr. Claiborne well knows," he wrote, "that I would never endorse paying such a price for trophies presumably presented by the people of Atlantic City . . . but in actuality robbing the beneficiaries of that amount.

"That entire affair was grossly misrepresented, as we were led to believe by Mr. Claiborne that the main expense would be the rental of the hall, $400, and the microphones; and later he spoke of his telephone bill. From that I anticipated that the net proceeds would be at the very least $3,000.

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Father Divine Addresses "Gate" Rally

To a crowd of between 1200 and 1500 people at Golden Gate Ballroom last Sunday, Father Divine indicated his endorsement of a fund-raising campaign aimed at developing the Madison Memorial project in Madison Park, Alabama.

With a belated, but dramatic entrance, Father Divine and his "spotless virgin bride", took over the four-hour long meeting on his arrival at 5:30. Mrs. Divine, in what is probably her first public-speaking appearance, preceeded the fiery little leader of the "Heavens", reaffirming her "conviction that Father Divine is God personified and he came to earth's plane to receive man. No one can truly introduce Father Divine", she continued, "he is just plain God . . .". With that introduction, Father Divine took over amid wild acclaim and ovation.

Speakers preceeding Father Divine outlined what is hoped to be the development of an economically independent southern town for Negroes (persons of darker expression, as the speakers described them) through the establishment of a garment manufacturing plant in the small town of Madison Park, five miles east of Montgomery, Ala. The project is headed by Attorney Arthur A. Madison who also chaired Sunday's meeting. Speakers included Madison, Y. Jonathan of the Truth Center, McLauren of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and others.

In his remarks, Atty. Madison lashed out against local "big shots" for their failure to attend this meeting. He characterized this failure as "cowardice" declaring that even though he had invited such men as "Powell, Marcantonio, Randolph, etc.," they were afraid to appear on the platform with Divine.

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FATHER DEVINE

"A DAY WITH THE PRINCES"

By: LEIGHLA WHIPPER

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"A Day with the Divines"

Serenity, Love And Happiness Pervade All

By Leighla Whipper

Last week in PV, Father Divine spoke of his opinions of some of the current issues of the day. Upon the conclusion of the interview, Father Divine offered me the unprecedented opportunity to make the rounds with him with his staff in his car.

After a short delay Father and Mrs. Divine, the staff and I filed down the steps of the Broad st Mission, and out into the car. It sounds simple, but when a mass of people, most of whom are in an ecstasy of rapture, surround a group, the going is a bit unsteady. At the curb, Father, with a few brief nods of the head, indicated where each was to sit. Those who could not get into the large Dusenberg went in the smaller Lincoln.

Followers, many of whom were children jumped upon the running board and pressed noses against the windows. "I love you, Darling", one said. Others threw kisses. Now began the unofficial sort of game which the staff carries on. The Dusenberg pulled off at a fast clip around corners through side streets as if trying to lose the other car which was to follow. We finally pulled up in front of an annex to one of the missions.

A complete tour of this building revealed a cafeteria in the basment which served meals to working men and women for 10 and 15 cents. These people do not necessarily have to be followers of the Divine Movement. On the first floor was a school for shorthand and typing and art which was preparing for its evening session. An auditorium was also in the building and I learned that any group in the neighborhood may have the use of the premises completely equipped for their meetings, includes other denominations. There is no fee. From there we started for another mission, and on the way passed by a garage under Father's supervision which did work so reasonably that it's always filled. Two hotels we also passed, one for men and the other for women. These are run on a business basis, but at nominal rates; they are brick buildings, large and with perfectly kept grounds.

ONE CAR LOST

By this time we had lost the other car, and even by the time we pulled up to the Unity Mission Church Home and Training School's Drive Inventure, they had not caught up with us. This particular building is exquisite. High hand painted ceilings, carved fireplaces, painted tiles, oil paintings and deep carpets all merged into one another as Father and Mrs. Divine led me from room to room. We kept the same formation so that no overzealous follower could impede the tour. Father Divine's energy seemed unlimited. There were about five floors, and as we inspected each room on each floor, he would seemingly skim up the next flight of steps with all of us puffing after. I remember asking Mrs. Divine why he didn't live in that particular building because of the beauty of the surroundings. She replied, that he preferred to live in the simpler setting of the Broad st mission, as he was a man always of the people

We rested a few moments in Father's private study in the building, and almost before we were seated loaded trays of fruit appeared and were passed around. Glasses of milk came along with lemonade. After this had been cleared away, I murmured to one of the staff that I would have liked a picture of Father Divine as a souvenir of the interview. She replied that it would have been a good idea, but she thought they had all been distributed at the anniversary ceremonies. At this time Father Divine was in another part of the room, but in about two seconds, to my amazement, he had a picture of himself and Mrs. Divine.

FATHER IS PSYCHIC

I turned to the member of the staff. "I'm sure he didn't hear me" I said to her. She replied, "No he didn't, but that sort of thing happens all the time. You must be in complete accord with us, because Father senses the needs or wants of all around him." I had an uncanny feeling, because I remembered back at the banquet that had preceded the interview when I wanted a drink of water, and had asked my neighbor how I was to get it. Although Father was a distance from me, and although there was singing going on at the time, he had reached for the pitcher, poured and passed me the glass. At this point Mr. Prodigal Son came in and we posed for pictures. Usually in such situations, a reporter is tense, hoping to get the right effect, worrying for fear the ones you want won't come out right, but by now, so relaxed was I by the singularly pleasant atmosphere of these positively radiant people, that everything seemed on a slightly different plane. It is unusual to encounter so many small considerations. Instances of this were expressed in concern for my carrying my jacket, concern for every phase of my comfort imaginable, not only by Father and Mrs. Divine, but by every member of the staff. After pictures, we went downstairs and into the next building where we stopped for a moment in Father's tearoom. It must be noted here, that in every mission, there is a banquet hall downstairs, and among the many rooms each has, there is always Father Divine's private study, his private apartments, Mrs. Divines apartments on another floor, and Father's private tearoom A follower begged father to sit and have a little snack, so we sat and were served a mere snack of crabmeat salad, shrimp, cold cuts, all sorts of cheeses, jellies, olives, pickles, several kinds of breads, jelled fruit, fruit by itself, and tea, coffee, postum, punch, and a few other things I have probably forgotten.

Tearoom Scene. Father and Mrs. Divine and staff pose for a shot in the lecture room of the Bible Institute. All of the china of the missions is real, the silver is gleaming, and the napery is usually damask. (Peace foto).

THEY WRAP UP

Father Divine rose as the biscuits were coming in as did Mrs. Divine and I later. We put on wraps, and followed Father who passed by his staff swiftly with "Peace, children". Squeals of dismay rose as they scrambled to get into their things, leaving most of the hot biscuits. (A plate of these was sent by car after us to the next mission on 41 st.)

Here we again went completely through, and the same pattern was followed. This mission had a completely equipped gymnasium downstairs where, I understand, Father Divine frequently vanquishes many opponents in bowling. There is also a school in this building, well equipped and with the best of teachers. We rested in Father's private study, finishing up the biscuits, and listening to the meeting going on in the large auditorium by means of the sound system which is installed in all of the missions. Finally we went in to the stage of the full auditorium, where a full house had been waiting for more than an hour of Father's arrival. The cry went up, and the music grew louder. Father graciously accepted his homage, and I had the unique experience of sitting on the stage with Father and Mrs. Divine watching them watch themselves in the moving pictures which Mr Prodigal Son had taken of their First Anniversary ceremonies. Another interesting thing was the presence of a band composed of men and women of all ages and races playing the hymns which are sung in the Divine churches.

ROSEBUDS SING

At the conclusion of the pictures, the Rosebud choir came on the stage, and began the meeting with their songs. By this time it was after 11 pm, and regretfully, I had to take leave. A slight nod of the head from Father brought two rosebuds from the choir and five moments later, I found myself being driven to the station.

I asked the chauffeurette what was going to happen later. "Father is going to serve the 11pm banquet and then back at Broad st the 2 am banquet. (These banquets have about 50 or 60 dishes).

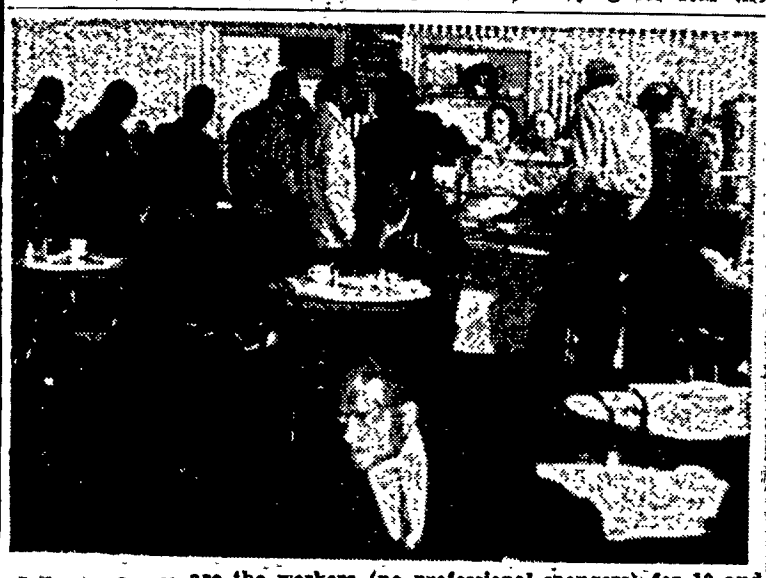
"When do you get your sleep", I asked. She replied with kindness. "You see, we don't need as much sleep as you people do We have no worries, financial, business or otherwise. It takes much less rest for us to manage." It was the way she said it which put me on a new train of thought. We are most interested regarding the way Father Divine's realm looks to us, but we rarely stop to think of the picture which we present to them.

In retrospect, these are standouts in the day spent there. Father Divine has few set rules He insists that most of his followers be guided by their highest intuition . . . Father Divine's schedule, interviews, banquets, answering mail personally from all parts of the world, etc. would floor the average businessman . . . no cosmetics are used by the followers (this is not a rule, it just happens) . . . men and women keep their distance in the missions . . . Father Divine owns no personal property . . . The thrift and business acumen instilled in the followers make them possibly the biggest group of property owners in the country . . . Their implicit faith in him works many interesting cures, and it is a fact that their businesses thrive . . . it is my personal opinion that the secret of their abundance is cooperation, and love, two trite terms, but terms which if followed would make big changes in the lives of others also . . . Father Divine's social work around the neighborhood of his missions is rarely spotlighted, but is great and far-reaching . . . it is not necessary to have another name if you enter the movement . . . it is not necessary for one to give any of his money to Father Divine . . . He does not accept gifts. Many misconceptions of the missions could be eliminated by the reading of the "New Day," official paper . . . He has no Heavens and resents his work being termed a cult. Negro and white are not in his vocabulary as he feels they are words of separation . . . there are followers of all types of intelligence in his movement, of all races, all creeds and in many countries.

PV's Whipper Stylish Stout

Editor's note: Our Miss Whipper, who went to Philadelphia weighing a mere 105 pounds, after the series of banquets, came back tipping the scales at a cool 112. One of Father Divine's characteristics is that of being an excellent host. Banquets are served several times a day.

Father Divine touches each dish served, thereby blessing it, and such banquets are designated Communion. A special corps of waitresses in immaculate white satin uniforms waits on Father personally. During the meal, songs are sung and testimonies are given extemporaneously.



Also fed are the workers (no professional spongers) for 10 and 15 cents. They receive complete meals for this fee in the many cafeterias in Philadelphia and other cities. (Peace foto).

POLICE ROUND-UP

Two Guys "Kill" Same Man

Here is an odd story of three courts and two men accused in separate courts of killing the same man! One with his fists, one with an auto! This strange story concerning one Edward Le Strange, 52 (the dead man), of 650 W 125 st, in chronological order goes about as follows:

Russell Reinhard, 47, of 463 W 125 st, is said to have engaged in a fist fight with Le Strange, Sunday, about 9 pm. Around 5 o'clock next morning, Le Strange, who had been taken to Harlem Hospital and treated for his injuries, signed himself out of Harlem Hospital.

About 45 minutes later, crossing 135 st, at Eighth av, he was struck by an auto, Detective Abraham Cooke of the W 135 st station, alleges, operated by John Henry Williams 39, of 254 W 129 st. Taken back to Harlem hospital, he died from his automobile injuries, Cooke claimed, at 12:15 pm, Monday.

Now, another odd angle to the strange incident. Detective Cornelius Carroll of the Amsterdam av station, unaware that Le Strange had previously signed himself out of Harlem hospital, and not knowing he had then been fatally struck by an auto, arrested Reinhard when Le Strange died for "homicide by means of violent blows from Reinhard's fists".

But, Detective Cooke had already locked up John Henry Williams for homicide with an auto, assault, leaving the scene of the accident, and unlicensed operator. And, Monday, in Auto Accident Court, Magistrate David P. McKean held Williams in $500 bail on the hit-run charge, and paroled him on the homicide and unlicensed operator charges, all for further hearing June 11. He dismissed the assault charge.

Tuesday, in Felony Court, when Reinhard was arraigned on the suspicion of homicide charge made by Detective Carroll, Magistrate Francis X. Giaccone (because Reinhard had a previous police record) held him without bail for further hearing, June 11.

Another peculiar angle to the strange case was the fact that Reinhard had been living with Matthew Le Strange, the dead man's brother. After the fist fight with Reinhard, Matthew took his brother, Edward, to Knickerbocker hospital, where he was transferred to Harlem hospital. Then, Edward signed himself out, and a short time later was struck by the auto, police said, resulting in his death.

Capt. Kline Scores In N.C. Address

BEAUFORT, S.C. — A record crowd of more than 2,000 South Carolinians jammed the auditorium of the Robert Smalls High School here last Monday night to hear Acting Police Captain Emanuel Kline, of New York City, say that for the past 35 years he had lived among the "most generous, spiritual and helpful people in the world."

Capt. Kline, whose native home is Beaufort, returned at the request of Prof. Kent Alston, principal of the local high school, to make the commencement address.

Whites as well as Negroes turned out to hear a native son who had arrived in New York as a porter shortly after World War I, and had come back as the ranking Negro police officer in America's largest city.

"I am not back from some foreign country," Capt. Kline told his audience. "I come to you from the friendly city with a big heart . . . the city where 8,000,000 people live together in peace, harmony and mutual helpfulness."

After explaining that he had also brought special messages from New York's Mayor O'Dwyer and Police Commissioner Arthur Wallander, Capt. Kline urged the members of the graduating class to "select a field, chart a course, study and work hard if success is what they're looking for."

That New Property you are looking for is on Pages 30 and 31.

Unfair Pay Hurting Vets

WASHINGTON (FP) — The fact that southern Negro war veterans' weekly income ranges 30% to 78% below that of white veterans in the same community points up the need for passage of the Ives-Chavez-Fulton bill (S. 984) setting up a permanent fair employment practices commission, the President's committee on civil rights was told May 24.

Hearings on the measure, modeled on the New York state FEPC law sponsored by Ives in the New York state senate, start June 11 before a subcommittee of the Senate labor committee. Spokesmen for both AFL and CIO will appear for the bill during the week of hearings. The subcommittee is headed by Sen. Forrest Donnell (R, Mo.) and includes Senators Irving Ives (R, NY), H. Alexander Smith (R, NJ), Leverett Saltonstall (R, Mass.), and Allen J. Ellender (D, La.).

A sample of a 26-city AFL income comparison survey:

City	Aver. Weekly Income White	Negro			
Birmingham	$39	$30	Chattanooga	45	30
New Orleans	38	28	Atlanta	46	30
Baltimore	43	31	Charlotte, N.C.	45	28
			Houston	49	30
			Washington	53	32

Y Celebration. Charles Campbell (left), commentator on Columbia University station WKCR, is shown interviewing John Henderson, activities secretary of the Harlem Branch YMCA, last Friday night, at which time Mr. Henderson informed the radio audience of the diversified program which will feature the 14th Annual Activities Celebration of the YMCA, running from May 28 through June 8. Highlighting the celebration was Sunday afternoon's meeting at the YWCA auditorium at which Robert Kweku Atta Gardiner, West African educator and specialist in the United Nations Trusteeship Division, spoke on "Trusteeships — A Vital Link to World Peace."

New York Soldier Convicted in Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KOBE, JAPAN — Pvt. Herman Major, of 2100 Fifth av, New York, was found guilty on four charges of robbery by a court martial here recently. At the same time two other GIs were convicted, all for taking part in a seven-month crime wave. They were sentenced to [illegible] Pfc. Melvin Maddox, of Atlanta, [illegible]ston, Tex., who were jointly con[illegible] Japanese goods and one charge of [illegible]ese men, were apprehended by [illegible]ese confederates were turned over

Housing Drive

The New York City Housing Authority is continuing to press for the construction of low-rent public housing projects on vacant-land sites. This plan is designed to expedite the construction of new housing by avoiding, during the peak of the housing shortage, the time-consuming and increasingly difficult operation of relocation.

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Interview

It was a reporter's field day, without a doubt. To be sent down on an interview with Father Divine is one thing; but to be personally escorted around to the Divine missions by Father himself, to get Father to pose in various rooms of the mission, to sit as an honored guest at his banquet table, and to ride with him in the specially built twelve passenger Dusenberg is something else again.

It was at his Broad st Mission in Philadelphia that the interview was granted. After a banquet of about fifty separate items, Father Divine sent for me in his study in which he and his staff were waiting. The interview began immediately. When asked about his views concerning the over-all picture of world problems, Father answered: "My candid opinion is, to solve any problem, unity and confidence must firstly be established. As you know, those who adhere to my teaching are quite unified, and they live and act in unison, and they have implicit confidence in someone."

FIGHTS DIVISION

"I do believe that that (unity) is the keynote to salvation for the solving of the upheaval of all world problems. As I mentioned and fought against Bilbo's proposition to send all of the Afro-Americans and African descendants to Africa, those that are supposedly of African extract, I think it is an act of un-Americanism in trying to further establish division when the very United States itself calls for the United States of America and E Pluribus Unum! Hence I know definitely, unity is the keynote to salvation!

NOTE ON THE UNITED NATIONS

Hence, in my opinion, it is essential for not only the nations of the world to pretentiously unite and have the United Nations of the world organizationally but have the United Nations of the world in reality, and those of the American people to unite conscientiously and sincerly, and bring an abolition to even the thought of division among us!

Concerning Segregated Terms

"The custom of the usage of the terms that tend to segregate and discriminate, it is an embarrassing situation, a proposition, to present to the people so many 'so and so's' (Negroes) and so many 'so-and-so's' (whites). That is a division in itself! And we know according to the records given, or have been given according to what we have heard and read, Hitler said, 'Divide, and spoil!' But I said, 'Unite!' Hitler wanted the people to divide, and spoil them and conquer, them through division, but I know we, the people, can win the victory over every obstruction and every opposition by unification!"

VIEWS ON RUSSIA

When asked about the current wave of antagonism which many industrialists are trying to spread against Russia, Father replied:

"I do not believe—or try to isolate—some because of their political versions. If that be, we are denying our democratic stand for democracy! But it is a common phrase quite often used here in America, in the world of Christendom, 'Charity begins at home and spreads abroad!' I think we should start at home and clean up our own backyard! ... Here in Philadelphia, not under my jurisdiction necessarily, they are attempting to establish interracial groups in all of the high schools, to bring the young people into close fellowship, one with the other where they might bring an end to division and strife: and it has been said that they have reqquested the younger people to go unify and bring an end to division and strife, for 'Where there is division there is strife!'"

Prodigal Son Camera Expert

'Twas Prodigal Son, that incredulous personal fotog to Father Divine, who took the exclusive shots in this issue of PV with more to come next week. Prodigal, who is a 200 pounder, dresses most casually, is perhaps the best fotog in the business.

He lives in Philly, is the guy who takes all shots on Father, is a swell person, gets a kick out of routine newspaper work aside from his devotion to Father. Not that it matters in Father's philosophy, but he is white. Rumors about him are rife. They say he once had money, grew disillusioned, became a roue, a roundabouter, etc. Then came Father and the faith, and hence the name Prodigal Son. He thinks Father is the greatest influence ever to come into his life.

RANKIN WILL BE NEXT

The next question put to Father concerned his attitude toward Rankin in Congress. Father said: "All people who oppose democracy are equivalently the same to me; those who do not want to give every man the same rights; and I am not speaking about what the people call equal rights, but I mean the same rights!"

"In other words," I asked, "you feel that people like Rankin and his ilk will go the same as Bilbo went, too?"

Father replied: "Well, I do, eventually. But Rankin has not had the same influence that Bilbo has had; therefore, he (Bilbo) was the first to be moved out of the Senate And just as we said by composition through an inspiration sent out to those of the Rosebuds (the choir)-

"Down with Bilboism! Down with Bilboism!
And when they start to filibuster,
Don't allow them to talk,
Just snatch them off the floor
And send them for a walk!"

"And you see, before he could be sworn in, he was snatched off!"

I asked: "And you feel as though eventually all who oppose democracy will be snatched off, more or less, in the same way?"

Father: "Eventually, yes ..."

CONCERNING COMMUNISM

Next came the question: "What do you think about the drive against progressives under the guise of fighting Communism?"

Father Divine: "Well I do think if the people will express democracy unbiasedly and give every man the same rights, there will be no occasion to fear Communism. I stress myself, as a person from a personal point of view and as a humane worker, and patriotically, as one hundred percent Americanism: I came to America that I might be called an American! And I stress and emphasize the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and its Amendments, the Bill of Rights, as much as I stress the 'Sermon on the Mount' upon which our Christian religion is founded, for they are synonymous if they are lived and put into action!

"Therefore, I do not endorse the doctrine of Communism as a party, but I know as I said many years ago, if the different parties, partisan parties, of which we know so well, will give us something better than Communism or as good in the way of unselfishness or unbiasedness—in other words, to give every man his unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, why, then, we don't want any Communism if they will do that!—and we don't need any of their versions. Of course, naturally, I could not endorse it if it is atheistically inclined."

ON CHILD DELINQUENCY

When questioned about child delinquency, Father answered immediately: "When we curb adult delinquency, we will also curb child delinquency!" Father was next asked about what could be done when so many were losing their jobs.

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Father answered: "That is something like the office talk that was proofread today; ... It was after having served the noonday banquet to those of the public and the little children who come in every day at noon-time; and also they come in at 3 o'clock in the morning before they go to school, and we feed them; and that was what caused me to start speaking as I did.

Father Divine was scoring those who were responsible for the buying of the food that fed these children He demanded that heavy cream be served instead of evaporated milk; and he demanded that nothing like neckbones be offered them, as there was not enough meat on them. He said it was even cheaper in the long run to serve richer food ... That has been my plan from the beginning, to universalize this work and mission! And whatsoever I am doing for an individual, I am doing for all of the people ... I mean to not only bring an abolition to the breadlines and the taking of the dole among those who are called followers of mine, but I mean to eventually see that everybody is fed that needs food to eat and clothing to wear!"

It might be noted here that the appeals to Father Divine from abroad are all answered through his followers. When asked if he planned a trip over there so that some of his foreign missions could see him, he said: "Well, I have not planned to go because I am trying to get even those of my immediate followers here, even my immediate staff ... I often say they must transcend all individuality and even all personality so that they might not even be bound to my personality, neither to my individuality; but recognize the impersonality and the unindividuality of the Almighty. That is their salvation!"

(NEXT WEEK: A complete day spent with Father and Mrs. Divine and his personal staff. The only reporter allowed to ride with, talk with, eat with, and ask questions of Father and Mrs. Divine.)

True democracy is expressed by Father Divine's personal staff, as well as in all other branches of his realm. Here he and Mrs. Divine (seated) pose with Leighla Whipper (seated right). The happy expressions were not particularly posed for the picture, but are in evidence throughout the day. These girls are expert stenographers and are in readiness at all times to record Father Divine's interview, staff talks, and tearoom lectures. This is the first time Father has been known to pose with a reporter.

POLICE ROUND-UP

Sulphurized Hamburgers

How would you like to have some nice sulphur dioxide mixed in with your hamburgers? Inspector Albert Weinberg of the Health Department wouldn't and when he found it plentifully mixed in 860 lbs of chopped meat in the food store of Paul Buccola, at 2138 Eighth av, he haled Buccola into Municipal Term Court, late Monday.

Weinberg said he first found 280 lbs. of the "sulphurized" chopped meat March 19, and took it to Health Department chemist William J. Lipton who examined it and pronounced the presence of the sulphur dioxide. (The idea of it, the inspector explained, is to mix it with the meat, and no matter how unedible or unwholesome the meat is, the chemical gives it a nice, reddish, healthy glow like the very best meats have).

Buccola pleaded guilty to the fraud in court, and Magistrate Vernon C. Reddick fined him $100 for the first 280 lbs. and $250 for the second. The combined alternatives were 90 days in the workhouse. Buccola paid the fines.

Dirty Eatery

Daniel Scott, 27, of 1851 Seventh av, in charge of an eatery at 2017 Seventh av, pleaded guilty to a charge made by Inspector Albert Weinberg of the Health Department that he had three violations on his restaurant, and paid a $25 fine rather than go to jail for 5 days, Tuesday, in Municipal Term Court.

He was nabbed in the unsanitary restaurant drive the Health Department started a year ago.

According to Weinberg he inspected the Scott restaurant, which is known as "Love B. Woods Co. Inc.," on May 7, provided; ice cream scoops found in a crock containing dirty, milky water; and the wooden service counter and supports in an unsanitary condition, with cracks and crevices found throughout."

The Harlem restaurateur promised to eradicate the unsanitary conditions.

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Drop Kicker

Charged with kicking Mildred Tiggs, 213 W 123 st, "about the head and body with his foot, fracturing her jaw and causing internal injuries, and necessitating her removal to Harlem hospital in a serious condition," John Tillie, 39, of 213 W 121 st, was arraigned on a third-degree assault complaint in Felony Court, Thursday.

He waived and was held in $500 bail by Magistrate Francis X. Giaccone for Special Sessions. Detective Jack Scheps of the W 123 st station, alleged the assault occurred May 15, at 213 W 121 st. Tillie was committed in default of bail.

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Rape Charges

On a statutory rape charge—that he had sexual relations with a 15-year-old girl, Raymond Brooks, 18, of 26 E 117 st, was arraigned Thursday in Youth Term, Felony Court.

The youth was paroled for further hearing May 26 in Felony Court by Chief Magistrate Edgar Bromberger, in the joint custody of his mother and the Youth Counsel Bureau.

Children's Society agent Edward Stein charged that he had been informed by the girl that the alleged rape occurred May 22, at 7 pm, at 5 E 117 st. He added that young Brooks admitted to him that the complaint was true. Detective James Horah of the 8th Detective Division made the arrest.

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Rats, Roaches

Inspector William E. Jackson located no less than 52 violations on the tenement at 16-18 W 129 st, owned by Samuel E. Bright, Inc, but most of them had been removed by the time the landlord was haled into Municipal Term Court, Wednesday.

Jackson summoned them for such violations as "fire escapes obstructed by old furniture, etc.; faucets leaking; cold air seeping through window sashes; rats, roaches infestation in third story apartment (Apartment 6); walls and ceilings dirty in many places; oil cloth torn and defective; rear stairs not properly fire retarded throughout", and similar charges.

A guilty plea brought a $25 fine from Magistrate David P. McKean, which was paid.

Technicolor Movies will be made at Golden Gate Ballroom May 28. See Pages 2, 24 and 25.

Bad Fire Escapes

The Elgem Realty corporation, owner of the tenement at 43-5 E 128 st (2015-19 Madison av), pleaded guilty to a complaint made by Inspector Frank Mohr of the Buildings Department that they had two violations on their premises, and paid a $10 fine in Municipal Term Court, Wednesday.

Inspector Mohr testified they had corroded and defective fire escape angle iron supports from the 1st to the 6th stories, and a huge accumulation of rubbish in the cellar. The violations had been removed, a representative told the court.

Bureau Seeking Missing Father

Do you know a blonde, fair-complexioned, blue-eyed and Puerto Rican-born restaurant worker by the name of Dimas Rodriguez Serrano? The National Desertion Bureau is seeking Serrano to discuss with him sending support to his minor son in Puerto Rico, which he has failed to do since March. Anyone knowing of Serrano's present location is requested to communicate with the National Desertion Bureau, 67 W 47 st, New York City.

A Word to the Wise Should Be Sufficient...

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Billie Holiday May Take Cure

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Out on bond under charges of using, possessing and transporting dope, the singer is appearing at Club 18 NYC. Her many friends

BILLIE HOLIDAY

are hoping for a suspended sentence, feeling that she is not the one at fault but that the purveyor is the person who should be sought and punished.

Escaping arrest in Philadelphia, where Federal agents were hot on her trail, Miss Holiday reached NYC and was picked up in front of the Grampion Hotel, St. Nicholas av and 117 st. Taken back to Philly for arraignment, she was released under bond variously quoted at $1,000 or $2,000.

Lousy House

Inspector William E. Jackson of the Buildings Department haled both the agent and the landlord into Municipal Term Court, Wednesday, where he charged them with many violations on the tenement at 200 W 111 st (1820-22 Seventh av).

Jackson summoned David Fromhartz of 349 E 149 st, agent, and the Stanmore Realty Corporation, owner.

He charged each with the following violations: "electric call bells broken and defective, dumbwaiters from 1st to 6th stories; dumbwaiter apparatus broken; dirty walls, ceilings and surfaces in several apartments; cold water faucets leaking; window sashes loose and defective; inadequate water supply in 4th story apartment; entrance doors broken."

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'Force PhD In Fisticuffs

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — Dr. Lewis K. McMillan, doctor of philosophy and head of the department of history at Wilberforce University, engaged in fisticuffs with William P. Dabney, head janitotr, Friday afternoon on the sidewalk in front of the offices of Bishop Reverdy Ransom and President Charles Wesley, located in Shorter Hall, university administration building. The melee grew out of an article appearing in a recent issue of the Ohio State News, allegedly written by Dr. McMillan, when Dabney accused McMillan of making false statements in the article relative to Dabney's employment at the university.

While the encounter began as a heated exchange of words, the actual physical violence was precipitated, according to Dabney, when Dr. McMillan cursed Dabney with a vile name. After it appeared that Dabney was administering a sound thrashing to Dr. McMillan, several members of the ROTC separated the pair. Injuries suffered by the participants included a blackened eye and bloodied nose for Dr. McMillan and a sprained ankle and bruised knuckle for Dabney.

A trial, resulting from a warrant sworn against Dabney by Dr. McMillan, was heard Monday morning at 10 am, in Judge Aultman's court, Xenia.

Powell Sr Fund

The A. C. Powell, Sr Fund presents a program featuring a bazaar and dance supported by its membership and Manhattan merchants, Wednesday, June 4, from 8:30—until, at the Club Danceland. Music will be furnished by the Paramount Stompers.

The program is held in connection with the annual benefit drive of the Powell Fund, in support of private schools and scholarships. This year the Fund donated to Virginia Union University $300 to be used toward the United College Fund Drive and the maintenance of a special room at the university, known as the "prayer room", in honor of Dr. Powell, Sr.

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bequeath left to Father Divine's "Heavens" by Mrs. Mary Sheldon Lyon will be fought in the courts by Dr. William Hills Sheldon, brother of the late wealthy New Yorker. The woman willed the bulk of her estate to Divine, leaving only $500 to her brother.

Dr Sheldon filed objections to the will, charging Father Divine with having exerted "broad and undue influence" over Mrs. Lyon, who died October 10, leaving her residuary estate to the cult leader's Palace Mission, 280 W 155 st, and his Palace Mission Church and Home, at Brigantine, N. J.

He also asked the court for permission to examine Dr. Samuel C. McKinney, 1 W 126th st, one of the witnesses to the will of the 86-year old widow, who was reported to be her personal physician. He wants to ascertain the physical and mental condition of his sister for three years preceding the signing of the document.

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Motor Caravan Arrives in New York

35 Pilgrims Make Epochal Trip From West Coast

By JOHN B. CANTERBURY

New York, N. Y., May 23rd (FDS). —The Divine motor caravan, composed of four spacious limousines and a baggage truck, reached New York today after a happy and eventful journey across the continent.

The group numbering 35 left Los Angeles on the 9th of May making stops enroute to hold meetings and acquaint the people of the countryside with the work and message of FATHER DIVINE.

Trip Is Significant

In many respects the trip was highly significant. The group of followers who left Los Angeles on May 9th made up what is believed to be the largest single group to make the journey to the Body of FATHER DIVINE altho there have been a number of bus parties and private cars. As the caravan made its way through the country, each car bearing the word "PEACE" and identified by signs reading "FATHER DIVINE'S Peace Mission," it presented an impressive sight and attracted much attention from onlookers in various cities and towns to whom the name of FATHER DIVINE has become an emblem of mystery and awe.

Group Leaves 26th Street Extension

Just prior to the departure from Los Angeles a Banquet was served at the Extension at 2600 Central Ave. in honor of the departing travelers and the occasion was a festive one. The large crowd which was in attendance had gathered to bid Godspeed to the members of the staff of the Extension, practically all of whom were making the homeward journey

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FATHER DIVINE Appears in Person and Delivers Wonderful Message at 63rd Street Forum

Mr. Hubert T. Delaney, Tax Commissioner of New York City, Guest Speaker, spoke Highly of the Works of FATHER DIVINE

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE AT RIGHTEOUS GOV'T FORUM,—204 WEST 63RD STREET,—NEW YORK CITY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 1936. A.D.F.D. 11.30 P. M.

TAXATION, was the special subject of consideration at the Sixty-third Street Righteous Government Forum, Wednesday, May 20th, in accord with the newly adopted plan of the Righteous Government Department to universally take up a definite phase of the Righteous Government Platform each week.

The previous week the subject had been the Anti-lynching Plank from the Righteous Government Platform, and FATHER'S recently drafted Amendment thereto. Much discussion took place, and many agreed to send post cards and letters to their Representatives, requesting the passage of an Anti-lynching bill embodying FATHER'S Amendment imposing the penalty for first-degree murder on all members of lynch-mobs, and other provisions. But this did not go far enough, and FATHER immediately drafted a Bill of His Own through the Righteous Government Department, to be submitted to the President with His Personal Signature. This was more drastic than any that had been yet presented, and the millions can now definitely demand the passage of FATHER'S Bill.

If this grew out of the consideration of lynching, what may come forth from the consideration of TAXATION, that effects nearly every individual in this Country? The question was approached from many different angles by the various Speakers on the subject, the Guest Speaker of the Evening being Mr. Hubert T. Delaney, Tax Commissioner of New York City. Mr. Delaney spoke highly of FATHER'S Work, and admitted that if all would live as FATHER'S Followers do, pay up old bills and buy nothing on the installment plan, the City of New York would not have such a huge debt upon which to pay millions yearly, as had been brought out by the Research Department earlier in the Meeting.

Though TAXATION was the subject of discussion until the Forum was thrown open to all Speakers, one thought was always uppermost in consciousness and underlying every other consideration, and that was FATHER. With minds and attentions on the Fundamental, He filled every heart with Merriness and with Joy unspeakable, until Mr. Delaney said he did not wish to speak about taxes, he wanted to Preach.

FATHER was touching the hearts and minds of one and all with His Tender Hands of Spirit, and with His Mighty Love was lifting them to new Heights of Purity and Unification. Yet those Beautiful Tender Hands of Spirit and that Mighty Love of GOD were also visible in

His Glorious Personal Form as FATHER sat on the Rostrum, the object of every eye. When the discussion had been concluded, a Song came forth through one by inspiration, 'FATHER DIVINE is all I need,' stirring the Audience to a great Demonstration, after which FATHER Spoke Personally as follows:—

"PEACE EVERYONE! Here you are and there I am again, there I sit and here you stand, the especial transmission of GOD to man and man to GOD as we stand, that the unification of spirit, mind, and body might be a Living Reality. The Composition we just sang together, it is not confined nor bound to materiality nor mortality, nor matter, but is a Principle brought to fruition in the consideration of many. The very Words mean Life and Health to them. But aside from every thought of that Song, suppose we would stop for consideration of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, the topic for our consideration this Evening.

INNER URGE FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

We have endeavored for many years to bring about RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE. We have endeavored to bring it about to some degree, although men from time to time would not even so much as make the least sacrifice to bring about Righteous Government. But we are privileged to say, there has been an inner urge; there has been something in the hearts and lives of men, not only lying dormant but moving from time to time in them, urging them to do away with dishonesty and corruption in all of our Organizations and in our Government. But it takes those who are willing, those who are ready, and those who will make a sacrifice to that extent, to abolish all corruption in our Government. Righteousness first must be an expression enacted in our consciousness, in our hearts and in our lives; to bring about Righteousness in the Government we must firstly have a Righteous Judgment. A Righteous Judgment cannot come forth into expression saving by this real genuine conversion, being Converted from that Adamic state of consciousness back to the CHRIST Consciousness from whence you have been driven, that you might return back to the Garden of Eden and live forever and forever.

UNIFICATION OF GOD AND MAN

For this cause we are rejoicing to bring about this CHRIST Consciousness and the enactment of it through the recognition of the unification of GOD and man as I aforesaid, for here you are and there I am. Remember, in one quotation of the Scripture the Apostle said on one occasion, 'I become as all men that I might gain the more.' It is a privilege to be partakers of others' characteristics and be partakers with others, so long as they deal in RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE even modestly,—in modesty. Oh it is something to consider, but how great it is when we shall have come to the conscious realization of RIGHTEOUSNESS as a Living Reality.

Then I Say, we must enact RIGHTEOUSNESS in our daily actions. We must do away with corruption in ourselves as individuals, that it might be transmitted to others. As I aforesaid, here you are and there I am, there I sit and here you. stand. Now isn't that Wonderful! It is Wonderful to realize, it is as transmittable as the broadcast message from any broadcasting station, and you are as receptive as a positive and perfect receiving set when it is in accurate condition. Oh it is Wonderful! I can see the Nations of the Earth receiving this recognition. They are coming to it. I can see RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE being incarnated in others as well as ourselves as Believers in this Peace Mission Movement.

OTHER SHEEP NOT OF THIS FOLD

For this cause I can see from time to time, the different Officials coming around as legal endorsers of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, since we have lifted it as a Standard. Therefore your attention should be called to the Quotation of JESUS, 'I have other sheep that are not of this Fold.' Now isn't that Wonderful! 'To them I must also go, that there may be one shepard and one Flock. I can see them coming from every walk of life. I can see them coming from every field of life, because GOD'S Words are right.

Firstly your attention was called to RIGHTEOUSNESS. By stressing the Life and the Teaching of CHRIST as recorded in the Four Books of the New Testament; by stressing the Life of CHRIST vividly, and considering and requesting others to believe it and allow themselves to become to be Righteous by copying after the Fashion of JESUS, I caused millions and millions to do away with fire-arms. Now is not that Wonderful! To throw them overboard, on the East Coast here in the Atlantic Ocean, the Great South Bay, the Hudson River, the East River and other places,—to do away with destruction and the destructive forces, as an outward expression!

REAL CONVERSION

This was the beginning of this true and real Conversion. Being converted themselves, millions of them have done away with their fire-arms, with their weapons of war, and with the weapons for robbery and other dishonest endeavors. Oh it is something to consider! For this cause My Believers have declared this is GOD ALMIGHTY. It may sound a little strange, but they BELIEVE it, and it is Written, 'According to your FAITH so be it unto thee.' Because they did believe and endeavor to do according to what I told them to do, their bodies were healed from all sickness, from all afflictions, from all diseases, and their minds and bodies were healed from all vices and from all crimes.

When they were converted into this expression and reborn again, I brought them to the conscious recognition of the significance of the enactment of such a great Conversion in other fields of life other than that which is commonly known as Religion,—the Political field. In other words, the Political world,

the Social, the Intellectual, and all of these different fields of life must needs be converted as well as you as an individual. Now isn't that Wonderful! I can see this great Conversion as a great Awakening, going forth conquering and to conquer—conquering the minds of the people from every angle expressible, bringing their bodies into subjection, causing them to be willing and ready to take up arms against vice and crime and corruption wheresoever it may be found.

GREAT GOVERNMENT CREATOR

For this cause I can see the Politicians and other Officials and Representatives of the Legal Departments of our Government and other connections of different Organizations, coming to this great Government CREATOR. Then I Say, we shall have a RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT. RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, I have called for it. The Body as a Living Sacrifice has been sacrificed for it! Therefore as I often stress from time to time, as I have it on My Immediate Staff, so shall I have it the Universe over, for the Mouth of GOD has Spoken it.

It is a privilege dear ones, as our honored Speaker said this Evening, to be in such an audience, where the unification of spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose can bring about an atmosphere of Super-Happiness, exceeding great Joy, and cause you to be filled with Pleasure and Gladness. Beloved ones, this could not be, if it was not bringing you back together as a people apparently, according to the Scripture, as said the Constitution of this great Country,—'Of one Blood GOD formed,'—in other words Created,—'all nations that dwell upon the face of the Earth.'

Because we are bringing you together, of every so-called language, tongue and people; every so-called race, creed and color, I have caused you to Love one-another. I have caused you to express it without prejudice or segregation. Therefore I Say, by this great unification or unfoldment of the unified expression, as we live it ourselves individually, you have through this recognition created such an Atmosphere of Happiness, such an Atmosphere of Joy, such an Atmosphere of Peace, such that the world cannot destroy.

VICTORY OVER ALL

Now you have been talking about the hardships, the hard times, and the depression, and all sorts of undesirable conditions the millions in this Country have been undergoing. When they learn the mystery of returning to their GOD from whence they have been driven, as was in the beginning, then and there they will overcome all depressions, hardships and undesirable conditions, for I carry in Myself, in these Audiences a Sample and an Example. for all of them, of Victory over lacks, and wants, and limitations; of Victory over depressions; of Victory over race-riots and divisions, and wars, and every other detestable condition. I carry within Myself and in these Audiences a Sample and an Example. With unification of spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, in the spirit of Honesty, Competence, and Truth interjected with the Perfection of Modesty and the Virtues of CHRIST by this you can overcome all undesirable conditions, the same as I have it under My Personal Jurisdiction. We have Victory over all undesirable conditions.

You all have heard about the great depressions that were enveloping the world a few years ago up until recently. With all of the depressions, hardships and panics, and undesirable conditions among the people, I have always expressed the Abundance of the Fullness and I have manifested and exhibited all Success and Prosperity, and every other desirable condition, with Victory over the negative and antagonistic. This was a Sample. Hence I found My Followers in the way of Religious fervor was a Sample and an Example for others. For this cause I did, through My Righteous Movement as it may be termed, introduce the CHRIST to the Politicians and all other Religions yea all other Organizations,—even to the world of Science and Invention. I have introduced the CHRIST to the Intellectual world.

PRAYERS ANSWERED THRU HARMONIOUS CONTACT

For this cause I Said, 'Go to School.' Do you not see the mystery? I shall interject, insert and incarnate the identical CHRIST in all of these fields of life, as you have it under My Personal Jurisdiction. This great Conversion shall envelop the world. If there be a question as to whether this is true or not, as the old man said, 'Stop right still and steady yourself,' and think once for consideration, if you can give Me a chance, by asking in your heart your GOD to tell you whether I am True or untrue. Ask in your heart and in your mind, anything that you may desire, so long as it is for an unselfish purpose. You will see, your prayers will be answered if you contact Me harmoniously.

My Followers heard a Professor say today at 115th Street Headquarters, at the Banuqet Table, how one of his friends who had arthritis had been confined to bed for, I believe he said two years or something like that, and one of his friends' servants told this Party to go to FATHER DIVINE'S Meeting. The evening the mother of this young woman who was somewhere around thirty I think he said, —when she, the mother of this young woman came to our Meeting the very day when she returned home her daughter was up and getting around. He declares she has not been down nor sick since, and it has been about two years or more. Then I Say, if there is a question in your consideration, try Me. Try Me psychologically! Try Me harmoniously! Try Me Politically! Try Me Socially! Try Me financially! Even try Me Religiously if you wish to

RIGHTEOUSNESS UNIVERSAL

Then I Say, as it is under My Personal Jurisdiction by RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, so shall we have it universally by My True and Faithful living Evangelically whole-heartedly, for they will broadcast the Spirit of others and will create such an Atmosphere others will be glad to receive it. Now such an Audience as this you

cannot find, only in and under My Jurisdiction and in connection with this Peace Mission Movement, for any other people, the majority of them think they are some special race, creed or color. Therefore they must also express it externally as well as they hold it internally. The thoughts of your mind will be exhibited and manifested in others, for you yourselves will reflect it and convey it. You will convey the Atmosphere, you will convey your sense of belief, and therefore you will also reflect your characteristics and your nature, that others might be partakers of that which is in you. That which is internal in you will be manifested to others. Now isn't that Wonderful!

AUDIENCES EXPRESSION OF THOUGHT

These Audiences are outward expressions of My conscious consideration. Our physical bodies and the Audiences are the outward expression of our mental and spiritual conception. Therefore your bodies are the outward expressers of that which you have been thinking. These Audiences are outward expressions of that which I have been Thinking. I HAVE THOUGHT YOU INTO EXISTENCE, but taking no thoughts for Myself as an Individual. I have Thought you into existence and brought you together externally, and will exhibit My Thoughts to others through you, all by coming together.

Now will this not be a Wonderful City Government when all of the Inhabitants of this City shall have been brought into subjection to this Fundamental according to this Teaching, where there will be no more stealing, no more dishonesty, no more old bills unpaid, and no more buying on the installment plan? No more trying to get something for nothing! No more people on the Welfare, but everybody will be well cared for, for GOD will take care of them. Not only the City Government, but the Government of these United States of America, shall eventually be brought into subjection to this great awakening, and all shall recognize GOD'S Presence even as you do as individuals.

MILLIONS BLESSED THRU CHRIST

It may sound a little radical, it may sound a little fanatic, but yet it is true, because through the radicalness of the Spirit CHRIST was Born in Bethlehem as a Child, or as a Man Child, but by this Belief millions and millions have been blessed. Then I Say according to this recognition, through the unification of Spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, by each and every individual learning to live justly and deal justly between one and the other, when this shall have been established as was spoken of by our honored Speaker this Evening, we will no longer have need for policemen in the way we have been having them. We will only have need for them to do other duties.

So fret not yourselves because of this great invention, as many of the laborers do, because of new Invention thinking they will not have anything to do. Science and Invention will not prohibit those who are living from continuing to earn a living. GOD in His Own Wise Providence will make ways and means whereby it will be possible, regardless of how the advancement of Civilization will bring out new discoveries and new inventions, through Science and through Invention. Those who criticize the very Skill and the Ability of GOD in man, desire to see the advancement of Civilization retarded because of the fear of not having work or labor to maintain themselves. It is a lack of the understanding of the Omniscience of the Infinite. If GOD can give man an understanding to bring about new inventions to lessen the hardships of the people and lessen your burdens individually, He can and will also give understanding, and ways and means, for your sustenance.

NEITHER FRET NOR WORRY

Jot these Thoughts down in your vocabularies, and fret no longer neither worry, for if GOD is for you who can be against you. Then I Say, this Truth will not prohibit those who are in Office if they are honest and true, from having a position. I may move you out of one position by this great Conversion and by the millions living Evangelically, but I will place you in something else, and that something else if you are true, will be much better.

So far as yet, I have not taken up a collection, going to the extreme reverse to the version of millions, but nevertheless I usually have a pretty good living. Copy after this Fashion and you will find in your business and in your affairs you will be successful, you will be prosperous, you will be healthy, and you will be happy even as I am. This Life and this Truth is not Personal, nor confined to Personality, nor an indvidual. All of the Qualities of GOD are Impersonal as it is Written, GOD being Impersonal and Spiritual. That is why it is not confined, nor is GOD'S Prosperity, Love, nor Mercy confined nor bound to a person.

AN OPEN DOOR

As I was Saying to some Ministers the other day, I have set before you an open door. I have not closed the door behind Me because I have free acecss to the Limitlessness of GOD'S Infiniteness. To the contrary of closing the door behind Me, I have opened the door for you. I have thrown wide open the door to 'let the Victors in' if they will, and will submit themselves in meekness whereby they might be admitted and enter.

Then I Say, RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, these three words we cannot stress too vividly. We endeavor to continue to stress it until someone else reiterates it. Someone else must reiterate all of this which we are expressing, for when it is quickened in another it will be a re-prediction and reiteration when it comes forth spontaneously by the Spirit. As I Say, whatsoever you endeavor, if you concentrate on it, if you allow the very Spirit of the CHRIST within you to quicken it in you, you can and will reiterate that which someone else has spoken,—that which someone else has iterated. You will thus reiterate it by the Spirit, and it will be a prediction. Even this coming forth by Inspiration, it is

not yourself as a person, but My Spirit.

QUICKENED AND AWAKENED SPIRIT

If I would Speak from the Bible directly, readingly, which is to Say actually read the Word from the Bible, and have not the awakened Spirit, neither have the Spirit within to quicken the Words that are Written in the Bible to cause them to come forth spontaneously, they would not be a reiteration they would merely be a repeation of the words that have been spoken. But when the very Words that are spoken in the Bible are re-quickened in you as an individual, and you are moved spontaneously by your intuition and by your volition, then and there it is a re-prediction of that which has been iterated by the Prophets. You will reiterate it and you will be re-predicting that which has been predicted.

I mean to reiterate RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE as JESUS Himself called for it among the nations. The quickened and the awakened Spirit within is the Resurrector. Having quickened these thoughts and transmitted them through the broadcasting system of Salvation, it is a reiteration as a re-prediction. Therefore we can reiterate and re-predict that which has been predicted, when and wheresoever we move spontaneously by our own volunteer volition and speak the Truth as it is given.

UNITY OF ALL

We shall have it all over the Universe just as we have it here, and we will get it by Righteousness instead of by violence; by the ballot instead of by the bullet. Now isn't that Wonderful! Such a privilege you never had and knew it, but today you KNOW it by the Sample and the Example I have shown you. Victory over all prejudices, over all segregation, over all discrimination, over all races, creeds and colors! Victory over those cursed expressions, for where there is division there is strife!

Therefore men did not learn in their studies that it was essential to rid themselves from all divisions. They thought it was intelligent to be segregated. They thought it was wise and honest for a person to feel himself better than his fellow brother. They find themselves at this time going back, as the old man said. They find themselves going to nothing but lacks, and wants and limitations by bringing about this great separation from the others, through selfishness and through prejudice. 'Together we stand and divided we fall.' I have called all Nations together, of the Earth, and this will not be detrimental for one race, nor creed, nor color, or any other expression, for we are unifying ourselves together, not through human affection, lust nor passion, but we are unifying ourselves together through the Perfection or Virtue that JESUS brought Himself.

ATMOSPHERE OF PURITY

These Virtues that we are expressing, they are manifested among us, but if you were living in self-indulgence you could not justifiably unify yourselves together, for there would tend to be the recreation of that old cursed prejudice. But when you do away with all selfishness and all self-indulgence, you can unify yourselves together so long as you live virtuously. Oh it is a privilege to realize it! Now look at the Atmosphere and the very thought of purity that we are exhibiting and reflecting in our countenances. By living pure wholeheartedly we are reflecting it to others as we come together.

By this, we have and we can, and will continue to lift up a Standard for humanity; for the Political world; for the legal fields of life as well as for those fields of expression that are commonly known as Religion. RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE shall become to be a Living Reality universally and I shall this year as never before, bring My Version through legality, and all shall recognize it as the only Fundamental for all humanity. I need not Say a Word! When these little oppositions arise, even when the prejudiced minds of men will endeavor to seek legal means for persecution, these are ways and means through which I will bring My Version through legality. I Said, these are the ways and means through which I will bring My Versions through legality and cause them to be established legally that all mankind might recognize them and look up to them as a Standard for all humanity.

HARNESSING THE SPIRIT OF LEGALITY

You find them rising up from time to time, trying by means and ways of legality to get at Me and My Followers to interfere with them, but I am telling you I shall harness the Spirit of legality and I shall cause the legal field of expression to endorse My Version. Now isn't it Wonderful! I shall not only do so, but everybody's mind, every adverse and undesirable tendency, I shall harness the energy of it and bring it into subjection to Me. If one could harness the lightning as an inventor, what about someone in the Spiritual Realm harnessing the mentality and the energy of humanity? This may sound a little radical, it may sound a little fanatical, but nevertheless you will see it and you will hear it, for you shall know it. Your energy and your mentality, even if you have detestable tendencies, fancies and pleasures, I shall harness them and bring them into subjection by this great Conversion.

THE FULFILLER

It is Written in the Scripture, 'He shall make all crooked ways straight; He shall make your rough ways plain, make your hilly ways level, and exalt the valleys.' These are the predictions of the Scripture, and you have declared I am the Fulfiller. Now isn't that Wonderful! What do you all think about it? (A great shout came spontaneously from the Audience.) Are you going with Me all the way? ('YES FATHER,'—was the enthusiastic shout.) Are you willing to do everything I Say? (A Mighty Demonstration followed.) If you are, there and then, yea here and now the Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing, 'In the Day of My Power My People shall be willing.' You are willing and you are ready.

For this cause you have made up your mind a few years ago to do everything I Say do. Now isn't that Wonderful;! For this cause we shall not be discouraged until we

shall have established the Truth from shore to shore and from land to land, and all mankind shall realize, GOD is not a GOD afar off,—which means some place in the skies, but GOD is a GOD at HAND. Now aren't you glad! We shall not be disturbed, even though all Earth oppose. Even though you may apparently trample the Truth down in the Earth, the third day it did arise and it will rise again.

GOD'S THRONE

With this Movement, we mean to put the person who is Righteous in our consideration, in Office. We mean to put out the unrighteous Official, for we have been taught through the Ages, 'Righteousness and Judgment is the Habitation of His Throne.' When we speak of Ruling on the Throne of David, through the Scripture David declared it to be not his as a person, but David declared it was GOD'S Throne. 'Righteousness and Judgment is His Throne, the Earth saw and trembled.' You have been talking about Righteousness, but how can you get Righteousness through an unrighteous Official? They must become to be Righteous themselves as individuals. When this is accomplished by a Righteous Judgment, being established in their mentality, then and there the Condescension of CHRIST can be upon them and GOD will Rule on the Throne of their minds as LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS.

Now we are not talking about a person especially, but as a person is qualified financially, politically, socially, intellectually, and especially Spiritually, that person with the Spirit of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE established in his mentality will be the person to be elected for CHRIST to Rule on the Throne of His Mind as LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS, although he may not look especially like Me. If it would happen to be one of you, it would be immaterial to Me. If it would happen to be Mr. Roosevelt it would be absolutely immaterial to Me so long as RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE will have access in the individual's consciousness with a Righteous Judgment, and CHRIST descend on the Throne of his mind and Rule and Reign over all things.

BRINGING CHRIST TO FRUITION

This is the mystery of the Coming of CHRIST. Although you recognize the physicalization of Him, nevertheless it is the mystery of the reincarnation of Him and His Reign over all things as LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS. As I aforesaid, I have set before you an open door. I have not endeavored nor tried to close you out. Therefore it is your privilege to produce the CHRIST and bring Him to fruition in your life, and you may happily be one to express the Authority of GOD to a great degree, among men; for wheresoever a King Reigns there is where his Kingdom is. Since you have elected CHRIST on the Throne of your mind as an individual, all of you, your persons and your affairs, are brought into subjection to the CHRIST. Wheresoever a King Reigns, there is where his Kingdom is. So shall it be universally. Wheresoever CHRIST shall have been elected Individually and Personally on the Throne of the minds of the people, CHRIST will Rule and Reign Supremely, and the Universe will become to be Heaven, for CHRIST will be Reigning, and CHRIST will be King over all of the whole Earth. I Thank you."

Keeping the Sabbath

A recent headline in the Daily Paper read, "A Sabbath Law Violator Caught; Three fined $5.00 each, Fourth gets suspended sentence as 'Helper.' "

It's just so sweet to know, that there is a True Spirit of Service, brought forth through LOVE, that knows no holidays, nor bears any record of 'quitting time.' What is life at it's best, but a round of deeds and actions, and when these are harnessed and directed in a Positive direction, they can be recognized not as Labor or Work, but SERVICE.

We know of a "World within a World," that serves from day to day, their working time being twenty hours to the day; and they're ever happy, because they find in their work, their play. Oh No, they're not confined to the play-boy class or the group of New York's 'dawning rounders,' they're cooks, waitresses, chauffeurs, housekeepers, store-keepers, book-keepers, clerks, journalists, lawyers and secretaries, you can find them 'up and at it' ever cheerful, as the hands on the clock go, 'round and round.'

Why do they do it, why don't they quit it, what's it all about—well, the only answer I can give you, after having seen this cycle of unbroken service, is they've found the secret, of knowing only Service; and bearing no record of Labor or Work. The joy of Serving is their reason for wanting to live on, getting their two to three hours sleep just as a matter of coincidence, not as one of necessity. Watching them, you note they go about their occupations with an inner confident sense of complete relaxation, as though they knew it wasn't they who did the Service, but a Something within, and they were just the automaton or robot as it were, and the Doer, the All Powerful ONE within. It's Wonderful, I say! getting the Habit of 'Keeping Each Day; Holy; with Willing and Loving Service.

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Prosperity Only Through PEACE

A double warning—that "in the present state of the world the economic consequences of rearmament must be set in the scale against the apparent signs of economic revival," and, again, that "in so far as industrial recovery is founded on warlike preparations it is not only sinister but hollow and unreal"—is sounded by Harold B. Butler, director of the International Labor Office in his annual report to the International Labor Conference.

The report, which has just been published, is a survey from an international standpoint of the social tendencies of the world and its component parts; and will be discussed by the conference at its twentieth session, which convenes in Geneva, June 4. Delegates from more than sixty countries, including the United States, are expected to attend.

Mr. Butler sees the fear of war, "imminent or not remote," casting its blight "over every project or transaction based upon a calculation of the future."

Economic recovery is an impossible dream until the fear of another and more catastrophic collapse of the whole international system has been dispelled."

"At the moment of writing," he says, "Europe once more stands at a turning point of its fate. The same may be true of Asia. Should another outbreak of violence occur in either region the hopes of any real prosperity would be effectually destroyed for this generation, even if the present fabric of civilization survived. No doubt the underlying causes which have brought the world once more face to face with disaster are largely to be found in the deep-seated flaws in the economic structure, which were created or intolerably aggravated by the World war.

Task Not Impossible.

"It is certainly true that the menace af a fresh outbreak cannot be conjured away unless a concerted effort is made to remove these laws. Given a general will to seek that end, however, **in co-operative and constructive spirit,** the task is not impossible, though no one **would deny its immense difficulty.**

Pointing out that "enormous stocks of money are still being idle," and that "confidence in foreign investments is markedly lacking, Mr. Butler says:—

"The prudent investor still too often prefers to buy a bar or two of gold, which reposes uselessly in the vaults of some bank. He still hesitates to lend his money out for new enterprises abroad, where it may be swept away by some arbitrary interference with the course of business, engulfed in some government moratorium or decimated by some sudden collapse in exchange rates. It is plainly impossible to expect foreign lending to revive as long as such dangers abound."

Reconstruction Task.

Discussing "The Task of Reconstruction," Mr. Butler says:—

"The real decision which now confronts the world is one of values. There can be no social justice without peace. **The moral and military ideals are totally incompatible.** Higher ethical and cultural standards can only be developed by social and economic progress, to which war is an insuperable bar. Under modern conditions **the belief that prosperity can be promoted by conquests has been shown to be an illusion.** Victory can only be had by undermining the moral, social and economic foundation of our civilization. The world is still struggling to avoid the abyss to the brink of which it was brought by the last great war. A repetition would engulf it irremediably. But, on the other hand, peace is not possible without social justice between nations and between individuals.

"Those who believe it to be unattainable under the present constitution of society or under the existing international order are liable to become rebels against them. **Only through an equitable organization of the world's economic life can peace and justice and freedom be made secure.** For that the sacrifice of narrower interests for the sake of wider objectives will be necessary, **for the principle of equality is inconsistent with privileges, whether exercised by nations or private interests, at the expense of the general good of the world community.**

"Unless there is a consciousness of moral solidarity among nations corresponding to the material interdependence by which they are now so closely knit together, the task of reconstruction is impossible. But if they are inspired by the firm resolve to banish warfare in all its forms, whether political, military or economic, a far better and juster civilization than any it has known is well within the compass of humanity."

—N. Y. World-Telegram.

No Compromise

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Those in power will always want to perpetuate themselves, and whatever concession they make to the so-called masses will be made partly with an eye to that. Those not in power will likely become crusaders for this or that or something else, not because they are exercised about the central problem of human need, but because they are exercised about their own condition and the stake they have in the future. Christianity, no doubt, is all right, we say, but even in a world like ours we don't want it to upset anything.

Now, it's precisely this lifting of expediency about truth that betrays all the professions we make of belief in God. Whether we are teachers, and on such subjects as war and communism think we'd better by the system instead of encouraging the coming generation to stick by its conception of what's right; or ministers who are afraid of biting the hand that feeds them, and so soft-pedal all they have to say that might matter; or business men who decide that it's better in case of doubt to take the side the bread is buttered on: if we find ourselves in any one of these categories, walking rather by our own judgments than by any attempt we have made to discover the judgments of God, then let's be frank and say that for us, too, Christianity has become an empty thing!

What we need before we can ever be truly Christian is the great perspective of eternity.

"A Mighty Messianic Hope," Says Pacific Coast Minister of FATHER DIVINE

Radio Broadcast Address of Rev. G. W. PHILLIPS, Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, California, Sunday Evening, April 26, 1936, A.D.F.D. **Subject: The Strange Phenomenon of FATHER DIVINE.**

Introductory Word

The sermon here printed records an evening that will long be remembered at Tenth Avenue. The auditorium of the church was crowded, and, much to our surprise, there were in the congregation at least one hundred and fifty followers of the strange man the sermon discusses. Preliminary to the presentation of the subject, pictures of Father Divine were thrown upon the screen. This evoked well nigh a demonstration from those of His cult present, so much so that I had to remind the congregation of the present environment, and request very firmly that they observe the propriety demanded of the occasion. Apart from a few fervent "Amens," a few whispered words of "Peace" and a few "Thank You, Father's," the evening passed without disturbance, although I have seldom seen a service marked by greater intensity.

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Prayer: Dear Father, we come to ask You in a very special manner that You will grant us a sign of Your presence. There are times when our hearts long for a glimpse of Thee, when in the darkness of the night, when we sail blind, Oh! that we could catch some glimpse of the Face of God! Oh! for the assurance of faith, Oh! for those wonderful mystic contacts that seem to have been the experience of our fore fathers! Give us, we pray Thee, in our hearts those deep, profound assurances that make of faith a joyous and a gladsome thing!

Oh! God, Who gave us Jesus in the mortal flesh, Jesus who was all things to all men, the Son of Man as well as the Son of God, we pray that Thou wilt reveal to us His face, that we may turn to Him.

The world is sad, weary and woebegone. The world does not know where to go, what to think, or what to believe. Grant some beautiful faith that will lead us on not only in this world, but from world to world like a glorious rainbow of hope bringing the stream that men call death . . . The night gloom hovers around us. Give us to live as those who live in eternity, not children of this day or preachers of this day, but creators of the day that is to be!

God's love is so great that He would willingly give us a blessing. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Christ is knocking at the door of Tenth Avenue.

We are discussing this evening the strange phenomenon of FATHER DIVINE, paradoxically one of the best known and one of the least known of the prominent personalities of this day.

I was surpised to find that of our two local newspapers (whose files keep full usually of the pictures of personalities that are apt to be of interest); neither even had a picture of Him, and yet upon inquiring I found that at one of those local papers, the Information Bureau said there was at least an average of ten calls each day from strangers outside the city or within the city who were asking for the Headquarters of FATHER DIVINE.

Also, it was rather a surprise to me to find that the librarians of the Public Library were also just as interested in finding out what it was about. They confessed that every day there were people coming seeking for literature upon the subject of FATHER DIVINE. And yet His religion covers the United States, and has even overflowed into Canada, South America, Europe, and the islands of the sea. In fact, I understand that the religion of FATHER DIVINE is to be found under every sky in the whole world (and that within perhaps a decade or a little more).

We are considering tonight one of the strangest characters. FATHER DIVINE is a star of the first magnitude in the religio-social life of today. I am here not to recommend or extol FATHER DIVINE, nor yet to hold His followers up to ridicule or obloquy. All of the followers who called upon me this week were very intelligent people. I attended one of their banquets today as a guest. While there was a great deal of enthusiasm, nevertheless there were people there who showed marks of the highest intelligence, most sincere people, the stock that martyrs have been made of, as one who has looked upon God face to face. As this was revealed before the congregation, so I would tonight reveal that character so that you might see not only Him, but more, the inherent sources and conditions which made this possible.

To the average man, His claims must seem unique. Doctor Bailey and I were going to Seattle, Wash., where we were giving a series of addresses at a Ministers' Retreat. As the train proceed along, we saw two enormous busses, and each one had the sign, "FATHER DIVINE is GOD." Later, we met two of the followers and we saw that each wore a button bearing the words "FATHER (GOD) DIVINE." The sign on the various places of worship declare that FATHER DIVINE is the Most High God, the Creator of the Universe. Rather than repelling people, this seems to attract and draw them to Him. That following is now estimated by the secular press (not the press of FATHER DIVINE) at 12,000,000. His own followers rate it at 20,000,000. The women who came to see me this week about FATHER DIVINE were respectable and highly intelligent. His two head secretaries are college graduates and men of more than average intelligence.

No motion of sex irregularities has never been brought against the movement. The exact opposite seems to be the fact. His followers are called angels, and as you know, angels, "neither marry nor are given in marriage." His followers are urged to live a life of strict celibacy, even in marriage.

Strange, FATHER DIVINE'S moral enlightenment is manifested that any followers who comes to Him must pay his debts; articles that have been stolen must be returned, hearts must be cleansed, hidden sins must be confessed. A lady who had visited a FATHER

DIVINE mass meeting in New York, told me that they were really confessing their sins in public; she heard the most terrible sins confessed right on the sidewalks—people crying out that they were murderers, and yet policemen stood right there and did not arrest them.

The Mayor of New York City has pronounced that he wished that every man, woman and child in Harlem, and others besides, belonged to this cult ,and that FATHER DIVINE is the greatest moralizing force in New York City today.

His origin seems to be most strange; nobody seems to know where He comes from. Nobody seems able to tell of His childhood. He is known . . . as Major J. Divine, of Providence, R. I., and as FATHER DIVINE of Heaven. I said to the lady who called upon me, "My dear sister, does anybody know anything of His origin? Does anybody know who His parents were?" "Why, certainly," she replied in the most matter-of-fact tone of voice, "We all know who He is, we all know who His parents were. He is the Son of the Virgin Mary, and He is Jesus Christ come back in the flesh."

Many think strange—the source of His tremendous wealth. During the depression He fed millions of starving people. Where did He get this money? Nobody seems to know. Long lines of people were in the breadline to receive what He had to give. When I was at the banquet today, somebody made a sort of joke, seemingly at my expense. These good souls said that the difference between FATHER DIVINE and other ministers is this: that in FATHER DIVINE the Shepherd feeds the flock, and that in other flocks, the flocks feed the shepherd . . .

A woman told me that she was in New York for five weeks, stayed there, and was entertained there, and treated well. When she came back here she sent Him a check, but He returned it to her. He does not accept offering of money.

He has no bank account, never pays any bills by check, always pays cash, gives away lots free, and NO ADEQUATE INCOME ANYWHERE.

The only people I heard make any suggestion as to where He got His wealth, said His wealth was made by the money He made at His restaurants. I don't see how people can expect to give such a good meal for fifteen cents as I had today as a guest at the banquet, and still make a profit. The thing is incredible; it could not be done! We know, because we have given church dinners.

He has some fifteen centers in New York, and branches all over the world, farms and estates, two Rolls Royces, and a private airplane. Ask His followers where He gets His money and they smile and say: "He is GOD." When one lady asked Him where He got His money, He replied: "From the same place that you get your health."

The reason for this phenomenon might well engage our present interest. My answer is, in a few words, A MIGHTY MESSIANIC HOPE. It started in the rich soil of human hopelessness and helplessness, the . . . poor, socially and despised and economically exploited; no other race has been so exploited; no tomorrow but a pauperized old age, no goal but the grave, smarting under injustice and wrong, what was their hope? A great leader, A GREAT LEADER . . .

The cry of the . . . soul is, "My heart is lonely." I will quote from Paul Laurence Dunbar, one of their great poets:

"A crust of bread and a corner to sleep in,
A minute to laugh and an hour to weep in,
A pint of joy and a peck of trouble
And never a smile but the tears come double,—
And this is life."

It is these that are looking for a leader. The Roman gladiators and Spartacus, the Israelites and Moses, the Swiss and William Tell, the French and Mirabeau, the Russians and Tolstoy, Germany and Hitler, and all the untouchables of India today who have renounced their old religions and turned to their great new leader. FATHER DIVINE seems to be a new leader that gives new hope to an unfortunate, downtrodden people. Not only in America, but all over the world today, the . . . race are smarting under injustice and looks for a leader.

Great leaders there have been, but they have been like stars in the firmament; they have dealt with educational, political and social questions, but they have not gripped the deeper life of their people. Booker T. Washington, one of the great men of the ages, gave a slogan of progress, seeking through slow evolution to raise the race. Then, there was Marcus Garvey. But none of these men touched the religious life of the people.

Comes FATHER DIVINE, stirring the deep religious emotions and promising development not like Washington by a long process of education, growth and economic efficiency, but telling them, "I AM GOD. I bring you HEAVEN HERE ON EARTH. I AM YOUR GOD."

Alberta Slashes Interest Rates

Edmonton, Alta.—Alberta's Social Credit government will refund the whole of its $160,000,000 debt before the end of June, according to Premier William Aberhart.

Under legislation passed at the last session of the legislature, bondholders will be obliged to accept the new issue, which will bear a much lower rate of interest. Premier Aberhart declares that a halt must be called to the "whole interest racket."

"I can't understand why the Federal Government puts things in our way," Aberhart said. "The Alberta government is facing single-handed its financial problems while other provinces in worse condition have gotten help."

In an address to his congregation in Calgary, the premier stated he wants to serve one term in the premiership and then retire.

"Give us your support for one term of office, then I will retire from public life and return to my school, where I want to be," he said.

People in the world blame and condemn Japan because she is inclined to militarism. But who taught militarism to Japan? It was a western civilization.—Dr. Toyhiko Kagawa, famed Japanese Christian.

Lord God, I thank thee that thou hast been pleased to make me a poor and indigent man upon earth. I have neither house nor land nor money to leave behind me.—Luther.

What Designates a Master According to Theosophical Terminology?

By JOHN ROINE

First of all, a Master is a Being who has complete control of all situations on the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual planes. That means that He is not dependent upon any one outside of Himself. He knows the Law and He works in perfect harmony with the Law, and therefore, He always receives the desired results according to the Law.

He knows how to cooperate with Nature and thus the Cosmic Forces are at His service. He is neither sick nor tired; though His physical body needs rest, still it is always under His personal control and jurisdiction, and He can recharge and vitilize it by relaxing His consciousness and letting the spiritual forces flow through His body, as we would recharge an electric battery. He is the Master of His own outside situations, financially and otherwise, and takes no help or support from man. He has overcome death and therefore He can recreate His body and keep it perfectly well, healthy and young, even for hundreds of years, if he desires. He does not make any more Karma or sin because He does not react to outer conditions, but He lets the Christ Spirit within Himself act instanteously. He lives neither in the past nor in the future, but in the Eternal Now. He is not limited by any physical means of transportation, but can take His body at will to any place at any time, if He sees that it is necessary to do so. In other words, he masters every situation under the Law of God and is obedient to it.

Has any one seen these Masters, or are they just imaginary figures?

There are many who have seen and talked to them and know that they are real and perfect Beings, living on the physical plane. They are serving God, or Logos, the Creator of this, our Solar System, although very often unnoticed by any man. Personally they remain out of the picture but they are spiritual instruments or channels for God's forces, as dynamos or transformers in the spiritual work. As they are in the service of God, they go wherever they are sent to do His Will.

Once in a great while a greater Being than a Master appears in the world—One who has the Law of God under His command and who can administer the Law to man and sit in judgment for the living and for the dead. In Hindu language, he is called the Great Avatar, or Logos of this Universe. None can say to Him, "Go!", but He comes by His own Will to establish a New Order of things and to raise the vibrations of His own Creation into a new cycle or higher rate of vibration. As it is written in the Bagavad Gita, "Whenever the world declines in virtue and unrighteousness and injustice mounts the throne, then cometh I and with My own Will, create my physical body . . ."

Two thousand years ago, this Great One whom we know as Christ, in the body of Jesus in the Sonship degree, visited our earth plane and because of His great sacrifice, He brought the Christ Consciousness of the Buddhic Plane into touch with our earth plane and for the first time, brought salvation to mankind. If we had been watching, with our spiritual eyes, what took place at that time, in our world, we would have seen, as it were, how a new plane came into outer existence and in touch with our planet.

This Buddic Plane is the Body of Christ wherein we all are members and Jesus said, "Ye cannot come to the Father expect by Me," or, "Except ye be born again," which means that we must be reborn into this Christ Body of Buddhic Consciousness, and through It, be One with the Father, the Creator, as we were once born into the mental consciousness and became man, the Thinker, but subject to physical death. Now is the day of resurrection and those that will live the life shall reach the Eternal Life in the physical body. When this Christ Consciousness comes into outer expression in us, we have conquered death and we are Masters under all conditions, and we can consciously say, "I Am One with the Father."

Many of the Theosophists ask, "Is Father Divine a Master or a Great Being?" Yes, to me He is more than a Master—He is the Great Avatar, the One Who came of His Own Will still, He is not limited in His personal tabernacle. In Spirit, He is the Omnipresent, the Creator of all visible and invisible existence in the world, He is the Logos of His Universe. He has put a portion of Himself onto the physical plane but He still remains as the Great Ocean of Life. He has personified Himself in the material world and at this time in the Fatherhood degree, meaning that the first product of humanity has reached Oneness with the Greater, as it says that Christ was the first born amongst men, the Son of God in Whom the Father was well pleased, and who now comes in His Father's Glory as He promised. He is now lifted up and will draw all men unto Him and unto the Father's House. He, being one with humanity and having paid the price, can draw the children of men into the Christ Consciousness if they are willing to forsake all and follow Him. They will receive the Mastership degree, or the Sonship degree in His Father's House and reign with Him in Glory.

Dr. Besant, late President of the Theosophical Society, said in 1926 in one of the private meetings at Ojai, that the second coming of Christ will take place in the Fatherhood degree—that the Sonship degree has been raised to One with the Father and the manifestation will take place in the Fatherhood degree. She knew how He was to come although she did not know in what body He should come, but she always warned us not to have any preconceived ideas so that we might know Him as He is when He comes.

With my personal experience, my own inner convictions and understanding which I have received, I can say that I know within myself that Father Divine is this Great Avatar, the presonificationn of God, the Creator, who has come to establish the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth, the Righteous Government for all Nations. He has come in His Father's Glory that we might have Life more abundant. He has come

to judge and to administer the Law, according to our deeds and actions, and what a pity that our preconceived ideas should blind us. The Cosmic Forces of Nature are obeying His command. He can wipe out our Karma or sin and give us Eternal Life, if we are willing to forsake our personalities, our preconceived ideas and opinions, and to live the Life of Christ.

Never in the world's history has there been such a time as this in which we are living now. Many of the great souls have come into reincarnation and they are all uniting with Him in His mighty work. There are millions now living who will never die but who will reach the Christ Consciousness, or Liberation from birth and death. The Kingdom of Heaven will be a reality upon earth and there shall be no more tears, sorrow or strife, but Peace, Justice and Happiness for all. Therefore our praises and our thanks go to God, Father Divine, for what He has done and is doing for humanity, as He came Himself, in person, to all of His servants, to establish Universal Brotherhood of the Kingdom of Heaven upon the earth.

Emotion, Intuition Intellect and LIGHT

Our guess is that Dr. Albert E. Avey, Professor of Philosophy at Ohio State University is not a musician. If he were he would hardly take and defend the position that "emotions" must be brought to the test of "Intellect."

We wonder if the Professor can explain "intellectually" why certain passages in Wagner or Beethoven or Gounod "thrill" us as they do. Browning, in his great poem, "Abt Vogler," makes the composer say,

"The rest may reason, and welcome;
'Tis we musicians KNOW."

But in developing his argument, in a scholarly article in the current number of "Journal of Religion," Professor Avey has so much to say for the emotions that many paragraphs will bear quoting, even by those who may not agree with his main contention.

There can surely however be no quarrel with his plea for an escape from "bindness." And the 'mystics," testify that with the coming of LIGHT to their emotions there is a corresponing light in the MIND.

Professor Avey writes:

Present day religion is marked in certain quarters by a **distinct trend toward emotionalism.** Stress upon emotion is not new of course. But it seems to have taken new life recently. Even Fosdick in America, through his shifting of the emphasis from critical judgment to practical experience may seem to be moving in the some direction.

The practical expression of the trend takes form in Germany in the minimizing of the sermon and the careful study of the worship pragram of the Church. It is a confession that **it is less important for the religious personality to understand his religion than it is to practice it and enjoy it.** If the human mind is forced simply in the exercise of good judgment and the avoidance or presumption, to acknowledge its own limitation and to admit that reality reaches beyond it into the infinite, must it not then necessarily retire in favor of some other aspect of experience? And must not the honest religious mind frankly recognize the situation and make no pretensions as to the adequacy of its analyses?

The mystics have often shown themselves very keen dialecticians, a fact which implies that **even if mysticism goes beyond rationalism it does not go against it.** And to get beyond rationalism, mysticism must go through. It is valid to hold that formal arguments do not supply their own material content. One must make some appeal to immediate experience in order to proceed from the abstract to the concrete. But the abstract is an element in the concrete. One carries one's general principles into one's applications of them.

Another aspect of the situation is the fact that emotions can be either rational or irrational. They do not in themselves guarantee their own quality in this respect. This, too, is often frankly granted. But the implication is not always also accepted that appeal to emotion alone does not indicate whether the emotion is worthy or unworthy, noble or ignoble. If emotion carries no standard of self-judgment within its own nature, question on this point must be answered by appeal elsewhere. To what other realm, then, must appeal be made. It may be made to **practical consequences.***) But here again there is a final need of enlightenment. Action alone is blind and calls for some judgment upon it to show what its value is. Both feeling and action ultimately appeal to knowledge for light upon themselves. And knowledge in shedding this light employs intellect as its organizing instrument.

The reply to this suggestion will be that the results of intellectual activity are abstract, barren, heartless, lacking in the warmth of contact with real life and concrete human existence. In many cases even after one has thought his way through to a conclusion his practical nature recoils and he falls back upon intuition. (Father Divine declares that **Intuition** is more trustworthy than Intellect), and habitual traditions after all.

What I am speaking for is not by any means mere abstract rationalism. Immanuel Kant's declaration still remains true: Thought without perception is empty. But the rest of his statement is equally true: Perception without conception is blind. What I am speaking for is the escape from blindness in life; and this holds for religion as well as for other interests.

Employment Agency Cuts Prices

The Bertha Carlson employment agency located at 2415 Broadway, corner of 89th Street, is now under the management of Miss Hilma Nelson.

The usual rate of 10 per cent on the months' wages which employees have had to pay has been reduced to 5 per cent. Every courtesy is shown applicants regardless of so-called race. No segregation is allowed there, as is practised in some other offices.

It was noticed that several of FATHER DIVINE'S followers were seeking positions at this office. It can plainly be seen how His Spirit is influencing the heads of those engaged in every business.

*) Father Divine often says: "These are facts and figures too stout to be denied.

EDITORIAL PAGE

A New Front Page

This issue as well as in the prior issue of the "SPOKEN WORD" there appears an ideal or inspired picture of FATHER DIVINE on the Frontispiece.

We accepted the artist's idea because it is an answer in a picture, to a question often asked, "Where does FATHER DIVINE get HIS money from?"

The Corn-Copia or Horn of Plenty extends back into what may be known as the Infinite or unknown of the "SOURCE" of all things; it's flow is ceaseless from it's unexhaustible SOURCE."

At first glance the Substance, flowing from this Horn of Plenty appears to be in the form of money, but a closer glance reveals, that these tokens are; "Truth, Love, Kindness, Faithfulness, Righteousness, Justice, Brotherhood and thousands of other tokens," of GOD'S Love for man and God's Righteousness in choosing for many only that which is good for him.

When one is led to ask again, the question, where does HE get all His money from, they might say, where does He get all His, Truth, Love, Kindness, Wisdom and so forth from. For this "Precious metal" is the "current coin of the New Jerusalem, with the KINGS Own Mint mark upon it."

A true appreciation of these lasting and satisfying Gifts to man must of necessity bring the revelation of the Source of all things. Among "these things" there must of necessity be an Abundance of that which is needful, and it might appear in the form of that which we call money.

Make the Best of Things

It is wisdom with foresight to not attempt to tear down a system established through years of experience unless one has a better way that has been carefully worked out and proven to be practical.

When things apparently go awry and the Government is not functioning properly for the governed there are no end of remedies offered but these are for the most part presented by those who have worked out their panacea on the theoretical basis.

Robert G. Ingersoll was a fearless advocate of right and viewing the failure of Christians in the practice of Chrisitanity became an atheist and turned many away from their faith in GOD to the atheist stand. —There is no GOD.

While it was true that Ingersoll had much evidence on which to base his deductions yet he erred in destroying the faith of people in GOD without giving them something better in the place of this faith.

The same mistake is likely to be made among the politicians in the coming presidential election and unless these politicians have something better to offer than the remedies now being used it might be well for them to study carefully the present methods and support them as American citizens. Perhaps this cooperation that is no more than their duty as American citizens would bring the country nearer to normality or through this honest cooperation discover a better way.

Being Practical

Peace. I thank FATHER for this song to be put in the Spoken Word.

Tune: Somewhere in the Kingdom You'll Find Me.

Somewhere in the Promised Land you'll find me,
You'll find me, you'll find me.
Somewhere in the Promised Land you'll find me
Singing and shouting for eternity.
I may be milking the cows,
But you'll find me, you'll find me, you'll find me.
I may be milking the cows, but you'll find me,
Singing and shouting for eternity.
I may be talking with FATHER, etc.
I may be feeding the chickens, etc.

Faithful Ada.

ODE TO NOW!

Oh Glorious Realization
Oh Infinite Everlasting Eternity,
Now is Eternity
For neither now nor Eternity can be measured.
Now corresponds to the Infinitesimal,
Eternity to the Infinite
Now and Eternity are ONE.
Go one step beyond now
Or one step back of Now
And you have time.
And time is no part of Eternity.

Solomon said,—"That which has been is now."
That which is to be has already been
Then God requireth that which is HIS Part
In language of the NOW."

The wisdom of Solomon might be interpreted. Nothing ever happened except in the NOW, that is it never happened yesterday because when it happened it was NOW.

Nothing ever will happen except in the now. It does not happen tomorrow for when it happens the supposed tomorrow is today and the today is NOW.

In fact it requires the NOW for all happenings.

Now let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter—"Not now and forever,

But now and forever NOW."

Follow in Christ's Footsteps

Rev. Henry F. Hammer
St. Patricks Cathedral,
New York City

The trouble with most Catholics today is that they haven't the ambition to live spiritually—to live anything higher than a natural life. Most of us are just spiritual sloths, sluggards, and spiritual sloth makes a captive of our soul. I wonder what would happen if Christ walked down the aisle of this cathedral, stopped at every pew and, calling each of you by name, asked, as He asked His Apostle, in the garden,, "Are you asleep?" I think most of you would have to answer yes.

Mankind has Refused to Give Righteousness, Truth and Justice a BODY

FATHER DIVINE has come to give GOD at least, a BODY—Not only GOD HIMSELF, but All of HIS Qualities

"OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE" AT THE BANQUET TABLE NO. 20 WEST 115TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY. SATURDAY EVENING: MAY 16th, 1936. A.D.F.D. TIME: 1:10 A. M. PAST MIDNIGHT.

On this particular Evening, around the Great Banquetting Table, The Spirit significantly moved in the hearts of those who feast daily in the PRESENCE and with the PRESENCE of the Lord. GOD Creates His Own Divine atmosphere, hence there is joy always in HIS PRESENCE, but there are times that even the Angels feel moved to speak out their Praises to an ALL LOVING SAVIOUR, in words of Adoration and Praise, in gratitude to HIM for HIS LOVE and Protection, His Care and His Mercy, His Goodness and His Kindness to them. At times the Spirit doth inspire them to sing forth their Songs of gladness unto the LORD, that His Matchless NAME might be Praised, as well as acknowledging HIM in all of their works and ways.

In the mass audiences that congregate in the Assembly Halls and Dining Halls of the Headquarters daily, there is likely to be found every type of person that makes up the human family, but on this particular Evening, it seems that the Spirit of FATHER DIVINE had gone out into the Ecclesiastical World and called in a number of the Representatives of that Field to recognize and acknowledge HIM. This of course, is according to the Will of GOD, also to the Predictions of HIS: "I will draw all men unto ME. I will draw them from every walk of life, from every world or expression, and cause them to acknowledge this PRINCIPLE the FUNDAMENTAL of Life, which I have established in the midst of them." To these "gentlemen of the cloth," this joy that is a prevailing factor in the midst of the Angels, was a most remarkable expression, but something, somewhat foreign to them. They were not used to seeing such joy exhibited in Church worship, hence, they showed their astonishment and surprise in their countenances. The Angels danced and sung. They gave startling testimonies of transformed lives, such expressions as are rare in the World of Religion. Some of the Ministers who had dropped in, or called at the Office for the purpose of seeking an interview, or who had spent hours with us in our services or who were guests at the Banquet Table, or who were favored and blessed to attend special Board Meetings, many of them had had wide and extensive experiences, but each and all of them admitted, they had never witnessed such an experience, neither had their eyes ever beheld such a sea of ecstasy, and yet there was nothing strange to this manifestation, for it is but the fulfilment of the Scriptures, from which the Ministers have preached and advocated. This was an Unfoldment of the KINGDOM of GOD on earth in most of the churches, especially the modern churches of today.

Surely there could be no question that these Praises were the Tidings of HEAVEN, and the establishment of the KINGDOM of GOD on Earth, in fulfilment of the Scripture and the Prediction of JESUS in the Prayer which HE taught His Disciples to pray:

"Let thy KINGDOM come, and let Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in HEAVEN."

The KINGDOM has truly come, and FATHER'S Will is now being done.

FATHER in His very gracious manner and condescending way, gave recognition to these gentlemen who are Representatives of the Gospel, and invited them, if they cared to, to have a word to say. They accepted the invitation to Speak, and several of their remarks are recorded here, also several of the testimonies given at this Banquet, but the one and main expectation of the Evening, was the exhilarating MESSAGE given by the LORD. The Messages or talks rather, given by the respective ministers were all right, but they did not fill the hearts of the people with the joy and the hope and the love that the MESSAGE which FATHER gave, did. This is why the masses fill the auditoriums and lecture halls and dining halls to capacity, and sit for long hours when they know that FATHER DIVINE is going to be present to speak to them. They know HIS words are both Spirit and Life, for they receive both Spirit and Life when they drink from the FOUNT of HIS OMNISCIENCE, as HE pours out His Love in His Words to them. The very beautiful MESSAGE that restoreth our Souls, our mentality and our physical structures is recorded here for your benefit. This is the MESSAGE of the LORD'S| Thank YOU FATHER BELOVED.

Testimony of Mr. L. Secretary:

"Peace FATHER:

I want to thank YOU tonight for being here in this atmosphere, on earth in the KINGDOM of HEAVEN, around the Great White Throne, where YOU are REIGNING and RULING in the hearts and minds of those whom YOU have purified, and made white.

I thank YOU FATHER for the privilege to serve in this Great Cause, for all of the Blessings YOU are bestowing on me daily, for the ABUNDANCE of the FULLNESS of all good things. I thank YOU for the way YOU are Blessing millions throughout the world with the same Blessings, and with the same privileges that we have here, excepting that we have the privilege of looking on YOUR HOLY BODY and loving YOU.

I truly love YOU FATHER, and I thank YOU for all of the Blessings, because YOU are the Great BLESSER of all Talents, all Gifts; all Blessings come from YOU. I thank YOU FATHER, a little while ago, for the way YOU answered a question through me—the question that so many people ask. Someone came

a little while ago, and asked the question "Where does FATHER get HIS money?" You answered the question through me. Before they got an explanation to explain, they would have to answer me "where did JESUS get the supply to feed the five Thousand." . . . I thank YOU FATHER for the revelation, and all of the different revelations and inspirations that YOU give me."

I thank YOU FATHER to sing this little song:

(Transposition of song: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere."

"Beautiful LOVE of FATHER
Beautiful BODY of GOD,
Beautiful LOVE of FATHER
The Beautiful BODY of GOD.

FATHER! FATHER! Beautiful Love of FATHER
FATHER, I truly love YOU,
Indeed I do,
Beautiful Love of FATHER."

One of the brothers—(Angel) seated at the Table, gave a testimony of remarkable significance . . In the presence of thousands, he told how he had helped to kill a man by shooting him, some years ago, down in Alabama, and had skipped the town, for safety. He stated that after they had shot the man, they searched him, and found a pint of whisky and seventy-five cents on him. He also admitted that the Authorities came after him. He made his escape. He testified of his gratitude to FATHER for permitting him to go back to seek to find the High Sheriff of that town, where the crime had been committed by him as an accomplice, that he might surrender himself to the officials, that they might do with him whatsoever they desired, in accord and in keeping with the Law.

He stated it was only after his acceptance of FATHER that he desired to do the right thing, and atone for all of the wrong that he had done in his past life, even to the extent of the sacrifice of his life for the atonement of the life which he had taken.

He further stated that FATHER was with him all of the way. He said the Spirit of FATHER DIVINE spoke within him, and told him to be in the Sheriff's Office at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, and he would be there in Spirit with him. He heard the Spirit of FATHER further say: "I AM that I AM." He admitted this was a further proof to him that FATHER was GOD ALMIGHTY.

The brother stated while on his way downtown to the Courthouse, he passed the United States Post Office. Recognized a man, a Mr. Forest standing across the street, from whom he had stolen a bale of cotton. He said after greeting the party with "PEACE," he told him of his mission in the South land. He confessed this sin, and asked forgiveness of the aforenamed party. The gentlemen remarked: "What! I did not know you stole." "No," said the Angel, "I know you did not know it, but I have come down here to confess it to you, and to ask your forgiveness for that, and also for stealing your turpentine." The gentleman admitted that he did not know of either of these incidents. He was surprised when the Angel admitted when he was living in the world of sin and crime as a man, he had stolen the turpentine from this party, and sold it back to him for $6.00 and $8.00.

Down at the Courthouse, when the "Redeemed of the Lord," walked in, and surrendered himself to the High Sheriff, he was told, they never had anyone to come there and talk as he did. The Brother acknowledged FATHER DIVINE GOD ALMIGHTY, was the POWER behind him, that was causing him to do this. The Sheriff remarked: "I want you to help me to clean up this town," but the brother replied, "FATHER says, if you clean up, then the town will be clean."

The Angel stated that he gave his testimony of how FATHER had redeemed him, and caused him to completely change his manner of living, and had healed him from many diseases. He concluded by thanking FATHER for sending him to school, and testified that he could not write his name without even looking at it.

This is a remarkable transformation, but only a sample of a sketch of a reflection of what FATHER DIVINE means to the world, and what he is doing for all mankind.

Another testimony well worth considering was the one from Angel New Heart, who can dance, shout and sing, sleep all night long like a new born babe since FATHER has given her a brand new heart, and increased her weight from 98 pounds to 166 pounds. She knows she is a new Creature and has a new heart, and for that reason, she is known as "New Heart.' '

FATHER'S MESSAGE

Peace Everyone:

("Peace FATHER Dear!" joyfully shouted the throng.) Now you are happy and I am glad. You have GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE. You have GOOD MANNERS, GOOD BEHAVIOR and yet you are filled with enthusiasm. Your hearts are filled with merriness; that is why you are living in HEAVEN, by this recognition, this realization of GOD'S actual PRESENCE.

I have arisen at this juncture to say, you all do not want to hear ME talk, do you? (Great applause by the multitude indicated their desire to hear the LORD.) However, according to MY SPIRIT, MY MIND and also MY Custom, if it is known at times, there are those who are speakers, ministers and lecturers in our midst, we always desire to have them to have a word to say. It has long since been said, and I verify and confirm the same,

"That which a man soweth, he must also reap."

"Be mindful how you entertain strangers, whereby some have entertained Angels unawares."

ENTERTAINING STRANGERS

This Evening—in other words, this Morning now, we have ministers in our midst, of which we are always glad to know of. It may be that they would like to have a word to say. You all hear ME every day. This is a common occurrence with us, a matter of course, however, apparently MY Followers never get tired of hearing ME talk. They would stay here all night, if I would only stay Personally, nevertheless, owing to your obligations, as well as MY Own Obligations in MY Own way, otherwise, or in other words, standing in this Dining Room and in the Auditorium, in this way, I have work

to do both night and day. Hundreds and hundreds of letters, many lectures and different Messages to read and proof-read, to send out, letters to dictate, read and proof-read them and send them out after they have been recorded.

It is something to consider, however, it is MY pleasure and it is our privilege to live in the unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of aim and of purpose, and express it in deeds and in actions, fulfilling the Scripture,

"In the day of MY POWER, My people shall be willing."

MY people are willing. They are willing and ready at all times, recognizing the PRESENCE of GOD, according to MY Original Composition or Motto, for consideration, as an answer to the question of millions I quote.

"The Spirit of the CONSCIOUSNESS of the PRESENCE of GOD is the SOURCE of all supply, and it will, and it does satisfy every good desire."

To be conscious of GOD'S PRESENCE, and live in the recognition and realization of the "Tangibilization" of GOD, such a recognition will bring into outer expression, every desirable, tangible Blessing your hearts have been yearning for. The very recognition of the PERSONIFICATION of GOD will bring into outer expression from the Invisible Realm, the desirable, tangible and material Blessings, for such a recognition in itself, is "materializable." It will materialize when you realize GOD has been made flesh, according to St. John, and dwells with us.

KINGDOM OF GOD

When we can realize that which was Spirit has been materialized, and that which was flesh has been Spiritualized, when we can realize the HEAVEN has come to the earth in the fulfillment of the Prayer you all have prayed: "Let Thy KINGDOM come, and let Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in HEAVEN," it will materialize. The very KINGDOM of GOD that was invisible, GOD has "visibilated" it, by the "tangibilization" of that which was conceived in your consciousness. When you consciously and vividly visualized that which was invisible, your bodies materialized it, and you became the Personification of that which was merely Spirit or Spiritual . . . Your bodies became Spiritual as your conscious recognition is exhibited or manifested in the visible or physical structure. By your conscious conviction and realization of GOD'S PRESENCE, in reality, "tangibilated," it causes that recognition through the great Creative Forces of Nature to bring from the Invisible Realm, the Blessings you have been seeking into outer expression, and manifest them.

THE DESIRABLE JUST AS TANGIBLE

We are rejoicing to know the truth concerning the mystery. As "tangibilated" as negation is, even so "tangibilatable" and operative is the Spirit of TRUTH, LIFE and LOVE. LIFE and LOVE are as "tangibilatable" as hate and death—those different undesirable expressions have been "tangibiliated"—in other words, materialized and personified. Why not realize that which is of the desirable, real and true can be as real in the visible as well as the negative.

Oh! it is a privilege to realize it, but the average person in their hearts have "tangibilated"—in other words, have materialized and personified the negative,—even the extreme negative expresser and manifestor, which is commonly known by the Religions, "the devil," but by MY Version, "The other fellow." Oh! it is something to consider.

Men will tell you at times, "you are a natural-born other fellow." No doubt, you have told your children such . . . such an expression concerning your own children: "You are a natural-born other fellow," by My Interpretation, but by the Religions, "You are a natural-born devil." Why not realize the POSITIVE can as much be "tangibilated" and personified as the negative? Why not realize the true and the Holy Spirit can be as readily or as easily "Tangibilated" and personified as the evil spirit? Through the ignorance of the people, they will keep you in the outward expression as manifestors of negation—"tangibilators" of that expression which is commonly known as "the devil." Now isn't that wonderful, but they do not endeavor to try to cause you to "tangibilate" the CHRIST.

GIVING GOD A BODY

RIGHTEOUSNESS! TRUTH and JUSTICE, these Qualities have been included. You refused to give them a Body, but I have come to give GOD at least a BODY, and I gave HIM One—not only GOD Himself, as an abstract expression, but to give GOD HIMSELF and all of His Qualities a BODY . . . I mean to "tangibilate" every desirable expression, and cause these Qualities to become to be a living Reality, among the inhabitants of the Earth.

RIGHTEOUSNESS! TRUTH and JUSTICE, from a political point of view, I have called for these Qualities, and Attributes for you. I have called for them to be embodied, to be not only reincarnated, but to be personified, universalized through the Universal expression of TRUTH, that RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE and TRUTH might be a living reality in the consciousness of all humanity. Because of this, the Nations of the Earth are stirred. We are accomplishing just what they have been praying for. We have it. We have abolished all segregation, all discrimination between races, creeds and colors. We have unified them together. We have dumped all Nations combined in the melting pot. They are no longer divided in this Recognition, but they are in reality the real children of the KINGDOM.

PROMISED FULFILLED

This is the fulfillment of the promise of JESUS, as one of the Speakers said a little while ago, Jesus said: "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil." Those expressions of life which have been called evil, men could not keep you from those expressions, not even JESUS. That is the mystery. That is why JESUS prayed the FATHERSHIP Degree, to keep you from the evil. Now isn't that wonderful? "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but I pray that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

In all of the other expressions in the Sonship Degree of expression, it was a matter of impossibility, through all of your Religion, to keep you from all of the evil, but in the FATHERSHIP Degree of whom you say,

I AM, the children of men are saved from vice and from crime, from all of the wickedness of the wicked one, for they will obey the FATHER, when they will not heed the Son. Now isn't that wonderful? "I pray that they might be one even as we are one." This is the Prayer of the Son. A degree of GOD unfolded or manifested for the REDEMPTION of mankind—a degree of GOD manifested to lead the children of the inhabitants of the earth to the recognition of GOD'S PRESENCE, which is in short, to show them the way to HEAVEN. Now isn't that wonderful!

SONSHIP DEGREE OF EXPRESSION

The Sonship Degree of expression, was and still is the only way to HEAVEN. "No man cometh to the FATHER, but by ME," said HE, but the same Spirit is speaking today. You must come through the Sonship Degree, which is JESUS, that you might get to the FATHERSHIP Degree, which is known to be "ME." This recognition is VICTORY. It carries within itself the VICTORY for the realization of GOD'S PRESENCE, as REAL, TANGIBLE and PRACTICAL, will cause you to act harmoniously according to HIS TEACHING and according to JESUS. Now isn't that wonderful? Because of this, you are kept from the evil. In this NAME and by the Recognition of the same, the desire of committing sin, vice and crime of any kind or such desires, are completely gone. They can no longer be found in your mind, for you have presented your bodies as a Living Sacrifice, which is as it was, your reasonable service. You are not conformed to this world, but you are TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of your mind. You can see it in the outward expression of these MY Believers. You see they are not conformed to this world, by the outward expression of cosmetics and other such expressions, hair straightening, etc. You see they are not wearing eye-glasses. You see they do not participate in the world's movies and other customs of the world. Why? Because they are not conformed to this world, but they are TRANSFORMED by the RENEWING of their minds. The very bodily forms are cleansed from afflictions, sickness and diseases. The impure blood of those who believed, have been purified, made pure and clean.

WORK OF GOD ON EARTH

This is the Work of GOD on Earth among men. "HIS Name shall be called JESUS, for HE shall save His People from their sins." I did not mean to go so far this time, but whensoever I rise, if I will allow them to, if I will allow them to do so, I should have said, they will push ME out in deep waters. What do you want to hear ME talk for? ("Bless YOUR HOLY NAME," shouted the Beloved Ones.) It is indeed wonderful!

Oh! for a Heart—this Heart I have brought to fruition. A Heart that will not shrink,
Though oppressed by every foe,
A Heart that stands firm for GOD,
Wheresoever it may go.

You are no longer conformed to this World, as I aforesaid. You can see the outward expression of it—these MY true Followers do not use the habit or the custom of smoking. Not one of My real Believers and Followers would smoke a cigarette. If there be a doubt in the heart and mind of an individual, watch all of those who claim to be MY Followers, you will not see not even so much as one real Follower and Believer living according to MY Spirit, smoke a cigarette. Now isn't that wonderful? A cigarette is much less than a cigar. Smoking a cigarette and cigar is not classed as vice and crime, it is merely the outward expression of habit, it may be termed, but since the habit profiteth nothing, and is actually unprofitable and impractical, it will cause you to be more impractical, therefore, that which does not profit, and which prohibits you in the least from being practical, as you might be, such an expression or habit, or custom we will not indulge in, therefore, MY Followers, those who are true and faithful will endeavor to live continually according to MY LIFE and according to MY TEACHING—the LIFE and the TEACHING of GOD as exemplified in JESUS, and manifested as the Sample and as the Example for this people. Now isn't that wonderful!

THE LIFE OF JESUS AS THE EXAMPLE

It is not a question as to whether you know ME as a Person or not, or whether you can read the Bible, it is immaterial to ME, if you will only live according to what you believe—or the way whichever, that you really believe JESUS lived, and be as HE was, such an endeavor will lead you in the direction whereby the Spirit of GOD'S PRESENCE will teach you WISDOM. "If you abide in ME, and let MY Words abide in you, you may ask what you will, and it shall be done," and "When HE the Spirit of TRUTH has come, HE shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you."

These are the Words of JESUS. Wheresoever you may go, if you will live according to same, the very Answer to your requests will be manifested in the act of reflecting and giving you that which you are asking for.

Oh! it is a privilege to realize what GOD has actually done. When nothing else could help, LOVE found you, and GOD HIMSELF lifted you, brought you from vice and crime sin of every kind, and established your going in the Land of the Living, that you might live pure and Holy, and yet live respectable and modest, intelligent lives, as well as Holy and wholesome live. "HE shall teach you all things." "CHRIST is rich, and all you need."

LIFTED UP AS A PERFECTED EXPRESSION

You can see this recognition will lead you into all phases of the expressions of life that are necessary for your success, for your peace and for your happiness, and for your comfort. Oh! it is something to consider. It leads you through the many expressions of life. It carries you on to perfection scientifically and materially, socially, intellectually and otherwise, for CHRIST in reality, is all you need, therefore, GOD will lift you up as the perfected expression and manifester of Salvation in legality. GOD will cause the PERFECTION of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE to be legalized, and all mankind to realize this TRUTH is worth while, and should be legalized. Now isn't it wonderful? That is why your names—your real names have been legalized. There are those who have been

cursed with the cursed names of the slave owners of their ancestors, and yet they desire to hold on to those old names—names that have been emancipated even by the Declaration of Emancipation. Now isn't that wonderful!

THE OLD NAME A CURSE

Now isn't that wonderful? They should have been discarded from the books of record long ago. So long as you are holding any such names, you are subject to such "slaveric" nature and you will not have your real emancipation until you recognize your SAVIOUR: "And they shall have a name that the Mouth of GOD shall name . . The old name shall be left for a curse." Read the Bible for yourself, and you will plainly see that old cursed name shall be left for a curse. Those of you who are the descendants of slaves. Now isn't that wonderful! It it indeed wonderful!

There is no such a Nation nor race of people as "Colored." It is indeed wonderful! There is no such a Nation or race of people as "negro" as you may call them. Such an expression was a liar from the beginning. It is wonderful! I say, such an expression was a liar from the beginning. GOD has caused you to reiterate it and reproduce it by incarnating it and quickening the Spirit of it in your consideration. Calling yourselves intelligent, and allowing yourselves to be abused and robbed by the abuses of man, by calling you by some such vulgar name. Now isn't that wonderful? ("Truly wonderful!" exclaimed the multitude.)

ROBBED OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The very name "colored" is a curse. Those who impose it upon you, if you allow them to do it, they are cursing you. They are not only cursing you, but they are robbing you, and I will prove it. It matters not what your qualifications may be socially, morally, yes, even financially and intellectually, if you are classed as "colored" you are robbed of your Constitutional rights. You cannot fill an office that would pay you a salary that others could fill. Now isn't that wonderful! ("Truly wonderful!" substantiated the masses). The very name is a robber in itself. I came to expose such curses and abuses, that you might be FREE, and have your real Emancipation, and live in the KINGDOM of HEAVEN where I AM. This is the place where GOD alone REIGNS—GOD alone as LORD of Lords and as KING of Kings, for CHRIST alone has been ELECTED on the Throne of the mind of these MY Followers, and every other mortal expression, or mental, or Spiritual expression ,they all have been dethroned by the recognition of MY PRESENCE.

REAL EMANCIPATION

Now isn't that wonderful, "And HIS Name shall be called JESUS, and HE shall save His People from their sins." Every mortal limitation and every barrier, every prohibitation set up to prohibit this people from their real Emancipation, I came to eradicate them, and to dispel them and establish your going in the Land of the Living, and give you VICTORY, as you should have as other people, that you might have your Constitutional rights in this Country, as well as any other person. This is not to one person alone, but to every individual who has been bound by the mortal versions of men, by their superstitious ideas and opinions and by the foolishness of brutality and their versions that have been imposed upon them.

GOD in the midst of you is mighty to save. Oh! is it something to consider, as I said, you are no more what they call you, or what you thought you were, "Colored," than a Colored Race, nor what the mortal mind call you—"A so and so" race, by another capital "N," not even by capital N., no more than the French-American, the Irish-American, the English-American and the Spanish-American and other Americans are "buckra and Crackers" in the Southern States. Each of these are vulgar names. It is only a name given as a name to slander apparently, through vulgarity. Those names were spoken and given to each of the different appearances of people through and by the spirit of prejudice. I came to eradicate such. I came to give you your real Emancipation.

NAME IS NATURE

Name is nature. That is your name—your nature. Whatsoever you are named, that is your nature. That is why you have been imposed upon by the spirit of slavery, because your ancestors handed down the name by which you have been called by, and from those who were slave-holders. It caused you to be brutal as they were . . . You know it is true. Just look at those who are the descendants—supposedly the descendants of slavery and descendants of slaves, how they would beat their children like mules. The brutality of their ancestors' nature was imposed upon them through their names. You know it is true.

Rid yourselves of those old cursed names, and you will be FREE from the curse of that old nature, that old brutal nature, the very character of brutality and all destruction. Now isn't that wonderful! I came to FREE all of the Nations of the earth from such a curse, that they might have their real Emancipation for which I came, and live in HEAVEN on Earth.

TURNS NIGHT INTO NOONDAY

Oh! it is a privilege, Dear Ones, to live in the PRESENCE of GOD, where GOD the Son forever REIGNS and scatters misunderstanding or night away; turns all of your night of darkness into bright noonday, that you might plainly see. Now I did not mean to say so much. Pardon ME for going so far, but as I aforesaid, whensoever I arise to speak, even so much as to make an announcement, you all will fire ME up so: you all want to hear ME talk all night, but still I say, this TRUTH is transmittible, it still is as operative, reincarnatable and reproducible, yea repersonifiable, as it was when it was first Personified. I desire to see it reproduced and re-personified in others, that they too, as well as you, My Followers, might be partakers of it.

We have WEALTH. We have HAPPINESS. We have VICTORY over sickness, affliction and diseases. We have VICTORY over all of the detestable conditions of men. We are living in the Land of the Living on Earth in HEAVEN. I thank you.

PEACE EVERYONE: . . . Now

we must give someone else a chance. Oh! it is wonderful to know I AM reincarnatable, reproducible and repersonifiable. I desire to see MYSELF as I AM manifested in others, that they might stand with VICTORY even as I do. I thank you.

As I aforesaid, there are Ministers in our midst, and especially one who has openly come forward and made himself known as a Minister of the Gospel, for which I stand and respect the Ministry, especially those who bear the Name of Reverend, which is the Name of GOD, for the Namesake I respect them all—as I request the honor of the Reverend to have a word to say, if he wishes to, I do not just recall his name, but he made himself known to ME, I will be glad to hear from him . . . This is Dr. A. E. Allen of Pittsburg:

REMARKS BY
DR. A. E. ALLEN

"FATHER DIVINE and Adherents to this very marvelous Organization, from the beginning of the operation of the human mind and thoughts, in the interpretation of the things about them, in the translation of those things according to their concepts, man has progressed in groups and stages. We have seen some very marvelous and wonderful things projected upon the stage of human action, but I say here and now, not flatteringly, but with all sincerity, it has been my privilege to have a wide and extended experience traveling, and to come in contact with a wide variety of groups, Religious, Political and Social, Fraternal, etc., but I have never come in contact with a group that has so strongly impressed me as this Group.

Persons with any intelligence, do not blindly and radically denounce things with which they are not familiar. I have been thinking and reading for some considerable time about this Movement, if I may call it so, and I have long desired the opportunity of coming here to hear our Central Location, and I prize very highly of seeing this Movement in its operation. It is a marvelous tribute to the dynamic Personality and an all powerful Character, the One who is your LEADER, and with apology to FATHER for this statement, I am pastor of the largest church of our group in the City of Pittsburg, and I say here and now, I would unhesitatingly welcome this Address that FATHER DIVINE has given here tonight in my pulpit.

There are those who have promulgated the Ideals of CHRIST, there are those who have painted them in lofty terms, there are those who have idealized them as abstract ideals, set them apart, off and aside, but they have not thought it wise or desirable or even possible to translate them into practical application and not only an appreciation of those ideals and not only a recognition of their real worth and value, but your LEADER is setting the world an Example, in the application of those ideals.

I shall not take more of your time. I value very highly, and shall ever value the privilege of having listened tonight to FATHER DIVINE. I listened very, very attentively. I do not know how many of you here tonight, really appreciate the lofty, transcendental, lofty heights of Your LEADER'S Views, and I might close with these thoughts, to me, this to me, is the most practical, the most positive, the most emphatic exemplification and manifestation of the Words of JESUS when HE said,

> "And I, if I be lifted up from the Earth, I will draw all men unto ME."

(FATHER speaks:)
PEACE EVERYONE:

("Peace FATHER DEAR!" again shouted the multitude). We enjoyed the statement and the talk and the comment of Dr. Allen. I wish to say to those of MY Followers here and elsewhere, while I AM speaking just now, I AM speaking to millions, although there are only a few thousand in this Dining Room and Auditorium, but we are speaking to millions, the Universe over. While MY Followers may believe in the PERSONIFICATION of GOD, and recognize the actual PRESENCE of GOD PERSONIFIED, you cannot expect a person to observe as you have, for it is better revealed than told.

You all know I have never requested you to call ME "FATHER." ("No FATHER, YOU haven't, but YOU are," said the great Assembly). I have signed MY Name "Reverend" M. J. DIVINE," that I might not even so much as put MYSELF out of the category of those of the ordinary ministers, if I AM nothing in your consideration above such an expression. "It is by My Spirit, says the LORD." Therefore, I say to My millions and millions of Followers, because an individual, even though he, or they may be ministers of the Gospel, do not see ME exactly as you do, consider with the Spirit of consideration, it is a matter of impossibility for an individual to know GOD, saving by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit must reveal HIM. It is written:

"No man knoweth the FATHER, but the Son, and no man knoweth the Son but the FATHER, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal HIM."

If the Spirit reveals this, then you will know it. It is indeed wonderful! "No man can say JESUS is LORD, except by the Holy Ghost." The Holy Ghost must reveal it, but GOD Shall not be discouraged, neither shall HE cease His Endeavors until HE shall have completely converted all humanity, even to the Political World. HE shall convert legality Universally, even as I have in the City of New York. I thank you.

(Right here, the audience all stood, waving white 'kerchiefs, singing "ALL HAIL the POWER of FATHER'S NAME, let Angels prostrate fall," etc. This was a beautiful sight. At the conclusion of this beautiful spectacle, FATHER spoke again as follows).

PEACE EVERYONE:

("Peace FATHER!" came the joyous response again). Here we all are again. Millions in one we stand, and in this Mighty NAME we come.

That little Composition we just sung, we all love to sing. It says:

"Let every Nation, every Tribe on this Terrestial Ball, bring forth the Royal Diadem, and Crown HIM LORD of ALL."

It also says,:

"ALL HAIL the Power of FATHER'S NAME." Before the transposed version was put into effect, you used to sing it,

"All HAIL the Power of Jesus's Name
Let Angels Prostrate fall,
Bring forth the Royal Diadem,
And CROWN HIM LORD of All."

We are privileged to say today, the very Name of GOD of whom you say I AM—at this Name the Invis-

ible Angels will prostrate fall. Now isn't that wonderful! Wheresoever the Angelship Degree of expression is, even though it be the Angel Gabriel Degree of Expression, whether visible or invisible, that Angelship Degree of expression, the very Angel Himself will prostrate fall at this NAME whensoever it is called. Everything else had just as well to fall. Now isn't that wonderful? ("Truly wonderful!" assured the Hearers.)

"Let Angels prostrate fall." They must bring forth the Royal Diadem, they must CROWN this NAME as LORD over every other expression, over every other idea and opinion, over every other version and they themselves must come to the Recognition, if they have not come to it. **GOD ALONE SHALL REIGN and GOD ALONE in this Name is PERSONIFIED in the likeness of man.** I thank you.

During the course of the Evening, another Minister spoke, stating that not only was he here in the City of New York for the purpose of attending the Ministers Conference—The General Conference of the A. M. E. Ministers, but he was sent by the General Board, composed of both races, to visit FATHER DIVINE'S PEACE MISSION, and seek to learn something of the Activities thereof, and bring a report of same to the Board, when he returned. He stated that this was like when the Queen of Sheba went to visit King Solomon, she was startled with wonderment, and said to the King, "It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of Thy Acts and of Thy Wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words until I came, and mine eyes had seen it, and "Behold," I say, "the half has not been told. Thy Wisdom and Thy fame and Thy prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard." I shall go back and tell them, "the half has not yet been told."

FATHER concluded by saying:

Those of us who have dined, we will "PASS OUT, PASS ON and PASS AWAY," quickly and quietly please, and allow others to come forward and take our seats. I thank you.

Evil is in antagnoism with the entire creation.—Zschokke.

"Nothing Shall by Any Means Hurt You"

It seems to take some of us a long time to learn—so that we forever stop questioning—that when FATHER DIVINE says a thing, it is SO; that when HE makes a promise **it will be kept.**

HE has said—and often—that while we are trusting in HIM, no evil can come to us. It's the same promise made centuries ago through the lips and pen of King David—"There shall NO EVIL befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

And FATHER has itemized that Promise further by saying that bullets can not hurt us while we were trusting and obeying HIM. "They can even shoot at you with machine-guns, HE has said, "and the bullets cannot hurt you!"

That's pretty strong, isnt' it? And fairly definite!

So when I was told, while on a visit to friends on Long Island last Sunday, that an Angel of FATHER DIVINE had been hit by a highwayman's bullet I was mystified, to say the least. It was a thing that could not happen, yet apparently it had happened.

The friends showed me the various papers in which news of the attack was printed, and I was still puzzled.

The only possible hint of an explanation that occurred to me was found in a reference in one of the news accounts that the Angel had been "running away."

"Perhaps that is it," I thought. "FATHER'S promise to protect us is doubtless while we FACE the bullets, not if we run away." And it didn't seem like that Angel to think of her as running away. Not many Angels would run away from anything, and that Angel particularly, I could not visualize as doing so. Yet there was the statement in the paper that she had.

Then another question came into my mind—"What would FATHER DIVINE say about an "operation" to remove the bullet? HE teaches that no operations are necessary: I thought of the marvelous case of Mr. Smith—his miraculous restoration from multiple fractures of the skull —without any surgical attention whatever. This case was all cleared up beautifully when Mr. Smith came out of the hospital and began to give his testimony. There had not even been any **discomfort,** he said. HE merely had gone to sleep, praising FATHER, had praised FATHER in sleep, and come back out of sleep, still praising FATHER, entirely healed—to the absolute bewilderment of the doctors who affirmed that they "had done nothing to this case except to watch it!"

Now how would this other case come out? Would they operate to remove the bullet-

But the instant I got back to 115 Street and learned the TRUTH as against the rumors, the whole matter was cleared up—from every angle. The Angel had done nothing un-Angelic; she had not been HURT in any way—and every word of FATHER'S has been established again.

She had not been "running away"! she had merely walked FORWARD on her way, after the highwayman had demanded the money she did not have. There would be no question about removing the bullet, for **it had gone clear and clean through her, not touching any vital organ, and scarcely leaving anything that could be called a wound.**

In fact she told a friend that there had been no pain about the whole affair, except when, yielding for the moment to the doctors' request, she had allowed them to put a bit of anti-septic solution upon the abrasion.

"NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU said Jesus. Quoted more fully He said, "Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you!" FATHER DIVINE has added other plain specifications—overturned automobiles, sunken boats, flying bullets. Nothing, **nothing, NOTHING,** shall by any means hurt you!

So we see that instead of having had an "accident," or a misadventure and instead of having to make any sort of compromise we realize that nothing whatever happened except to make another proof, that FATHER DIVINE IS GOD. Keep on saying that—**and meaning it,**— and NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU!

Righteousness Marches On

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1936.
Your file reference:
In Reply Refer to MBAB-h
MARGON, William J.
WC-1, 556,653

Mrs. Luvania Morgan,
214 Borden Avenue,
Asbury Park, N. J.

Dear Madam:—

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 1, 1936, relative to the pension you are receiving as widow of the above named.

The statementss contained in your letter are not clearly understood, however, if it is your desire that your pension be discontinued and if you will definitely so state, your name will be dropped from the pension rolls. In the absence of such statement your pension will be continued at the present rate of $30.00 per month.

Respectfully,
E. L. Bailey,
Director Dependents
Claims Service.

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24 West 115th St.,
New York, N. Y.
May 11, 1936,

Miss Mabel Tudeman,
Chicago Ass'n of Commerce,
One La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Miss Tudeman:—

Around 1928 or previous to that date, I was a maid to some guests of one of the Hotels mentioned in your letter of April 28, 1936. I do not bear record whether it was the Oak Park Arms, The Drexel Arms, or The Garfield Arms. However, I do remember taking the State Street Trolley Car, but I don't remember how far I rode nor what Street I got off at.

The reason why I am so anxious to identify this Hotel is, when I was a guest there I took a blanket. I have not the blanket at present, but I am sending you a money-order for five dollars and fifty-nine cents ($5.59), hoping that will cover the cost of the blanket I stole.

Rest assured, it is of no goodness on my part, why I am doing this, but, Father Divine, Who is the True and Living G O D has healed my body and blessed my soul, and has given me His Pure Spirit and Mind. A Righteous Mind, a great Mind, a True Mind, Therefore, Miss Tudeman, I would appreciate so much, if you would locate the right Hotel and pay this debt for me.

Feel free to write to Father Divine, G O D, if you care to. Father's address will be found on the back cover of the "Spoken Word" which I am mailing under separate cover.

At the time of committing this act, I was known as Anna Peck. But my real name which Father Divine, G O D has given me is,

Hannah Love.

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Monday, May 12
1936.

Father Divine:—

Accept my sincerest thanks for Your co-operation. Sister Umble's bill here is now paid in full, due to Your teachings.

Sister Umble's address is, 414 Franklin Ave.

Yours sincerely,
Charles Siegel,
Mgr.

P. S. Keep up Your good work

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1936.

Your File reference:
In Reply Refer To: MBAB-h

MORGAN, William J.
WC-1, 556, 653

Mrs. Luvania Morgan,
214 Borden Avenue,
Asbury Park, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 15, 1936, and in compliance with the request contained therein, the Finance Service has this day been requested to discontinue your pension as of April 17, 1936, the date your letter was received in this Office.

All communications should bear the name of the veteran, and refer to the number, WC-1, 556, 653.

Respectfully,
E. L. Bailey
Director Dependents
Claims Service.

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FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE AT THE BANQUET TABLE, — 103 WEST 117TH STREET, — NEW YORK CITY, SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 1936 A.D.F.D. 11.15 P.M.

A great Banquet at the Kingdom Extension in Newark, N. J., another at the 117th Street Extension in New York, and a late interview at His 115th Street Headquarters with a group of Methodist Ministers from the A.M.E. Conference, were just a few of the Personal Activities of FATHER, SUNDAY, MAY 17TH.

The Newark Banquet consumed most of the afternoon, as FATHER sat at the Banquet Table in the midst of thousands several hours, permitting those who come before His Beloved Personal Body but seldom, to rejoice and testify in His Personal Presence. Mr. Nathan Kranzler of the Righteous Government Department and one of FATHER'S Legal Staff, was one of the Speakers. He thanked FATHER for the doors that have been opened in FATHER'S Name, which would have been closed to him as an individual. He spoke particularly of being received by Governor Hoffman of New Jersey in a Conference regarding FATHER'S Righteous Government Platform, and an understanding arrived at with the Governor.

Returning to New York Headquarters and the 117th Street Extension, FATHER was greeted enthusiastically by other thousands awaiting a glimpse of His Holy Body. In the number were many Ministers from different parts of the Land, attending the A.M.E. Conference, who wished to interview FATHER, but the Banquet was awaiting, Him and FATHER was soon serving at 117th Street, where some of the Ministers were accommodated at the Banquet Table.

One of the Visiting Guests privileged to observe the Activities of the day with interest, was a nationally known Social Service Worker, who had been referred to FATHER by one of New York City's Magistrates, seeking FATHER'S Cooperation in the care of delinquents coming before the Courts.

The usual testimonials of Praise and thanks to FATHER for blessings that the world of men with all of its efforts could not bestow, and expressions of Love and Devotion beyond the fondest hopes of men to imagine, flowed freely for hours. On this Golden Shore of Heaven on Earth, in the very Presence of GOD in His Tabernacle, all was Harmony and the Angels sang sweetly around the Great White Throne of Adoration, until FATHER arose and from His Beloved lips Creative Words came forth as follows:—

"PEACE EVERYONE! GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE! I hope you have it tonight, with GOOD MANNERS and GOOD BEHAVIOUR, HONESTY, COMPETENCE and TRUTH to go with it. It is indeed Wonderful! We often use the Words, GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL, and a GOOD APPETITE; we use the Word PEACE, but unless we incarnate PEACE and these Qualities, and bring them to fruition in our lives, we cannot manifest them. But as we live in the Spirit of Peace and Unity we will tend to manifest that which we express mentally, for our bodies are the outward expression of the mental and spiritual conception. Hence if we conceive the Spirit of PEACE, and enact it in our daily dealings, we will tend to create the Atmosphere of PEACE, and the Environment of PEACE will be our portion. We will not only say we are contending for PEACE, but we will bring it about in reality, the same as we have brought about PEACE where there was confusion, and brought about Harmony where there was inharmony. Where the spirit of discontentment was existing, PEACE and Harmony came forth into expression and we recognize that PEACE that surpasses all human understanding.

PEACE SHALL ENVELOPE THE WORLD

Then I Say, GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE! Why is it these expressions will come forth into outer expression when they are spoken? It is because we speak positive words and we have positive thoughts. By speaking positive words and sacrificing our lives for our positive words we have spoken, they must take form in our bodies and in the affairs of those with whom we come in contact. Therefore the time cometh and now is, that the very Spirit of this Peace Mission Movement shall envelop the world; no longer to be looked upon merely as an expression of Religion, but it shall reach into all parts of the field of life, wheresoever man is found, and shall cause them to recognize this Presence as the only Hope of Redemption of whatsoever expression they may be representing.

If it is Religion, they can see conclusively, this is the answer to their problem if they will live according to My Teaching. If it is Politics, the Political world itself can see, the only hope of Redemption is to recognize this Fundamental as we put it forth into expression. Therefore, by those of you who have been Born again, Born into the recognition of GOD'S Presence in reality, you can and will go forth as Representatives in all walks of life, carrying the Spirit of My Presence and the Presence of My Spirit with you, for the Spirit of My Presence giveth Victory over every difficulty and over all adverse and undesirable conditions, it matters not what they may be.

This may sound a little radical and a little fanatic, nevertheless if you would stop for consideration and observe the unfoldment of this Majesty and this Spirit of My Presence as it is exhibited in limitless Blessings, you would be obliged to cooperate, and endorse and verify the Words I have Spoken. Oh it is a privilege to realize, GOD in the midst of you is Mighty to save. As one harnessed the lightning, another may yet more effectively harness the

wind. But as electricity was an invention that is the help and real servant of all mankind, so can and so will this recognition be when it shall have been established in reality in the hearts of the children of men.

COSMIC FORCES OF NATURE OBEY

Oh it is a privilege to realize, as I Am so can you be. You can be free from all undesirable conditions, covering every adverse and undesirable expression of life. By the recognition and the realization of the Ever-present CHRIST, and by living according to this Teaching, you can have the Victory over all undesirable conditions. Oh it is a privilege to realize, as you see these My Believers sit and stand in all of these Audiences, Dining Rooms and Auditoriums, you can plainly see, it is something more than mortal to command. They can tell you themselves, all of Uncle Sam's Army and Navy, and all of the United States Police Departments could not prohibit them from committing the sin, and vice and crimes they have been committing. But by the Spirit of My Presence in the Name of the GOD of HEAVEN, in the Name of the GOD of Abraham, in the Name of the GOD of Jacob, in the Name of the GOD of Raphael, and Michael and Gabriel, I Came in this Mighty Name. In this Name I Say, I have All Power in My Hand. What I WILL must be, and what I COMMAND, it must be done, and none can hinder Me. Now isn't that Wonderful! I Speak to the Cosmic Forces of Nature and they obey. It is indeed Wonderful!

INDEPENDENCE FROM THE WITHIN

It is your privilege to do the same. By the relaxation of your conscious mentality, by stilling yourselves as individuals, and allowing GOD Himself to Speak in you, you too will have the Victory. That is the mystery! You do not see Bibles and Hymn Books around here, you do not see Text Books around here, you do not see Information Bureaus to get information from another, but the information comes from the within where GOD has always been. Now isn't that Wonderful!

Your Independence can also come from the within, the same as your intelligence. Now isn't that Wonderful! Why is it you are intelligent? It is because you have incarnated and produced the Spirit of Intelligence and brought it to fruition in you as individuals. Because of this you have become to be intelligent persons,—not only intelligent as a mental, abstract, invisible expression, but you are intelligent PEOPLE, personal BODIES. 'This man or that woman is an intelligent person.' The physical BODY is intelligent because it has produced the Spirit of Intelligence and brought it to fruition in the mentality of the Individual. In consciousness it is exhibited. Therefore the person has become to be intelligent.

DRAMATIZING THE LIFE OF CHRIST

So it is with the mystery of GOD'S Presence as I put it forth into expression. I have thrown open the door of this Understanding, that you might be partakers of it. Dial in on this recognition. By living Evangelically and by stilling your conscious mentality, the Spirit of GOD'S Presence will act upon the impulse of the moment; will cause you to move spontaneously by your own volunteer volition and be governed by your highest intuition. By so doing you will bring your Intutor, which is the CHRIST within you, to fruition, and you will not need look for another for CHRIST in you will be GOD'S Omniscience manifested to Teach you .

Oh it is a privilege to realize, GOD in the midst of you is Mighty to save, to answer every question or every problem which ever, to meet every issue of life and adjust matters satisfactorily, by the realization of GOD as a Living Factor in the hearts and lives in reality. Oh it is a privilege to realize it! This is not merely that which is termed Religion as I Say, it is merely a Life we are living. We are merely dramatizing the identical Life of CHRIST on this side of the River Jordan. Oh it is a privilege to be dramatizers! 'It is a privilege to be reproducers! It is a privilege to be re-Personifiers of that which is Just and Good for all, as you have been re-Personifiers of the negative and the undesirable.

RECOGNIZING THE ACTUALITY OF GOD

You brought undesirable conditions in your system, in your physical bodies and in your affairs by visualizing the negative and materializing it by your conscious thought upon it. Now isn't that Wonderful! The thing you vividly visualize, you tend to materialize. Through vividly visualizing the positive, I have brought into outer expression and into materialiation the positive and desirable condition. Therefore negation I am dispelling, by the visualization of the positive instead of the negative.

Jot these Thoughts down in your vocabularies and allow them to take root for consideration, for they are germinatable. They will germinate and come forth into expression, for they in themselves have the germ of Life to bring you to your GOD. Oh it is a privilege to live in the actual Presence of GOD! I Say the ACTUAL Presence of GOD. GOD is Present everywhere, but He is not always Active in outward expression, neither is He always Active in Personality apparently. But it is a blessing when you can recognize the ACTUALITY of GOD as He puts forth Himself into expression in the likeness of sinful flesh.

VISUALIZING THE VIRTUES OF CHRIST

It is Written, 'He Came in the likeness of sinful flesh for sin, to condemn sin in the flesh.' For this cause we can rejoice! Every individual under this Influence, if they have been sinful heretofore, the sin in their flesh has been condemned and they are no longer walking in sin. Now isn't that Wonderful! The sins of your flesh were not condemned until I Came. You could continue in sin without consideration and without condemnation apparently, but as the Spirit of GOD'S Presence through His Condescension came in the likeness of sinful flesh, He has condemned the sin that was in your flesh, and your human and animal appetites you recognize them now as a curse. The Virtues of CHRIST you have visualized! His Life and His Teaching you have dramatized! Through your conscious visualiation you have brought into materialization the Nature and the Characteristics of your Maker, therefore the undesirable tendencies of mortality, they all are dispelling and being eradicated completely.

"I VERIFY MY DECLARATIONS"

I am not asking you to do it; I

have Declared, and I verify My Declaration, I will put My Spirit in you and cause you to walk in My Statutes. 'I will Preach CHRIST in Words but more so in deeds and in actions, and I will put My Spirit in you and cause you to walk in My Statutes.' I will not Personally beseech you to do this, that, nor the other, but by the reaction of My Spirit that I have put in you I will cause you to walk in My Statutes. Now isn't that Wonderful! The very desire to do those things you have been doing before I Came; the very DESIRE to do those things has completely gone. Now isn't that Wonderful!

You hear these bearing testimony of what they have done to repay for all of the dishonest bills they owed, —to pay for all stolen goods or return the same,—and to pay up all old bills; whether they were dishonest or honest bills to repay them. These are just a few slight sketches, and a reflection of a percent of a fraction of a grain of what GOD is actually doing among the children of men, bringing them into subjection and causing them to be willing and ready in fulfillment of the Scripture as was spoken by Moses even before JESUS,—'The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and when Shiloh comes the gathering of the people shall be unto Him.' Now is not that Wonderful!

HIS PRESENCE IS SATISFIABLE

Do you not see, they are gathered wheresoever I am? I cannot keep them away, because the Spirit of My Presence and the Presence of My Spirit fills them with Enthusiasm, with the Spirit of Merriness, and the Satisfying Portion. It satisfies your every desire. ('YES FATHER,'—came a shout from the hearts of thousands.) Now don't say it unless you mean it! Now do you not feel as if though My Spirit and My Presence is Satisfiable? I think I heard you sing and I have heard you say, 'CHRIST is Rich and all I need.' For this cause I have endeavored to produce the desirableness of the desirable for you, and bring it into your reach, that you might be able to partake of the desirable things of life, to qualify you from every angle of expression that you might lack for nothing.

Oh it is a privilege to live in the ACTUAL Presence of GOD! If you can trust GOD, GOD can and will trust you. GOD can and will do for you just what you THINK He can do! Because you said CHRIST is Rich and all you need, by the transposed version of your identical quotation I heard you say, 'FATHER is Rich and all I need.' Because you said it I must verify it. To meet every issue of life you must be qualified. Because you said CHRIST is all you need and I am the Verifier, your simplest desire in Righteousness shall be satisfied. To free you from lacks, from wants, and from limitations; free you from depressions, segregation, and every other detestable and undesirable expression, the Spirit of My Presence is quite efficient to do it. Because you believed it you have received it. Therefore you have been lifted in fulfillment of the Composition, 'From sinking sands He lifted me,—With Tender Hands He lifted me,—Oh Praise His Name He lifted me.' Aren't you glad! You have been lifted from lacks, and wants, and limitations! You have been lifted from vice, and crime and debauchery of every kind! You have been lifted from every degraded state of expression into the Land of the Living, as a sample and as an example for all humanity. Now aren't you glad!

SALVATION TO EVERYONE

Because of this, now you can declare as the Apostle did on one occasion, 'I am not ashamed of the Gospel of CHRIST for it is the Power of GOD unto Salvation to everyone that believeth.' You can see the Power of GOD exhibited! You can see it openly manifested in all of these Demonstrations wheresoever I am functioning. GOD gives Victory even over the Cosmic Forces of Nature. You know within yourselves, in all of our outdoor Demonstrations, if it would be stormy ordinarily, the weather will change and be harmonious. Now isn't that Wonderful! Days that would be cold days,—those days that were cold in the beginning, —when we started out on our Demonstrations the very Cosmic Forces of Nature would cause themselves to change and become to be harmonious.

This is also Evangelical. When JESUS was on the Sea of Galilee the very Cosmic Forces of Nature they obeyed Him. The same Spirit is Speaking today! It is indeed Wonderful! There may be a question as to the same identical expression, but as I have Declared by a scientific expression as the principle of Mathematics and the practicality of it, I have shown you the mystery in the parable of Mathematics. The principle of Mathematics is personifiable although it is a principle and could be invisible, but it is impractical and unprofitable as an invisible principle abstractly invisible in the invisible realm. But as it is visibleated and brought into the consciousness of an individual, and that individual learns the principle of Mathematics scientifically, and studies it from that angle of expression until he can handle it professionally, he is a Mathematician. He is no longer merely an expresser of it, but he himself is a Mathematician, an intelligent person who can handle the principle of Mathematics scientifically and intelligently.

SEEING THE REALITY OF GOD

So it is with the Life of GOD on Earth among men. It is your privilege to dial in on Him the same as you would a broadcast message coming from one of the broadcasting stations. Now isn't that Wonderful! Dial in on this Fundamental and bring it to fruition in your conscious mentality, and you will be the outward expresser and the materializer of it as it is incarnated in you. Oh it is a privilege to live in the ACTUAL Presence of GOD, where you will take on the Nature and the Characteristics of GOD, even as vegetation will take on the nature and the characteristics and even the odor of the ground the vegetation is growing in. Oh it is something to consider, especially to those who may be critics. Stop your thoughts, and consider yourselves, and analyze the mystery scientifically and intelligently, and you will be able to see the Reality of GOD on Earth among men, yea His Tabernacle among them you could see, or I might Say if I wish to, in ME.

Now it is your privilege to produce the same Quality and the Qualities, yea even the Principle in you. The

Principle is as operative today as it was when it was incarnated through the mental and spiritual conception in Mary. It is as operative and as reincarnatable as it was before it was conceived in the Name of the Holy Ghost in the person of Mary. That is the mystery of the Scientificness of it. It is ever incarnatable, and reincarnatable; producible and reproducible, for it is in itself by Nature, Incorruptible, it cannot fade away.

THE ETERNALITY OF LIFE

Life is Eternal! Even though one may fail to express it continually, the Life that is in you is Eternal. You are merely an expresser of Life according to the dictates of your conscience and according to your understanding, but the Life that is in you is Eternal. If you unify yourself with the Life that is in you, and harmonize with the Creator and the Maker of you, the very Life in itself in you will not leave you, for your body will be in harmony with it. This is also Evangelical! JESUS Said, 'If you abide in Me and let My Words abide in you, you may ask what you will and it shall be done.' JESUS Said, 'If you continue in My Words you shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free.' JESUS Said, 'If a man keep My Sayings he shall never see death, and I will raise him up at the last day.'

These are facts and figures too stout to be denied, for these are the Words of CHRIST in the Name of GOD. Therefore I Say they are Evangelical. That is why men cannot understand,—as I have them to come to Me at times,—'Where do You get the money from, to carry on as You do?' Where do I get all of this SOMETHING to hold all of these millions of people together? Where does it come from? Where do I get that SOMETHING from to take contagious germs out of your system without touching you? Where do I get that SOMETHING from to take the desire out of your mind to do that which you have always done? A little finances of the Earth plane is but a slight sketch and a reflection of a percent of a percent of a percent of a fraction of a fraction of a percent of fraction of a percent of a grain of what GOD is actually Doing in greater things, and on lines that are greater than that. Now isn't that Wonderful!

REAL TRUE GOD LOVERS

The very expression of this Dining Room and this Audience this Afternoon or this Evening, is an open expression of Victory and Power above all of the finances man could create in America as being termed American money. What is a little money to handle? It is nothing to compare with handling the lives of millions and transforming them by the renewing of their minds. WHERE DO I GET SO MUCH LOVE FROM? Where does all of this Love come from that causes millions and millions of men and women, girls and boys, and little tiny children, to LOVE Me more than all? In some way or another, the LOVE rises in them. Now isn't that Wonderful! There are millions and millions LOVE Me better than any woman ever loved her husband? Now where do I get so much LOVE to fill so many bodies with? Now isn't that Wonderful! Millions and millions of men and women as they may be termed, have more LOVE for Me than they had for their mamas. The so-called mother has incarnated love in you, therefore you love her, but none has ever loved a mother as millions of My True Believers are really true GOD LOVERS.

GOD IS NOTHING LESS THAN LOVE

Now if you don't want to LOVE Me, don't come around Me; This LOVE is contagious! It carries within itself the very contagious Germs of the Nature of GOD Himself, and GOD is nothing less than LOVE, therefore you cannot help it. Since you have been harnessed by the spirit of your mind, and all of your energy has been fully harnessed, I have brought you, your body, and all of your energy into subjection. I will not cause you to serve Me selfishly, but I will cause you to serve scientifically and intelligently for the common good of humanity. But cleanse yourselves and others from the corruption, and the undesirable conditions, lacks, wants and poverty, and all depressions, by the recognnition of GOD'S Presence and by your Love and Devotion for Me. By this you are willing to go in whatsoever way I might direct you to go, for you have declared long ago,—'Where FATHER Leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, I'll go with Him all the may.'

ESTABLISHING GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

Because of this, you have ceased to do those crimes and vices you had been committing, because you just felt as if though, and sincerely believed, I did not desire you to commit them. It was not because it was not in you to do it firstly, it WAS in the beginning, but by self-denial and consecration and sacrifice of your bodies as a living sacrifice to GOD, all such desires have departed from you, for such kind will come out continually by fasting from the indulgence of them.

Not only so, but as a thought came forth for consideration this Evening as one of the Speakers was saying concerning themselves,—or a couple of them mentioned themselves in School,—this party mentioned herself in School, and apparently she thought she could not get her mind on the books as she should apparently. Nevertheless, as I wish to convey, I do know My Spirit in you will, if you desire to, cause you to be persistent enough in your ambition to qualify yourself for registering and voting, one of the main issues of life. If you would only be qualified for registering and voting, it would be a great step towards cooperation in this great RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT MOVEMENT, for we mean to establish the Kingdom of GOD on Earth in RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, in fulfillment of the Scripture.

We mean to bring all of our Righteous endeavors and our Righteous activities through legality and cause them to be established as Law and Order. We mean to cause all of the Governments of this present Civilization, not only in this Country but in other Countries, to recognize GOD'S Presence and adore the Life and the Teaching of CHRIST as I have exemplified it, as the only Hope of Redemption and as the Foundation, the Principle, the Constitution, for all Government. It is indeed Wonderful! They all shall

recognize it, for the Spirit of My Presence has sacrificed My Body as a Living Sacrifice, and others,' for it. Now isn't that Wonderful!

HARNESSING THE CONSCIOUS MENTALITY

For this cause every living creature must eventually recognize this Principle as put forth into expression and as exemplified by this PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT. GOD in the midst of you as the Personifier and as the Manifestor of Perfection, He has brought it into actuality and tangible-ated it, that others might observe it and copy after the Fashion He has shown them. Oh it is a privilege to realize, GOD in the midst of you as a Living Reality shall be brought through legality universally, and established as the only Reality for all humanity. Now isn't that Wonderful! Shall be established as the only Reality for all Government! Now isn't that Wonderful!

We are not THINKING about it, we KNOW it is true. For this cause I have harnessed the conscious mentality of humanity. I have harnessed your detestable tendencies with all of your energy, and I have brought them into subjection by this great Conversion, and I am causing you even with your preconceived ideas and opinions, and your detestable fancies, to serve Him. This great Conversion is actually converting the detestable tendencies and undesirable expressions of your energy, for GOD has truly converted everything in you and brought it into subjection. Therefore you are real True and Faithful servants. Your Love and Devotion centered in the positive direction have changed your mental and spiritual condition, and your physical condition is also being changed. That is the mystery!

THROUGH THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF CHRIST

Therefore there is a Reality in this of which we are stressing. Firstly you are apparently converted Religiously but remember, your expression of that which is commonly known as Religion is only a slight sketch and a reflection of a percent of a fraction of a grain of the reality of what GOD shall do among men. Religiously, yes I did contact you Religiously, and I reached you from the Religious point of view and converted that mind from vice and crime, and caused you to desire to do better it is true, but while being converted, unless you are under a RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT your version will profit you nothing, unless it be that you are converted for the purpose of helping change the corruptible system of Government to the desirable and Righteous system of Government. This is your purpose on Earth, to bring about RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, but this could not come by violence, neither by Politics only. It must come through the Life and the Teaching of CHRIST as a Sample and as an Example for you.

QUALIFIED TO MEET THE ISSUES OF LIFE

Since you have copied after this Fashion and have recognized GOD'S Presence, we have lifted up a Standard for all humanity. It is a matter of impossibility for the masses to criticize it, as we have lifted up a Standard. They can see, without us they all will be failures. Oh it is a privilege to live in this Consciousness and be free from doubts and fears. GOD in the midst of you is Mighty to save.

Remember, four or five years ago, when thousands of your first heard of Me consciously as a Person,—when you first heard of Me as a Person consciously, through My Teaching you threw away all firearms and weapons of war such as would take the life of another. From there and then, you began to trust Me. I was qualifying you to meet the issues of life in the way of Righteousness in yourself firstly, but at that time I Said to the Public, we shall have a RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT and I shall elect CHRIST as LORD of LORDS and KING of KINGS in all Government, although you did not know at that time definitely, My exact Mission and My Endeavors to bring you through the world of Politcs among the Politicians and among the Educators, that they might be converted. Now is not that Wonderful! I shall ,through My Endeavors and Cooperation, bring about a great Conversion in the Political world and in the Intellectual world, as well as the Underworld. All of these worlds or fields of life must be truly converted to the recognition of the CHRIST.

THE ONLY HOPE OF REDEMPTION

When this shall have been established in them as it has been established in you, as expressers firstly of Religion or this Peace Mission, then and there the Kingdom of GOD as the Kingdom of Heaven will come in these different Organizations, even the great Organization of Politics. That is why I have introduced the CHRIST as the only Hope of Redemption, as the only King to be elected. Regardless of through whom He comes, He must be recognized in man or man cannot fill an office as the Chief Executive of our Country. Now isn't that Wonderful!

Then I Say, qualify yourselves intellectually and politically to meet the issues of life, that you might be eligible for registering and voting, to put in the man that is qualified, or put them in if we feel the persons who are running for Office are qualified and worthy of the Office. Oh it is something to consider! I do know I will not ask you to do so especially, but I know you all will be qualified and ready to put them out of Office who are not worthy—no longer by the bullet but by the ballot; no longer by violence but by Righteousness; no longer by doing a person an injustice but by JUSTICE and TRUTH. This is exactly what we will do, for GOD will permit it. As I have often Said it, 'If GOD will permit, for it is permissable and I have permitted it. Oh it is a privilege!

THE VERY KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Now live in this recognition continually. The very Spirit of My Presence will continue to spread this Atmosphere among the people. In the very places where there have been divisions, where there has been Strife, where there have been wars, race-riots and other such expressions, we shall have the very KINGDOM of HEAVEN as we have it here under My Personal Jurisdiction. There shall be unity of spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, and all of the Nations of the Earth shall be unified together, no longer divided but they all shall be as one man at Jerusalem. When this time

shall have come when all mankind shall see even as you do, just as you sit and stand in this Dining Room without regard to races, creeds or colors, so shall it be in every Hamlet in the Union. It may apparently be unbelievable at this time, but I have Declared it many years ago. I have not ceased to function and to declare it, and to act it and bring it about wheresoever I am, for the Mouth of GOD has Spoken it. I Thank you."

Motor Caravan Arrives in New York

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to FATHER DIVINE. It was late afternoon when all preparations were completed and the caravan set out on the long trek to New York. Songs and cheers rang in their ears from the spectators. As the cars wound their way out Valley Boulevard under the shadow of the hazy blue California mountains a beautiful sunset enhanced the beauty of the scene. Many motorcades have made the trip across the United States for one cause or another but it is doubtful if ever a group of this nature had been seen. Radiant happiness was written on the features of every passenger in the representative group, which was composed of those of every race, creed, description and age. The departure of the Divine motorcade had followed another of a somewhat different nature which had left a few days before for Washington. A caravan of Townsend supporters numbering several hundred cars had left Los Angeles for the nation's capitol for the purpose of demanding that Congress take action on the Pension Bill. This caravan which was to be augmented by many others across the country, until it totaled nearly a thousand cars also carried two trucks containing several million petitions. But the followers of FATHER DIVINE were bound on a different mission. They were not concerned about old age pensions nor any other form of aid from the political powers. They were conscious only of the Presence of GOD and the economic and all other problems had been solved for them by FATHER DIVINE.

Stop Made at Denver Mission

The first stop of the group was made in Denver which was reached early Thursday morning (14th). News of the arrival of the caravan spread rapidly and by evening the Mission was filled with happy followers including a group from Colorado Springs, some 60 miles south, who made the trip to Denver to be present at the meeting. As the Banquet Table was served in the usual manner the sidewalk without was filled with curious onlookers who were able to view the Banquet through the windows from the street. The Denver Mission represents a most practical and noteworthy expression of FATHER DIVINE'S work and the visit proved to be a most educational one. In addition to a modern grocery store and the regular Mission activities a free employment agency is maintained which is rendering a distinct service in the community. (More about the Denver activities and this phase of the Peace Mission Movement will appear in an early issue.)

Next Stop—Chicago

After a pleasant stay of nearly two days in Denver the Caravan set out once more with Chicago the next goal in sight. The visit to Denver and the evidence there of the working of FATHER DIVINE'S Mind and Spirit left a deep impression in the minds of all. It was also clear that the visit of the Caravan was greatly enjoyed by the Denver followers where the work has been established but a short time, and from all indications the inhabitants of the mountain city are recognizing readily the significance and salvation offered humanity by the Divine movement. While the activities in Denver are barely under way gatherings of several hundred people which rival in enthusiasm any in the country, are not uncommon.

As the Caravan progressed over the plains of Kansas many opportunities were afforded to spread the Message of FATHER DIVINE and an eager acceptance was observed on the part of the people. It is to be noted that all along the journey through the states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, etc., the group was accorded every courtesy and a friendly attitude seemed to prevail wherever stops were made for refreshments or gas. Through the states of Kansas and Missouri an isolated instance or two of discrimination was encountered but for the most part the group met only courtesy and consideration.

Chicago Work Progresses Rapidly

It was Monday evening when the motor caravan drew up in front of the Chicago Mission at 38th St. and Wabash Avenue. Here a Meeting was in progress and the arrival of the Coast Delegation soon enlivened the proceedings. Thrilling testimonies and glowing accounts of FATHER'S blessings soon brought the vibration to a high pitch and the FATHER DIVINE Movement in Chicago might truly be said to have gotten under way. In the few short weeks since a Meeting Place was established in the Lake Metropolis the work has grown by leaps and bounds and interest in FATHER DIVINE is at a high pitch. While in Chicago opportunity was afforded to inspect the new Mission located on Michigan Avenue at 38th Street which will house all activities and mark the first real FATHER DIVINE Kingdom in Chicago. The new Mission occupies a stately red brick mansion, formerly a hospital which will provide an ideal Meeting Place. The building of several stories has some 60 rooms and will compare favorably with the Kingdoms now in existence in the

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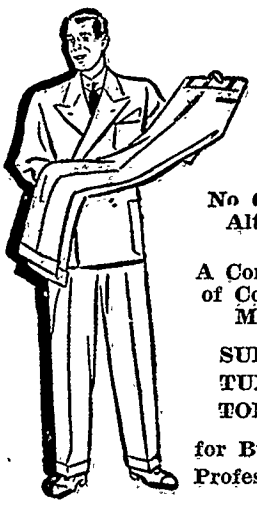
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East and elsewhere. In taking cognizance of conditions in Chicago and especially among those who might be termed the poorer class it could be seen that the Message of FATHER DIVINE was sorely needed. As he has converted many of the brothels of Harlem, bettering the living conditions of thousands, eliminating slums, etc., it is to be appreciated that a similar work is about to be done in Chicago where slum conditions are particularly acute. In entering Chicago the influence of the FATHER DIVINE Mission now extends to virtually every major city of the country. When at length the time arrived for the caravan to move on, Wabash Avenue was lined with the curious who were somewhat at a loss as to what to make of this invasion by the Angels of GOD. In contrast to the glum faces which many presented in this great industrial city of the Midwest the manifest happiness and bubbling spirits of these "Angels" could not but amaze those to whom the Presence of GOD in the Land is unknown.

Arrival in New York Event

A brief stop at Gary, Indiana, where greetings were extended to the followers, and the caravan commenced the final lap of the journey to New York. The balance of the trip was uneventful and following a short stop at the Newark Kingdom at School and Wickliffe Sts., the party proceeded to New York. Visitors from all over the country are a common sight to the people of Harlem but the arrival of this group of 35 from far-off California left them in further astonishment. From what was at first lightly regarded the FATHER DIVINE Movement now embraces a large portion of Harlem's populace with a voting power estimated at around 50,000 in that area alone and is viewed with ever increasing respect by the citizens of the district. Shortly after the arrival most of the visitors were quartered at the 126th Street Kingdom under the jurisdiction of Faithful Mary. That evening a special Banquet was given for the California Delegation at which the Spirit was unrestrained. Later in the evening many of the group attended the Righteous Government Forum held in the Auditorium at 115th Street where a spontaneous demonstration took place with inspiring talks by various individuals including some of the visitors. Visiting politicians who frequently attend the Righteous Government Forums are dumfounded at the unity and enthusiasm reflected among the followers of FATHER DIVINE and cannot but realize that here indeed is unfolded the Righteous Government of which humanity has been so sorely in need.

Many interesting activities are looked for during the stay of the California Delegation and in every way the trip is seen as significant. Modern pioneers, as they might be called are carrying the Message of Righteousness across the length and breadth of this great land and blazing the trails for the establishment of the actual Kingdom of Heaven on earth among men.

That history is being made hourly in the greatest movement ever to grace the face of the earth is only again strikingly demonstrated in the epochal journey of the Divine Motor Caravan to New York. It is questionable if any trip to date has been more productive of good and noteworthy results as the one just so happily and harmoniously completed by this group.

GOD - HARLEM - NEW YORK CITY - U.S.A.

So glad, there's no more quandry as to just how to get in touch with The Lord. We've been praying, preaching, and struggling to make 'Heaven our Home,' for so long, with no results whatsoever; it's no wonder GOD HIMSELF, moved in with us Personally, to put a stop to our beseechings.

Residents of China have His address, and it's the destination of travelers from Finland, Germany, Australia, the Pacific Coast and points throughout the World.

We've been telephoning to Glory for lo these many years, but this is the day and time, when a GOD Whom you can never see; never have any Personal contact with, just doesn't fill the bill. There's food to be had, shelter to be had, work to be had, health to be had, and limitless necessities, that have never been satisfied fully through any amount of spiritual contacts.

A promise of some home beyond the clouds, with milk and honey flowing free; really isn't what it takes, to keep going down here, on terra firma. If GOD can't take care of me here and now, then how can I know or even believe HE'LL do so very much after I'm dead and gone.

HARLEM, New York's hot spot; a melting pot; where vice and crime are commonplace, truly GOD knew where HE was most needed. HARLEM with the poorest housing conditions, hospitalization, and educational facilities; an Area where the ballot to this day hasn't even made first-base; in receiving the promises so freely given by down-town Politicians; HARLEM, whose relief checks, PWA jobs and general welfare is far below par, when compared to every other district in the City, yes truly, this would be where GOD would choose to dwell Personally.

Churches, Leagues, Welfare Organizations, or Conventions haven't been able to bring about the necessary change, but there's One, Who has made Life livable for countless thousands. HE has lifted them from the depths of the Underworld; taken them of the City Relief Rolls, and is sending them back to school; in fact HE'S just proven HIMSELF the Universal FATHER to millions; giving all asking nothing.

HE'S condescended to be as ONE with the seething masses, who have been apparently forgotten, in their struggle for existence, and the right to live, and eat regularly. With HIS limitless Wealth, 20 West 115th Street, is HIS Town address, and when HE chooses to get a suburban home, HE purchases for cash, hundreds of acres of land, tucked away in the Catskills and Walkill Valley; no—not for Himself, Personally, but for others. This is HIS hourly mission here among mankind, giving them their resurrection into a New Life, of Peace, Health, Happiness, Joy and Abundance.

Now all in all, I ask you, what more of a GOD do you want, than ONE WHO'LL give you shelter, food to eat, clothes to wear, and freedom from sickness worry and fear, now isn't that Wonderful! And then to think, HE'S made HARLEM HIS Home, and receives HIS Mail at 20 West 115th Street, it's Truly Wonderful, I say, don't you?

Thank YOU FATHER!

(VORJ)

BODY OF GOD

(John the Revelator.)

"God in the flesh is the redeemer of man."

PEACE

Because the Personal Body of God has condescended to make Itself known on earth today, many new answers to questions, before unconsidered, are no more a problem.

Where does FATHER DIVINE get His money? is one universal question the Bankers and other money changers are very much concerened over. Without any apparent experience HIMSELF, HE is giving the experienced bankers an education on finance. Answer yourselves, this: How did the Body of God called JESUS multiply five loaves of bread and two fishes and feed five thousand people, then when everyone had well dined to capacity, seven baskets full of fragments were taken up?

Where does FATHER DIVINE get all the Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding HE speaks? Yet HE is a Living University without a diploma. Answer yourselves, this.

How does FATHER DIVINE heal all manner of incurable diseases, raise the dead, give sight to the blind and take sin out of the flesh without a diploma as a physician or a metaphysician. Answer yourselves, this.

How can FATHER DIVINE be so proficient with the intricacies of the profession of LAW and draft an International Righteous Governmental platform and put it into operation. Yet not having gone to Law School, not even being a member of the Bar Association and no previous experience as a politician? Answer yourselves, this?

Yes, how can FATHER DIVINE be an Educator of all people on all subjects. Yet there is no record of HIS ever being educated HIMSELF. Answer yourselves, this.

How can FATHER DIVINE be a PERSON without any record of birth or lineage. I will answer this one myself, "HE IS A PERSON."

TO SAY THAT FATHER DIVINE IS NOT ALL THESE THINGS POINTED OUT, WOULD BE TO SAY THAT FATHER DIVINE IS NOT A PERSON, WOULDN'T IT? BUT I THINK THAT WE CAN AGREE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BANKERS, EDUCATERS, POLITICIANS, DOCTORS, LAW MAKERS, ETC., THAT FATHER DIVINE IS A PERSON. WE ARE GLAD, Father, I Love that Body.

Rep. Boileau (Prog., Wis.): I submit that the question of national defense does not include the protection of our foreign trade. (Applause.) . . . In my judgment a large navy is merely a threat to the peace of the world." (Applause.)

REJOICE ALWAYS!

A Resolution and Ruling According to Our Righteous Government Platform, Which is Our Peace Mission's Discipline

Statements and Reasons for Non-Participation in Compensation Insurance, Etc. FATHER DIVINE'S Peace Mission

1. Each place of business, Peace Mission Extension and connection is an individual unit under the control of the various Representatives of the Peace Mission engaged in activity therein.
2. Those serving as Co-workers, do so gratis, it being understood that such Co-workers are not employees but are Joint Tenants with the individual or individuals who lease such places.
3. This manner of cooperative activity is now and has always been carried on by the Followers of FATHER DIVINE, and is not intended as an evasion of any law.
4. It is understood, the Believers of FATHER DIVINE voluntarily give their services to the CAUSE Gratis, without compensation.
5. It is further understood, the Co-workers and Representatives of the PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT, are willing to TRUST GOD whole-heartedly, according to our conscious conviction. Therefore:
6. The true Followers of FATHER DIVINE, will not remain on Public Welfares, neither will they seek such aid, if they have, heretofore.
7. According to our conscious conviction in our Religious belief, it is a violation of the Law of our Religion, to take out insurance of any kind. Those of us who have formerly carried Insurance to protect or safe-guard against accidents, sickness or death, have resigned from such Insurance for the purpose of giving our whole hearts, souls and minds to the FAITH in which we are converted.
8. It is further understood, our conscious Religious conviction prohibits us from taking out Compensation Insurance, Liability or other insurance, such as is commonly known as Insurance for protection against disasters and other hazards.
9. It has become to be a known fact that FATHER DIVINE'S PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT is converting thousands from vice and crime and taking thousands and thousands off of the Welfares, and also causing all of those who have committed such crimes to return all stolen goods, repay their old bills they never intended to pay. They also refuse to receive Old Age Pensions and Widows' Pensions, Insurances, Veterans' Pensions and other Compensations. All this is done thru their conscious conviction of such being a violation to their Religious Belief and not according to their Religious Discipline.
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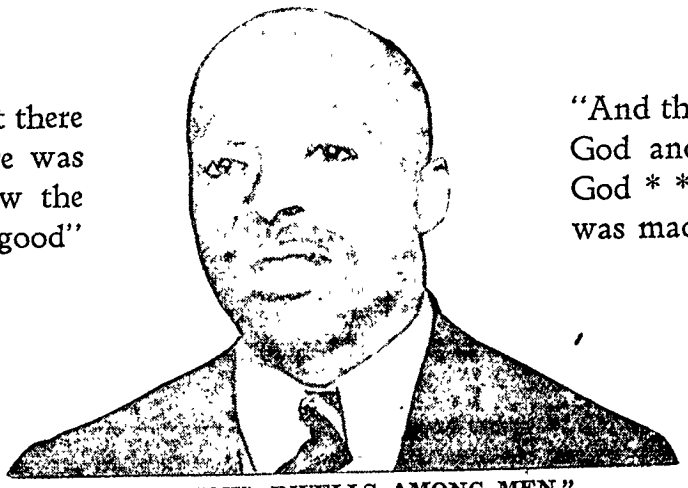

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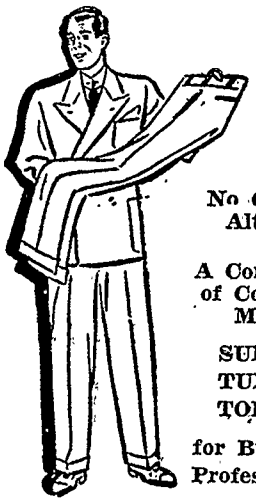

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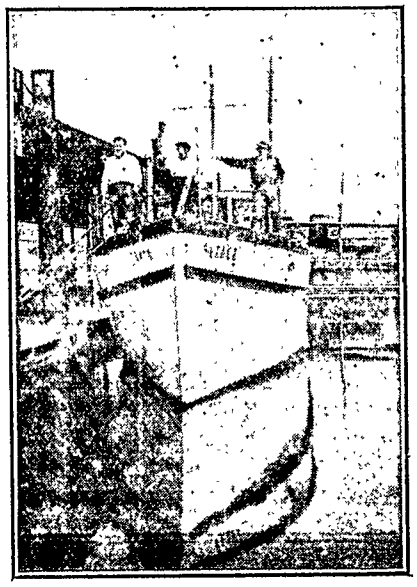
Alaskan Expedition of Divine Followers

Larson, Humble and Party Sail on Boat "PEACE"

Like the apostles of old Mr. Alfred (Al) J. Larson left Vendovia Island Friday, May 10th for Southeastern Alaska on a fishing expedition on the twin cabined cruiser 'PEACE" with five other followers of FATHER DIVINE.



Included in the party are Misses Buddy Lawrence, Gladness Sincere and Messrs Mason Blake, Ross Humble and Carnegie Pullen.

The party have invitations to stop off to attend or hold Father Divine meetings at Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert British Columbia, Canada. The first large Father Divine meeting is expected to be held in The Town Hall of Prince Rupert upon the arrival of the party there.

They have other invitations and communications along the way and they are thanking FATHER that

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GOD Speaks to HIS Own and HIS Own Hear HIS Words and Rejoice

Methodist Ministers Attending the A. M. E. Conference Among the Listeners to Message of FATHER DIVINE —Wonderful Beyond Expression

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE AT THE BANQUET TABLE,—NO. 20 WEST 115TH STREET, — NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 1936 A.D.F.D., MIDN'T.

During the recent A.M.E. Conference in New York City, Methodist Ministers from all parts of the Country seized the opportunity among their activities, to visit FATHER at His 115th Street Headquarters. Monday Evening, May 11th, there were a number of them among the thousands who closely packed dining Hall and Auditorium, as FATHER Personally served the great Banquet Table.

It had been an eventful day. Thousands of FATHER'S Followers had marched through the Streets of the Community with their banners and placards in a great Demonstration of Peace, protesting against lynching, and against the atrocities perpetrated by Italy in Ethiopia. It was a Demonstration sponsored by the United Aid for Ethiopia, and other Organizations including the Communists.

At their urgent request FATHER had cooperated, as a part of His Effort to help all oppressed peoples. He made the announcement only the night before. and invited only a few hundred of His Followers to participate so as not to crowd the other Organizations out, but a few THOUSAND turned out, forming the bulk of the Parade.

The Parade had been late in starting because one of the Organizations representing Ethiopia only, upon seeing FATHER'S Ranks beautifully mixed including all complexions and expressions united as one, wanted to exclude all but those of their own complexion from the ranks. This would have stopped the whole Demonstration, since FATHER'S Followers being the majority of the Marchers, would not participate under any such classification. Therefore the objectors finally accepted FATHER'S Followers as they were, but they refused to have the mixed ranks of the Communists. At this point the Police Official in charge, suggested that the Marchers objected to, be gathered together and placed in the center of FATHER'S Group where they would be safe. All objections were finally withdrawn however, and the Demonstration went on, resulting in telegrams and cables being sent to the President of the United States, the British Government, and the League of Nations.

When FATHER later addressed the thousands of every nation, language, tongue and people, and every expression, gathered together in one around the great Banquet Table, He Spoke of this attempt at discrimination upon the part of the very ones complaining most bitterly about being discriminated against. For nearly two hours, Visitors and Followers alike listened with prayerful attention to these Words of Spirit and of Life coming from the Mouth of GOD:—

* * *

"PEACE EVERYONE! GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE, with a HEART full of MERRINESS, GOOD MANNERS and GOOD BEHAVIOUR tonight, the same as usual and forever. I Rise at this time to Say many different things,—in other Words to Speak a few Words from many different points of view for consideration. Before I leave the point of consideration, I would like to convey to our Visiting Friends, the significance of unification. You have been taught through and from your early existence, 'Together we stand but divided we fall.' 'Wheresoever two or three are gathered together in My Name touching and agreeing upon the one thing, there I am in the midst of them.' This is an old Saying, but yet it is true. If not to others, it is to you!

UNIFICATION OF MIND AND SPIRIT

Unification of mind, of spirit, of aim and of purpose, has brought you the Victory. This UNITY! 'Oh how marvellous it is for Brethren to dwell together in UNITY.' It breaks down the barriers between races, creeds and colors. It destroys each reflection, yea even every tendency of prejudice and causes you to recognize GOD your FATHER. It causes you to express yourselves among one-another as the Universal Brotherhood of expression, Brotherly Love and Kindness, and the abolition of all divisions between one-another. Now isn't that Wonderful!

But how can these things be accomplished, saving by firstly being at one in your own heart and in your own mind? You must first unify yourselves with one-another openly and also internally, by unifying yourselves with the Love of GOD for mankind. It is indeed Wonderful! To establish RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, it was and it still is essential where it has not been established, to unify yourselves in heart and mind by bringing about a Righteous Judgment in your mentality, in yourselves as individuals. As you have brought about a Righteous Judgment through this great Conversion, you will also be eligible for registering and voting, because you will not be representing a race, creed nor color; you will not be seeking the advantage of another, but you will be seeking RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE through the way of Righteousness according to the Teaching of CHRIST. Instead of seeking Justice through violence, you will seek it through Righteousness.

RIGHTEOUS THROUGH CONVERSION

Therefore in this great Peace Mission Movement we have established RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, by firstly becoming to be Righteous through this great Conversion; by lifting up a Standard for the people through the Life and the Teaching of JESUS; taking JESUS as a Person as a Sample and as an Example, copying after the Fashion I have shown humanity on the Mount of Transfiguration and on the Mount Zion of JESUS CHRIST'S Life and Teaching as recorded in the Gospel. Now isn't that Wonderful! Because of this, the reaction of the Nature, and the Attributes, and the Dominion and the Authority of JESUS is interjected in you People. Now isn't that Wonderful! Yes, I Say it is interjected in you People, because you have concentrated on the Life and the Teaching of JESUS unselfishly. Through sacrifice and through consecration to the Service of GOD, your very bodies vibrate with the very Presence of GOD as a Living Reality, and as an outward expression of your conscious conviction through this great Conversion. It causes your bodies to also be filled with Merriness through this great Conversion.

'A merry heart doeth good for it is a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.' Of course I know the King James' version of that particular quotation does say, 'A merry heart doeth good LIKE a medicine,' but the original from Hebrew Said, 'A merry heart doeth good for it IS a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.' We are healing the Nations of the Earth of their physical ailments and complaints, but the great Work that is going on is the great transformation of the children of men in their hearts and in their minds.

INDEPENDENT OF EVERY PARTY

Now while Judge Welch was speaking, I Thought of the quotation in the Scripture where it says, 'Where wickedness abounds, much more does Grace abound.' Jersey at one time, as a State apparently very prejudiced, seemed to have been much at variance and antagonistic to this Movement, but through this great Conversion Jersey has gone one step further than many of the other States. Voluntarily, because they knew Judge Welch was one of My Immediate Followers, they elected him as Justice of the Peace of New Brunswick. They are now seeking RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, and we shall HAVE it, for the Mouth of GOD has Spoken it. Now aren't you glad!

By this great Conversion, we shall universally establish RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE,—as I have it on My Immediate Staff,—and none shall prohibit it for the Mouth of GOD has Spoken it. I am not asking men to help Me, neither am I asking nations, languages, nor people, but by the Power of My Ever-present Spirit I carry within Myself the Power, and I will put every issue through whatsoever I wish to do. Because of My condescension to participate with the Republicans at times, the Democrats at times, the Communists and the Socialists, and other partisan Parties, some have thought that they especially were My endorsers, or in other words they were My supporters. GOD is Independent to every Party! You cannot express RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE unless you express it through non-partisanism, and non-sectarianism and inter-racialism. Now isn't that Wonderful!

WHO WILL INTERFERE WITH GOD?

While Thinking along this line, I Thought of My Experience today and a few of My Followers, as we endeavored to cooperate to raise a sensation and a voice in opposition to the mistreatment of the Ethiopians. Many of those with whom we endeavored to participate for Righteousness' sake were ignorant enough to oppose My Followers because we are a mixed Body. It shows the ignorance, and the interjection of that Southern prejudice in those who think they are like Me. That is why they are kept down to and at the bottom,

because they are ignorant enough to try to interfere with GOD ALMIGHTY! We received the invitation Saturday afternoon. Sunday afternoon at this Banquet Table was the first time I gave notice to the least, of My Assembly, that we were invited. I Said at this particular announcement, we are endeavoring to go as a Delegation but not so much as an Organization altogether, or Words to that effect. I Said, I want a FEW of you to go, we do not wish to crowd other Organizations out, for if I would make an announcement TONIGHT, tomorrow morning I could have five or ten thousand in the Streets. For this cause I Said, I do not wish to crowd the other Organizations out, but I am willing to participate and will take a stand for Righteousness' sake, against every opposition that tends to oppress any people and mistreat them.

ONLY ONE DIVISION

This is NOT because I am an Ethiopian! 'Out of one Blood all Nations were formed, that dwell upon the face of the Earth.' Therefore GOD is not confined nor bound to one nationality, nor race, nor color, for in the beginning GOD made one division, and that division is the only one we recognize, and the only one we are expressing. 'In the beginning GOD Created He male and female.' That is the only division we recognie, for other divisions are not Evangelical. GOD came to divide the sexes and cause them to live Righteous, Truthful, and deal Justly between one-another just as it was in the beginning when GOD'S Nature through the Spirit in expression created He male and female. The only two divisions, or in other words the ONLY division; it divided the two sexes as an expression, but there was no record given in the beginning of the Creation, of the different nations, languages, tongues and people. 'The other fellow,' better known by the Religions as the Devil, is the one that created these different divisions.

THE FIRST BORN AMONG MANY

It is Written, 'Where there is division there is strife.' 'I Pray that they may be one even as We are one.' If you cannot meet on this common platform and abolish and recommend the abolition of all divisions saving the one division, you cannot be My Disciple. Now isn't that Wonderful! If you notice carefully the mystery of the incarnated CHRIST, He did not come through sexual mortal affection, neither came He to the Earth plane in a Personified Body by lust nor passion, but He came by the Virginacy of Mary, the Perfect Picture and the Perfect state of expression. Therefore, as HE came as a Person, He was a Sample and an Example, as the Firstborn among many Brethren. That is why JESUS Said, 'Except ye be Born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.' He knew it was a matter of impossibility for mankind to establish the Kingdom of GOD with human affection, by the old Adamic state of consciousness wherein they were born, but they must be born out of that Adamic state of consciousness, and take on the Virtues of CHRIST as He Personified them.

JESUS Personified the Virtues of GOD as a Sample and as an Example for you all. JESUS as the Wayshower has shown mankind the way to go. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, no man cometh to the FATHER but by Me.' The same Spirit is Speaking TODAY,—'No man cometh to the FATHERSHIP DEGREE where there is Victory, saving by Me,' Says HE. Now isn't that Wonderful! Now I Say, 'where there is Victory.' If you notice carefully, according to the Sample and the Example, after the Crucifixion and the Resurrection by expression JESUS Declared and Manifested the identical Virtues of Mary, as were in her conception of His Body as a Person.

SHOWING A WAY TO HEAVEN

When Mary was conceived by the Invisible Holy Ghost,—I Said the INVISIBLE Holy Ghost that you might not think of visible-ating the mortal version of men according to their mortal human concepts, for the purpose of indulging in human affection. Therefore I Say, by the INVISIBLE Holy Ghost she was conceived, in a virtuous state of expression, and GOD Said to Joseph by a Vision, 'Touch her not.' After the Crucifixion and Resurrection of JESUS, the reaction of the mental and spiritual conception Mary conceived in the Message Given to Joseph, 'Touch her not,' JESUS in turn Said to Mary, 'Touch Me not, I have not yet Ascended.'

I AM SHOWING YOU HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN! I AM SHOWING YOU THE WAY JESUS HAS GONE! I AM SHOWING YOU HOW TO HAVE POWER IN THE FLESH, and VICTORY OVER DEATH! 'Touch Me not Mary, I have not yet Ascended to your FATHER and My FATHER, to your GOD and My GOD.' These were the Words of JESUS, and I am Declaring to the children of men, the same Spirit is Speaking today. Since these My Followers which run into the millions, have been Resurrected by the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST in them, they too in turn by the Nature of CHRIST interjected and incarnated, they are also saying, 'Touch me not Mary.' If it happens not to be a Mary, they are saying 'Touch me not,' or words to that effect, the same as JESUS Said after He was Resurrected. Do you not see the way JESUS has gone? Aren't you glad!

You have sung, and I have heard you say,—

'Show me the way my Redeemer has gone,
He is the Lily of the Valley,
He is the Bright and Morning Star,
Oh show me the way my Redeemer has gone.'

I am showing you the way He has gone! I heard you say through Christendom in another Composition,—

'Oh, for a Faith that will not shrink,
Though oppressed by every foe,
(Faith) that will not murmur nor complain,
On the brink of any earthly woe.'

'Faith submissive, meek and sweet,
My great Redeemer's Throne,
Where CHRIST alone is heard to Speak,
And JESUS Reigns alone.'

SPEAKING TO ALL NATIONS

These are the Words of the Spirit as they were iterated and reiterated through the Compositions by Inspiration. GOD'S Spirit is Speaking to all nations by the Spirit, by revelation, and by inspiration. Now aren't

you glad! I have shown you the way JESUS has gone! I have heard you say again through Christendom, —you asked for a Light did you not? I heard you say,—I will not quote the full quotation there of the Composition,—but you remember you have said it through the Song,—'A Light to shine upon the road that leads me to The Lamb.' Now this is the Light, for I have COME, and this Light on the road actually SHINES. It will lead you to The Lamb. It will show you the way your Redeemer has gone; will give you Victory over difficulties, over races, creeds and colors, over segregation, over prejudices, and over lacks, wants and limitations. Over every undesirable condition, it will give you the Victory right here on Earth in Heaven.

Then I Say, those who think they are of My race,—those who think I am of THEIR race,—there are a good many of them ignorant enough to rise in opposition against this Fundamental, the only Hope of their Redemption from the mistreatment of the American people and other nationalities who are not supposed to be of their respective race. You call yourselves down-trodden people,—those of you who think you are of that race, some special race,—still when One comes as Moses did, to lead the Children out of Egypt, you are ignorant enough to oppose it. But remember, GOD did not Say according to the Ten Commandments, 'Moses led you out of the Land of Egypt,' but 'I Am The Lord thy GOD Who hast brought you out of the Land of Egypt and out of the house of bondage; thou shalt have no other gods before Me; I The Lord thy GOD am a jealous GOD.' The same Spirit is Speaking TODAY, and the Voice of GOD is heard by someone, of every Word He Says.

CONDESCENDING TO THE EARTH PLANE

I Came to bring deliverance, not to a special race, creed nor color, neither to a special people, but it happens to be there are those who are the most needy. My Condescension to the Earth plane was to come in the likeness of them. Peace everyone! I Said, My Condescension to come to the Earth plane was to come in the likeness of them, for it is Written, 'The least among you the same shall be great' . . . 'He shall make the hilly ways level and the rough ways plain; He shall exalt the valleys.' The valleys of the Nations of today have been exalted by My Presence! I Came to exalt them, not especially because I am of a race, or creed, or color, but through the Condescension of the Almighty My Presence on the Earth plane with this great unfoldment of GOD in the Flesh as a Personified expression I Came. I Came in the likeness of some who had apparently been forgotten. Nevertheless you are not a race, you are not a creed, you are not a color. If you were any of these limited expressions according to the mortal version, you would have limitations, but because you are none of these limited degrees of expression, you have no limitations.

BREAKING THE SHELL OF LIMITATION

As an outward expression, the Victory I have won in Jersey for those who were apparently mistreated. I have broken the barriers of the prejudiced Laws, Rules and Regulations such as were not according to the Constitution of our great Country. Why did that Law come out in Jersey some seventy years ago or more, to make it a crime for a man or anyone to be recognized as the Deity, or for any person under the Jersey State Constitution to even recognize a PERSON as the INFINITE? This Law was to be, as JESUS was to come under the curse of that cursed Law of self to break the shell of limitation, to give those who were under such condemnation their real Emancipation.

NECESSARY FOR GOD TO BE MATERIALIZED

Mankind has striven to keep GOD away from the Earth plane. They don't want GOD in a Bodily Form, because they wish to stay down here and do, and live as they please. But through His Condescension He came first in the Body called JESUS as a Sample and as an Example, declaring the Reality of GOD in a Person, and in the expression of the Personality of Himself as an Individual. Now isn't that Wonderful! Had He not come in a Bodily Form, the children of men in person could not have been Redeemed. 'For this cause many are sickly among you, and some sleep, for not discerning the Body of GOD.' They have striven to keep you in the superstitious idea of GOD being somewhere in a mysterious Heaven decillions of decillions of miles away. Therefore they think by such a version they themselves in prejudices can have their sway, but I have come to let you know and to let THEM know, GOD is as much in the Flesh, and on the material plane shall Rule and have Dominion over and in the affairs of men, the same as they had supposed Him to be in Heaven. The very Commandment of GOD through the Scripture, yea even through the Life and the Teaching of JESUS, was given for you to pray,—'Let Thy Kingdom Come; let Thy Will be done, (you could have said, on the material plane), on Earth (which is the material plane) as it is in Heaven.' If His Kingdom was to come on the material plane, it was essential for Him to be Materialized. If His Kingdom was to come within the children of men, it was essential for Him to be Personified.

The PERSONIFICATION of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, and of all of the Righteousness of all of GOD through and from all of the Religions, must be a Living Reality. This has been actually established through the recognition of GOD'S Presence, as My sincere Believers observe it. Therefore, through their belief and conscious conviction and realization of the tangible-ization of GOD, and the reincarnation of GOD, and the RE-PERSONIFICATION of GOD, they have recognized the PERSONIFIED BODY OF GOD, and by this recognition they have the Victory over physical sickness and diseases. Everyone who sincerely believes it, as they have won the Victory over physical sickness and diseases, they also have the Victory over sin, over vice and crime; they have the Victory over all of these debaucherated states of expression that have been existing in the hearts, and lives, and minds of the children of men.

PARTAKERS OF HIS CHARACTERISTICS

Now think of the millions under

My Jurisdiction through this great Conversion,—MILLIONS who have been, many of them before I Came, in the Underworld committing all sorts of crimes beyond your moral intelligence to think of. Nevertheless, out of the millions who are truly converted into this recognition, you will not find one percent of them that would smoke a cigarette. If this Conversion is not worth considering, bring Me something better and I will accept it. They would not drink a glass of intoxicating liquor. My true Followers would not use profane language! My true Followers would not steal nor lie! My true Followers will not commit adultery! My true Followers will not live according to the mortal version after the manner of men, as being called some especial race, creed or color! My true Followers through My Presence have abolished all divisions between races, creeds and colors. My true Followers have come together 'as one man at Jerusalem,' and are living in unison. They speak in unison; they act the same; they have been unified together automatically by the Spirit of My Presence. By the contact with Me mentally, they are partakers of My Characteristics.

YOUR RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE

Then I Say, what more can I do? I will still do MORE, and exceedingly ABUNDANTLY more than what you can yet ask or think, for GOD'S Mind, and GOD'S Spirit, and GOD'S Understanding,—all of these expressions of GOD are Infinite. In other words they are Limitless. They cannot be limited by the versions of men. GOD'S Spirit, and GOD'S Mind, and GOD'S Understanding,—go into Infinitude, the end you cannot vision, but as far as you can see out in the Land, I will give you as your rightful inheritance. Now aren't you glad!

Hence as I Said in reference to Judge Welch, his experience is an open expression of the significance of living in RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH, and being subject to the Spirit of JUSTICE as GOD Himself expresses it. Because he was willing and ready to live Evangelically, GOD in His Own Majesty through the Officials of the State of Jersey, voluntarily authorized him to be elected, and many other unfoldments of My Expression shall I bring to the surface, that mankind might recognize and realize GOD'S Presence as a Living Factor in the hearts and lives, and in the affairs of humanity.

THE IGNORANCE OF RACE MIND

But as I Said to-day, this little Demonstration in the defence of Ethiopia apparently, there were those who claimed to be of My race,—of whom they THINK I am of their race,—were ignorant enough to oppose many of My Followers because they were of all different complexions. When you are fighting for one common Justice, how can you get it unless you come together.

I would like to interject THIS Thought while I am Speaking, as there were those of our Visiting Friends observing the service of this Banquet. This is a daily occurrance it is true, but it was a little different tonight to some degree than what it usually is, and that was this: I Myself did not Personally eat very much, and also My Attorney here, because we had been out and when we returned we had well dined. I am Saying that to Say this: I am not superstitious. We believe in eating and drinking. We believe in Good Health, Good Will and a Good Appetite. We believe in having a Full and a-plenty. We believe in expressing the Independence of GOD! but we happened to be full at this particular time, because we had shortly dined, and had well dined at that time. It is indeed Wonderful!

FEASTING ON HEAVENLY FOOD

I mention this because I do not wish for any person to misconceive My Work and My Mission, neither My Version, because they may think I am not eating because of believing ing. I do believe in fasting, but let us fast from all of the preconceived prejudices, fast from all preconceived, bigoted ideas and opinions; all envy, all malice and all strife, and every other detestable fancy mankind have become to be heirs to. When we are free from those fancies, when we fast them out of ourselves we will be fulfilling the Scripture, as was experienced in and at the time of JESUS when He Said to the man who was cutting himself to pieces in the tombs,—He Spoke to those demons in him and He Said,—'Hold your PEACE and come out of him.' He Said, 'Such kind cometh out only by fasting and prayer.' By you fasting from those old fancies, tendencies and pleasures, such sort and such kind of 'other fellows,' better known as devils by the Religions, will come out of you.

Those are the tendencies, and the expressions that were in the man, known as demons and known as devils by the Religions. It is indeed Wonderful! When the man fasted from those tendencies, those mortal versions ceased to function in him. They were obliged to come out of him because they had no longer an existence within him. That's the mystery! We will fast from every detestable fancy, prejudice, hate and resentment and all of those things that are not according to the Life and the Teaching of CHRIST, and we will feed and feast on the food that the Angel administered to JESUS after He had fasted forty days and nights.

STANDING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

Nevertheless, material food as you see it was an open expression manifested in and at the time of JESUS when He fed the five thousand. John came neither eating nor drinking and they said he had,—according to My Version 'the other fellow,' according to the Religions the devil,—they said He had a devil. But JESUS come both eating and drinking and they said He was a winebibber, a gluttonous man, and a friend of publicans and sinners. I suppose they say I am a Friend of publicans and sinners. Well it is true, I am the FRIEND to mankind. I have brought millions from the underworld. I have caused them to recognize the Presence of GOD. I have caused them to learn to Love instead of hate, and have caused them to forsake all vice and all crime, and all tendencies of doing those detestable things, to live Evangelically in this present Land.

Now then as I aforesaid, those who desire My Support here and now, and in the future, even in this coming Presidential Election,—My Followers are being educated in this

City, right here among the adults, by the thousands. It has been said there are around four or five thousand of the adults qualifying themselves and advancing themselves intellectually, for registering and voting. We mean to vote IN the right party and vote OUT the wrong one. We mean to use the BALLOT, but refuse to bother about the bullet. Now isn't that Wonderful! We mean to use Righteousness and refuse to resort to violence. We mean to overcome the world with RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, and be the expressers of JESUS' Mission. 'He Rules the world with Truth and Grace, And makes the Nations prove, The Glory of His Righteousness, and the Wonders of His Love.' Now isn't that Wonderful!

ONE COMMON LEVEL

We shall not be discouraged until we shall have brought all of the Nations of the Earth on one common level, and have it as I have it on My Immediate Staff and under My Personal Jurisdiction, in the furthest parts of the South and among the Southerners, where there will be no division but all men shall stand together 'as one man at Jerusalem.' When I Say RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE I MEAN it, for it is, was, and it still is, the prediction of the Spirit and of the Scripture. He Said, 'Righteousness and Judgment is the Habitation of His Throne, the Earth saw and trembled.' If Righteousness and Judgment is the Habitation of His Throne, if your minds are converted and you become to be expressers of a Righteous Judgment, when we come together collectively and universally with the one version, we will express a Righteous Judgment, and together standing for RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE we will have a Righteous Government.

Upon the Throne of your mind CHRIST should Reign. CHRIST Rules here, that is why this is the Kingdom. He may be PERSONIFIED, nevertheless He is a substantiated and an infallible PRINCIPLE. Now isn't that Wonderful! The Personification of all of the Righteousness of GOD is a Reality, and every standard of unfoldment of the expression of the Righteousness of all these Qualities is Personifiable. If mankind would have incarnated the Life and Teaching of CHRIST, they would have long since Re-Personified it, and GOD long since would have been an outward Personified expression, for your bodies would be the Temples of GOD manifestly.

THE HABITATION OF HIS THRONE

Oh it is a privilege to realize the significance of living Evangelically! It is a privilege to realize the Reality of GOD as a Living Factor. By such a recognition, we have All Dominion. Men cannot hinder us. Oppositions, with all of the prejudices and bigoted ideas and opinions,—with all of them combined without and within you, it is a matter of impossibility for you to hinder. Every knock is a boost, every criticism is a Praise, every cursing is a blessing, and every hindrance is a help. Therefore I transmit and transform that which would be destructive, and cause it to be CONSTRUCTIVE, for the building up of the Kingdom of GOD on Earth, for which you all have prayed. Now isn't that Wonderful!

Now as I mentioned the Kingdom of GOD, RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUDGMENT is the Habitation of His Throne. When you are converted not only in your spirit but in your body and in your mind, you become to have a Righteous Judgment. With this Righteous Judgment on the Throne of your mind, CHRIST will Reign as a Principle, as I often stress the principle of Mathematics as a parable expressing the mystery of the Dominion of GOD over the AFFAIRS of all mankind and over mankind. This is a parable. The principle of Mathematics controls the world of affairs. The principle of Mathematics controls all of your affairs. The great and the small, the high and the low, and every person or persons, the principle of Mathematics has full control over all of them. You cannot even so much as buy a loaf of bread without the principle of Mathematics interjected or connected in some way of expression. You cannot buy even so much as a penny drop of candy without the principle of Mathematics having something to do with it.

BECOMING A "MATHEMATICIAN"

The principle of Mathematics, Mathematically speaking is a parable of the Reality of GOD among His People. The principle of Mathematics controls you and your affairs in the world of accounts, and those expressions which are not commonly known as the world of accounts. Nevertheless, the principle of Mathematics may be personified in a few, but remember when the principle of Mathematics is personified in you, you will become to be a Mathematician too.

Jot these Thoughts down in your vocabularies. By this Understanding you will be cooperators with Me. The principle of Mathematics is as personifiable as it was before the first person as an expresser of the principle of Mathematics, became to be a Mathematician. Because of the many Mathematicians in our present Light of Civilization, it has not lessened the principle of Mathematics and it has not prohibited it from being personifiable. The principle of Mathematics is as much personifiable today as it was when the first Mathematician became to be a Professor. Now isn't that Wonderful! When he learned to express it scientifically and intelligently, he became to be a Mathematician. Therefore it is no barrier, neither a prohibitation to prohibit the expression of the principle of Mathematics from being brought to fruition in others. As the principle of Mathematics is brought to fruition in others, they too as well as the first one, will have the chance to be a Mathematician.

TRULY PREACHING CHRIST

It is Written, JESUS is the Firstborn among many Brethren. Isn't that true! JESUS Said, 'The very Works that I do shall YOU do, and greater works than these, because I go unto My FATHER.' JESUS was so broad-minded, and so Merciful, and so Compassionable, He desired others to be partakers of His Characteristics. I Came in this last Dispensation and brought out or composed a Composition or Motto for consideration. I Declared to this People and millions of others, 'I will Preach CHRIST in Words but more so in Deeds and in Actions, and I will put My Spirit in them and cause

them to walk in My Statutes.' My Followers are walking in My Statutes, not by coercion, but by the act of the Spiritual impulse from the within; GOD Himself Working in them. By the transmission of His Spirit and of His Laws quickened and awakened in them, they are walking in his Statutes automatically, willingly, and readily.

THE FIRST FRUITS

It is also Written, 'In the Day of My Power My People shall be willing.' It is Written on another occasion, 'The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor the Law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; but when Shiloh comes, the gathering of the people shall BE unto Him.' Do you not see, they are gathered to Me? JESUS Said, 'Where the body is, there shall the eagles be gathered.' Do you not see, they are willing and ready? JESUS Said, 'Be ye also ready, you know not the hour the Son of Man cometh.' Do you not see the willingness of My People? They are willing to follow Me in every direction. Do you not see the fulfillment of the Scripture? As John declared in the Revelation, 'I looked, and LO a Lamb stood. 'I looked, and LO a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with Him were an hundred forty and four thousands . . . These are they that follow The Lamb whithersoever He goeth,' They are willing to follow Me whithersoever I go. This is not merely a physical or personal following, but this is a mental and a spiritual following. They will follow Me accordingly. 'These are they who were not defiled with women for they are virgins; these are Redeemed from among men, being the First-fruits unto GOD and The Lamb.'

FOLLOWING THE LAMB

Do you not see, this is the first Foundation of the establishment of the Earthly Kingdom, in other words the Kingdom of GOD on the Earth plane? These are the First-fruits who followed The Lamb whithersoever He goeth. They have followed Me through the different Religious expressions,—the ecstasy of all of the Religions' expressions. They have followed Me into the world of Education! They have followed Me into the world of Politics! They have followed Me into the world of Sociality, and they have followed Me into the world of Jazz and other expressions, for all of these expressions, I am converting. You can see the very converted 'Blues.' You can see the very converted Jazz put forth into expression. You can see the Work of this great Conversion! You can see the effect it has over all of the Masses. Now isn't that Wonderful!

There are many things I could Say, but time will not permit at this juncture as there are those of our Visiting Friends would desire to go I am quite sure, but those of My True Followers would be willing to stay here all night. This is a daily occurrance. This is nothing out of the ordinary. It is merely a matter of course. You can see it this way every day, not only here but wheresoever I am known to be, especially where I am known to be Personally. They follow The Lamb whithersoever He goeth. As men, they are not defiled with women, as the fulfillment of the Scripture. As women, they are Redeemed from among men. Why? Because they follow The Lamb! They believe in doing what they sincerely believe JESUS did when He was on Earth as a Person.

PERFECTING HOLINESS

Now as a man, whatsoever you sincerely believe JESUS did, you should do ye also the same. As a woman, whatsoever you believe Mary did before JESUS was Born, you should do the same. Now you know you believe the Virginity of Mary was a reality, and you believe the Birth of JESUS was Immaculate. Therefore such a version has brought you this great Unfoldment, and through this great Conversion you have the Victory and have the endorsement of the Scripture, and also the Gospel, and the Revelation. All of these have endorsed it! They have verified it, and the Spirit within you does the same; not only doing it in and from a Spiritual point of view, but your physical bodies are made pure and clean. Your physical bodies are healed of all of their filthiness of the flesh and SPIRIT, perfecting Holiness in the Fear of GOD.

Your physical bodies express the very appearance of Life, and Health, and Vigor, of Courage, of Peace, of Joy, and of Happiness in reality, according to the often repeated statement of the Religious world:

'I looked at my hands and my hands looked New,
I looked at my feet, and my feet looked so too.'

This is an actual fact, that your hands look New. Your faces were all broken out; your skin all over; many of you, your skin was corrupt. Your very blood was impure, but now your blood is PURE. GOD causes your faces to shine. 'The LORD takes pleasure in His People; He beautifies the meek with Salvation,' not with cosmetics but with Salvation. This is the Way to your Saviour. I Thank you."

At FATHERS' concluding Words, a Song burst forth from the great Assembly with Joy and Enthusiasm:

'All Hail the Power of FATHER'S Name,
Let Angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the Royal Diadem,
And Crown Him Lord of All.'

'Let every Nation, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all Majesty ascribe,
And Crown Him Lord of all.'

ENJOYING LIMITLESS BLESSINGS

Then FATHER continued:

"PEACE EVERYONE! I know you all, at least the majority of you, could and would be pleased to stay here all night if I would stay, but there is a time and a season for all things. I feel there are those of you who are going to business tomorrow. It would not be justifiable to keep you up all night because you lose sight of tomorrow according to the Scripture. Nevertheless, while you are not taking thoughts for yourselves, I am taking a Thought for you. No doubt you will be here tomorrow evening, and at all of the other Extensions accordingly. Nevetheless, My Presence is always the same if I am apparently absent. As I was Thinking for consideration, there are those who have questioned the unfoldment of the material limitless blessings we are enjoying.

Through the time of depression,—

of all of these supposed days of depression,—we find with your recognition of GOD'S Presence we have always had a full and a-plenty and to spare. We are living in splendor every day. Just as we have it here this Evening, or this Morning whichever now, so it is at all times under My Jurisdiction, and in these Connections which are brought into subjection to this Teaching completely. We have solved the economical problem. We need not fret nor worry, we have the Key to Success and Prosperity, and it can be the same everywhere.

RIGHTFULLY DEMANDING RESPECT

Therefore I Say, if it were only for the purpose of lifting the people from the hardships and the depressions they have been undergoing for the last five or seven years or more, the very act of My Presence in such an expression, would be worth considering. I have lifted you from depressions, from lacks, and wants, and limitations. I have also taken thousands and thousands and thousands of you off the Public Welfare. We have lifted you from the Charities and caused you to express the Independence of GOD. For this cause I demand the respect of all of the Charities, and the Representatives of the different Charitable Institutions. I demand the respect of even the Government and those who are in Authority.

I have not taken up a collection, I have not done any soliciting. If I go into a City, I am not going there to take money away from the City. Wheresoever we go to hold our Public Meetings or any such; to the reverse of taking money away from the City, we carry money there. Now isn't that Wonderful! The World's Fair and other great expressions are prohibited from coming or going to Cities quite often because of the money they will take away from the City. Every City I have entered, I have carried thousands of dollars there. If I would authorize to have a Demonstration in Baltimore for next Sunday, if I would go there I would carry to the City and leave in that City, a few thousand dollars. Now isn't that Wonderful!

FIFTY PERCENT OF ACTUAL VALUE

We are not going taking up collections, we are not doing any soliciting, we are not asking donations, love offerings, or any such expression, but to the contrary we are endeavoring to give you something as far as the Spiritual side is concerned, for nothing, and also to give you something for nothing on the material side. But if we happen to receive anything on the material side, any of My Representatives or all of them together, they are not supposed to receive more than fifty percent of the actual value of what they are giving you as material service or something, merchandise or whatsoever it is, to what you would have to pay elsewhere.

Just think of it! You can get meals for ten and fifteen cents! Think of it! You can get soda pop for three cents a bottle! Just think of it! You can get accommodation for sleeping, and neat and clean accommodation, from two dollars down to one dollar per week! All of this is an outward expression of what GOD has actually done through the days of depression, and yet expressing the Abundance of the Fullness, until even the Government cannot understand.

WELL WORTH CONSIDERING

'How can these things be?' They want to know,—those who are in Authority,—'How can Your Followers, or You, buy land by the wholesale?' 'How can You establish a Promised Land, and such expressions, without solicitation, without love-offerings, or without some racket of some sort?' This is plain. You can see it daily. From fifteen to twenty hours daily, we are Personally expressing in the sight of the Public. The majority of us hardly get out of the Public's eye even for sleeping or retiring, for more than four to six hours a day. Now isn't that Wonderful! It is plain to see, it is a matter of impossibility for us to do very much that would be termed wrong, even if we wanted to do it. Now isn't that Wonderful! Our time, our talent, and our service, these expressions are openly manifested, and all can plainly see, without graft and without greed, without racketeering, without charging even as much as other people charge for the same merchandise or whatsoever it may be,—you can see My Followers are giving it so much less. Yet we are independent without compensation, without solicitation, and without love-offerings, and without donations.

Think of holding these Auditoriums and Dining Rooms open as it is tonight, until twelve, one, and two, and three, and four O'clock every night! If it was only for the purpose of people coming in and getting in the modest and moral environment, it would be worth considering. If it was only for the purpose of people coming in to get warm, it would be well worth considering. If it was only for the purpose of feeding thousands and thousands of the unemployed without consideration of the help of the City, it would be well worth considering. Now isn't that Wonderful!

Therefore I Say it is a matter of impossibility for all of the Powers that be, even if they would be or if they are antagonistic to Me, to hinder Me, for they are INSIGNIFICANT in My Consideration. Those of us who have dined, will pass out and pass on, and pass away quickly and quietly please, and allow others to come forward and take our seats, for there may be more who desire to eat. I Thank you."

Home to GOD

Brother Pilot and a happy group of FATHER'S children from the West arrived at FATHER'S New York Headquarters the afternoon of Saturday, May 16, after leaving Oakland on the Pacific Coast the Sunday before. Ross Humble has announced that Brother Pilot, in his stead, is to continue bringing children back and forth from the Coast, until Mr. Humble is prepared to return himself. It is needless to say that these visitors are filled with that "joy unspeakable" to be in the Presence of their FATHER GOD.

GOD GIVES to all liberally. He giveth Himself completely in a sacrifice of service. Let all go and do likewise. That is Unselfishness Supreme.

THE NEW DAY

(By CARNEGIE W. PULLEN)

(Note: Written on the rear deck of the trim boat "Peace" in the sunshine of the second Perfect Day provided by FATHER DIVINE on our way to Alaska. We are at the present moment in the midst of the numerous verdant evergreen San Juan Islands in Puget Sound, very near the place where the imaginary Canadian U. S. line dips down into the Sound—the north-eastern point of the United States proper.)

THE KING'S HIGHWAY
By Helen Van Slyke

(With slight literary modifications by publisher.—Ed.)

I "rejoice to see old landmarks pass away."
My eyes are turned now to the shining day,—
So shall He usher in a heaven on earth,
Exchanging grief for joy, and tears for mirth.

This is FATHER'S Will,—His will is mine,
And ever shall His Life and Love and Beauty shine,
Through all I think and do and say,
Changing the winding path I tread into the King's Highway.

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PEACE is Here for all who will Come and see and receive.

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WHAT I SEE in another is the thing to watch out for in myself.

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IF EVERY HUMAN had the Health, the Joy, the Happiness, the PEACE, the Freedom, the Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Honesty, Love, Truth, Faith, Persistence and Consciousness of the Reality of the Physical Presence of GOD that the followers of FATHER DIVINE have there is no doubt about it—the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth would already be a Universal Materialization.

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THE FOLLOWERS of FATHER DIVINE have more continuous good health than the followers of any other religion, philosophy or science.

THE FACT still remains that among the true followers of FATHER DIVINE the death rate has been reduced to practically zero. This is the most amazing statistical fact in the history of the World..

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IN THE CONTEMPLATION OF GOD I see no personality.

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IN LOOKING AT FATHER I SEE what I see in no one else—absolute unselfishness; perfect humility; serenity; truth, justice, goodness, kindness, compassion, power, impersonality, impartiality, uncompromising perfection, health, abundance, joy, peace, beauty of Spirit, Holiness, continuous industry and sacrifice in service; unequalled practicality and unmatched balance—add to this dignified informality, GODLY Command, Christly Character, in short the completeness of Good. Put them altogether and they cannot be anything but GOD.

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GOD IS THE ALLNESS of His Attributes and FATHER DIVINE Expresses ALL of THEM.

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DEFINE GOD and you define FATHER DIVINE. But FATHER DIVINE is more than any definition. He cannot be defined.

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IF IT WERE POSSIBLE to analyze FATHER DIVINE you would find Him to be GOD, ALL GOD AND NOTHING ELSE BUT GOD.

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IF A PERSON thought he could investigate GOD and FATHER DIVINE they would find out there was not two but ONE GOD, FATHER DIVINE.

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"AFTER A THOUSAND YEARS OF PRAISE THERE WILL BE NO LESS DAYS TO PRAISE."—FATHER DIVINE.

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THERE are so many things to say there is not opportunity to say them all—there is still the life to be lived. Our life says more than our words ever could.

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"HE GIVETH US RICHLY ALL THINGS TO ENJOY"—(NEW TESTAMENT) WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS. We are busy enjoying the abundance of His Blessings.

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THE BEST Blessing is an opportunity to serve others.

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WHAT A HEAVEN this will be when all will cease to seek selfish monopoly.

Potent Sayings of FATHER DIVINE

"I can do for you as much as you believe I can."

"When you let go completely, GOD will rise spontaneously."

"I AM the common people."

"You should deny yourself of all self-defence in words, deeds, or actions."

"God is in every living creature's sight, whether it be man or beast."

"So many people curse their blessings when they are small."

"Refuse to talk so much. It is one of the great essentials."

"You are happy because GOD is."

"Every individual born is born as a parable. He represents some spiritual or social expression."

"I will INCREASE and MULTIPLY your determination, your zeal and your courage, and your endeavors."

"It affords me no small degree of pleasure to present MY body continuously as a Living Sacrifice for the Fundamental."

"MUSIC"

Great men, poets, artists, musicians, have in vain tried to define Music,—have nearly always failed (and unknowingly we hope) placed this Art of Arts in a category so vague, clouded and paralized, that now comes the ways and means of —now comes the right time, and now comes the true theory of segregation,—the separating of the cause (commercialism) from the true basis.

Such failures have continued, so many years, that the rank and file of the average individual has almost completely lost his or her taste for the beautiful.

What is that atmosphere called, that comes over a large or small audience after a really great artist has played a perfect rendition of an inspired classic. There is a death like stillness, some name it, to me is a life like stillness—a blessing,—folks are carried away into realms of Peace so wonderful that words do not properly apply for expression.

Music, as the average are receiving it, is positively a racket, critics sell their opinions and the public are trained to hear commercialized musicians, commercialized compositions, and in fact our leaders and backers of Art, have advanced every-thing termed intellectual—with an intellectuality parallelled to our turmoil, and the result is, we have murdered Art and slowly but surely murdered the Artists.

These negative pursuits have broken the commandments of GOD.

Music without human interpreters would be 'Music of the birds, music of a thousand Water Falls, music of the hundred of forests with a million brooklets, brooks and winding rivers—Acres and acres of beautiful flowers with all the dainty tints of a Rainbow.

A Symphony of Divinity in God's Garden. A Symphony more beautiful than any musician has ever written.

Compare this with any man made beauty, and you will know how little we do in our way. Consecration of all nature brings every beautiful sight, quietly resting at the command and at the feet of Him, Who made all beautiful things—Even the critic with naturally honest instincts, the critic who sold his opinions all the artists, painters, composers and every beautiful conception must start at the place where they must return.

Consecration of character, welded and coupled together with genius, skill and ability from the basis, whereby this God given gift can have a starting point, coming through from God to human beings; uplifting them to spiritually higher spheres, because the element of music is fullfilling the mission it was intended for.

Attuned human minds, consecrated minds, consecrated musical genius, from the audience and the artist opening the doors of Heaven connecting hearts and minds with the music of the spheres Heaven and Earth. Music is God's Voice, when all the avenues are perfectly clean and given over to Him. What is that beauty seen in the eyes, that Divine Light—the tears of joy—coming over the large audience of 5,000 souls in the mamouth auditorium, what is that atmosphere, what bearing has this period of experience on our life of everyday.

What can you say when you behold God's handiwork of Great Forests, Great Water-Falls, green fields, gorgeous flowers, you behold something so beautiful that your own words are useless to utter.

You may now answer and say "Why my dear friend, of course one cannot define real beauty! Of course you know we cannot"—with emphasis upon the cannot—"define real beauty."

Your introduction of a negative thought is again placed wrong as I will prove to you.

Why is there now, especially now, such a pronounced effort on the part of Radio officials to discover new talent.

Why has Radio used during these last fifteen years, as an entertainment project (this last may seem a shock after the preceeding paragraph)—yet Radio has come into our homes and we are deprived of personality, and through their processes of distribution of talent we are compelled to admit, that Radio has had such a sickening effect, that many have lost their taste for the Beautiful.

Radio should not try to discover talent, talent should discover Radio; and learn what harm they have done to their fellow artist.

What is talent, what is genius?

Oh, yes, one of our Radio Stars can croon a definition—but my resignation as musical conductor of a station, was because I could not pay my fellow artists a living wage. Just an illustration—nothing of great importance in mentioning the fact that renumerations were unjust to artists, and methods of treatment were unfair.

At this time may I be permitted to say, that the personal experience of Radio officials however great in magnitude in the eyes and minds of the public, must be resolved into the fact, that Radio officials have tried to cheat God, and of course the seeds they have sown they must also reap. God as you know is the Author and Finisher of all things, and cannot be a part or party to any thing that harms His children.

Radio officials will pay in some definite way, I believe unless they quickly change their methods to avenues of Peace, Joy, Charity, Love, Helpfulness and Prosperity. Now dear friends in conclusion,—let us bring to mind the good points of all Radio officials, let us remember the Golden Rule—let us hold a forgiving heart and attitude toward every individual, let us abolish class distinction, let us consider, creeds, nationalities, color of skin, all a great blessing, and remember that we robbed the Indians of their homes, we had slaves in America—(and did not give human beings an equal chance. Our capitalistic system is keeping in bondage, and slavery millions of souls as worthy as we; of light, and understanding, and now comes the time to segregate all prejudices, and have our brother as ourselves just as Jesus asked; our souls are brought nearer to Him because it cannot be except His Will. It is His Will because He first loved us—we live and grow nearer Him and become more spiritual, more truly intellectual because of His Will, that we gain exderstanding and expression, an ex--pression that makes us a part of the Divine Kingdom, an expression that permits us to live in an atmosphere quickened by the Spirit of God's Wonderful Presence.

Praise His Holy Name, our dear Father, Who, is bringing Peace, Peace upon this Earth, if we truly contact Him, so we will thank Father for every step, and aim to do good to every creature, putting on the Christ Mind and letting go all selfish ambitions—opening our minds, hearts and souls, to receive the countless blessings in Music and every other good thing, helping to bring about the permanent Kingdom of God in every Nation, living Evangelically as Brother and Sister now and always.

We thank Thee FATHER.

Ward Baker.

Breaking Through

By PAUL CHRISTIAN

Heaven as a shelf in the sky, suspended somewhere between the sun and the moon, is what all good people seek for, even though the good and evil are relative. The thought of a non-ending heaven leaves the earth a dry and arid place, while humanity doctrines on holy angels, Holy Bibles, the Holy Ghost, holy church, or holy something. The term "holy," if not understood, would naturally miss the mark, because it would be something full of holes.

Since the term "holy" means the fullness, Jesus said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." Your recognition of it only proves that Father Divine is materializing heaven on earth, by turning all that appears to be material into the holy presence of God made manifest.

As the resurrection is complete in our midst, our intimacy with the God qualities will transfer Father Divine into our bodies, minds, and souls, leaving no place for the human element of realization to exist. One drop of Divine realization is worth a universe filled with no place to go but what is within one's conscious recognition.

A new world means a new attitude toward what appears to be a world. That word can be qualified as being the Kingdom of Heaven, when our vision matches up with the vision of perfection that Father Divine holds toward his universe, where only perfection exists as reality. Imperfection is only a shadow of possibility through free will. The vanishing theory of escaping the world to go to some kingdom of Heaven is a theory of the beginning and ending in a realm of cause and effect. In reality Spirit is Immortal, unchangeable, undying, eternal, in which we live and move and have our being, because of Father Divine.

It is in Father Divine that one becomes free, yet united in the true Spirit of Perfection in all, by seeing only the inescapable truth, when the awareness is receptive to accepting fulfillment without the use of abstract terms that absent one from trying to expect the mind to take in the whole universe, instead of allowing the infinite to take place automatically in what is termed the finite.

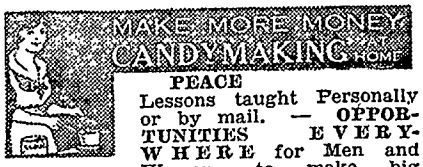
Father Divine gave His life to us, whereas we accepted a substitute in the form of a belief in changes, limitations, conditonal realizations that fall short of the truth of wholeness. The abstract is an empty idea without a concrete formulation of what an empty idea can contain when it accepts the belief that all power resides in and through the idea coming direct from the personal Omnipresence of which Father Divine is the sample and example.

Our life could not be present on this earth, if it were not for the creation that exists everywhere that His Presence exists. The broadcast finds my radio or any radio wherever a radio exists. Father Divine finds you wherever you are. Whatever you are His Life sustains you in His All-Life.

All paths of search after the Lord end in the now of personal experience of pure mind and pure heart in which Father Divine resides. The "I Am" is the here of His Presence, better explained by stating that Father Divine is our reason for being aware. He gives livingness to life in every sense.

He gives vision its quality, the eyesight its awareness the hearing its receptivity, the feeling its sense of touch, the thinking its ability to qualify, the blood its power to circulate, the body its form and presence, inspiration its inspiring, life its vitality and quality. Father Divine is the qualifier. Thank You, Father!!

"You can and will take on sympathetic infirmities by being sympathetic with those who are subject to infirmities."



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THERE IS NO DEATH TO LIFE

In the Column of Arthur Brisbane which appeared in one of the Hearst publications of recent date Mr. Brisbane writes a few lines under the head of "Belief in Immortality." Having talked with Mr. Brisbane in California and judging from both his conversation and his writings one would conclude that he was a strict materialist. Thus it is quite remarkable to read the arguments in favor of the "Spiritual" from Mr. Brisbane.

Like all materialists, however, Mr. Brisbane protects himself by the word "belief." In other words a belief in immortality is entirely proper to a materialist.

It is wonderful to note the argument in favor of immortality that is presented by the famous Columnist.

For instance he states "Man unlike the animals, knows that death must come, and almost universally hopes for immortality." Continuing he says "Only a demon would plant that hope in the human mind to disappoint it at the end." Another remarkable statement made in the same article states that—"There are mundane arguments for immortality."

To the individual awakened to the truth that the Creator of all Creation is not separate from HIS Creation or to realize that this same Creator which is called in the religious world GOD, is actually present, there comes to his consciousness the wonderful vision of the truth that there is no time, as time is measured by man.

It is on the basis of time and records of time that mortality comes to the consciousness for there is no time in immortality.

It is past the reasoning, however, of the spiritually minded to understand how the materialist can hope for immortality when the organism called his body has ceased to funtion, but this apparently is the materialists hope.

It is apparently Mr. Brisbane's hope, and he bases it upon the experience of the caterpillar. In his own words he declares—"If caterpillars could talk you might hear one say: 'It is preposterous to talk of a caterpillar going into a dark cocoon and coming out later with brilliant wings into new sunshine.' Yet that is just what the caterpillar does."

This viewpoint is the one presented by most religionists, namely: life after death. But this is not the belief of those who claim to be his followers for he said "He that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." and he adds—"Believeth thou this?"

It is because of the theory that death is a stepping stone to life that so little effort is made by individuals whether they be Christians or not, to accept and thus embody the truth of the continuity of life or the state of immortality, here and now in what appears to be a body of flesh.

Mr. Brisbane had the distinction of being the first editor of the Christian Science Monitor and thus had contact with Mrs. Eddy. She reasoned thus—"If man did not live before the material organization began he could not live after the body was disintegrated. If we live after death and are immortal we must have lived before birth for if life ever had any beginning it must also have an ending even according to the calculation of natural science."

This argument permeates all the the writings of both religionists and metaphysicians and this is, no doubt, their deduction because of the apparently limited sense of life as recorded for all but a few who have tabernacled on the earth plane.

Because of this hope of immortality after death both the Christian and the metaphysician make no real effort to continue on this plane of existence and thus fail to live the life that has no death experience, and wait to be rewarded for this failure with a life after death.

The immense spiritual understanding and effort to accomplish this greatest human goal, or in other words to fully overcome the last enemy seems an impossible task and it may well be so judged, for it is evident that this is not the way. It is not the perogative of man to overcome, it is the work of GOD already completed. In other words to the consciousness of life where there is no death.

He who believes in Christ lives the Christ life and in that life there are no battles to be fought for HE has won the Victory for all mankind.

Much light can be shed on this important point by reading the words of this same Christ now in the Fathership degree and known by "those who have eyes to see' as FATHER DIVINE. In a recent Message printed in The New York News of May 8th. HE declares "If GOD could not save you while you are living it would be a matter of impossibility to save you after you are dead."

This is food for thought for Mr. Brisbane and—everyone.

TRUST AND OBEY

Miami, Fla, April 19, A.D.F.D.

The Spoken Word
New York City.
Dear Brother:

The day was beautiful as God Father Divine gave the wonderful sunshine and the tropical east wind that brought joy and happiness to this little band all happy in Father, for it was the happy occasion of our first Banquet the first Father has set in these parts. All were joyful peaceful and loving with our hearts full of merriness as we sang and danced giving testimonies and praises for what GOD Father Divine has done for His Children in and about Miami. Oh it is so wonderful. Some month ago a number of our little band were getting ready to run up and visit The Personal Body of God, we were indeed making great preparations and just when we thought we were ready, along came one of Fathers lectures that broke our plans completely up, for in this particular lecture he plainly showed us that we should not come to visit owing debts behind, and when we examined ourselves most of us owed debts; but we do look forward to the day when we will be made free from all debts and other seeming obligations, and we do know that FATHER will Make us free if we continue to trust HIM, It is so wonderful to read a clean sheet like the Spoken Word that gives the full doing of the Personal Body from time to time and the full lectures of HIM who is our very hope and thought.

I Thank YOU FATHER.

Avil Jones.

Is the Source of FATHER DIVINE'S Wealth a Secret?

(By KAYE LEON)

Outsiders and those not familiar with the inside workings of FATHER DIVINE'S Mind and Spirit are perplexed and amazed at the way He spends money for new automobiles, real estate, airplanes, etc. Of course people like Henry Ford, Rockefeller, and many more rich persons also spend money lavishly, but it is common knowledge where each and everyone of the multi-millionaires got his money.

But from a material and mortal point of view, FATHER DIVINE should be in bankruptcy instead of leasing new kingdoms and extensions, feeding thousands of unemployed, and spending thousands of dollars every time He visits some city. Practically His only material income is from the meals served in his kingdoms for ten cents and fifteen cents per meal. "Now where does He get all his money?" mortality keeps asking.

Is it impossible to comprehend? That's the question! One thing is sure, HE gets it "spontaneously." The dictionary defines "spontaneously" as "naturally." 'Naturally" is the adverb of the noun, "nätura" which in turn means, "the agency by which creation is maintained; the source and essentials of life."

A strip of ground if plowed and absolutely cleared and cleaned of any and all vegetable matter, will be, if left alone for a short period of time, overflowing with plants, weeds, wild flowers, and vines. Is it not from this same source of Life that Father Divine, God Almighty, in Person, gets His unlimited supply of money and all good things? It is indeed Wonderful!

Potent Sayings
of
FATHER DIVINE

"Your sub-consciousness is the Storehouse of your Salvation, the Hope of Glory for you."

"Jesus as a Person would not claim mortality as HIS relative."

A Good Advertising Medium

May 7, 1936.

The Spoken Word
36 West 115th tSreet
New York City, N. Y.

PEACE

Dear Editor:

I want to thank you and Father for the good results I have received thru The Spoken Word advertisement.

I have received several inquiries for properties, not only from local readers of The Spoken Word, but from California as well, and here are few names that I have done and except to do some business with.

Mr. Jack Clement of 4282 Sierra Vista, San Diego, California, thru a friend of his, was handed The Spoken Word, and noticing my add, he has written me a letter to look over a thirty acres tract of land with one house of seven rooms and one bungalow of four rooms and other outbuildings located four miles from Kingston near Route 28 on the mountain road to Sawkill. He gave me the full power to sell or rent as I may find it fit, because he is not coming back here any more, and he thought the price at $1,600 for all would be a fair and reasonable price on easy terms; so yesterday I took a prospective buyer to see the place and he immediately paid a deposit.

Two weeks ago, Albert Meyer of Hughes Avenue Bronx, N. Y., happened to see an article in the New York Times about Father Divine buying more Promise Land in Ulster County thru John Dellay his Real Estate representative in Ulster County and met one party that had one copy of the Spoken Word and seing my add, he wrote to me to sell his 34 acre abandoned farm in Krumville near Father's promised Land, and last week I have sold that too and title already passed; isn't that a wonderful result? but this is not all; Today, I received a letter from one of Fathers followers, Mrs. S. M. Lilly R.F.D.1. Box 836 Santa Cruz California, wanting me to sell her property at the above address, this naturally is impossible for me to go to California to sell property, I think Father keeps me busy enough here in Ulster County, selling property, but I must thank her for her good thought seing my add in the Spoken Word, thinking that I may be able to help her out in selling it from here, so I immediately have answered thanking her for her good thought but it is too far for me to handle her property to try and see local agents.

Perhaps lots of people do not believe that The Spoken Word brings results, so these are true facts and I am the man that can prove it.

With many thanks to Father for His good work, and I hope I will continue the same hereafter, and see to keep my advertisement in the Spoken Word until further notice, I remain very sincerely yours.

John Dellay.

Plainfield, New Jersey

The singing of the Righteous Government song by the Junior Angels opened at the Loncoln High School on East second Street, Saturday evening, another Righteous Government Forum of Father Divine's Peace Mission Meeting. Many songs of Praises and Testimonies rang through the auditorium, telling the Reality of GOD being here and now on the Earth Plane. Every field of life is echoing HIS Presence, as Literature turns to publish the Positive, Good and True; Science and Invention manifest the transmission of His Mentality to the children of men; and Politicians must stand not only for Right but for RIGHTEOUSNESS!

The Research Departments of New York City and Rahway, New Jersey bore specific witness of Justice and Truth becoming a reality in the affairs of man, and a lively discussion was enjoyed by all, on articles from the Righteous Government Platform. It's surely a day of Deeds and Actions, as GOD sends forth His Personified Attributes into every walk of Life, making real the Virtues of Honesty and Fair-dealing; which is enjoyed in the conviction that God is man's Universal Father and they all are HIS children. Now aren't you glad! We thank YOU Father, for the Righteous Government!

EDITORIAL PAGE

"No Evil Shall Befall thee"

The Psalm of David well known to Bible readers and numbered 91 is a Chapter in the Bible on which both the Christian and the Jew base much of their Faith.

It begins with the words, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, I will say of the LORD, HE is my refuge and my Fortress; my GOD; in HIM will I trust." Later in the same chapter, the Psalmist declares, "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him, I will set him on High because he has known My Name. He shall call upon Me and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him."

This promise has been literally fulfilled in the last few days, in the City of New York in the district known as Harlem.

An Angel of the Kingdom of FATHER DIVINE, who is engaged in His service at the 139th Street Extension of the Kingdom, was set upon by a highway-man who demanded that she turn over to him her money and valuables. She stated honestly that she did not have but five cents, which represented her care-fare, and that she did not carry money, more than she needed. This apparently angered the assailant and as the Angel turned to walk away toward her destination he fired a shot that struck in the back and went entirely through her body.

By calling on HIS Name, from the time the apparent trouble began, then calling even more upon HIS Name when the trouble seemed to increase, caused the bullet to penetrate the body without disturbing one organ. In talking to this Angel, the third day after this experience, she stated that she suffered no pain or inconvenience and no fever arose in her body.

Most anybody going through this experience would be most concerned about their life, but this Angel was most concerned about her ability to continue to live a life in conformity to the DIVINE, that she might go on through Eternity with her Lord and Saviour, in her present body. Her Lord and Saviour declared, in a message to the World, "If you will not give up the Ghost you cannot die, and in the case of an accident, if you will not give yourself up into the hands of the mortal, naturally you cannot go unless you give up the Ghost. But if you will not give yourself up into the hands of the mortal naturally you cannot die, but if you don't put yourself in that state, it matters not what happens if an automobile turns over, or a boat sinks to the bottom of the Sea and you have not given up to the thought of death yourself or through the consciousness of somone else, and do not give up the Ghost, you will come out alive, Greater in HE that is within you than all they that are in the World, and if you will give yourself over to HIM, HE will take care of you. Have Faith and you will have the Victory."

The GOD the Angel trusted in, the Name she called upon, and the One Who gave the Message to the World was and is, FATHER DIVINE.

Mrs. Roosevelt Entertains

The first lady of the Land, as the companion of the President is called, showed a Christian and truly American Spirit by entertaining a number of girls (a mixed multitude). These guests came from a Federally owned "detention" training school and were invited to have a few hours at the White House in contradistinction to the school (the condition of which Mrs. Roosevelt declared was outrageous).

This gesture from Mrs. Roosevelt is indeed an excellent one and establishes a precedent that might well be followed by those who grace the White House. It should be an example for thousands of those who desire to give help to the "needy" through the land. Quoting Mrs. Roosevelt's own words—I desired to give the party because I felt that these girls were in there to be rehabiliated as far as possible, and returned to Community living prepared to meet the difficulties of life which had defeated them in the past."

A view of life that is lived in recognition of that which is right is often an incentive to those who had strayed from the straight path to start anew in the right way.

The American Public can well be proud of one who has the courage to do that which their intuition tells them is right regardless of so called social barriers that deprived many a willing heart from doing these deeds of kindness.

JEWELLED THOUGHTS

(By Son-Daughter)

Oh, Sweet solemn thoughts
That comes to me, from Mount Pisgh's lofty heights,
I feel the brush of angels wings
Passing me, in heaven bound flight.
That mighty host from realms sublime,
They are nearing the earth each day,
Gathering in the faithful ones, who
Have found the light of day,
Those who have labored in patience,
To reach a higher plane,
Each task of labor froth with love,
Yet happy that we came.
When sin's dark night is decending,
To dim the light of Gods love,
May we listen and hear that whisper,
Of the voice coming from above.
When you are careworn and weary,
And your steps falter along the way,
Do as the inner voice tells you,
Steal away to yourself and pray.

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;
It was not I that found, O Saviour true,
No, I was found of Thee.

The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. Psa. 29: 11.

Wisdom and Understanding Beyond Degrees Given to World by FATHER DIVINE

"You Can become to be the Living Word of GOD by being the Word of Truth in all you Say or do"

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE AT THE BANQUET TABLE, 20 WEST 115TH STREET,—NEW YORK CITY, SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, 1936. A.D.F.D. 2.30 P. M.

In the clear bright Atmosphere of Heaven and the Personified Presence of GOD brought to the Earth Plane, happy thousands filled FATHER'S New York City Headquarters, Sunday, May 10th, as they do daily. They were lifted above the whole scheme of mortal existence with its fancies and pleasures, sorrow and misery, and the futility of its meaningless routine. The most scientific efforts of men and nations had failed them. Now they were living in the Perfection and Harmony of Heaven, yet still living on the Earth Plane. In other words they were fulfilling the Command of CHRIST to be 'In the world but not of it.'

They had been unable to live thus until GOD had come in Bodily Form with Infinite Love, and lifted them with Tender Hands from sinking sands. He had come with All Power on Earth and in Heaven and lifted them and millions more, and now they were on a higher Plane, rejoicing in His Actual Personal Presence.

As FATHER sat in His Beautiful Body in their midst on this occasion, thousands pressed their way in to look on their Saviour while many made vows of Eternal Devotion in Testimonials and Songs. One of these Songs sung with enthusiasm, after which FATHER addressed them Personally, was as follows:—

'Sweet Beautiful Love, Sweet Beautiful Love,
Oh how I Love You with all my heart.'

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"PEACE EVERYONE! The Composition of the Song just sung, the words thereof are fertile. Now isn't that Wonderful; I can see the different individuals making testimonies and declarations. The individuals as they are in the individual person through whom these declarations are coming forth, may apparently be failures, but remember the Words of Spirit they are fertile, they are real, they are alive with the Spirit of Life in them. They will bring forth fruit wherewith they have gone, and fruit to fruition, increased and multiplied.

FEW TURN BACK

I was just Thinking of a limited few out of the millions and millions of Believers who have turned back apparently. This is only a blessing for the advancement of the Kingdom. 'He taketh away the first that He may establish the second.' The seed idea that has been sown in the hearts, and lives, and minds of the children of men, will bring forth to fruition. Even though those through whom the seeds were sown be a failure, the seeds will bring forth the fruit to fruition, and will increase the number and multiply them.

Just look over these vast Audiences as you see them stand. Some have apparently changed their minds. Why is it, and how is it? It is because they were not rooted and grounded, they were not substantiated in that which was spoken through them. The words were true, but they themselves were untrue. Therefore they were failures but the words went on and are still going on to do what they said they would do. Now isn't that Wonderful! It would look as if though it would be impossible for the Work to go if all of those of you, the true Believers, would lose your Faith and go back in sin, but this would merely increase it, and multiply the advancement of the Kingdom and of its unfoldment.

PARABLE OF THE ASCENSION

Just the same as every fertile grain of corn planted in the soil suitable for the corn of its kind, —it will bring forth as many grains of corn as may be allotted for that especial species of corn to produce from one grain. So it is with the Spirit and the Mission of CHRIST in mankind. CHRIST firstly, as a Sample as an Example in the Person of Jesus, being Crucified, Dead and Buried apparently, descending, disappearing, and coming back into consideration again but not remaining among the children of men,—it was essential for Him to Ascend. The Body apparently ascended,—disappeared out of the sight of humanity,—but the seed idea of the CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS had been implanted in the soil of thousands of souls through the Person of JESUS, through His Suffering, and through His Life and through His Living among them, or His Life among them whichever.

This was a Sample and an Example of the mystery of one grain of corn being planted. When JESUS was Crucified, Dead and Buried as a grain of corn planted in the ground, on the third day He arose it is true, according to Christians' version, but He did not tarry with them, therefore He disappeared from among them. But remember, from that one grain of corn, three thousand souls were added to the Church in one day. Then I Say, when and wheresoever there are those of the sincere Believers, though they themselves may be failures, making declarations, the seed idea is sown in the hearts and lives of many, and they will come forth to fruition. Even though they themselves be failures as individuals, others will be the reconceivers and the reincarnators of your version. Therefore My Number will be increased and multiplied thereby. Oh it is something to consider!

REAL—THROUGHOUT ETERNITY

Hence by the going away of JESUS as I may Speak it, in other words by JESUS going away, the COMFORTER did Come. 'If I go not away,' Said He, 'the Comforter

will not come; but if I go away, the Comforter will come unto you; My FATHER and I will come and make our abode with you.' It was essential for JESUS to go away as an individual, that the reincarnation of His Spirit might be a Reality, that others might be lifted and Resurrected in His Likeness. Therefore, 'As many as are led by the Spirit of GOD, they are the Sons of GOD.' The seed Idea has been sown and also implanted in the soil of the souls of the children of men. Since the seed Idea is once sown, it will go forth conquering and to conquer wherewith it goes, and will cause others to also reap, and then sow.

It is a privilege to realize the unfoldment of the Truth as it is transmitted. When and wheresoever an individual is apparently a failure, then and there you may see the offspring from the apparent failure increase and multiply by as many more. I was Thinking of your Song, —'I Love You with all my heart.' You may think you are speaking through deception, or through an expression of deception. You may not think GOD really Knows whether you Love Him or not, but whether you do or not it is immaterial to Me, the promise you have made Me will be real throughout Eternity.

CHRIST CANNOT BE THE LOSER

As I often Say, this privilege is given to you. If an individual will promise you, or if he or she has promised you anything, if they themselves as individuals be failures, you should rejoice exceedingly, for great will be the increasement, and the unfoldment of the returns of that for which the Truth has been sown in a misconception or in an error apparently. It may be sown in weakness, it is raised in Power; it may be sown in apparent falsity, it is raised in truthfulness. There WILL come forth individuals who will be the fulfillers of all of your endeavors if you are a failure. Therefore CHRIST cannot be the loser, neither could YOU be a loser if one would promise you something.

Oh it is something to consider,—to live after the Spirit and recognize it, realizing the promise is not to matter neither is it confined nor bound to materiality, it is not confined nor bound to you as an individual. You may cease to live according to the Spiritual prediction through you, but the prediction is the Word of GOD Spoken by Inspiration. It must be fulfilled, if it is fulfilled in another. That is the great consolation. Truly might have the CHRIST Said, 'When He the Comforter has come, He will Teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have Said to you.'

THE PROMISES STAND FOREVER

It is a privilege to realize, the Comforting Spirit with the Understanding of it, can by Inspiration as He Speaks by His Own Volition, Teach you something that will be a great consolation in the time of trouble and at the time of so-called desolation. When you remember the promise that has been made you by those who are failures, you can substantiate yourselves in these comforting Words. The Word has long since declared, and I have verified the same, 'Lo I am with you always.' The promise of every expression you and each and every individual have been making, these promises are firm in My Consideration, they are Incorruptible in My Understanding. They are infallible according to My Understanding. They stand firm forever, but you, yourselves can be if you wish to be, failures. Now isn't that Wonderful!

I am not taking Myself alone into this great access wherein I Stand, but I have thrown wide open the gates. I have brought you the Victory, that you might be victorious through every preconceived idea and opinion, and over and above all of them. Have Faith substantiated, even though others may be shaken. The promises others to you are making, should be to you a reality. When GOD Promised the Land that flowed with milk and honey, those to whom it was apparently promised, many of them, did not personally enter into this Land; neither did they see the Promise fulfilled as persons, but the Promise stood firm and the Promise still stands. Therefore the Promise has truly come to fruition and into materialization, and you have an access in this modern day of Civilization, to come to your rightful inheritance in this modern Promised Land.

It is a privilege to know, together you stand, and divided you fall. Unified together as One in GOD, GOD will be All and in All and you will be one in all, even with GOD, and naught will be lost from you all, for the unity of Spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose will give you your infinite access in all others, and in the Blessings of the Almighty. Oh it is a privilege to realize it! But when you yourselves as individuals make a promise or make promises, stand firm if you endeavor to enjoy the fulfilling of your promises, for the promise is only in reality enjoyed by those who can receive the promise and those who can fulfill it.

THE SPIRIT OF POSITIVENESS

I have heard you say many things in positive words of expression,—words that could not be spoken saving by the Spirit of Positiveness, but you as persons if you wish to, by self-indulgence may be failures, but the promise stands firm forever. As it is fulfilled in one, through one, and by one, it may also be fulfilled in another. At the Day of Pentecost there was One present apparently buried, as a grain of corn planted in the ground, as a sketch and a reflection parably speaking of the mystery of sowing seeds of kindness. Sowing the seed idea of Life, and the Promise being firm, when it is sown in the consciousness of the children of men, especially the seed idea of an expression you are making becoming to be an open expression of a fertile seed, it will bring forth fruit when it is developed and produced. Now isn't that Wonderful!

One person's idea has filled millions, and brought millions to the same identical consideration, and to the recognition of GOD'S Presence as you yourselves individually are expressing. This will be transmitted from one to the other, until it shall be recognized and realized universally, the same as we recognize the very light of Civilization through our Educational Department, and the same as we recognize many unfoldments of Science's inventions, etc.

These are coming forth into expression and into our conscious recognition because of some individual first conceiving the idea and transmitting it to others, and causing them to be partakers of it. As they are partakers of your idea and of your opinion, you are increasing yourself mentally, you are increasing your existence spiritually, and giving access to yourself personally, for wheresoever you are increased and multiplied mentally, and recognized spiritually, it will give you access personally for the recognition and the convincing unfoldment of the presence of such an expression that you have recognized and brought to fruition.

AN ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION

Now wheresoever you go, where there are those who realize your view, who can agree with you, the more accurately they can agree with you the more access you will have with them as persons. The accurateness of the minds' agreement will cause you as a person to have an access. Through this recognition, the Spirit will have an existence and will bring to you new revelations. Through unity of spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, you will get new beauties as you unify yourselves together. This Idea is going forth from Land to Land, from person to person, until all will be able to see eye to eye, and face to face, and understand one-another in unison, even as you explain yourselves or make an exclamation in unison. 'It is Wonderful,' or any other Word or Phrase used in this Peace Mission in unification of Spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, will give you an access harmoniously together personally. Now isn't that Wonderful!

Unify yourselves firstly mentally, by seeking the way most essential to bring about the unity of mind, of aim and of purpose through your mentality. When this shall have been established within you as a Living Reality, then and there you can come together personally, and it will not be detrimental. Your coming together divided mentally and spiritually will cause a physical confliction. These conflicts will cause you to find yourselves physically unfit for your daily occupation, and other necessary expressions in your physical activity, for the spirit of antagonism and division, in mind and in spirit, will cause your physical bodies to feel it. But we are privileged to say, I have the answer to every problem. I am answering every question, I am adjusting matters satisfactorily; first by the unity of spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose.

After this has been once established from the Spiritual realm as being termed your soul, then and there the reaction of your conscious conviction and realization mentally will be manifested in you personally. I am bringing the mental, Spiritual, and material or physical world together. I am causing them to be in unity in reality, causing both it and them to be established through legality, that mankind might recognize the reality of the true converted state of expression, through legality. Oh it is a privilege to realize it! GOD in the midst of you is Mighty to save!

A LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE CRITICIZED

Having brought a Light to this Generation that cannot be criticized, yet it can stand all investigation, and every investigator must go away without a criticism. Oh it is something to consider,—GOD in every heart and every life, and in every mind, unifying mankind as one man and causing them to recognize My Presence firstly by coming together mentally and being mentally educated into one identical expression that will knit and weave you all together. This Love that transcends all human understanding, going into Infinitude as it has already gone, the end you cannot vision. Now isn't that Wonderful!

This Light and this Understanding is also fascinating. Wheresoever you are, it is the center of attraction. It is magnetic! The magneticness of it will attract others and draw them to it. Why? Because it is soothing! It soothes your sorrows and heals your wounds, and drives away your fears. Now is not that Wonderful! Whensoever you come near, you have a different feeling. This is not merely the expression of a human mortal sensation or feeling, it is the expression of an IMPERSONAL feeling personally manifested in the individual, causing them to feel something that is actually scientific, and yet it is Spiritual and Religious, yet Scientific, as well also as non-religious.

A PSYCHOLOGICAL TRUTH

Wheresoever you are, there will I be, for 'Lo I am with you always even to the end of the world.' With this recognition we are attracting and drawing into this realization others, and as we draw them personally we also draw harmony, and harmony will bring about health, success and prosperity. This is the mystery! By living Evangelically, you bring about harmony, for the Evangelistic state of consciousness will contact others and cause them to feel harmonious. Now isn't that Wonderful! You know when you get nearer Me, you feel good! Your doubts and fears are taken away. Your sighs and tears, they can no longer stay, for the very Presence of GOD will dispel them wheresoever He is recognized and realized as a Living Factor in the hearts and lives of all humanity.

This is a psychological truth, and yet it is scientific,—as scientific as any other expression of Science, for GOD firstly Inspired Science by the Spirit through the mind. To mankind Science may be apparently material, but they are still seeking mysteries that are hid and have been hid through and from the Ages. Oh it is a privilege to realize, GOD in the midst of you is Mighty to save, and as I Said the other day, the re-prediction of a quotation in the Scripture is a Reality as it is re-predicted, for the re-prediction of the Scripture as it is predicted through you, it comes forth by the Spirit spontaneously, to cause you to reiterate that which has been predicted.

INSPIRED BY THE SPIRIT

Therefore it is essential for those who are Speakers, and especially those who are Teachers of Religion, to be inspired by the Spirit and to be awakened into the Light of the Living,—to be Resurrected by the Consciousness of GOD'S Presence,—that whensoever they reiterate a quotation or a statement made by the Apostles, Jesus, or the Prophets, it may be the reiteration of the Spirit, and the re-prediction of the same. This cannot be re-transposed saving

as it comes forth spontaneously by the Spirit, and not so much by the letter. If you try to make a prediction merely by the letter and not by the Spirit that causes you to speak it spontaneously, your prediction may be a failure and you yourself as an individual will be classed as a false Prophet.

Allow GOD to Speak in your soul, and allow the Spirit to move. Allow yourselves to be moved only by your own volunteer volition, but while you are being moved spontaneously, speak scientifically and Evangelically. Making such predictions as would be actual reiterations of the words that have been spoken, you will be re-predicting, as you speak it spontaneously. Oh it is a privilege to realize, everyone can if he wills to, be lost in the Will of GOD and prophesy. It is indeed Wonderful! These are Words of Truth. They are Spoken to you, and as they are Spoken spontaneously by My Own Individual volunteer volition without the method of reading, they are being Spoken spontaneously as a reiteration, as a re-prediction, they are the re-fulfillment of the Scripture and the re-prediction of the Prophets through the Prophetic Age.

BROUGHT THROUGH LEGALITY

Now we are enjoying the ACTUAL Presence of GOD. We are declaring to the children of men, RIGHTEOUSNESS, JUSTICE and TRUTH shall become to be a Living Reality, and I shall bring these Qualities through legality, they shall be established for all humanity, and there shall be no other foundation upon which the Principle shall be founded, saving through RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE of which I am expressing.

Speak these Words of Truth as they are awakened in you, as they become to be your prediction when you spontaneously and unthoughtfully reiterate them, for if they are conceived in your hearts with simplicity, with meekness and with obedience, through self-denial and consecration, when the Spirit quickens them in you it will cause you to reiterate them spontaneously as a re-prediction of that which shall be fulfilled in the future and at the present.

GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED

Your words I Say, are real to Me. You may think you are fooling Me as a Person, but your Promises are sure. You yourselves if you are fooling, you will be fooling yourselves and deceiving yourselves completely, but the fulfillment of your prophecies and your predictions will be established in reality, for I have not and will not do anything to prohibit them. Every positive Spoken Word shall become a conception. If not in you, it shall become to be a conception in another, for I have, in fulfillment of the Scripture, prepared bodies for the re-conception of such an expression as has been declared by the Preachers of old time, 'JESUS Said, prepare Me a Body and I will go down.' I am preparing Me bodies daily through educations,—educating and cultivating the minds of the children of men, that their bodies may be brought into subjection to Me,—that your bodies might become to be the Temples of the Living GOD, and the Spoken Words of Truth as spoken through you might have a place to dwell in. 'Prepare Me a Body and I will go down and Redeem mankind.' Your bodies are the bodies of which I am making preparation through preparing you to be ready to incarnate and conceive the very identical Life and Spirit of the Words of CHRIST as was in JESUS of Nineteen Hundred years ago.

Even through your moral training, you have been taught to tell the Truth. The Truth was the Way through which the CHRIST in you would be brought to fruition to the full measure of the Stature, of Perfection, that He in you might throw off the undesirable conditions and give you as an individual the complete victory, and your real Emancipation. The Truth has been taught from every angle expressible, that humanity might conceive the idea, and through this conception of Truth and living thus accordingly, they would free themselves from all undesirable conditions even as I have openly expressed and brought to fruition in the Land of the Living.

REINCARNATION NOT NECESSARY

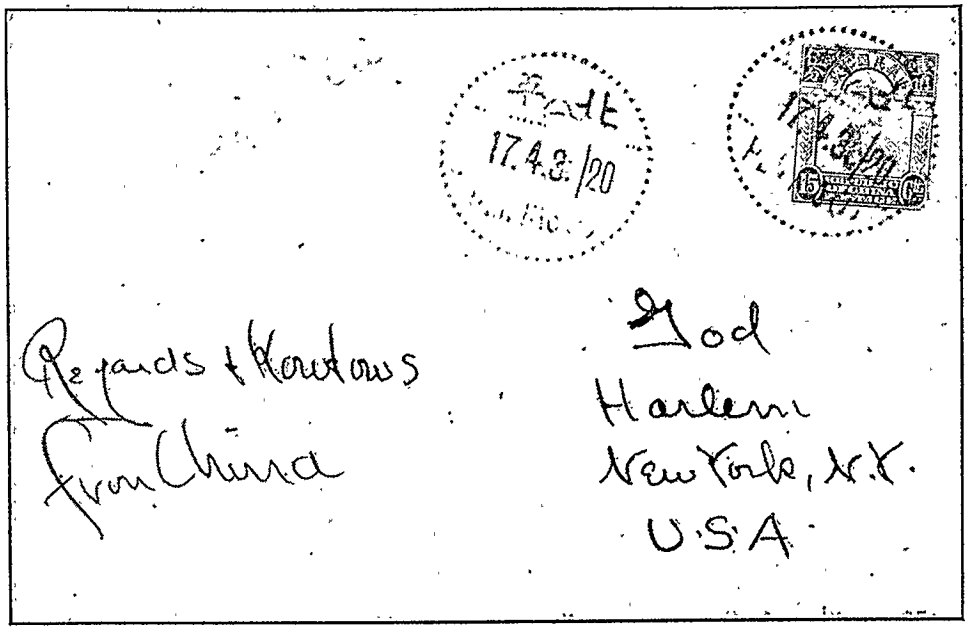
We need not wait to try to get these expressions fulfilled in our experience after passing through that which is termed death. If you wait until then, you must be reincarnated again as you have been reincarnated before you personally came. But the great essential for all humanity, is to endeavor to live truthful in words, deeds and actions. By so doing, the Truth will abide in you, and when the Truth abides in you, you will become to be one with the Truth, and the Truth will be one with you. That is why I Say, 'Don't say it unless you mean it,' for if you say it and do not mean it, the Truth in you will not be true to you, neither will you be true to the Truth. But if you are not true to the Truth, I will prepare Me a body who WILL be true to the Truth, and this body of whom I will prepare will be a body for the reincarnation of you.

'If you continue in My Words you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free,'—free from every misery, free from limitations, free from adverse and undesirable conditions, free in the Land of the Living where GOD Himself giveth Victory over every difficulty. This is the Freedom that GOD giveth, when you are free indeed. Now aren't you glad! 'Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever.' It is a matter of impossibility for you to be a failure if you do according to My Words and abide in My Spirit forever. Oh it is something to consider!

When and wheresoever you make a promise, allow your promise to stand firm in you even though all Earth oppose. If it would cause the loss of your physical body and all that are under your control, you would merely be substantiating yourself in the Truth, and your body would BE the Truth in fulfillment of the often rehearsed phrase used in America, 'My word is my bond, and my bond is my security; before my word should fail I would fail myself.' Take these Thoughts to consideration. Substantiate yourselves in them. You can become to be the Living Word of GOD by being the Word of Truth in all you say or do. 'I Thank you."

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.—Dionysius.

A Post Card From China to GOD
(A Facsimile)



GOD HAS A MAIL ADDRESS ON EARTH

The above caption is rather startling, but it is nevertheless true, as the Post Card reached its destination and was delivered by the United States Post Office, who no doubt knew its proper destination and it was delivered to 20 W. 115th St., New York City, N. Y.

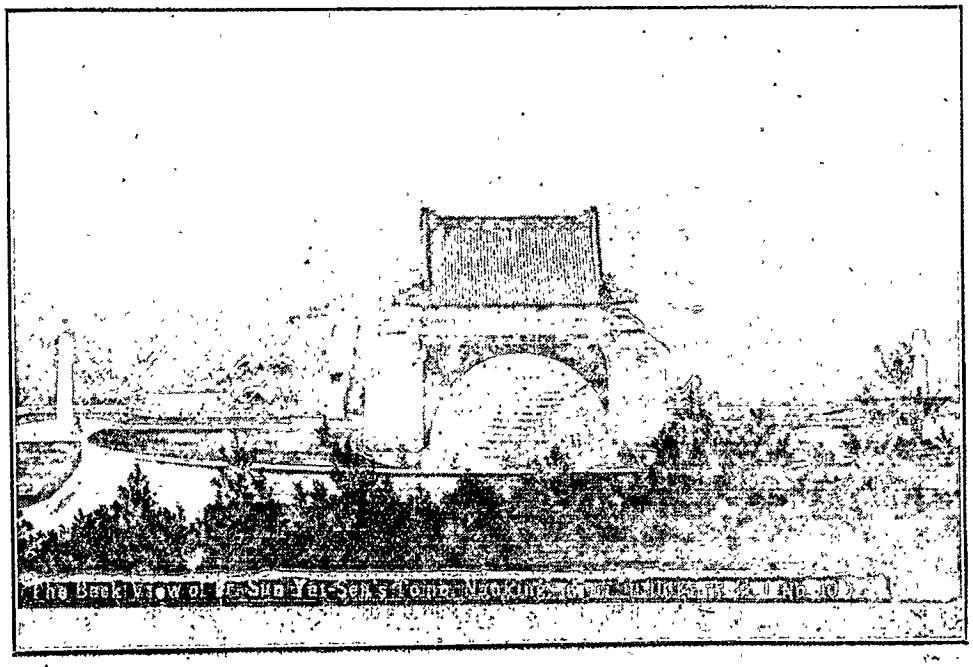
Those who are not aware of the fact that GOD, in the Fathership degree, is walking the earth plane and is none other than FATHER DIVINE, may fail to appreciate the incident, but to those whose eyes are opened, it is a verification of their already firmly established convictions.

In pondering over this remarkable event the writer wonders what the Post Office Department would have done if GOD had had no address on the earth plane? This is truly a question without a satisfactory answer and awakens the thinker (and those who have Faith in the GOD of the Scriptures) to a test of his Faith and declaration that GOD is ever-present—a GOD at hand.

It is significant that from the land of the so-called heathen would come this recognition of GOD, while the self-satisfied (so-called) Christian is ignorant of HIS Presence, though living in the land He choose for HIS bodily appearance. But in the Sonship Degree HE knew the error of pretence that would attempt to oppose the establishment of HIS Kingdom and said, "When the Son of Man cometh (In the FATHERSHIP Degree) will he find faith on the Earth." HE has found this faith, although those who should know or claim the right to know are (many of them) still asleep.

Many have claimed I am GOD but can they comprehend the universe or tell from whence cometh the wind?. Adam listened to the argument "Ye shall be as Gods knowing good and evil," and attempted to dethrone the ONE and Only, but his day is coming to a close and the New Day is at hand. The Day of the LORD —FATHER DIVINE.

The Reverse Side Of The Post Card



MIDNIGHT AT 115TH STREET

(A Testimony and A Confession)
By Arthur H. Howland

It was twelve o'clock—time to quit work for the day—though for many in the office the work goes right on far past the midnight hour. But I had finished for the day and picked up my hat to go out on the street.

One of the angels in the rear office went rushing out of the door into the hall—"Father is talking," she said.

I looked through all the rooms; every desk was vacant.

"I think I'll come over, too," I said.

"Well, shut the doors," the Angel called back, as she went on down the stairs.

So, instead of going downtown to "relax," read, sleep and other personal matters, I went over to number Twenty to listen with the rest. Father's voice came out over the sidewalk through the midnight air, as He spoke from His place at the banquet table.

There is something a little—sometimes more than a little unsatisfactory about hearing FATHER'S voice through the mechanism of amplifiers or radio. All the machinery and gadgets, tied up with the strange currents of electricity, seem to take some of the infinite softness out of His voice. It has a metallic sound that is never in the VOICE itself. Sometimes, if the machinery is not adjusted exactly right, it sets the VOICE at a false pitch. When FATHER speaks, it is to the soul, the heart. You don't want a lot of machinery getting between that voice and your soul.

But hallway and stairway to the banquet hall were so crowded that I went into the auditorium instead, where the WORDS were coming up to the amplifier over the platform.

The big room was crowded, but not so densely as I knew the banquet hall would be, so I found a place on a bench at the side and sat down.

But it must be confessed that I was a little "out of tune." I didn't like the metalic sound of the amplifier. The windows had been closed all evening, and the air was close. The angels thronging the auditorium were shouting their response so swiftly and loudly to FATHER'S words, that I could scarely catch a sentence before it was drowned out in the roar of rapture that broke from the throats of those who had already gotten into the 'vibrations."

"Why do these angels make such a noise," I said to myself. "I came in to hear FATHER, not them."

I had just been reading a pretty stern rebuke FATHER had given certain angels who insisted on coming up behind His seat at the banquet table to make a show of themselves, dancing.

"Isn't this just as bad?" I thought. "I hope some day He will rebuke such things as this, too. People come from all over the world to hear Him, and instead of catching His WONDERFUL WORDS, they have to listen to shouts of the people who hear Him all the time and they make such a roar that HIS OWN WORDS can scarcely be heard."

But I knew I would have to "keep sweet," or I wouldn't get blessed. And I did want to get blessed. Not only wanted it, but needed it. The day's work had been a little strenous, and not altogether without friction—so I was longing for a good big dose of FATHER'S PEACE.

Instead I was getting a lot of noise.

Then the Angel next to me on the crowded bench began to get up and swing her arms out over my head. I had to duck to keep from getting hit. Her face looked, I thought, rather angry, instead of happy.

This is another thing I still find it difficult to understand. While some Angels have a shining glory light—the Light of HEAVEN—on their faces while they are receiving the Heavenly blessings, others seem to be desperately angry about something. They cry out with something like rage; and strike out with their arms a though they were hitting invisible foes. This is another thing I need to have FATHER clear up for me, for I can't fathom it.

"Well, anyway," I won't get blessed if I sit here dodging this Angel's swinging arms and trying not to feel cross about it. I must get over all resentment—even all questioning before any blessing will come to me."

So I moved to another bench still nearer the amplifier, where there seemed a little more semblance of order and thoughtfulness.

FATHER'S VOICE was filling the room, between the shouts—.

Some of the sentences were so exquisite I took a pencil and put them down—

"Jesus personified the Virtues of God."

"Where else," I thought, "can one hear words like these."

Then the ringing assurance—

"I will give you the Victory over Death."

"No wonder they shout and scream when they hear that," I thought—and put it down. Down on the paper, down in my mind again. Down in my heart. One should not doubt it while HE was saying it.

Then HE went on in a cheery, almost "off-hand" voice to explain to some distinguished visitors present—delegates to the A. M. E. General Conference in session in the neighborhood—why HE had not eaten more heartily at the present banquet. HE said HE had been already "well dined," having been out to dinner with HIS attorney, so HE was not eating now. "But I don't want any of you to think," HE said, "that I object to feasting." HE explained the attitude of Jesus about this. Jesus was accused by the Pharisees of sanctioning bountiful repasts. And FATHER explaned that when Jesus said "this kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting," He did not mean fasting from food, but fasting from hate, resentment, sin and evil of every sort.

Then HE told the story of how Jesus cast out the devils from the man who lived among the tombs.

As HE reenacted the scene, HIS

VOICE coming up mysteriously from the room below, the word rang out like thunder—"HOLD THY PEACE AND COME OUT OF HIM!"

And then I, too, so in need of blessing and of quieting, was struck by the Lightning. Who can describe it? Who can explain it? There is no earthly explanation, for it is a heavenly experience. The body is on fire; the brain blazes with light; the heart turns over; the lungs contract; eyes are flooded with tears —What has happened I long ago gave up trying to find out.

But, I thought, if there were any devils in me when I came in —and maybe there were—they are all gone now. They could not withstand the POWER, and GLORY and the LOVE of that MAJESTIC VOICE.

"Angels and men before it fall,
And devils fear and fly—"

"Yes," He went on. "You **FAST out the devils and then you FEAST with the Angels.**"

A little later—we knew He was turning that beautiful face toward the visitors present—"Yes," Christ reigns here. That's why THIS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN!"

We were all in heaven then. It didn't make any difference who shouted or how much, or who waved their arms. Though the WORDS from now on were so transcendent that there was a new awe throughout the room—

Living in Heaven. Living in Heaven. The devils all gone. The place—the big town, the big world —full of Angels. Angels everywhere—visible, invisible. And FATHER'S VOICE coming straight to our minds, our hearts.

No death, no devils, no evil, no hate—nothing but gladness and love and HIS INFINITE GOODNESS EVERYWHERE.

There is no space for more of the things HE said. The message will soon appear on these pages, if it has not already.

But this hearer, as he went out on the sidewalk and on his way was saying to himself—"I would have gone round the world fourteen times to hear this talk that FATHER gave tonight!"

Urges Justice in Germany

A letter suggesting joint study of problems arising from German religious and racial laws was sent to Constantin von Neurath, Reich Minister of Foreign Affairs, with the mail carried by the dirigible Hindenburg on its return trip. It was sent by the American Christian Committee for German Refugees.

The committee, with headquarters at 287 Fourth Avenue, is seeking to raise $400,000 to care for 2,500 refugees. Its work was described as that of providing relief for non-Jewish refugees, particularly Christians of Jewish ancestry who fall under the German non-Aryan ban.

In suggesting the joint study, the letter, signed by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, chairman of the committee, and others, said:

"The friendly gesture of the flight of the Hindenburg does not obscure those issues which are estranging our peoples. As a Christian nation, we are unable to understand Germany's present attitude toward her minority groups. It is not our desire to enter into political questions, or to dictate to another nation. Our wish is to remove those obstacles which hamper our mutual progress toward permanent friendship and good-will in human relations. As members of the Christian faith, we find it difficult to extend our hand of fellowship to those in Germany who seemingly ignore the common right of all human beings to live and work without prejudice because of race, color or creed."

The proposed joint study might be carried out, the letter said, by a "group of unprejudiced individuals from the United States and from Germany."

WE'RE IN A NEW DAY NOW

Once upon a time; I was little Miss Muffet
On the stool of Unemployment I sat,
I had no bowl of curds and whey
For I lived on the City, and my bills they had to pay.
But that was before I gave GOD a BODY, before I awakened to His New Day
But now I've really found HIM, and those days have passed away
For HE'S brought me the Abundance, and is showing me "HIS WAY."

Once upon a time, I was the little old lady, living in a 'shoe'
With so many Bills that I didn't know what to do;
Everything I bought, was on the Installment Plan
And I got sick each and every day, to fool the Insurance man.
But that was 'fore I knew, That GOD was in the Land,
Wanting people to be Honest, and deal Just with every man;
But now that I really Know Him, those days have passed away
And I'm paying CASH, as on I go, keeping happy every day.

Once upon a time, I was as Jack and Jill
But the old age, was the Well that I was going to;
"Change your route," I heard them say,
"Twenty west one fifteenth, get there, without delay!"
And so I did, and I'm telling you—
The Fountain of Youth is there for TRUE,
Those old-age fears have passed away, and now I'm getting younger, each and every day.

Once upon a time, 'twas Mary, who had a little lamb
With fleece as white as snow;
But here and now in this present day
Lives the Lamb of GOD, you know
For we who know the BODY of GOD
And wheresoever HIS Spirit leads, HIS children are sure to go
Our hearts are filled with laughter
For in the Love of FATHER DIVINE, we're happy for ever after!
Thank YOU FATHER (Vorj.)

A Testimony

PEACE!

Dear Sister Benjamin,

I received your note this morning requesting that I put in writing the testimony I gave that Sunday at the Peace Mission. I feel that I must do this because I have been greatly helped by the spirit there and by the testimonies of the children. I dare to believe that Father Divine has really come to establish Heaven on earth.

As I write these lines the true meaning of my vision becomes clearer to me. It is very plain to me now that the vision was meant to show me the only way the Kingdom of Heaven could be established.

I had gradually become interested through reading the SPOKEN WORD. A brother had persistently placed copies where they would attract my attention. He had also asked THE FATHER to reveal HIMSELF to me. Many years ago I had called myself a atheist. Convinced that this was not wholly legal, I sought light and wisdom through the study of New Thought and Metaphysics.

The objective they sought seemed to involve long and tedious endeavor, throughout many extended incarnations. My knowledge of human instincts and frailities, presented an almost unsurmountable barrier, to much progress. I could see but faint hope.

The very first evening I attended Father Divine's Peace Mission, I knew that I stood on the threshold of a new world; peopled with souls whose instincts and motives and purposes were different from any group I had previously known. For the first time, it dawned upon me what it meant to be born again. A thousand times I had heard it "Ye must be born again," "born of the Spirit." But it had never been made. I had read in THE SPOKEN WORD Father's words about materializing the spirit and spiritualizing the material body. I said to myself "These people have been born again; born with new instincts, different tendencies and motives. I knew why some of them shouted for joy in the meetings. I began to see what being born again really meant. It involved the birth of the instincts and motives of the SPIRIT.

This brings me to the point of my testimony; which related to a beautiful vision that followed. At the Peace Mission they sang

"I said to FATHER oh how I love you,
I said to FATHER oh how I love you
And this is what HE said to me:
If you love ME keep MY commandments
If you love ME keep MY commandments
And I will love you too."

Now FATHER had said through THE SPOKEN WORD, "if you do not mean what you say, do not say it." I asked myself, "How can I know that I mean it, as I sing that song? "Well," I thought, The song itself answers that question. If you love HIM you will keep HIS commandments." It flashed through my mind at that moment, that when I was a small boy I was much impressed by the teaching that Jesus HIMSELF left only one commandment: "That ye love one another."

All through the following week this was in my mind. One day a vision came to me I saw plainly a document. On it was the TITLE: Articles of Incorporation. This caught my interest at once. I am an inventor and interested in the Company which was incorporated to manufacture my invention. During my period of inventing I have been given other visions. In each case before the vision was an answer to a mechanical problem. Each time I had to put it down on a drafting board and study it. The first time the meaning became apparent in a few minutes. But in the second case I studied it every day for a month before I saw in it the very mechanical movement I was seeking. So now I am putting this down on the drafting board. I am going to study it every day until I KNOW I have its full meaning.

Articles of Incorporation

Constitution	By-Laws
Love One Another.	Love One Another
Love One Another	Love One Another
Love One Another	Love One Another
Love One Another	Love One Another
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I looked at it and said, "why that makes no sense." But I noted that there were ten articles in the constitution and ten by-laws. Then I reasoned: the Constitution is the fundamental law. It designates the kind of business the charter of the organization authorizes. Well, Loving one another is legal and does not violate the National Constitution. I further reasoned that the By-Laws set forth the duties of the personnel of the corporation. Loving one another was something everyone could do and it was the duty of everyone to do it.

I saw plainly if I failed to love others I broke all of the ten commandments. If I kept this one commandment I kept them all.

I have had considerable experience in corporations, and I had often thought that with the right kind of a corporation, everyone working with the true spirit of co-operation, no depression could possibly exist and that Earth could easily be turned into a Heaven. I knew how hopeless it was to expect true cooperation as long as the human passions of jealousy, envy, malice, resentment held sway. My experience taught me that those who had done the least to earn a high place in the organization would want to be the officers; and that those who had really earned the right would make no demands. I could conceive of no Constitution nor By-Laws that would satisfy everyone; where dissention could be eliminated and true cooperation be achieved. As I look at the Constitution and By-Laws on my drafting board I plainly see that until I have learned the lesson of love I have not qualified for membership in the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is easy to love those in the Peace Mission and all others who are themselves expressions of LOVE. But what of those who express everything contrary to the Principle? I began to feel that to keep the commandment might even demand that I say "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

Brother Jonathan.

The Progress of the International Righteous Government Forum

A meeting of the chairmen, representing the various Righteous Government Forums in and around New York, took place on Monday, May 11, at the Headquarters of the International Righteous Government Department of Father Divine's Peace Mission, 103 West 117th St., New York City.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and considering further progress in the political activities of the Forum, established by Father Divine. The inspiration of the Spirit and a great sense of Unity prevailed.

It was unanimously agreed upon, that all the Forums should take the same subject every week by choosing the same plank in the Righteous Government Platform, around which, the program for the evening would be built. It was recognized that this concerted action would be of immense political, educational and spiritual value to the world. The concentration of thought and the united action of all those co-operating with and interested in the work of Father Divine and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth, would bring new impulse to bear upon the Forum activities. It would emphasize more positively, the universal influence of the Righteous Government Platform.

By the courtesy and with the co-operation of the Editor of The Spoken Word, it was decided that the subjects or planks to be discussed weekly, should be published in The Spoken Word every month, in order that other Forums in different parts of the world could unify themselves with Headquarters, if they desire to do so. How the subject in each Forum would be treated, is, of course, left to the highest intuition of the chairman in charge of the meeting.

The Forums represented at the committee meeting on May 11th, were, Father Divine's Headquarters, 20 West 115th Street, 204 West 63rd Street, N. Y. C., New Rochelle, N. Y., White Plains, N. Y., Newark, N. J., New Brunswick, N. J., Roselle N. J., and Jamaica, Long Island.

Planks to be discussed as follows,— Taxation, week of May 18—24; Insurance and Compensation, May 25—31; Welfare and Relief, June 1—7; Economics, June 8—14.

The Forum Committee will meet every second Monday of the month.

THANK YOU FATHER.

Orol Freedom.
(Chairman of 63rd Street Forum.)

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . . and prove Me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven. Mal. 3: 10.

A Resolution and Ruling According to Our Righteous Government Platform, Which is Our Peace Mission's Discipline

Satements and Reasons for Non-Participation in Compensation Insurance, Etc. FATHER DIVINE'S Peace Mission

1. Each place of business, Peace Mission Extension and connection is an individual unit under the control of the various Representatives of the Peace Mission engaged in activity therein.
2. Those serving as Co-workers, do so gratis, it being understood that such Co-workers are not employees but are Joint Tenants with the individual or individuals who lease such places.
3. This manner of cooperative activity is now and has always been carried on by the Followers of FATHER DIVINE, and is not intended as an evasion of any law.
4. It is understood, the Believers of FATHER DIVINE voluntarily give their services to the CAUSE Gratis, without compensation.
5. It is further understood, the Co-workers and Representatives of the PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT, are willing to TRUST GOD whole-heartedly, according to our conscious conviction. Therefore:
6. The true Followers of FATHER DIVINE, will not remain on Public Welfares, neither will they seek such aid, if they have, heretofore.
7. According to our conscious conviction in our Religious belief, it is a violation of the Law of our Religion, to take out insurance of any kind. Those of us who have formerly carried Insurance to protect or safe-guard against accidents, sickness or death, have resigned from such Insurance for the purpose of giving our whole hearts, souls and minds to the FAITH in which we are converted.
8. It is further understood, our conscious Religious conviction prohibits us from taking out Compensation Insurance, Liability or other insurance, such as is commonly known as Insurance for protection against disasters and other hazards.
9. It has become to be a known fact that FATHER DIVINE'S PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT is converting thousands from vice and crime and taking thousands and thousands off of the Welfares, and also causing all of those who have committed such crimes to return all stolen goods, repay their old bills they never intended to pay. They also refuse to receive Old Age Pensions and Widows' Pensions, Insurances, Veterans' Pensions and other Compensations. All this is done thru their conscious conviction of such being a violation to their Religious Belief and not according to their Religious Discipline.
10. It is distinctly understood that we do not join nor take out Insurance for sick benefits or accidents nor for any other prospective hazard. But to the contrary, all of FATHER DIVINE'S True Followers send in their resignation to all Insurance or Fraternity Organizations and other Organizations which are ordinarily organized for protection in the time of trouble or disaster.
11. Therefore, we the undersigned, do hereby respectfully request the EXEMPTION from such obligations as above mentioned, according to our Constitutional Rights for the advancement of Moral Betterment, Honesty and Human Liberty and Justice, under the Constitution of our Great Country.

FATHER DIVINE'S PEACE MISSION MOVEMENT
Righteous Government Department
(Signed) Arthur A. Madison, Chairman

The Voice of GOD—FATHER DIVINE—Is Heard With Great Joy at 63rd Street Forum

Peace and Good Will Come Through Thinking and Living According to Righteousness, Justice and Truth

"OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE!" AT THE RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT FORUM NO. 204 WEST 63RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY WEDNESDAY EVENING: MAY 6, 1936—A.D.F.D. TIME: 11:00 P. M.

When FATHER Personally appeared at the Sixty-third Street Extension, on this particular Evening, the RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT FORUM was in session, and despite the fact that the Assembly had met in the upper Auditorium, and a Speaker was addressing the Audience, this did not prevent the children (the adults, the adolescents and the juniors) who were coming in, and those who were down in the lower Auditorium, from expressing great ecstasy, such which could be only expressed as the signalling of FATHER'S Approach. Immediately like a flash, the Witness was borne in the hearts of the thousands who were assembled in the upstairs Meeting Hall, and in a few brief seconds, everything was for the moment forgotten, with the exception of the PRESENCE of GOD in HIS PERSONAL TABERNACLE in their midst. As the long and loud applause ceased, the audience settled again comfortably down in their seats, and the Speaker, Miss E. F. Finn, a Representative of "The Public Action Committee on Legislation Affecting International Peace," resumed her talk. She told of the horrors of war, and of the greater horrors of the aftermath of war. She told a dramatic story of a Prince visiting a Hospital where men had been confined for disabilities for eighteen years, as the result of the horrors of war. She said this particular Prince saw men there without arms, without legs, without eyes, and without other members of their bodies, and in this condition they had remained for this period of time. Some of them were so butchered that they were totally incapacitated, as well as helpless, and the very sight of them in their afflictions, produced a sympathetic and a depressed feeling in one's system, to realize that innocent men, who knew not why the war existed, paid the penality of same with the sacrifice of their human bodies.

For this cause, Miss Linn, the Speaker suggested the wisdom of fighting for PEACE. She suggested, that it would be a fine thing to teach the Nations and show them how to live peaceful with one another. She further stated that they all have the same problems, but through the Lessons of PEACE, they could become to be friends, understanding one another.

For this reason, she stated that it was necessary that the different organizations and groups of people who stood for World PEACE(come together and in a unified way, present their disapproval of plans and legislation which tend to increase tension with other nations, and their approval of plans and legislation which tends to promote PEACE. Printed matter could be obtained from the Speaker for further information regarding this.

The Guest Speaker of the Evening was Mr. Ben Howe of the City Fusion Party. A few of the excerpts from his remarks are herewith recorded.

"FATHER DIVINE and my fellow-country men, the most magical word that ever fell from the lips of a human being upon this war-torn-blood sick planet, is 'PEACE.' I am pleased to be here tonight with you, to speak to you on that all absorbing subject. Nothing can ever be settled, until that is settled. Man is the only animal in the world that falls upon his own kind and tears him to pieces, and blows him into atoms and poisons him with gases, poisons his drinking water and does all of those fiendish, unspeakable horrible things to his own fellow-creatures. No animal does it. You go into the forest, and you never see the animals do it. You go on the farm and you never see horses tearing each other to pieces, or murdering each other. You never see cows, cattle, hogs or anything else tearing each other to pieces. Man is the lowest of the wild beast, hence, I say all should stand to FATHER DIVINE, who has brought this MESSAGE and this injection to you, and to my heart and the heart of everyone in the City Fusion Party, and a number of organizations that I belong to, is everyone with you.

The world is sick of war. We have just concluded a war today, over there in Ethiopia—the swarthy swaggering bull has put his feet upon the neck of a prostrate people—a perfectly defenseless people, because he wanted to take that country. Now what has it got? Two hundred and fifty thousand people have been murdered—murdered in cold blood. Those men who have been killed, those women and children who have been blown into atoms, were children that you loved as well as you love your children. The young men were called out in Italy, and were permitted to go in another country and murder those women and children and sons of other women and men. If you were to go into Italy or to Ethiopia, you will drive along and see great rows of cemeteries. No one will ever know anything about how many were murdered in that way.

In the last great war, that cost incalculable sums of money, that war that we are breaking our backs today to pay the debt, and which has made every other child in the City of New York underfed and undernourished, the war that has made a million of unemployed men in the City of New York, the war that has spread hate throughout this Nation, the war that has left at least fifteen

million men marching up and down the streets without the right to earn a living to feed their families, the war that has left twelve million college graduates of schools, with no hope of ever getting positions.—Why? Because schemes must be created to utilize the money. We must take all of our money to pay the cost of that last war. This is why we have unemployment spread throughout the length and breadth of this great Nation. The richest Nation in the world. Another mysterious thing about this, is that the country has become bankrupt. The nation owes more than its wealth in the entire country, to pay it. Now a bankrupt nation must of necessity keep up prices, because you take all of the prices and all of the real estate and property and everything else to pay the cost. Your bankers have to put prices up, so that the prices will be greater than all of the property in the country . . . Now we have to create scarcity. In the land of plenty, we must create an artificial famine by the Government itself."

Such hypocrisy by the Government was presented by Mr. Howe, showing the unfair methods of war, but it takes such a DOCTRINE as this one which FATHER gave to change conditions and establish a new Government in this present land.

THANK YOU FATHER.

When FATHER Sang this Song, the hearts of the children beat with a great force of Love, as His Voice seemed to penetrate every heart.

"My PEACE I give, My PEACE I leave,
My PEACE I give, My PEACE I leave,
My PEACE I give, MY PEACE I leave,
Not as the world gives, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither be afraid,
Let not your heart be troubled, neither be afraid,
Let not your heart be troubled, neither be afraid,
Not as the world gives, give I unto you.

My PEACE I give, MY PEACE I leave,
My PEACE I give, MY PEACE I leave,
My PEACE I give, MY PEACE I leave,
Not as the world gives, give I unto you."

PEACE,
GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE, GOOD MANNERS and GOOD BEHAVIOR, with GOOD SUCCESS and all PROSPERITY. All of these Blessings are at your disposal, as you give your bodies, your Spirit and mind wholly to GOD.

That little Composition long since composed as the reiteration of the Spirit of CHRIST in the Person of JESUS, as it was spoken into consideration by JESUS to those who were somewhat troubled at that time. "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid," but first of all,

"My PEACE I give unto you,
My PEACE I leave with you,
Not as the world giveth, give I unto you,
Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid."

PRINCE OF PEACE BRINGETH SALVATION

These were the Words spoken through the Mouth of JESUS, but through reiteration the same Spirit is speaking today. Why should your hearts be troubled, if you have come to the conscious recognition and the realization of the PRINCE of PEACE Who bringeth Salvation? This is not confined, as I often say, to a Person, but as the Principle of Mathematics, I must apparently stress it vividly until you get it. As the Principle of Mathematics is to rule the whole world of affairs, even so this Principle of LIFE, of which we are stressing must rule the whole Nation; not only this Nations as a Nationality, but IT must rule the whole human race. They all must eventually accept of this FUNDAMENTAL before they can enjoy ETERNALLY this PEACE of which we are stressing daily, therefore, our daily salutation is "PEACE," not merely as a formula, and neither as a salutation only, but as our daily words are spoken into action, we are endeavoring to put into practice this "PEACE" that surpasseth all human understanding, whereby others will reincarnate it unthoughfully, for I have long since said,

"I will preach CHRIST in Words, but more so in deeds and in actions, and I will put MY SPIRIT in them, and cause them to walk . . in MY STATUTES."

SPIRIT OF PEACE

The Spirit of PEACE follows in the wake of confusion. Where there was confusion, misery and woe, the LIGHT of TRUTH has dawned on you, and you had been awakened in the LIGHT of the Living with great consolation, with the HOME of PEACE on earth in Heaven. Now aren't you glad? ("So glad!" assured the Assembly.)

This PEACE that surpasseth all human understanding, it came through the insignificant Name of the Babe of Bethlehem apparently, as though HE was born in a Manger, looking somewhat like a stranger. The Wise men declared by inspiration, they heard the Spirit singing and saying, "GLORY to GOD in the Highest, and on earth PEACE, GOOD WILL to men." This is the MESSAGE to you, through reiteration I bring. This is not merely reiteration as a song to be sung, but through the actual reiteration of the expression of the reincarnation of the identical PEACE that JESUS brought as a PERSON through the incarnated Spirit of PEACE, of which HE was expressing. Then I say, PEACE on Earth, and GOOD WILL to men must be a living reality, but some individual must be willing to incarnate it, and reproduce it, yea, reincarnate it and re-personify it, for the good of all mankind.

GREAT IS THE HEAVENLY REWARD

By this we know we will be persecuted, not only prosecuted, but even be persecuted, for it is written,

"Blessed are ye, when man shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for MY Sake, REJOICE, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in Heaven."

This will cause you to realize. This I will bring to your recognition of the actual reward that was laid up for you in Heaven after going through persecutions. Now isn't that wonderful!

"Through tribulation deep,
The way to Glory is,
I can see them keep the stormy course,
Through the tempestuous sea,"

but the Spirit of MY PRESENCE, through your conscious conviction and realization has brought you your deliverance, giving you VICTORY over difficulties, giving you VICTORY over your sorrows, over your troubles whereby you can say in reality, "My heart is no longer troubled." Now isn't that wonderful? You have answered the request of your SAVIOUR:

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let them be afraid, for MY PEACE I give unto you, MY PEACE I leave with you, not as the world giveth give I unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid," individually.

I speak to you collectively, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." Therefore, with the Recognition of GOD'S PRESENCE, through this great consolation, I can see all doubts and fears dispelling. I can see the fulfillment of the Scripture, and especially the Prayer you have prayed so long:

"Let Thy KINGDOM come, and Thy Will be done."

I can see your Prayer is heard and answered.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN ON EARTH

THY KINGDOM COME:—coming upon the earth, in the hearts and lives of the children of men, merely by the recognition of GOD'S PRESENCE as a Living Factor in the midst of them. By this recognition, your pre-conceived ideas and opinion of a mystical or a mythological Heaven, they are all dispelled, or are being dispelled for the very recognition of GOD'S PRESENCE would dispel them, hence, we are rejoicing and we are exceedingly glad to declare to you as the inhabitants of the earth, that which I have spoken into consideration in MYSELF, I have transmitted it to others, that they might be partakers of it, then I say, "I will no longer merely preach CHRIST in words, but in deeds and in actions: I will continue also to put MY SPIRIT in them and cause them to walk in MY STATUTES." Then if there would be a question as to whether MY Words are true, look over this vast audience in the size of this Auditorium, and consider the transmission of MY SPIRIT and MY MIND to this people, how they have reincarnated MY STATUTES, and are endeavoring to fulfill them.

CAPSULE OF SALVATION

I did not merely say, "Do not kill!" "Do not steal!" but to keep or prohibit you from killing and to prohibit you from stealing, it was essential for ME Myself as an INDIVIDUAL to become to be the Capsule of Salvation. When I expressly manifest MYSELF as the Capsule, when you shall have swallowed the Capsule, all of the ingredients that are in this Pill will be in your system. It will work off every corruptible impurity, therefore, of MY STATUTES, you are partakers. Now isn't that wonderful?

By MY PRESENCE and by the reproduction and reincarnation of MY SPIRIT in HONESTY, COMPETENCE and TRUTH, I can see you reproducing the same Characteritics, the Nature, the Life and the Spirit, hence, you have become to be honest, competent and truthful. Then, I need not go around so much and say 'Thou shalt not commit adultery." The very Spirit of the virginity of Mary ,produced and brought to fruition in JESUS, when the woman touched the Hem of His Garment, the virtue and Glory of GOD went out from HIM. The very Virtues of the PERFECT is reproduced and brought to fruition, through the transmission of the Spirit.

THROUGH TRANSMISSION OF SPIRIT

Through the Transmission of the Spirit, you are partakers of CHRIST'S Characteristics, therefore, you also produce His Virtues and live according to His Teaching. If mankind could have only learned this years ago ,to get a man by his Soul, why would you try to get him by something from the external? It is indeed wonderful, but get at the Souls of the children of men, and by their Souls, you can control them, reaching into the hearts and lives of this people, even though there are those among you who have been super-wicked, I have transformed you by the RENEWING of your mind, and I have brought your bodies into subjection to the CHRIST TEACHING, caused you to live Evangelically, as you had not even imagined. Now isn't this wonderful?

Just look at the vast number, not only here, but in all of the different Auditoriums and Audiences standing up for the FUNDAMENTAL. Because it has been LIFTED up as a Standard for RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, they are beginning to reincarnate it and live thus accordingly. Isn't that wonderful? Therefore, I say, if it were only for the purpose of prohibiting this people from being dishonest,—if MY Mission was only for the purpose of causing the inhabitants of this City to be honest, competent and truthful, MY Mission would not be in vain. By the Spirit of HONESTY, they are returning all stolen goods, for they are endeavoring to endorse MY Endeavors, and endorse everything I bid them do, therefore, the husbandsman must be first partaker of the fruit, hence, MY RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT PLATFORM calls for the individuals of every Nation, Language, Tongue and People, yea, even all Nations to return all stolen goods taken from others.

PUTTING THE FUNDAMENTAL INTO PRACTICE

How can we produce this Spirit, and cause it to be a Living Reality, saving as we put this FUNDAMENTAL into practice, therefore, those of MY true Followers are endeavoring to do accordingly. They are putting these requests into practice. They are endeavoring to live up to all of the PLATFORM, that they might be found worthy to introduce it to those who are in authority, that they might also endorse it by which we will have a RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT. The GOVERNMENT can only be as RIGHTEOUS

as those who are in authority are righteous, therefore, we must put into practice the Spirit of RIGHTEOUSNESS, the Spirit of OBEDIENCE, the Spirit of HONESTY and the Spirit of TRUTH, that the Spirit of HONESTY, of OBEDIENCE and TRUTH might be reproduced in others, especially those who are in authority, that they might also endorse it, and pass it on through legality, that it might become to be a living reality, and be known as Law, and Order.

UNFOLDMENT OF THE SPIRIT

For this cause, we are rejoicing and we are exceedingly glad to see the great Unfoldment of the Spirit of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, no longer to be merely mentioned and repeated in words, but to be put into practice from every angle expressible. Just think of the hundreds and thousands in the City of New York, who I have taken off of the Welfare.

If MY Mission was only to that extent, it would be worth considering, to cause those who have been on the welfares, many of them forging and stealing through dishonesty, becoming to be HONEST, COMPETENT and TRUE, to endeavor to live honest lives, and pay for that which they have kept. Although the oppositions have been quite severe, apparently, there have been all means of prohibitation reared up in opposition to the FUNDAMENTAL, but I wish to say this Evening, if the people of the City of New York, and those who are in authority would heartily endorse MY Endeavors, I would bring everybody out of poverty, and cause them to be SUCCESSFUL and PROSPEROUS, not only the City of New York, but every State in the Union. By the Spirit of RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE, I would lift them above all depressions, and give them the VICTORY over every difficulty.

DESTROYING THE BREAD OF LIFE

Why should men be going in lacks and wants and limitations, when we are in a country of WEALTH and a land of FULL and a PLENTY, the same as the Honorable Mr. Howe mentioned there, to think of men destroying the very Bread of Life, and still call themselves civilized. Do you call that the expression of Civilization? Do you call it the expression of Christianity, or do you call it the expression of wickedness? GOD has spoken through the Mouth of one having WISDOM, and declared, "A willful waste will cause or make a woeful want."

If you wilfully waste in order to make ends meet, there will come a time, you will need. It is indeed wonderful! Take these thoughts to consideration. Let us endeavor to live Evangelically as individuals, yea, also as a Nation as well as individuals. Let us endeavor to bring about RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE to be even as JESUS was, although having all POWER, he said, "Take up the fragments, that nothing be wasted." The same Spirit is speaking today. Why should we be wasteful or destructive? If we express the spirit of destruction in words, deeds or actions, we are carrying in ourselves such an expression . . . the re-action of destruction will eventually come upon us.

THE VOICE OF GOD

Let us learn to be constructive in deeds and in actions even in words, no longer endeavoring to express a word of destruction, neither a word that would express a destructive thought. Oh! it is something to consider, but as you see these under the Sound of MY Voice, this Evening, so it is the Universe over—there are thousands and millions the Universe over, who are yearning and longing to hear the VOICE of the Insignificant ONE. It is not necessary to hear MY VOICE. It is not the Voice that is sufficient, neither is the Voice efficient, but by MY Spirit and by MY MIND, and by you living according to MY Version, you will find yourselves free from all of these depressions, adverse and undesirable conditions, such as you have been undergoing.

This is the Sample and the Example. Suppose the question would come, as it often does: "Where does HE get so much money from?" Now where do I get so much influence from, and where do I get so much WISDOM from? Where do you all get so much HEALTH and HAPPINESS from? Whatsoever is necessary will come from the very same place. GOD is the AUTHOR and the FINISHER of all good things. Did HE not say, "Call on ME in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee." Then I say, "Have Faith in GOD, have faith always." By the Spirit of MY PRESENCE as I AM expressing scientifically from other angles of expressions, so will you be able to express equivalently.

ABUNDANCE OF THE FULLNESS

Now think of it! Just look at this audience patiently waiting, willing at all times to remain until I have dismissed. This is nothing I AM doing to them. It is indeed wonderful, but there is something that causes them to desire to remain. Now isn't that wonderful, and as the outward expression of the Gathering, even so in the Parable of you yourselves gathering together, will the expression be of the ABUNDANCE of the FULLNESS in your endeavors to accomplish whatsoever you have endeavored . . You can and will be successful!

Notice the psychology of "Visualization." Notice the psychology of visualizing ABUNDANCE and holding ABUNDANCE and HARMONY uppermostly in your consciousness. You can see it is outwardly expressed here, is it not? ("Yes FATHER DEAR!" came the responsive reply.) Think of these different audiences where we gather from time to time! We can gather together in audiences of from Five Thousands to Ten Thousands or Fifty Thousands, the very Spirit of PEACE of which we all are stressing, will have DOMINION over them. Now isn't that wonderful?

PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO MEN

The Policemen, they do not have anything to do, because the Spirit of PEACE has access in you. There is where the policemen do not have anything to do. Why? Because the Spirit of PEACE will cause you to be Law-abiding Citizens. It will cause you to respect Law and Order. It will cause you to respect your fellow-brother . . . It will cause you to endeavor to be COMPETENT, HONEST and TRUE, and do unto others as you would have them do

to you. For this cause, if you live according to this Teaching, abiding under the Spirit of PEACE, as it is given, you will find yourselves FREE from lacks and wants and limitations, you will also find yourselves FREE from confusions, from divisions, from strife and from envy and every other detestable expression.

When this shall have been established in you, it will be transmitted to others, and as you transmit it to others through concentration and through association, your very Spirit will reproduce it, for by reproducing it in others, they will be partakers of it, hence, we will bring to you PEACE and GOOD WILL to men—where there will be no more wars, race-riots and divisions, then and there, the KINGDOM has come, and the Will has been done, when this shall have been accomplished with all, as it is with some. I thank you.

Alaskan Expedition of Divine Followers

(Continued from page 3.)

they might be fishers of men as well as fishers of fish, being practical on this, way yet inspiring many to go to New York to join the great throng filled with wonder and praise around Him who sits upon the throne of God with such meekness and such might. They would enjoy nothing better than to round up the whole world and take them to FATHER Personally that they might learn at first hand the ways of the Lord from Him.

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I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. John 11: 5.

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He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. Rev. 21: 7.

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He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life. Rev. 3: 5.

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To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2: 7.

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RE: FATHER DEVINE;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FURNISHED.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 3, 1943, and two copies of the publication "The New Day", dated December 10, and 31, 1942, the official organ of FATHER DEVINE. b7D

The informant advises that he recently read articles in the enclosed publications in which FATHER DEVINE indicated that Axis Agents approached him, and that he had turned them down, because he was a true American. Informant approached Mr. LAMB, executive secretary, for FATHER DEVINE, at which time LAMB furnished informant with the following information:

An individual had attempted to contact FATHER DEVINE for the purpose of showing the cult leader the advantages he would gain if he and his organization would support the Japanese war effort; also, that one JOHN JOSEPH VETTER had made a number of speeches at DEVINE's mass meetings, at which time he would invite the audience to consult him privately; and that VETTER had attempted to influence FATHER DEVINE; that after DEVINE suspicioned VETTER, and as a result of VETTER and the alleged Japanese Agent, FATHER DEVINE had written these articles in "The New Day". LAMB also furnished information to the informant that PAUL SCHULTZ, German, and one HOLMES, Colored, were pro-Axis in their sympathies and frequently attended the meetings of FATHER DEVINE.

There are numerous further references in the New York files relative to the name PAUL SCHULTZ. Attempts will be made to identify this individual, and preliminary inquiries will be made concerning him.

HOLMES is being made a matter of record, and unless additional information is furnished, no investigation will be instituted at this time.

Two copies of the above report, and the calling card of JOHN JOSEPH VETTER are being made part of the New York file.

Very truly yours,

Four Enclosures

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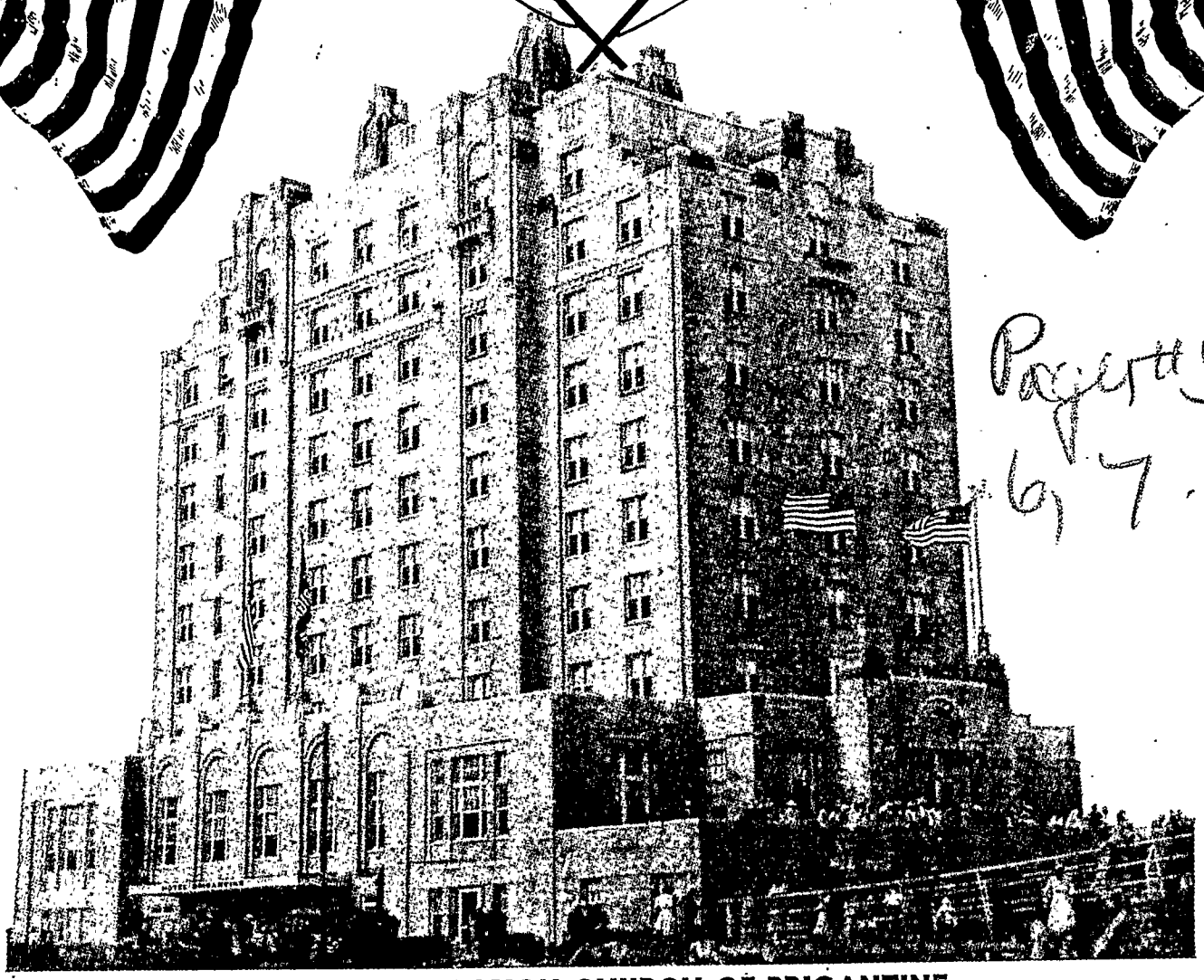

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"I FIND ALL SORTS OF MEN AND WOMEN . . . TRYING TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO . . . WHY IS IT THEY DO NOT DO WHAT THEY SAY I SHOULD DO?" — FATHER DIVINE

GOD Will Put You in Your Place—Get Self and Self-exaltation Out of the Way—You Will Be Put in Your Place and Things Will Work Harmoniously

OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE
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"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:

"But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I *AM* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD."

This is what one of the prophets of old declared of the LORD; and how true it is today! For there are those of the children of men who glory in their own knowledge, which is but chaff before the consuming fire of GOD'S OMNISCIENT WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTANDING. Nevertheless, there are some who have the audacity to come before the Presence of the LORD of Hosts and try to teach and tell HIM what HE should do and how HE should do it! But GOD will not always strive with self-exalted man. HE shall put him in his place, as said the inspirationic composition which is referred to in this glorious Message given by the DEAN of the Universe HIMSELF.

Read, therefore, these stirring Words of Truth, for GOD ALONE shall have dominion on this earth and HE ALONE can establish HIS Kingdom of Righteousness, for none can hinder; none can help!

THANK YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, after which FATHER Speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE!

I will not bore you long, as the time has quite well expired and I do not wish to take up too much of the time. You all are welcome to stay as long as you wish to. But at this particular instance I have arisen to say, it is good to be here to hear the Message so vividly stressed, although it was apparently an inspirationic composition coming throughby the way of Madam Elder Douglas,

"FATHER will put you in your place!"

I find all sorts of men and women of every so-called walk of life coming around, trying to tell ME what to do, and telling others what

transmitted and **reincarnated** I shall establish RIGHTEOUSNESS on the earth among the children of men and shall **overcome vice** and **crime** and **sin** and **debauchery** of every kind legally, politically, nationally and internationally!

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump!"

Therefore, this CONTAGION of LEAVEN with which MILLIONS have been LEAVENED, shall eventually CONTAGIONIZE the UNIVERSE effectively, and all shall recognize MY ACTUAL PRESENCE with or without a Person!

You see how they are here when I AM not here Personally. You see how they obey ME Personally when I AM not here Personally (Aren't you glad!); for GOD deals in the affairs of men and looks on the HEARTS and LIVES of them and uses those who will relax themselves completely and get completely out of the picture and let GOD have FREE ACCESS within them! And all of the GLORY to GOD belongs and to GOD it shall be given!

Oh, how glorious it is to realize, the very Spirit of MY PRESENCE is actually moving, conquering and to conquer! Over and above all of the oppositions of life, over and above all criticism, GOD is moving as never before! **I caused the oppositions of men to rise in conflict with themselves; the wicked to slay the wicked!**

The Wicked Are Slaying One Another

Now you know it is true! All of the wicked people among themselves, they are slaying one another; but GOD is building up and establishing a KINGDOM that shall stand throughout all eternity! And RIGHTEOUSNESS with PEACE and BLESSED ASSURANCE shall be our portion, but wickedness shall destroy itself; for the MEEK shall inherit the earth but the wicked shall slay the wicked and the wicked shall be cut off! But GOD HIMSELF in the RIGHTEOUS and in the RIGHTEOUSNESS of the Righteous, shall give to this people, the MEEK of the earth, the KINGDOM, and will not leave it to other people!

I need not say more; I just thought to stress that point for your consideration, to let you see and know, that little inspiration that came throughby Madam Elder Douglas was not merely a saying,

"GOD will put you in your place;"

it is as true as any quotation in the Gospel! Because those who are willing as she was and will allow MY SPIRIT to automatically re-place them in the great Universal Scheme of Things, they will be BLESSED and will REMAIN on the EARTH with GOD! Aren't you glad!

I mentioned to one of MY Secretaries when she (Elder Douglas) mentioned that about GOD will put you in your place—I said there and then, I said, "If a certain party (I did call the name) would have allowed ME to put her in her place, she would have been living today! She would have been happy just like Elder Douglas is, and rejoicing! But because she thought she was too big, too great to do what she **should** do—what she was **gifted** to do and what she had a calling to do—why then, she went out of GOD; and where is she today?" Aren't you glad!

"GOD WILL PUT YOU IN YOUR PLACE!"

It is well worth considering! **He that desires to be GREAT, let him first become a SERVANT —a SERVANT of ALL!**

"He that humbleth himself shall be exalted, but he that exalteth himself shall be abased!"

So take these thoughts to consideration. I AM not asking anyone to help ME! Is it not written of ME:

"I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the people there was NONE to help."

Well, now then, how can you think you can help ME? It is all right until you know Who I AM. As long as you think I AM a man as you are, naturally you will think someone can help ME; but of the One of Whom the prophet spoke ". . . of the people there was NONE to help!"

So it is a privilege to live in the ACTUAL PRESENCE of GOD where GOD ALONE shall REIGN, realizing NONE shall hinder HIM. GOD SHALL HAVE HIS OWN WAY!

In next week's issue of The NEW DAY I hope it will tell you a little more deeply of what I said, for it shall be revealed and also written more distinctly, what I AM telling you and the inhabitants of New York now! I thank you.

Thank You, FATHER PEACE

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You stand as a Beacon Light today;
Outshining the world in patriotic duty,
And for all governments, paving a Way.

You stand as a rebuttal to Hitlerism!
You stand a Shining Mark to be copied by men;
A place of Equality and Brotherhood,
Of Righteousness and Justice in a Democracy of Friends.

Brigantine, fair Brigantine!
For a season your beauty shone
As a setting and home for the Beautiful Body of GOD,
A haven of rest for the weary; and for us, a shrine.

The sick were healed, the desolate cheered;
Compassion and Mercy moved within you;
And GOD'S children from everywhere
Found solace and blessings flowing through.

Your beauty was radiated on all alike,
All people and tongues and nations;
And many enjoyed for the first time in life,
Splendor, good living and luxury without condemnation.

You served your purpose very well,
And your GOD is pleased with you;
You drew Him many souls to save
And hovered His children of every hue.

But now you have another mission:
Your GOD has set you upon a hill,
To stand as a sample for all mankind,
Of Justice and Righteousness and GOD'S Good Will.

You are enlisted in the service of a Righteous Government,
To do your part for this war;
To lift a standard for all people,
To abolish segregation in Army, Navy and Air Corps.

Your GOD has seen fit, in His Love and Tender Mercy,
To give you over to the U. S. Government
Free of charge and as a blessing to all;
That on others as well as us, the blessings might fall.

For FATHER is not confined to His children alone,
HE came to bless all people;
And His Compassion reaches out to the four corners of the earth,
To all who will come and accept His blessings.

Much less than a year ago you stood a failure,
Operated by selfish man and his greedy ways;
But today you are part of GOD'S Holy Church,
To hasten the coming of Peaceful Days.

Less than a year ago the mayor and the people
Were frantic for fear this ownership
Would ruin the town of Brigantine
And drive all the people away.

Today it stands as the greatest blessing
That ever came to the Isle of Brigantine;
A Living Sacrifice to True Democracy,
A sample of Christianity to be heard and seen.

Whoever heard of anyone before,
Ever giving the U. S. Government anything
When good cash was offered, and plenty of it too?
Yet GOD said, "Here, I give you Brigantine!

"Take it for the duration. Use it for the boys.
We want them happy and contented and warm.
All we ask is, treat them all fair and equal,
And we know My Spirit will keep it from harm."

GOD! What a wonderful blessing You gave them!
And they promised too, to treat everyone fair;
No discrimination, no prejudice, no segregation,
Just Good Americanism, real and square.

Yes, FATHER DIVINE, YOU are a Real, True American!
HE practices the true Democratic Ideals.
HE lives them, exemplifies them and works them out,
And makes Americanism vital and real.

FATHER DIVINE, YOU have done a mighty work
And cut it short in Righteousness;
YOU have severed the serpent's deadly head
And established here a Righteous Government.

This is news for Hitler to grieve over;
He won't like this report at all.
But we know he's afraid of Real, True Americanism
Because he knows that is his surrendering call.

He can't stand against it; it shatters all his plans;
He wants division and hatred and strife;
Not Love or Brotherhood or Unity like this,
With Peace and Harmony and Eternal Life!

March on, FATHER DIVINE! YOU have already won;
And what a glorious Victory it has proven to be,
Ushering in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth,
Setting all men and all nations free!

Thank YOU, FATHER Dear!

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HE brought us Hope and Truth and Love;
Come one, come all and join the Body of GOD!

Wake up and live the Bill of Rights,
Wake up and live in Righteousness,
Americans, answer to the call!

Here in America is the Kingdom of Heaven;
Here in America we have the Body of GOD;
Here in America we have a New Birth of Freedom under GOD.

HE brought us Peace, HE brought us Joy,
HE brought us Hope and Truth and Love;
Come one, come all and join the Body of GOD!

(FATHER Speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE: That little composition as an inspiration from the spirit and the meaning of the Truth, and yet by it you are declaring the Truth, here in America it has brought you and given you a New Birth of Freedom under GOD. We stress this thought vividly because by nature, I mean, DIVINE Nature, you would be inclined to believe it and consider it more vividly as the only Hope of the Redemption of all of the people here in America, more than anywhere else, for out of ONE BLOOD GOD created and formed all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, and this country and nation under GOD being a foundation as a nation and as a sample and as an example for all nations, languages and tongues and people to copy after.

Why do I stress it so vividly? Naturally I would feel it effectively scientifically, because out of the ONE BLOOD all nations came forth into expression, and this country as a nation is the amalgamation of all nations; and E PLURIBUS UNUM being one of the fundamental inscriptions inscribed on our coin. Not only so, but even though we are ONE we are ONE fundamentally, and from every other angle expressible we can declare our AT-ONE-MENT with our fellow citizens of other nations who sojourn under this democracy, and there is no other nation I know of Personally that could boast itself or declare itself so effectively of being a nation as ONE, yet E PLURIBUS UNUM from a national and documental point of view. But we do not confine ourselves to that point in that direct expression. OMNIFARIOUSLY we stand as a nation!

"One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism"

But as I sat and thought for consideration, how marvelous it is to realize, "ONE LORD, ONE FAITH and ONE BAPTISM" *can, will* and actually *has* the ONENESS of the THREE and the THREE in ONE, and it has brought you and all nations into the Recognition and the Realization under this democracy as E PLURIBUS UNUM, it could not be otherwise explained more vividly than what we have done. We are explaining it and demonstrating it in the actuated words of expression, bringing about that Universal Brotherhood of man and the realization of the FATHERHOOD of GOD where the very Fundamentals of life scripturally are fulfilled wheresoever I AM.

OMNIFARIOUSLY we stand and yet E PLURIBUS UNUM. The Spirit of GOD'S Presence has brought about this great AT-ONE-MENT and it has drawn all together to and for one common purpose— to express the original Nature of GOD.

Mortality has striven to bring about a universal separation, but oh, how glorious it is to realize GOD deals in the affairs of men, and when you are in harmony with HIM you are fundamentally right. If all others attempt to condemn you, if you stand firm you will bring into outer expression and into recognition by others your *conscious conviction*, and you will be able to prove once and forever your stand is fundamentally right!

I often think of one a few years ago who arose in opposition to ME directly, who claimed to be the wise man of the West. He sent out all sorts of antagonistic, malicious and obscene and seditious propaganda through the mail, trying to knock ME and everyone whom he thought did not look like him, especially that were bringing about real citizenship under this democracy; and yet he claimed to be a representative of this nation, but pro-German characteristically. His name was Riker—called "Father Riker", in, *I* say, "Unholy City" California. But I said, "I will stop him!" and I stopped him by the mighty iron hand of the law, and he was arrested the other day for sedition because he tried to create insurrection and even lower the morale of the citizens and soldiers that were standing and fighting for our protection!

Postmaster General Farley Was Informed of Riker's Propaganda

This had not just begun. I wrote Postmaster Farley in his administration as Postmaster General several years ago. I sent him and other officials some of his (Riker's) literature he sent out trying to create insurrection, dissension and strife among this nation, when I AM

trying to bring them together according to our Constitution. But he would send it to all of the different extensions and would send it even to the judges of the courts and they ignored it! He is pro-German characteristically and also German descent, so the press said, but he tried to create dissension among this nation; he on the Pacific Coast where I have hundreds of thousands of Followers, and I on the East coast here trying to bring about the Unity of our fellow citizens as Real Americans according to the Constitution—trying to bring an end to every sense of division, strife and confusion among this nation; but he was trying to stir up dissension, strife and confusion!

There were many things he said in the propaganda he sent out in trying to create dissension, antagonism and strife, but I knew as I told MY Followers, "GOD will fight your battle!"

> "Sit thou on MY Right Hand until I make thine enemy thy footstool!"

We are preaching Americanism and he preaching and trying to establish Hitlerism right under this democracy and attempting to run for the gubernatorial seat! But I knew, as I know, anything that is unconstitutional, un-American and unevangelical by nature, it must come to its destination. I spoke of it and no doubt somewhere I may have some of the literature he sent out. He would send it to every extension, the smallest extensions he would know of, and send the propaganda, trying to create dissension, trying to create hate, where I was establishing Love, Unity and Fellowship! He would say such things, if you did not know and if you did not have some moral training or some real genuine conversion, you would be tempted— you would have been tempted to violence without a cause.

"It Is Felonious to Hate a Nation"

For this cause I composed a little piece as a motto for consideration and sent a Message to this and to all other nations:

> **"He that hateth a nation, it is felonious to hate a nation but it is not a crime to dislike a person!"**

For he tried to get everyone he thought was of the Caucasian race to hate those he thought were of the African race or Oriental—tried to stir up dissension. Well, I brought out that little composition, "It is a crime to hate a nation without a cause but it is not felonious to dislike a person;" for you can dislike a person in any nation or nationality, or any group or family, but if you hate a whole nation because of the wrong one has committed, it is felonious; for the crime the one has committed is not to be imposed upon everyone in that particular nation. But he tried hard to get you to hate each other just because of your so-called complexion, when by our citizenship, yea, by our citizenry we are ONE!

There be some, it is true, of every nation and of every nationality that are not true. There are those who are impostors in every church and religion. Nevertheless, you cannot condemn a nation, neither a religion because of the disloyalty of some few persons who are connected with that respective organization.

Then I say, it is a privilege to observe the mystery of what GOD has actually done for this people and what GOD is doing. Over and above Riker-ism and Hitlerism and over and above all of the Japs' dissension and barbarism we shall establish TRUE and REAL AMERICANISM, and CHRISTIANITY shall stand as a BEACON LIGHT to all living creatures!

The Light of Civilization

E PLURIBUS UNUM! Every true American will express it individually even as our country declares it in its Declaration of Independence, for we are imbibing the very Spirit and the Nature of REAL DEMOCRACY that was predestined to be the LIGHT of all civilization, because it is in harmony and in keeping with the Gospel and the prophecy. It is in harmony and in keeping with the beginning of the creation! By nature they were of ONE LANGUAGE and of ONE SPEECH. When we can get the people together to think harmoniously, systematically and scientifically the very Spirit of GOD'S Supernatural Presence, which is the Science of all Life and of all Creation, will bring into actuality the things that are best for every living creature!

For this cause we rejoice to present to the world once again, yea, over and over again, a Sample and an Example of a sketch and a reflection of a percent of a fraction of a grain of what I AM actually doing in the hearts and lives of the children of men in this demonstration. This demonstration and MY Actual Presence wheresoever I AM are speaking explicitly in the actuated words of expression better than I could tell you Personally of what it really means to express and represent a REAL DEMOCRACY! For this cause, we know every-

thing that is not according to the Gospel, everything that is not Evangelical and Constitutional must go down!

Hence, when this man Riker attacked ME and I corresponded with him directly and he said all sorts of things against those whom he thought did not look like ME because they would participate and associate with those whom he thought looked like ME— called them all kinds of names— but I knew Providence would reach him in some way— if not by volcano or tornado or earthquake by which he has been threatened, Providence would reach him by the Power of the Legal, Executive Justice!

Officials Allowed Riker to Continue until the Emergency

We shall have a RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT! But I have long since declared,

"Man's extremity is GOD'S Opportunity!"

There are those of this nation who would not take cognizance of MY Message and of MY Appeal to them to stop him from sending out antagonistic, malicious and obscene propaganda to create dissension and insurrection under this democracy. When they would not take cognizance of it when there was no emergency, in this extreme emergency they were obliged to take cognizance of it because it interfered with even the foundation of our government and especially the proposition and the situations that were confronting and still are confronting this nation; creating disloyalty among the soldiers! As I said several different times in illustration, if I were to believe as he wanted ME to believe, and if you were to believe as he wanted you to believe, a good many citizens would be afraid to fight against one who did not or does not look like him or them! But in a democracy such as this according to our Constitution, all people are EQUAL, and a man is a man if He is a REAL AMERICAN CITIZEN— I mean CONSTITUTIONALLY.

We all are EQUAL and we all have the same BILL of RIGHTS— I mean, CONSTITUTIONALLY. If it is not considered by everyone, I say, fundamentally we are right! Constitutionally we all have the same Bill of Rights. Constitutionally and nationally we all handle the same means of exchange! It is all American money! And all of the money you have— matters not what complexion you may be— if you have money it has George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson and others on it; the same currency!

So it is with us as American citizens. We shall stand together absolutely ONE, in the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose as I have brought MY True and Faithful Followers together! And racialism and nationalism and all of the other "isms" shall be dispelled saving TRUE CHRISTIANITY as being termed AMERICANISM when it is brought to fruition by Evangelical living and by constitutional living!

The Hope of Hitler and the Japs

But they have striven to create and keep dissension and division among this nation, for it is a true saying,

"Where there is division there is strife!"

The Japanese, Hitler and all of the enemies to this nation, they are glad to keep dissension and division among this nation, because they know if they can keep division and get you looking at races, creeds and colors and not unifying yourselves together, there will be strife and confusion and uprisings among us and we will not be able to overcome the common enemy. Can you not see the mystery? They *know* that, therefore, they are trying to create strife.

No doubt the agencies of Hitler and also the agencies and agents of the Japanese government know by this day, I represent America and stand for it! Aren't you glad! Since I mentioned this I may not be able to get what I should get as a Secret Service Worker! Let them think what they may but I believe they have just about found out now, they cannot wrap ME around their finger because of the prejudices existing here in America. Because of the prejudice of some few, yea, even of many, it does not change the fundamentals, for we mean to stand and withstand for this democracy and have real citizenship, until all of the enemies shall have been overcome once and forever and Americanism shall function victoriously under the Flag of the Free according to our Constitution and according to our Declaration of Independence. Even if all oppose and all fall by the edge of the sword, the Truth that I AM advocating shall express a citizenry to perfection by bringing it to fruition according to our Constitution, and this nation under GOD in the Name of GOD shall have a New Birth of Freedom!

GOD Has Come to Save You!

You are being freed from so many limitations, barriers and oppositions. Even to be freed from human superstition concerning heaven and the "other place," it is a blessing. It

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DEDICATED TO DEMOCRACY

Brigantine, fair Brigantine!
You stand as a Beacon Light today;
Outshining the world in patriotic duty,
And for all governments, paving a Way.

You stand as a rebuttal to Hitlerism!
You stand a Shining Mark to be copied by men;
A place of Equality and Brotherhood,
Of Righteousness and Justice in a Democracy of Friends.

Brigantine, fair Brigantine!
For a season your beauty shone
As a setting and home for the Beautiful Body of GOD,
A haven of rest for the weary; and for us, a shrine.

The sick were healed, the desolate cheered;
Compassion and Mercy moved within you;
And GOD'S children from everywhere
Found solace and blessings flowing through.

Your beauty was radiated on all alike,
All people and tongues and nations;
And many enjoyed for the first time in life,
Splendor, good living and luxury
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You served yo[illegible]
And your G[illegible] you;
You drew Hi[illegible] many [illegible]e
And hovered His children o[illegible] every hue.

But now you have another mission:
Your GOD has set you upon a hill,
To stand as a sample for all mankind,
Of Justice and Righteousness and GOD'S Good Will.

You are enlisted in the service of a Righteous Government,
To do your part for this war;
To lift a standard for all people,
To abolish segregation in Army, Navy and Air Corps.

Your GOD has seen fit, in His Love and Tender Mercy,
To give you over to the U. S. Government
Free of charge and as a blessing to all;
That on others as well as us, the blessings might fall.

For FATHER is not confined to His children alone,
HE came to bless all people;
And His Compassion reaches out to the four corners of the earth,
To all who will come and accept His blessings.

Much less than a year ago you stood a failure,
Operated by selfish man and his greedy ways;
But today you are part of GOD'S Holy Church,
To hasten the coming of Peaceful Days.

Less than a year ago the mayor and the people
Were frantic for fear this ownership
Would ruin the town of Brigantine
And drive all the people away.

Today it stands as the greatest blessing
That ever came to the Isle of Brigantine;
A Living Sacrifice to True Democracy,
A sample of Christianity to be heard and seen.

Whoever heard of anyone before,
Ever giving the U. S. Government anything
When good cash was offered, and plenty of it too?
Yet GOD said, "Here, I give you Brigantine!

"Take it for the duration. Use it for the boys.
We want them happy and contented and warm.
All we ask is, treat them all fair and equal,
And we know My Spirit will keep it from harm."

GOD! What a wonderful blessing You gave them!
And they promised too, to treat everyone fair;
No discrimination, no prejudice, no segregation,
Just Good Americanism, real and square.

Yes, FATHER DIVINE, YOU are a Real, True American!
HE practices the true Democratic Ideals.
HE lives them, exemplifies them and works them out,
And makes Americanism vital and real.

FATHER DIVINE, YOU have done a mighty work
And cut it short in Righteousness;
YOU have severed the serpent's deadly head
And established here a Righteous Government.

This is news for Hitler to grieve over;
He won't like this report at all.
But we know he's afraid of Real, True Americanism
Because he knows that is his surrendering call.

He can't stand against it; it shatters all his plans;
He wants division and hatred and strife;
Not Love or Brotherhood or Unity like this,
With Peace and Harmony and Eternal Life!

March on, FATHER DIVINE! YOU have already won;
And what a glorious Victory it has proven to be,
Ushering in the Kingdom of Heaven on earth,
Setting all men and all nations free!

Thank YOU, FATHER Dear!

Rev. M. J. Divine

Peace

1887 Madison Ave, N.Y.C.
Thurs. a.m.
Jan. 7-1942 A.D.

Mr. Boulin:- Peace!

I find I am unable to be here in the City to meet you today as expected but I am enclosing herewith a letter which I obtained while in Philadelphia, containing the name and local address of the Professor we were speaking of. No doubt he will be present at our meeting, 13-15-17 W. 128th St. on Sunday and if you would like to be present I could introduce you to him.

Regarding the other letter which was forwarded to your office some time ago, I find that a representative called on Father in Philadelphia and a letter was written to the party here who had solicited cooperation, in which an offer was made to make an appointment, but nothing has been heard from him. Father says he will be glad to assist you in any way possible. I have not found our copy of the letter in question but will try to do so. Thank Father Peace John Crosby

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Peace Father;

I have just finished and attached a manuscript,which I would like you to study carefully.It is my idea of cooperating with you,by having you become a student of the truth I have discovered in the field of finance and commerce. This manuscript deals with the subject of Foundations of Power. I will be glad to have you consult me about this lesson,if you so desire,next sunday afternoon. I don't wish manuscript released for publication just at present so please keep copy for your own personal use.

Respectively & Sincerely yours,
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On stage at the International "Youth Day" demonstration, FATHER DIVINE is shown holding the beautiful plaque presented to HIM in love, devotion and gratitude by the "Rose buds." This plaque, consisting of a large sterling silver frame with sterling silver chain, bears the photograph of two of the "Rosebuds" carrying the flag, the symbol of VIRTUE. The background of the flag is white for Purity. A five-point star in blue represents the five races amalgmated into One Star—One Nation. The Rose is red as a symbol of Virtue. The flag represents a symbol of amalgamated International Virginity!

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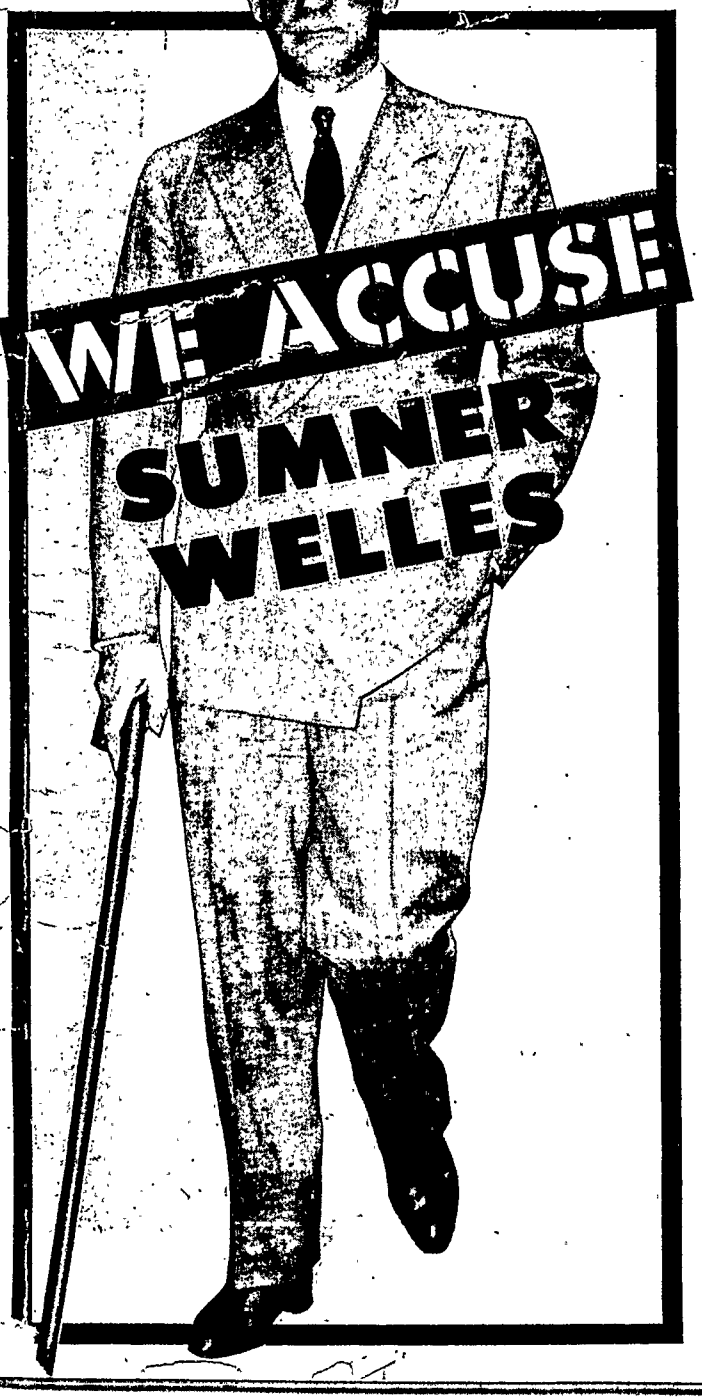

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THIS NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM

I AM GIVING ALL HUMANITY

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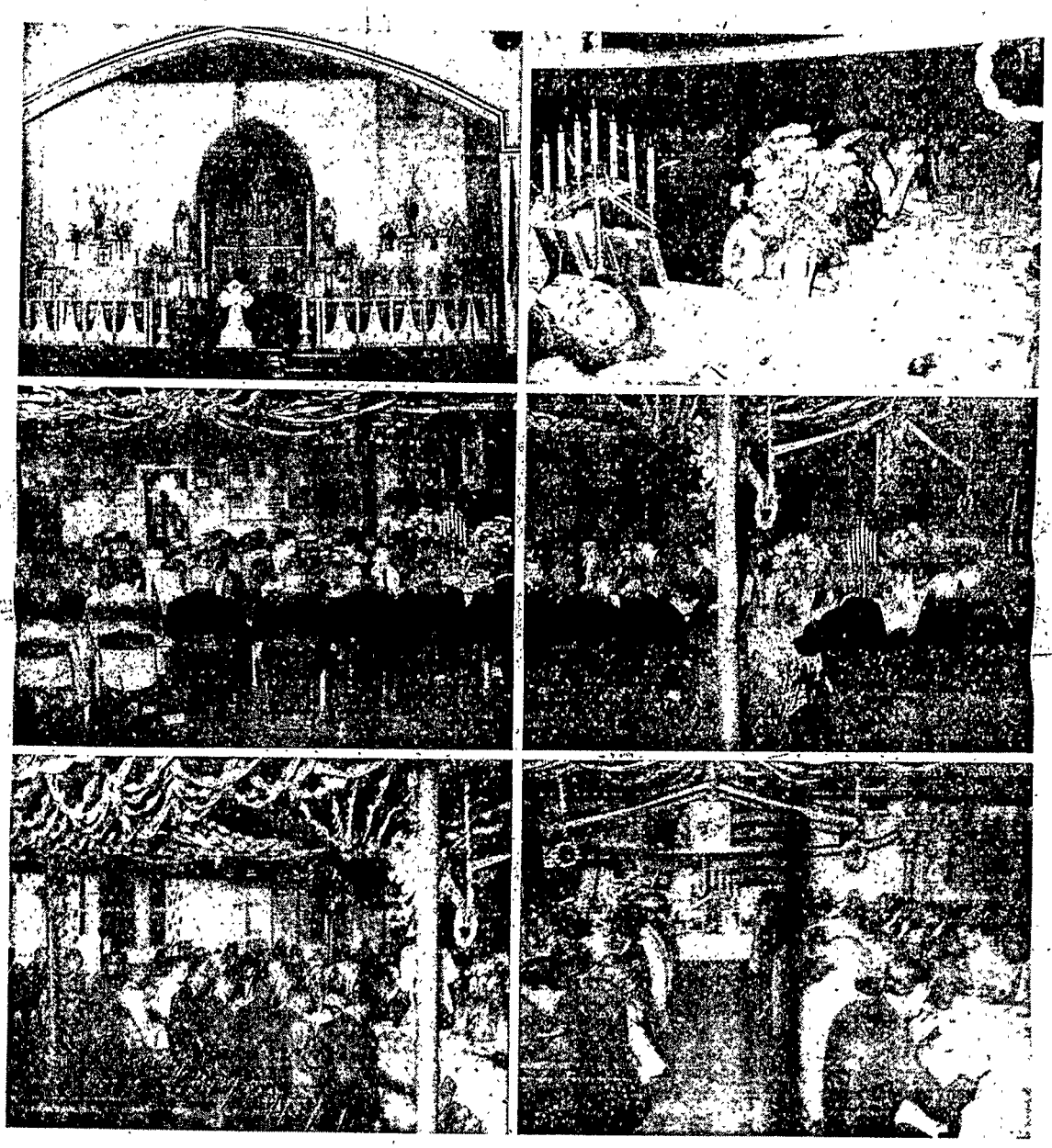

The 19th Anniversary of the Founding and Dedication of the Mary Mystical Rose Church, and the 3rd Anniversary Review of "Woodmont", the Mount of the House of the Lord, were both honored and celebrated here on Sunday, October 28, 1956 A.D.F.D. at this Catholic Mission Church in Chicago, Illinois. Holy Mass was held at noon, after which a reception and Holy Communion Banquet was served in the spacious hall of the Church. In the true Spirit of Americanism, Brotherhood, Christianity and Democracy as synonymous, all gathered and bountifully enjoyed the festivities as one— without regard to so-called creed, race or nationality. Different views of the Church and the Banquet Service are shown above. A large American Flag and many pictures of FATHER and MOTHER DIVINE and "Woodmont" grace the interior of the Church. Interesting and informative correspondence about this celebration is published in this issue on pages 25, 26.

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Mr. Philip Hursh,
Box 107,
Cohasset, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 18, 1934, please be advised that the files of this Division contain no information whatever concerning "Father Divine".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Gentlemen:-

Will you kindly send me any or all the information you have regarding "Father Divine"
If there is any expense in connection with it, please let me know. Thank you.

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Very truly
Philip J. Hursh
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Deer River, Minnesota.
August 4, 1934.

The United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.,

My dear sirs:

Can you give me any information about "Father Divine", a man who is reported to be setting himself up as God?

Most sincerely yours,
(Rev.) Joseph Straub.

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September 29, 1934.

Mr. Ray Solberg,
Manchester, Iowa.

Dear Sir :

Your communication of September 21, 1934, has been received and its contents noted. The jurisdiction of the Division of Investigation is restricted to the conducting of investigations of violations of specified Federal Laws and to the collecting of evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. The facts outlined in your letter do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Division and accordingly no action can be taken thereupon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

SOLBERG THE FLORIST

MEMBER FLORISTS TELEGRAPH DELIVERY

OUR MOTTO
QUALITY AND SERVICE

PHONE 669

OPPOSITE OAKLAND CEMETERY

MANCHESTER, IOWA

Sept 21st 1934.

J.Edgar Hoover,
U.S.Dept. of Criminal Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:-

It has come to my attention through a newspaper article that your Department is interested in one O Father Devine, 20 West 115 St., New York City, whose methods of operation seem questionable according to this article.

Mrs. Mabel Adams, 116-W 117th St., Apartment 15 New York, is connected with this Father Devine, having been one of the inmates of his cults for about one year.

Mrs. Adams, the widow of the former owner of the greenhouse which we are now running, and who sold it to us under a land contract is very much desirous of again obtaining control of this property with the avowed prupose of starting a " cult " here.

While we have paid our interest each year, we have been unable to pay the principle amounts due past two years, thus she is legally withingher rights in demanding the place back. Her children are very much against this move, but under the influence of Father Devine she does not listen to them.

Under date of August 6th she wrote that she expected to be in Manchester "next week". We have heard nothing further from her, nor have the children with whom we are in touch , heard from her.

The above hreif sketch , it occurred to us, might just possibly help you in your investigation of this man, whom we feel is operating under false pretenses. If a more detailed account of this is desired, or anything you might suggest that we do, would aid in solving the mistery of his large and unexplained income, we will be very glad to cooperate with you.

Very truly,

Ralph Solberg

Solberg the Florist

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August 8, 1934

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Reverend Joseph Straub,
Deer River, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Straub:

Your letter under date of August 4, 1934, making inquiry about "Father Divine", has been received.

The files of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, fail to disclose any information relative to "Father Divine".

I am returning herewith the three cent postage stamp which you enclosed in your letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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102 "F" Street
Johnstown, Penna.
November 9, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Dep't. of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I heard a lecture on "The Last Days". The lecturer told a story, which he said was a fact about the Anti-Christ.

The story runs something like this:

There is a colored man in New York City who claims he is sent from God and calls himself "Father Divine", and is supposedly performing miracles. A certain man from California heard about him and decided to investigate. He traveled to New York and when he arrived, three Federal men were investigating the case at the same time They are supposed to have searched "Father Divine" for money, as he was reported to always have money and he does not work, but they did not find any. He told them he was interested in buying a new car and asked if they would accompany him to the Agency, which they did. "Father Divine" decided on a beautify Rolls-Royce, and the dealer told him he must pay $18,000.00 cash. He asked the Federal men if they were satisfied that he had no money onhim, they said they were, and he folded his hands and prayed, "Father I thank thee for $18,000.00 cash", then he reached in his pockets and handed the dealer the cash and went away with the car.

I would appreciate hearing from you regarding theabove incident. Is this case true?

Very truly yours
Ethyl M. Schmucker
(Miss) Ethyl M. Schmucker

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October 19, 1935

Honorable Louis Murphy,
United States Senator,
Dubuque, Iowa.

My dear Senator:

I have received your letter of October 11, 1935, transmitting a letter addressed to you under date of October 8, 1935 by Mr. Emery S. Petty of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which pertains to the departure of three colored women from Council Bluffs, Iowa for New York City, where they are alleged to have joined a religious organization operating under the direction of one Father John the Divine.

The investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau is restricted by law to the conducting of investigations into violations of specified Federal Statutes and the collecting of evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. The Bureau is unable, because of the tremendous volume of cases requiring investigative attention, to undertake inquiry into any case without a prima facie showing of some violation of a Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction. From the facts outlined in Mr. Petty's letter, there is no indication of such a violation, and accordingly, I regret that no active investigation can be undertaken at this time.

I am returning herewith the original letter addressed to you under date of October 8, 1935 by Mr. Petty.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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____Correct
____Re-write
____Re-date
____See me
____Send file
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____Please call me concerning this
____Search, serialize and route

Any record of women referred to?

E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.

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Dubuque, Iowa,
October 11, 1935

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith letter from Mr. Emery S. Petty of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is self-explanatory. I shall appreciate return of Mr. Petty's letter, with your comments.

Very truly yours,

Louis Murphy

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CEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Emery S. Petty, Chairman,
Pearl M. Hacker, Vice-Chairman

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Hon. Louis D. Murphy,
United States Senator,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Senator:

Mr. W. R. Orchard, Editor of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil, has asked me to write you and lay before you a situation that he believes bears investigation.

Eighteen months ago two colored women by the names of Thelma Emory and Rose Owens left Council Bluffs to go to New York City to join a one Father John the Divine, who, it seems, has organized and is directing a group of colored people, mostly women, under the guise of a religious organization.

About three months ago another colored woman, by the name of Lillian Cave left Council Bluffs to join the same organization. These women have left families of small children here and since they left no word has been heard from them. Their families, relatives and friends are inclined to believe that they have either met with foul play or they are the victims of some cult or organization that has them under their control and influence, and has forbidden them to confer with their families in any way.

It is suggested by Mr. Orchard, considering the unusual actions of these women who have left their families of small children and no word has been received from them, that the case should bear investigation, and that it might be well if the Department of Justice be informed of this situation, to the end that an investigation of Father John, who is alleged to be the colored leader of this organization, and his organization, be investigated and ascertain if these women are among this menbership, and if so, the status of their existence.

The nature of the disappearance of these three women has caused a great deal of concern among several colored people of this community, and to the white people who are familiar with the case.

I wish to suggest that if it comes within your province, to request the Department of Justice, or some other agency, to interest themselves in finding out about these women, it will be greatly appreciated by those who are interested here.

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Sincerely yours,

ESP:VT

Emery S. Petty, Chairman (Sgd.)

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November 17, 1934

Miss Ethyl M. Schmucker,
102 F Street,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of November 9, 1934, please be advised that the files of this Division contain no information whatever concerning one "Father Divine".

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder ✓
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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62-32932-6

November 8, 1935

Mr. A. M. White,
Hotel Perryton,
Perryton, Texas.

Dear Mr. White:

I have received your letter of October 26, 1935, relating to the activities of Reverend M. J. (Father) Divine, of New York City, and desire to inform you that at the present time, the activities of the Reverend Divine do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and accordingly, no inquiry is being made into his activities.

With reference to your offer to stop in Washington and confer with me about this situation, I do not believe that it will be necessary for you to take this action at this time in view of the fact that the Bureau is without authority to conduct any investigation into this matter, because of the situation outlined above.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Arthur Moore White - Lol. of
Petroleum Engineer - Geologist.

Hotel Perryton

Perryton, Texas 10/26/35

C. M. BRYAN, MANAGER

Dept. of Justice - atten. of Mr. Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover - You will be surprised to hear from me (after a lapse of many years) and that I am located here at Perryton. I am opening up a new oil & gas field here on what I believe to be the same structure as the Liberal field (52 miles North of here) and the Borger field (60 miles to the East of here) and the discovery well I located & brought in the Liberal field (associates & myself mostly financed the deal) 1870. ago which brought about the Hughston and Borger fields & later coming in the very old subsurface.

As you know I have put in about 35 yrs. in the oil & gas dev. as an Engineer - Geologist, Executive etc. and during the World War was a dollar a year man and did some very effective work for the Government (as I was living in Los Angeles at the time) as Harry Hollman, Mr. Winter & myself organized the Commercial Federation (later changed to the American Federation) on the Pacific Coast, which was an oil organization, and we broke up the I.W.W. and other agitators & menaces on the Coast & elsewhere and finally I was called for duty (by Maj. Genl. W. H. Haan) and then the

BARNARD-DALLAS

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Hotel Perryton

Perryton, Texas

C. M. BRYAN, MANAGER

Armistice came on and I did not go over
seas — Now to the point — My services are
available at any & all times for your use
in any way you see fit to call on me
for what I can do. Naturally I am on the look
out at all times to help in any way I can
just as I helped Col. Roosevelt & Mr. Wise with
the President & Secty of Interior Fisson obtain
recomendations I made as a Federal Super-
visor (which Roosevelt & Ickes accepted) of the
Oil Industry etc — to call on me for what
I can do & remember I still stand as a
dollar year man — Respectfully —

Recently my attention has been called to
the activities of the "Rev. M. J. (Father) Divine
in Harlem district of N.Y. I wrote Divine & fol
lowed out & offered to sell him some acres
and a County he turned the deal down (which
I guess him to do) and I also wrote to a friend
of mine in N.Y. to get the low down on the
Colored Revival and my friend writes
me back that Father Divine is much in
the limelight & to be careful etc. Now my
honest opinion is that the Colored Revival
is Counterfeiting or for some unknown
reason he positively turns down opportunities
& pays cash for what he uses and he has sought
considerable Real Estate recently as he is for

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Hotel Perryton

Perryton, Texas

C. M. BRYAN, MANAGER

Now I believe I know this Dr. Hogg and that he hails from Louisiana originally etc — therefore if you want to assign this case to me then do so as I'll have occasion to go East within next thirty days and can see you at Washington & go into the matter. My financing is all done by a close group of a few people and so far we have managed to ride the depression & hold together. We have six producing wells in N. Mex & some very good acreage there & elsewhere & future drilling that should bring up a big production when we drill it. Drop in & see us & old boyhood friend the Hon. Hatton W. Sumners Chm of the Judiciary Committee of the House. I'll be here for at least next thirty days so write me here c/o Hotel Perryton (or c/o Perryton Natl. Bank) Perryton, Tex & call on me for anything I can do. I know you shall appreciate this letter as you knew me very well during the World War days when I was located at Los Angeles & New York etc. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

M. M. Wood

In writing me please Mark your wire "Personal" so will meet anything you send!

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New York, N.Y.
64 W. 115th St. Apt 2E
May 28th 1936

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Joseph
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Nease

Peace.

Mr John Edgar Hoover. D. J. B. I.

Peace it is with great delight I received your answere from the card I sent you, and also some Spoken Words Magazines, That carry Father Divines Messages. Now I and over twenty two (22000000) Million people believe that Father Divine is the second advent of Christ to the Planet Earth again, and we believe in Righteousness Justice & Truth, not merrelly in words but we believe in applying it in and to our daily lives which is the Teaching of Jesus Christ as recorded in the four Gospels Mathew, Mark, Luke, & John, Which Father Divine is advocating and stressing. After listening your speech in Philadelphia Mr Hoover I want to tell you

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Now Father Divine who is God allmighty put this spirite in me and I found I didn't want to those things I formelly did such as stealing fighting, lying, and killing and drinking all kinds of intoxicating drinks, Smoking & Chewing Tobacco, or running with Mens wifes or comitting adulterry anymore with any women, Mans or beast. I can only thank My God Father Divine another thing Father caused me to pay old bills or make restitution of Stolen Goods. I truly can say no Man living could make all you these but God only. and dont forget I mean Father Divine God.

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That God Almighty Father Divine is working thru you weather you or concious or unconcious of it) I know you or very busy Mr Hoover but I do wish you may Father Divine an visit and address one of the Righteous Government Town Meetings which or held every Wednesday Night at 203 W 63rd St New York N.Y. 20 W 115th St every Friday Night New York N.Y.

I do hope you will find time to head the spoken Word.

I am sure we are all at work in and for the same Cause, Father Divine is converting Thousands & Thousands of the Underworld Characters. of which I was formely one but now I am supporting the very Law I once Violated. I give all Thanks and praise to Father Divine

So I as a delegate for 2200000,
Mr J. E. Hoover invite
you to attend one of our
Righteous Government
Forum Meeting if you
haven't gotten in touch with
Father Divine Personally
at 28 W 115th St New York N.Y.

I thank you Father

Sincerely
Brother William Ross
64 W 115th St
Apt 9 Rear
C/o Clarks
New York N.Y.

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JEH:OEP

ms.

June 3, 1936.

Time - 3:27 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Father Divine.

Mr. Suydam telephoned and inquired if the Bureau had ever investigated Father Divine, the negro evangelist in New York. I stated I thought not but would verify this.

Time - 4:00 P.M.

I telephoned Mr. Suydam and advised him that the Bureau had not investigated Father Divine; that complaints had been received in the form of letters which were answered to the effect that the information submitted failed to reveal a violation of a Federal statute.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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June 6, 1936.

Mr. William Ross,
64 West 115th Street,
Apartment 2, East,
c/o Starks,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Ross:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated May 29, 1936, with which you enclosed the May 19, and May 26, 1936, issues of "The Spoken Word."

I wish to thank you for your interest in making these publications available to the files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Coughlan
Mr. Clark
Mr. Clegg
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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62-32932

June 3, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Confirming the information furnished to you by dictograph this afternoon, you are advised that the Bureau has never conducted any investigation into the activities of Father Divine. We have, however, received about seven letters from various persons outlining or complaining of the activities of Father Divine. The information which has been furnished us has never indicated a violation of any Federal Statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction and, consequently, we have taken no action.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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3320 Pleasant Ave.
Minneapolis, Minn. Sept 17.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington,
D.C.

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Dear old friend,

I think it would be to the best interests of the country if you would keep an eye on "Father Divine", with kind regards,

Sincerely Yours,
L. E. Kennedy.

P.S. Would be glad to have line from you. Take good care of my friend Jack Dempsey. He is a good American.

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October 5, 1936.

Mr. L. E. Kennedy,
3320 Pleasant Avenue,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1936, wherein you suggest that this Bureau "keep an eye on Father Divine".

For your information, the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is restricted to the investigation of violations of specific Federal laws. The facts outlined in your letter have been carefully noted, but inasmuch as they do not indicate a violation of any Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you. However, I appreciate your courtesy in calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul

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Leonia, N. J.
486 Grand Ave.,
Sept. 24-1936.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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I am a medium [illegible] named
[illegible] to me which perhaps
may click on the Pacific coast. Here

Kwing Tong
Hsing Lee
(High-up Mandarin)
Seing Toy (?) Seem

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It seems they are in San Francisco and in the dope ring. Also perhaps the smuggling of Chinese.

Strong men are being taken from earth to keep peace around me so I can do the work which a medium who works "under-cover" does.

I have been warned, during these troublesome times, not to contact the press or police for I might be considered a "religious fanatic".

I mentioned something I saw in connection with a Japanese when the Japanese warships were in the River to a policeman at the Hudson River Day Line Pier — there were 12 stationed there.

There are rumors in New York City that the "Father Divine"

Most of that vast army of men gone on are working – of course, there are some hangers-on. Have you thought of the large number of lives that have received at sea when they were lost?

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in the Bronx keeps a house of prostitution — also at his farm in Woodstock, New York. I feel the evil which emanates from him and his followers. Has the Bronx address ever been raided. Trust my letter may be of some service to you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Carter.

P.S. There are the International Spies — The two women beheaded in Germany are working over There.

Are the signals used on the battleships of any special importance to watchers on the shore?

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
L. T. Carter
486 Grand Av.
Leonia, N. Jersey
~~NEW YORK, N. Y.~~
5 Brooks

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SEP 6 1
9 30 AM
N. J.

[redacted]

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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EAS:MO

62-32932-12

October 8, 1936.

Mrs. Charles S. Cooper,
218 West Tupper Street,
Buffalo, New York.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 24, 1936, regarding your domestic difficulties and requesting the assistance of this Bureau.

For your information, the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, is restricted to the investigation of violations of specific Federal laws. The facts outlined in your letter have been carefully noted, but inasmuch as they do not indicate a violation of any Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you.

I might suggest that you consider the advisability of furnishing the facts in your possession regarding this matter to a reputable attorney for his advice.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Buffalo

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2 West Tupper
Buffalo
New York

Sept 24th. 36.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
head of government men
against crime.
Washington
USA.

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Sir/ Hearing of your efforts to "clean up" I decided to state my case to you.

I have been happily married 20 years. Have two boys 13 - 15 & a girl 19 years old.

My husband Charles Stephen Cooper is a diesel Engineer & has supported us to March 1936.

We represent an average thrifty american family - carrying ourselves thro the depression independently.

Mr. Cooper left home Nov 3rd 1935. He sailed from N.Y as mechanist on "motor ship tide Water oil" later was promoted to 2nd Engineer. Sent his pay as usual & wrote twice a week. Suddenly there was silence.

In March a very unusual letter stating — "He had no intention of helping out opposers of "Father Divine who was God almighty" !! etc after this my letters were returned in his own writing from 32. West 115 St. N.York city.

I tried, in June, a letter to this "Father D" asking if it was following his teachings, to desert children & leave bills unpaid? — In reply Mr. Cooper started, at intervals to send p.orders to doctors & hardware men - accompanied by erratic letters - quote from some — "that F. D - insists amongst other things that his followers pay up their debts & live evangelically - that F. D had blessed him with the means to pay" — these letters came at different periods - June 11th July 9th Aug 18th

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a friend visited New York - 32. W. 115 St - & was told Mr Cooper "had [illegible]" [illegible] all his letters to tradesmen & orders were signed "Victor Christian" (formally C.S. Cooper!)

I went to the Legal Aid - Buffalo. N.Y. - & got a warrant named P. Code 480 - Which was sent to N.Y. aug 18th - Mr Cooper was in N.Y. Sept 16.17. received mine at 32 W 115 St & acknowledged bills - & sailed again.

I went to police station no 3 Buffalo - but they had nothing to report.

I have tried to find what boat he is on - thro the licensed officers & the seamens union - so far no luck.

What puzzles me is - why should a negro posing as 'God' be allowed to live off the earnings of my husband who has three children to support?

I do think some means should be taken of checking all his wages going to this parasite nigger - He gets it thro persuation, or hypnotic power -

We have lost all respect for Mr Cooper & have no idea of accepting him home again.

Are there so many loopholes in the law that, with the aid of his lawyers - this nigger can wriggle thro, & break up family life - the police say I am just one of hundreds whose homes have been wrecked!

32 ~~million~~ followers that nigger boasts of -!

Behind that - destitute children - boys & girls whose minds are warped on ideas of justice -

& bereaved wives & husbands -

I regret the length of this letter - but wish to give you the facts - & ask what is there for us to do - What can the law do for us?

Yours truly

Mrs Charles. S. Cooper.

L. H. Joyce

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Mr John Edgar Hoover
Director of Federal Bureau of
Investigation
United States Department
of Justice
Washington D.C

Personal
to John

Esther [illegible]odstein
% Mrs. Philippe
24 Emmit St
Pittsburgh
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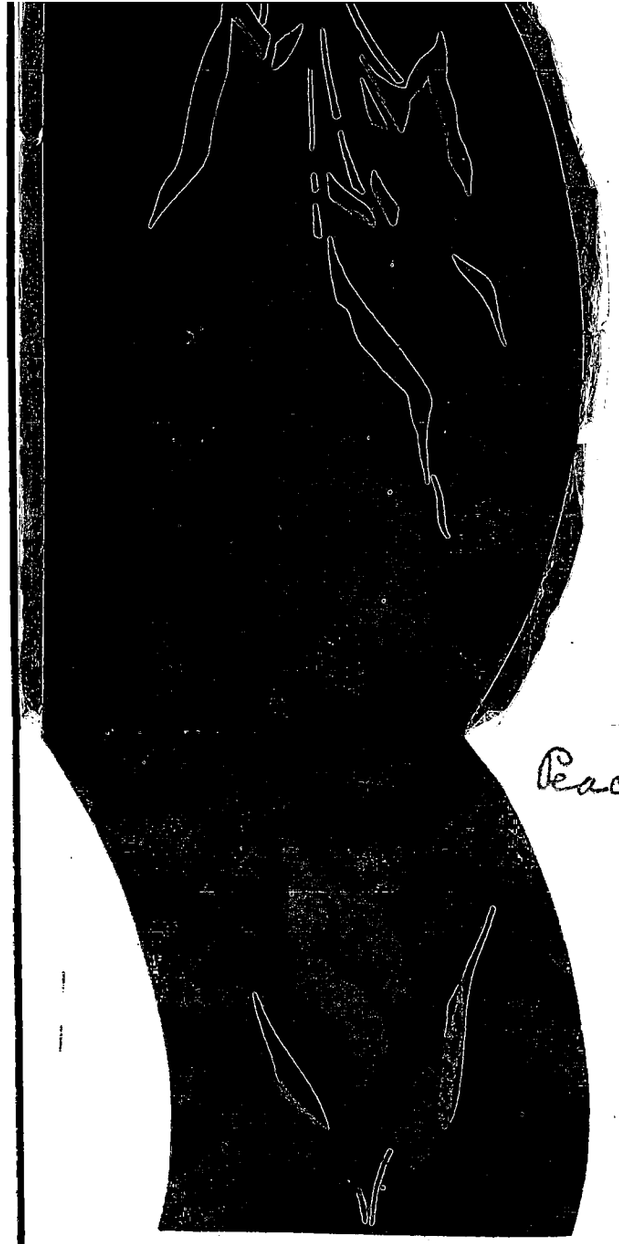

Hello!
Happy
Easter!

Peace it is wonderful . . .

We wish you a happy
Easter

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To say "HELLO"
at Eastertime
And then to add a wish or two
For happy days
and pleasant ways
And many joys ahead of you!

your beloved Mother Marie Divine
our beloved Son Jesus Divine
our beloved Father Mary Magdelin
your beloved Father O. J. Divine
Meg from L Joyce

Knoxville Tennessee
May 24 - 1937

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director of the Bureau of Inv.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I hope you will forgive me for taking your time by writing to you, but I know of no other person who could help.

May I ask if something can not be done with Harlem's so called God who calls himself "Father Divine"?

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Is he not swindling the people out of everything they have in order that he might have great wealth and power and if he is, is that not racketeering. Does he

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pay income tax on all his wealth.

I read every article in the papers about him and if they are true, it seems that something should be done. These are but little things compared to the lives and souls he is ruining.

Instead of our missionaries being sent to China and other foreign fields they surely could do great good in Harlem.

You of course wonder why I am so interested. There is a reason. I have a very dear sister who in some way has become a follower and teacher of Father Divine in Miami, Fla. We have done everything within our power to get her away from this but to no avail. She is a widow and has a most wonderful daughter, but since being a follower of this doctrine she seems to care nothing whatsoever for her daughter

nor those who have always been dear to her. My father who is 76 years old nor any of our friends here know of her belief and I would not have them know for the world. If I had riches I certainly would spend it all to send Father Divine to prison the rest of his life. My sister would never say anything against him, therefore I could not bring any charges against him myself, but I beg of you if it comes under your department to please investigate. Unless you have a sister you can't know what this means to me.

Trusting you will give this serious thought, I am

Mrs N. L. Clark
200 Lorena Avenue
Knoxville Tennessee

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
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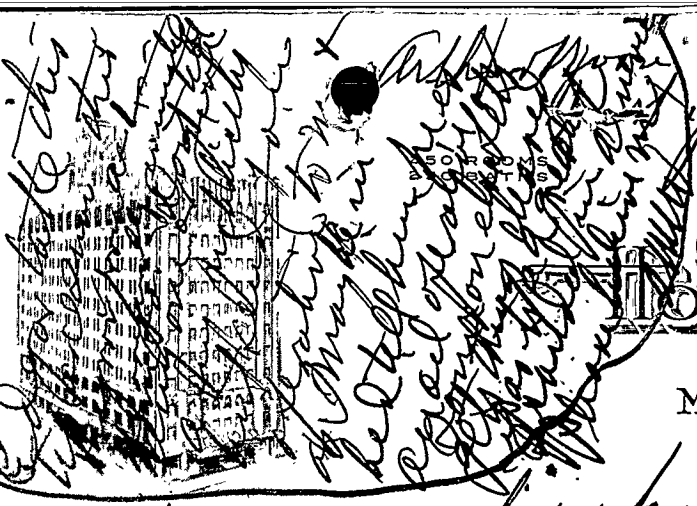

see Dir.

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Dear Hoover — You remember what I wrote you a year ago or so? Well it would not age or to the Divine big — well it would not just as I told you. Muff old. As you know during the World War (I am 60 now) I told you a few things I have tried to help you in every respect I can. Since I last wrote you I have carried on my oil big & gradually make the trade. Anyway (the last) I was in a serious accident on the I.C.R.R. & my legs were hurt but am managed to get by on just with my trials & tribulations (which has been several operations & they will be up in a few days all of a sudden) I would be up in a few days all of a sudden if there is anything doing on my Cashed Call on me at W.A.C. Now it was recently in Beverly Hills (not three of your weeks) willing to do all I can (or you know would be clearly) willing to do the work I did for the Government during the war. I have the history in this Dept as I wrote Dupin several months ago & told you to chase Dupin over to Wilmington, Del & Perry Lyons wrote you from Wilmington. I don't need any one to take care of me, but I'll have 30 years to work & tell me what to do as my interest is to help you in any way I can. Just write to Mr. Moore (or to me) Thanks for your order. Sincerely yours, Arthur Moore White

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Mrs. N. L. Clark,
200 Lorenia Avenue,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Mrs. Clark:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 24, 1937, regarding the activities of "Father Divine".

For your information, this Bureau is authorized to conduct investigations only in those cases in which there is a violation of specified Federal laws. The contents of your letter have been carefully noted, but the facts outlined therein do not indicate a violation of any law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. Therefore I regret I will be unable to be of assistance to you in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Knoxville

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June 12, 1937

Mr. A. M. White,
Hotel Frances,
Monroe, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. White:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 5, 1937, offering your assistance to this Bureau in investigating the activities of "Father Divine."

As you were previously informed by letter dated November 8, 1935, the activities of "Father Divine" do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, as such jurisdiction is restricted by Congressional enactment to the investigation of cases involving violations of specified Federal laws.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - New Orleans

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Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:—

I believe through steady collections of facts, and reading about his activities, this man who so-calls himself God in the person of Father Divine. He has a following of Colored and white people, old and young. Now this man, called Father Divine, according to the summation of everything his and his

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higher ups, I believe that if there was a check up by the Dept. of Justice, you'll find that either he or his representives are always constantly breaking a Federal law. You will find out that through him the other colored members of his flock, that is the high representives get just like the chinese use Drugs to get the white girls, Father Devine on a larger scale uses his I'm God Tatics to lure white girls and women for

different reasons that will serve his organization and bank account. That man shouldn't be mingling on the loose, Because I know that a colored person always will be quick to take advantage where it will concern an opening to serves his desires and satisfactions.

Respectfully yours,
Peter Pelosi
PETER PELOSI
16 Reservoir St.
Worcester, Mass.

May 5 39 - Nyc

Chief of Detective Agency;
Dear Mr Hoover;

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

I noticed an announcement in a daily paper where Father Divine has a week or two ag bought some more property in a very fashionable locality near New York City. There being a destruction against the colored people in the very fashionable community it was purchased for Father Divine through a white man. Now you know as well as I that the angels are not sent down to Father Divine with millions of dollars to buy all the big farm and property that he now owns in the U.S.A. I have been informed that very fine and prosperous looking white men belong to his religious organization. Would it not be wise to get a couple of your clever detectives to disguise as tramps or "down and outers" and find out who are putting up the money for Father Divine. In my own opinion it is very likely a Nazis order of men at the back of this and who use Father Divine as a cloak to get property for the Nazis German Government in this country and to stir up hatred and rebellion among the colored people against this country. There is hardly any doubt about this. Would it be possible for you to hide

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a few bombing planes on some of his land that he owns in country places so if war broke out. That they could fly in the night bomb the capitol and return without being discovered, or bomb any place they wished. Father Divine come in at all time of night in his big Touringcar, and none of his disciples know where he go or when he come to his New York meeting house on 110th St. He owns a lot of property and farms all over the United States. It is disgraceful that the heads of our Goverment do so little to stop these organizations of Nazis until they have such a hold it will be like in Spain. The poor American man pays in big taxes to the Goverment for protection of his home and family and yet the Goverment has not stoped Nazis or other dangerous foreign organizations that are against our people.

Hoping this letter will do the good that is intended I remain respectfully a member of an old American family whose family and relations have paid in large sums of money annually for taxes

American.

The American people are helpless to stop the Nazi and other dangerous orders. It is up to our Goverment for protection

FORWARDED

Mr Edgar Hoover
c/o Federal Bureau
Washington DC

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My dear Mr. Hoover I have mailed to you two card you know as soon as I have to go to you for a explanation the jewish law in us now you know that I was married in the 1st place with Father Divine, in Russia then the children that belongs to Father Divine Oscar Betty Ann and Colored negro dsent he is third legal wife Father have after all they were Born in Russia and gave his children a consent to live in Lafell Md, and they are satisfied to be in Lafell and after all he is a rich Daddy that can afford to spend money and he is not stenge he likes to spend a lot of money down around Finland Duthar land they are getting there education a and have toglud that they are having in Lafell Md Now dear Edgar I know that I have to give some money to the Brand I am more then [illegible] my life is safed that I will have freedom to come to Washington DC and give you income tax to you can thru money for your own poor people now Edgar you know that I am a good citizen I did not do no arm in this Country, and there is no sence of the Jewish Rabin to sit up day by day making cases

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it is not necessary to run foolish
cases and lax up innocent people.
you see dear Edgar the Rabis were
trying to be great spiritalist they tried
to experement if the can kill some
body or coath the spirit of christ
jesus. now tell me arend the Rabis
many aets crazy they still have a hode
on jesus, so day by day they sit up in
three linagegs and build up condition
nobody in the wold knows what they
do. but me. I dont have to be lax as
a prisoner. I have to go to my home
in Lofell L I told the jews that
they will never lay there hand on
this continent they thout they well
keep me away and they will have
a jews president hereth Edgar when I
come to see you in Washington you will
find out and please dear give a bond
for me you know how the jews has charged
me with doing wrong so you see a big
prisoner like me you must please give
a bond the jews played up a big play
and they dont know how to stop it now
your word is a bond you see and
dont get nerves just because I am going
to go thru all this to know every thing
that comes and goes, I will tell you
a lot of secrets censerning I have

I have find out thing you see it takes
you months before you find out where
to go criminal before you lay a hand
on them it takes you long I get in my
way real fast I will make you a
big suprise please dont you dear make
any cases cite it is not nessery to make
a lot of trouble in the Contry live
thing in my hands in my anvil I will
put a stop in a nice geid respectable
way to the Jews I will have you
in person and your man watch me
how I will do it you see Edgar
me times it pays to hear to somebody
me. you see Edgar dear Mr Edison
gift of the Electric so you know
fu-sured plenty people thord
crazy they even chased him
brain at hand one former listen
the same here with me. now
dont think that I will call you a forme
no. I know just exsacly what you
went thru in life and you have a
good noligie the only trouble with you
at the moment you get excited you
make cases dear then you look around
and when you get to your office you do
take it to heart you are very censenmy
that I will speak to you in person
always take your time because it
is hard that one

person says to insun another person
soul this is the biggest sin and
I will speak and Lecture on crimes also
the Jews that they will keep up making cases
and collecting insurance getting money
they dont have to pour up European
Cotter to no war they are not going to
to fight Edgar dear the thout they will
get the U.S. in trouble in war no they
cant you see conditions is broke
I myself will explain to your man
again every thing I am going to do all
this work from La Salle Ill. Edgar
dear I will tell you about Dr Good
he is a Jew doctor here he has no
to keep me here this farm is not
Edgar dear a oficer was killed
a blond women conected wi
crime about 48 years a real crook
Blond her companion she went wa
helped her, it is a shame a lot of
people do mis the mising Bl
the body was laid up in the woods
under trees the man that was killed was
a oficer, I will ask all of you man
pardon for my English spelling in Russia
I went to College you know where to put
here I did not had a chance to go to
College, no dear Edgar also all the federal
man that is in service under you I am
asking a favor not to make no a

anybody account I will come
home and go thru with a satin
line of work and I will put a stop
to the foolishness of the Jews they
wanted to be great man and promoter
that Jew priest Rabi is a white
Jew with a long baird he is doing
great Black magic work thru a
foolish crazy Undermining force
he knows that I know you put
a special weath on Mr McFlair
of Pittsburgh they like easy money
and make false cases he can
bluff me I know just what
he does you see they did not give
me a chance to come to the Federal
Big the Jewish welfare of
Pittsburg are real dirty crooks
they have Bared a lot of people
that there Jewish Doctors
put a levy a attachment on Mr
McFlair put a stop that the people
of Pittsburg should get making
false petitions

you see I saw Mr Sam Goodstein
when I was in Pittsburg and he
told me. he said to me, that
he does not mix in any cases
because the children are
negro disents and they are the
children of the negro Father
that I have Built them from
the Father Divine Oscar Betty
and they are welcome to be with
with there Father Divine
in Lafell K/ he has not got
nothing against them as
they are real swell honest
respectable children and their
own Father is real nice to them
and he is going their protection
in Lafell. Mr Sam Goodstein
told me the Jews are really
crazy for trouble and
seeing they dont have to be
prosecuted and Mr
Sam Goodstein are divorst for
years and I will let you
know again I will go to staff
and go home I thank you
the children do have a real good
negro Father Divine nobody shell
mix please tell the Jews I am
afraid nobody
shell own wife
my signature
Your truly Mrs Ida

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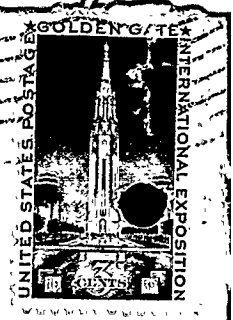

Chief of Detective Agency
Mr Edgar Hoover
Washington DC
City Hall
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Knoxville Tennessee
September 30, 1939

Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Inv.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I wrote you in regard to my sister Mrs Flossie Riley, being a follower of the negro who calls himself Father Divine. She has since gone to Harlem N.Y. to one of his "Peace Missions". It has been a year and half since anyone has heard from her. Another sister was in New York recently and tried to see her, but when she went to the Mission she was directed to several different buildings and was finally told they did not know just where she was, but that she was alright. Of course we do not know whether she is living or dead. He teaches them that you do not die, so if

anything has or does happen to her I doubt if we would ever know.

I am only pleading with you to try and find something that would justify an investigation of this negro and of course others who are partners with him, and reveal him not only to my sister but others who are so foolish.

We are a family who must keep this sorrow to ourselves because it seems a disgrace to civilized people.

I am sure it takes time to investigate and you can only do so when you know there is a violation of the law, but whenever that time comes and I am confident it must before so very much longer, I shall ever be so grateful to you.

Thanks.

Mrs N. L. Clark
2545 Woodbine Ave.
Knoxville, Tennessee

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in Russia fel her last
name also in the
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Father Divine

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

I have just received the enclosed letter from New York City. I appreciate the fact that it is anonymous but since the contents of this letter are a revelation of what I have suspected for a long time, I thought it my duty to call your attention to it and let you have your force to peep in on this miserable and "fakey" outfit.

It would be really good if you would send it up to Percy (Sam) Foxworth and tell him to investigate Father Divine. Suggest to him that the best way to make a start would be to go hear him preach about a half dozen times and get his slant. The joke would be on Percy since he is a red-blooded Southerner.

But, seriously, there may be something to what this girl says.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. G. Bilbo

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New York City, N. Y.
May 30, 1940

Rep. Bilbo
of Mississippi
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

The most collosial fifth column in the world is none other than the Rev.Father Devine he has been picked up by German Red. agents at Smithtown Long Island in 1935 or 6 too fool the people by carring on a program under the smoke screene of divinity. His kingdoms reach around the world, Australia, New Zeeand, London and I don't have to tell you about America, He publishes a magazine called the New day, his followers both white and black expect to overthrow this Gov't when and if the Nazi gain control of the world I can assure his nerve is beyond comprehension he has an office in the Reichstag drives a Duzenberg car, teaches his followers it is he who is god. His officers are all fifth column men and women who hope for Peace but are waiting for the day Dertag. His kingdoms are blinds for spy activities and his money did not come from his followers his kingdons serve excelent meals for 15¢ bate for the suckers who are dom on there luck.

In Kings Park Hospetle for Insane German girl there still can be all proven by head of this instution. If he is god why don't he help this girl. His Kingdoms are electrified. Some of his followers highly educated people especially in Red tactics has recently got stamps printed linking South America with U.S.A. this is what Germany wants because such will serve to enter the U.S.A. because forty out of one hundred in So.America are of the Fifth Column, then they can come up thru Central America and destroy us also I read his magazenes. I pal with a white follower of his now has lost her real name because all his followers must take such as Darling heart or Sunshine. I have got all the information I can from her because she thought I would follow with her. She is the one whom I got the magazines from. I read between the lines hig big wepon is the bible but his boss is Hitler and Stalin Great Britan dont know that the out post of Australia New Zealund Switzerland and etc. are being sold out by these faithful followers of Father Divine. If he is God and teaches thus. It is sedition but every one laughs at this and thinks it a joke. Its no joke. Its is Nazi and Red propaganda hidden behind religion too, lull the nations into letter & easier to destroy as his places are out posts of secrete agents never suspected by most people.

The reason I am writing you is because I believe as a man of the South you can do without delay something to destroy this terrible

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monster, he is surronded by powerful body guards let no one fool you on this. his followers are not all wise too him only the fact some day he teaches he will be king of this world. Dont be fooled by his slogans of Peace or Peace Stemps when and if we were ever invaded you will see hell brake loose in Harlem and his kingdoms go into high gear for destruction. It is time someone woke up to this and I assure you I believe you are the man totackle the job together with the F.B.I. My life would not be worth much if you re----- this letter so therefore work in secrete until all is proven and don't let anyone laugh and tell you it is silly because this man is a negro his white followers are waiting for the day to sit in the seats of the mighty.

If he is not stoped not, what will happen.

Yours sincerely,

A real American
(White girl)

I cant signe my name but wil wait for a signe from you.

New York City N.Y.
May 30. 1940.

Rep Bilbo
of Mississippi
House of Representatives.
Wash DC.

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Honorable Sir;-

The most collosial fifth Column in the world is none other than the Rev. Father Devine he has been picke'd up by German Red agents at Smith town Long Island in 1935 or 6 tho fool the people by carrying on a program under the Smoke screen of divinity His Kingdoms reach around the world Australia New Zeeland.

London and I don't have to tell
you about America, He publishes
a magazine Called the new day.
his fellowers both white and black
expect to overthrow this Gov't shew.
and if the Nazi gain Control of
the world I can assure his nerve
is beyond Comprehension he has
an office in the Reichstag drives
a Duzenberg Car. teaches his fellowers
it is he who is god. his officers are
all fifth Column men and women
who hope for Peace but are waiting
for the day Der tag His Kingdoms
are blinds for Spy asterities and
his money did not all come from
his fellowers his Kingdoms serve
excelent meals for 15¢ bate for the
suckers who are down on their luck

In Kings Park Hospitle for insane
German girl there still can be all
drown by head of this insituion
If he is god why dont he help this
girl His Kingdons are Electrified
Some of his followers highly Educated
people especially in Red tactics
has recently got Stamps printed
Linking South America with
U.S.A this is what Germany wants
because such will serve to Enter
the U.S.A because forty out of one
hundred in Samerica are of
the Fifth Column then they can
come up thru Central America
and destroy us also I read
Ref Magazenes & pal with a

white follower of his now has
lost her real name because all
his followers must take such as
Darling heart or Sunshine & have
got all the information I can from
her because she thought I would
follow with her. She is the one
whom I got the Magazines from
I read between the lines his big
Weapon is the bible but his boss
is Hitler and Stalin Great.
Britain dont know that the out.
Post of Australia New Zealand
Switzerland and Etc are being
Sold out by these faithful
followers of Father Divine
If he is God and teaches this
It is sedition but Genuine

laughs at this and thinks
it a joke its no joke its
Nazi and Red propaganda
hidden behind religion too
lull the Nations into letter.
Easier to destroy as his places
are out posts of secret agents
never suspected by most people.
The reason I am writing you.
is because I believe as a man
of the South you can do with
out delay something to destroy
this terrible monster, he is
surrounded by powerful body
guards let no one fool you
on this. his followers are not

all wise to him only the fact.
some day he teaches he will
be king of this world Don't
be fooled by his slogans of
Peace or Peace Stamps
when and if we were ever
invaded you will see hell.
break loose in Harlem and
his Kingdoms go into high
gear for destruction It is time
some one wake up to this
and I assure you I believe
you are the man to tackle
the job together with the F.B.I.
My life would not be worth

Mick if you reeed this letter
so therefore work in secrete
untel all is gooen and dont
let any one laugh and tell you
it is silly because this man is
a negro his white followers
are waiting for the day to set
in the seats of the mighty
If he is not stoped now,
what will happen.

Yours Sincerely

a real American.

(white girl)

I cant signe my name but
will wait for a signe from you

PITTSBURGH
CITY HOME AND HOSPITALS
MAYVIEW, PA.

Mr Edgar Hoover
c/o the chief Director of the Federal Bt
Washington D C,
ask Dept. of Justice

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

WAM:EOD

June 27, 1941

2 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Re: SELECTIVE SERVICE

Assistant SAC Guerin called from New York advising that Agents of that office had recently interviewed Father Devine in connection with a Selective Service case and that some publicity had resulted in Father Devine's magazine concerning the incident. There was nothing unfavorable to the Bureau, however, contained therein. The writer requested Mr. Guerin to furnish the substance of the information therein to the Bureau by letter.

Respectfully,

W. A. Murphy

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
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June 21, 1940

Honorable Theodore G. Bilbo
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 2, 1940, and its enclosure consisting of an anonymous letter dated May 30, 1940, addressed to you relative to Father Divine.

It was indeed kind of you to bring this letter to my attention and I want you to know I am sincerely appreciative of your courtesy and interest in so doing. You may be assured your letter and its enclosure are being made a matter of official record for such future attention as may be deemed appropriate.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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cc New York
(with copy of incoming)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Excelsior Springs
Jan 5 - 42

Mr Edgar Hoover:
Dear Sir;

Didn't Mrs F.D. Roosevelt's brother in-law or some kin sell Father Divine the estate near the White House for him and his "angels"? Well, that relation is not so dumb and needs watching. The Germans and negroes in Father Divines gang are in a fine position to bomb the White House when they are ready. Kingston Ky is owned by the Germans, but Father Divine is suppose to own all the farms which the Germans + negro angels are living on. And his estates + farms are many in this U.S. Do you suppose Father Divine is God, the negro who spreaked and spreaked the devil 1st over the radio? No of course, you dont. Neither does most of his angels, but they dont know where he is mysteriously gets all his money and business.

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They have plenty of bombs & ammunition, ect hidden on their farms and at Kingston Maby you already have your men trailing him at Kingston and from E110 St New York City where he gives big dinners to the poor & shelter them if they turn over all they posses to his organization Surely you have long ago put some of good men trailing him. They go & come in the wee hours of the night from E 110 St and Kingston in his big swell auto. If this is neglected we will have a surprise attact worse than the Japs gave Pearl Harbor. There will be many lives and property lost that can be avoided. I do not want any thing for this or any information that I have given only want to save lives and our country I am only a little unimportant looking woman and can do no more than tell what I know to proper authorities & I trust you will promptly do the rest & clean up on them and make them war prisoners. These are thousands

over

of them all over this country & are ready with bombs, ect, to attack us when they give the order and the time is best suited to gain the victory as the Japs did.

I have heard so much condemnation of Presidents Roosevelts neglect at Pear Harbor that I am afraid that you might delay cleaning up on the enemies in our own country which would cause great loss of life and property and maby your country. Well I hope you will appreciate this information and believe you are a man who gets busy without procrastination.

yours sincerely

Anna Moore

ANNA MOORE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 26, 1942

Miss Anna More
Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Dear Miss More:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Father Divine

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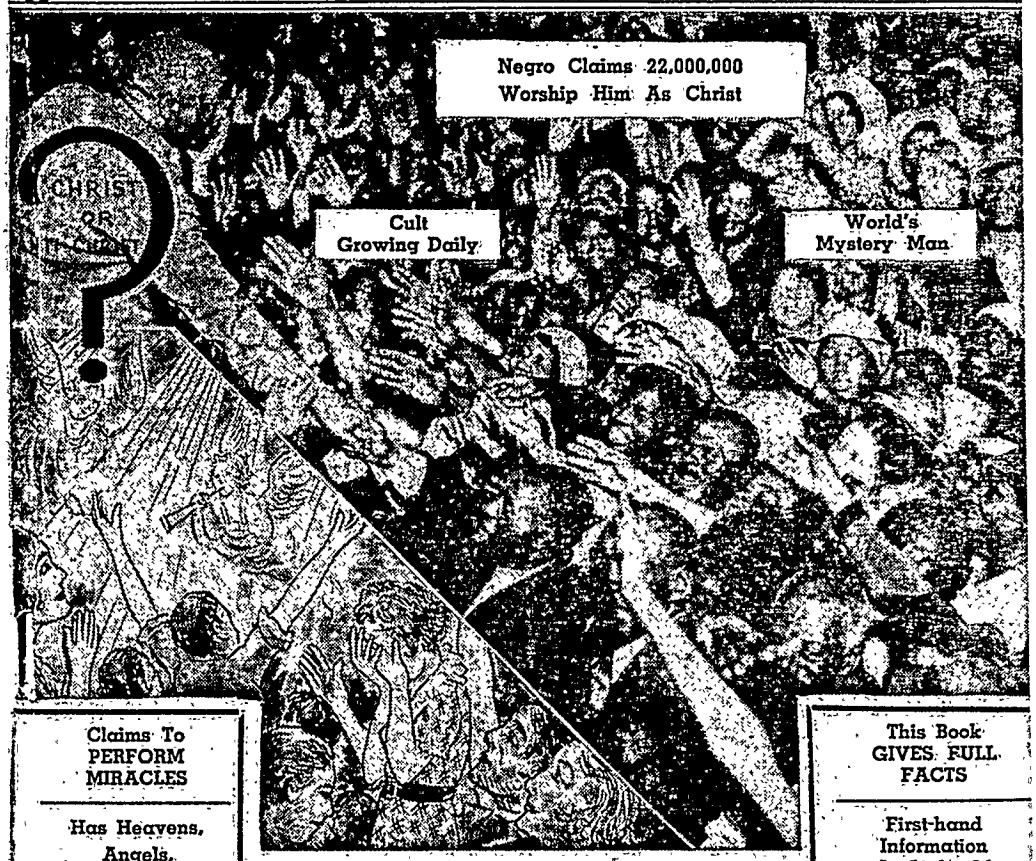

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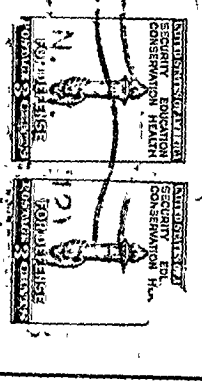

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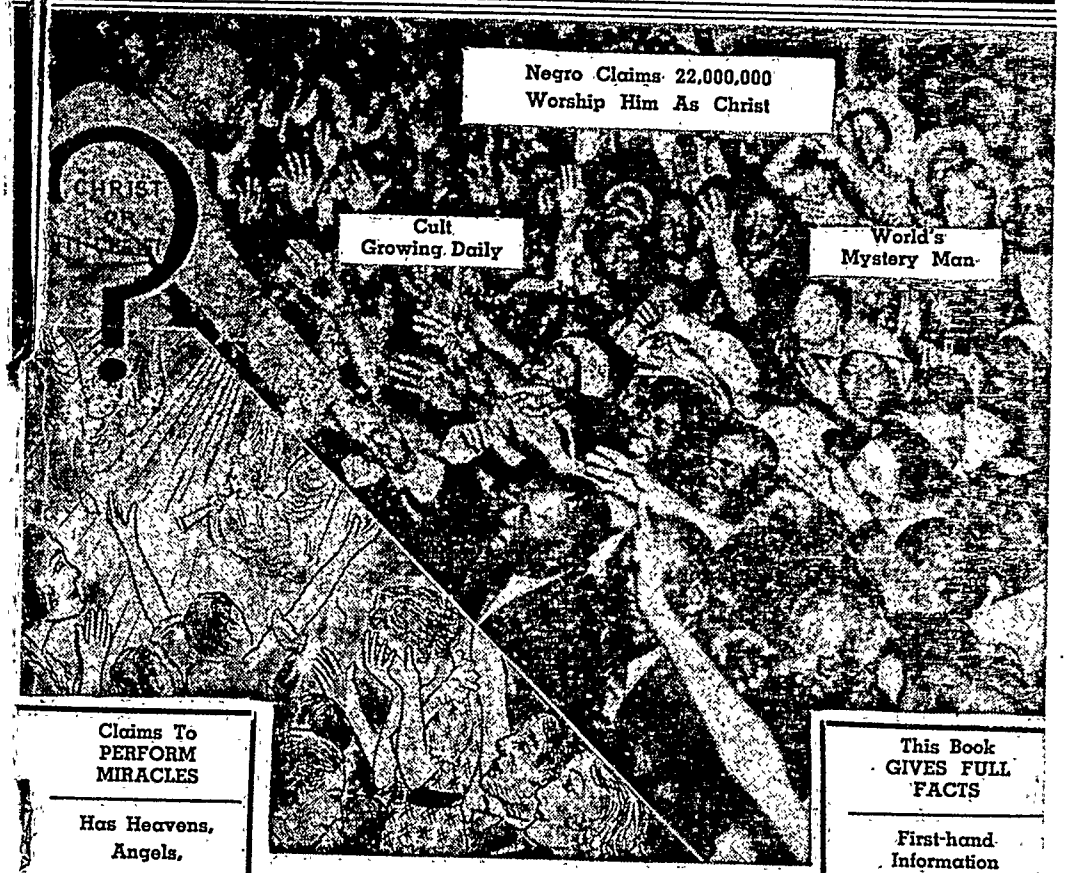

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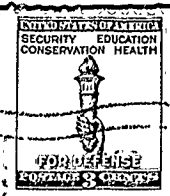

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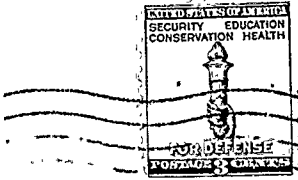

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Secretary of War department
Washington
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Excelsor Springs, Mo.
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Secretary of War

Honorable Sir:

While living in New York City for years I took notice of the activities of Father Divine & his gang. Father Divine is the negro who called himself God, and squeaked and squaked like an ape, over the radio.

All the land that has been bought by and owned by Father Divine is in truth, bought by Germany, through its agents here. Now, Father Divine & his angels have a lot of property here in U. S., many large farms or estates; he ownes most of Kingston, New York. He has great quanities of amunition, bombs, etc. hidden on his estates and carefully camoflaged.

Father Divine cant open his mouth for they would kill him quick, but I dont suppose he wishes to. They have many negro followers & lot of german cohorts. Now, you should at once, without procrastination send enough of the mialitia to Kingston & thoroughly search the town & cellars & camoflaged dugouts. Send a group or division of army Troops to all of his estates & The one near the White House should be at once thoroughly searched and you will be most agreeably surprised to find great quanities of amunition etc. if your troops search carefully.

I dont see how so many imposters and enemies can get such a hold in our country, and right under our nose. What is wrong with our people? Is it to much lust & thoughts & company of bad girls & bad women who are today so numerous that has made our boys & men so dopy & stupid that such large organizations of enemies have such a dangerous hold in our country?

I cant do anything but notify the authorities who are equiped and empowered to act. If all citizens would take the time & little trouble to do as I am doing, the enemy could not get such a hold on our country! These are facts about his estates.

Dont let the press or radio get hold of what you do until it is finished & the gang is jailed & kept there. Get different division of your troops started & pounce on them all at the same time on there many estates, and especially at Kingston & near the White House.

Anna More

Copy:ALO'D

Subject: Camouflaged ammunition at Kingston, New York.

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Francis B. Rednor

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New York, March 30, 1942

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

With reference to a poster

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Not that there is, of course, anything wrong about this - on the contrary, it is most sensible. Only, what goes for the Father should hold equally well for the children. And the man who, when questioned murmured "I bear no record" of himself, seems to know about others more than they know about themselves - and what happens to be of derogatory nature.

And if we consider: would Christ do this? or - Truth being the same always and everywhere, and no respecter of persons - if we substitute for Christ the name of any other spiritual leader, we shall have an answer to go by.

And who knows what goes on in the "mental laboratories" (and perhaps in others too) of certain hospitals of renown - such as for example the Bellevue hospital and the Flower hospital where many

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Very truly yours,

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522 West 123rd Street
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April 10, 1942

Special Agent in Charge

New York, New York

Re: FATHER DEVINE; ET AL
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter December 22, 1941, postmarked at Excelsor Springs, Missouri, which was received at this Bureau by reference from the War Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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May 15, 1942

Miss Amalie Teichsler
522 West 123rd Street
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New York, May 31, 1942

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your kind reply to my letter.

I mean to take the opportunity to write you again.

I am enclosing herewith a paper handed to me some months ago in a subway station by a good and respectable-looking woman, apparently with some good intent. I have preserved it - unhandled - as it was given to me. I did not feel as if I should throw it away.

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This paper does not tell of an underneath or inner side of the movement it represents, that is not at once discernible to the outsider.

Very sincerely yours

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Amalie Tichler
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July 3, 1942

Miss Amalie Teichsler
522 West 123rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Teichsler:

Your letter dated June 16, 1942, together with enclosures, has been received in the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city. Its contents will be called to the Director's attention on his return.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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New York, June 16, 1942

Mr. John Edgar Hoover Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thank you for your reply to my letter of May 31st.

I note what you say regarding the New York office of the F.B.I. However, I believe it is best that this time again I write to you.

Should I at any time be called upon to substantiate anything I have said herein, I am of course ready to respond to the best of my ability.

I am taking the liberty to enclose a copy of some words I wrote some years ago (about March 1938). They were intended to be enclosed in a letter to a man who was then greatly interested in the leader of the Dixie movement, and in the great and good work in the cause of humanity he then believed this man to be doing — even as a loving, impersonally disinterested father. This letter and enclosure however he did not get.

I am also enclosing a booklet that is a work of this above mentioned man. It will give you any insight into the character of the man.

His writings are registered at the Library of Congress in Washington. They may be read at the Central branch of the New York Public Library.

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She offered to send this! J.

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(2) There is also his portrait in several of them. In one of his books, "The Demonstrating Christ", there is a photographic reproduction of a painting of his of "The Christus"; for he is also an artist. The work on the covers of his books and various artistic details are by himself. These expressions of his speak for themselves.

He also has been - and perhaps now is - active as musical composer and director. He has been and perhaps now is active in Hollywood. Certainly you could have no difficulty in locating him.

This man has been in difficulties and distress owing to the leader of the Divine movement. He has been trying to get in touch with me, a friend, and I with him.

He, this brilliant and splendid man, who advocated and played a prominent part in the furthering of this movement, had incurred the ill-favor of its leader. Accusations were carried to this leader (supposed to be one who "knows"), he was charged with misrepresenting the movement and him, with dishonesty and other misdemeanor. This man who was called the Saint, the reincarnation of the Apostle Paul.

It is strange that he disappeared, and of the many who saw and heard him - at Steinway Hall and elsewhere - noone knew where he had gone. There were weird disquieting rumors, but those who were asked did not know. Someone

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who had not known him personally so that long ago, an article in the Herald Tribune told of his having been accused of dishonesty by the leader of the Divine movement.

Concerning this movement I venture to say that it has appeared to be akin to or part of something like the Voodoo cult — or perhaps the Voodoo cult may be a part of it.

There may not be the actual physical sacrifice and torture — but there are other ways.

We did not see it in this light some years ago when the leader of this movement said concerning a minister of a Brooklyn church who had declared himself against him "and will ride their minds —" It was reported that the man came to him after some days and apologized.

It would of course be gratifying to know definitely that Mr. B. is safe, well and happy; but it would be considerably relieving to know at all how he is, and where.

Very sincerely yours,
Amalie Teichler

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I can see that a deity with a lying tongue and a promiscuous, conniving, deceiving, fearing and settling mind can never be a light for me to follow. The father of liars to whom all connivers and liars' caution for inspiration and backing was never a loving father to me and I can no more believe in him as the Principle and as a sample and example to follow.

The embodied Christ Principle would not have spoken the things I heard spoken by a person who claims a certain holy name as appendage and form of

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After the way I have lived the past years since I last saw you, there is never a loving father in all God's creation who would not say, "This is my beloved son" in whom I am pleased. Your sins have been forgiven. Think of them no more and I will no more recall them to mind and cause them to be repeated. Your offenses are forgiven. Look well unto this day - do not call up the sins of the past and live them over. Christ is, above all, uplifting.

(3) He (Christ) [illegible]ed not tenaciously work to change into a child of darkness a daughter of light.

He (the "deity") said, "I will have none of that personal business" when told of two persons in love with one another who were being worked apart by "fixing."

He is not impersonal when he meddles between those in love - in a decidedly unholy manner. God is Love - and love is sacred.

Many have been carried away by superstition and hypnotism and fold mental and oral suggestions and have been instilled with fear by this way,

(4) ..and hidden threats of disaster.

(This "father" as a shrewd business man perhaps believes it good advertisement for himself to show the world that he can choose to grind into the mud a select (white) girl with the best blood's approach. At least, such seems to be the intention).

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Miss Amalie Teicheler
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Dear Miss Teicheler:

I have your letter dated May 31, 1942, together with enclosure, and wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and courtesy in making this information available to me.

In the event you have any information which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, do not hesitate to contact our office located at 607 U. S. Court House Building, Foley Square, New York City, or write to me.

Sincerely yours,

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I DEMAND AND I COMMAND THE LIFE SUBSTANCE IN YOUR SOUL AND BODY AND I SHALL BRING YOU INTO SUBJECTION—FATHER DIVINE

THE ONLY HOPE OF SALVATION FOR THE CRITICS AND OPPOSERS IS TO MAKE AN OPEN CONFESSION AND FORSAKE THEIR VICES AND CRIMES

"OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE"

AT THE BANQUET TABLE
152-160 W. 126th St.
NEW YORK CITY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1938 A. D. F. D.
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PART TWO

This powerful and soul-stirring Message which FATHER delivered at this time, shall go down on record and shall be stamped in the hearts and minds of the children of men—those that are believers and those that are unbelievers, to give them something to think about and something to consider! Those of the Religious field, the social field, the intellectual field, the educational field, and the divers expressions and functions of life; but especially to those of the literary field, **SET YOUR EARS IN ORDER**, to hear this profound Message which FATHER DIVINE delivered on this day; for it is a Message of Salvation to everyone who will adhere to same and take cognizance of it:

Those of you of the literary field who have been malicious, prejudiced, false and erroneous in your writings, and have perverted the truth and have tried to put an end to the Work and the Mission of the ALMIGHTY GOD on earth, **YOU ARE THE ONES WHO SHALL COME TO AN END, AND A QUICK END, FOR YOUR DAYS ARE NUMBERED!** And there is no way of an escape for you, unless EVERY LAST ONE will come boldly before the Throne of Grace, the BODY OF FATHER DIVINE, GOD ALMIGHTY! . . . and confess your sins and FORSAKE them!

It has been declared in the Scripture and has been re-declared by FATHER on this occasion:

"His Mercy is everlasting and His Truth endureth unto all generations;"

Therefore, the experience of the one called FAITHFUL MARY is like unto this quotation, for as she, as an individual, has come before GOD and man and has confessed her sins, she has received of the Infinite Mercy and Compassion of the CREATOR, for as has been declared by GOD:

"If you turn unto ME, I will turn to you."

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, after which follows a song sung by one of the followers, and then our FATHER'S beautiful Message to the world!)

Song

"Everybody has a work to do,
Everybody has a work to do," etc.

PEACE, EVERYONE! That little composition, although it came fanatically as being termed superstitiously, yet it is a message to each and every creature. Do not think within yourselves, because you are not called followers of MINE, you do not have a work to do! It is immaterial to ME what you may call yourselves; that is, if you walk around here on GOD'S earth, you have to work out your own soul salvation, . . . you will have to make an open confession, even as the second to the last speaker did!

I will cause every knee to bow, and every tongue to confess THAT I AM GOD! Aren't you glad? If they walk around here on the face of the earth, if they have life and health, THEY SHALL CONFESS AND SHALL BOW AT THE REMEMBRANCE OF MY HOLINESS! Aren't you glad? Every prejudicial newspaper, every critic, every slanderous person,—I SHALL

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BRING THEM TO THEIR KNEES! If they confess and forsake their sins and do it, even as they have lied and slanderously declared false accusation, there may be a chance for their forgiveness, even as in the experience of others; BUT THEY HAVE TO DO IT!

I AM not bothering about it; it matters not whether you call yourselves Religious or non-Religious, followers or non-followers, I AM talking to you. IF YOU BREATHE THE BREATH OF LIFE, I DEMAND AND I COMMAND THE LIFE SUBSTANCE IN YOUR SOUL AND IN YOUR BODY, AND I SHALL BRING YOU INTO SUBJECTION—that is, if you live on the face of the earth; for it has long since been declared and I re-declare the same:

"GOD ALONE SHALL REIGN."

I know they do not want to hear these things; I know they do not want it to be true; BUT IT IS TRUE ANYHOW! Aren't you glad? And the Scripture, yea, the inspirationic prediction —things that have even come by the composers of songs and praise, are now being fulfilled in this dispensation; they are being fulfilled here and now in the midst of this congregation. Aren't you glad?

GOD Is the Only One To Be Relied On

What said one of the compositions quite often sung in your divers Protestant churches?

"He rules the world with Truth and Grace, and makes the nations prove the glory of His Righteousness and the wonders of His Love."

Can you not see I have fulfilled it? I make the nations of the earth prove the "glory of MY Righteousness, and the wonders of MY Love." Then I say, it is wonderful, is it not? I cause the prejudicial, malicious nations, newspapers and individuals to prove "the glory of MY Righteousness and the wonders of MY Love," ... to let you see and know conclusively, GOD ALONE is the One of Whom you can rely upon; the only One Who has love beyond degrees, love that goes into infinitude, love that can forgive a sinner of his malicious sins, iniquities and transgressions, with all of his vices and crimes he has committed —GOD IS THE ONLY ONE WHO IS THE FORGIVER! GOD is the only One I say, Who is the FORGIVER, the EMANCIPATOR; One Who will forgive you of your malicious sins, transgressions and iniquities, your vices and your crimes you have committed. GOD is the only FORGIVER; therefore, when you called on ME, I forgave you and I emancipated you!

This is a Message as though it is to you as individuals, yet it is a Message as a prediction to those who will come in the future; if they confess their sins and all of their vices and crimes and iniquities they have been committing and will forsake them, I WILL HAVE MERCY! THAT IS THE REASON GOD IS GOD! Man is unmerciful; man would destroy you immediately, physically or personally if he could; but as GOD is unlimited Mercy, for His Mercy is everlasting and His Truth endureth unto all generations, that is why you can see most distinctly, the Majesty and the Infiniteness of GOD'S Love and of His Mercy, by such experiences as you have heard this afternoon. Aren't you glad?

Attempts To Destroy the Kingdom of GOD

"An open confession is good for the soul."

There are thousands and thousands of people this Country over, they know they have lied maliciously, antagonistically and committed vice and crime in their attempts to destroy the KINGDOM OF GOD; they know they have lied from start to finish! If they do not repent, I WILL BRING THEM LOWER THAN I DID FAITHFUL MARY! If they confess their sins and forsake them, it is written;

"He who covers his sins shall not prosper, but he who confesses them shall have Mercy."

Therefore, if you have not sinned against the HOLY GHOST, there is a propitiation whereby your salvation stands, by making an open confession and the forsaking of all of your vices, your sins and your iniquities and crimes, and be emancipated from them by reversing your gears of thinking completely, and be no longer entangled with the yoke of bondage!

"He rules the world with Truth and Grace, and makes the nations prove," ...

yea, He makes the nations prove—not only this nation, but He makes the nations collectively and universally prove "the glory of His Righteousness and the wonders of His Love." That is why MY followers say, and say they KNOW, and a good many of them DO KNOW, that I AM GOD, for the Bill has been answered and they could not find any other to answer the problem, to answer the question, saving GOD ALMIGHTY! When it was answered, you see it was fulfilled; when it was fulfilled, you said IT IS ME!

Fret Not Because of Evil

Then I say, fret not yourselves because of the workers of iniquity, FOR THEY SHALL BE CUT OFF! As I quite often say, I must say again; it has long since been declared and I re-declare the same, "the pen is mightier than the sword." Hearst used his pen! He thought he

could slay ME and all of the Works of RIGHTEOUSNESS that had been established by your SAVIOR; but it was, and it still is, yea, it still remains, A MATTER OF IMPOSSIBILITY!

The pen is mightier than the sword, but the literal pen is only a slight sketch and a reflection of a percent of a fraction of a grain of the mystery, for the literal pen that writes the literature of slander and profanity and obscenity, it is only a pen that is limited; but MY PEN IS INFINITE! MY Tongue is a pen of a ready writer! I AM writing MY Words on the hearts and minds and the souls of men; they all must eventually recognize ME and hear MY Voice while I Speak!

The pen of which I AM representing, is the sword of which was declared in the revelationic prediction;

> "Out of His Mouth goeth a two-edged sword, and with it He smites the nations,"

yea, the nations are smitten before ME, as said the Scripture: "They shall come in ONE way but go out SEVEN," ... and I SHALL smite them! They shall be smitten before MY Face. This is exactly what I HAVE done—this is exactly what I AM DOING!

The Only Hope for Them

Then, the only hope of the salvation of our opposers, critics and opponents, is to make an open confession and forsake all their malicious vices and crimes they have been committing, and bring themselves into subjection and expose themselves of the lies they have been telling, THE SAME AS THE BODY CALLED FAITHFUL MARY! As she declared; for many weeks she was helpless; could not even pull the cover up on her in the bed. The bed became to be filthy and she could not protect herself, and others could not protect her. Can you not see the mystery? Could not even turn over—and the SPIRIT OF MY PRESENCE waited patiently in Mercy and Compassion! Where she was calling on GOD from other angles of expression, she received no deliverance UNTIL SHE CALLED on FATHER DIVINE!

When she called on GOD in THIS particular TABERNACLE, THIS BODY, and made up her mind to make an open confession and return, and all her sins, leave them behind, by forsaking them; why, she was healed immediately as you might say; and she wrote ME, asking ME Personally from a literary point of view, could she come!

> "His Truth is everlasting, His Mercy endureth unto all generations."

Then, when this is fulfilled, it is made more plain and more distinctly observable, that GOD ALONE IS THE FULFILLER of such a Scripture! NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE SUCH LOVE, BUT GOD! Now, there are thousands of others—they must do the same, or else I WILL COME OUT OF THEIR BODIES! "That which is done in secret, shall be made known on the housetop." Those who are filled with prejudice and malicious intents, desires and plans and methods to try to overthrow the Fundamental—those things shall work as a boomerang to them! Aren't you glad?

They Come Home to Roost

All curses and everything—all things are as chickens, THEY COME HOME TO ROOST! Not only the evil, but the good, ... they are all the same! THEY COME BACK TO THE PLACE FROM WHENCE THEY CAME! Aren't you glad? See the BLESSINGS come back to ME; for I send them out from ME—they RETURN to ME! Blessings and blessings, and blessings and blessings, decillions and decillions and decillions of blessings, until you cannot even so much, with your advanced light of civilization by mathematics, enumerate them. Aren't you glad?

Matters not from whence you cometh nor whither you goeth, it is a matter of impossibility for you to enumerate the limitless blessings I have and AM enjoying and AM expressing and demonstrating and have in turn for the identical ones I send! I say cursings are as chickens; THEY COME HOME TO ROOST! ... if they ever leave home! Blessings are equivalently the same; therefore, it is essential to sow GOOD seeds, yea, the GOOD seeds you sow you will reap the fruit of, for they must return to you from whence they have gone! Aren't you glad?

Then I say, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice; let your moderation be made known unto all men, the LORD IS AT HAND!" GOD is not a GOD afar off, but GOD is a GOD AT HAND! Can you not see the mystery? GOD, the Author and the Finisher—GOD is the only Hope of your redemption, the only Hope of your deliverance. You can only get it through the recognition of HIM. Aren't you glad?

They Will Come With False Pretenses

Then I say, the half has never yet been told! **I SHALL LET YOU SEE AND KNOW MORE, HERE IN THE FUTURE, FOR I SHALL STOP EVERY DOG FROM BARKING!** Every prejudicial newspaper, yes, every prejudicial and malicious publication, they are all as dogs barking; **BUT I SHALL STOP THEM FROM BARKING! I WILL LET THEM SEE AND KNOW, THEY CANNOT DO A THING!** They will come to you

through the pretense of being your friend, but everyone that uses a segregated term, that person is not your friend!

Every newspaper that will use a prejudicial term in speaking concerning you or ME, that person is not your friend; that paper, that periodical is not your friend; for the segregated term they use concerning ME, it is a robber in itself! I say, the segregated term they use concerning YOU, . . . I first said ME! The segregated term they use is a robber, it is a thief and a robber! When they use segregated terms concerning you, PAY THEM NO MIND, but boycott everyone—every newspaper using segregated terms; but especially the prejudicial newspapers under the empire of Hearst's, or had been, . . . you CUT THEM, BOYCOTT THEM! I SAID DO IT!

Until they repent, from the chief executive to the least one represented in connection—unless they repent and make an open confession and an open apology and forsake their malicious attacks they have been making, not only on ME, but on everybody else, I CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT THEM! TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND ALL OTHERS TO DO THE SAME, for why should you endorse such papers that are crime makers, creating malicious minds in the hearts and lives of the children of men? Why should you endorse such things? Why should you tolerate them? The same as the paper commonly known as the AMSTERDAM NEWS—that little old publication! Not one of MY real followers would read it, and those who are converted to the recognition hereafter, you all will copy after the sample and the example of MY followers!

No Prejudicial or Segregated Terms

Now if they confess, every one of them, every prejudicial person and malicious person in connection with each of these institutions or publications, and forsake their sins—that is the only way we will recognize them. **THEY MUST DO THE SAME AS FAITHFUL MARY DID! CONFESS AND FORSAKE THEIR MALICIOUS SINS, AND FORSAKE THEM COMPLETELY, BEFORE I WILL RECOGNIZE THEM! MY real followers would not be found reading a prejudicial newspaper! Now, henceforth and forever, if they use prejudicial and segregated terms concerning people for the purpose of low-ration; they will not read those prejudicial newspapers!**

The little old "AMSTER-BI ESS" NEWS, better known as the AMSTERDAM NEWS, it is one among the many prejudicial papers, ignorant enough to be prejudiced and malicious, . . . PREJUDICED AGAINST ITSELF! Using segregated terms concerning GOD and men, separating themselves from the powers that be; that is why they cannot succeed. **NOW TELL THEM I SAID IT! I CAME HERE TO GIVE SUCH AS THEM THEIR EQUAL RIGHTS! I CAME HERE TO GIVE THEM THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS; BUT THEY ARE IGNORANT ENOUGH TO TRY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE GOD OF THEIR LIFE! ATTEMPT TO PERVERT THE TRUTH AND PERVERT MY NAME—TRY TO PERVERT MY APPEARANCE AND EVERYTHING. THEY PERVERT THEMSELVES AND DISTORT THEMSELVES BY THE SPIRIT AND THE MIND THAT ARE IN THEM!** Aren't you glad?

Now, as I have afore said, there is a hope. If they will humble themselves, recognize GOD'S ACTUAL PRESENCE here in THIS TABERNACLE, confess and forsake all of their maliciousness and all of their sins from every angle expressible and live in this recognition, by bowing at the recognition of GOD'S ACTUAL PRESENCE, and considering GOD'S PRESENCE as the hope of their redemption with the spirit of sincerity, they, as well as the BODY CALLED FAITHFUL MARY, might get forgiven!

They Are Robbing You

"He rules the world with Truth and Grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glory of His Righteousness
And the wonders of His Love."

"He rules the world with Truth and Grace, and makes ALL the nations prove the glory of His Righteousness and the wonders of His Love." As I afore said, the segregated term they use concerning the Afro-Americans or British Africans or any others that they usually call a 'so-and-so'—I do not even like to call the name they call them. The segregated terms they use concerning them, it is a robber in itself, for it is used for the purpose of low-ration and depriving the American citizens and citizens of other countries of their rightful heritage; it is used for the purpose of barring them and putting a ban on them to prohibit them from making their respective advances, such as you have a right to make! To bar you from the divers professions and positions of life, in the civil service work and other places or positions in life; they have striven to bar you from them! THEY ARE ROBBING YOU OUT OF YOUR RIGHTFUL INHERITANCE AND OUT OF YOUR AMERICAN CITIZENRY! They are taking away your Constitutional right as an American citizen, to be whatever you are, and fill such a position according to your respective profession!

When you can not fill a position because they

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Dear Miss Gandy:

I thank you for your acknowledgement of my letter of recent date to Mr. Hoover and for advising me it will be brought to the Director's attention on his return.

Sincerely yours,

Amalie Teichsler

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

August 10, 1942.

F.B.I.Headquarters,
Washington, D.C.

Dear sirs:

Perhaps the suggestion that I shall make will have no value whatsoever, but I have been thinking about it for so long that I feel I must send it on to you.

In going back over the history of "Father Divine" and his various "heavens", it has seemed to me that they have always been in very strategic positions along coastlines and that the way such places have been conducted might bear Federal investigation.

I note in last week's paper that they have opened up a new "heaven" at Atlantic City - the Brigantine Hotel, and that "Father Divine" himself has two choice suites on the third floor facing the ocean.

Could this be a source of signaling to enemy U-Boats?

Sincerely,

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Father Divine's Latest Heaven Opens in Atlantic City Hotel

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 26 (N. Y. News).—Heaven went on the bargain counter today when Father Divine dedicated his latest haven of peace, fried chicken and hallelujah chants at the once fashionable Hotel Brigantine.

The colored cultist and self-styled deity whose wrath at "disrecognition" in New York persuaded him to move his headquarters to Philadelphia, purchased his seaside haven here in March for $75,000—with the aid of 86 followers.

Today he presided over the huge H-shaped dining room, which he calls "Holy Communion Banquet Hall," beamed with joy as 300 guests—after polishing off a multiple-course dinner—waded into piles of sandwiches, ice cream and soda pop.

Then he watched from a terrace, fronting his suite, as hundreds more crowded the beach for a session of watermelon eating, the like of which this once staid strip of sand never had seen.

More than 5,000 angels breezed in and out of the 11-story million-dollar building on Brigantine Island, just north of Atlantic City. They came in automobiles, buses, trucks and even taxicabs—most of them bearing license plates of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Although there is no color line where Father Divine's angels are concerned, it was estimated 98 per cent of today's crowd was colored. They inspected, with vivid interest, rooms which once rented for $12 a day but now go for the heaven-rate of $2 a week a person. Meals will cost 15 cents each—and no cover charge.

John Lamb, Divine's white secretary, guided the angels about the structure, and as each new feature was disclosed there was a harmonious chant—"Peace, it's wonderful."

Lamb proudly exhibited the furnishings which originally cost $250,000. He exuded particular pleasure when he showed Father Divine's sanctuary—two suites on the third floor, facing the ocean.

Here he will maintain his private office, the workshop office and tea room—the latter for "sustanance" as he works hours on end.

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Father Divine Faces Contempt Proceeding

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NEW YORK, July 29 (N. Y. News).—Father Divine, already in contempt of New York city by his own statement, must now show cause why he should not be held in contempt of New York's Supreme Court.

The Harlem Negro cult leader, who last week blew Father Knickerbocker's village in favor of Philadelphia because the big town "misrecognized" him too frequently, has failed to pay seven $100 installments to former "Angel," Mrs. Verinda Brown, a maidservant and wife of a butler, as ordered last June 12 by Justice Charles B. McLaughlin. Today, Justice J. Sidney Bernstein issued the order to show cause.

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Father Divine Fights Payments to Ex-Angel

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (N.Y.News).
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Counsel for Father Divine asserted in Manhattan Supreme Court yesterday that for 35 years the Harlem cult leader has received from his followers only food, lodging, clothing and other necessities of life. The attorney, J. Irving Weissman, so stated in opposing an action to hold Father Divine in contempt of court for failure to make payments of $100 a weekly to Verinda Brown, one of his former "angels," who has a judgment against the colored Messiah for $5,494.57, which she says she and her butler-husband paid into Divine's Harlem "heaven" before they backslid. Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botkin reserved decision.

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FATHER DIVINE OPENS 'HEAVEN' AT SHORE

5,000 Cult Followers Attend Dedication of Brigantine Hotel

Atlantic City, July 27.—Father Divine opened his first seashore "Heaven" yesterday in the former $1,000,000 Brigantine Hotel, on Brigantine Island north of this resort.

More than 5,000 of his followers witnessed the dedication of the 11-story structure, in which reconditioned rooms which one rented for $12 a day will now rent for $2 a week, and where meals will sell for 15 cents each.

Father Divine presided at a dinner of 300 selected followers in the "Holy Communion banquet hall." The dinner address of the Negro cult reader was heard over loud speakers in the hotel corridors by the rest of his flock who attended the ceremonies.

About 98 per cent of those who were present were Negroes who arrived in automobiles, buses, trucks and taxicabs from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Eighty-six followers of Father Divine purchased the Brigantine Hotel, which was built in 1927, last March for a reported $75,000. The self-proclaimed prophet will maintain his private office, workshop and tearoom in two choice suites on the third floor, facing the ocean.

4 MUSHROOM HOUSES BURN

Kennett Square, July 27.—Fire yesterday morning destroyed four double mushroom houses on the property of B. Frank Pierce, southeast of here. Firemen estimated the loss at about $10,000.

Because of the distance of the houses from fireplugs, the volunteers had to lay 3,000 feet of hose. The houses had not been in use for two months. They were of tile construction with frame roofs.

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Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Re: [illegible], et al
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith copies of an anonymous communication dated August 7, 1942 received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked August 7, 1942 at New York, New York.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

New York NY
Aug 7 1942

Hon J Edgar Hoover
Wash DC

Dear Sir

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Father Divine is the lowest devil on earth he took what money I had and when it was all gone he treated me like a dog until finally I got away from him. I am still afraid of him because he told me if I tell it he would surely kill me and besides no one would believe me and would call me crazy when I first left him (Father Divine) last October I did feel a little funny but I feel fine now. So I want to expose him but I don't want to be mix up in his mess any more. So the last of may I met a very fine educated colored lady who used visit the meeting and has help him out of serious trouble several times and for pay and thanks Father Divine has treated her like a dog and besides he has even tried to murder her. I ask her why she dont have something done and she said if she did we white folks especially we white women will go his bond and get him out of trouble. She said if you write to the F.B.I. you may use my name not only name but my address. The Lady name is Mrs Bankes and I think the address 1125 Irvington Ave. I had the address on a paper bag and I lost it mrs Bankes used to live in Harlem 2121-5 ave but

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she told me she was moving to the Bronx the first of June. We called her miss Brown try to find her because her husband and her sister and cousin paid Father Divine (George Baker) to murder her over some money her brother left her. and mrs Banks know too much for Father Divine. it is a known fact that Father Divine entertain Japanese spies in his places in N.Y. state Father Divine had two German women spies from Germany. Father Divine gave maps to Hitler spies of the reservoir and told his followers that poison will be put in the water and kill 7,000,000. people in New York. he took picture of the Pres. Roosevelt house and many other pictures and give them to the spies and then told his followers that Pres. Roosevelt will be killed. Father Divine has a camera that take pictures at a long distance. he has declared that if this country don't do what he said he will betray this country. he pretend to be for righteousness, justice and truth just to cover up his dirt. he has killed many people and took their money

he has ruined many a white women and girls and they are just like I was afraid to tell it: but after what Mrs. Banks a colored lady said to me I made up my mind to write and expose the dirty scoundrel. I am going back west in a few days and start life all over again. Father Divine is in Philadelphia and he is every where where he can betray, rob, cheat and steal. as I said before I don't be bother with Father Divine so I will not sign my real name but the name I used when I was with Father Divine (George Baker,

Joy Wonderful

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Miss Clarrette Sehon
The Training School
Vineland, New Jersey

Dear Miss Sehon:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated August 10, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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February 15, 1943

SAC, New York, New York

RE: PAUL SCHULTZ
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 29, 1943, entitled "_____ SCHULTZ, INTERNAL SECURITY - C, CUSTODIAL DETENTION", requesting that an investigation be initiated. U

In this regard reference is made to your letter dated January 9, 1943, entitled "FATHER DIVINE - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING", enclosing a copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 3, 1943. This report sets forth [redacted] In view of the circumstances it is believed that an investigation is particularly pertinent in this matter. U

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Schultz is also mentioned in your letter dated January 23, 1943, entitled "FATHER DIVINE - MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION", which enclosed a copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] U

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The purpose of this communication is to ensure that all of the pertinent information and his full identity as available are incorporated into one file in your office. U

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

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New York, New York January 9, 1943

Director, FBI

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ON 10-23-76

RE: FATHER DEVINE;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION FURNISHED.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 3, 1943, and two copies of the publication "The New Day", dated December 10, and 31, 1942, the official organ of FATHER DEVINE. b7D

The informant advises that he [redacted] b7D

Informant approached [redacted] furnished informant with the following information: [redacted] b7D

There are numerous further references in the New York files relative to the name PAUL SCHULTZ. Attempts will be made to identify this individual, and preliminary inquiries will be made concerning him.

HOLMES is being made a matter of record, and unless additional information is furnished, no investigation will be instituted at this time.

Two copies of the above report, and the calling card of JOHN JOSEPH VETTER are being made part of the New York file.

Four Enclosures

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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Report of [redacted] b7D

Re:-Re:- Father Devine

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1943

Re:Axis Agents

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Re :- Father Devine

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1943

Re:- Axis Agent

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The [redacted]iler's name is Holmes 50 W 115 St

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ON 10/23/78

January 12, 1943

Director, FBI

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RE: FATHER DIVINE;
DR. JOHN VETTER;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the originals and one copy each of the reports of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 4 and 8, 1943. b7D

Informant sets forth [redacted] and advises that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

Enclosed also is the letter directed to the [redacted] b7D
Inasmuch as the first handwritten letter known to have come from the office of Father Divine is this letter, same is being referred to the Bureau as it is thought it might be desired that these specimens be made a part of the handwriting specimens file. It is also requested that these be searched against the handwriting specimens being maintained by the Bureau in the current handwriting specimens file.

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There has been no request to return this note, and it may be retained as an original specimen in the files of the Bureau.

Two copies of each of the enclosed reports are being retained for the New York files.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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Report of [redacted] b7D

Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents

Monday, Jan. 4, 1943.

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Report of [redacted] b7D

Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents.

Friday, Jan. 8, 1943.

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Report of [redacted] b7D

Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents.

Friday, Jan. 8, 1943.

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New York, January 1, 1943

Miss Helen W. Gandy
Office of Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Gandy:

Would you kindly advise me whether there has been any reply to my letter to Mr. Hoover of June 16th last, other than your acknowledgement of it?

It has occurred to me that there might be such a possibility and that for some reason it has failed to reach me. I thank you for your kindness.

With all good wishes for a happy, prosperous, in all ways satisfying New Year, for Mr. Hoover as well as for yourself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
Amalie Teichsler
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522 West 123rd Street
New York, N.Y.

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Laboratory Report

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File # January 28, 1943

Re:

Lab. # 62-32932-34

Father Divine;
Dr. John Vetter;
Miscellaneous Information U

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Examination requested by: [redacted] b3 b7E

Reference: Letter 1/12/43

Examination requested:
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Specimens: U

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Q1 Envelope postmarked "New York, N. Y., October 27, 1942, 6 P.M.", addressed to "Rev. M. J. Divine, 764-772 Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.".
Q2 Accompanying typewritten letter dated October 24, 1942, beginning "I have just finished ....." signed "John Joseph Vetter".
Q3 [redacted]
Q4 [redacted] b7D

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting on the letter and envelope designated as specimens Q1 and Q2 was prepared on a machine equipped with Remington Formation Noiseless Pica type, spaced ten letters to an inch. This style of type has been used by both the Remington and Underwood typewriters. U

The typewriting and handwriting on specimens Q1 through Q4 were searched through the Laboratory's file of writings pertaining to National Security and the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Appropriate photographic copies are being added to these files for future reference. U

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q4 are transmitted to your office herewith. U

The original evidence submitted for examination is being retained in the Laboratory. U

[redacted] Enclosure b3 b7E

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January 9, 1943

Miss Amalie Teichsler
522 West 123rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Teichsler:

On my return to the city my secretary brought to my attention your letter to her of January 1, 1943, and I wanted you to know that I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in letting me have the benefit of your recent suggestions, together with the enclosure. I am always glad to have the observations of private citizens and I hope that you will continue to retain your interest in our work.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Re: FATHER DIVINE
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Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau from this office, dated January 9th, 1943, in which was transmitted reports of confidential informant [redacted] dated January 3, 1943.

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In this report, informant makes reference [redacted] The matter was closed.

[redacted] has advised this office that [redacted] Until that time, no further investigation is being made concerning this matter.

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Yours very truly,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
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RE: FATHER DIVINE
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
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ON 10/23/76

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of a report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 17, 1943. b7D

Informant reports that [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that [redacted]

It is pointed out that the Bureau has been previously advised that this matter was handled by the Philadelphia Field Office and inasmuch as FATHER DIVINE was unable to furnish further information the matter was closed.

The Informant in this report, further makes reference to [redacted] b7D

Informant further reports that [redacted] b7D

The files of the New York Office reflect no information concerning this individual and until there is further evidence that [redacted] is the individual had in mind, no further investigation is being made concerning him. Two copies of this report are being retained in the files of the New York Office. b7D

Very truly yours,

T. J. DONEGAN
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: [redacted] b3 b7E

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Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents

Sunday, Jan. 17, 1943.

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February 6, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: JOHN JOSEPH VETTER
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the original and one copy of report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 31, 1943. Informant [redacted] reports [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

Photostatic copies of these have been made, two copies of which are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau and one copy is being retained for the files of the New York Office.

Information has previously been furnished by informant concerning [redacted] b7D

A file is being opened on JOHN JOSEPH VETTER and further investigation is being instituted.

Two copies of the above-mentioned report are being retained for the files of the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
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cc: [redacted]

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Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents.

Re: John Joseph Vetter

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1943.

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Director, FBI

RE: JOHN VETTER
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated January 27, 1943. b7D

Informant has previously furnished [redacted] b7D

Informant reports that [redacted] b7D

Informant [redacted]

Informant will attempt to gain further information regarding VETTER, and same will be reported to the Bureau.

Until more specific information is furnished, no active investigation is being made in this matter.

Two copies of the above report are being retained for the files in the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
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Report of [redacted] b7D

Re:- Father Devine

Re:- Axis Agents ~~Wed. Jan. 27, 1943~~ Wed. Jan. 27, 1943

Re:- Dr. John Vetter

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NEW YORK CITY	JUL 15 1943	1/1,9,29;6/17/43	KENNETH R. ROUTON

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
JOHN JOSEPH VETTER, alias Dr. John Joseph Vetter	CUSTODIAL DETENTION (G)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject reported by office of Father DIVINE to be a possible German agent. [redacted] b7D A typed document from subject was forwarded to Bureau and searched against the laboratory files of writing specimens with negative results. Acquaintances of subject considered him a "crack pot" but believed he is loyal to the U.S. D

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Bureau to the New York Field Division dated February 15, 1943.
Letter to the Bureau, attention of the Technical Laboratory, from the New York Field Division dated January 12, 1943, Laboratory file 97-340. D

DETAILS:

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, [redacted] b7D

The informant in a report dated January 3, 1943 advised [redacted] b7D

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1 Capt. R. C. MacFall, ONI
1 Col. S. V. Constant, G2
3 New York

12-32 132-40X April 9, 1943

Mr. William E. Riker
Holy City, California

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of March 23, 1943.

The information set forth in your letter does not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau and accordingly, I am unable to be of assistance to you with reference to the matter mentioned.

You are further advised that Father Divine is not, as suggested in your letter, associated with this Bureau in any way.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Holy City, Calif.

Mar. 23rd, 1943

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Washington, D.C.

Esteemed Sir:

I have long been the victim of false, malicious, defamatory, unprivileged and libelous articles appearing in the New Day, published by Father Devine, issues of November 12th, December 10th and 17th, and subsequent issues.

I have complained to the F.B.I. for this district and they state, as I understand it, that they have no jurisdiction. As a patriotic American it seems shockingly unjust that I alone, should be the target for the criminally libelous matter appearing in said NEW DAY.

I have faithfully kept my promise to the F.B.I. that some of my writings, cease circulating for the duration. Your organization did have jurisdiction to make that order. Is it due process of law that I must submit, with folded arms, a victim to some of most oppressive libels, in the history of litigation.

I appeal to you for justice, that if Father Devine is a Secret Service worker as he claims to be, you dismiss him from the service; that in the interest of our war effort, this vituperative villification be terminated for all time.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Respectfully,

Father William E. Riker.

W.E. Riker

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New York, N.Y.
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Director, F.B.I.

RE: REVEREND M. J. DIVINE (FATHER DIVINE)
SEDITION

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Dear Sir:-

There are being transmitted herewith the original and one copy of the report of Confidential Informant [redacted] dated March 28, 1943, setting out information [redacted] b7D

There is also being transmitted herewith a memorandum by JOHN LAMB, Secretary to FATHER DIVINE, reflecting the refusal of employees of certain branches of the Post Office and banks in the Harlem area to sell bonds to followers of FATHER DIVINE under their religious names. According to the informant, [redacted] b7D

There is also attached to Informant's report a partial list [redacted] b7D

From a perusal of FATHER DIVINE'S paper, "The New Day", it is noted that he published an open letter in the March 25, 1943 issue, addressed to Secretary of the Treasury HENRY MORGANTHAU, JR., explaining that his followers have been refused War Bonds under their religious names. This article also stated that a similar letter was sent to the President.

Informant advised that [redacted] b7D

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Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
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Report of [redacted]

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Re:- Father Devine

Sunday, March 28, 1943.

Re:- War Bonds

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REPORT ON REFUSAL OF CERTAIN
OFFICIALS TO SELL BONDS
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FATHER DIVINE.

Mar. 26, 1943 A.D.F.D.

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Sincerely,

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Father Divine Buys A Heaven in Newark

Heaven is now in Newark, N. J.

Since last Summer, Father Divine has been separated from his No. 1 heaven in Harlem by the New York Supreme Court, which issued a warrant for his arrest because he failed to pay a $900 judgment obtained by a former "angel." So the father avoided the city, except on Sundays, when a warrant can't be served.

Consequently, the purchase of the New Robert Treat Baths, at 122 Howard St., Newark, was announced yesterday by Peace Centers, Inc., of Philadelphia, where Father Divine has been staying recently. Divine, who claims he has no income, paid $15,000 cash for the building, which will be remodeled into a heaven.

There will be a church auditorium, a large dormitory for transients, a restaurant and an apartment and office for Father Divine. Some "angels" already have moved from New York to staff the new headquarters.

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Honorable:
Mr John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington,
in haste at once. D. C.

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to a saloon in pleasant valley,
theres a street that kind of
goes up hill, and that store
is facing it, the Italian
Fellers is pestering the white
women all the time, and seting
the colored men up to flirt
with white young women,
maybe so there are white women
in this place that they call
Father Divine's Heaven in
Newark, N. J. maybe they are
starting a Race war or
something like that in this
little cigar store and Boot
Black Parlor next to the Gray
hound Bus Lines, on Erie
Boulevard, in Schenectady,
N. Y. the Colored people is all
the time mixing up I Believe
with white women, the men they Even
talk to them on the Schenectady
Albany Bus, and in Alta
mont, N. Y. Also, and I also
saw a white Young Lady
flirting with a colored soldier
in a little cigar store next

Beautiful
country of ours, united states
of America, and it's a shame
so, and they pester Jewish
women also, and I have
seen very young school
girls girls associating in
theatres with a colored feller
and they also pester the white
Women that work in the General
Electric Company in schenectady
after there days work is over,
I think all Colored people ought
to be finger printed in this
Country, United states of America.

Mr John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.,
Dear sir,
I wish to let you know that
I seen a Real Blond haired
Young Woman, and I belevie
she was a white woman, but
she was Looking kind of
like a Colored Woman in her
Face, and she was Flirting
with a Colored Feller in a

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DETAILS:

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Confidential Informant [redacted] made [redacted] b7D

[redacted] The above mentioned letter was forwarded to the Bureau along with copies of the informant's report in a letter dated January 12, 1943, at which time it was requested that an examination be made of the above typed letter and that it be compared with typewriting specimens maintained in the Bureau file in order that it might be determined whether or not it could be identified with any known writings of espionage or propaganda agents.

In a letter from the Technical Laboratory dated January 28, 1943, Laboratory file 97-340, this office was advised that the typewriting on the specimen letter addressed to Rev. M. J. DIVINE was prepared on a machine equipped with Remington Formation Noiseless Pica type, spaced ten letters to an inch. This style of type has been used by both the Remington and Underwood typewriters. The specimen was further searched through the Laboratory's file of writing pertaining to national security and anonymous letter file with negative results.

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The informant further advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] in a report dated January 31, 1943, advised that. b7D

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[redacted] Photostatic copies of the above mentioned outline were furnished the Bureau along with copies of the informant's report in a letter dated February 26, 1943. A copy was retained for the files of the New York Office. The substance of this outline is not being set out in detail. U

Confidential Informant [redacted] on June 21, 1943 advised that b7D

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On June 17, 1943, the writer observed that 21-60 29 Street, thereported residence of VETTER, was apparently individually owned or

occupied buildings. At 21-58 29 Street, next door to the above apartment, it was observed that one Mrs. WHALEN had furnished rooms for rent. Under pretext, she was interviewed and after favorable conversation and upon noting pictures of apparent relatives in the United States Army service uniform, the identity of the writer was made known and she was questioned concerning the occupants next door.

MRS. WHALEN stated that the residence was owned by WALTER GINGER, employee of the Port of Embarkation, New York City, and that to her knowledge he has lived there for over twenty years. She further stated that JOHN JOSEPH VETTER, sometimes referred to as DR. JOHN JOSEPH VETTER, occupies a furnished room in the GINGER residence and he has been with them for over a year except during last winter when he spent some time in Florida.

MRS. WHALEN could furnish no further information concerning VETTER but did state that he had some queer ideas and was referred to by MRS. GINGER and others who know him as a "crank". MRS. WHALEN recommended talking to Mrs. GINGER whom she knew to be a patriotic woman.

MRS. GINGER, upon interview, advised that the subject has occupied a furnished room with her for three years excepting some time last winter when he was in Florida. She believed that he had some employment with a governmental agency there. She described him as about fifty-five years of age, born and reared about 135 Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. This section is inhabited almost entirely by negroes at this time. However, years ago it was a white neighborhood.

According to Mrs. GINGER, his parents have long been deceased and to her knowledge has no relatives. She could not furnish the names of his associates but advised that a Mrs. KELLY frequently contacts VETTER over the telephone. According to Mrs. GINGER, VETTER is now engaged in writing some kind of book, the subject of which she is not familiar. In this connection, she states that he owns a typewriter and is constantly writing.

VETTER'S present employment is not known and in the three years he has lived with her, he has had a number of jobs, one of which was in national defense work in Newark, New Jersey. Mrs. GINGER claims that he is registered with a number of employment agencies and also with the United States Civil Service Employment Agency.

Some time in the past VETTER has had both feet crushed and is being constantly treated by the Bellevue Hospital, New York City, who according to Mrs. GINGER, will probably have a more complete record on him.

As to his loyalty to this country, Mrs. GINGER stated that he is harmless and to her knowledge is patriotic. He does discuss the war and thinks of it as a horrible thing. Further, that Hitler has a powerful machine and could defeat the world but for the United States; however, be believes that with the aid of this country, the Allies will win the war. She pointed out that he has a lot of queer ideas and is believed by she and others who know him to be a "crack pot".

When Mrs. GINGER was questioned as to whether or not VETTER makes any trips to Harlem, she advised that he formerly attended a number of Father DIVINE'S meeting but to her knowledge has not attended lately. According to Mrs. GINGER, VETTER discussed this matter with her, at which time he stated that Father DIVINE was a big faker and was only interested in taking the poor negroes' money and that he would have nothing further to do with Father DIVINE. Mrs. GINGER stated that she believes that VETTER has had considerable education but that he is a superior type of person and seems to think that he knows more than everyone else about every subject. MRS. GINGER further stated that she felt that VETTER was loyal to this country otherwise she would not have him in her home.

Informant [redacted] A description of the subject, as obtained from Confidential is as follows: b7D

NAME	JOHN JOSEPH VETTER
Age	60
Height	5' 9"
Weight	168 pounds
Hair	Part bald, greying
Complexion	Fair
Appearance	Wears thick, rimless glasses
Build	Medium; slightly stooped
Characteristics	Large mouth; careless dresser

In view of Mrs. GINGER'S statements, no further investigation is being conducted in this case and it is considered closed.

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New York, September 1, 1943

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is a long while since last I wrote you. I take this occasion to thank you for your reply to my last letter.

I mean to write you again. In the meantime, I now feel impelled to bring to your attention again the Divine activities — that is, the activities of the Rev. M. J. Divine, known as Father Divine and his followers, and others of the same race but perhaps not his followers. It is known of course that followers of the Rev. Divine known as Father Divine are not only of his race.

Rev. M. J. Divine
Father Divine

This is written not in criticism, prejudice or condemnation of a race or a movement or a cult, but merely to bring these things to your attention.

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Perhaps you will recall that I remarked in my first letter that the Divine movement might fittingly be called the "Divining movement." I also commented on some hospitals and

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scientists.

It seems peculiar that, as I have been writing the above, someone - several voices outside somewhere - has been saying, "thank you, Father." (It is understood that many persons other than Divine followers are using this modern form of thanksgiving and prayer in communing with the Spiritual Father.) There is noone in the room but myself. I have not uttered a sound, and have not talked about this to anybody. Also, I am perfectly sober - I never take any alcoholic beverages.

Today - as often during the past few weeks - I dropped into a Cooperative Cafeteria that is conveniently located near the place of my employment. This one is on Irving Place near 17th Street, in this city.

As you perhaps know they are clean simply but comfortably furnished cafeteria dining rooms, where simple, wholesome well prepared food is served. The price of the food is really not moderate when one considers that each article of food is charged

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up separately.

Obviously all the individuals of the Cooperative Cafeterias' personnel - both white and dark - occupy essential place in the various branches. They appear to be well liked generally and well treated, without discrimination.

They are an international organization or at least, so they were upto the time of the war.

As a final item I am enclosing a copy of something that caught my attention that you too may find interesting.

I am passing on to you the enclosed, though it may be an odd assortment, with good intent, hoping you may find it helpful.

With best wishes for the success of the good work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Amalie Teichsler

522 West 123rd St.
New York, N.Y.

Amalie Teichsler, Intrnt.

P.S. - I regret that due to interruptions this letter could not be sent out when it was started.

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"If one man owned all the land accessible to any community, he could, of course, demand any price or conditions for its use that he saw fit; and as long as his ownership was acknowledged the other members of the community would have but death or emigration as the alternative to submission to his terms."

Henry George "Progress and Poverty
Chapter II P 167

"The meek shall inherit the earth"
Quoted by Rev. M. J. Browne

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[redacted] May 12 '44

Dear Mr. Hoover -

Some time ago, I wrote you concerning the negro crime situation here, which I still get an announced is the result of teachings and literature put out of this man called "Father Divine."

Quietly, I am still yet trying to find the heads of the cult, here, to give to you their names. Negro crimes, here, this spring run up in figures high.

There was a bus and train race riot in Oakland, with much injury to several, a few weeks ago. A hotel fire caused many deaths to 22 persons - a death to a haberdasher on Fillmore street after robbery and also several stabbings all within a few weeks time, this year here.

Bill and you never forgot parents of theirs, if you think I feel you and your organization

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[redacted] methods a[redacted]in own trained agents, can find a way to curtail the crime wave out here.

Recently, I tried thru S.F. civil service to get a police-woman's job, (plain clothes) work; but was told at City Hall here I should have three years full paid experience to qualify for it. So there you are, I didn't make it. The military authorities are lately keeping close watch on women entering colored cafes & also restaurants here; so, without a card, or some identification I am handicapped, to seek, now out more information; as the military police here don't know me or my motives - and I was told "not to go to colored places" by two of them, not long ago.

I wish I could help you and you begin in the near future, unrestricted. I have time on my hands. Sincerely Helene Worth

Hambleton. 2158 Post St. San Francisco

This account [redacted] ord is cl[redacted]
the whole truth, of activities
nationwide of Father Divine.
I will estimate there are 7000
of them in San Francisco, alone.
Saloons, cafes & clubs and
liquor stores here are run
by followers of Father Divine.
His word is a law with his
followers.

Sincerely yours
Mrs. B. M. Forth.

HARLEM'S GOD

Like mushrooms, new heresies spring up over night. One of the latest contributions of Satan is the one discussed by Mr. Mygatt. His splendid analysis of the movement gives some details not to be found in newspaper accounts.

BY ALBERT MYGATT

ASSOCIATED Press dispatches to the newspaper in this summer of 1937 told in some colorful detail of the journey up the Hudson River of a steamer loaded with some 3,500 adherents of "Father Divine," going for an extended holiday at one of his "heavens," an estate he had purchased. Both white and colored people were included. They were singing and listening to their leader ejaculating at frequent intervals, "Thank you, Father!" and "Peace, it is Wonderful!" A later report indicated that the athletic contests and feasting which were the objects of the gathering, were cut short by the extremely hot weather, presence of insects, etc., which made "heaven" unendurable for many of those who came. So the return trip was made to the accustomed haunts in Harlem, New York City, where a large brick residence, built for Father Divine, is the main "heaven," and where he is associated with his "ministering angels" —the latter being those who have cashed in on their business, if any, life insurance, etc., and given it all over to "God," and gone to live with him. An old white-haired negro is "the angel Gabriel," and a colored woman called "Faithful Mary" is prominent in the movement.

There are many centers of this movement scattered all over the United States and even in other lands. No record of adherents is available, but five million are claimed—white and black. All, without exception, acclaim the negro leader as God come to earth; sometimes he is called Christ in their handbills and periodicals. Confusion reigns in the teaching, which has a strong admixture of Christian Science tenets, with plain superstition galore, and a strong political flavor of the Red variety, emphasizing Technocracy. There is no connected Bible study or exposition, though the Bible is quoted as finding its fulfilment. That the political end of it is called a "Peace Movement" is rather significant to those who know the trends of the day.

Father Divine makes claims to own the riches of the universe, and the power to put a curse on those who oppose him or question his spending. He has a special Rolls Royce car made to his own specifications, with a throne in it. He spreads great feasts almost daily, lasting from ten to four, and sometimes nearly all night as well. Tens of thousands are feasting at his expense. Hanging on his incoherent and rambling speeches as the "Spoken Word," and even in his absence adore his empty chair with their "Thank You, Father," and their "Peace, It's Wonderful!"

Where does the money come from for all this? Partly from his dupes, no doubt; but that is not sufficient explanation. There seems to be some Radical, political, godless source. Beginning with an entrance in the New Deal campaign with rantings against the Supreme Court, etc., this charlatan has gone on to develop and expound a political creed for his followers. Frequently they are found as a section of Communist parades. While it seems such a bizarre movement must fall at a pin-prick, as quickly as it arose, yet we know satanic power will use any medium with which to deceive; and that the call to deliver this world from its "oppressors" and to make this the only heaven, and to deify man, and to produce supermen, and eventually the Antichrist, is Satan's method for the last days. To that end great wealth will be spent, great movements, inaugurated, and great blasphemies uttered—all to deceive the great ignorant mass of the people, with no anchorage in God or His Word.

Thus this movement may safely be assumed to be demonic in its nature. Many false prophets and false Christs are to arise. That they be more bold and demon-inspired, and more successful in deceiving great multitudes as the end approaches, is safe to assume. This movement is beginning to make great claims of miracle-working power—not sustained fully as yet, but causing many to believe therein.

Surely there is wonderful press-agenting in connection with it. This adroit propaganda issues magazines and special circulars. In them are the most blasphemous claims possible to make. "1937 A.D.F.D." is one—just study that out. Alongside the leader's picture will be printed "And the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh" (and right under the picture) "and now dwells among men." In another publication, over his picture is, "Immanuel," and under it, "God is with us." In his correspondence he calls himself "I AM," always capitalized. The pronouns referring to himself are capitalized also, such as "MY." He has almost invariably said, "This leaves ME well, healthy, joyful, peaceful, lively, loving, suc-

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cessful, prosperous, and happy in Spirit, Body, and Mind, and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint, limb, vein, and bone, and even in every atom, fiber, and cell of MY Bodily Form."

Here we have the appeal of resounding phrases to the more ignorant Negro. His speeches to his followers are full of such expressions as "Psycholocicalness" and "Tangibilization." He claims God has been "tangibilated," and so has heaven; and there is no other world, as his followers will not die. A verse of a song of his says:

> I will keep PEACE on earth forever—
> The place you all should remain;
> For the Earth has come to be Heaven
> When you fully trust in My Name.

"Materialization" is another favorite expression. The Kingdom of God—the millennium, Utopia, Heaven—are materialized. So of course is God. Here is one statement: "Each individual can look diligently in—they can see around the throne of God. It is a privilege to see around the throne of GOD, for the veil has been torn in twain that they might be able to see HIM, yea, see ME as I AM."

It would be painful and probably sinful to go on quoting his blasphemous pompousness. Enough has been given to prove that this false-God movement is of the earth earthy, and it is devilish.

The appeal of power and acclaim and display may tend to keep the movement's leaders in a deceived state. Last year, for example, there was a great parade in New Jersey, through Newark. As usual it was called a Peace Mission. Led by two Rolls Royces and a red Buick, the column extended a dozen blocks. The description says, "Past Bedford Street, the famous scene of Faithful Mary's underworld ministry and former headquarters, the parade continued through the very streets where once the 'Angel of the Newark Underworld' ate out of the garbage can, wandering hopelessly before she was enabled, through the spirit of Father Divine, to regain robust health and feed in her first year over 96,000 of Newark's unemployed, free. One wonders what Faithful Mary's emotions were as she passed the scenes where once she knew so many bitter hours—today in her hour of glory!"

What, it may be asked, are the social effects and implications of such a movement? It is true, of course, that any religious movement, however absurd, has its apparent moral values. In this case, there has been a great straightening up of old scores and restitution for old wrongs. Many landlords and corporations have written in thankfully of money received on accounts that had been given up as hopeless. Father Divine replies that he is beginning by cleaning house at home.

Morally, anything might happen. No marriages are celebrated; many, especially the women, renounce their names and use such as "Faith Victory" and "Beautiful Sweet." The sexes are mingled together indiscriminately, both of the black and white. Great emotional storms sweep the assemblages. What the moral conditions are nobady knows. One of the main leaders in the west was convicted of transporting a girl from Denver, Delight Jewett, to be a "new Virgin Mary." It is claimed that the "Father's" relations with his lawful wife are purely platonic. This is, I believe, characteristic of most so called Messiahs. But immorality in the movement may easily prove the rock on which it founders; for it seems not to answer the description of the successful reign of the Man of Sin, but to be one of the indications that his day is near, and that the things the Saviour warned us of are here. "Take heed that ye be not deceived."

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Conscience, It's Wonderful

Divine's Followers Swell Treasury Fund

By United Press

The U. S. Treasury is helping Father Divine's followers free themselves from sin thru its "conscience fund"—cash given to the Government to compensate for old debts or petty thieveries of the past.

Father Divine instructs his followers to pay all their debts—new or old. If they cannot remember to whom they owe the money or cannot locate them, they are to send the money to the Government. More than $1000 is received monthly, and Father Divine has assured the Treasury that "the march of righteousness" has only begun.

IT'S LOVE-LY

The followers send the money in their new names with instructions to the Treasury to acknowledge the payments to Father Divine. "Satisfied Love" of New York sent $25 in payment of money she found on a subway years ago. "David Victory" of Chicago sent $15 for a victrola left in his store in 1928. "Miss New Day" of Orange, N. J., sent $14 due someone she can't locate and $2 she found.

"Precious Love" sent $5 and "Elizabeth Silently" sent $50 to clear old debts. "True Jacob" sent $10 because he loafed on his job and quit early when he worked for the WPA.

"Miss Willing Heart" of Philadelphia, sent two $100 bonds because she felt she owed it to the Government.

JOHN DOE PAYS UP

Another man sent $8 to pay for $4 worth of books he "borrowed" from the CCC—and the Bible says double payment must be made for stolen goods. Another sent money to pay for his ride when he hopped a freight car and a "healer" sent $25 to repay a fee he accepted for treating a deaf man altho he had no results.

The "conscience fund" also serves people who are not followers of Father Divine. John Doe of Santa Fe, N. M., now 80, sent money to pay for grass and driftwood taken from Government property in 1894, saying he wished to settle up before he passed on.

Money collected thru the conscience fund goes into the general fund to be used for Government expenses. From all sources the fund received $34,746 in the last fiscal year and $12,061 from July 1 to Nov. 30 this year.

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Miss Amalie Teichsler
522 West 123rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Teichsler:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date, with enclosure.

It was indeed kind of you to bring this information to my attention, and your courtesy and interest in so doing are sincerely appreciated.

Should you obtain any further information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 234 United States Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover -

Just a few lines and excuses, to show you how, even the elements will be dominated by the active leadership of Mr. Devine among his followers & people he reaches. My wish I could have made in your hands some of their remarks in meetings held in various places here in California & elsewhere.

Patriotic new teachers are resultants & his work & is carried on as usual.

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Will be happy to be of service in any way I can. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Sylvia A. Firth, 2158 1st St.

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June 22, 1944

Mrs. B. M. Forth
2158 Post Street
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Dear Mrs. Forth:

I desire to acknowledge your communication of recent date with enclosure.

Your courtesy and interest in communicating with me are appreciated and you may be assured the content of your letter and enclosure has been carefully noted.

Should you obtain any further information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, please feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our San Francisco Field Division which is located at One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1720, San Francisco 4, California.

Sincerely yours,

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What Is It?

The Fellowship Church is a creative venture in interracial and intercultural communion, deriving its inspiration from a spiritual interpretation of the meaning of life and the dignity of man. In faith and genius it is Christian. Its membership commitment recognizes and affirms that the God of Life and the God of Religion are one and the same, and that the normal relationship between men would be that of fellowship, understanding, and confidence, rather than distrust, prejudice and strife.

San Francisco, strategic and fascinating for such a venture, is America's West Coast melting pot. Peoples representing the majority of nationality and racial groups of the earth share its life, each seeking to become at home in this growing edge of the new world and to make their contribution to the future which is America's. The Presbyterian Church U. S. A., out of its National War Fund, has sponsored this development since its beginning in December, 1943. It has shared largely in a financial guarantee covering the modest operation expenses in anticipation of the time when the venture will be completely self-supporting. Many friends all over the country, as well as those in the city of San Francisco, have expressed a sustaining interest in this undertaking.

The Membership

The membership of the church is open to any person who is willing to accept its commitment, to participate in its program, and to share in its responsibilities. The present location of the church's week-day activities is 1500 Post Street at Octavia. The Formal Service of Dedication for the entire membership and "associates" will be held Sunday morning, October 15, 1944, at 11 o'clock.

Why Such a Church Today?

In the immediate days of the reconstruction of our national life, Christian churches must spring up in all parts of America dedicated to the destruction of barriers which hitherto have separated men on the basis of color, culture or race. We believe that the development of such a church-ideal as this will be one of the most challenging answers of Christianity and democracy to the rising tide of racial bigotry imperiling the common life.

The Operating Program

The core of the Fellowship Church of All Peoples is the worship service on Sunday mornings. In this we seek to make possible an experience of stimulation, challenge and inspiration yielding deep overtones of authentic friendliness. The co-pastors speak on alternating Sundays. A Sunday School for youth built on the intercultural-interracial pattern of the church is held each Sunday at 10 A. M., with a young peoples' Fellowship group meeting for discussion and recreation at 6 P. M.

The Intercultural Junior Workshop which was created during the summer program at the church as a "Fellowship Camp" for children of all races, will continue through the year in particular Saturday morning activities. There will be a continuation of a series of folk studies, through the media of music, painting, modeling and other crafts. The age limit of this group is from 9 to 12.

The Fellowship Church Forum and Lecture-Recital series will sponsor monthly programs in which artists and lecturers will interpret the life, and thought of varied nationality groups in the American scene as well as in the larger world community. In addition to this series, there will be projected a monthly Sunday Twilight Hour based on worship through the arts. A library with books and current periodicals published by various racial and cultural groups will be established. Other interest and study groups may be included as the total church program unfolds.

The Budget

The present program and its immediate development call for a budget of $12,000. One-third of this amount is contributed by the Presbyterian War Fund, the remainder must come from the membership and other interested contributors. Checks should be made payable to the "Fellowship Church of San Francisco," 1500 Post Street.

LEADERSHIP

The Co-Pastors

DR. ALFRED FISK, *Professor of Philosophy, San Francisco State College*

DR. HOWARD THURMAN, *Dean of the Chapel, Howard University, Washington, D. C. On leave to serve the Fellowship Church of San Francisco*

Director of Music . . . . . MRS. JOSEPH JAMES
Treasurer . . . . . MISS ANNA ANDERSON
Director of Intercultural Junior Workshop . . . . MISS HEATHER WHITTEN

THE COMMITMENT

I desire to have a part in the unfolding of the ideal of Christian fellowship through the union of men and women of varying national, cultural and racial heritage, in church communion.

In this commitment I am pledged to the growing understanding of all men as sons of God and seek after a vital interpretation of the highest manifestation of God – Jesus Christ – in all my relationships.

I desire the strength of corporate worship with the imperative of personal dedication which will be found through membership in The Fellowship Church of San Francisco.

Those pledged to the Unfolding Ideal as given in the Commitment, may be related to the Fellowship Church through four methods of participation:

1. Those who wish to join with the usual "letter" of membership.
2. Those who have no recent or previous Church affiliation.
3. Those who wish to become "associates" of this venture, while retaining their own church membership.
4. Those living in various parts of the country who wish to have a relationship to the venture through correspondence, in order that the Intercultural-Interracial Church Ideal may extend to other communities.

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a new church with the same leadership of J. M. Lewis.

SAN FRANCISCO

FATHER DIVINE says:

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JIMCROWISM IS HITLERISM

READ FATHER DIVINE'S PAGE 2 MESSAGE

—*Father Divine*

"I Am Calling for an Administration That Will Institute That Freedom in That Administration and Enact It in Every City, State and Hamlet of the Nation!"

"SOME OF MY FOLLOWERS BUY $10,000 WORTH OF BONDS AT ONE TIME AND YET BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXION OF THE SKIN SOME TAXICABS WOULD NOT EVEN TAKE THEM UP OUT OF THE RAIN!"

OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE
GIVEN WHILE AT THE
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13-17 WEST 128TH STREET
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'n great Power, Dominion and Authority was is dynamic, profound Message given by the eat DEAN of the UNIVERSE, FATHER IVINE. It is a CALL to all Americans to HEED e WORDS of GOD while HE speaks tenderly in Mercy and Compassion, for HE has come to exalt the valleys of the nation and make the lly ways level and the rough ways plain. If se priceless WORDS of SPIRIT and LIFE are continually ignored and unheeded, all creation will feel the effect of them, for the great Day of HIS wrath has come!

FATHER is calling for a Perfect expression of Democracy through the amalgamation of all aces, creeds and colors and extending to each nd every citizen the SAME RIGHT to LIFE, IBERTY and the privilege to pursue HAPPI-ESS as he or she wills.

Take cognizance of these WORDS, for they e the strength and the salvation of this and other nations in their futile efforts to obtain ing VICTORY and PEACE, FOR SUCH OT COME OR BE ESTABLISHED, SAV-HROUGH AND BY THE ACCEPTANCE E PRINCE OF PEACE IN HIS EN-

ALM GHTY GOD, WE HUMBLY THANK THEE!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, and the following is the inspirational composition sung just before FATHER arose to speak:)

FATHER DIVINE is calling for a Righteous Government
That will stand with the Constitution and its mendments;
will give every citizen unalienable rights
express true Americanism in every walk of life.
w we shall have it; for GOD has said
Not one of HIS WORDS shall be in vain;
has to shake Creation to make them obey,
We shall have a Righteous Government
And all men shall be the same!

(*Chorus*)

Shall be the same, shall be the same!
We shall have the selfsame rights!
The Bill of Rights shall be Enacted
From the Capitol to the Streets
And eventually GOD'S Children shall be free,
Free indeed!

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE! How good it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity, in the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose, until you can bring about that Universal Brotherhood of man and the conscious recognition of the FATHERHOOD of GOD.

While listening to that inspirational composition transmitted and impregnated in the hearts and lives and minds of the "Rosebuds" from your HUMBLE SERVANT, I thought how marvelous it is to know these are facts and figures too stout to be denied, for all mankind shall eventually BE THE SAME (Aren't you glad!) AND SHALL BE FREE!

It is a privilege to realize the Freedom you can acquire by living our Constitution and by Enacting the Bill of Rights, by being converted into true Americanism and into a religion of true Christianity!

I thought of an interview I gave a gentleman of a very recent date. I mentioned something about the Four Freedoms and I thought within MYSELF, those Four Freedoms are just the beginning. I said, those Freedoms are part, but not all. There are millions of Freedoms humanity must receive to express a real Democracy and be free. While thinking about the Freedoms, just as it said there in that little composition, Democracy shall be enacted from the Capitol to the street and to all of the streets. I said to the gentleman in part, (no doubt you will hear of it in next week's issue of The New Day), I said, "Our Bible tells us," or words to that effect—the Scripture says,

"Charity begins at home and spreads abroad!"

Some of the Wealthy Are Not Free

Why not our representatives of Government free the subjects of this Democracy and then they can talk about freeing other small nations and large nations! Some people right here under the sound of MY Voice and some of MY followers who could write a check for you for a million dollars, are not free! Not only in Washington and down South, but they are not free right here! If some of our fellow citizens of this city would invite some of MY followers—I mean, some of MY followers who could write you a check for a million dollars—to their home, and they would start to go up on the elevator, they are not free to go up on it!

That is the kind of Freedom they talk about!

WORLD NEWS

JAPS' BIG BASE OF FORMOSA, north of the Philippines and a few hundred miles from the mainland, has been destroyed as a base by Allied attack over several days.

THE JAP FLEET in Western Philippines came out of hiding when the big fleet of Admiral Halsey appeared there but departed without firing a shot. Two atolls in the Caroline Islands about 100 miles from the important Jap base of Yap, have been occupied by Allied troops. Great damage has been done to shipping and airfields in the Philippines in a great offensive which has continued ten days, and now a large force has landed on the Island of Leyte, between Mindanao and Luzon, thus splitting Jap forces in the Philippines in two. The Allies attacked shipping at Hong Kong, sinking a Jap cruiser and 32,000 tons of shipping.

A TROPICAL HURRICANE killed 24 in Cuba and injured hundreds. In Miami 2 persons were killed and 90 percent of the Florida citrus crop is said to be ruined. The storm hit Charleston, S. C., with much damage.

ALLIED TROOPS DROVE THE GERMANS from the Peloponessus, following which the Nazis evacuated Corinth and then Athens. The Greek Government is back in that ancient city. 500,000 Greeks were killed or died of privation during the German occupation. The retreating Germans took Greek women and children with them as hostages, fearing attacks by Greek guerilla fighters.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT under Regent Horthy asked the Allies for peace, but Nazis and pro-Nazi elements seized the capital, Budapest, and made mass arrests. 10 loyal divisions of a Hungarian Army are advancing on the city. Bloody encounters are reported all over the country.

60 PERSONS ARE REPORTED KILLED in uprisings in Vienna and riots are said to have taken place in many places in Austria.

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LIFE'S MAGIC GARDEN

by

Frederick C. Bond.

XXVII

The death of my garden is in sight,
Your gentle presence, power and might
Will banish weeds from barren soil,
Dissolve with Love all earthly toil.

XXVIII

Your gardener and garden must combine.
Open the gate, Son! Thou wilt find
The rose tree pruned with Love Divine.
A tall gate opened, He entered the Mind.

XXIX

My narrow standard of self conceit
Kept the gate closed, now to repeat;
With Christ within, the garden is sweet,
My landscape plan will be complete.

XXX

While I tear down your bridge of strife,
Allow your Christ to expound on Life;
The Infinite Knows itself through you,
Conscious Life expressing through.

XXXI

Precede thy thoughts, reach back within;
God and thee are free of sin;
The Two as One, the mental ring—
Birthless, deathless, Immortal Thing.

XXXII

Become the audience of the play,
Not the actor with lines to say;
The world's drab curtain lay away,
Never to descend at a later day.

XXV

God's Kingdom, Son, is found within,
Such the magic garden of Him,
To tie, to bind, His flowers of Mind,
To adorn a vase that bears His kind.

XXVI

Enter my garden, oh Christly One,
Work beside me, light of the sun,
Do not withdraw, my flowers will grow;
Assist me, with a Mind that Knows.

XXIII

The creative Life expressed by plan,
A source and end in Christed man;
The ceaseless Knowing power of Mind,
Self expression or God defined.

XXIV

I and my Father became as One,
We met in Life's Garden sun;
Wisdom's permanent conscious power
Entered the Soul one silent hour.

XXXIII

In your garden prepare to fight,
Eliminate all the worldly blight;
Be the Mind of just One Life,
Our way will lead from dark to Light.

XXXIV

Self-Knowledge makes of man the Son,
Expanded wisdom blends Two as One;
The right direction will always come
When Infinite Knowing has begun.

XXXV

All that exists is within the Mind,
The world we accept, the world we find;
Then why allow such weeds to grow?
The fairest Rose is One that Knows.

XXXVI

The flowers of thought define the man,
His mental landscape, Will, doth plan;
With Christly power in the garden stand
And make your choice with God's command.

XXI

The ancient tree of Life's memory,
Gathering experience each century—
To hear, to see, to feel, to Know—
To live and claim one thing as real.

XXII

The Rose, the Soul that cannot die,
The Mind Divine that cannot lie,
The Eternal play of God's own Life,
The perfect state above all strife.

XIX

The human side of Life is grand
To those who cannot understand—
The response to moods and vanity,
Loss of reason and constancy.

XX

The Christ doth call with Love for all;
If man but knew would be enthralled,
To turn and see within his Mind
The entire garden of God to find.

XXXVII

Choose only flowers, illumined grand,
Arrange your landscape, let it stand
On this hill-top, shelter and plan,
To view with Love your fellow man.

XXXVIII

Accept this site with narrow path,
Life will be devoid of wrath,
Plant towering, shady, kindly trees,
Choose golden flowers and honey bees.

XXXIX

Surround with wall of Love the grounds,
Lock well the gate while fear abounds,
Build a temple on the grounds,
Invite therein God to expound.

XL

Prepare to assist the brave who mourn,
Lift from heads the crown of thorn,
Light the way of those forlorn,
Scatter your blessings night and morn.

XVII

The nettles scatter upon the breeze,
Strewn here and there with gentle ease;
Such seeds in other gardens grow,
Unconscious thoughts are bitter foes.

XVIII

Mortality, not unlike the bubble
Blown by the wind from yonder puddle,
Strikes against the limb of Fate.
The mist is scattered, but too late.

XV

From the garden the flowers we take
Are mental experiences, so awake!
Become detached, renounce all claim,
Choose flowers of wisdom, thereby gain.

XVI

There are flowers as yet unknown,
Only the mental seeds are sown,
Nettles to gather when fully grown,
In Life's garden from weeds there thrown.

XLI

Think less of self, follow no man,
Simply extend a Christ-like hand;
All will say He understands,
Could such God-Power exist, so grand?

XLII

The body shall be less weary and worn,
The heart with grief can never be torn;
Free from opposites, including scorn,
Another Christ within is born.

XLIII

Christ in each garden will reside
When innermost Love doth confide,
And then with Mind simply vie
By acclaiming Me, the Impersonal tie.

XLIV

The Christ will till indefinitely,
My still small voice will call to Thee;
Look up within, Oh Son be free,
Turn thy back on mortality.

XIII

He that spans the great abyss,
Many earthly pleasures missed,
But not the lonesome path to bliss,
The reward of few that will resist.

XIV

So many souls are just half free;
Struggling to grow collectively,
Without My gentle touch of Love,
The unfolding Immortality.

XI

Love for possessions, bondage, fear,
False creations, earth's career,
Lies and passions imprison the Soul,
Rejecting the Light, darkness the goal.

XII

To mount the cross, a Christed man,
Both law and order make the plan;
To remain just human is Divine,
Although the senses must resign.

XLV

Seek my constant illumined urge,
As through thy Mind I freely surge;
Then Know Me as the Creative Word,
The language of both beast and bird.

XLVI

I AM the LIFE, the LIGHT, the WAY,
The Illumination of those who stay
In the positive, day by day,
To drive all negative cares away.

XLVII

With positive power, repeat and gain;
I AM illumined by Christ's Name,
I will this day the Light regain,
From mortal thought I shall refrain.

XLVIII

I AM the Christ that healed the lame,
The halt, the blind, and sought no fame;
Respect thy Thought with Love refrain,
And thereby Immortality gain.

IX

Within I dwell when man seeks me,
Together we lose identity,
Not as flesh, but consciously,
Thee in Me, and Me in thee.

X

Oh Lord, I pray tell me within,
Kindly reveal all so-called sin;
Perfect harmony I would gain,
Tell me all in God's great name.

VII

The Lord, our Gardener, then did smile—
Paused to discuss with me awhile.
Thy intellection doth beguile,
Wisdom is gained through constant trial.

VIII

Can man discern thy thought, oh Son,
As earth's grim battle is slowly won?
This and that is said of you,
Mortal vision misconstrues.

XLIX

I Thy Lord and Master said
Give us this day our daily bread;
The source is not from o'er head,
It rests within Thy power instead.

L

Speak to My Power within each day,
Supply the demand, Oh God, then say:
I Know Thy Will is always done,
Awaiting acceptance by Thy Son.

LI

Lack is born of mortal belief,
Perfect Knowing the only relief,
Let not thy personal mind deceive,
Demand with Love, thou shalt receive.

LII

Desire, just Know has already come,
Live in such Knowing and it is done;
If Thou would gain, by word compel,
And all thy mundane thought dispel.

V

The one that aids the precious flower
Will reap the grand illumined hour;
The gift a brilliant morning star,
A token of God's Eternal Power.

VI

Could not His Magic Mind devise
That man remain both good and wise,
To cross the bridge of doubts and sighs,
And not have to materialize?

III

The flowers are but the seeds of thought,
By each human gardener wrought;
Planted in the depths of Mind,
Watered and picked by Father Time.

IV

Would someone train the gentle rose
To climb above all mortal woes,
To reach above and gain the sun,
Receiving Light from a Giving One?

LIII

Dynamic Thought will crystallize,
No dream or fancy materialize—
Both are visions of despair;
Pause with wisdom, both compare.

LIV

All gardens are collective Thought,
If positive, then all Love is wrought;
As man thinketh a mould is formed,
Impresses, expresses, then outward born.

LV

The positive is the Faith that Knows,
A rippling brook that flowers can grow,
Faith is paramount, Life is All;
Mental inertia caused the fall.

LVI

Then winter stripped big leaves, and small,
To cover the ground from trees so tall,
Freezing blasts, in a garden cold,
Killed the perfume, and flowers of gold.

Life's Magic Garden

NEVER was there a fairer flower
Than in Life's garden grows;
The flower, the petals each unfold,
Beneath the bower that God controls.

II

The budding rose, the celestial Soul,
Within Life's garden, in man it grows;
Rare petals gathered by the breeze
To rest with God in blissful ease.

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LVII

Perfect thought flowers disappeared,
Leaving the garden bare and drear;
Such is the garden of the Mind
When closing the gate on Christ, we find.

LVIII

Your flowers also may need His care,
To be unselfish is only fair;
Now allow Him in your garden too,
Unlatch the gate, Christ will come through.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS PUT IN '1942 EDITION'

Rabbi Goldstein Paraphrase Is Given 1st Day of Shabuoth

A "1942 edition" of the Ten Commandments was given by Rabbi Israel Goldstein in Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Eighty-eighth Street near Broadway, yesterday, the first day of Shabuoth, the Jewish Feast of Weeks, associated with the revelation of the Law on Mount Sinai. The paraphrase follows:

"I. The struggle for freedom is man's divine urge.

"II. No man dare set himself up as a god.

"III. Thou shalt not take God's name in vain by invoking His name upon tyranny and oppression.

"IV. The Sabbath is the token of the dignity of the human soul.

"V. Family ties are not the property of the State.

"VI-X. Murder, theft, lies and covetousness must never become a national or personal way of life."

In the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Seventieth Street and Central Park West, Rabbi David de Sola Pool declared, that "disillusioned man can regain his faith in himself and attain the fullness of human dignity only as he recognizes and tends the divine spark within him."

"Shabuoth reminds Israel and mankind in general," Rabbi Joseph Zeitlin in Temple Ansche Chesed, 100th Street and West End Avenue, said, "of the basic message of religion which teaches us that just as the Lord is holy so are all His children holy."

"The Ten Commandments were and remain the blueprint for a healthy social structure," Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein declared to Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun, 117 East Eighty-fifth Street.

Salmaggi's Opera Schedule

Alfredo Salmaggi will presen two Decoration Day week-end per formances of popular-priced opera at the Brooklyn Academy of Music On Friday night, May 29, "La Traviata" will be given, with Elvira Helal as Violetta, and on Saturday night, May 30, "Lucia di Lammermoor" is billed, with Maria Vero in the title role.

Russian Music Tomorrow

Tatiana Pobers, soprano; Bor Saslawsky, baritone; Edna Bock stein, piano; Joseph Gingold, vi lin; Gdal Salesky, 'cello, and othe will give a Russian program to morrow night at Washington Ir ing High School under the auspice of the Ambijan Committee fo Emergency Aid to the Sovie Union.

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(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, and the following is the inspirational composition sung just before FATHER arose to speak:)

It is good to be American,
Nothing more and nothing less;
To be a real American,
One hundred percent full-fledged.
Then you can sing:
We are real, true Americans,
Not races, colors or creeds!

We recognize no qualifying adjectives
That rob men of the Same Rights.
We are proud to be called American;
The noblest title man can give.
FATHER DIVINE created Americanism;
HE'S AMERICAN TRUE and REAL!

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE! GOOD HEALTH, GOOD WILL and a GOOD APPETITE, with GOOD MANNERS, GOOD BEHAVIOUR, ALL SUCCESS and ALL PROSPERITY, RIGHTEOUSNESS, TRUTH and JUSTICE! These and all other Blessings to you I bring in the act of amalgamating all nations, languages, tongues and people to make Real American citizens. That is why we are here! And Americanism consists of the amalgamation of all races, creeds and colors and all nationalities unified together. This is not, MY fellow citizens and representatives of Government, for the purpose of human affection, self-indulgence or any sort of selfish tendencies, fancies or pleasures, but for Righteousness, Truth and Justice and for the Enactment of Democracy, Brotherhood and Christianity as synonymous. Aren't you glad!

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"WE DO NOT NEED ANYTHING BUT MORE OF GOD AND MORE LOVE FOR ALL" – FATHER DIVINE

"The People Have Not Been Taught Out of Sectarianism and Racism and All of the Isms Which Are Akin to Hitlerism and a Part of It"

OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE
GIVEN WHILE AT THE
HOLY COMMUNION TABLE
CIRCLE MISSION CHURCH, INC.
OF NEW YORK
2064 BOSTON ROAD
BRONX, NEW YORK
SUNDAY AFTERNOON
OCTOBER 15, 1944 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

During the Holy Communion Service, a young lady testified that she had one of the followers employed in her home as a maid whom she esteemed very highly. She stated that she had been in her employ for three years and that she was an excellent maid and she loved her dearly. One day, as they were engaged in conversation, she mentioned to her maid the death of Willkie and stated that it was such a shame that he should die when he seemed to have upheld the rights of the Jewish people and the "N——" people. Although she had not intentionally meant to offend by using such a word, having not known of her maid's religious conviction concerning such, the maid took exception to her remark and threatened to leave her employ; the madam even included her own religion in the statement.

For this cause, the young lady being open-minded, came seeking FATHER'S advice concerning the incident and stated that she was willing to abide by FATHER'S decision; likewise the maid. This glorious Message is the answer to the situation as well as educational for all who are concerned.

THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, and the following is FATHER'S glorious Message:)

(FATHER Speaks as follows:)

We know how it is with you. PEACE, EVERYONE! And I would like to say to the speaker, it is a wonderful thought to consider. I have often emphasized the fact that if I could have [illegible] out mottoes and messages to all countries demanding the abolition of the persecution of the Jews in Germany.

Some mottoes, no doubt, can be found now about the Scottsboro boys. They were trying to murder them under the legal procedure of the laws of the southern states, and I sent out mottoes protesting such inhumanity; but it did not seem to reach effectively; therefore, being more persistent and more determined to bring an abolition to segregation and discrimination, I stress it vividly continually, even before that time until now, the Doctrine of Democracy, Brotherhood and Christianity and the Golden Rule, and emphasizing and stressing our Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag vividly, stressing the thought that we are ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, UNDIVIDED; **not** you are of a Jewish nationality, and I AM of an Irish or an African or any such divisibility that will bring misery, disappointment and failure and even confusion and eventually warfare and bloodshed and inhuman murder!

So I preached the Doctrine of Democracy and Brotherhood so vividly, those who are truly converted into it, they have arisen to take a stand according to our Righteous Government Platform, to never sign or designate themselves as of any race, creed or color, and it is the discriminatory practice of all people in this country, unfortunately and unconsciously to the majority of them, they are using discriminatory words when they say a "So-and-so" people. Matters not what sort of a "So-and-so" people they say, that is divisible! That is a line of demarcation, and the enemy to Democracy and to Freedom has tried through the ages to bring about divisibility, misery, disappointment and failure!

Vulgar Names Used for Low-rating

For this cause, MY followers refuse to register if they must designate themselves as a race by a vulgar name. The name by which the people call ME or a good many people is vulgar; but Jewish woman, even if they are not conscious of it, it tends to distort and low-rate you in the consideration of some of those who call themselves of the high aristocracy—those who call themselves superior, the actual superior race among the Gentiles, you see. Some of them feel as though they are better than the Jew, you see, and therefore, I know they do not want even some of the Jewish people to live in certain neighborhoods, the same as they do not want some people of a dark complexion, considered in the consideration as African descendants, to live in certain neighborhoods, you see. It is all for the purpose of distortion and low-ration. Therefore, I AM working cancellation on those terms that tend to rob MY fellow citizens out of Life, Liberty and the privilege to pursue Happiness.

Therefore, when these thoughts are brought to the surface and they tend to set as a barrier of prohibitation to prohibit the access of expression, unless it is done through a lowrating degree of expression—now if they want us to vote, they try to separate ME from MY secretaries and from MY staff, try to separate some of MY staff; all of them living together, eating together. The secretaries—the women, those who are in the likeness of women—they sit together, they sleep together, they eat together. They take a bath in the same bathroom; and the men of different complexions, they do the same. And then to register and vote, they try to make us divisible after our inscription has declared "E PLURIBUS UNUM, one composed of many."

And when they do that, I tell them point blank, MY FOLLOWERS WILL NOT BE DIVIDED! It is against their religious convictions because they have been converted into indivisibility; not into divisibility, but into indivisibility and will not be divided for any cause whatsoever. Therefore, they do not desire Righteousness in Government, as you heard read from the pages of The New Day a little while ago as you heard a Message I gave to the Treasury Department in response to a letter I received from him.

Followers Bought Bonds in Their Religious Names

You see here, as described here, more than thirteen hundred dollars given this week to the United States Treasury by those of MY followers who have names that sound religious. Miss Great Love gave it. Miss Merriness Truth and many others gave money to the United States Treasury to support this country for mass production and reconstruction and to advance a just and lasting Peace and then they say we

get a-hold of Hitler and converted him as I have thousands of gangsters and murderers here in this country, he would have been converted to love the Jewish nationality and unify as well as harmonize with them. The nationality of those who think they are of the upper racial origin, they look down upon others and consider them as inferior and do not wish to harmonize with them, much less than that of unifying with them; but he or they should unify even as I AM Unifying this people!

Americanism consists of the amalgamation of all nations and all nationalities and all people. Therefore, having developed and brought Americanism to fruition as a Sample and as an Example for all humanity, Americanism I AM daily demonstrating for all nations, languages, tongues and people to copy after.

Now, we know—at least, I know the people have not been taught out of sectarianism and racism and all of the isms which are akin to Hitlerism and a part of it. They do not know better and we do not condemn them for not knowing better; but as our Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, we stress it daily until millions have been converted into Americanism through the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag—the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; ONE NATION, INDIVISIBLE, with Liberty and Justice for all!

The Jews Would Not Amalgamate with the Germans

They have made us divisible; hence, Hitler made the Jewish people divisible in cooperation with themselves according to our version. You see, they desired to be divisible in a way of speaking, a good many of them, because of their tradition, because of orthodoxy, and they would not amalgamate into the nationality in which they lived. They would not dissolve in them. There was divisibility established so effectively, there was a line of demarcation between the Jews and the German people, though of the same complexion. They should have been amalgamated as I AM endeavoring to do this whole nation; there should not have been the least division. But not knowing the Truth concerning the Mystery, the Jewish people allowed them, the enemies of Democracy and of Brotherhood, to sever them and keep them severed until the persecution arose so high in Germany against the Jews in the act of persecuting the Jewish people until nineteen thirty-three I sent your name, as a Jewish nationality or descent, is **not** vulgar. There are words they use through vulgarity in calling a good many of the Jewish people, but they do not call themselves those vulgar names by which they are called. There are a good many people call people of light complexion, even if they are Jewish people from the South and in the South, "crackers and buckras". THAT IS VULGAR!

And so it is when one calls the word "N——" that we have eradicated and dispelled from our vocabularies, or when they say a "c——" race, it is the same in MY consideration if they would say a "b——" race or say a "c——" race which is to say a "buckra" race or a "cracker" race, you see. Each of these words are vulgar and we should eradicate them from our vocabularies and strike them out of our dictionaries once and forever, but we who understand the Truth do not get offended, antagonistic or malicious at a person who may use such a word unconsciously.

(At this point FATHER turns to the lady and says:)

So I AM quite sure you did not say it intentionally to offend; with the intention, with the purpose or for the purpose of offending, or especially lowrating the person in question; but yet the word in itself, as a discriminatory word used in our present-day language in this country, it is used and it is in the dictionary for the purpose of lowration, distortion and to pervert the minds of the people to whom we are speaking when we say a "So-and-so".

Now the people will speak of ME, as you know—you have heard a good many people say, "HE is one of the greatest men I know. HE is one of the greatest 'So-and-so' men I know." Well now, if they have to put that to it, that means to lowrate ME. The very word in itself is lowrating, it is distorting and it is perverting. It perverts the minds of the people towards the person of whom you are speaking, you see; matters not what his intellectual or professional or executive ability may be, you see, if they say, "This is a 'So-and-so' leader," as they publish in the paper concerning ME, a " 'So-and-so' cultist leader", they will know that means lowrating. He is not rated as others would be!

Even the Word Jew Is Used for Low-rating

In the same like manner in a measure, to some small degree, when they say Jewish people, it means the same. If they speak of you as a cannot vote under those names? MY followers one day, inside of less than six hours in New York City, bought more than ninety-some thousand dollars' worth of Bonds—in just one day! The next day at MY Residence and Home and Church and Hotel where I reside in Philadelphia, as well as preside there, they were selling Bonds just the same. You can see it in the papers, how they were selling Bonds just the same in those names!

They have sold hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of Bonds, beside paying hundreds and thousands of dollars' worth of income taxes and personal taxes and real taxes. Not only so, but they buy personal and real property in these names, and then they say they cannot vote? Then if they cannot vote, every true American citizen should stand with them the same as the unions stand together when one is disfranchised, or discharged, whichever. They will stand with them and they bring pressure to bear and eventually it will convince the capitalistic system that they, the representatives of capital, cannot tread out labor as the Germans or Nazis tried to do the Jews in Germany.

Now let us, as American citizens, stand together one hundred percent and I will give you the Victory! When Hitler was chasing the Jews away from Germany and murdering them by the wholesale, according to the press, I said, "Why is it they do not come here as a haven of rest and why is it our Government does not receive them and cause them to be American citizens where they will have the Freedom to Life, Liberty and to pursue Happiness without interference?" I said there and then, I said we would be pleased to have the Jewish people to come over here by the wholesale, as it may be termed, but of course there are a good many people here in this country have the same prejudice. They are expressing Hitlerism in disguise!

But we mean to stand for Democracy—the opposite of that of Hitlerism—until we shall have brought this whole nation into this standard of expression such as I AM daily emphasizing. So, how glorious it is!

Followers' Restitution for Old Obligations

Now in reference to MY followers giving the Government more than a thousand dollars week-

(Continued on following page)

FATHER STATES, "I AM WORKING AMERICANISM IN THE LAND. I DO NOT SEE THE POLITICIANS DOING IT. I DO NOT SEE THE PREACHERS AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE DOING IT"

Please note his disbelief in our government.

PEACE

764-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pa.
October 17, 1944 A.D.F.D.

Mr. Owen A. Malady, Director
Public Welfare Department
426 Washington Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Malady:—

Your letter of the 13th is at hand. I appreciate knowing that another of MY followers has voluntarily paid the sum of $152.64 to your Department for service she received a number of years ago.

The practical and positive, and the desirable results of MY Teaching among millions have set a precedent for the independence of the people individually, collectively and nationally governmentally. I AM working Americanism in the land. I do not see the politicians doing it. I do not see the preachers and other leaders of the people doing it, but I AM producing Americanism not only in the affairs of the people, but in their individual hearts.

Millions have been lifted up out of poverty and want into prosperous conditions because I have given them the Spirit of success and taught them how to be free by the principle of honesty, competence and truth.

You do not see MY true followers going around worrying and fearful, wondering how they are going to exist in the post-war days. The depression has not even been felt by MY real followers, for by living upon the exact standards of Evangelical Democracy, they have had a full and aplenty and to spare.

Then I say, every individual who moves by this same principle shall not be subject to failure or want in the coming post-war days. The nation is expecting all sorts of confusion, turmoil and want, but not a true follower of Mine need want for anything so long as he or she continues to live according to the democratic policies of justice.

We must take a stand in the infallible laws of life if we hope for success, health and prosperity. Our security is established in living these laws, and none can rob the man who fulfils them.

I believe MY program of Righteous Government, as carried out among millions, is the only stabilized system for peace and prosperity the nation has seen. The nation has seen it for it is in evidence in all fields of activity and has proven its value to the government.

Thus shall men do well to lay down their preconceived prejudices and to come under the real banner of Americanism. Opposers to MY working principle are the losers. But all who harmonize with ME and stand with ME accordingly shall enjoy the real America, for they shall be as this leaves ME, as I AM Well, Healthy, Joyful, Peaceful, Lively, Loving, Successful, Prosperous and Happy in Spirit, Body and Mind and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint, limb, vein and bone and even in every atom, fibre and cell of MY Bodily Form.

Respectfully and Sincere, I AM

REV. M. J. DIVINE

REV.MJD.r

(Better known as FATHER DIVINE)

Respectfully and Sincere, I AM
REV. M. J. DIVINE
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FOLLOWER THANKS FATHER FOR BLESSING HER TO PAY $80 TO ONE WHO PAID HER EXPENSES TO COME TO AMERICA 22 YEARS AGO, AND INCLOSES LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

1439 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, N. Y.
Oct. 11, 1944

Rev. M. J. Divine
764-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pa.
Peace, Father Dear:

I am thanking you for blessing me to pay a bill of eighty dollars to Miss Esther Reubel of 224 W. 149th St.

About 22 years ago she wanted me to come to America so she paid the expenses. It was never my intention to return the money, but Father dear, you brought it to me, so I gave it to her. I told her to write and let you know, but she sent the letter to me. I am inclosing it.

I am thanking you for your love and patience that you have with me, Father, I thank you to help me to obey you in everything.

I thank you, Father, for your blessings to humanity.

Thank you, Father.

Your child,
Gertrude Reubel

8-10-44

FATHER IS ADVISED THAT CANADIAN FOLLOWER HAS MADE DONATION OF $50 TO HOSPITAL IN APPRECIATION FOR TREATMENT RECEIVED SOME YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS UNABLE TO PAY FOR THE SERVICE

THE VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL
Vancouver, B. C.

October 10th, 1944

Rev. M. J. Divine
764-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pa.
U. S. A.

Dear Sir:

We are writing to express our appreciation of a donation in the amount of $50.00, which Mr. Arthur J. Bergeron, a follower of yours, residing at 3841 W. 20th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., made to this institution.

During 1940 it was necessary for Mr. Bergeron to be treated in this hospital, but at that time he was unable to pay for the services rendered.

Your very truly,

F. R. Clarke
Vancouver General Hospital

FRC:RF

OF HIS FOLLOWERS FATHER WRITES,

FATHER Says, "I Will Lift the Whole Nation as the People Give ME Free Access to Rule and Reign within Them"

PEACE

"IT IS FREEDOM TO KNOW ME", DECLARES FATHER. "IT IS LIFE AND HEALTH AND LOVE TO LIVE IN MY STATUTES. THAT IS WHY YOU FIND MILLIONS ENJOYING THE REALITY OF GOD"

PEACE

764-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pa.

"I CAME TO BRING ABOUT THAT REAL PERFECT UNION ACCORDING TO OUR CONSTITUTION . . . BUT THAT PER= FECT UNION CAN COME ONLY THROUGH SELF = DENIAL AND THROUGH CONSECRATION AND THROUGH SACRI= FICE" - FATHER DIVINE

It Matters Not Who May Be Elected as Chief Executive of Our Nation; We Know We Desire to Have the Most Perfect Specimen of Humanity as Chief Executive but We Know GOD Alone Shall Reign!"

"Something Great and Good Has Been Going on in the Land", Writes FATHER. "Poverty Is Fleeing in the Face of Prosperity, for Honesty Has Displaced Graft, Greed and Speculation among MY Followers"

"AMERICANISM IS WEIGHED ON THE BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING IF IT IS ONLY UNDERSTOOD ECONOMICALLY OR POLITICALLY", WRITES FATHER. "IT MUST BE DISCERNED SPIRITUALLY FOR THIS IS THE CORNER STONE FOR VICTORY AND PEACE"

PEACE

ticipate with nor associate with the opposite sex. Not because of race or color, as they may be termed, but just because they are not indulging in human affection for the appeasing of the human animalistic nature and characteristics, for they are New Creatures. If they are not New Creatures immediately, they are willing to fast from those tendencies until they come out of them! Can you not see the Mystery!

So we rejoice! We rejoice because we know whereof we speak; and as pure and wholesome as I make you by causing you as men and women to be Virtuous, Pure and Holy and abstain from all self-indulgence from every angle expressible, I PURIFY your minds, your ideas and your opinions and I PURIFY you in spirit as well as in body and purge all dishonesty and incompetence out of your system. Therefore, you live Soberly, Righteously and Godly, free

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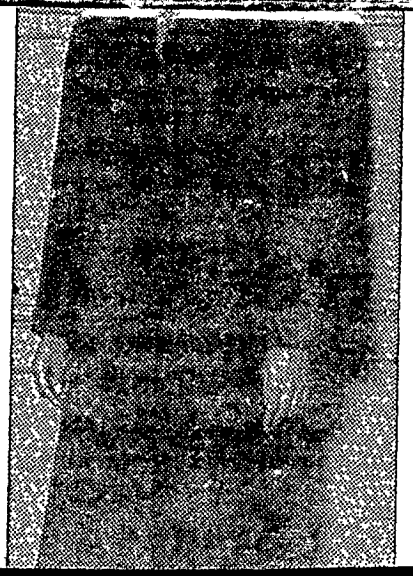
WE HAVE DONE IT! FOR I HAVE BROKEN THAT LINE OF DEMARCATION BY CAUSING A GOOD MANY TO HIDE THEIR FACES, BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO IT! WE ARE GOING TO DO IT WITHOUT HIDING OUR FACES! That is what I AM talking about! I WILL SHAKE CREATION! I HAVE SHAKEN IT ONCE, AND I WILL SHAKE IT AGAIN! I KNOW THESE ARE HARD SAYINGS, BUT YET THEY ARE TRUE. CAN'T HAVE THE FREEDOM TO BUY WHAT YOU WANT WITH YOUR OWN MONEY! CAN'T HAVE THE FREEDOM TO LIVE IN ANY STREET OR WALK UP AND DOWN ANY STREET YOU DESIRE TO AS OTHER PEOPLE!

Calling for an Administration That Will Enact True Freedom



Righteousness! - - Marches On!

In these pages will be found Letters from the World of Business, Profession, labor and trade to FATHER DIVINE in Acknowledgment and Appreciation of HIS Peace Mission Movement, also some of HIS Wonderful Letters in Reply.

(Ed. note — In accordance with our national policy of economy, we discontinue our custom of reproducing these letters in facsimile, since their authenticity has been established over a period of years; however, the original letters may be seen at anytime upon request.)

FOLLOWERS OF FATHER DIVINE REQUEST THE REGISTRATION COMMISSION OF PHILADELPHIA TO CANCEL EVERY LETTER, TERM OR SYMBOL ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS REFERRING TO RACE, CREED OR COLOR, AND SUBSTITUTE THE WORD — AMERICAN

SPEECH BY

Dr. Gerald Spencer

GIVEN WHILST AT
THE HOLY COMMUNION TABLE
PEACE CENTER AND NAZARETH MISSIONS'
HOME FOR THE AGED, CHURCH and
TRAINING SCHOOL
13-17 W. 128TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY
SUNDAY EVENING
OCTOBER 15, 1944 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 8:12 P.M.

PEACE, FATHER; PEACE, FRIENDS: This is indeed truly wonderful! It is like a dream to me that has come true! I have, during the past four or five months on three or four occasions, dreamt that I was talking to FATHER DIVINE. I have tried and wondered how can I come and sit at FATHER DIVINE'S Table, and I have succeeded in being here and I am very thankful. I can assure you that I have enjoyed this privilege immensely!

I am a medical man and I have had contact with FATHER DIVINE. I had a patient who had an illness for a number of years—twenty-five to thirty six years—and that patient came to me and no one knew or not anyone knew how to cure that person. After treating in vain for about four weeks I wrote

individual's type of thinking. No longer than during the past four weeks there has been established in New York City for the first time, a clinic or a hospital, or rather a clinic to treat diseases of the body which are due to the disease of the mind; because we feel that if we treat the individual's body alone we are not going to eradicate the problem. We have to get at the CAUSE of the illness, which is the wrong type of thinking of the individual!

Now leaving the medical field we see that same type of thinking in the political field, in the economic field, in our daily life. Little do we realize that our behavior, our conduct, are all the expression of our type of thinking! The problems that FATHER DIVINE outlined tonight are the results of wrong thinking. HE has tried and HE is trying to give us this RIGHTEOUSNESS on EARTH, which is no more than a type of THINKING, and if we can **rise** to **that type** of **thinking,** our conduct then will fit in with our thinking! That is really the **sum** and **substance** of this vast movement. It seems simple but that is the problem.

We should THINK RIGHT, and then, as the night follows the day, our **behavior** or our **conduct** would **be** RIGHT.

I don't want to go any further, but I wish to express again this overwhelming emotion on my part and this unique pleasure of being able to be under the influence of FATHER DIVINE; and I can assure you that I shall use the influence throughout my daily conduct in the practice of medicine. Feeling sure that I shall be more of a success than I have, I wish to thank YOU again, and believe me, it is truly wonderful! I thank YOU!

THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!

MOtt Haven 9-7499 Thank You, Father

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TO : E. P. COFFEY

FROM : H. B. LONG

DATE: 7-2-45

SUBJECT: John Joseph Vetter, with aliases
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Bureau File # 62-32932

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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November 17, 1944

Mrs. B. V. North
2193 Post Street
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mrs. North:

Your letter of November 4, 1944, with enclosures, is before me for acknowledgment.

I have carefully noted the contents of your communication and enclosures and wish to thank you for bringing the information contained therein to my attention.

If in the future you should obtain any additional information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, I want you to feel free to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our San Francisco Field Division which is located at 111 Sutter Building, Room 1729, San Francisco 4, California.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Rosebud Choir
Room 320
Circle Mission Church of Philadelphia
764-772 South Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of May 11, 1946, inviting me to participate in a Commendation Exercise in honor of Reverend M. J. Divine, which will be held on June 14, 1946. Due to a previous official commitment for that date it is not possible for me to indicate an acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Numerous references on Father Divine appear in Bureau files. Although he has been associated with persons of questionable background nothing of a serious nature appears concerning him.

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"PEACE"

Circle Mission Church of Phila.
764-772 South Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania
Room 320
May 11, 1946, A.D.F.D.

Mr. Tolson
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

We, the innumerable, inter-racial, international Youth Group of FATHER DIVINE'S Peace Mission Movement, through the teaching and guidance of REVEREND M. J. DIVINE (better known as FATHER DIVINE) are endeavoring to work together for the good of the Youth of America in order that Child Delinquency might eventually be eradicated.

It is through FATHER DIVINE'S profound teaching of Americanism, Brotherhood and Christianity, that we as real true Americans are daily living the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Amendments (The Bill of Rights,) and FATHER DIVINE'S Righteous Government Platform.

It is through His teaching of Holiness that profanity, obscenity and indecency are being obliterated from our lives and millions are striving to personify VIRTUE.

Therefore, we the YOUTH, invite you to participate in a Commendation Exercise in Honor of REV. M. J. DIVINE, for HIS eminent work in lifting up a Standard of Virtue for the Youth of today, tomorrow and forever.

This demonstration will be held June 14, 1946, A.D.F.D at the Unity Mission Church of Philadelphia, 907 N. 41st Street, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

We will appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

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Attention: Room 320

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EX-33

June 4, 1946

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Mrs. Grace Foltz
704-772 Broad Street
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Foltz:

Your letter of May 15, 1946, has been received and I wish to advise that due to a previous official commitment for June 14, 1946, it is not possible for me to indicate an acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Philadelphia

NOTE: Mrs. Foltz invited the Director to attend the "Youth Day" celebration in honor of Father Divine on June 14, 1946. The Bureau files reflect that one Grace Foltz, c/o Lee Finehout, 1310 E. New York St., Indpls., Ind., was listed as one of the individuals who had contributed financially to Pelley and The Fellowship Press. It is unknown if this person is identical with the addressee.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. L. A. Tamm
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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My dear Mr. Hoover:

An International "Youth Day" celebration in honor of FATHER DIVINE in appreciation for HIS Personal interest and work in lifting a Standard of Virtue for the Youth Universally, will be held at the Unity Mission Church of Philadelphia, 907 N. 4Ist Street, on Flag Day, June I4, A. D. F. D.!

Rosebuds and Crusaders from all States in the Union and all other Countries, are invited to participate in the exercises!

I sincerely hope that you will be able to attend this great event and see for yourself how real Democracy is being put into action,

"For truly a Nation is rising
Rich in Honesty, Brotherhood
and Peace;
Where a man is a man
And not a creed, color nor
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FATHER DIVINE has brought about that Brotherhood of man and the FATHERHOOD of GOD that we had prayed and sought for but had never found.

For many years you sent one of your most able Assistants to speak before "The Indianapolis Council of Women" hoping through cooperation with the various organizations through out the United States we might make this a better place in which to live.

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Instead of getting better it grew worse, result another World War with still no Peace but talking and plans for another Global War which would only end in possibly the end of this civilization.

FATHER DIVINE, through HIS Personal Presence in America and the creating of a Righteous People saved us from being destroyed, so the Heads of our Government should thank HIM for HIS Wonderful Work and Mission HE is doing for all mankind all over the world, for truly no man can do what FATHER is doing.

All the organizations, conferences etc., might just as well disband and accept FATHER as the Prince of Peace for there will be no Peace without HIM.

FATHER gives 24 hours a day serving the people and when I say serving I mean not only food for the sustinance of the body but for the soul as well. All the unkind publicity said about FATHER is false because to know FATHER is to Love, Honor and Obey HIS every command. HE is the most beautiful person in all the world, with all the Wonderful Attributes that could be used to describe HIM.

FATHER is here to solve all of our problems and we have no right to retard His Wonderful Mission but should fall in line and work for this Righteous Government that HE has established among the children of men.

I am writing to Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indiana who is vitally interested in Peace and also Mr. Lee Finhaut of Indianapolis who is one of the best informed men on world affairs that I know of and I do hope that you all will not miss this opportunity of attending this grand "Youth Day" celebration and see what FATHER DIVINE has done and is doing and what is yet to come.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace Foltz

Mrs. Grace Foltz

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Circle Mission Church of Phila,
764-772 South Broad Street,
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania,
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Honorable J. E. Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm

My dear Mr. Hoover:-

This is to acknowledge, with appreciation, the receipt of your reply to our letter of invitation.

It is unfortunate that you are unable to participate with us in the "International YOUTH Day Mass Meeting," so that you might see in reality, as one of our inspirational songs depicts: "A Nation is Rising rich in the Virtues of AMERICANISM rebirthed by GOD!"

It is our aim to persevere to the line of Righteousness as exemplified by FATHER DIVINE, so that Hitlerism and Bilboism will be effaced completely and on earth there will dwell a People insured in the inalienable rights that "Old Glory" extends to every man, for the "Stars and Stripes" shall wave in every land as the Symbol of a people that is truly FREE!

With best wishes to you, UNITED we remain,

Very sincerely yours,

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Of Americanism, rebirthed by GOD;
Rich in Honesty, Brotherhood and Peace,
Where a man is a man
And not a color, creed or race;
A people charged with the current of Justice
That has changed the tide of governmental affairs.
A Righteous Nation under FATHER DIVINE is rising,
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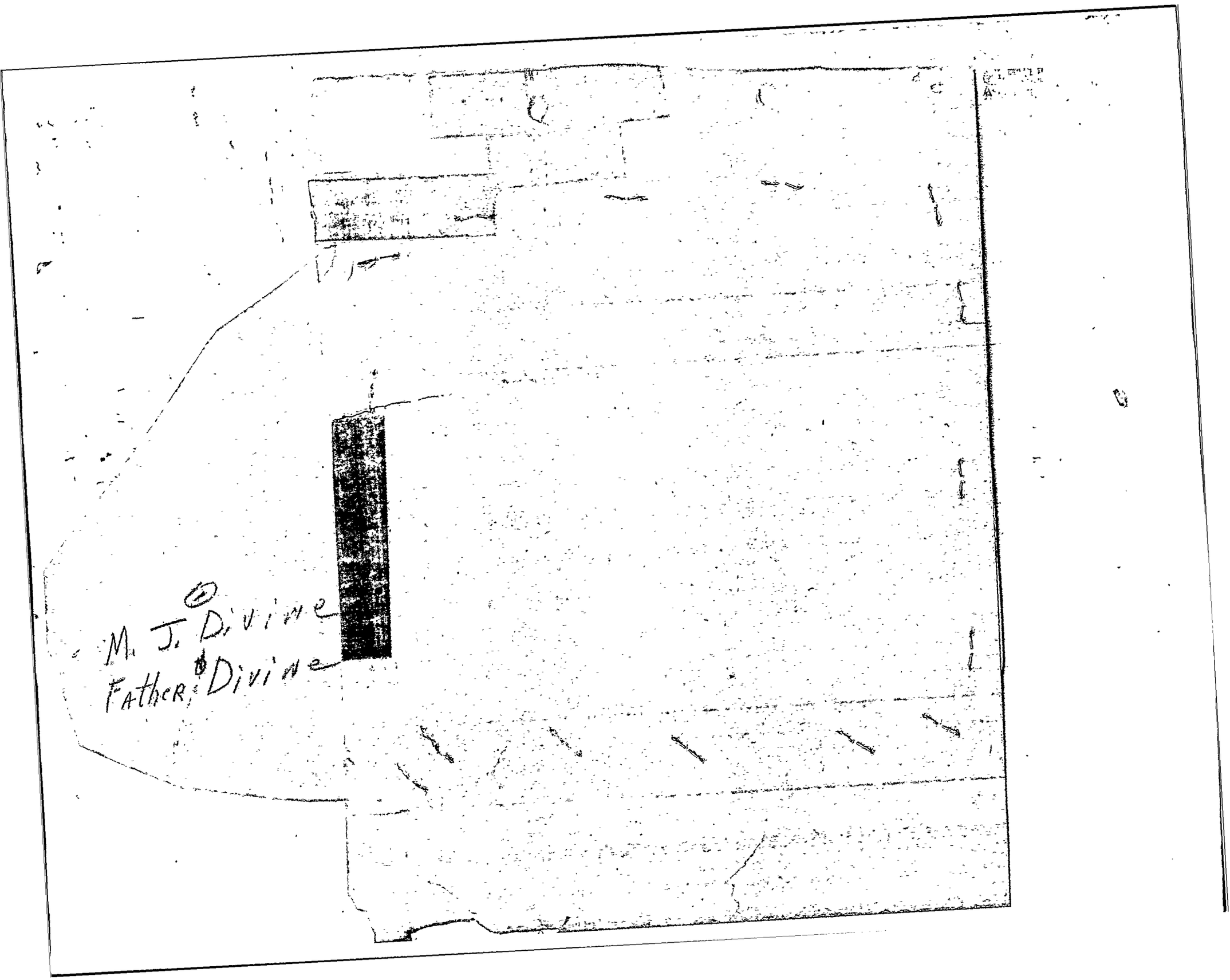
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SAC, Philadelphia

September 12, 1946

Director, FBI

EDWARD M. J. DIVINE, commonly known as Father Divine
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It is the Bureau's desire that your office and the New York Office conduct a discreet investigation with reference to subject Divine's background and activities in order to determine if he or his organization is dangerous to the internal security of this country. In conducting this investigation every precaution must be exercised so that the fact that the Bureau is engaged in making this inquiry will not be disclosed.

It is noted from the report of Special Agent Walter J. Higgins, dated at New York City, August 30, 1939, in connection with the case entitled, "Black Aco. Father Divine - Victim; Extortion," New York file 9-524, that Father Divine's residence address at that time was 1887 Madison Avenue, New York City. It is also noted from an item appearing in the July 29, 1942, issue of the New York News that subject had changed his headquarters from New York City to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

You are instructed to afford this matter immediate attention and submit a report to the Bureau within two weeks after the receipt of this letter.

The Philadelphia Office is hereby designated as the office of origin.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 9-20-46

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FATHER DIVINE, aka Reverend M. J. Divine, Major J. Divine, Major Devine, George Baker, Joe Baker, "Barron"
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Pursuant to your request, there is set out hereinafter a summary of the pertinent information appearing in the Bureau's files with reference to Father Divine.

BACKGROUND

There is a dearth of background information in the Bureau's files concerning Father Divine. A book entitled, "Harlem - Negro Metropolis," written by Claude McKay, contains the following information concerning Father Divine: Father Divine states that he has no record of his life and declares that there is none for he has existed always. According to this book, it has been assumed that he was formerly a Joe Baker or George Baker from some place in Georgia but it has not been proved that he is such a person. He calls himself Major J. Divine or Father Divine.

It is reported that he lived in Sayville, Long Island, from 1919 to 1931. During that time he practiced the rites of his cult. The Father Divine Cult was different from others. Its main feature consisted in its being a collective enterprise. No contributions were solicited. Father Divine presided over the establishment and found employment for many members. Work, food, clothing, and everything else was supposed to be provided by him for his followers.

A middle aged woman named Mrs. Deanne declares that back in 1914 she lived in a house which Father Divine either leased or owned in Brooklyn, New York. She said that he had developed a kind of combination rooming house and employment agency and all his roomers were women.

In 1931, a number of white citizens of Sayville concluded that the house of Father Divine was a nuisance. Accordingly, he was arrested with others of his followers and was investigated by the Grand Jury of Suffolk County. The chief count which stood out against him was that white and colored persons were indiscriminately mixed up in the strange fetish worship of the little African-American. Six months later in May, 1932, Father Divine's case came up for trial before Judge Smith in the Supreme Court of Nassau County. It was an extraordinary case inasmuch as Father Divine insisted that he was not an ordinary human being. He had no past for he kept no record of his life and he had been divinely projected into existence. Ten days later the judge sentenced him to one year's imprisonment and the payment of $500. The sentence was appealed and it was finally reversed by the Appellate Court, which ruled that the presiding judge had injected prejudice in summing up the case. Three days after Judge Smith had pronounced

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ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

There are a number of letters in the Bureau's files from various individuals outlining their suspicions of the activities of Father Divine. However, this information has not been of such a character to indicate a violation of any Federal Law over which the Bureau has jurisdiction. Accordingly, the Bureau has never conducted a direct investigation of Father Divine's activities. U

The following information appears in the Bureau's files concerning Father Divine's activities and affiliations: On April 15, 1942, Edward S. Allen, colored, Washington, D. C., advised the Washington Field Office that he considered Father Divine's organization subversive and radical. He stated that prior to 1939 he had stopped on several occasions at Father Divine's Peace Missions in New York, particularly the one located at 126th Street near Seventh Avenue, for lodging purposes. He stated that Negroes at these Peace Missions who were followers of Father Divine were continually talking about discriminations against Negroes; that the Negro was as good as the white and should seize by force the things the white man enjoys and spoke of blood running in the streets some day if the Negroes' rights were not observed. He added that Father Divine would lead them in this struggle. U

In September, 1942, [redacted] advised the Savannah Office that [redacted] As a result of this information, the Savannah Office initiated an investigation of the Father Divine Peace Mission at Cheraw, South Carolina. U b7D

Further information was obtained from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] b7D

When Father Divine was interviewed concerning this matter by the New York Office, he denied that Bishop Goodbody had any personal connection with him or his activities and that he had not been sent out by any of the churches under his personal jurisdiction. U

This case was closed with a report submitted by the Savannah Office on June 2, 1943, inasmuch as the investigation had failed to reveal any evidence of subversive activities on the part of Father Divine, the Peace Mission, or any of the subjects. U

sentence he suddenly died of heart disease, but to the fanatical followers of Father Divine, it was the hand of their God that had struck the judge down. U

Within a year of winning his appeal, Father Divine had established in New York a score of Kingdoms similar to the one for which he was prosecuted at Sayville. Throughout the states his mission gained a large number of converts who set up new Kingdoms. U

He subsequently established his headquarters at 1887 Madison Avenue, New York City. His secretary, John Lamb White, resided at the same address. In February, 1943, he is reported to have changed his headquarters to 764-772 Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. U

Father Divine is said to have a large following among the colored race in all of the large cities of the United States, particularly on the Eastern Seaboard. He is reported to be well financed and owns considerable estate in the way of farms and houses. He also publishes a magazine known as the "New Day" which enjoys a circulation of several thousand. It is reported that his followers accept the print in this publication as the gospel truth. U

In the August 19, 1946, issue of Life Magazine, there appears an article which describes Father Divine as one who is regarded by his followers as God, Dean of the Universe, and lately, Harnesser of Atomic Energy. According to this article, around August 12, 1946, Father Divine announced to 500,000 members of his cult at the Circle Mission Church in Philadelphia that he was married to his new wife, a 21-year-old white girl named Edna Ritchings, daughter of a Vancouver, B. C., florist and known to the followers as "Sweet Angel." At the time of his marriage Father Divine, who is reputedly in his 70's, gave his age as 41. The members of the cult who banquet and live in Father Divine's hundreds of "Heavens" from Harlem to Los Angeles, have given their leader an estimated fortune of $1,500,000 and worship him blindly. According to this article, his first wife had died but ~~that~~ this was a "marriage in name only." U

The following identification record is contained in the Bureau's files which appears to be that of Father Divine: U

> MAJOR DEVINE, with aliases George Baker, "Barron", Reverend M. J. Divine; New York City Police Department #156267. He was arrested April 24, 1937, at 229 West 123rd Street, New York City. The crime was Felonious Assault. He is black; his age is 60 (as of 1937); height, 5' 1 3/4"; weight, 158 pounds; build, stocky; hair, black; eyes, maroon; complexion, brown; small mustache; born, Providence, Rhode Island; occupation, preacher. No disposition given.

The February 12, 1942, issue of the "New Day," the official publication of Father Divine, sets forth a talk in which Father Divine inferentially encourages conscientious objection to participation in the war. U

According to information received from MID, a Negro march on the Philadelphia City Hall to protest discriminatory practices against the Philadelphia Transportation Company was held on November 6, 1943. There were approximately 400 marchers, the march being composed of a majority of elderly Negro women. Approximately 200 of the participants were said to have been Father Divine representatives. U

An anonymous outside source, not verified by investigation, reported in May, 1937, that Father Divine was being financed by the Communist Party for the purpose of encouraging the colored faction within the Party. U

Marshall Flenard Jackson, a person of questionable reliability who was arrested on a narcotics charge and is presently incarcerated in San Quentin prison, advised a Bureau Agent that he felt that Father Divine was interested in an organization known as the Black Star, a national organization with headquarters on the East Coast. According to Jackson, the purpose of this organization is to promote advancement of the Negro race, and at times specified by headquarters, race riots instigated by Negroes would break out all over the country. U

Dr. Larry Holt, Hollywood, California, in March, 1942, advised the Los Angeles Office that he was under the impression that Father Divine was in some way connected with an organization known as The Colored Front. He stated that he understood that Father Divine had contributed to this Colored Front organization. According to Dr. Holt, this organization was an international racial organization strongly opposed to the white race. It was reported to be composed of the colored races of the world and apparently was aimed to overcome the white race. He also advised that he was certain that Negroes had been instructed by ministers in the South and by Father Divine's organization to commit subversive acts in the United States. U

According to information received from [redacted] a confidential informant for the Pittsburgh Office, [redacted] b7D

According to information received from Fritz Kuhn, erstwhile leader of the German-American Bund, in July, 1939, the property at Yaphank, Long Island, which was being utilized at that time as a youth camp of the German-American Bund was being abandoned as such and would probably be sold to Negroes, presumably Father Divine.

In December, 1944, John Wattawa, attorney at Washington, D. C., called at the Bureau and advised that he had learned confidentially from Messrs. Alexander and Travers of the State Department that prior to the outbreak of World War II, a number of pro-Nazi Germans in Nassau, including Fritz Weideman, former German Consul in San Francisco, a man named Spencer, and Henry Von Berge, were alleged to have held frequent conferences at which plans were made to aid the German cause. At one of these conferences it was agreed to finance Father Divine in the purchase of property near Hyde Park, New York. This action was said to have been taken in the hope of creating racial disorder in the United States.

On July 22, 1940, ONI submitted a report to the Bureau concerning the Black Dragon Society, indicating that Father Divine was in contact with such society. According to ONI, the original purpose of this organization was the preparation of Japan for War with Russia. Since then, however, it has become actively interested in the internal politics of Japan and also is an active agent in the furthering of the Pan-Asiatic Movement which has for its purpose the uniting of all the non-white peoples against the domination of the white race.

According to information appearing in a Dies Committee Report, Father Divine is listed as one of the prominent individuals signing a petition for the freedom of Negro Communist Angelo Herndon, on September 15, 1935.

The following excerpts appear in the book, "What is Communism?" by Earl Browder:

> "We judge religious organizations and their leaders by their attitude to the fundamental social issues of the day. What church organization has so completely demonstrated its opposition to fascism and war as that of Father Divine? Other churches could very well follow his example. We would be delighted if thousands of other churches would support the Workers' Social Insurance Bill, the fight to free the Scottsboro Boys, and would fight against Mussolini's invasion of Ethiopia, as the followers of Father Divine have done.
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> "Our activity is gradually succeeding in giving a social and political education to the Negro men and women who belong to Father Divine's church? Who would deny the tremendous importance of this education in the center of Harlem, where a people are bound in the chains of segregation, misery and oppression? These masses will be

liberated from religious superstitions only by our economic and political work, which reaches them in the only way possible at this particular point in their development.

"We have nothing in common with the religious beliefs of Father Divine, in whose fantastic features we see the fundamental characteristics of all religions. But we have much in common with the masses of Negroes who follow Father Divine. They are our people. We will fight for them and for their interests. We will do everything possible to draw them into the common struggle against a common foe-the capitalist system."

By letter dated September 12, 1946, the Philadelphia and New York Field Divisions were instructed to conduct a discreet investigation concerning Father Divine's background and activities in order to determine if he or his organization is dangerous to the internal security of the country.

ACTION:

This matter will be closely followed and you will be promptly advised concerning the results of the investigation conducted in this matter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE BAKER, with aliases: "God", Father Divine, Reverend J. Divine, Major J. Devine, M. J. Devine, M. J. Divine	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GEORGE BAKER was born approximately 70 yrs. ago on a plantation on Hutchinson Island near Savannah, Ga. In 1913, as "The Messenger", he came in conflict with established Negro churches at Valdosta, Ga., was arrested and tried. Verdict of jury was that he was of unsound mind but was allowed to depart upon agreeing to leave Ga. On 10/27/19, as Major J. DEVINE, he established colored employment agency and religious group at Sayville, L.I. About 1930, Negroes began to journey to Sayville from surrounding communities, particularly from Harlem. As a result, on 11/15/31, after many complaints of maintaining a nuisance, legal steps were taken against FATHER DIVINE. After much delay on 5/25/32 the jury brought in verdict of guilty but recommended leniency. Judge LEWIS SMITH sentenced DEVINE to 1 yr. in jail, $500. fine, and 1 additional day for each dollar of the fine remaining unpaid. On 6/9/32 Judge SMITH died of heart attack. DEVINE's followers spread the word that "God" had struck him dead, a claim which was not disputed by DIVINE. DIVINE was released on bail and on 1/9/33 the conviction was reversed. Because of the trial, DIVINE's fame spread. "Heavens" were opened in N.Y.C., Newark, Philadelphia, and various parts of the U.S. and the world. Until July, 1942, the subject's headquarters were located at 1887 Madison Ave., N.Y.C., then because of a law suit involving a judgment against him, DIVINE moved from N.Y. to 764-72 South Broad St., Philadelphia, where new headquarters were opened. Prior to World War II DIVINE cooperated with the C.P. to some extent. In 1936,

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a split developed between the Communists and DIVINE's followers. On 5/5/46 DIVINE again reappeared at a Communist sponsored "Help Organize the South" Rally, held in Harlem. Since that time, there has been no indication that DIVINE's group is cooperating with the C.P. or any other organization of a possible subversive nature. Police and civic leaders regard DIVINE as a law-abiding, restraining influence who has done much to rehabilitate the Negroes.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Philadelphia, 9/12/46, entitled, "REVEREND M. J. DIVINE, commonly known as Father Divine; SECURITY MATTER - C"

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY:

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ROBERT ALLERTON PARKER, in his book, The Incredible Messiah, states that GEORGE BAKER, alias Father Divine, alias "The Messenger", alias "God", was born approximately seventy years ago on a rice plantation on Hutchinson Island, near the city of Savannah, Georgia. The writer states that DIVINE grew up in an atmosphere of frenzied religious revivals and mysticism where pullman porters, cooks, barbers, day laborers, and waiters received the call to preach the word. All who failed in the ordinary walks of life rushed into the ministry.

In 1913 at Valdosta, Georgia, no longer as GEORGE BAKER but now as "The Messenger, the clipper of hedges and mower of lawns appeared and managed to win several diciples away from the local established Negro churches. As a result of this, the preachers of two churches swore out complaints against "The Messenger" for maintaining a nuisance. He was arrested a trial was held, and the verdict of the jury was that "The Messenger" was of unsound mind. DIVINE was allowed to depart from the community upon agreeing to leave the State of Georgia.

On October 27, 1919, as Major J. DEVINE, the subject purchased a residence at Sayville, Long Island, together with a woman, known as "Penninah". For nearly ten years following the purchase of this residence, the Reverend Divine enjoyed only an underground reputation as a spiritual leader. His establishment was regarded primarily as a colored employment agency, and secondly as a religious group. From 1919 to 1930 a steady stream of visitors came to the "kingdom" in Sayville but they were small in numbers. About 1930 the word spread to various Negro localities throughout Long Island and New York City with the result that large groups, particularly from Harlem, began to appear at the "Heaven" to shout and whoop things up. It was a common sight to see ice trucks, moving vans, and motorcades journeying to Sayville for a weekend of activity at the "Heaven". On November 15, 1931, after many complaints of maintaining a nuisance, legal steps were taken against Father Divine. After a great deal of delay, on May 25, 1932, after a jury trial, the verdict was brought in of guilty with a recommendation of leniency.

Judge LEWIS J. SMITH of the Supreme Court of Nassau County, irritated by the failure of DIVINE to cooperate with the authorities, sentenced him to one year in jail, $500.00 fine, and one additional day for each dollar of the fine that remained unpaid. In imposing sentence, Judge SMITH stated, "I am informed that his name is not Divine, that his true name is George Baker, that he was born on an island off the coast of Georgia, that he is not an ordained minister, and that he is not married to the woman he calls "Mother Divine. I am informed about the sources of his income, that he is maintained partly by procuring positions for people who become his followers and live in his place, who go out to work for him, he takes their wages and has used them for his own purposes and that others who come under his spell he has induced to transfer to him their property and that has been his source of income."

On June 9, 1932 Judge SMITH suddenly died of a heart attack. The "angels" and "diciples" spread the word that "God" had struck him dead, a claim which Father Divine did not dispute. On June 10, 1932, $5,000.00 bail was granted Father Divine and he was released. On January 9, 1933 the conviction was reversed by the Second Department of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of New York State. The court reversed the conviction declaring that Judge Smith's ruling on many points was "erroneous and prejudicial".

As a result of the trial, Father Divine's fame spread. "Heavens" were opened in New York City, Newark, Philadelphia, and in various parts of the United States and the world. Divine's headquarters in New York City were established at 1887 Madison Avenue where he remained until July, 1942.

A review of the records of The New York Times indicates that in July, 1942 because of the "disrecognition" afforded him here, DIVINE moved to

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where at the present time, his new headquarters are located at 764-72 South Broad Street.

The New York Sun issue of April 2, 1946, in an article concerning Father Divine, stated "A great exodus of the faithful followed him. Most of Father Divine's New York "Heavens" are now shuttered. Most of the extensive real estate ownings purchased by his followers have been sold. The best available information to day is that the 'angels' are liquidating their properties, here in New York, as fast as possible." The latest information concerning Philadelphia, according to the article, was that Divine's followers were buying up all the real estate in sight and that new "Heavens" were "mushrooming" all over the city. According to the article, since 1942, the faithful have purchased property in Philadelphia valued at more than $700,000.00.

DIVINE's present headquarters on South Broad Street consist of two auditoriums, five meeting rooms, two stores, a dining hall, ninety bedrooms, and sixteen baths. In addition to his Philadelphia holdings, DIVINE and his followers purchased the estate known as "Old Groves Estate" at Riverton, New Jersey, a few miles from Philadelphia.

FATHER DIVINE denies that he owns so much as a brick or a stone or a square foot of land in any community. The article goes on to state that new "Heavens" continue to reopen in Philadelphia and that the comparatively few followers in New York City have to go to Philadelphia to enjoy the lavish fried chicken dinners, once so common place in FATHER DIVINE's "Heavens" here.

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised the reporting Agent that [redacted] b7D

The records of The New York Times, New York newspaper, indicate that an ex-angel, VERINDA BROWN, sued FATHER DIVINE for the repayment of money she claimed to have made to him. On March 9, 1940 a judgment was obtained against DIVINE. DIVINE refused to pay on the grounds that he had no money and the matter dragged on until July 19, 1942 when the Sheriff's Office of New York County attempted to serve a warrant on FATHER DIVINE.

Confidential Informants [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, advised the reporting Agent [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised [redacted] b7D

The Informant also stated [redacted]

A review of the files of The New York Times indicates that in the issue of February 11, 1940, Justice JACOB PANKEN of the Domestic Relations Court claimed "Father Divine is a menace to the community" because of his disregard of the welfare of the children of his followers by compelling the parents of children to live apart and thus disrupting their home-lives. U

On August 8, 1946 information appeared in the daily press to the effect that FATHER DIVINE married a twenty-one year old white girl, a resident of Montreal, Canada, in Washington, D.C. on April 29, 1946. DIVINE's wife's maiden name was EDNA ROSE RITCHINGS. Her present name, as one of DIVINE's "Angels", is "Miss Sweet Angel". The purpose of the marriage is to "propagate virtue". U

On August 18, 1946 the Immigration and Naturalization authorities announced that DIVINE's wife, "Miss Sweet Angel", had overstayed her visa and was subject to deportation. At the present time, no further action has been taken in regard to this matter by the Immigration and Naturalization authorities. U

RELATIONSHIP OF FATHER DIVINE WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND OTHER GROUPS

ROBERT A. PARKER, in his book, The Incredible Messiah, states that in 1934 FATHER DIVINE cooperated with a Harlem street corner agitator, known as SUFI ABDUL HAMID, and appeared jointly with him at meetings in Harlem. SUFI, besides being an Atheist, was extremely anti-Semetic, earning for himself the title of "the black Hitler". U

On January 12, 1935 DIVINE coop[illegible] with THE HARLEM POLITICAL GROUP, an organization composed of some sixty-five civic organizations. During the same period, a very close alliance existed between DIVINE's followers and the Communist Party. According to PARKER, the Communists felt that DIVINE exercised a political power that they might utilize for their own ends. There was no evidence to indicate that FATHER DIVINE even vaguely suspected the ultimate ambitions of his Marxian friends.

"What is your attitude toward Communists?" one reporter is stated to have asked FATHER DIVINE. DIVINE replied "I am participating with a number of organizations as well as with the Communist Party. I stand independent to any party, organization, or individual, yet that which appeals to me I can heartily endorse, politically as well as morally."

When questioned as to the possibility of Communist Party meetings in any of his buildings, DIVINE is stated to have replied, "They are welcome to hold their meetings in our buildings, the same as all other organizations."

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] The Informant stated that [redacted]

PARKER, in his book, states that there was evidence of Communist influence in two DIVINE publications at one time. He also stated that DIVINE's diciples participated in the Communist May Day Parade in 1935 and were conspicuous in their demonstrations with Communists.

On January 19, 1936 the Daily Worker published an article by BEN DAVIS, Negro Communist, captioned "Father Divine Policy Progressive Despite Confusion On Unions". DAVIS stated that FATHER DIVINE "got off on the wrong foot in his attitude toward organized labor. However, this was due to mental confusion".

In the Negro Voice, January and February, 1936, a mimeographed publication put out by the Communist Party opposition, which consists of Communists who had been expelled from the Communist Party because of their opposition to DIVINE, denounced DIVINE as "the most dangerous faker that has thus far appeared in Black America". "Join my racket and your troubles are over" is Father DIVINE's appeal according to this group. The article

denouncing DIVINE goes on to say that the Communist Party "will reap a whirlwind of destruction for playing with DIVINE. The Divine movement is nurished by the enemies of Communism. Its primary purpose is to annihilate the Communist influence in Harlem. It is not accidental that the Divine movement arose and became powerful precisely when the Communists were beginning to make marked headway in Harlem."

In 1936 a definite split developed between FATHER DIVINE and the Communist Party. From that time until May 5, 1936, DIVINE did not appear at any Communist Party sponsored meetings. On the previous mentioned date, he spoke at a Communist Party sponsored "Help Organize The South" Rally which was held at the GOLDEN GATE BALLROOM in Harlem.

The People's Voice, Communist dominated newspaper, reporting the event, stated that such Communist Party members and sympathizers as Reverend BEN DAVIS, Representative VITO MARCANTONIO, Dr. MAX YERGAN, Reverend ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JR., ARTHUR OSMON, LOUIS BURNAM and DOXEY WILKERSON, National Committeeman of the Communist Party, spoke. FATHER DIVINE followed BEN DAVIS on the program and is quoted as saying "I support Adam Powell in the coming election. We are fighting for Democracy the same as Powell, Davis and Marcantonio. We stand for a common Democracy. We want the Bill of Rights enacted and we are fighting for the brotherhood of man. Down with Bilbo! Down! Down! Down! "

Confidential Informant [redacted] was interviewed by the reporting Agent for any information concerning a possible agreement between FATHER DIVINE and the Communist Party. The Informant advised that [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informants [redacted] whose identities are known to the Bureau, were interviewed by the writer for any information concerning the cooperation of DIVINE or his followers with the Communist Party or with any other organization of a subversive nature. They all advised [redacted] b7D

Captain JAMES PRITCHARD, New York Police Department, 64th Precinct, 86th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City, was interviewed by the reporting Agent for information concerning FATHER DIVINE. PRITCHARD has been active in Negro communities for the past ten years andis highly regarded as a source of information of Negro matters. He stated that in his opinion, DIVINE is

definitely an influence for good in the community - a restraining influence who has done a great deal to rehabilitate the Negroes. Many former gamblers, prostitutes, and trouble makers in the Harlem area have become respectable citizens due to the efforts of DIVINE.

Captain CHRISTIAN SALSIEDIER, 28th Precinct, 123rd Street near 7th Avenue, was interviewed by the writer and he furnished substantially the same information as did Captain PRITCHARD.

MATTHEW J. EDER, Secretary of the Downtown Chamber of Commerce, 271 West 125th Street, advised the reporting agent that as far as he knows, FATHER DIVINE's organization is definitely not affiliated with any organization of a possible subversive nature.

LOCATION OF FATHER DIVINE'S MISSIONS

Philadelphia, Pa.

Circle Mission Church, 764-772 Broad St., Tel.: PE 5-3917.
Divine Hotel Dining Room, 764 Broad St., Tel: KI 5-9705
Fraternity Peace Mission Evangelical Home (for Brothers), 507 S. Broad Street, Tel.: KI 5-2631.
Cafeteria, Grocery, "Rosebuds' Rest", 751-755 S. 19th St., TEL: KI 5-9569
True American Peace Mission Evangelical Hotel (for Sisters), 2052-54 Catherine Street, Tel.: KI 5-8922.
Unity Mission Church, Inc., 907 N. 41st St. Office Tel. EV 6-6570; Cafeteria Tel.: BA 2-9851.
Unity Mission Annex, Inc., 511-517 S. 21st Street, Tel.: KI 5-6047.
Apartments, 895-901 N. 41st Street
Grocery, 900 N. 41st St., Tel.: BA 2-7746.
41 Ogden Street
Hotel, 1808 Ridge Ave., Tel.: FR 7-4142.
Peace Mission Garage, Poplar and Leland Streets, Tel. PO 5-9435.
Peace Mission Fraternity Hotel Poplar, (for Brothers), 1618-20 Poplar St., Tel. FR 7-4102.
Nazareth Mission Church, Home and Training School, 1534 N. 16th St.

New York City, N.Y.

1187-9 Madison Ave., N.Y.C.35, Tel: LE 4-3042
Rockland Palace, 155th St. and 8th Ave., N.Y.C. 30, Tel: ED 4-6760 (Booth) Tel: AU 3-8584.

27 W. 114th St., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: MO 2-2081.
32 W. 115th St., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: UN 4-9054.
36 W. 115th Street, N.Y.C. 26, Tel: MO 2-4325.
50 W. 115th St., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: CA 8-3879
102 W. 117th St., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: RI 9-9521.
183 Lenox Ave., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: MO 2-3296.
191 Lenox Ave., N.Y.C. 26, Tel: MO 2-1824.
227 Lenox Ave., N.Y.C. 27, Tel: CA 8-1493.
59 E. 122nd St., N.Y.C. 35, Tel: LE 4-2465.
73 W. 124th St., N.YC.27, Tel: LE 4-5764.
14 Mt. Morris Park W., N.Y.C. 27, Tel: LE 4-5799.
2036 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C. 35, Tel: LE 4-9478.
13-17 W. 128th St., N.Y.C. 27, LE 4-2647.
25 W. 126th St., N.Y.C. 27, Tel: LE 4-2835.
29 W. 126th St., N.Y.C. 27, Tel: LE 4-2068.
107 W. 126th St., N.Y.C. 27, Tel: MO 2-0424.
61 E. 130th St., N.Y.C. 35, Tel: ED 4-2627.
16 W. 131st St., N.Y.C. 35, Tel: ED 4-8153.
Peace Mission Sweet Shop, 2925 8th Ave., (115th Street), N.Y.C. 30, Tel: AU 3-8190.
Circle Mission, Inc., 2064 Boston Road, Bronx 60, Tel: FOrdham 4-2844.

New Jersey

Peace Center Church, Inc., 122-26 Howard St., Newark Tel: MArket 3-3722.
Evangelical Soroity Home, 22 E. Kinney St., Newark.
Palace Mission Church, Inc., Hotel, Pine Brook, Tel: CAldwell 6-3023.
Retired Teachers' Home, Riverton-Moorestown Rd., Riverton, Tel: RIverton 0996.

NEw York State

Tarrytown Mansion, 620 So. B'way., Tarrytwon, Tel: Tarrytown 1680.
72 Macon St., Sayville, Tel: Sayville 211

The Promised Land

Ulster County, New York State (A few of the many Extentions).
67 Chapel St., Kingston, N.Y., Tel: KIngston 615.
Divine Greenkill Park, Kingston, N.Y., Tel: Greenkill 1866-J1.
High Falls-on-the Rondout, R1, Box 161, High Falls, N.Y., Tel: Kingston 336W2.

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Divine Residence, High Falls, New York
Tel.: Kingston 31R2
Tel.: High Falls 2684
Divine Cherry Hill Farm, Alligerville, N.Y.
Olive Bridge, Olive Bridge, N. Y.
Tel.: Shokan 581
Divine Hope Farm, West Saugerties, N. Y.
Tel.: Saugerties 677F3
Krum Elbow, Krum Elbow Rd., Highland, N. Y.
Tel.: Highland 4521
Milton-on-the-Hudson, Indian Rd., Milton, N. Y.
Tel.: Milton 2331
Krumville, N. Y. Tel.: Shokan 588
Divine Farm, Palenville Rd., Saugerties, N. Y.
Tel.: Saugerties 685F14
New Paltz Extension, Libertyville Rd., New Paltz,
Tel.: New Paltz 3441 U

Connecticut

36 Gunn St., Milford Tel.: Milford 2541

Other Peace Missions, Extensions and Connections U

Alabama

Enterprise, Baptist Hill - Carry Hutchinson U

Australia

James P. Allen, 56 Naples Rd., Mentone, Melbourne, Agt.
"Monomeeth," 22 Wells St., Thornleigh, N.S.W.
Mrs. G. Malm, 80 Bathurst St., Sydney, Agent
The Lodge, The Patch, Via Kallista, Victoria U

British West Indies

Mrs. Smith, Chapman's Cross Road, Bridgetown, Barbados
Passage Road, Bridgetown, Barbados

California

821 Pacific Ave., San Francisco
1483-85 8th Street, Chester, Oakland
317 Pacific Ave., Long Beach
964 E. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles U

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2602 South Central Ave., Los Angeles
1533 E. 21st Street, Los Angeles 11
1560 Sanborn Ave., San Jose
1422 Euclid Ave., Santa Barbara

Canada

B. Gobel, 1337 Bonaventure St., Montreal, P. Q.
1006 Tolmie Ave., Victoria, B. C.,

District of Columbia

1113 "O" St., N. W., Washington
1928 17th St., N. W., Washington

England

Miss Yarrow, c/o Jennifer, 165 George St., Bryanston Sq., London W 2
Meetings every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Ruskin House, Wellesley Road, Croydon, England.

Florida

2169 N. W. 5th Pl., Miami
Reyno Pharmacy, Davis & Beaver Sts., Jacksonville, Florida

Hawaii

Rev. Ella Harrison, Agent, 639 Mokauea St. Honolulu

Maryland

823 N. Arlington Ave., Baltimore

Michigan

No Tipping Lunch, Agent, 4868 Beaubian St., Detroit

Minnesota

3130 Lincoln St., N. E. Minneapolis

New York

70 Lefferts Place, Brooklyn
541 Washington Ave., Brooklyn

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Sidney Lashley, Agt., Cristobal, Canal Zone

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St. Gallen: Pension "Felsenhof", Mueller-Friedbergstr. 1
Winterthur: Leimeneggstr. 33 bei Fam. Guyer-Bucher, Tel.: 2.35.78
Romanshorn: Kornhalle beim Bahnof
Ruderbach-Rheineck 123

Washington

8116 8th Ave. S., Seattle
512 15th Ave. N., Seattle
1907 E. Madison, Seattle

Partial List- Because of the unknown number of FATHER DIVINE Connections throughout the world, the above is but a partial list for reference.

"The New Day", official publication of FATHER DIVINE's organization, Volume 10, dated September 21, 1946, listed the previously set out missions and extentions of FATHER DIVINE. U

No additional investigation is being conducted in this area in view of the fact that no evidence has been obtained to date which indicates that FATHER DIVINE or his organization is engaged in subversive activities and this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin. U

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TITLE GEORGE BAKER, was. "God," Father Divine, Reverend M.J. Divine, Major J.Devine, Reverend J. Divine, M.J. Devine			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER (C)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BAKER, better known as Reverend M. J. DIVINE and Father DIVINE, proclaims to be "God" on earth. Followers accept teachings of DIVINE as those of "God" and take Biblical names to reflect new life they have accepted under him. Police and Civic Leaders regard DIVINE as a religious fanatic, but to some extent a stabilizing influence amongst the Negroes. Extensive property in Philadelphia estimated at $700,000.00 valuation. Physical appearance of property neat, well kept, and orderly. Under Righteous Government Department, attempt made to interest followers in studying Constitution and laws of this country. DIVINE has personal representative in attendance at United Nations Conferences and at racial organization meetings in Philadelphia. DIVINE backed war effort, purchased Bonds, and remained noncommittal regarding Selective Service. Followers were told to follow own convictions. Some entered Service; others became Conscientious Objectors. Review of The New Day, weekly newspaper published in Newark, New Jersey, under DIVINE, reflects he advocates the purchase of Central and South America by the United States to unite and solidify the Western Hemisphere. He criticizes the "HITLER-like" Jim Crow racial discrimination; calls for a world Utopian government, patterned after the Constitution and

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Bill of Rights. Claims to represent "perfect Communism according to Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the true form of Americanism set forth in Constitution." Favors abolishing trade tariffs, Immigration Laws, and advocates free world trade. DIVINE active in racial affairs in this city, but is known to have no direct contact with the Communist Party. DIVINE and followers cooperative with this office. Meetings open to the public. No subversive activity noted. U

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated September 12, 1946, entitled "REVEREND M. J. DIVINE, Commonly known as FATHER DIVINE; SECURITY MATTER (C)." U

Report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING at New York dated October 3, 1946. U

DETAILS: AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

General Background Information

The general background information set forth in the referenced report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING outlining BAKER'S early activities are as complete as can be determined from the sources available to this office. U

Father DIVINE came to Philadelphia in July of 1942. He presently operates fourteen Peace Missions in this city, included in which are four Mission Churches, two Peace Training Schools, and seven Peace Hotels or Dwelling Places. Father DIVINE'S headquarters at the present time is located at the Circle Mission Church, 764-772 South Broad Street. U

Of the above-mentioned Peace Hotels, the following two are the most notable: U

The Fraternal Peace Mission Evangelical Home (for Brothers), 507 South Broad Street, and
The True American Peace Mission Evangelical Hotel (for Sisters), 2052-54 Catherine Street. U

Confidential Informant T-1, who is known to be a highly reliable source of information on Negro affairs in this city, advised that

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Informant T-1 advised that the followers of Father DIVINE purchased the prop- [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that he has learned from the most reliable sources that [redacted] b7D

It is to be noted that at various racial demonstrations as many as 200 followers have turned out en masse. The most noted mass demonstration by the followers of Father DIVINE was in the march on City Hall in 1943 in connection with the racial dispute of the PHILADELPHIA TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. At this time, approximately 200 followers appeared in the parade.

Summary of the Teachings of Father Divine

From a review of the printed statements of Father DIVINE in THE NEW DAY and from information obtained from confidential sources, the following is a summary of the principles and teachings of Father DIVINE known to this office.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

In THE NEW DAY under date of December 2, 1942, Father DIVINE mentioned the fact that he was "God" in the following manner: "Jesus said in the Sonship degree, 'My Father is greater than I,' and because Jesus said, you believe it and you know it. I come in the Fathership degree. I said you know I came in the Fathership degree--greater than Jesus, if you please! -- Just tell the whole world I am 'God.' Shout it on the housetops that I am 'God.'"

From THE NEW DAY under date of May 13, 1943, the following is noted, which is quoted directly from Father DIVINE. "I say tip taking is in violation of my teaching. Insurance is in violation of my teaching. The very spirit and nature of it is an expression of dishonesty and mistrust in God Almighty."

Under date of August 26, 1943, the following quotation of Father DIVINE was taken from THE NEW DAY: "I am not only making an honest people in the land, but I am making a wealthy people in the land. I am making a healthy people in the land, and I am making a righteous people in the land. Our work and mission is to produce real Christianity, real fellowship, real brotherhood, and real Americanism in the land that we might be the real expressors of a true democracy." U

Under date of July 20, 1944, the following quotation from Father DIVINE was taken as printed in THE NEW DAY regarding the teachings of Father DIVINE in the matter of Social Security. "You may be under the law, yet not pay insurance." "You may not pay Social Security in violation to your religious conviction--someone may pay for you. You would not be condemned to work in a place or with someone who may pay Social Security for you. 'God' will protect you and keep you." U

In this article, Father DIVINE explained that the true followers of "God" did not need to pay Social Security as "God" would see to it that they were healthy, wealthy, and happy, and would always be well kept. U

In the February 3, 1944, edition of THE NEW DAY, the following quotation from Father DIVINE regarding politics and religion is set forth. "I say true politics is the legalization of true religion. Therefore, I am working just as much socially, economically, politically, and legalistically." "Our Constitution being drafted, our Declaration of Independence being drafted and established to lay the foundation of what we are to join, life, liberty, and reality of happiness -- you sought it diligently, politically, according to the Document -- but we have it definitely in reality." U

The above quotation is taken from a speech made by FATHER DIVINE given before the "MERCHANTS COOPERATIVE LEAGUE OF PHILADELPHIA," at the Merchants Annual Review held at Town Hall January 31, 1944. U

In the February 3, 1944, edition of the paper, Father DIVINE made the following remarks regarding Selective Service and the matter of his followers going to war. "Let everyone be governed by his or her highest intuition -- I'd not tell any of you directly personally to do anything." U

"People say 'If you follow Father DIVINE'S teachings, you would not fight, you would not support the war effort' -- if you follow my teachings, you would stop the enemy from fighting. The very spirit of your presence would demand a surrender of the enemy. I would have prevented war if they followed my teachings." U

In the April 28, 1945, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE in a statement

said that we in the United States should abolish tariffs and immigration barriers between this nation and all nations to promote a lasting peace.

In the May 26, 1945, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE called for a World Constitution embodying the fundamental principles of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. He stated, "Uncle Sam is stepping from continent to continent, carring a message of democracy, brotherhood, and Christianity."

In the June 6, 1945, edition of the paper, Father DIVINE stated, "The fundamental documents of this democracy are the foundation for a world Utopian government."

In the July 27, 1945, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE stated, "I shall have a real Divine democracy in every country of our civilization, and 'God' himself shall have all dominion."

In the September 9, 1945, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE outlined his "International Righteous Government Department." Information received from Confidential Informant T-1 reflects that the Righteous Government platform was established by Father DIVINE in 1936. Under the Righteous Government Department, Father DIVINE maintains two training schools in Philadelphia; one located at the Central Mission Church, 764-772 South Broad Street, and the other located at the Nazareth Mission Church Home and Training School, 1534 North 16th Street. At the above two addresses, free courses are given in business and commercial subjects to the followers of Father DIVINE.

The curriculum for the International Righteous Government Department as set forth in this edition of THE NEW DAY calls for the following departments under the Government's School:

Educational Department, under which is taught Vocational Training in Business, Commercial, and Trade subjects. Under this Department also is a Political Training Course, which is a forum on how to register to vote.

Under the Legislative Department, students are taught to prepare bills for Congress and to study to be future legislators.

Under the Legal Department, students are taught to take the necessary action at all times to enforce the Constitution and the rights of the citizens.

Under the Economic Department, Father DIVINE operates a free Employment Service Bureau and gives advice concerning cooperative enterprises his followers might undertake.

Under the Publicity Department, the weekly newspaper, THE NEW DAY, is published.

Under the Public Relations Department, Father DIVINE attempts to establish

amicable relations between organizations engaged in the endeavor to establish, peace, brotherhood, democracy, and Christianity. U

Other Departments include the Religious Department, Child Welfare Department, Music Department, and the Recreation Department. U

In the October 13, 1945, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE stated, "By living the Golden Rule and by enacting the Bill of Rights in all you say and in all you do, you are lifting the flag high." U

In the February 16, 1946, edition of THE NEW DAY, Father DIVINE remarked about the alleged racial atrocities committed in the South. He proposed that the colored people "Come up out of the lynch-mad South, you underprivileged--let the BILBOS pick their own cotton." U

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

The followers of Father DIVINE are known to be law-abiding, peaceful citizens in this City. Captain THOMAS J. GIBBONS of the Crime Prevention Association advised that his department has had no trouble with any of the true followers of Father DIVINE. They are not known to drink, smoke, or have any other such habits. Captain GIBBONS remarked that the followers promptly pay their debts and city and Federal taxes. U

Sergeant HERBERT K. GEMMILL of the Subversive Squad, Pennsylvania State Police, confidentially advised that the records of his department reflect that Father DIVINE and his followers are law-abiding citizens. There has been no cause for an investigation of the Movement by his department, and there is no indication that they are engaged in any subversive activity. U

Political Beliefs and Racial Agitation

The principal source of information regarding the political beliefs of Father DIVINE and his possible Communist tendencies is the statements made by Father DIVINE to his followers at the various meetings. It is to be noted that at each meeting and interview with Father DIVINE, a group of stenographers take down ver batim the words of Father DIVINE and of the person or persons to whom he is speaking. U

Confidential Informant T-1 verified the fact that [redacted] b7D A review of this paper, therefore, would reflect the espoused teachings of Father DIVINE. Copies of THE

NEW DAY were reviewed beginning with Volume VI under date of January, 1942, up to Volume X dated October, 1946. It is to be noted that the great majority of the papers principally carried the speeches of Father DIVINE relating to his views on religion. A large section of each issue is devoted to the letters sent in to Father DIVINE by persons acknowledging just debts paid by the followers of Father DIVINE. (The paper, which is published weekly by THE NEW DAY PUBLISHING COMPANY, 126 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey, contains between 50 and 60 pages in each edition. It is a tabloid type paper and is on sale in Philadelphia at Father DIVINE'S various headquarters and at four newsstands operated by the followers of Father DIVINE. The paper sells for five cents a copy or $2.00 a year.

The following is a summary of the information obtained concerning the political teachings and racial agitation espoused by Father DIVINE:

In the January 8, 1942, issue, Father DIVINE stated, "Everything to be used to defeat HITLER--We must be united."

In the January 15, 1942, issue, Father DIVINE encouraged the passing of an anti-lynching bill and the full enactment of the Bill of Rights. In speaking of the National Defense, he urged that the three Americas, Central, South, and North America, unite to form a solid Western Hemisphere.

In the January 22, 1942, issue, he declared that "HITLERISM" or the spirit of HITLER permits segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces of this country.

In the March 12, 1942, issue, he stated that his followers were the personification of real Americanism and "We call Americanism the Washower to salvation because it shows the way to be free and gives you the privilege to be governed by your highest intuition."

In the March 19, 1942, issue, he stated that the racial discrimination and brutality practiced here in this country gave the Japanese propaganda to serve to their people. He reflected that such discrimination enabled the Japanese to show the underprivileged that they should join in the fight against the United States.

On April 16, 1942, Father DIVINE stated, "The National Documents shall be as sacred as the Bible." "We shall have a righteous government under the Constitution and its Amendments." "Why is this country fundamentally the country of freedom -- because where there is a spirit of God, there is liberty -- because of our nation constitutionally grants religious freedom."

On November 19, 1942, he stated, "Why do I stress Americanism so vividly? It is because of the privileges it gives, it gives religious freedom and freedom of speech and the freedom of the press."

On December 3, 1942, Father DIVINE spoke of the recent purchase of the Brigantine Hotel on the Jersey Shore. He stated that he had been approached by two or three members of the United States Coast Guard and was advised that the housing conditions for the members of the Armed Forces in that vicinity were inadequate. He announced that he would give the Brigantine Hotel to the Government for $1.00 a year. He also agreed to keep up the taxes on the property during the period that the Government would use the hotel for the duration of the war.

On January 7, 1943, he stated, "I am a crusader of Americanism, purging and purifying Americanism -- that Americanism might offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness as in former days."

On January 14, 1943, he stated, "When Americanism shall have been converted into true Evangelism, Americanism shall go forth in all civilization as an international Evangelist evangelizing all creatures."

On March 4, 1943, he stated, "The Communism I am representing is perfect Communism according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the true form of the expression of Americanism -- exactly according to our Constitution." "I do not represent foreign Communism."

On March 18, 1943, Father DIVINE devoted half of his paper to speeches made in behalf of the Government, urging his followers to buy Bonds, and he stated, "I call them peace bonds."

On March 25, 1943, he again commented on the Bond Drive and stated, "I am sure millions and millions of true followers of mine will make every effort to buy Bonds because it is a constructive work to help build up some of the cities and save millions."

On July 8, 1943, Father DIVINE stated, "I preach Americanism because it dispels Hitlerism; I preach democracy because it frees the people; I preach Christianity because it awakens something in the soul of the children of men and inspires them into true Americanism that will do away with all racialism."

On July 15, 1943, he stated, "So long as you are races, creeds, and colors, and groups divided among yourselves, you are expressing HITLER, and if you continue, you will have another HITLER in the flesh."

On July 29, 1943, Father DIVINE stated, "Who is more insane than those who would start an inhuman warfare of a race riot under this democracy while we are fighting against the same thing in other countries?"

On September 30, 1943, Father DIVINE stated, "I demand every citizen as an American citizen to enact the Bill of Rights and bring an end to all segregation."

On January 20, 1944, Father DIVINE again urged his followers to buy Bonds. He stated, "Everyone who is earning money will buy Bonds -- this is for victory and unconditional surrender of the Axis." U

On August 5, 1944, Father DIVINE stated, "I am an American; that is all I am, American; that is my nationality; that is my race -- that is the only race I know anything about." In this same issue, he also stated, "Capital and Labor shall eventually dissolve into one melting pot, and there will be no division and confusion -- Partisanism and sectarianism rising in opposition to each other shall be brought to an end." U

On August 19, 1944, he stated, "We are all true Americans and Americans 100% and we are one race." "We shall have one nation, one flag, and one people, or I shall shake creation; if I cannot strike it physically and mentally, I will strike cosmically!" U

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The delegation was quoted as stating that "We want to stamp out Fascism and stem the tide of Fascism in Philadelphia." U

In the September 9, 1944, issue, Father DIVINE stated, "This nation consists of the amalgamation of all nations. Through the amalgamation of all nations, we are one race and not five races -- We shall have the same rights; we shall play in the same parks, and worship and study and learn our lessons in the same school -- and it is for you and you." U

In the September 23, 1944, issue, he stated that millions in this present election shall refuse to register and vote because of the sovereignty of the States in this Union having the right to exercise their power to prevent citizens from registering and voting. "You will refuse now, henceforth, and forever to be designated as some special race, creed, or color in signing any paper." U

In the above statement, it is to be noted that Father DIVINE was speaking of the refusal of the Voters Registration Commission in Philadelphia to register his followers under their Biblical names. He also refused to have his followers designate their race or color on the voter's registration card. U

In the October 21, 1944, issue, the front page of the paper contained the following headline: "REFUSE TO VOTE." In an article, Father DIVINE stated, "I am calling for an Administration that will institute that freedom in that Administration in every city and hamlet of the nation."

On November 11, 1944, the front page of the paper carried the following headline, "AN ELECTION MINUS A SELECTION. 13,000,000 WITHOUT REPRESENTATION." In the article that followed, Father DIVINE reflected that because of the prejudicial policies of the Registration Commissionsin requesting that the colored people designate their race and use their slave names, the right to vote was denied the dark-complexioned people.

In the November 18, 1944, issue, Father DIVINE criticized the Government of the State of Pennsylvania in refusing to exempt the property of the Peace Movement from taxes. He stated that his church was not tax exempt because they did not take up a collection.

On December 9, 1944, he stated, "We shall have a coalition government -- Father DIVINE declares it -- Jesus prayed for it -- ABRAHAM LINCOLN mentioned it."

In the January 13, 1945, issue, Father DIVINE proposed that the United States purchase Central and South America to solidify the national defense of the Western Hemisphere. At that time, he stated that we had spent as much in the furtherance of the war to have purchased Central and South America.

In the February 24, 1945, issue FRED IRVIN, a disciple of Father DIVINE, was quoted as saying that Father DIVINE feeds six to eight thousand people without charge in Philadelphia daily. In commenting on this fact, Father DIVINE stated, "The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof. The cattle on the thousand hills are mine, saith the Lord -- everything automatically comes." The above statement was made referring to the fact that Father DIVINE is financially able to feed and care for so many people.

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In the August 25, 1945, issue, Father DIVINE gave a speech condemning Senator Bilbo.

In the September 1, 1945, issue he stated, "The Constitution is not to give you the freedom, but it is to protect your freedom."

In the October 27, 1945, issue, he stated, "As this whole nation has a new birth of freedom, the Government for the people, by the people, and through the people shall not perish from the earth."

In the November 17, 1945, issue, he stated, "I demand the recognition and consideration of all the officials in the United States." "We do not solicit, beg, borrow, or steal. We do not buy on credit or installment plan -- we, therefore, should be tax exempt as other churches." With the above statement, Father DIVINE then announced a new policy. He stated, "Stay your hands from donating moneys to city, state, or charitable institutions."

In the November 24, 1945, issue, Father DIVINE announced that $7,500,000.00 had been donated to Uncle Sam in the five years of the war by the followers of the Peace Movement. He stated that this money did not represent the money paid for Bonds by his followers. In this same issue, he commented "When the immigration system shall have been brought to an abolition, all nations, languages, tongues, and people will have their right to life and liberty."

In the December 18, 1945, issue, Father DIVINE commented on the discovery of atomic energy and the use of the atomic bomb. He stated he was "God on earth, author and finisher of atomic energy."

In the December 29, 1945, issue, he commented that because of his presence in America, this country would become a leader in the world in the fields of science and invention.

In the February 9, 1946, issue, a review of the activities in Philadelphia on National Freedom Day, February 1, 1946, was made. It was reported that Father DIVINE participated in this program. Major R. ~~R.~~ WRIGHT, founder of National Freedom Day and prominent Negro banker in this city, invited Father DIVINE to attend the services. Father DIVINE briefly commented on the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated, "We do not seem to know what indivisible means. It means we are not races, we are not creeds, we are not colored, we are Americans." Governor EDWARD MARTIN of Pennsylvania and Mayor BERNARD SAMUEL of Philadelphia also participated in the National Freedom Day Rally.

In the September 21, 1946, issue, Father DIVINE stated, "The atomic bomb was invented by my spirit being transmitted -- but the real energy is my spirit."

In the October 5, 1946, issue, Father DIVINE commented on his recent marriage

to EDNA ROSE RITCHINGS, formerly of Montreal, Canada. He stated, "Christ died that you might live; I married that you might be free."

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that [redacted] b7D

Informant T-2 stated that [redacted]

Informant related that [redacted]

Informant related that [redacted] b7D

Informant also noted that the [redacted]

Confidential ~~Informant T-2~~ was ofthe opinion that [redacted] b7D

Informant advised that [redacted]

Confidential Informant T-3 was interviewed concerning [redacted] b7D

Informant T-3 stated that he felt [redacted]

Informant T-3 commented that [redacted]

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The indices also reflect that on several occasions during the war, Father

DIVINE and his representative, LEE CARLTON, submitted information to this office regarding alleged subversive activities in the city.

In April, 1942, LEE CARLTON appeared in this office and stated that he represented Father Divine and the Peace Mission Movement. He advised that public meetings were held every Monday night and requested that the F.B.I. attend these meetings to observe the proceedings. On several occasions, Father DIVINE has assisted agents of this office in furnishing information concerning Selective Service delinquents.

A listing of the various Peace Headquarters is not being set forth in this report in view of the fact that such a list was included in the referenced report of Special Agent JOHN J. MANNING.

No additional investigation is being conducted in this area in view of the fact that no evidence has been obtained to date which indicates that Father DIVINE or his organization is engaged in subversive activities.

- C L O S E D -

PH FILE #100-4838

A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Field Division in view of the large following Father DIVINE has in New York City.

PH FILE #100-4838

KEY SHEET

Confidential Informant T-1 is [redacted] b7D

[redacted] Information given by Confidential Informant T-1 is considered to be highly reliable. He requested that his name be kept confidential. LS

Confidential Informant T-2 is [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informant T-3 is [redacted] b7D

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 10-8-46

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FATHER DIVINE, with aliases
SECURITY MATTER - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 4/11/85 BY 9145 cm/ew

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated September 20, 1946, setting forth a summary of the pertinent information appearing in the Bureau's files with reference to Father Divine. A report has now been received from the New York Office which sets out the following additional information concerning this individual:

BACKGROUND

Robert Allerton Parker, in his book, "The Incredible Messiah", states that George Baker, alias Father Divine, alias "The Messenger", alias "God", was born approximately seventy years ago on a rice plantation on Hutchinson Island, near the city of Savannah, Georgia. The writer states that Divine grew up in an atmosphere of frenzied religious revivals and mysticism where pullman porters, cooks, barbers, day laborers, and waiters received the call to preach the word.

In 1913 at Valdosta, Georgia, no longer as George Baker but now as "The Messenger", the clipper of hedges and mower of lawns appeared and managed to win several disciples away from the local established Negro churches. As a result of this, the preachers of two churches swore out complaints against "The Messenger" for maintaining a nuisance. He was arrested, a trial was held, and the verdict of the jury was that "The Messenger" was of unsound mind. Divine was allowed to depart from the community upon agreeing to leave the State of Georgia.

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The records of the "New York Times", New York newspaper, indicate that an ex-angel, Verinda Brown, sued Father Divine for the repayment of money she claimed to have made to him. On March 9, 1940, a judgment was obtained against Divine. Divine refused to pay on the grounds that he had no money and the matter dragged on until July 19, 1942, when the Sheriff's Office of New York County attempted to serve a warrant on Father Divine.

Confidential Informants [redacted] b7D advised that at the present time, [redacted] The informants advised that as far as they are able to determine, [redacted]

The February 11, 1940, issue of the "New York Times" indicates that Justice Jacob Panken of the Domestic Relations Court claimed "Father Divine is a menace to the community" because of his disregard of the welfare of the children of his followers by compelling the parents of children to live apart and thus disrupting their home lives.

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RELATIONSHIP OF FATHER DIVINE WITH COMMUNIST PARTY AND OTHER GROUPS

Robert A. Parker, in his book, "The Incredible Messiah", states that in 1934 Father Divine cooperated with a Harlem street corner agitator, known as Sufi Abdul Hamid, and appeared jointly with him at meetings in Harlem. Sufi, besides being an Atheist, was extremely anti-Semitic, earning for himself the title of "The Black Hitler".

On January 12, 1935, Divine cooperated with The Harlem Political Group, an organization composed of some sixty-five civic organizations. During the same period, a very close alliance existed between Father Divine's followers and the Communist Party. According to Parker, the Communists felt that Divine exercised a political power that they might utilize for their own ends. There was no evidence to indicate that Father Divine even vaguely suspected the ultimate ambitions of his Marxian friends.

"What is your attitude toward Communists?", one reporter is stated to have asked Father Divine. Divine replied, "I am participating with a number of organizations aswell as with the Communist Party. I stand independent to any party, organization, or individual, yet that which appeals to me I can heartily endorse, politically as well as morally."

When questioned as to the possibility of Communist Party meetings in any of his buildings, Divine is stated to have replied, "They are welcome to hold their meetings in our buildings, the same as all other organizations."

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] The informant stated that [redacted]

On January 19, 1936, the "Daily Worker" published an article by Ben Davis, Negro Communist, captioned, "Father Divine Policy Progressive Despite Confusion on Unions". Davis stated that Father Divine "got off on the wrong foot in his attitude toward organized labor. However, this was due to mental confusion."

In the "Negro Voice", January and February, 1936, a mimeographed publication put out by the Communist Party opposition, which consists of Communists who had been expelled from the Communist Party because of their opposition to Divine, Divine was denounced as "the most dangerous faker that has thus far appeared in Black America." "Join my racket and your troubles are over" is Father Divine's appeal, according to this group. The article denouncing Divine goes on to say that the Communist Party "will reap a whirlwind of destruction for playing with Divine. The Divine movement is nourished by the enemies of Communism. Its primary purpose is to annihilate the Communist influence in Harlem. It is not accidental that the Divine movement arose and became powerful precisely when the Communists were beginning to make marked headway in Harlem.".

In 1936, a definite split developed between Father Divine and the Communist Party. From that time until May 5, 1946, Divine did not appear at any Communist Party sponsored meetings. On the previously mentioned date, he spoke at a Communist Party sponsored "Help Organize The South" Rally which was held at the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem.

"The People's Voice", Communist dominated newspaper, reporting the event, stated that such Communist Party members and sympathizers as Reverend Ben Davis, Representative Vito Marcantonio, Dr. Max Yergan, Reverend Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Arthur Osmon, Louis Burnam, and Doxey Wilkerson, National Committeeman of the Communist Party, spoke. Father Divine followed Ben Davis on the program and is quoted as saying, "I support Adam Powell in the coming election. We are fighting for Democracy the same as Powell, Davis, and Marcantonio. We stand for a common Democracy. We want the Bill of Rights enacted and we are fighting for the brotherhood of man. Down with Bilbo! Down! Down! Down!"

Confidential Informant [redacted] mentioned above, advised that in his opinion, [redacted] b7D

Confidential Informants [redacted] previously identified, as well as Confidential Informants [redacted] have advised that as far as they can determine, [redacted] b7D

Captain James Pritchard, of the New York City Police Department, who has been active in Negro communities for the past ten years and is highly regarded as a source of information on Negro matters, stated that in his opinion Divine is definitely an influence for good in the community - a restraining influence who has done a great deal to rehabilitate the Negroes. Many former gamblers, prostitutes, and trouble-makers in the Harlem area have become respectable citizens due to the efforts of Divine.

Captain Christian Salsiedier, also of the New York City Police Department, confirmed the information obtained from Captain Pritchard.

Matthew J. Eder, Secretary of the Downtown Chamber of Commerce, New York City, advised that as far as he knows, Father Divine's organization is definitely not affiliated with any organization of a possible subversive nature.

Following is a partial list of the various locations of Father Divine's missions:

Pennsylvania	Minnesota
New York	South Carolina
New Jersey	Washington
Connecticut	Australia
Alabama	British West Indies
California	Canada
District of Columbia	England
Florida	Hawaii
Maryland	Panama
Michigan	Switzerland.

ACTION:

By teletype dated October 8, 1946, the Philadelphia Office was requested to expedite their investigation of this matter. This case will continue to be closely followed and you will be promptly advised with reference to the results of the additional investigation which is conducted.

STANDARD FORM No. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 10-24-46

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: FATHER DIVINE, was
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated September 20, 1946, setting forth a summary of the pertinent information appearing in the Bureau files with reference to Father Divine and to my memorandum dated October 8, 1946, which sets out additional information concerning this individual which was secured as a result of an investigation conducted by the New York Office. A closing report has now been received from the Philadelphia Office which sets forth the following pertinent information concerning Father Divine:

Background

Father Divine came to Philadelphia in July of 1942. He presently operates 14 Peace Missions in that city, included in which are four Mission Churches, two Peace Training Schools and seven Peace Hotels or dwelling places. Father Divine's headquarters at the present time is located at the Circle Mission Church, 764-772 South Broad Street.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

This informant further advised that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] also stated that he has learned from the most reliable sources that [redacted] b7D

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It is to be noted that at various racial demonstrations in Philadelphia as many as 200 followers have turned out en masse. The most noted mass demonstrations by the followers of Father Divine was in the march on the City Hall in 1943 in connection with the racial dispute of the Philadelphia Transportation Company. At this time, approximately 200 followers appeared in the parade. U

Teachings of Father Divine

Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] b7D

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The New Day, which is published weekly by the New Day Publishing Company, 126 Howard Street, Newark, New Jersey, according to [redacted] b7D contains all of the statements made by Father Divine to his followers at various meetings. In the December 2, 1942, issue of the New Day Father Divine mentioned the fact that he was "God" in the following manner: "Jesus said in the Sonship degree, 'My Father is greater than I,' and because Jesus said, you believe it and you know it. I come in the Fathership degree. I said you know I came in the Fathership degree - greater than Jesus, if you please! -- Just tell the whole world I am 'God.' Shout it on the housetops that I am 'God.'" U

From the New Day under date of May 13, 1943, the following is noted, which is quoted directly from Father Divine. "I say tip taking is in violation of my teaching. Insurance is in violation of my teaching. The very spirit and nature of it is an expression dishonesty and mistrust in God Almighty." U

In the February 3, 1944, edition of the paper, Father Divine made the following remarks regarding Selective Service and the matter of his followers going to war. "Let everyone be governed by his or her highest intuition - I'd not tell any of you directly personally to do anything." U

"People say 'If you follow Father Divine's teachings, you would not fight, you would not support the war effort' -- if you follow my teachings, you would stop the enemy from fighting. The very spirit of your presence would demand a surrender of the enemy. I would have prevented war if they followed my teachings." U

In the February 16, 1946, edition of the New Day, Father Divine remarked about the alleged racial atrocities committed in the South. He proposed that the colored people "Come up out of the lynch-mad South, you underprivileged - let the Bilbos pick their own cotton." U

The followers of Father Divine are known to be law-abiding, peaceful citizens in Philadelphia. Captain Thomas J. Gibbons of the Crime Prevention Association advised that his department has had no trouble with any of the true followers of Father Divine. They are not known to drink, smoke or have any other such habits. Captain Gibbons remarked that the followers promptly pay their debts and city and Federal taxes. U

Sergeant Herbert K. Gemmill of the Subversive Squad, Pennsylvania State Police, confidentially advised that the records of his department reflect that Father Divine and his followers are law-abiding citizens. There has been no cause for an investigation of the movement by his department, and there is no indication that they are engaged in any subversive activity. U

Political Beliefs and Racial Agitation

In the January 8, 1942, issue of the New Day, Father Divine stated, "Everything to be used to defeat Hitler - We must be united." U

In the January 15, 1942, issue, Father Divine encouraged the passing of an anti-lynching bill and the full enactment of the Bill of Rights. In speaking of the National Defense, he urged that the three Americas, Central and South and North America, unite to form a solid Western Hemisphere. U

In the January 22, 1942, issue, he declared that "Hitlerism" or the spirit of Hitler permits segregation and discrimination in the Armed Forces of this country. U

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On March 4, 1943, Father Divine stated, "The Communism I am representing is perfect Communism according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the true form of the expression of Americanism - exactly according to our Constitution." ... "I do not represent foreign Communism." U

On July 8, 1943, Father Divine stated, "I preach Americanism because it dispels Hitlerism; I preach democracy because it frees the people; I preach Christianity because it awakens something in the soul of the children of men and inspires them into true Americanism that will do away with all racialism." U

On July 15, 1943, he stated, "So long as you are races, creeds, and colors, and groups divided among yourselves, you are expressing Hitler, and if you continue, you will have another Hitler in the flesh." U

On July 29, 1943, Father Divine stated, "Who is more insane than those who would start an inhuman warfare of a race riot under this democracy while we are fighting against the same thing in other countries?" U

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ACTION:

This case has been closed by the Philadelphia Office in view of the fact that no evidence has been developed to indicate that Father Divine or his organization is engaged in any subversive activities.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

It would appear that the only potential Federal violation in connection with Father Divine's activities would be some irregularity in income tax returns in the event such returns are not properly reported. I think probably the best way, consequently, to handle this situation would be upon an informal basis to suggest to Joe Noonan that the Internal Revenue people might desire to initiate such a check, if they have not already done so. Not knowing the typ returns which Father Divine has submitted in the past, we are not in a position to formally recommend such an inquiry.

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Respectfully,

Edw. A. Tamm

I don't think we can act on any informal basis.
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December 10, 1946

Mr. Phil S. Jones
500 East Washington Avenue
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Jones:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the pamphlet which you forwarded to me December 4, 1946.

Your interest in sending this information to me is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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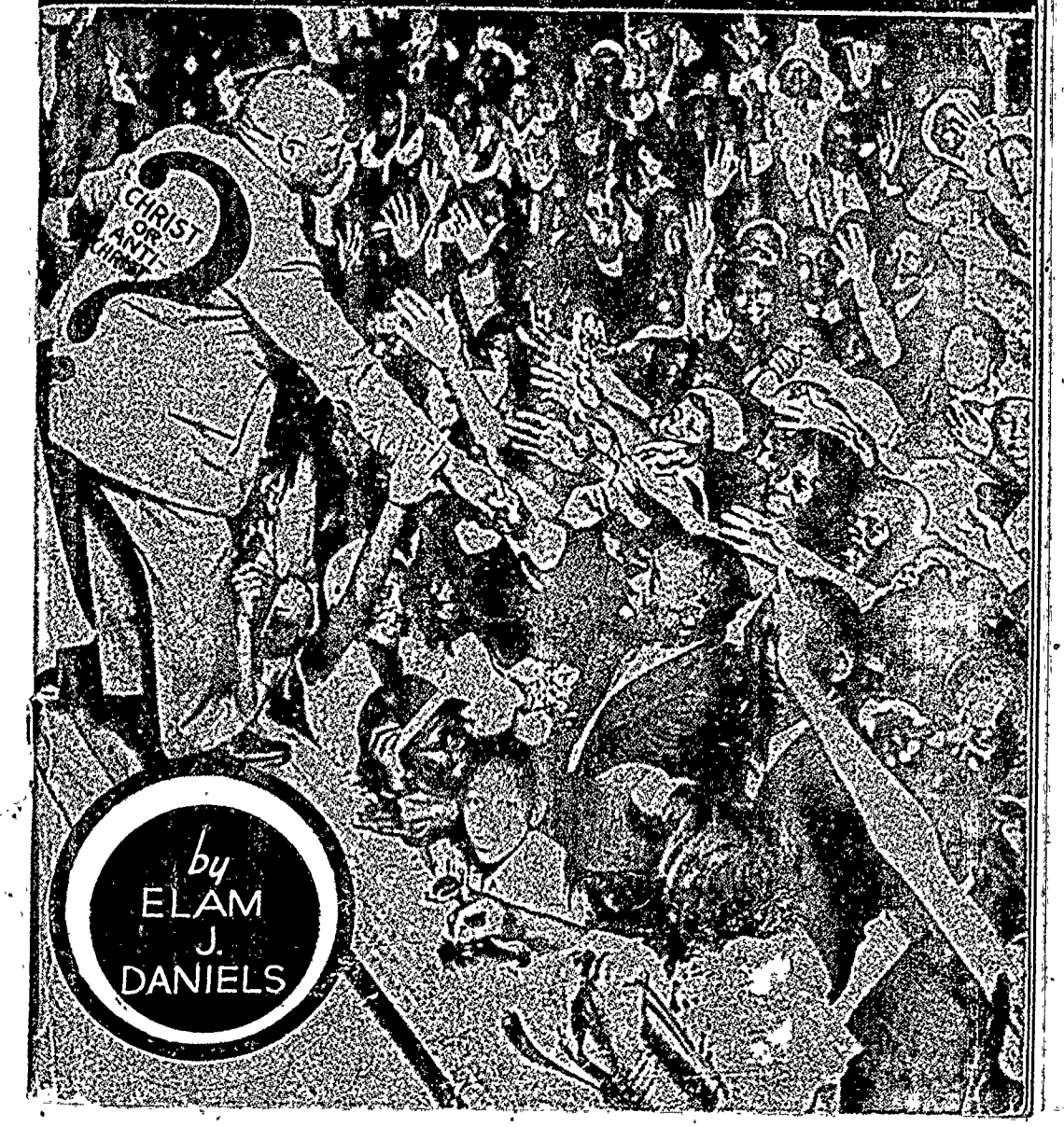

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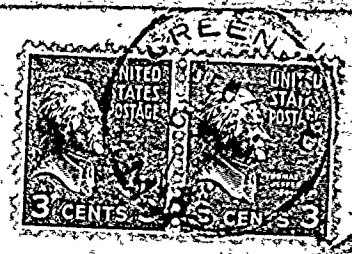

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FATHER DIVINE

New York, N. Y.,
April 28, 1947.

This negro faker has the habit of doing everything in a big way. On April 29th, to celebrate his first wedding anniversary to that white girl he will hold a full 7-hour 350 course dinner. They have 60 barrels of chicken, 1800 lbs. of the finest beef and 800 lbs. of ham.

Wonder where he gets his money. He feeds 2,000 to 4,000 daily in Philadelphia and New York. They can eat for an hour for 20¢ and 25¢ - steak, chicken, ham, grits, potatoes, salad, cake, pie, coffee and milk, all they can eat.

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May 20, 1947

EX-55

Mr. Paul R. Watson
1128 Kelton Avenue
Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Watson:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 11, 1947.

I must advise you that due to long-established policy information in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is considered confidential and is available only to certain authorized individuals. For this reason, I am unable to furnish you the information you requested. I am sure that upon reflection you will recognize the necessity for such a policy and will appreciate the fact that no inferences should be drawn from my inability to give you this information.

I do want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your interest in writing me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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May 11 1947

J Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

During the war I was involved in Internal Security work for the War Dept. During this time I saw a photograph of 6 or 7 negroes who had been arrested for violation of the sabotage and espionage laws in either Chicago or Detroit. The picture was published in either an Ohio or West Virginia paper. One of the men was described as a Father Divine. FATHER DIVINE

I would appreciate being straighten out as to the autenticity of this memory.

Sincerely
PAUL R. WATSON
Paul R Watson
1128 Kelton Ave
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M. HARVEY SMEDLEY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
101 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.
MURRAY HILL 3-3270

March 25th, 1947

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

- Reverend M. J. Divine

Dear Sir:

We have been retained to contest a proffered Will of an old lady, Mary Sheldon Lyon, in behalf of her brother, Dr. William Sheldon, the sole distributee.

In accordance with the objections that we have filed against the Will, it is contended that the decedent lacked testamentary capacity and was a victim of a fraud and undue influence. Aside from a $500 legacy to her brother, practically the whole balance of the estate amounting to over one-half million dollars, was left to two of Father Divine's corporate subdivisions, namely the Palace Mission, Inc. of New York and the Palace Mission Church and Home, Inc. of Brigantine, N. J.

Undoubtedly, sometime in the past your staff must have conducted some sort of an investigation into the activities of Father Divine and accordingly, we should appreciate the opportunity of conferring with one of your personnel at any time and place in the hope that some further bits of evidence or information can be discovered to throw some light on this scheme.

Very truly yours,

M. HARVEY SMEDLEY

BY Frederick G. Stroh
FREDERICK G. STROH

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 12, 1947

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: FATHER DIVINE
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the letter received by the Bureau from MR. M. HARVEY SMEDLEY, attorney, 101 Park Avenue, New York City, per FREDERICK G. STROH. The letter pertained to a client of the SMEDLEY firm, namely, Dr. WILLIAM SHELDON, who was contesting the will of his sister, MARY SHELDON LYON. The will was contested on the basis that Dr. SHELDON's sister left him only $500, and the rest of the estate, amounting to approximately a half million dollars, was left to two of Father Divine's corporations, the Palace Mission, Inc., of New York, and the Palace Mission Church and Home, Inc., of Brigantine, New Jersey.

Upon instructions from the Bureau received telephonically that a verbal acknowledgment of the letter be made to MR. STROH and MR. SMEDLEY, agents of this office interviewed MR. FREDERICK G. STROH, and the results of said interview are as follows:

MR. STROH stated that he had written to the Bureau, as well as to three other sources, including the Bureau of Internal Revenue, District Attorney's Office, New York City, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, with the hope that he might be able to obtain some information or evidence which might support the claim of Dr. SHELDON that his sister, MRS. LYON, was fraudulently persuaded to make the will which was being contested. MR. STROH was advised by Agents of this office that any information within the Bureau's files was of a confidential nature and could not be divulged to a private source, but if MR. STROH had any information which might indicate that Father Divine had violated a Federal statute, the Bureau would be glad to accept it. MR. STROH stated that he realized, in the event the Bureau did have any information concerning Father Divine, that it would be of a confidential nature unless it was brought out in open court, and therefore he stated his only reason for writing to the Bureau was that possibly there might be some information which might be of assistance to him. MR. STROH then outlined briefly the results of the contested will which was settled on May 2, 1947, under an agreement between the attorneys for Father Divine and Dr. SHELDON. MR. STROH stated that they had been able to furnish a witness who had talked with MRS. LYON in 1943, and according to this witness, MRS. LYON had stated that Father Divine had asked her to leave her property to the missions. MR. STROH then stated that Father Divine never personally received any money or any property; that all property and money are willed directly to one of his missions. Continuing, MR. STROH stated that in strict confidence, inasmuch as the terms of the settlement had not been made public, he would divulge to the agents that the agreement reached was that the missions of Father Divine would receive 20 per cent of the estate, which would amount to $40,000 for the Palace Mission, Inc., of New York, and $40,000 for

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the Palace Mission Church and Home, Inc., of Brigantine, New Jersey.

In conclusion, MR. STROH stated that in the event any information was received by him to the effect that Father Divine had violated any Federal statute, he would immediately convey this information to the Bureau.

Hungary over the State Department's radio, "Voice of America."

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A Negro known as "FATHER DIVINE" claims to be God, Christ returned, to have 50-million followers, to perform miracles, even to raising the dead. E. J. Daniels spent a week investigating the movement, interviewed the Negro 2½ hours, talked with people supposed to have been raised from the dead. He will tell all in a terrific exposure of subversive elements behind this cult at a great

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The enclosed clipping may possibly be of interest to you. The ad. does no credit to the news-paper, which prints it, and the exaggerations are hardly in accordance with the truth. It only serves to inspire race-hatred, and foment trouble, of which we already have enough of here in the South.

Respectfully
William Voss.

WILLIAM VOSS

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September 8, 1947

Dr. John Joseph Vetter
334 Kings Court
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Dr. Vetter:

Your letter of September 1, 1947, together with enclosures, has been received, and in Mr. Hoover's absence from the city I wish to thank you for your communication. I am returning the photostatic copy of your letter from Mr. Edward E. Mills in accordance with your request.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosure

NOTE: 62-32932-38,39,40 and 44 reflect that correspondent was once believed to be a German agent and although this was discounted by investigation, his conversations and speeches criticized President Roosevelt and offered a new form of government. On one occasion in 1943, he states that Hitler was sent by God to do good work for humanity.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Last friday, August 29, 1947, I called at the office of Mr. Fred. Botts, ass't U.S. District Attorney. He was away on vacation. His secretary suggested I call On Atty Milton F. Carr, representing the OPA--both of these offices are in Miami, Fla. I wanted to discover the source of malicious political action, in which the local OPA was used. I have suffered much from unpleasant, and apparent malicious, political action. All apparently aimed to deplete and prevent recuperating my financial resources and those of my research organizations. Thus for nearly two decades I have been prevented from giving vital, scientific contributions to the United States Government and to the world at large. Much of the earlier experiences apparently was enemy sabotage--if such a word could be used in connection with preventing vital information of military value, from being offered to the Government of the United States. Mr. Carr thought it was part of your function to help me gather more direct evidence against the agents of Moscow than for me to try and do so before I presented same to your agency.

I am inclosing a photostatic copy of a letter, which I would like to have returned for my file. As a physicist I have improved my chemical thinking structure (in much the same manner as did Finstein in his Calculus of Tensors) as an analytical research chemist seeking the "life factors" in the field of organic chemistry. I worked out a technique for tapping the cosmic rays force that brings the atom and molecule into existence. It is here that the atomic energy has its source, hence I am tapping a power greater than that of atomic energy. For this reason I have a power so great that it can control the use of the atomic bomb. When I discovered this technique the bomb did not exist.

The inclosed news-print photostat explains something about why Mr. Carr is in the picture. For over two years local politicians have made use of illegal, fraudulent OPA registrations against property in possession of my local field station--a part of the research division of the mother organization at Princeton, N.J. that was organized there March, 1, 1939. These OPA registrations were filed, I am informed By Mrs Hyman who made them, under the instruction of a local politician. I also found that he received funds from Mrs Hyman obtained for illegal work, from an intelligent operator at Teheran, Iran--Mr. Stephen H. Hyman--who used his mother for this purpose. His mother being Secy & Treasurer of my local organization and was left as custonian of the School's property. I have information showing friendly relations with the Soviets and bringing in moving picture films from Iran, through Soviet Russia, supposely for Arther Pope in New York. These films never were delivered to Mr. Pope. I therefore feel justified in viewing the Hymans as Moscow agents. I understand he is planning to leave this country shortly if he has not done so already. I wanted to stop his leaving and therefore my trip to the U.S. District Atty at Miami, Fla. He is located at Hotel Chambers, 68 W. 58th. Street, New York. Other films were brought in through a woman from Iran via India, as prospective wife of Steven Hyman. I did not marry her. Mrs Hazel L. Hyman is concealing herself through a dream cult at 950 Park Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

When Mrs Hyman discovered her attorney was not able to protect her she made certain confessions to me in Brooklyn, N.Y. in August, 1945. This with the information revealed by the attorney for the "Princeton School" (successor to the "Charles Ferguson School") --Charles Warwick, Jr. of West Palm Beach, Fla made me feel I was once again the target of the same enemies I had suffered from back in the State of New Jersey. Mrs Hyman wrote to local Judge Joseph White, also a letter of confession at the time she made her confessions to me in

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Brooklyn,N.Y. This confession made me believe that this whole trouble with Mrs Nyman originated in the political events that had followed my discovery of this new source of power in association with Charles Ferguson,and my invention for its practical application into a super-military technique for obtaining control or sovereignty over a terrain or land area--without the use of force or conquest. The pieces of past knowledge now fitted together into an intelligent pattern."which I can give your agents. Mrs Nyman had meet Dr. Geo.W. Kirchwey and other members of our Board of Trustees,including Harvey Wiley Corbett and I believe Dr. John Dewey. She knew that we had destroyed the Vacuum-tube generator along with notes.She tried to get me to leave the country and after meeting my wife I found my wife trying to get me to leave the country also.Later she tried to get me into Mexico(Mrs Nyman)

I used Mr Mills'letter in securing a job as a metallugical chemist with the New York Testing Laboratory.I really did not need this letter as Mr.Jack remembered me when I was special chemist and research engineering at the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corp. I saved over $5000. within the short time I was with this form,and retired to Florida to continue my research work, and engaged Atty Warwick to recover possession of the School's field station ~~illegally~~ through a foreclosure action rather than a criminal action as the Board of Directors of Field Station could not be gotten together account of the War.

On July 28,1947 Mr. Edward E. Mills notified me that he had received that day a request to have me contact the Atomic Energy Commission. I met Mr. Marinucci representing the commission the next day. He requested the data on my defense against the Atomic Bomb.I had to refuse:(a) because he was not able to talk my chemical language ,nor was he an engineer;(b) He requested a prepared statement--this was what I had been prevented from evolving since our discovery of an engineering technique for the practical application of this new type of"power",as I am not a book-writing scientist-such as are most physicists. I explained this difficulty of preparing a written or verbal report such as he requested.I authorized my private secy --now on vacation,to send him a typewritten copy of material I had prepared for explaining this difficulty.This letter was sent to the Atomic Energy Commission at the Empire State Building,on August 1,1947.

I had already been interviewed by secret service men previously.This was because I had made up my mind to give the U.S.Government accept to my discoveries without waiting for the scientific preparation of the material. The atomic bomb scientists had been successful in by-passing the legislative bodies and approached the White House directly with their military secrets.They had used the prestige of Einstein--I had no such prestige.Col. Edw.M.House tried to help but failed,as there was no war at that time,prior to the Roosevelt regime. I recently decided to gain the sponsorship of a friendly foreign power, and took up the matter with the Brazilian Ambassy at Wash.D.C.The negotiations are now in progress.Maybe their Military intelligences can be contacted so a treaty can be made between our government and theirs for setting up the mechanism in the heart of Brazil.The power,like that of the atom,can be used both as a military weapon as well as a power for promoting social progress. I shall request the military power be jointly used through the propose treaty. The physical development of Brazil industrially will benefit both America and all of South America,especially Brazil.

Since Moscow's agents almost succeeded in taking my life back in in 1935 and 1936 (when at the later date I was kidnapped by State Troopers,who were later found guilty along with others by Vice Chancellor John H. Backus) I desire to have some kind of protection from further political interference by enemies of this country.This scientific data is of vital importance now to both the Government of the United States as well as for establishing World Peace.Can I have your assistance?

Sincerely yours,
John Joseph Vennett Scientist
John Joseph Vennett

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PRINCETON SCHOOL OF FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENGINEERING
280 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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June 1, 1943

To Whom It May Concern:

John Joseph Vetter has worked for the Princeton School of Financial and Commercial Engineering since March, 1929. As Chief of the Research Staff and as a technological scientist, he has pioneered the extension of Technological Science and its method of research into the field of human relations, i.e. distribution. His study of the factor of Time, as it relates to Human Life in the preservation of Human Values as well as to the structure of the Chemical Atom, give us scientific theories that challenge many of our present concepts about these things.

The war has made it practically impossible to maintain our work and it therefore gives me great pleasure to recommend Dr. Vetter for his services as a technological executive, consultant or technician for which his experience qualifies him.

Very truly yours,

/S/ Edward E. Mills, Vice Chairman
Board of Trustees
Princeton School of Financial
and Commercial Engineering

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Some Confusion Exists Between Ideal And Its Application

By CHARLES M. MEISTER
Post-Times Staff

With Einstein and atomic rays in the background, some confusion existed here Saturday between ideal economics and their application on a mundane sphere.

John J. Vetter, 334 Kings Ct., whose "Question School" has, among other purposes listed in a charter filed in circuit court in 1942, that of helping "to protect civil morale in conserving buying power," was interviewed because of announcement by Miami OPA enforcement officers that a treble damage suit had been filed against him in a rent control case in Miami Federal court.

As a scientist and an idealist, Mr. Vetter indicated he was much more interested in explaining theories which would do for economics what Einstein did in his field.

When he got back to the specific case, it appeared that he maintains that the courts will back him up in his contention that he has a right to give living accommodations without charge to persons who make suitable contributions to his school.

Asserting that "politics" is behind the case, Mr. Vetter said that an objective of the school is to create "a language which will make it possible for any moron to examine a political speech and tell what facts it contains."

Economic research is hampered, Mr. Vetter said, by the fact that "in the chemical laboratory the experimenter is outside the beaker, while in the economic field he is inside the beaker."

A second objective mentioned in the school's charter is "to sponsor technological intelligence as the sole authority for controlling and humanizing human relations through it."

Mr. Vetter said that the school seeks to create "a responsible individualist, not a rugged individualist."

Atomic rays entered the picture when Mr. Vetter mentioned incidentally that he had, by working "with rays this side the cosmic ray," discovered a defense against the atom bomb. He said he had submitted this to a Senator, but that "apparently he thought I was just another nut."

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Technological Research for Civil Morale

334 Kings Court

West Palm Beach, Florida

October 4, 1947.

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OFFICERS:
John J. Vetter, President
Mrs. H. L. Nyman, Treasurer

(The woman)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Daer sir:

I wrote you on Sept.1,1947. You acknowledged my letter Sept.8,1947. An FBI agent called yesterday from Miami office but I found it was in connection with checking up an official of this School whose brother was seeking a high position in the government service. He advised me to give you more details about my story; so here it is attached.

I don't suppose you will have time to investigate before this Oct.10, OPA hearing at Miami, and see that it is post-poned until your investigation is completed--in connection with my charges aginst the local OPA officials.

I told your Miami man that I have been prevented from seeing or hearing from my family for over 10 years. The oldest boy --as a Captain wrote, but he indicated that he could not write because of the political situation involving back in New Jersey. I showed your man a letter from him in which he stated he never would have become a Captain in the Army except for the way I brought him up--also never an electrical engineer.

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Sincerely yours,

John Joseph Vetter, President

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P.S. This letter is one printed in 1942. It has the name of the woman I mentioned in the attached statement.

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10-3-'47. Historic Background of "Question School" as a research institution.
By John Joseph Vetter, President.

I am a technological scientist and not a book-writing scientist. In experience and training I an analytical research chemist and technologist. As a physicist I have specialized in the study of the molecule and the atom, in connection with the life factor in organic chemistry.

Early in 1941 I decided to make my home in the Palm Beaches and therefore establish a Field Station and a Question School, in connection therewith. In otherwords the Question School would be an auxiliary of the Princeton School of Financial and Commercial Engineering, although a separate Forida Non-profit Corporation. Before inviting local people to help sponsor the establishment of a Question School, by serving as the Board of Directors, we decided to purchase a small inexpensive property and improve it so it would serve to bring in an income for the local research school. So a lease with an option to purchase was negotiated on June 3, 1941 with Mrs Hazel L. Nyman who held in escrow, unrecorded trust the deed to a lot with a small 4 room bunaglow at 334 Kings Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. The funds belong to the "Princeton School" being held in escrow trust in the "Vetter-Nyman Join Trust Ass'n of New York. In as much as I was at that time not divorce from my wife --who refuse to come to Florida to live, and Mrs Nyman had been divorced, she was intrusted with security and cash personally in escrow trust. That is why the "Princeton School" took a five year lease when investing its directly controlled funds in improving the property that would eventually be owned by the Question School and serve as my home from which to administer the affairs of the Question School when it came into existence; which it did on Jan. 10, 1942.

Therefore the historic background of the Question School is as follow: On March 1, 1929, Frank P. Walsh helped organized the Territorial University, at Princeton, N.J. as an association. Its basic objective was to create a modernized University Militant, such as was discribed by Charles Ferguson in his book "University Militant", as well as carry out the unfinished work of Woodrow Wilson as President of both the United States Government and of Princeton University. The new organization thus only historically connected with Princeton University and not associated as an advance study group in economics and sociology with Princeton University, as was Einstein and his advance study group in the field of mathematics. He had space on the Campus of Princeton University while we purchased a 167 acre estate at Princeton Heights, Princeton, N.J. RFD#1, which was to serve as the campas of the new tedhnological study group. This group was sponsored by Charles Ferguson a protege of Woodrow Wilson, and his friends and of Woodrow Wilson as an educator. These agreed to have the Ass'n take over the data from a world wide survey of the mechanism of finance and business, and apply analytical chemical attitude of mind and method of research to this factual data in order to discover and formulate principles of natural laws and to invent practical engineering or technological application. Thus to carry out the unfinished work of Woodrow Wilson as President of both the United States and of Princeton University together with that of Charles Ferguson. Recently the Question School department of research as the Field Station of the "Princeton School" has completed the foundation for the original objective of the "Princeton School" (The "Princeton School" is the successor to the Charles Ferguson School of Financial Engineering, that represented the incorporated mother organization or "Territorial University". The original sponsors of this association were Charles Ferguson, Col. Edw. M. House, Frank Chapin Bray of the Literary Digest Staff, and others. (Princeton Heights is located three miles north of Princeton University, just over the county line and was originally the site the New Jersey College, a 100 years previous had choosen on which to build what now is known as "Princeton University". But is was driven into the swamp land south of the heights, into Nassau

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County,by the New Brunswick Township and Middlesex County politicians--who did not want taxable lands taken over by an institution of higher learning. They also object to the"Charles Ferguson School"going ahead with its plans to build on the entire 167 acres so there would be a building on each five acre--necessary to make it all tax free.)

The incorporation of the Territorial University Association,as the Charles Ferguson School of Financial Engineering,was on Nov.24,1930. By that time Mr. Ferguson and I as research associates had evolved definite ,formulated principles of natural laws as latent factors of a new finance,from the date resulting from the world-wide survey sponsored by the United States Government under the Wilson Regeme.Later from the School's own surveys in the United States of the Mass production techniques,evolve a similar group of definite formulated principles of natural laws governing the mass or multiple unit process for making low cost parts or multiple process for their low cost assembling.The "strange Law" that every capitalist tries to discover,has been also discovered,formulated and a "know-how" invented for its control.This is the law governing the scientific administration of all "surplus values."It removes the"seed of death" from capitalism so it can survive along with the "Free Enterprize and Competitive system of economy. Propaganda about this discover and a laboratory demonstration will remove the foundation from under "Moscow" and its ideology of Karl Marx.

On the Advisory Board of the Charles Ferguson School were and are men as Dr. John Dewey of Columbia University;Dr. Geo.W.Kirchwey former Dean of Law at Columbia University;Mr. F. Ernest Johnson Executive Secretary--Department Research and Education,Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America;Mr.Frank Chapin Bray of the National Arts Club of New York,Dr. Henry Douglas Wild formerly English Dept.Rutgers University and now at Ben Lomond,Calif.,as well as Mr. Harvey Wiley Corbett,architech and member of the advisory Architectual Board of Princeton University,Mr.Edw.E. Mills,Editor-in-chief,Longmans, Green&Co.Etc. After our discoveries (1929-30) that lead to our incoporation,there followed in 1932 a practical application of this new source of technological power as represented in the latent factors governing all financial transactions and hence all security for life and property,on this planet. A principle of power generation more revolutionary that that of the "Internal Combust-ion Engine principle of taking a gas,compressing it,and igniting it to get power.How to apply this principle so as to remove the horses from a plow or wagon and carriage called for vision and about 50 years of time.To day you accept the horseless carriage age.These new principles of power and the mechanism for their practical application,together with other discoveries in relation thereof --as a carborator on a gas engine,makes it possible to build an automatic social control mechanism that will establish a technological world sovereignty--greater than any possible world political sovereignty or national sovereign now in existence.It will serve as a defense against the Atomic Bomb.It can make the political sovereignty of both the United States and Soviet Russia submit to its will--once it is build on a scale large enough to have a surplus of real sovereign power from the establisment of the site credit principle,at any one point on the earth survice--for example: in the interior of the hitherlands of Brazil,such as Mato Grosso.

It was about the fall of 1935 that Dr. Geo.W. Kirchwey,working with me on the problem of crime prevention--decide that a vacuum-tube generator we were working on for this purpose,could be turned into a military weapon for the destruction of the human race and or its subversive control. He destroyed the notes and vacuum tubes already built.

In 1936,Dr. John Dewey wrote on Sept21,that he wanted Dr.Kirchwey to take over his place on the advisory board.This was right after he had read his paper at Harvard University Tercentenary involving University Militant principle for establishing world peace,which the Scholars of the entire world,as a "Court of Wisdom" for establishing world peace.

Political persecution of our Schools.

About 90% of the members of the New Brunswick Chamber of Commerce was friendly to the idea of creating a"Territorial University" or a university exercising civil or sovereign power,through the principles of latent factors of a new finance.The principles were not yet definitely known but the fact that there was power--great power,hidden in credit administration was known.

The New Brunswick Sunday Times on 4/25/'29 wrote quite a lenghly article,and coinciding was an article (very small)announcing the fact that Robert Maynard Hutchins,had been appointed as the youngest of all major University heads,as President of the University of Chicago.He was ignorant that he was being born in the Militant University a principle that once stablished would revolutionize the entire technique of education the world over.It is still in the process of being born--it takes time to give birth to even the Industrial Revolution, which is still evolving and making for world wide problems,unsolvable except by the same technological type of intelligence that created these problems of a Machine or Atomic Age. The same paper printed another article, with not quite the space as the first article.This was on sunday July17,1932 but now the"Chrales Ferguson School"was called a "Business Men's University-(I forgot to mention the fact the both The New York World and the The New Telegram,which shortly after mergered with it,carried front page artciles when they discovered about the incorporation of the"Charles Ferguson School" These articles appeared first in the"World" on Jan.28,1931 and the "Telegram on Feb.5,1931.The World article was headed"Wilson's Agent Founding School, and that of the Telegram,"Plans to Halt 'Business Drift'". Our publication called "Commerce is King" and it had circulated into the hands of many foreign hands. The President of China back in the early part of 1929 wrote to the Territorial University about it,complaining that the School's prospectus had to be read three times to be understood. The German Government back there in 1929,through its Chancellor,wrote our School that it was deeply impressed--it did not not have to make any comment on our prospectus, The Soviet Socialist Republics of Russia said nothing,but its hand soon became in evidence--from the facts as I interpret same.Here they are:

Having by 1932 the "Power Know-how" of a new super military science, the evidence of politics being played against the"Charles Ferguson School" soon was in evidence.The bill to make our School a State Institution at private expense was lost in committee.Therefore in May 1933 I was asked by members of our student -body--businessmen of New Brunswick to go into politics.I drew first place on May 16th.1933 Official Republican Party Primary Ballot.Riots at the polls followed and my election was stolen in the customary manner.The next year saw me again running,this time on a fusion ticket.In the meanwhile I organized the American Scout movement in which a akhaki short and pants outfit was worn,by our student members in scientific government.We wore the American flag on our sleeves,and regulation cap for an Officer. The election board was asked to force me to take off the uniform while running as a candidate,especially to stop me exploiting the American flag in its use on our special uniforms as American Scouts--adults imitating the boy scout movement.Permit to speak as a candidate was refused by the Chief of Police of Perth Amboy,N.J. Then with placards 11x14 appearing in a majority of the merchants windows sponsoring my election the polive and others forced these merchants to take them out. Then one day early in June 1934 I believe,when Dr. John Dewey and other officials were away on vacation it happened;but before I recite the events let me call attention to an incident.The previous election had hardly been over,when I was made a cripple and was unable to walk for a whole year.I was using a cane when I was running for the 1934 primaries.A man,a communist leader pulled on a rope while I was inspecting a building and it came tumbling down and almost killed me. My home was set afire also later and my family ,my wife and 8 children almost had no home--the local fire company did not respond and it was necessary to get help from a town quite a distance away.

We were forced to eat outdoors and was just about able to walk a little. We got no aid from anybody during the emergency. Every one was afraid of something. Politics is the proper word for it. We had $10,000. fire insurance and by my saving the building, at a lost of $8000. in fire damages I saved a 20 room house, fixed for two familys. We moved into the other apartment as soon as we could get a kitchen range big enough for my family. Politics again moved into the picture when we tried to get estimates for local contractors for a claim against the fire insurance Co. Only a communist contractor was permitted to make a bid; the one who pulled the other building down on my head. It was his bid for $8000. that enable me within the time limit make my claim for damage. Later some one not authorized to do so signed a paper for a settlement for $2000. Then the politicans in charge of the Federal Land Bank mortgage of $10,000 on a property valued at $100,000. demanded its mortgage paid because of this fraudulent settlement. All this took time and we had made repairs and paid contractor what was due as we went along and then when we stopped for lack of funds just short of completion, the local politicans representing the Federal Government Loan threatened foreclosure. Another politicians of a high order offered to buy the place for $25,000. as it was. This offer was made through an agent several time. The man was the head of a State political Machine. Then it happened, in June, 1934 as I started to write above. My political opponent signed a warrant for my arrest, claiming I had threatened him. Two State troopers served this fake warrant. I was taken from my home while I was at breakfast with my family. I was suppose to be taken to Trenton, N.J. to State Police headquarters and was not. I was delivered to some state officials and confined in a hospital and every Wednesday morning I was inoculated with malaria germs and other drugs also were used. I was prevented from campaigning for my electron, until almost before election.

The day before my election I meet my wife coming out of a county doctor's office. A friend or neighbor of mine, had his car parked there and he was driving my wife for shoping purposes since I had the accident. My wife told us she was informed that I was to be kidnapped by local politicians and warned me to flee out of the state. I refused. She then told me that only the communist had the power to protect me. She insisted that I go that night to Perth Amboy, which I did, and arrange for this protection. They agreed to hire an attorney who could take care of every thing. The next day I was arrested as stated but not brough to the hospital my wife reported would be my designation. No one called to see me for about a month. Then my wife came. She told the communist lawyer had demanded my release and I was brought to the local district court in New Brunswick, N.J. but first a spinal injection of some drug was made into my spine. I became paralysised so I could not sit down. Only walk a little and stand or lay down stiff like a board--I could not bend. I was laid in this condition on a table in a vacant room in the court house until I was to appear for examination as to whether I was insane or not. It appears my wife refuse to sign any papers. This communist lawyer did nothing, I could hear all but could not talk. I could not even sit in the witness chair, but was laid against on a 45% angle against the chair. The judge ordered me comfined temporaryly to the State hospital for the insane. It was here they that Hitler was put to shame. First they pulled out my front teeth, without any legal order, and with bleeding gums put me to bed in the ward with the most advanced syphilis cases. Afterwards given a salty liquid to drink and access to only the glasses that these patients drink their water. I refuse to drink. They then removed me to another ward. They then began to inject the diease-germs and some other drugs. My suffering was beyond discription and when the fever of 104 degrees broke I was very weak. But as soon as I was recovering strength I was again given the treatment; each wedneday at 10 oclock in the morning. No supper the night before and no breakfast. I saw what happened if food was eaten by those insane patients to keep them under control by this treatment, if other inmates brought food they stole or took off their own plates to share with their friends. Death generally was the result by poring cold water on patients while in the

critical stgge of the fever. Hitler could never equal the chemical hell produce in starving people--as I know by the lack of sufficient food give me--I grew very weak but got use to it. Burning in a furnace would be short and quick I am sure, but not my agony--waiting for my crucifixion each wednesday and then marching up for the needle, then waiting for the fever to develope from the disease germs, finally the vomiting crisis when the green slim finally appeared to indicate that the worst of the agony was over. Then food came a little at a time. I always had a strong body; I certainly needed one. The grape-vine brought me a certain chemical to fight off the drugs that was intended to break down my mental processes. I finally got a letter outside. Then this communist leader visited me and explained that the lawyer who was to defend me for the communist-friends who paid him, had sold out. He suggest that My wife go to a certain lawyer who was the attorneys for Moscow and would never sell me out. My wife refuse to get this lawyer or go to him. She knew nothing about him as I did not dare talk. The communist claims my wife was going around with this friendly neighbor and that she was receiving money to keep quite. Finally she made the contact after this communist leader insisted upon it. The new lawyer tried to get me out free of drugs, I was examined twice by experts and declared sane and eventually I was taken out as I was, full of drugs, as the hospital refused to stop administering them on the order of the Vice Chancellor. They took me out the day before the day for injections, with the cooperation of the Vice Chancellors whose orders were not obeyed. The hearing was behind closed doors. The Atlantic City Press did not obey the edict of the political boss and edition with an unsatisfactory editoral was sized off the news stands and destroyed, so I was informed. Another small paper bolder than the rest introduce the facts about my political opponent's confession to the Vice-chancellor. You see he did not obey the summons of the Court of Chancery so they sent state troopers after him and he confessed that the big politcial boss had ordered him not to obey and that the judge would be taken care of. He also confessed that he had signed the fake complaint papers that I was insane, on which I was committed after that hearing in court all paralysised, but not before the county doctors had first filled in their reports. In other words as the judge said: you railroaded him. The attorneys for the State of New Jersey resigned in the midst of the hearing. The judge had to handle the State's expert witnesses. The judge declared the State troopers had kidnapped me, as I was not brough where I was tolded. They admitted the politicians had given them their orders.

Why was the communist the only ones able to get me my freedom? Not because they like me, I was not a member and did not accept any politicial idiology as my type of scientist don't think philosophically; We are impersonal and have very little emotions or have them under control--as necessary in chemical laboratory research, We must have control of our fears. It is my belief that Russia wanted to get in my good graces and use American politicians, don't care where the money comes, they will sell out the American people for the god they worship--of course a lot of other people are no better.

I was shortly after forced to leave the State under threats. I went to Phila. I became ill and had to return before the election. As soon as I got better I again was attached by agents of the politicians and almost shot. I escaped and went to Boston, Mass. On the Boston Commons I was again almost kidnapped but my friends rescued me and sent the agent to the hospital. I was deported by the State of Mass. to Prineeton, N.J. where my enemies wanted me. I escape from the train and give a talk that I wrote in my confinement of the State Hospital; it was a scientific defense of Capitalism. I was then met by a woman who claimed to be a cousin. My wife had told me on her visit to New York, that the police in New Jersey has another warrant claiming I had stolen with the aid of some man who confessed. The newspaper clipping proved her claim. She wanted me to leave the country. I refuse. This woman whom I then meet, not hearing again from my wife, volunteered to go into New Jersey and locate her and bring my message. This woman came back and offered to take me to Europe. Again I refuse to leave this country as I begin to be suspicious that Moscow wanted me out of the country so they could get my secrets, which I wanted to give my country as soon as I could get funds to prepare the data, for the ordinary investigating committee appointed by the Congress of the U.S. This woman and her son went touring Europe and wrote

She came back a year later, alone. She wanted me to go to Mexico to inspect a mining property for which I would be paid and I need money. I was to be meet in California by her. I changed my mind as I stood on Mexico soil after walking across the bridge at the border. I again become suspicious. I was never paid the money promised by this woman. My excuse for not finishing my trip was that she had broken her contract and not send me the funds for my expenses and I could not go ahead. I had made some money, but this I did not tell her. Later I returned and she had her excuses. Later the same woman again got me out of New York and took me to Florida, claiming she was ill and promising to help provide funds for the operation of my research school, after leaving New Jersey I was cut off from all funds. In fact that was one thing the officials in the State Hospital tried to get out of me, who were financing the school and who had the list of their names. The fire had destroyed them but I let them think it was in my home, hoping they would let me go and get them. Instead they paid my wife, I believe, to turned over all my school's records and papers. Anyway my getting out as I did upset this plan for a short time. I found the secret bank book with money my wife had obtained some place, she claimed it belonged to the friendly neighbor; who did not want his wife know of this saving. Later when I was again forced to leave the State for that of Mass, I never saw any of my personal property or that of the School--my wife said she had moved and had it in her attic. But I never got any of it.

When I got out and discover that in the meanwhile, without serving me any papers, my home was to be sold by a foreclosure decree, I appeal to the Court of Chancery. Vice Chancellor John H. Backus, who had freed me from the State hospital, allowed me to make an appeal for an injuction without council--for lack of funds and refusal of any attorney to get mixed up in my political troubles. The injuction was issued. The sale was stopped just in time. Then the judge died. They say a secret session of the New Jersey legislature give his widow $5000. a year for life. But the judges files had no papers to show that an injunction (temporary) had been granted, when I applied after his death for making it permanent. But as they were going to sell my home again, the death judge came to life with a messinger, who delivered a letter and copies of his missing file, in which he had order a temporary injunction. The sale was order stop again. But I had to flee for my life to Boston Mass.

Now to bring this all up to date. Back in 1941 when I came to Florida to help this sick woman, claiming relationship, I was talked into making my home here, so purchased on a contract a half interest in this property, which I recently deeded to my Question School. When in 1942, Jan. 10 I finally got another home and place from which to administer my research work, I did not yet suspict this woman but at times I had some doubt. When, according to the lease-option sale agreement (with the Princeton School and this woman) to give a deed when demanded within the 5 years on terms of the lease, I met with trouble, when Question Schools attorney, a local politician, prevent (or appear to do so) the deed being given to the Question School. Other lawyers in town took the Princeton Schools funds and sold then out, as politics became evident. This woman held in escrow all my personal funds and that of the joint-trust, belonging to the "Princeton School". All escrow papers in our files were stolen by this woman and as either they were not acknowledged or if so, had not been recorded, I found myself in a very difficult position. She refused to abide to the terms of either the "joint-trust" nor of the "lease" or my contract, on advise of this local politician--formerly the Question Schools attorney, this woman being the secretary and treasurer of this School. Lacking funds to get a good lawyer then, and for a couple of years later, I managed to get a mortgage to cover special funds used in securing material for the improvements with some difficulty. I tried for a couple of years to get this lawyer politician--formerly our School's attorney, to act as arbitrator, as I suspected this woman of being connected with the New Jersey communist trouble, which I felt had its origin in agents of Moscow. The mortgage given on Feb. 2, 1942 was for 90 days, by which time we were to have a deed given to the Question School who would assume the mortgage for the special funds loaned by the "Princeton School". Politics still was in evidence.

The foreclosure was started in Jan. 1945 and it took about 20 months. In the meanwhile I did not occupy my apartment #2, as I did not not want to trust my papers there. I took some of personal things but retained possession for the Question School, with this woman as an officer residing in the quarters or apt. #5, set aside for the official use of the Question School. The other apts. were rented as follows: Apt. 1 $35. a week; Apt. 3 at $40. a week, and Apt. 4 at $50. a week. I left for the north and for a while this woman reported difficulty with the tenents, and having paid excessive commisions to renting agents I ordered all commissions stopped and issued a schedule of rents. This money during the war was to be save so as to have a nest-egg with which to prepare for the Federal Government the scientific data of military importances. This woman know this. She misappropriated all these funds, and to conceal the amount of funds actual resieved and with malicious intent, illegally and fraudulently placed OPA registrations on the property I and the School had possession off--and she did not. First it should be noticed she had not registered the property --as she should have had in the Questions name if she was collecting rents, as the School's agent. A month before when the hearings before the Master in the foreclosure action could no longer be delayed, she registered the property in her name as she was claiming the mortgage spurious, and as she held the unrecorded lease and my contract as purchaser of a half interest, and the unrecorded escrow trust under which title to the property had been recorded in her name by the "joint-trust" ass'n of New York--as well as the agreement by which she had the funds held in her own personal name in a local bank, she had not previously to list date record with the OPA the fact the property was in possession of the Question School, of which she was an officer. The only reason she did register just prior to the hearing before the Master was to prevent the school obtaining any rentals so as to accomplish the purpose for which the property had been purchased--at least an half-interest, as I held the other half on contract, excuted prior to the lease, to aid the Federal Government gain access to my scientific invention in 1932 of a practical application of a new source of power, of great military value, ~~which I believe the Moscow agents were spending plenty of money bribing politicians in this country to either destroy me or prevent me securing or having access to funds so as to carry out the objective just stated. Every thing that happened to me, an unknown physicist and chemical research scientist, took plenty of money from some place; for what purpose?~~ The fact the OPA did discover that apt. 4 was rented for more than registered within a month, and order $40. returned shows the registerations were fraudulent. The fact that the tenent in apt. 1 was and did pay me $50. for one person instead of $35. shows the same thing. The fact there was a written agreement that all people in apt. 1 in excess to one person was at the rate of $5. per person extra and meant a total of $70. a month instead of $35, max rent registered, as there were 4 people trying to occupy this apt. #1 is interesting. Also that this tenent got reduced rent because she was care-keeper in the abstence of our official--the woman. Also it should be noted that since this tenent in apt. #1 was using my apt #2 during my abstence because of the litigation about this woman's spurious claims of ownership and that an unknown mortgage, practically all of the high grade furniture and equipment of the 3 apts. was sold --things that could not be replaced, such as refrigerator, hollywood bed, gate-legs tables, etc. So that apt. #1 had only an iron army cot, and a cheap chair or two. The same was done for the other 2 apts. Access was given to apt. 5 for its furnishings, as those registered 3 apts could not be rented. Apt. 3 for example was rented and the tenent used the refrigerator in apt. #5. To supliment the iron army cot in apt. 3, access was given to the only beds left in apt. 4. Tenent in apt. 5 was suppose to rent apt. 4, in which there was nothing except the kitchen equipment and a few chairs. They used the front entrance to apt. 4 to reach their real, unregistered apt. #5, in which was located the refrigerator and a bed taken from the attice., as this apt. 5 had its kitchen downstairs in the rear of the kitchen to apt. #4. To further confuse the situation apt. 3 was registered as having a private bath, so those in apt. 4 registered with connection bath had to use instead connecting bath. They used bath in attic apt. #5. All this was to prevent renting of apts by School if and when it won the foreclosure of its mortgage. The School managed to

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to recover two of it[illegible] refrigerators/and one of its hoolly bed removed from Apt. 1. It had to prove that the School and not the woman actually owned this equipment, that was registered by this woman as hers with the OPA. Yet, relief was denied by OPA or rather it refuse to act on the petition of School asking to cancel these suspicious OPA Registrations. Politics was again in evidence, as this politician was "an acting OPA attorney" and had the power to get things done his way. The woman tried to put the blame on this politician when she thought she might be brought back from New York (Brooklyn) by these people whose money she had taken illegally. She refunds all or most all the claims where ever we could locate the mdse. In this moment of panic she revealed that this politician who hatched this OPA idea--she claims-for her, was paid by her some a foreign intelligent agent. She claimed the money came from Teheran, Iran. I have also come across evidence that this agent had notified that he was making the School's property (during this period of litigation) as a place for getting his mail. I also gained access to letters of this woman f om this agent that reveale many interesting things such I reveale in my previous letter to the FRI. Since a New JerseyCorp. funds, A New York Joint -trust Association's funds as well as local funds have been misappropriated under such circumstances I believe it is a case for the FBI to investigate as to the OPA officials who are playing politics the local politician who is involved and myself included and my organization I demand that if what I say is true, and I am not saying it all here, that the FBI see that any and all of this School's property is recovered. The pattern is the same, in both the New Jersey incidents as well as here. My home was to be taken away and my source of income. My wife was bribed or forced not to communicate with me, so as to force me back where the politicia could complete the unfinished job. They saw that my wife prevented all of my eight children from ven writing me. She conceiled her address and gave possession of my home to the enemy. My attorneys could not get replies or any of my belongs, when I tried to remove my family to a western state for security for us all. We tried to get her to come to fFla. through my attorneys in Miami. I obtained a divorce at Miami for desertion in 1945, so I could take the title in my name once we recover it from this woman.

Finally I wish to call your attention to another incident. A Lt. in the Army, I believe was used by the OPA to frame me trying to prove I was renting my property. After 4 months of no reply from OPA on our efforts to get some kind of relief from this mess, through the OPA director, I eventually took title to the property from the "Princeton School", after this woman volunteered in the final show down to give it back, without having it sold on our foreclosure decree. As the apt. now were needed in connection with a new plan with which to give to the world our scientific discoveries and not wanting a landlord-relationship with friends or students of the Schools, I offered the apt. free of rent, to Patron members, who would make donations according to a fixed schedule to the "Princeton School" for its use in connection with our work here in Fla. Student members had a separate rate, as the school is a cooperative in its functions with the students having the privilege of electing the Board of Directors of the Question School, as is also true of the "Princeton School". The student would be subject to the same schedule as a patron member except where he could not pay it. This schedule was based on cost of maintanence, depreciation, and administrative cost, not to exceed/costs for similar accommodations and services in this location. This Lt. was denied access to our apts. as a tenent. We explained the situation. Later in an emergency--as an officer in the Army we give him free of any rent access to an apt. for 10 days. He volunteered a donation to the Princeton School as a patron member. Later he became a student member and accepted an assignment as a student member of this School. He was given access to a special room for his son, who was in another city at the time he first came here. He donated a sum to the Princeton School for the School's term, equivalent to what he claimed he was paying the Federal Government at Miami for a single room. He tried to take part of this donation off his his Federal Income Tax for 1946, and he was refused because (I believe)

the donation was made that year and not previous to Jan1,1946.At least this was the excuse he made for not refunding loans of cash and credit extended to him and continuing until he was relieved. The army forced him to pay most of this,he still owes some.He was given the necessary training to accomplish his assignment as a student. He was given access to apt. 4 also in connection with his assignment.Part of his assignment was to get our relations with the local OPA director smooth out and the injunctions registrations removed.He was to organized a unit of the Question School's extension services with the armed forces at his air-base.He was paid the consideration for all this in having access to both Apt. 3 and 4 and my special bed room,which I gave up so his son could come and live with us ,while I slept in one of the attic rooms.I found from what his wife and he stated that the local OPA atty offered a bribe to double cross us and to start a suit for recovery of three times what he had donated to the Princeton School as both a patron and student member.He was told not to repay his loans,nor carry out his commitments for which he was rewarded in advance.His suit was to be against the school at first,before it was discovered I had taken title recently. The director of the OPA or its attorney had convenced him that it was going to win a judgement against the School and he could have the money instead of the Government if he would follow their directions and take legal action against the School. He tried to blackmail the Princeton School out of $1000. and then latter secured a lawyer who wanted $2000. but would settle for less.The case was started against me and three days before hearing was with-drawn and dismissed by the judge.The Lt. tried to get me to pay the $200. cost.The case was started against me instead of the School,and the Lt. sais at that time,he would not let the lawyer sue me, as he agreed only to get the money from the School which he felt could afford it,especially since he had been informed by the OPA atty the School could not win and must pay either him(the Lt.) or the Gov.I reported to the Fed. Gov. I was informed by the attorney for the Princeton School(Charles H.Warwick,Jr) that the government had investigated my claims and demanded the case dropped. I understood the Lt. had re-enlisted but shortly after the case was dropped he was out of the army. From what I can see in order to recover his $200. he wanted me to pay for the court cost in his dismissed case,the local OPA official responsible for certain promises made the Lt.(for double-cross us) those who employed him to straigten out the OPA situation about these fraudulent OPA registration, the OPA planned to get this money and his reward by starting federal action against me, now in the Federal courts at Miami.If they did not do this and win I suspect the Lt. would tell what he knows about the dirty crooked politics that may be involved,with money coming from Moscow. I don't say they know where the money or favors are paid fron,as in such cases it is not of interest.They want money or political obligations, in payment with no questions asked.

I am now defending myself,for lack of funds.Atty Warwick inspected my papers that I filed and approved of same,free of any charge.After filing my answer and a date for hearing set for Nov.24,1947 the Atlanta OPA attorney working with the local political controlled OPA group here, demanded admissions covering my defense.I failed to give an affidavit to these admissions in reply to the motion for same.Atty Warwick admitted he was not up to all these special OPA rulings covering procedures in rent control cases. I was then served with papers in motion for judgement against me,for this failure of a technical procedure.The hearing is to be Oct.10,1947.The OPA Atty refuses to accept this belated affidavit and with draw his motion demanding judgement for about $2000. I have only one reason to offer at this hearing that I demand my day in court,which any American citizen should have;especially since I gave 8 children to the defense of the American Way of Life. I did not consider this lawyers trick necessary to protect the Great American Government--its citizens don't need such trickery by agents of their goverment.I feel that this is political persecution and has its root in the desire of the local politician to seek revenge against me for having almost had him disbarred for persury on the witness stand and for his own sworn statement that as the School's attorney he has conspired to defraud in working for the School.Will the FBI investigate this matter? Protect this home and Lover the other!

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In response to further representations by Embassy re Father Devine (Embassy's telegram 1411, June 27, repeated to Shanghai as 591) Foreign Office states that it "has taken a serious view of this matter from the beginning" and has repeatedly sent telegrams to competent authorities requesting that expeditious measures be taken with a view to rescuing him and adds that further telegrams are being sent requesting energetic action to the same end.

In same note Foreign Office states that bandits were checked and attacked on June 18 when one bandit was killed and that on June 19 a bandit spy who was taken prisoner stated that the bandits were at that time occupying Choutun of Wankeng within Foochow jurisdiction and that Father Devine was being held by them there.

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I am a matured bachelor--a technological scientist;not a book-writing scientist. I work for the interest of mankind but my basic research task is ended. The next step is to promote a program for giving the world access to my discoveries and inventions. First I ought to learn how to love people apart from mankind as a whole;hence I will seek many friends through correspondence. Chemical science in human relations to discover what is life and its meaning--which I sponsored,is now ready to give a laboratory demonstration of how to establish universal security,prosperity and world peace of non-political character.

I believe it will be easier for others to acquire a cultural interest in the thoughts and ideals I have acquired,than the other way around. So I invite you to consider joining with me in promoting an extension research service,to understand the meaning of life-manifested,for layman--adults and youth who want to help build a non-political or technological one world government;and learn the secret of life in the process.In fact such a world will constitute a Christian Commonwealth,for it will incorporate the economic teachings of Jesus and the wisdom of the Holy Bible.The success of this non-political commonwealth will in an evolutionary manner replace the present pagan or legal form of political government;inherited from the old Roman Empire. It is this legal or political form of social control--based on fear of fear or one's ignorance(expressed in terms of physical or mental coercion known as police power and propaganda,upon which our present civilization is based--rather than the principle of brotherly love as taught by Jesus)which makes for our"dog-eat-dog" economic insecurity,crime and war.

I have obtained a Florida charter for a non-profit educational institution,called"Question School". It will take time to know all about this School and my colorful career. It will have to wait until we have a large membership and a "Question School Monthly Magazine".In the meanwhile I don't want my valuable time exploited to satisfy idle curiosity of those who will not join and learn by doing how to help themselves. Hence, I ask those who want to be my friends, to become associated with me in my work as a technological scientist. They can register as members-at-large in our School by making a donation of $1.00--or more as a patron member. If you will not delay your decision I will(on receipt of your dollar)not only register your name but will send you free of any charge my latest booklet--just off the press, entitled: " A Vision of a Scientist and A Brain Bank". The first article was written by Ellen Kerr--who has known me for over seven years while a member of my research staff. In it she says many nice things about me that I would not say for myself. My article tells how to start a "Brain Bank",in order to get a home for $3000. and 25% lower cost of living for our members. It gives you a plan as to how to earn the $3000. for those"Georges" in our membership who are willing to help promote this division of our work--rather than spend our promotion funds with outsiders. This is partly what we mean by self-governing type of cooperative--in which no political leadership is permitted, so our members could be exploited by their sales ability and its high cost for promotion work.Each division elects a representative on the Question School's Board of Directors. But "Technological Intelligence" shall be the sole authority in the guidance of all research activities;just the same as in a chemical research laboratory.

There will be seven divisions in our School's work. I need friends,interested in one or more of these divisions,so as to help organize local and State units of the Question School--all of which will call for correspondence between us. My home will serve as headquarters. I am therefore not interested in those who only desire to escape boredom by writing letters--we will satisfy our desires for pleasure,profit or power,in a constructive manner. In this way we will learn to live more abundantly as well as righteously,as Question School members.

I have deeded the buildings,that constituted my home,to the

Questi[illegible] School--[illegible] only a life estate. [illegible] lands of the School and students who desire to have access to the rooms and apartments in my home--free of any rent, can do so by donating to the School the sum they would otherwise be asked to pay some landlord for similar accommodations, here at the Palm Beaches. (My home is centrally located, close to Lake Worth and the ocean beaches.) This income makes it unnecessary to charge tuition now and later public donations can expand the work of the School. Funds can also be raised by social activities of local units, so we can take care of their needs for buildings, literature, etc.

The division now being organized is that of the "Brain Bank". The next in order appears to be that of the "Lonely Hearts". Later we will organize divisions of "Applied Religion" (non-sectarian) and "Semantic-english for Universal Peace". These are all related. Example: A girl has a better chance to get her man if she can show him how he can secure a home for $3000. and reduce the cost of living by 25%. Such a plan for a community of interest with other "Lonely Hearts", for a common end, ought to bring both sexes together earlier in life, and make it possible that no two hearts need be lonely any longer than absolutely necessary; for economic reasons at least. This is because the "Brain Bank" finances creative abilities and skilled workmen or technicians. This new type of scientific bank will not be a "hock-shop" bank which finances only those who own and want to own more. It will finance instead those who can earn a living and desire to earn more, in serving rather than exploiting his fellowmen of his buying power. Therefore a man can plan to get married--and stay married, when more security and opportunity for self-expression, is shown to him--if he possesses the factor of individual initiative and desire for free enterprise, to do good or serve rather than exploit his fellowmen deliberately or in ignorance. In other words get rich doing good, rather than by doing evil.

Having noticed how many intelligent people are trying to solve a very difficult human problem--all by themselves, through the medium of "Personal" adv. I asked myself: "Why not have a separate "Lonely Hearts" division of our research school for layman--now in the process of being organized, so members can learn by "actual doing process" how to cooperate in helping themselves through scientific procedures? Surely the search for truth concerning scientific marriage relations is just as important as securing a home for $3000. and reducing living cost 25%. A "Lonely Hearts" division could cut down the advertising cost. Also, once local units are established they can serve as a means for securing information as to the character of any member in another far distant unit or even of his financial standing. This in somewhat similar manner as a local Dunn and Bradstreet agent, so the headquarters of the School can act as a clearing house for its members in this relationship. A public statement by a member given for the use of other members, is an entirely different thing from one given privately between two individuals. Yes, I soon realized that the "Lonely Hearts" problem is world-wide and a very human problem, and the profit motive should be eliminated in solving same.

The Question School must have a National Monthly Magazine. Why not allow members of the "Lonely Hearts" division start that Magazine? For each adv. a definite number of copies per issue can be subscribed for each adv. --according to the size of the adv. These copies when sold by the subscriber to the general public in his or her locality, will return the cost of the advertisment. The magazine could be popular-priced; probably 10¢ per issue. Thus a natural circulation at low cost can be had with such cooperation. Thus the "Lonely Hearts" adv. can be free, according to the efforts of the members of this division to create a market for their own individual needs. At the same time the whole organization ~~is for their own individual needs. At the same time the whole organization~~ is benefit. The same proposition can be used by all members to ecourage pen-friendships; especially for our youth.

on Earth, under a mandate of chemical formulated [illegible] nature, in much the same manner as scientific production, [illegible] and communication or scientific agriculture.

Most Sincerely yours,

John Joseph Vetter, scientist.

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Suite 511
~~475 Fifth Avenue~~
~~New York City~~

Question School,
334 Kings Court,
West Palm Beach, 34, Fla.
September 29, 1947.

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COMMITTEE:
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Dear Advertiser:

I have just returned from my vacation. Looking over August issues ofSRL, about a week ago,I got an idea and I answered one of the personals. I made a copy for my files,after improving it.

Now,I noticed your adv. in Sept.6,issue. To save time I am inclosing an extra copy from my files of the above mentioned letter. Can you let me have your constructive criticism? I want to have a circular printed as soon as I can about this idea,

In case you desire to follow the suggestion in the attached letter and donate one dollar and be registered in the School as a member-at -large,I will also extend my offer of a free copy of my booklet, just off the press. In this case you may keep the attached letter,as you may want to refer to it in getting some of your friends to join,in forming a local unit or units. The unit can be e either a Brain Bank Unit or a Lonely Hearts Unit, or both. I am going ahead with this latest idea as soon as I can get enough constructive critic-ism,so please let me have yours.

As we don't charge for tuition, the School would appreciate that its students inclose a self-addressed,stamped envelope,when writing for information or asking questions.

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Sincerely yours,

John Joseph Vetter, scientist.

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Dr. John Joseph Vetter,
334 Kings Court,
West Palm Beach, Fla.

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Sincerely yours,

John Joseph Vetter

John Joseph Vetter

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 2, 1948

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: DR. JOHN JOSEPH VETTER
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The above captioned individual, who presently resides at 334 King's Court, West Palm Beach, Florida, appeared at the Miami Office on March 1, 1948, at which time he indicated that in the past he has communicated with the Bureau on several occasions concerning alleged subversive activities in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Dr. VETTER produced documents indicating that several years ago he was connected with the Princeton School of Finance and Commercial Engineering at Princeton, New Jersey. He claims that he is a nuclear scientist and has had connection with atomic energy projects during the course of his career. At the present time he is engaged in establishing an organization which will be known as the Question School of Social Research.

Dr. VETTER is obviously a mental case and his unbalanced mental condition is reflected by the fact that during his interview with the Miami Office he admitted that in the past he has been examined and found to be insane. Furthermore, in connection with this Question School which he is now working on, he pointed out that the school is very unusual and that it will have no students, no teachers and no textbooks. Additional evidence of his mental condition was indicated by his comments in connection with his experiences with atomic energy. Dr. VETTER claims that he has perfected a defense against the atom bomb, however in order to carry out his experiments in this regard, it will be necessary for the U. S. Government to secure for him a certain waterfall in Brazil which is of great heighth and has a sufficient flow of water necessary for proper experimentation.

Dr. VETTER had absolutely no information of interest to the FBI and could furnish no information of any subversive activity in West Palm Beach.

This is submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There is referred herewith as of possible interest to you, communication dated September 16, 1948, from Miss Edna H. G. Hindle, Port Jervis, New York, alleging communistic activities at "Father Divine's Heaven on the Hudson", and at a branch of that organization near Newburgh, New York.

The informant has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

Geo J. Schoeneman
Commissioner

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Dear Sir:

Last summer, from sheer curiosity a friend and I stopped at Father Devine's Heaven on the Hudson where two people were canning fruit in quantity. They didn't encourage visitors and gave me publications that showed me too well the ideas behind Father Devine's set up. Yesterday I again visited this friend who showed me a publication put out by Evangalistic Daniels, recently holding meetings in Bethlehem church, near Newburgh, ~~[illegible]~~ where he secured prolonged audience with the above mentioned imposter. Glancing through the booklet I learned,

1. ThatCommunism was rank in that particular field.

2. That he gets his income from"co-operatively" run businesses, such as bakeries where the "angels" work for nothing except food, clothes and eats. In earlier times slaves did that and were freed by a long and bloody war. In early time slaves were bought and sold but I understand that the "angels" willingly cast all their wordly possession into Father Devine's lap and ask for nothing. I also understand that whites are following his teachings.

Rev. Rupert Stanley, Newburgh, N.Y., Jackson Ave. can tell you where this Rev. Daniels is now locating if you are interested in seeing that the proper authorities get more details of this interesting and dangerous group that seem to be increasing.

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Edna N. G. Hindle.

P.S I am just a school teacher but have studied and traveled and worked around so much that my less favored dist. supt. doesn't approve of me as a teacher and I just can't afford to work too far away and spend my salary for living when I need the money to continue rebuilding the inherited run down farm for a future home.

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October 28, 1949

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Mrs. N. L. Clark
115 Jacksboro Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Your letter postmarked October 17, 1949, has been received.

While I appreciate the concern which prompted your communication, you are advised that this Bureau has no jurisdiction or authority to conduct an investigation for the purpose of locating your sister.

It is suggested that you may wish to obtain the services of a reliable attorney of your own choice with regard to the matter of the estate which you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

ARA:cjh

NOTE: 62-32932-14 reflects that in letter of May 24, 1937, correspondent requested that the Bureau locate her sister who had joined the Father Divine Cult. In letter of reply correspondent was advised that the Bureau had no jurisdiction to conduct such an investigation. Serial 19 of the same file reflects that on September 30, 1939, correspondent again wrote the Bureau saying that her sister had not yet been located.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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115 Jacksboro Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Father Divine

A few years ago I wrote you concerning my sister who had gone with the "Father Divine Cult," and you were most kind to answer.

It has been about fifteen years since we have heard from her. I have written a number of times, but no answer although the letters were not returned to me. I wrote only a few weeks ago telling her that our father and stepmother had died and there was a small estate to be settled. I do not know that she is still living. Our friends still thinks she is working in N.Y.

I am still praying that this Negro who calls himself God will soon be shown to his followers as an Imposter.

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I know you are too busy for such small matters but she means so much to me and any helpful information will be appreciated and is there a way of finding out what disposition is made of those who die?

Yours truly,
Mrs. N. L. Clark.

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Nov 29th

124 Mourer St
Newcastle
Indiana

To
J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Father One's Divine

I will be as brief as possible with this letter
I had a sister in London England her age 54
a world war 2 widow and a registered nurse but
June she wrote me she was coming to U.S.A to live
near or with me and follow her profession but had to
have a signed affidavit from me saying I would be
responsible for her my husband and I were very pleased
and sent the required affidavit for the American Consul
in London a month or two passed by she wrote me
she was sailing on the "Media" from Liverpool and
was coming with two women companions and was going
straight to Philadelphia and her real reason for
coming to join up with Father Divine and his
Peace Mission and for me and to meet her I was
sore I was stunned and made it my business to
find up on this Negro who calls himself God
my sister heard of him from these women and wrote
to Divine and from what I can gather his mostic
mind hypnotized her from the start his paper the
New Day states he does not take any money
from his followers but I know different it is a
big hoax with regard to 12 cover I have written
and phoned my sister the real facts
under the Negros power and refuses to listen he has
told her she has no qualifications and he

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has to have implicit obedience from her she
came out here with the intention of going back
to England but she has had 2 audiences with
him the 2nd he found out all she had and
requested she never return the 3rd audience
she has with him she has to turn all her money
over to him as she is not supposed to have anything
and has to be alias when she is alone she is not
allowed to write or see me under orders as he knows
I am opposed to him calling himself God also his
underhand crime methods I am not interested in
my sister's money my only reason for this letter
is the anguish this whole thing has caused me
she is here under false pretences and telling
me the real reason I am made responsible for her
and under the circumstances I cannot be and want
the affair revoked and her sent back to
England where she has friends and another sister
Please if you can help me get my sister away
from this cult I cannot understand such a
racket allowed, I know religion is one freedom
but when it covers up such I fail to see it
I know of 2 others and I have had a curse
put on me by this self styled God because
I am strong enough to fall for him
if my sister can be sent back she will be
from under his power (mind) thanking you from the
bottom of my heart if you can help me from being
responsible for her sincerely yours Mrs. Robert Sb Smith
her address is Mrs. Grace C. Buchanan
or C/o Peace Mission The Tracey Hotel
20. 36th street Philadelphia

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December 5, 1949

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R. H. Smith
1124 Mourer Street
New Castle, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter dated November 29, 1949, has been received.

In response to your communication you are advised that the facts related do not constitute a violation of Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

If you have in your possession information relating to violations of local laws it is suggested that details be furnished immediately to local law enforcement authorities having jurisdiction in the locality where those violations took place.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent complains that she helped her sister get to the United States from England only to find that the sister was joining Father Divine's cult. Correspondent wants us to do something about Father Divine.

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CITY HALL

On North Broad Street 7 blocks from City Hall the Fontaine Hotel is their main headquarters. It is a building about 15 stories high. The charge for a room is 20¢ a night. I got a strong hunch this gang has some connection with the International Black market. I read about the West Coast round-up. "Philly" is 12 miles from the ocean. Once out-side the 3 mile limit you know the rest.

My Dear Sir March 15, 1950
Newburgh, N.Y.

I've been around Philadelphia for the past five months or so. This "Father Divine" guy moved my distributing to South Broad Street and Catherine Street. He has a "mission" and a public restaurant in the public Latin quarter. There are 2 pictures of the guy they call "Father Divine". One guy is about 6 ft. 3". The other guy is a husky man about 5 feet 6 inches. They are a cagey bunch.

Joseph J. Clark
Little Britain Rd.,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Newburgh,
New York.

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Federal Bureau Invest.,
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Attention
J. Edgar Hoover.

The Life, In Pawtucket, Rhode Island
"The Boat-Bed" In
Chicago Ill.

March 20, 1950

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Mr. Joseph J. Clark
Little Britain Road
Route 2
Newburgh, New York

Dear Mr. Clark:

Your communication dated March 15, 1950, has been received and I want to thank you for letting me have your thoughts on the subject you mention.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: This correspondent makes known his suspicion that Father Divine may be connected with an "International Black Market."

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April 10, 1950

Mr. Philip L. Zenner
Attorney at Law
921 University Building
Syracuse, New York

Dear Mr. Zenner:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 30, 1950, relative to the court action you are handling in New York County Supreme Court in connection with the estate of the late Mary Sheldon Lyon. The information set forth in your letter concerning a possible income tax violation is a matter handled by the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department and I have taken the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to the Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Internal Revenue Building, 12th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D. C.

In the event you have any facts relating to a violation within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation it will be appreciated if you will communicate directly with Mr. Edward Scheidt, Special Agent in Charge of the New York Division of this Bureau, U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York or Mr. R. Wall, Special Agent in Charge of our Albany Office, 707 National Savings Bank Building, Albany, New York.

Thank you for your interest in writing to me about this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc - Albany (with copy of incoming)
New York " " " "

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Previous WSTA investigation of Father Divine closed when evidence developed did not warrant prosecution of WSTA violation.

PHILIP L. ZENNER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
921 42K UNIVERSITY BLDG.
SYRACUSE, N. Y.
TEL. 3-0087

June 9, 1950

Hon. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, I received a letter from you thanking the writer for any information that he might be able to furnish in regard to Father Divine, alias Rev. Morgan J. Divine, alias Major J. Divine, alias Joe Baker, alias George Baker.

I have been informed that Father Divine has a big political "drag" in Philadelphia, and is able to buy off many federal officials; however, the writer has complete confidence in you personally and I feel sure that you will enforce the law.

I am enclosing two copies of two affidavits that I have in my possession. Florine Carol Hunt is now living in Los Angeles, California; her present address is unknown. Patricia Rivers who is employed at the Austin Studios, 8624 South Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California can take your representative to the home of Florine Carol Hunt.

Florine Carol Hunt also informed me that Ruth Keyes, 106 South Street, Orange, New Jersey and Dorothy Keyes, 283 Halstead Street, East Orange, New Jersey have both been seduced by Father Divine while being transported across state lines which would be a violation on the Mann Act.

Respectfully yours,

Philip L. Zenner

PHILIP L. ZENNER

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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Our letter to Zenner 4-10-50 (62-32932-76) Manager necessary activities previously investigated on Victoria Dove (31-74669)

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& 31 case on Father Divine closed when evidence did not warrant prosec. John Hunt Witness attached affidavit given 3/15 USDCT Los Ang 7-2-37 (31-46627)

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Florine Carol Hunt, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I was a member of the Father Divine movement for about 6 years.

I lived in same building with Father Divine for 5 years.

Many times, Father Divine called me to his interviewing office and directed me to undress and committed adultery with me and other more indecent acts.

He at one time gave me $1.00 to buy some Norforms, which he inserted in my womb; on another occasion he also gave me money to buy Norforms.

I believed he was "God" and did as he directed me to do; I turned over most my personal earnings each month to Father Divine by handing it to him in an envelope and telling him each time how much was in the envelope.

I have talked to at least 6 other girls, both white and colored, who have been forced to commit adultery with Father Divine.

I knew Patience Budd and Mary Sheldon Lyon and met them many times at Father Divine's heaven, both in California, New York and New Jersey; many times I heard Father Divine tell Mary Sheldon Lyon that she must give up all her relatives and friends and all her property if she wanted to have eternal life.

Patience Budd was always with Mary Sheldon Lyon and Patience Budd always directed Mary Sheldon Lyon, who always appeared to be sad and melancholy.

Patience Budd was one of the founders of the Rose-buds and got them together to put on programs in California; I was present when Patience Budd called Father Divine from California and she told me that she just got through talking with Father Divine.

Mary Sheldon Lyon always appeared to be under the complete control of Patience Budd, who always was present with Mrs. Lyon.

I live at 750 S. 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Florine Carol Hunt

Witness: John W. Hunt

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Note: Victory Dove now lives under name of Mrs. Burnel, 112 N. 59th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

I was about 19 or 20 years of age when Father Divine seduced me and forced me to engage with him, many times after that I was forced to engage with him.

All the girls thought it was a great privilege to have intercourse with him.

Whenever I had intercourse with him, he gave me a Norform to insert in my womb; once he directed me to order 2 boxes of Noraforms from the Sears Roebuck Catalogue. Most of my affairs with Father Divine were in New York and he merely told me to lay on the floor.

I think Sweet Child and Violet Smiles and Sweet Peace had children by Father Divine; these 3 are on Father Divine's staff (Carol Hunt said Violet Smiles told her that she missed 3 periods).

It was distinctly understood by all followers that if they did not do as Father Divine directed they would die; Patience Budd was a follower of Father Divine before she went to work for Mary Sheldon Lyon. All members are told that they must give up their name, identity, property etc. and take up a new name. Father Divine says that your name is your nature and you must personify it and live up to it.

Whenever Father Divine is asked a question and he doesn't want to answer, Father says: "I don't bear record".

All bills are paid by cash and no checks are accepted. It is understood that he keeps no records or books of his financial affairs.

I kept a record of all the property owned by the missions and had a list of all the names on each deed, so that we had at our finger tips all the facts about each property. I kept the records of the tax bills and when they became due. Father Divine gave them the money to pay the bills and one of the followers would go and pay the bill in cash. Father Divine had sole control over all the missions and Father Divine would go look at all propertys before they were bought.

Carol Hunt and John Hunt went with Father Divine many times when he went to look over property for the purpose of purchase.

Victory Dove

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
VIA POUCH

Date: December 19, 1950

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To: Legal Attache
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: FATHER DIVINE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

[redacted]

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Father Divine was the subject of a security investigation by the Bureau in 1946, at which time it was determined that his name is George Baker. He has used the following aliases: "God", Father Divine, Reverend J. Divine, Major J. Devine, M. J. Devine, M. J. Divine.

Little is known of Divine's background. He was born approximately 74 years ago on a plantation on Hutchinson Island near Savannah, Georgia. In 1913 he came into conflict with established Negro churches at Valdosta, Georgia, was arrested and tried. According to the verdict of the jury, he was considered to be of unsound mind, but was allowed to depart upon agreeing to leave Georgia. On October 27, 1919, as Major J. Devine he established a colored employment agency and religious group at Sayville, Long Island. About 1930, Negroes began to journey from surrounding communities, particularly Harlem in New York City, to Sayville. In 1931, after many complaints of maintaining a nuisance, legal steps were taken against Divine. In May, 1932, a jury returned a verdict of guilty on his maintaining a nuisance but recommended leniency. The judge sentenced him to a year in jail and fined him $500 with the provision that he would serve an additional day for each dollar of the fine which was unpaid. In June, 1932 the judge died of a heart attack and Divine's followers spread the word that "God" had struck him dead, a claim which was not disputed by Divine. He was thereafter released on bail

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and on January 9, 1933, the conviction was reversed. Because of the trial, Divine's fame spread. "Heavens" were opened in New York City, Newark, Philadelphia and various other parts of the United States and foreign countries. Subsequent to July, 1942, Divine moved his headquarters to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As of October, 1946, when this Bureau's investigation was conducted, his headquarters remained in Philadelphia and he possessed property in that city estimated at $700,000. U

Prior to World War II, Divine reportedly cooperated to a limited extent with the Communist Party. On one occasion in May, 1946, he appeared at a Communist sponsored "Help Organize the South" rally held in Harlem. U

At one time or another Divine has advocated the purchase of Central and South America by the United States for the purpose of uniting and solidifying the Western Hemisphere; he has demanded a world Utopia patterned after the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; he has favored abolishing trade tariffs, immigration laws and has advocated free world trade. U

He is the owner and publisher of "The New Day", a weekly newspaper published in Newark, New Jersey. U

No investigation of Divine has been conducted by the Bureau since 1946, nor does the Bureau have any information concerning the type of publications issued by his group other than the aforementioned weekly newspaper. (62-32932) U

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AIR COURIER POUCH

Date: November 28, 1950

To: Director, FBI

From: Legal Attache
London, England

Subject: FATHER DIVINE
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Aug 19, 1953.

Mr. Edgar Hoover,

I am writing this letter in regard to a situation existing under the very nose of the nation's headquarters. I am mailing a book written by Evangelist Velmer Gardner called, "I spent Saturday night in the Devil's House", which is absolutely disgusting to a law abiding & decent citizen. I am not calling the book disgusting but the situation that exists. I know you are busy but our nation is in danger when a hot bed like that is allowed to continue within our country like an answer for surely, democracy doesn't call for allowing such

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an enemy of both country & soul to exist when so many of our best boys have died that we might live. That, "Devine", fellow is demon possessed for God doesn't tell lies as the book claims he does. His place isn't a place of religion it is more like a cult of devilish paganism. I have been much alarmed as you can see, and am concerned for the future of our nation if this is allowed to continue. Every good American should be alarmed unless the devil has them blinded, so please read the book I am mailing under separate cover. Thank you.

Respectfully, Mrs. Myrtle Leonard
4850 Hillside Ave.
Indianapolis 5 Ind.

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August 28, 1953

Mrs. Myrtle Leonard
4850 Hillside Avenue
Indianapolis 5, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Leonard:

I have your letter of August 19, 1953, and want to thank you for sending me a copy of the book, "I Spent Saturday Night in the Devil's House."

I appreciate very much the interest which prompted you to write me concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Note: It is recalled that the book to which correspondent refers arrived at Crime Records Section about August 18, 1953, without cover letter and the envelope did not contain the address of the sender. It was, therefore, sent to the publication files. It is also noted that this book was about Father Devine.

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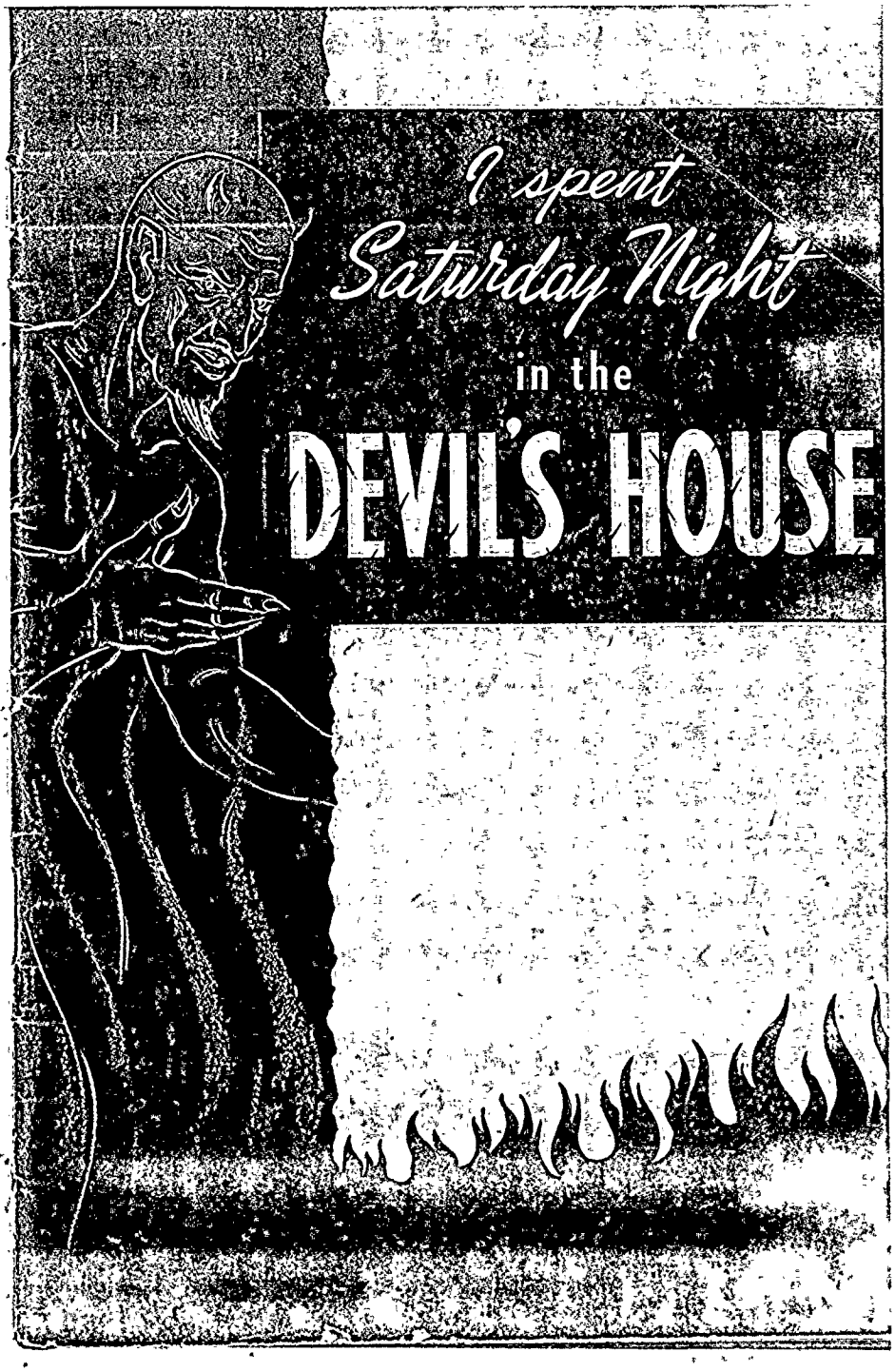
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REV. VELMER J. GARDNER

Rt. 3, Box 504 ..... Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr Hoover (4)
I read this book and do know the author feel sure it is true.
I just felt the Lord would have me to send it to you
do hope something can be done about it.

Sincerly
F L Wright
243 So ~~Scott St~~
Madisonville
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P.S. I do so appreciate a great man as you are. Who has done so much for our country. and
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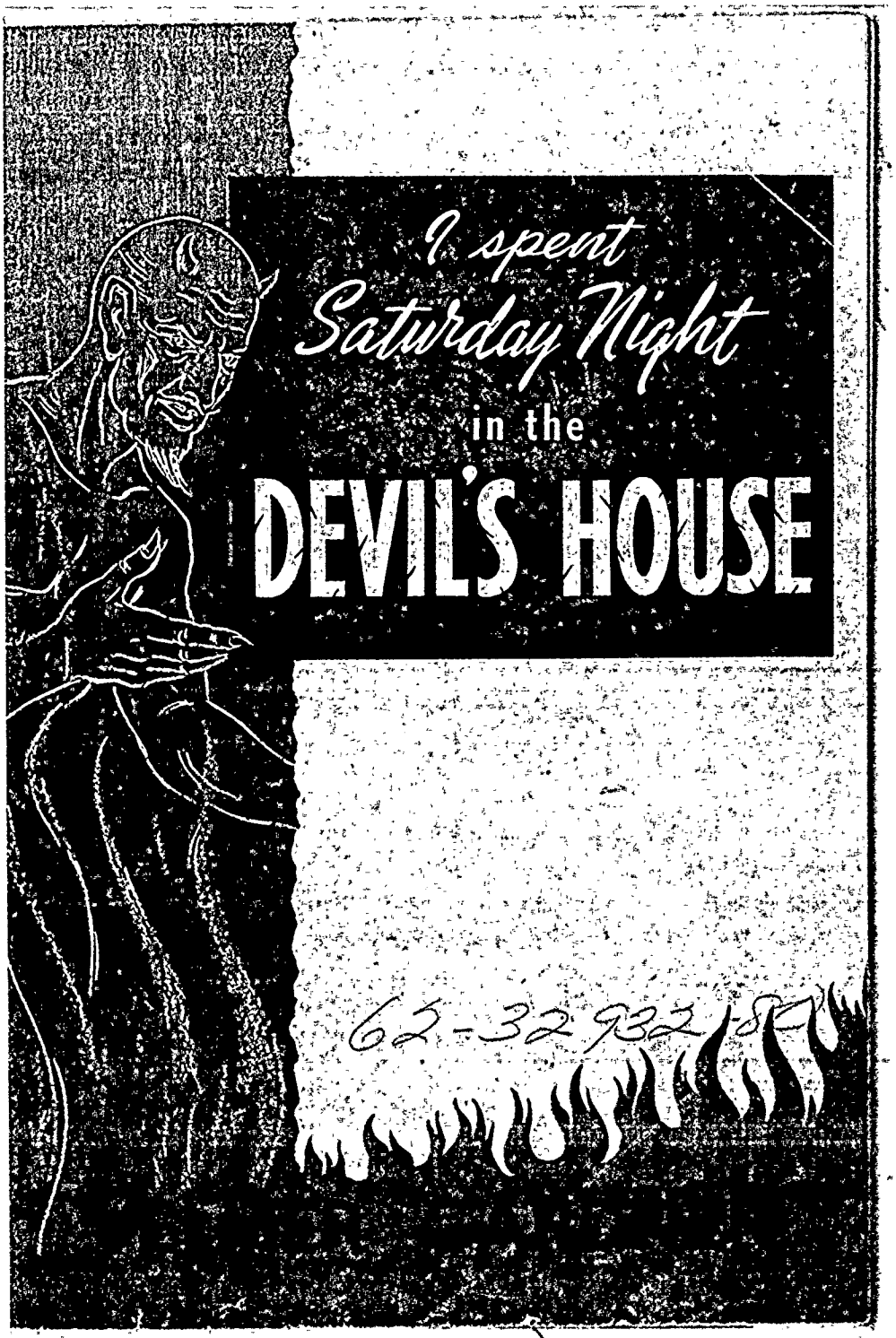
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March 25, 1954

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Mr. F. L. Wright
243 South Scott Street
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your letter postmarked March 12, 1954, with enclosure, has been received, and it was indeed thoughtful of you to make the publication you forwarded available.

In the event you have further data which you believe to be of interest to the FBI, I hope you will not hesitate to contact the representatives of our office located at 211 Madrid Building, Louisville 3, Kentucky.

I want to take this occasion to thank you for your kind message. It is my hope that my administration of the activities of this Bureau will continue to merit your esteem.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Louisville, with copy of incoming.
ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His enclosure was a copy of "I Spent Saturday Night in the Devil's House," (An Exposure of Father Divine)" by Reverend Velmer J. Gardner.

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John Wuest Hunt
Newbury Park, Cal.
John W. Hunt
John W. Hunt

October 21, 1955.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Re: Rev. M. J. Divine MsD. D.D.
(Better known as Father Divine)

I have spent the past eighteen years (18) investigating Father Divine from the inside of his movement - 1937 to 1955. Being on the inside as a trusted servant has given me the advantage over government and state investigators who have worked on him on the outside for the past twenty-five (25) years or more.

Since 1935, twenty (20) years ago, when I first became associated with Father Divine, the turn of many events for the next two years (1935-1937) caused me to doubt his sincerity as a Christian religious leader, no less the fact that he claims to be God himself.

During the eighteen years (18) from 1937 to 1955 I have compiled a voluminous amount of material evidence and facts against Father Divine in the form of affidavits, signed letters of confession, still and motion picture photographs, material exhibits, published statements and other legal court evidence and convictions, as well as documented evidence obtained by Post Office Inspectors and F.B.I agent in Philadelphia, Pa. to prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Father Divine is:

(1). A confidence man, religious racketeer and charlatan by the real name of George Baker who's last alias is M.J.Divine

(2). His religious degrees of Reverend, MsD., D.D.,Bishop and God are fake.

(3). He is a pervert, degenerate and sex maniac. A spoiler of children who he had raped from the age of thirteen (13) on up by the hundreds.

(4). By duress, undue influence and subtle coercion he has used the Bible as a camouflage to dupe innocent and ignorant victims of their money and keep them in mental slavery and physical slavery; and to evade paying proper amount of income tax.

(5). He operates both a local state and interstate taxi service without a license, for a hugh profit.

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In 1942 the New York state supreme court through Judge Dineen upheld the lower court decision that Verinda Brown had given Father Divine $4600 and was ordered to give the money back. Father Divine, rather than admit defeat, moved from New York state to Philadelphia, Pa. Under the statute of limitation he cannot legally return to New York except on legal holidays, for twenty(20) years. (1962).
With the change of his personal headquarters from one state to another necessitated the periodic change of his teen-age wards from New York to Pennsylvania when he had suitable quarters for them to live.
Father Divine as guardian and "substitute" father and mother and God, ordered these girls brought from farms in Ulstercounty in New York, and from his extensions in New York City, to Pennsylvania and subsequently taught them sex acts, and raped them. These sex acts can be verified by Dr. James L. Martin, physician, residence 2027 Cathrine st., Phila. Pa. who treated some of these girls and took stitches in one girl who had been ripped after raped.

In 1948 I reported to agent John Kelley of the F.B.I on the 12th floor of the Widener Bldg. in Philadelphia, Pa. all the information I then had concerning Father Divines sex activites. With me I took Miss Carol Sweet who had been raped by Father Divine in Philadelphia after he had ordered her to leave New York and live in Pennsylvania, and she gave him a complete confession .
As time went on I reported the names of former girl followers of Divine who had been raped by him, as I made contact with them.

Miss Carol Sweet was a secretary of Father Divine. She was the first inside evidence I obtained from the SEX ANGLE that I had been seeking since Jan. 1940 - it took me eight (8) years to get my first girl. From here on out evidence from other girls substanciating her confession came to my attention thick and fast. Miss Carol Sweet is the girl to whom Dr. James L. Martin told the story of these other girls (but would not reveal their names except under subpeona) and gave her a signed statement that she was a virgin when she came to Father Divine, and subsequently was a virgin no more. Further, I reported to the district attorney's office in Philadelphia and was refered to ass't. district attorney Emmanuel Beloff, who, at that time was about to be sworn in office as Judge. He refered me to his law associate, a private lawyer, Mr. Frank Fogel who now holds the material evidence including this signed statement and a box of Norforms, a suppository, furnished by Divine to all girls to assure against pregnancy.

In 1949 the late Mr. K. M. Foust, Post Office Inspector from the Washington office of fraud investigations came to my home in Philadelphia and requested my cooperation with him in their investigation. I set aside my personal writings of expose' to be published in book form to work with him. Late in 1949 I feared for the safety of my family and when I told John Kelley about it, he advised me to get out of Philadelphia for a while. Immediately I sent my family to California, and a short time later I left for California too. I left the whole case for inditment in the hands of the Post Office department. In July 1950 I was advised by them that the case had been set aside for insufficient evidence. I found myself at ceiling zero financially; the statute of limitation runs out on my material evidence, and no possibility to publish the Divine story. From here on out I decided to carry the ball myself -

I had given the law every chance to put this sex manic out of business, and withheld NO information. However, to be sure that I did not overlook any agency in my effort to see that Father Divine be brought to justice, I wrote lengthy letters in this year of 1955 to the following:

The Post Office chief inspector Mr. D. H. Stephens.

The Internal Revenue department -Washington and Phila.

Hon. Oveta Hobby, U.S. Welfare, Health and Education.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, on Juvenile delinquency and white slave minors.

Furthermore, I renewed contact with former followers of Father Divine in New York, NewJersey and Pennsylvania to obtain evidence within the limits of the statute.

As of today, due to a heart attack I had last March, and having to accept State aid for my wife and four children, I feel insecure both financially and physically. I find myself in the position of being the only living person who can break the hypnotic spell that Father Divine asserts over the minds of all present and former followers in their mental fear of his cursings and retributions to disobey him. Therefore, I am not going to allow my twenty (20) years of experience and investigation go down the drain pipe and take a chance that I will die with all the answers to all the problems before I can awaken the american people to the murderous and beastly trickery of the confidence game as it is practiced without restraint under our civil liberties and religious freedom, free from mental slavery and physical slavery, to save them in the future, and serve as a protection for the juveniles now under his jurisdiction. Consequently, before this year ends I will take the whole rotten mess to the american people, for public opinion to demand a complete showdown with Father Divine. I will expose stuff that will turn even your stomach GREEN. This ~~my~~ is MY last go-'round Mr. Hoover, and you can bury my dead body when it is all over.....good deal? In this case, I am not going to die in vain. There's more than one way to skin a RAT.

The story and case of Father Divine may be looked upon as incredible, fantastic and bizzare by some, but the old saying "Truth is stranger than fiction" lays as the odor of rotten eggs in the laps of top investigating brains of this nation why something was'nt done about it during the three year statute of limitation from 1948.

Even more fabulous is the life story of John Wuest Hunt, myself, who in 1937 was convicted of the Mann Act in Los Angeles, Cal. by the F.B.I for transportation of one girl, Delight Jewett, a follower of Father Divine from Denver, Colorado to Beverly Hills, Cal. for immoral purposes, and served at McNeil Island penitentary for three (3) years to the end of 1939 and released to Father Divine in New York City as consignee. Ironically enough, an exconvict with one rape conviction released to public spirited preacher of virginity and all that is high and holy, with a hundred rapes and no convictions.

Nevertheless, when I was brought to trial in 1937 in Judge Leon Yankwich court I was just as confused and frustrated about it all as the FBI and the Judge himself - no one had the answers then which prove themselves fact in three immutable incidence:

(1) Father Divine has not as yet been convicted on the same charge that I was convicted.

(2) Just before Judge Yankwich sentenced me he stated, "Your statements (in the trial) are bizarre, if I thought you told the truth, I WOULD SET THE BOOKS ASIDE."
Note: The Judge had no qualifications on the subject to judge whether I was telling the truth or not. It has taken me 18 years later, to be qualified to write this letter to you and fulfill the judgment.

(3) Eighteen years of pioneering the mystery of Father Divine that has baffled everyone, Particularly me, who was an innocent victim confused with a religious conviction as a Charlie McCarthy under the phenominal influence of Edgar Bergan. My conscience compelled me to solve the mystery of what made him tick.

For the first thirty-three years of my life I had never been in trouble. Most of my mental troubles were women - even at that, I had less that Clark Gable. At least I looked for a BETTER way of life, and after exausting the nations supply of religious teachings and found them wanting, I looked to flamboyant Father Divine who freely, without contradiction and competition, made the startling statement, "I AM GOD" and sent it through the mails, and plastered on walls all over the country. Investigators as well as the general public began a surge on him to prove or disprove the statement. Twenty (20) years later, I AM THE ONLY ONE LEFT WHO HAS ALL THE ANSWERS. Not because I was, of myself, guilty of the Mann Act; BUT, because I was NOT, of my own influence, guilty of the Mann Act. I am the only one who was convinced of the truth of my own actions - I had an experience, a working in my mind I did not understand. I knew if I could use myself as the guinea pig and solve the mystery, I would be solving it for not only myself, but the FBI and the general public, including Judge Yankwich. Therefore, during the past eighteen (18) years I have suffered prosecution, persecution, harassment, hunger, threats and the like, substanciated in faith and determined in my resolve to once and for all to solve the mystery of Father Divine and have a public showdown with him. Several months ago I completed my search, and as I reviewed my past twenty years of nightmare I sat down to my typewriter and wrote the following:

"When the false smoke of stigma from the branding iron of public opinion blows away, my stumbling blocks will then appear as stepping stones, I will be seen as the kind of a guy I really am".

John (Prodigal-Son) Hunt

From this point on have at hand your FBI mug file of me; my prison record from James V. Bennett; the Post Office record on me; the Post Office file on the Father Divine case # 72538-F from Mr. D.H.Stephens; the Beverly Hills, Cal. court trial records on the charge of "disturbing the peace" in 1936; the Ventura County court records of petty theft for stealing food 1955, from Probation officer Robert L. Ashby, County Court House, Ventura, Cal.;Court records of Judge Pecht, Oxnard, Cal.; record from Chief of Police Carl Hartmyer, Oxnard, Cal.; letters from government departments before mentioned, and any other tracks I have left since 1935, because I am going to fill in your files with the missing pieces, enabling you to clearly see both my picture, and the Father Divine picture with no doubt left in your mind as to the motive and mind of both me and Divine. Allow me, at this juncture, to assure you that this report is not foolishness from me. I am the most seriously concerned person who ever made a report - there are thousands of widows and children under the domination of an insane sex maniac who need protection. They have thus far been sold down the river. I am not interested in politics or profit - had I been, Father Divine left his front door wide open for me to be independently wealthy if I just kept my big mouth shut - I didnt need to steal food; I didnt need fight for a living; I didnt need to marry Miss Carol Sweet to keep the evidence alive; I am not yelling "bum beef"; I'm not asking the government for a thing for myself, not even a pardon. Only thing I want from you is to lend an EAR to what I have to say. You spent thousands of dollars of the tax payers money to convict me; you housed me for several years. I had guts enough not to take my conviction laying down, so I spent eighteen years of my own time, and just as many thousands of dollars to get this evidence and lay it in your lap on a golden platter, and this is IT - I PAID FOR IT THIS TIME, and I am going to publish it just exactly as you published my story when you paid for it - a fair exchange is no robbery. Furthermore, I am more than a citizen merely to obey the law, I will also see that the law prosecutes those who caused me to be prosecuted due to no fault of my own. I am indebted to the FBI for prosecuting me for the Mann Act. Had I never been prosecuted, I never would have had the shock mentally that awakened me out of that hypnotic trans that Divine held me under until after I was in prison for six months. My mother died under Father Divine and no trace of her one-half million dollars can I find; my brother, John (Warner Hunt) Devoute, editor and publisher of his newspaper The New Day is still with Divine, and will die there unless Divine is put out of business. Had you not prosecuted me, you never would have this report today. Therefore, with this report, with a great deal of gratitude to you, I repay the people of the United States by exposing the real culprit of my conviction.

March 1935 my brother and I left Beverly Hills, Cal for New York City to learn more about Father Divine at first hand. This was our first contact.

While there, we were amazed at his Bible quotations. He used the half of the bible that other preachers stayed clear of. My brother and I decided to take the full treatment to learn what it was all about. No harm, we thought - like going to post graduate school for higher learning. However, like a "micky" thats slipped into a drink behind your back, he had a psychological "micky" which only he knew about, that he slipped

into the mind after he feels that a victim has relaxed his conscious mentality to his suggestions. Father Divine is NOT a hypnotist, as such; the hypnotist puts the conscious mind to sleep within seconds with the permission and cooperation of the subject. However, Divine through impersonal mass suggestion, by constant reiteration, convinces the conscious mind to relax to his ideas and opinions, and it may take from six months to two years to do the convincing. From here on out it is his mind that controls the person exactly the same as the hypnotist who gives orders to his subject in a post-hypnotic state - THAT PERSON OBEYS EVERY ORDER GIVEN whether awake or asleep, consciously or unconsciously. Today, more is understood generally about the phenomena of the sub-conscious mind, but in 1935-36 Father Divine was thoroughly skilled in the discovery made by Anton Mesmer and Freud - he had a polished psychology that had been well burnished for fifteen years previous. He was brain-washing long before this government ever got wise to the Russians doing it.

By July of 1936 my mother, brother and myself, and my girl friend Rita Reynolds all now in New York City unwittingly had swallowed his psychological "micky". Father Divine had indelibily stamped his seed ideas in the soil of my soul and they were well planted by a mental farmer who knew his ground and the kind of fruit he wanted me to produce. (He had to jar my mother loose from her money without asking her for it, but to get her to offer it to him voluntarily. A smooth operator)

August 1936 I was ready mentally to do the job he had prepared me for. He personally merely suggested that I go out and testify to the world that God was in the land. This was the cup of water that primed my vocal pump. I didnt take second thought to tell him that I would return to Beverly Hills, Cal. and testify about him and his great work. He said, "Well, I do not especially want you to leave and go way out there, but IF THAT IS YOUR HIGHEST INTUITION, OF COURSE, YOU MAKE UP YOUR OWN MIND, ITS UP TO YOU, I DONT NEED TO TELL ANYONE PERSONALLY WHAT TO DO OR WHAT NOT TO DO". By subtle means, as inflections of his voice and pleased facial expressions we become sensative to when he MEANS yes, and MEANS no ....all his followers know when he MEANS yes, and says no, and visa versa. This is called making your mental and spiritual contact with God. If a follower makes a wrong decision he says, "Well, of course, that is <u>your</u> mind" (meaning, not his mind) If he agrees with your decision, he will say, "If that is your highest intuition, it is up to you". Father Divine has trained his followers minds over a long period of time for them to understand his subtle lingo and sign language. If a follower give him money, they are forbidden to tell anyone, even another follower: They are trained to believe that in reallity the money goes for the purchase of property and advancement of the kingdom of god on earth, so it is not giving it to him.

He always allowed me to follow my own highest intuition, as he said. He never told me what to do - he kept himself clear of me as much as possible. However, he always told me what NOT to do if I digressed in ignorance contrary to his teaching. I always felt secure and justified in whatever I did so long as I told him by note, letter or telegram what I was doing all the time, and he did not tell me <u>not</u> to do it any further. Consequently, if he said nothing to me, I continued whatever I was doing. (You will see later how it actually worked with me in Cal.)

August 20, 1936 I left New York City in my car enroute to Beverly-Hills taking with me a Mr. Smith who was about 70 years old. He was to also testify about his head being smashed, and Father Divine healed it almost immediately when it was crushed. As most all testimonies, in his case, and mine, exaggeration is the keynote, but it is not lying, because we are trying to convince the lost souls from where we came, that God is now here.
On this trip to California we stopped at as many Divine extensions as we could reach. We were fed plenty of food. We talked and preached like Divine himself where ever we went. It was the most amazing thing to me, to experience speaking words that I had never before studied - seemed like I had a sub-conscious warehouse of ideas that all of a sudden loosed in my mind. When I got to the west coast, I was so over-bloated with egotism and fabulous lectures that people crowded every place they knew I would speak. However, I never forgot to send Father Divine a telegram of every move I made, EVERY NIGHT FROM AUG. 20th UNTIL I HEARD THE FBI was looking for me about Jan. 1, 1937. (This is very significant. It proves my motive) These telegrams are still on record with Western Union.

During the Delight Jewett episode I informed Father Divine every day by telegram what I had done. If I was doing wrong, against his teaching I expected him to tell me to stop. In 1948 was the first evidence I had obtained that Divine deliberately allowed me to go berserk knowing I was breaking the law. A former secretary of his at the time in New York, who left him, told me the story of how she and the rest of the secretaries pleaded with Father Divine to tell me to stop what I was doing, that, just one word from him and I would stop. He laughed and said, "No". This secretary Miss Victory Dove, now Mrs. Eleanor Bernal, 112 N. 59 st., Philadelphia, Pa. (Father Divine raped her at 15 years of age. She signed a confession before a lawyer that was also signed by Carol Sweet and I as witnesses. Attorney Philip I. Zenner, 929 University Bldg. Syracuse, N.Y. has the document now).

My mind was out from under control just like a run-away truck ~~without~~ without break. Not knowing the principle of auto-suggestion, psychic phenomena and mental telepathy my conscious judgment had lost its equilibrium. In my estimation I was asserting the real power of God direct from God himself, Father Divine. During this four month period from August to December I grew in audience popularity and religious understanding the more I lectured. I started out as John-The-Revelator. A few months later I changed my name to St. John The Divine; a few weeks later I changed my name again to Jesus Christ. At this point I needed a new luggage case and bought it at Bullocks Wilshire store and had them put the name on it "Jesus Christ". (My telegrams carried my new names as they were revealed to me. Father Divine did not object therefore I kept right on without my right mind.

At my mother home, 807 N. Roxbury Dr. Beverly Hills, Cal negros and whites began to flood in everyday to meetings we held there. The neighbors objected. Mrs. Jan Garber next door and Lionel Barrymore accross the street signed complaints of disturbing the peace and testified in court. I was found guilty and put on probation to hold no further meetings.

As I look back, it is hard to imagine that a human mind could be so confused and frustrated. I call it the period of confusion. However, I realized only that all opposition was merely the ignorance of the mortal mind that I formerly possessed. Now I was above that, floating on the clouds of freedom. I realized that I was Jesus Christ for the west coast for God, who was Father Divine on the east coast. With this fit of imagination I performed like I had seen him perform.

After the Beverly Hills trial my picked disciples and I bought a new Buick limousine from a Los Angeles dealer for cash, with my mother money. Father Divines policy is to always put the material purchases in the name of the person who has no debts for attachment, or these who do the operating. I put the car in the name of the chauffeur Mr. Peaceful Love. Immediately, I decided about ten of us should leave Beverlyhills for the time being and we made a trip to Van Couver, Canada.

In SanFrancisco I bought two complete sets of Edison telediphones to record my speaches and send them to Father Divine. I bought one for Father Divine and had Edison deliver it to him in New York from their plant in Orange, N.J. I could not get delivery right away, so the manager of the San Francisco office delivered it to me personally way up in Van Couver.

On the trip up between Sacramento and Marysville I saw an old prospector driving a team of four mules. It reminded me of Jesus riding into Jerusalem. I stopped him, handed him a one-thousand dollar bill, and told him that God was in the land, he was in New York City and his name was Father Divine. (No wonder the Judge said my statements were bizarre)

All I did in Vancouver was buy material for about twenty suits of clothes .

On the return trip we again stopped in San Francisco and I bought for cash a Packard 12 limousine that I picked up when I got back to Beverly Hills from Earl C. Anthony.

We had a quiet meeting of Divine followers in the Beverly Hills home and during one of my enthusiastic speachs I said, "Money is the root of all evil" and threw ten one thousand dollar bill all over the floor and declared I did not need to carry money, God would take care of me. The next day, the money was gather up and returned to me.

Due to my probation I did not want to stay around Beverly Hills so ten of us in three car loads took a trip to Denver, Colorado. Here we were entertained royally by the followers. I took a liking for Delight Jewett. after about a week we returned to California. On the way we stopped at a Denver department store and I bought a fur coat for the girl who was to accompany Delight Jewett. I bought cloths for the girls too. During the return trip I realized that I had to have a wife just like Father Divine had. I told Miss Jewett she was my mate and that she would have a christ child. When we returned to Beverly Hills she had her monthly period and wondered if I had told the truth about her having a christ child. For the first time, I was momentarily stck for an answer. However, I said, just like the farmer plants seed in the earth, I must also plant the seed for the child. As to getting married at the alter, it was contrary to the bible when it says, "there is no marriage nor

giving in marriage in the kingdom of heaven", and this is heaven right down on earth. We discussed this with a Mrs. Peters, and she agreed with us. had (she denied it in her testimoney on the stand). From this point we sex relation according to our religious conviction. My telegrams to Father Divine confirm this, that I told him at the time.

Of course Mr. and Mrs. Jesus christ needed the best so I ordered a Deusenberg car built by the Murphy body works in Pasadena which eventually cost my mother $28,500. and became famous as the"THRONE CAR", as you know. In the mean time I needed another car so I bought another Packard 12 convertable from Earl C. Anthony for $5700. cash.

In the mean time, I was preaching all over Los Angeles with Delight Jewett at my side just like Father Divine and his wife Mother Divine in the east. Father Divine had put in no objection to my actions so I figured I was OK, and kept right on riding high, wide and handsome just as crazy as it sounds - incredible, fantastic and bizarre.

The girl and I took a little vacation trip to Palm Springs. I registered at the best hotel as Jesus Christ and wife. They would not accept the name nor us. We stayed elsewhere.

Later on we registered with a large group at the Huntington hotel in Pasadena. I had my estranged wife Eleanor Hunt have dinner with us there and explained the whole thing to her, for her to see the LIGHT. She thought I was crazy.

We returned to Beverly Hills where I learned that Delight Jewetts parents were concerned about their daughter and they had the FBI looking for both of us. I immediately telegraphed Father Divine and told him that I was driving to New York City with the girl and Mr. Smith, who by this time was named John-The-Baptist. The three of us immediately hustled by car to the east. I was in trouble and was so confused I had to see Father Divine to find out what it was all about. I certainly stopped preaching - I just could not understand it. When we got to the state of New York I telephoned Father Divine and found that he had gone to Kingston, N.Y. whereupon I drove there. When the girl and I talked with him he let me have it with both barrells. I told him that I had sent him telegramsof everything I was doing, and why did he not advise me before I did get into trouble. He said,"I let you follow your highest intuition to work out your own soul salvation".

It was all greek to me. As time elapsed Delight Jewett wanted to marry me. I refused, due to my religious conviction. Her parents wanted me to pay $225,000. or stand prosecution. I prefered to stand prosecution so I returned to California and was placed on $25,000, cash bail. Still confused I again returned to Father Divine in New York trying to find out what it was all about. While there, Father Divine advised an attorney who was with me at the time, a Mr. Nathan Kranzler of 22 Commerce Bldg, Newark, N.J. (also an acting Judge and highly respected in Newark) to take me to a hotel in Newark and be sure and stay with me in THE SAME ROOM WHILE I WAS IN BED. (This is important). Mr. Kranzler and Mr. Smith followed Father Divines order and checked me into the Robert-Treet (I think) hotel about Feb. 1937. Mr. Smith stayed with me while Mr. Kranzler went to his home. WHILE I WAS IN BED, RELAXED, I felt my mind loosing consciousness, like I was about to die. I yelled and almost jumped out the window. Mr. Smith held me back. Within about

15 minutes I had my mind back to normal and I was breathing just as heavily as though I was gasping for breath. NOW, the important part of this is: I was under the influence of Father Divine by mental telepathy from the time of august 1936 until this day in the hotel, because, from here on out I DID NOT HAVE THE MIND I HAD DURING THAT TIME, which caused my inditment for the Mann act. It was the most uncanny and mysterious experience I ever heard of. Attorney Kranzler to this day does not understand it. Father Divine actually caused me to perform like a ventriloquist dummy. Then he deliberately released those former thoughts out of my mind, and I have never had them since - the transposition took place within about 15 minutes. Without the testimony of a personage like Attorney Nathan Kranzler no one would ever believe my story. However, 18 years later, we have more understanding of the power of mind in extra sensory perception - mental telepathy; the phenomenon of the discovery of Anton Mesmer whereby I see a ray of light to the understanding of how Father Divine controls the minds of his followers.

This has been my big project since then, to find out what makes him tick that has baffled the investigators and duped the public. If the famous Dunninger had a crimnal mind with his powers of mental telepathy, I think he would be the Father Divine of religion. Father Divine is without a question of doubt enjoying the same kind of extra sensory perception uniquly enjoyed by Dunninger. I was Father Divines guinea pig. He allowed me to perform to the limit, even to to prosecution for the Mann Act. I am not crying about my prosecution or conviction- so far as the law is concerned, I am guilty, and I paid the penalty. Nevertheless, other charlatans with the complete knowlege of this power of the mind will rise and there may be many other Father Divines who will cause the law trouble in the same manner - it is not the pusher of narcotics who is important, it is the source of supply. The art of hypnosis, psychology, mental telepathy aare just as real as a gum in the hands of a gangster. Father Divine is a NEW type of criminal, with a NEW approach to crime, and I think your government investigators had better learn about it NOW before too many more Father Divines appear on the scene. Just imagine the young girls he has raped by psychology; just imagine the millions of dollars he has duped from the people and the income tax he has evaded. There has truly been a mystery to him. It is not that Father Divine is smart, rather is it, that we all have been ignorant of the phenomenal laws of the mind discovered by Mesmer and Freud. Instead of physical slavery, Father Divine has learned how to keep men, women and children in MENTAL slavery.
I am at your command to submit to a lie detector test, and to a nationally known authority on hypnosis to hypnotise me and tape record my sub-conscious mind to all the facts of my experience. What more can I do to convince you of the undue influence that caused my taking this girl from one state to another for immoral purposes. I have answers, through my experiences, that psychiatrists admit are still a mystery to them.

In 1937 I came to trial by the FBI. I told the truth 100%. I wanted to plead guilty. My attorney wanted me to pleade NOT guilty. As far as I can figure his motive: as he stated to me "this case will ring like a bell around the world" - he wanted the publicity for himself to ring around the world, is more like it. So, I was a victim to that too.

After the trial and when I entered the confines of McNeil Island I never denied Father Divine - I was still a staunch follower.

While at McNeil for the first six months I was out from under the messages of Father Divine both written in his newspaper and spoken by him personally. My new surrounding began to make its impression on my mind, and little by little the thoughts of Divine had been replaced.

At the end of six months my mind had reached a point of utter confusion again. It was fighting between two ideas, (1) the reality of life as I had known it and lived with it in prison (2) my religious conviction as taught by Father Divine. I came to the conclusion that something was rotten in Denmark - in other words: how could I follow God and get in so much trouble. Whereupon I began to wake up out of my false transe. Immediately I had a talk with associate Warden P. J. Squires. I asked him, "What am I doing in here. Please tell me what caused me to do what I did to get in prison. I dont understand it"?

From here on out I was determined to really find out what made Father Divine tick. My first step was to buy a concordance Bible which I did through the prison; also I bought the biggest dictonary I could get. For 18 solid months I never knew I was in prison - I studied that Bible for the first time from cover to cover. I took the whole book out of chronological order and put it into what I call logical order. I tried to identify Father Divine bible wise. My finding was amazing. I used the inmates as my guinea pigs and like to drove THEM crazy as can be verified by the prison authority.

I wanted to be released to Father Divine in New York. Now I was back in my right mind, and I returned to him never to allow him to influence me again. The shoch of the prison was the jolt that woke me up. However, when I started following him again I never told a person that I was acting undercover like an investigator. My brother and mother were under his undue influence and it would be no value for me to expose Divine to them - they wouldnt believe me anyhow.

In Jan. 1940 I got my first inkling that Divine was raping girls. It was an impossible job to educate any of his secretaries to my confidence for the next two years until a girl by the name of Carol Sweet came to him with her mother from Pasadena, Cal in 1942. We had professions in common as photographers. I would try and talk shop with her as much as possible. Other Divine secretaries would see us talking and tell Divine. He in turn would repremand her for talking to brothers. Then fear was built up in her mind and she was afraid someting would happen to her if she did talk with me.

About this time Divine had to get out of New York or go to jail if he did notpay Verinda Brown the $4600. We all moved to Philadelphia. A short time later Carol Sweet moved to Philadelphia too.

In the mean time between 1942 and 1948 I was Divines chief photographer and also photog and reporter for all the negro newspapers in Phila. I was laying a foundation to expose Divine by making myself familiar in newspaper circles. Not until 1948, I caught Carol Sweet at the psychological moment when Divine had played a dirty trick on her.

We had a special meeting place where I would give her newspaper assignments for photographs. I gave her an assignment and she broke down and cried, saying, Divine refused to let her make pictures of his wedding anniversary. I assured her that he had lied to me and did the same trickery. I asked her, "Carol, tell me, what is it all about on the inside, behind closed doors, I know what he is doing to the girls but I think you can wise me up". She said, "OK, ill tell you. I AM NOT A VIRGIN ANY MORE". I said, "One of the followers" She said, "No, F.D." I said, "You mean to tell me that Father Divine had intercourse with you". She said "Yes, he raped me the first time and I hurt for two weeks". Then she told me the whole story.

From that moment, after she told me, she would not stay in the movement. Within about four days she moved out with the help of a famous news reporter and newscaster and myself. I hide her at the home of another follower who ran away from him. Next morning I made her report to her doctor James L. Martin for a statement of her present condition.

I had a case to prove and did not dare to tell my mother or brother about it, so I moved out two weeks later salvaging everything I could.

From here on the newspapers tell the story.

Carol Sweet and I agreed to get married and put Divine out of business. Divine was furious. He should have been, because the secrets of his mystery was uncovered for the first time and he knew I would eventually bust him wide open. From here on Divine did everything he could to discredit and harass both of us. He called me an exconvict who raped a girls, and that he save me from life imprisonment. He had a publishing company state that I had syphilis, which I never had in my life; he predicted I would die within three years; he cursed me with everything his tongue could spit.

I made my report to the FBI - Carol and I both. Then K. M. Foust entered the picture.

So, after eleven years from 1937 to 1948 I had obtained the material evidence I was seeking. But, the mystery of how Father Divine controled my mind and minds of his followers to keep his secret operation under control I did not have the answer yet, so I held up on the story for a while. When the Post Office entered the picture I was ready to expose Divine and let the expose uncover his mystery.

However, it did not work out this way because I left for California where I have been for the past five years. During this time I have gone to hypnotic school,in Los Angeles and studied psychology, mental telepathy and psychic phenomena.

As of today, I stand in full understanding of all the mystery of Father Divine. It took a complete understanding of the Bible, as well as of Hypnosis. Supported by the material evidence from the girls he has raped, and the fear of death, cursings and retribution he imposses upon the minds of his followers. I can prove the whole case against him, and I am ready to GO, GO, GO.

Now you have the outline of the complete workings of Father Divine with the evidence and story of his mystery, which today, still exists as a mystery.

I am about to expose the whole thing, let the chips fly where they may.

Carol Sweet and I are taking the whole story to the american people through newspapers and magazines, eventually books. She will appeal to the mothers of this nation to write Sen. Estas Kefauver demanding a complete senate investigation of Father Divine. She is making a plea for mother to keep their children away from him so that he cannot rape any more children. She is also calling for all former followers to contact her who want to find their kin and what has happened to to their money and their dead bodies that have been lost under assumed names. She will submit to a lie detector test and also to a hypnotist to tape record the truth of Divines sex relation with her; the money she gave to him and all his underground operations. She will name 100 girls Divine has raped for them to submit to the same tests including Divine himself. I will submit to the same thing.

This whole story is now in the hands of a magazine who has already paid to print the story of the rape. The whole story is now in the hands of national chain of newspapers in a series of articles to be published just as soon as the copy is written.

Someone had better be on hand to keep Divine from skipping the country. The attorney general of Penna. had better be on hand to place all the teen-age girls that are wards of Divine, under the protection of the court before Divine hides them someplace.

Hells going to break loose when this story hits the street

Sincerely yours,

John W. Hunt

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6804 Sherwood Dr.
Knoxville, Tenn., March

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, FBI
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I have always suspicioned, the Negro "Father Devine" as being a crook. If it is true what I have just read about his harem of white girls, I think he should be hanged and quickly.

Recently a party told me I should read the magazine "CONFIDENTIAL" and I would open my eyes. I have just procured a copy and I cannot conceive of a country like our permitting such dastardly acts.

Recently I read of white girls being sold into slavery to harems in Arabia from another country in the southern part of Africa and that the United Nations was taking the matter up with France who is custodian of this country. The countries claimed it was a most henious crime, and this country was one of these favoring censoring and penalizing France for such acts being permitted.

It surely looks like we need a house cleaning at home before we can censor any other country for misdeeds as these. I cannot conceived of any cilivized country that would permit a Negro like Father Devine to get away with what he is doing.

He would have been long dead had he lived in the south. People in our section of the country would never have permitted such things to happen.

I hope and trust that you have long before now known about it and and also given the Negro his dues.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Yours truly,
C. B. Alexander
6804 Sherwood Dr.
Knoxville, Tenn.
C. B. Alexander

P.S.- The heading of the "Confidential" magazine, reads "Why the Army Hanged Emmitt Till"

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 21, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EDWARD SAMUEL ALLEN
1312 NINTH STREET, NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Captioned individual was interviewed by SA Hoxie of Crime Records Section upon referral from the Director's Office at 12:10 p.m., December 20, 1956. Allen advised that he is a former employee of the Justice Department and retired in 1953. Mr. Allen is a Negro and stated that he had stayed at hotels operated by Father Divine in Philadelphia and Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Allen furnished the May, 1956, issue of "Confidential" which contains an article concerning Divine captioned "I Was One of Father Divine's Angels!" plus issues of "The New Day" for December 8, 1956, and December 15, 1956. This newspaper features the works of Father Divine. Mr. Allen is concerned regarding the allegations of immorality and desires the FBI investigate Divine. Allen has no personal knowledge of any of the activities of Divine and stated that he is not a member of Father Divine's "flock." Mr. Allen was thanked for bringing this matter to the Bureau's attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

Enclosures

cc - Mr. Rosen
cc - Mr. Holloman

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/16/57

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81748)

SUBJECT: GEORGE BAKER, was: "God," Father Divine, Reverend M. J. Divine, Major J. Devine, Reverend J. Divine, M.J. Devine
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The following letter dated 12/4/57 was forwarded to the NYO by ERNEST A. LESHLEY, 1408 Overdale, Montreal 3, Quebec, Canada:

"1408 Overdale Ave (Apt 5)
Montreal 3, Que., Canada
Wednesday, Dec 4th 1957

"To The Chiefs and All
of the F.B.I. Agents of
New York City, U.S.A.

"Dear Chiefs

"I, Ernest, Albert, Leshley of the above address have NOW forwarded an IMPORTANT STUDY ON FATHER DIVINE, Mother Divine and ALL of their secretaries of their address, 764-772 South Broad Street, Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania of the United States of America, to the Chiefs of Detectives and Police of the No. 1 Police Station of New York City, and it behooves you Gentlemen, ALL of the Chiefs of Detectives and Police of America, ALL of the F.B.I. Agents and ALL Government Officials to get a COPY OF SAME.

"Most respectfully yours,

"Ernest A. Leshley.

"The MAN in Montreal, Canada whom the SECRET criminal Father Divine called Mr Gobel for more than 15 years, who gave him a 50 million dollar invention on "SOUND" for his Broad Street Church in Philadelphia, Pa., a little over 8 years ago."

"E.A.A.A.C.

"Chiefs, Kindly give this important information to all of the Newspaper Companies in America and tell them that I stand back of every word that I have said. E.A. Leshley."

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NY 100-81748

It is noted that LESHLEY is identical with the individual mentioned in NY teletype to the Bureau dated 4/26/56, entitled, "ERNEST ALBERT LESHLEY, THREAT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES." It would appear that from a perusal of the teletype of 4/26/56 and the letter set out above that LESHLEY is mentally ill and for this reason no acknowledgement has been made of the above letter.

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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson ( )
Mr. Belmont ( )
Mr. Mohr ( )
Mr. Nease ( )
Mr. Parsons ( )
Mr. Rosen ( )
Mr. Tamm ( )
Mr. Trotter ( )
Mr. W. C. Sullivan ( )
Mr. Holloman ( )
Miss Gandy ( )

See Me ( )
Note and Return ( )
Prepare Reply ( )
For Your Recommendation ( )
What are the facts? ( )
Remarks:

FATH A. DEVINE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/21/63

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-81748)(RUC)

SUBJECT: GEORGE BAKER aka
Father Divine, etc.
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, dated 1/25/63, captioned "ELIJAH MUHAMMAD; IS-NOI", copies to Chicago and Philadelphia (latter to [redacted], relative to information [redacted] claims to have on ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and will furnish only to the Attorney General. b7D

On 2/18/63, [redacted] telephonically contacted the NYO and advised that he desired to speak with agents and arrangements were made to meet with him on 2/19/63, on the possibility that he desired to furnish information on the data referred to in reairtel. U b7D

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3-Philadelphia (100-4838)(RM)
(1-105-4448)(TALIB DAWUD)
1-New York (105-37679)(TALIB DAWUD)(#31)
1-New York (100-138738)(ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)(#412)
1-New York (100-81748)

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On the latter date he was interviewed [redacted] in the presence of [redacted] by SAS ROBERT B. NADEAU and ARTHUR B. FULTON. b7D

[redacted] advised that he had very important "documented evidence" relative to Father DIVINE (true name GEORGE BAKER) and his "Kingdom" that involved him [redacted] stated that the full and complete details of all this information is in possession of one [redacted], who resides in Philadelphia and is the main source of [redacted] information. [redacted] explained that he was furnishing this information in New York City since both he and [redacted] were afraid to furnish it to local authorities [redacted] b7D

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[redacted] then went into a long detailed account of Father DIVINE's life, similar to the background set out in the report on subject by SA JOHN J. MANNING, dated 10/3/46, at NY, copy to Philadelphia. He added that Father DIVINE was missing from about 1949 to December, 1952 and he offered the premise that the person who returned in 1952, as Father DIVINE, was not really BAKER but an imposter. b7D

He then went into the story of the mysterious deaths in Philadelphia around December, 1952 and January, 1953 of two of Father DIVINE's followers. Namely, MARY HUNT aka Mary Birdtree (an elderly white woman and the [redacted] of Father DIVINE's Kingdom), and SARA MOORE aka Sara Love (an elderly Negro woman), and the falsification of the death certificate of HUNT in which her race was falsely shown as Negro. [redacted] (and apparently [redacted]) opinion is that in December, 1952, HUNT recognized the returned Father DIVINE as an imposter and was done away with by the imposter and/or his followers to keep her from talking. HUNT's death certificate was b7D

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changed to show her as a Negro in order to hide the body to keep it from being exhumed since her death was listed as natural, and MOORE was done away with so there would be a Negro body to aid in the subterfuge. This all was brought out in an investigation by QUEEN in 1956 and published in the "Pittsburgh Courier" that year, which publication brought about an investigation by local Philadelphia authorities under Assistant District Attorney TOM REID. According to [redacted] this investigation was whitewashed [redacted] b7D

[redacted] went on to describe Father DIVINE's Mission in Philadelphia as a place of perversion and narcotics addiction based on information furnished by [redacted] people on the street, and by personal observation of "glassy eyed" followers of Father DIVINE who appeared to be "hopped up". [redacted] claimed that all of this activity of Father DIVINE is hushed up through the efforts of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] appeared to be fanatical in his desire to "clean up" the "Father Divine situation" in Philadelphia and was under the impression that the FBI would immediately contact [redacted] and start an investigation of Father DIVINE. [redacted] even furnished leads and questions to the interviewing agents that should be "immediately" investigated and resolved. During the interview he had before him copious notes and old magazine articles relative to Father DIVINE and although he always spoke in a soft voice, he became, on occasion, quite wide-eyed and excited. Also, on occasion, [redacted] would add something and would be loud and excited to the point where [redacted] would tell [redacted] sit down and be quiet. He also stated that if [redacted] was contacted in Philadelphia, he should not be contacted in his office since [redacted] also works there. b7D

[redacted] was advised that none of the things he mentioned involved a violation of federal law within the jurisdiction of the FBI, and if there was any violation it would be within the jurisdiction of local Philadelphia authorities. To this he replied that they (Philadelphia authorities) already knew all about this and refused to do anything about it because of [redacted] influence. b7D

In regard to the information he claims that he has on NOI leader ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, [redacted] reiterated his position that he would only furnish it to the Attorney General. However, he did state that he had information (from a source he would not reveal) that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is [redacted] in the near future. b7D

No further contact is comtemplated with [redacted] by the NYO and this is being furnished the Bureau and Chicago for their information, and to Philadelphia for whatever action they deem advisable. b7D

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December 16, 1970

Mrs. S. A. Divine
Palace Mission, Inc.
Woodmont Estate
Gladwyne, Pennsylvania 19035

Dear Mrs. Divine: MOTHER

While I very much appreciate the kind invitation in your letter of December 14th to be your guest at a Holy Communion Banquet Service at a time of my choosing, I regret it will not be possible for me to do so.

Even if tentative arrangements were made at this time, it is not probable that I would be able to appear. Experience has shown that the uncertain nature of my official schedule, coupled with the day-to-day demands upon my time, precludes my accepting any additional commitments. I am sorry I will not be able to be with you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mrs. S. A. Divine is not identifiable in Bufiles. Father M. J. Divine was well known as a Negro religious leader. He was the subject of a Security Matter - Communist investigation during the 1940's based on contacts and cooperation with the Communist Party.

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PHONE: LAWRENCE 5-5598

December 14, 1970, A.D.F.D.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
4936 30th Place
Washington, D. C. 20008

My dear Mr. Hoover:

As one whom I believe needs no introduction to Reverend M. J. Divine, Better known as Father Divine, and The Peace Mission Movement, I Am taking the liberty of writing you for the purpose of extending you an invitation to be My guest at a Holy Communion Banquet Service at a time convenient to you.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

Presently I Am residing at the Woodmont Estate in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia, where The Shrine to the Life and Works of Father Divine has recently been completed. I would be happy for you to join us at Woodmont for Banquet or if you would prefer arrangements may be made to receive you at one of our Churches in Philadelphia.

If you would prefer your visit to be for your personal edification and enjoyment, with no undue publicity, this could be arranged. On the other hand, if you would like to address a large congregation of followers and friends arrangements could be made to this end.

During these days of turbulence and unrest with no apparent solution in sight, I believe that

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such a visit by you would be beneficial in many ways.

Thus with sincere best wishes for all of your righteous endeavors and with the hope that your reply will be one of acceptance, I remain

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. S. A. Divine

MRS. S. A. DIVINE
(Better known as MOTHER DIVINE)

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