

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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September 30, 1939

Time: 5:20 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: FRITZ KUHN

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I called the New York Office and informed Agent [redacted] that information had been received yesterday that two Assistant United States Attorneys were initiating an investigation of Fritz Kuhn, and that you therefore would like to have on your desk by nine o'clock Monday morning the details of the move against Kuhn with particular reference to the type of material that is to be used, the charge to be made against Kuhn, et cetera.

[redacted] wanted to know if there would be any objection to contacting U. S. Attorney Cahill for the information. I advised there would be no objection to this procedure but that if Mr. Cahill asks for any investigative assistance, he should be informed that the Bureau has submitted very complete reports on Kuhn to the Department and are all a matter of record in the Criminal Division, and that consequently the Bureau is not going to duplicate its work on Kuhn.

Time: 12:55 p.m.

October 1, 1939

Mr. Foxworth called with reference to my conversation with [redacted]

He stated that last Friday Bruno Schackner and Samuel Reiss, Assistant United States Attorneys, contacted Agent [redacted] about the proposed investigation and advised that despite the fact that they are Jewish, they had orders from the front office to make a thorough inquiry into the Fritz Kuhn matter and let the chips fall where they may. Schackner stated he had gone over the reports on the perjury case submitted by the Bureau to the U. S. Attorney and indicated he did not have much faith in Kuhn's story about the criminal record. [redacted] advised Schackner the Bureau had furnished all the reports on the perjury case and that only one lead had not been covered, the same being in the jurisdiction of the Boston Office.

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MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[] was further informed that the Assistants are going to branch out into all of Kuhn's activities. Mention was made of [] Christian Mobilizer, to which [] made no comment. These men suggested to [] that Correa is directly in charge of the investigation and that Mr. Foxworth probably would want to discuss further investigation in the case with Mr. Correa. Upon receiving this advice, Mr. Foxworth had Agent [] call Supervisor [] at the Bureau, who stated he would discuss the matter with me.

I advised Mr. Foxworth that [] had submitted a memorandum to me but that I did not know of anything that was to have been taken up with me. Mr. Foxworth stated that as yet no request has been made for an investigation. I directed his attention to the fact that [] had been instructed to advise Mr. Cahill in the event a request for investigation was made that the Bureau has completed the investigation of Kuhn and referred copies of all the reports to the Criminal Division. According to Mr. Foxworth, Agent [] informed the two Assistants that an investigation of Kuhn had been made at the Department's request and that the Bureau had no authority to pass on any further information that could be obtained from the Department directly. Agent [] also was requested for any suggestions as to the investigation and he stated he had no suggestions. b7C

Assistant [] also informed Agent [] that they intend to talk to Kuhn and some of the others and that if they refuse to talk, they will be taken before a grand jury.

Mr. Foxworth stated he had been deliberately staying away from both Cahill and Correa on the assumption they would ask for further investigation. I then pointed out to Foxworth that he has a legitimate reason for talking to Cahill since the Assistants have made the suggestion that he, Foxworth, might want to talk to Correa, and suggested that he call either Correa or Cahill and endeavor to ascertain the details of the proposed investigation so that they might be sent to you in a memorandum this evening by air mail special and be available at nine o'clock in the morning. He then stated he had been unable to contact either and I instructed him to continue his efforts to see Cahill or Correa.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

For your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter dated October 1, 1939 from the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office of the Bureau concerning the activities of Assistant United States Attorneys Bruno Schachner and Samuel Reis of the Southern District of New York in connection with Fritz Kuhn.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Ladd.....
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

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New York, N. Y.
October 1, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRITZ KUHN

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Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

On September 28, 1939 Assistant United States Attorney Bruno Schachner discussed with Special Agent [redacted] of this office an inquiry which Mr. Schachner and another Assistant United States Attorney, Samuel Reis, proposed to make concerning Fritz Kuhn. These two assistants told Special Agent [redacted] that they had been instructed by the "front office", meaning United States Attorney John T. Cahill, and his assistant Mathias Correa, to make a thorough inquiry into the Fritz Kuhn matter.

They stated that despite the fact that they were Jewish they intended to make a thorough inquiry into the matter, and had been instructed "to let the chips fall where they may". Schachner desired to discuss the investigation made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the case entitled "Fritz Kuhn, Perjury." In this particular case copies of all the reports had been furnished to the United States Attorney's office at the time the investigation was made, and these reports had been reviewed by Mr. Schachner.

Mr. Schachner stated that he did not think much of the perjury case, nor of the allegations made by complainant Spitz in that case. Agent [redacted] told Schachner that they had received copies of all the reports in that case, and that the investigation had been completed, with the exception of one lead pending in the Boston Office, which was for the purpose of making a further contact with a person interviewed in that district who had offered to endeavor to secure some information from a contact in Germany concerning Kuhn's criminal record.

During the conference the Assistant United States Attorneys indicated that they would branch out into everything with which Kuhn had been connected. They also mentioned [redacted] the Christian Mobilizers.

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Letter to Director

October 1, 1939.

They further informed Agent [] that Assistant United States Attorney Mathias Correa was directly in charge of the inquiry, and that it was their intention to call Fritz Kuhn to the office, as well as other associates of Kuhn, at which time they would question them, and if Kuhn and his associates refused to talk, it was then their intention to take them before the Grand Jury.

It appeared that they had no definite violation in mind, but were making an inquiry to ascertain if they could discover anything, in other words, "a fishing expedition." The Assistants wanted to know if Agent [] could give them any suggestions as to their further investigation, or if the Federal Bureau of Investigation had any further information on Fritz Kuhn.

Agent [] advised them that the Bureau had conducted an investigation on Kuhn in connection with a possible violation of the Registration Act, which investigation had been made at the request of the Department, and that the reports thereon had been furnished directly to the Department, and so far as the Bureau was concerned it was felt that since the investigation was made at the request of the Department, the Department itself would have to pass the information on to the Assistants.

In talking with the Assistants, they suggested to Agent [] that I might want to talk with Assistant United States Attorney Correa concerning their inquiry, however, Mr. Correa has not communicated with this office, or made any request for investigation concerning this matter.

After the above conference, Agent [] during a telephone conversation with [] of the Bureau, informed him of the inquiry which had been made by the Assistants, and [] in turn stated that he would take the matter up with Mr. Tamm of the Bureau.

I have tried unsuccessfully throughout the day to reach Assistant United States Attorney Mathias Correa. I did speak with United States Attorney John T. Cahill, and he told me frankly that he did not know what the complete story was, other than that there had been some charge of a violation of perjury made; that he did not know whether the allegation concerning that violation came from the State Department or elsewhere, and further, that he did not know just what the status of the inquiry being made by his assistants was at this time.

Letter to Director

October 1, 1939.

So far as Mr. Cahill knew, the perjury matter was the only thing which his assistants were considering, and he did not indicate that any other matter would be considered.

I shall endeavor to contact Mr. Correa either later tonight or the first thing tomorrow morning, at which time the Bureau will be telegraphically furnished with any additional information secured from him as to the purpose of the activities of the Assistant United States Attorneys.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
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P. E. FOXWORTH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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RE FRITZ KUHN PERJURY. ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY MATTHIAS CORREA ADVISED
ASSISTANT US ATTORNEYS AT THIS TIME REVIEWING REPORTS SUBMITTED IN
PERJURY MATTER ONLY AND THAT HE IS YET UNDECIDED AS TO WHAT IF ANY
FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN THIS CASE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 61-3

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 10-3-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-3-39	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div> WLD
TITLE NAZI CAMPS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA			CHARACTER OF CASE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>Investigation in this case conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, is being set out under title "FRITZ KUHN -- Perjury; Immigration; Naturalization," Bureau file 61-7594.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Reference: Letter from New York City office dated September 19, 1939; Copy of Bureau letter dated September 30, 1939, to the New York City office (61-7594 and 61-7591).</p> <p>Details: Prior to receipt of the Cleveland copy of the letter of reference from the Bureau to the New York City office, the above-captioned case had been reopened and an investigation conducted at Cleveland, Ohio, which is now being reported under the title of "FRITZ KUHN; Perjury; Immigration; Naturalization," Bureau file number 61-7594.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p> </div> <div style="width: 25%; text-align: right; vertical-align: top;"> <p>b7C</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">ORIGINAL FILED IN 61-7594-17</p> </div> </div>			
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York, N. Y.**

FILE NO. **74-2**

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 10-3-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-30-39	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> VLD
TITLE FRITZ KUHN			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY; NATURALIZATION -- IMMIGRATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRITZ KUHN, leader
of German-American Bund,

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Reference:

Copy of Bureau letter dated September 30, 1939, addressed to New York City office (61-7594 and 61-7591).

Details:

Prior to the receipt of reference Bureau letter the following investigation had been conducted by the reporting agent:

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[redacted] Agent contacted [redacted]
[redacted] safety director of the city of Cleveland, and was
advised by him that he recently conducted an investigation regarding
[redacted] for the
office of District Attorney DEWEY of New York City, and at the lat-
ter's request [redacted]

Inasmuch as the report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated at Miami, September 15, 1939, contains information concerning
an interview with [redacted] no further lead is being set out by this
office to again interview her [redacted]

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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September 30, 1939

61-7594

61-7591

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: **PETER KERN; PERSON;
REGISTRATION, INTERNATIONAL;
Bureau File Number 61-7594**

**GERMAN-AMERICAN BOND;
REGISTRATION - AGENTS OF
FOREIGN PRINCIPALS;
Bureau File Number 61-7593**

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Dear Sir:

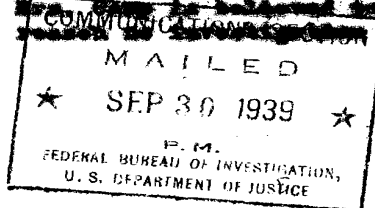
The attention of the New York Office is directed to its letter to the Cleveland, Ohio, Office dated September 19, 1939, in the case entitled "GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES - Subversive Activities; (Bureau File 61-7593)". It is noted that the New York Office requested the Cleveland Office to conduct an investigation with reference to [redacted]

The attention of the New York Office is also directed to the fact that [redacted] of the investigation concerning Fritz Kuhn and [redacted] has been in either of the files noted above. It is therefore desired that hereafter, unless there would appear to be some good reason to the contrary, interviews with [redacted] be consolidated in the above captioned files.

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Furthermore, the attention of the New York Bureau of Investigation is directed to a letter from the Bureau to the Miami, Florida, Office dated September 24, 1939, in the two above captioned cases, a copy of which was furnished to the New York, Los Angeles, Omaha, and Detroit Offices. For the information of the Cleveland Office, copies of that letter are being transmitted herewith. It is noted that [redacted] is believed to be located in Miami, Florida, for which reason an investigation should be performed by the Cleveland Office.



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September 30, 1939

until the investigation requested of the Miami Office in the Bureau's letter of September 26, 1939, has been completed.

In the event [] is not located in Miami, the Miami Office should take appropriate steps to inform the Cleveland Office so that an attempt to locate [] might be made in the Cleveland area.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Miami
Cleveland (Enclosure)

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

PEF:MT

New York, N. Y.
October 6, 1939.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRITZ KUHN
Perjury.

Dear Sir:

Assistant United States Attorney Bruno Schachner called me on the telephone yesterday and stated that recently he had spoken to Special Agent [] at which time he had requested whatever material the FBI might have concerning Fritz Kuhn of the German American Bund, etc., and that at that time Agent [] had promised to send the material to the United States Attorney's office, after first clearing Schachner's request with me.

I told Mr. Schachner that Agent [] had spoken to me about the matter, and that the only case which we had on Fritz Kuhn where the investigation had been conducted at the request of the United States Attorney was that entitled "Fritz Kuhn, Perjury", and in that case copies of all reports had been furnished to the United States Attorney's office.

I further advised Mr. Schachner that we had made certain other investigations which had been made at the request of officials of the Department, and it was a policy of long standing in the Bureau that when investigations were made upon the specific request of Department officials, we did not release copies of the reports to the United States Attorneys unless Departmental authorization was given to do so. I told Mr. Schachner that it would be my suggestion that he communicate with the Department directly concerning the results of any investigation other than the perjury investigation which had been conducted. He indicated that he would do this.

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Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

PEF:MT

New York, N. Y.
October 13, 1939.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ⁰FRITZ KUHN
Perjury.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three copies
of a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent
[redacted] concerning a visit of Special Agent
[redacted] of the Special Intelligence Unit of
the Treasury Department to this office, in reference
to the above entitled matter. The memorandum of
Agent [redacted] is self explanatory.

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Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

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October 11, 1939.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Re: FRITZ KUHN
PERJURY; IMMIGRATION, NATURALIZATION.

Special Agent [] of the Special Intelligence Unit of the Treasury Department, called on Special Agent [] of this Office today, and stated that he was working with Assistant United States Attorney, SAMUEL REIS, on an investigation of FRITZ KUHN and the GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND, and that REIS had requested him to obtain information from the DIES COMMITTEE report concerning FRITZ KUHN'S income tax return or financial affairs as indicated by KUHN'S testimony.

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The hearings had been covered by an agent of the Special Intelligence Unit who furnished to [] notes of references by KUHN to such matters.

KUHN apparently testified to the effect that the F.B.I. had made a thorough investigation of his affairs down to the last penny and it was in the light of this testimony that [] was sent to this office by Mr. REIS.

In conversation, Agent [] was informed that the BUND had several affiliated activities such as the GERMAN-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT LEAGUE, and the GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND AUXILIARY. These two presumably owning the camps at Yaphank and Andover. He was already familiar with the D.K.V. Pursuing this line of conversation [] finally stated that Mr. REIS was apparently on a fishing expedition and expected to use the Special Intelligence Unit Agent to dig up information for him, and while he did not make any comment he did not appear to be particularly enthused over this investigation. []

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[] was informed that this office has no information whatsoever concerning the financial affairs of the BUND or FRITZ KUHN.

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[]
Special Agent.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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October 13, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN EDGAR HOOVER,
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

The Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Labor has recently forwarded to this Division a set of facts concerning one Fritz Kuhn, requesting an opinion as to whether or not such facts would warrant the institution of an action to cancel Mr. Kuhn's certificate of naturalization.

The basis for such an action, if any is instituted, would probably be the alleged conviction of Kuhn of a crime involving moral turpitude, namely, larceny, in Munich, Germany, in 1920 or 1921. The only evidence apparently available to sustain this charge are affidavits executed by Reinhold Spitz of 475 Central Park West, Manhattan, New York City, and his wife, Mrs. Frieda Spitz, of the same address.

To aid this Division in considering this question, it is requested that you forward any information which you may have in your files regarding the reliability of Mr. and Mrs. Spitz.

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O. JOHN ROGGE,
Assistant Attorney General.

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October 31, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROGGE

Reference is made to your memorandum of October 13, 1939, your reference GJR:FXW:nk 38-51-2212, in which you inquire for information concerning Reinhold Spitz.

Please be advised that a review of the Bureau files discloses that all pertinent information concerning Reinhold Spitz has already been furnished to your Division. The data regarding Spitz are contained in the following reports of Special Agent [redacted] entitled FRITZ KUHN; PERJURY; IMMIGRATION; NATURALIZATION:

Report dated May 8, 1939, at New York
City

Report dated June 9, 1939, at New York
City

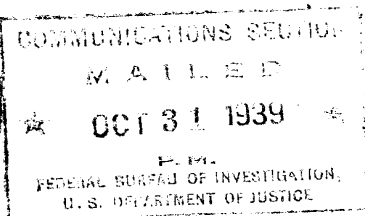
Report dated June 14, 1939, at New York
City

Report dated July 24, 1939, at New York
City.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Origin: NEW YORK, N. Y. Miami File No.: 74-31 RB
Report Made At: Date When Made: Period: Report Made By:
Miami, Florida 10/16/39 10/11/39 [redacted]
Title: Character of Case.
FRITZ KUHN PERJURY; NATURALIZATION --
IMMIGRATION.

SYNOPSIS:

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Miami Field Division dated 9/26/39.

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DETAILS: AT MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA.

Inquiries were made by the writer at [redacted]

[redacted]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA, will make further effort to locate [redacted]

[redacted]

Approved and
Forwarded:

J. V. Vincent

Special Agent in Charge

OCT 20 1939

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[redacted] for interview as requested in Bureau letter under b7C
date of September 26, 1939.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, if information in the file in this case
in the New York Office indicates possible addresses of [redacted]
[redacted] in New York City, it is suggested an effort be made to locate
her and, if located, she should be interviewed as requested in Bureau
letter under date of September 26, 1939, addressed to the Miami Office,
a copy of which was designated for the New York Office.

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November 3, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Philadelphia office to the Bureau under personal and confidential cover dated October 14, 1939, styled **FRIIS ELM; SCANDINAVIAN ACTIVITIES**. It is desired that henceforth this matter be styled **SCANDINAVIAN BOND; REGISTRATION - SOURCE OF FOREIGN PRINCIPALS**, Bureau file number 61-7594, of which the New York office is the office of origin.

For the information of the Detroit office copies of the letter from the Philadelphia office are attached to its copies of this letter. Copies of the translation of the postal card mentioned in the letter of the Philadelphia office are attached hereto for all offices receiving this letter.

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It is desired that the Philadelphia office immediately institute an investigation through _____

_____ to determine the origin of this postal card and to ascertain definitely, if possible, whether the card was actually written by Fritz Elm.

It is suggested that the New York office may be of some assistance in this matter.

The Detroit office is likewise instructed to make efforts to obtain known handwriting specimens of Fritz Elm so that the same may be compared with the photostatic copies of the postal card, which was furnished by the Philadelphia office to the Bureau.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Miss Gandy _____

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

16 October 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRITZ KUHN;
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

On October 9, 1939, [redacted] telephonically advised that he had in his possession a postal card written by FRITZ KUHN, and requested that an agent contact him with regard to the same. On the same date Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] in his chambers at 311 Customs House, and [redacted] stated that he had received from [redacted] State Court No. 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a postal card concerning which he had called the Philadelphia office. .

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[redacted] further stated that [redacted] had obtained this postal card from one [redacted] [redacted] further stated that he desired the return of the postal card as soon as possible, so that the same might be returned to [redacted]

Photostatic copies of the postal card have been made, and two positive photostats are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau, one photostatic copy of the same is being forwarded herewith to the New York office, and the fourth and negative copies are being retained in the files of the Philadelphia office.

No further investigative activity will be conducted in connection with this matter, unless the Bureau so advises.

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Very truly yours,

W. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 21 1939

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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cc: [redacted]
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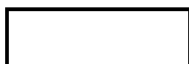
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Postcard address



City of N. Y. October 2, 39

Dear



As you know (?) I have been put in jail through the
Jews. I will make you Fuehrer (Leader) of the Gestapo here in
this part of the country if you send me 3,000. If not I will
report you to my friend Adolph. Ask your employer or friends
how you ..(can, probably omitted) rush me money.

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Heil Hitler

Fritz Kuhn

Tombs N.Y.

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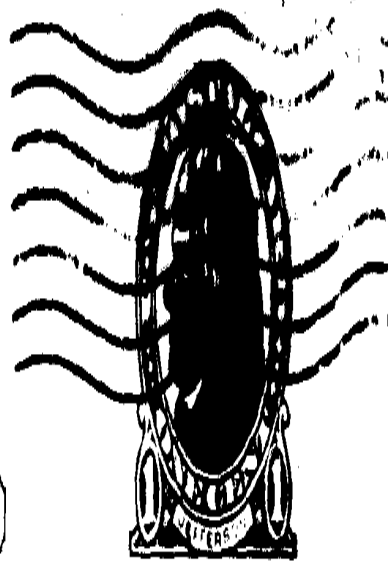
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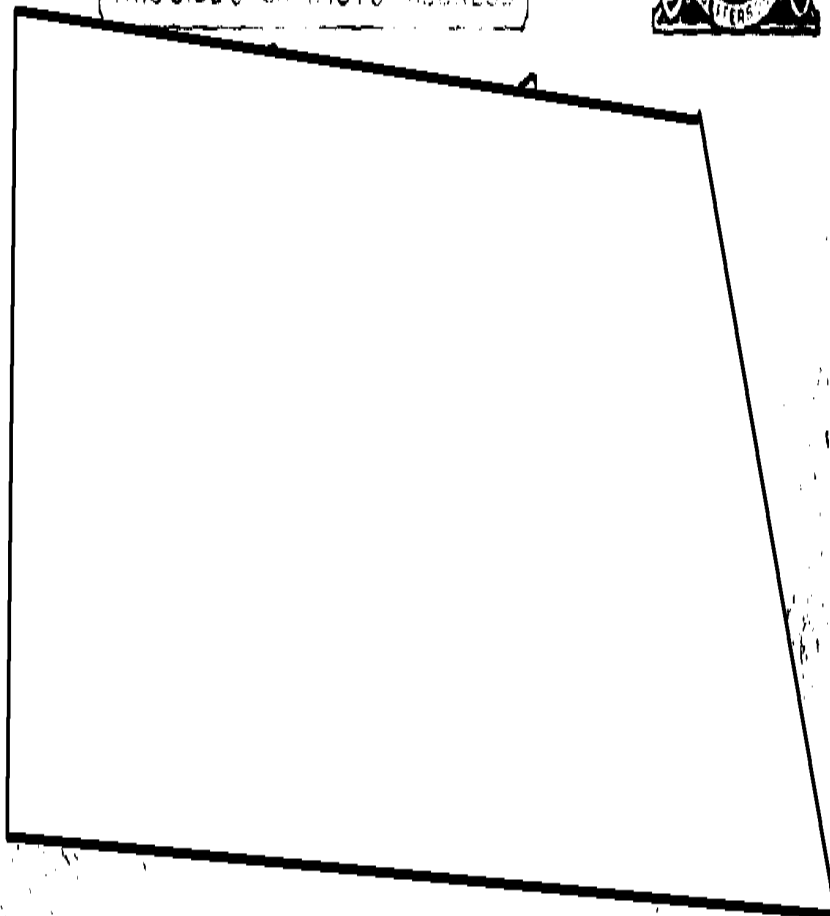
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Wie du fühlst bin ich in
 Gefahr und in Gefahr.
 Ich habe dich zu Führen
 und Gestalt hier zu Grunde
 wenn du mir 3,000 \$ schickst
 wenn nicht werden ich dich
 melden. by meinem Freund
 Adolph. Frage deine Arbeit
 über oder Fremden
 fast um Geld.
 Heil Hitler
 vom Fest Kuhn
 N. Ziffer Tombs Central
 N. Y.

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NEW YORK.--FRITZ KUNZ has named his successor in case anything happens to him, it was learned today.
"WHETHER I GO TO JAIL OR NOT, THIS IS GOING TO BE MY SUCCESSOR," he said, with his arm around the shoulders of vice bund leader G. W. KUNZE.
KUNZE FORMERLY WAS NATIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR FOR THE BUND.
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 23, 1939

AR:TEB

Time 4:55 p. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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[] of the Criminal Division called relative to the matter contained in the attached memoranda dated October 23, 1939.

[] stated the Attorney General told him he has spoken to Mr. Hoover numerous times about obtaining all possible information relative to Fritz Kuhn, William Dudley Pelley and Earl Browder. [] stated he just wanted to mention that if we have any information relative to these individuals to forward same to the Department as soon as possible.

I told [] I had explained to [] who called me at [] request, that long ago the Bureau turned over everything we had on these individuals.

He stated the Attorney General is very much concerned about William Dudley Pelley and thinks that something can be done in this connection to put a stop to Pelley. [] said he told the Attorney General the Department has been furnished all information in the Bureau's possession relative to Pelley. I told [] a complete story was obtained from Pelley and submitted to the Department at which time it was indicated that the Bureau would do nothing further; that the recipients of Pelley's publications, which he sent through the mails, would not be interviewed unless so directed by the Criminal Division. [] stated the libel angle can be disregarded.

I told [] that the Bureau conducted an extensive survey to obtain all pertinent information relative to Pelley, Kuhn and Browder. I told him a memorandum containing some additional information will be forwarded today to the Criminal Division.

I told him I understood he now wants a complete transcript of the testimony, to date, given before the Dies Committee. He stated Mr. Dies called and stated he was satisfied the Communists had violated the registration matter and that he had a transcript which would gladly be furnished to the Department. I told [] soon as I could obtain the transcript it would be sent to him.

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I subsequently called [] and advised him that inasmuch as Congressman Dies had offered a transcript of the testimony to the Department and that the Attorney General had requested the Department to obtain the transcript that it was suggested he obtain the copy.

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He stated that he would obtain the copy of the transcript.

Respectfully,



A. ROSEN

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

AR:COH

Time: 4:15 p.m.

October 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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[redacted] of the Department called upon [redacted] request and stated that the Attorney General has directed that a copy of the transcript of evidence which has been taken by the Dies Committee be obtained. Congressman Dies offered in a letter written to the Attorney General a few days ago to turn such data over to the Department. [redacted] stated he has prepared a reply to the Congressman's letter but that the Attorney General wants the transcript obtained immediately. [redacted] was not sure as to just what information the committee would release to the Department but stated to obtain all that will be furnished. I told [redacted] that the Attorney General's request would be acted upon immediately.

With reference to [redacted] call of this morning requesting any possible information on Browder, Kuhn and others, I inquired of [redacted] if it were not his understanding that the Bureau had not furnished the Department all available information on these individuals. He answered in the affirmative.

[redacted] requested that when obtained the transcript be furnished [redacted]

Respectfully,

A. Rosen
A. ROSEN

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

AR:COH

Time: 11:40 a.m.

October 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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[redacted] of the Criminal Division telephoned in your absence and stated the Attorney General had requested that he call you in connection with Earl Browder, Pelley, Kuhn and others.

[redacted] stated he had informed the Attorney General that from the information available, they had been unable to establish a violation of any statute by these men. With reference to the statement that we are going to proceed against Kuhn for having obtained a fraudulent passport, [redacted] stated that this angle has been run out pretty thoroughly in the last ten days with the result that nothing has been found to support a violation. According to [redacted] the only thing the State Department has on Kuhn is a case in 1927, the outcome of which was that there was insufficient evidence to prosecute.

I advised [redacted] that in accordance with the Attorney General's request, all information received in the Bureau regarding the individuals in question had been submitted to the Department just as soon as received. In answer to my inquiry as to specific information in which he is interested, [redacted] stated that he would like to have anything concerning the passport angle and any information available concerning any of the individuals. I told him again that all of the information received by the Bureau on Browder, Pelley, Kuhn and the others had been submitted to the Department but that there might have been something received within the last few days and that I would check to see that this information, if received, was submitted to the Department immediately.

Respectfully,

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Director has long ago all
over to the crim div. all
of our information relating
to these people and has
urged an early decision
En 10 23/39

October 30, 1959

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W. S. DEVERE
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, N.Y.
November 2, 1939.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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12-30-03 MCT/1/16

Re: NAZI ACTIVITIES IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Dear Sir:

Developments in connection with the matter of FRITZ KUHN and the German American Bund as revealed by the local press indicate that the answer filed by Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc. to the suit for damages filed against the corporation by FRITZ KUHN alleged that the German American Bund of which KUHN is President was conceived and originated by the Nazi Government and functioned under that Government's direction. This was published in the New York Times of September 6, 1939. The same paper on September 6, 1939, published a news item from Wichita, Kansas, to the effect that MAX and LOUIS LEVAND, publishers of The Wichita Beacon had telegraphed a plea to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins asking that FRITZ KUHN and other Bund leaders be deported. A dispatch from Sellersville, Pa. published in the New York Sun of September 6, 1939, states that the authorities at that town were concerned over the ill feeling developing between the local residents and the members of the nearby German American Bund Camp. Buildings in the camp had been stormed and signs stolen. All of this happened after FRITZ KUHN had told a rally at the meeting place that ADOLF HITLER could lick the world.

On September 8, 1939, FRITZ KUHN is stated by the press to have issued a formal statement to the effect that the Bund is in agreement with the President's statement that the sympathies of an individual remain his right and expressed his sympathy for Germany and the present European conflict. He insisted, however, that the Bund is pledged to a position of strict United States neutrality and that it would fight for rigid enforcement of the Arms Embargo. The statement was made to the effect that the Roosevelt Administration had a pro-British bias; also that the Bund is satisfied that the Athenia was sunk on orders of the First Lord of the British Admiralty.

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On September 26, 1939, the New York Times carried an article to the effect that the House Committee investigating un-American activities had reached a unanimous decision to seek perjury and possibly contempt indictments against FRITZ KUHN, head of the Bund. This decision was reached after contradictory evidence was offered by GERHART H. SEGER, a former Social Democrat member of the German Reichstag and now the publisher of the German American weekly, Neue Volkszeitung at New York City.

With reference to the arrest of KUHN by the New York County authorities which has been previously reported, it was noted that \$50,000 cash bond was posted on Saturday, October 11, 1939.

The trial of FRITZ KUHN was scheduled for October 30, 1939, according to a news item published on October 7, 1939. On October 8, 1939, KUHN spoke at the German American Bund Camp at Andover, N.J. and is stated to have mentioned the Germans were being persecuted in this country.

He also thanked the members for their efforts in raising the fund to post the \$50,000 bond for him. Apparently as a result of this talk at Andover, KUHN was brought before Judge CORNELIUS F. COLLINS of General Sessions on October 10, 1939, and told that he must remain within New York State until the date of his trial which was then still scheduled for October 30, 1939. His attorneys at that time promised that he would remain within the State. On October 11, 1939, a special panel of 200 talesmen was selected from which the jury to try FRITZ KUHN would be picked. On October 13, 1939, KUHN made two motions in General Sessions Court in connection with his indictment, the first demanding that THOMAS E. DEWEY's Office be stayed from subpoenaing more witnesses against KUHN before the Grand Jury on the theft charges since KUHN already was under indictment; and the second was to quash subpoenas for three of KUHN's lawyers, DAHAM KALENDARIAN, ANTHONY J. ARMORE and WILBUR V. KEEGAN. Both of these motions were promptly refused by Judge SAUL S. STREIT.

A Defense Fund is being raised by the Bund and a recent issue of the official publication of the Bund stated that contributions were to be sent to the City Hall Tavern Hall, a restaurant at 754 Palisades Avenue, Union City, N.J. On October 16, 1939, Judge STREIT ordered in General Sessions order three officers of the German

American Bund and one of the attorneys for KUHN to appear before the Additional October New York County Grand Jury and answer questions put to them about the Bund. This action was taken by Judge STREET after these individuals had hesitated about answering questions.

These persons were [REDACTED]

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On October 17, 1939, the German American Bund started circulating some 500,000 leaflets begging for funds for the defense of KUHN who, it was stated, had been arrested on September 30, 1939, and released on October 7, 1939, after his associates had posted a \$50,000 bail bond.

A Washington dispatch of October 18, 1939, stated that KUHN was to make another appearance before the Dies Committee on the following day at Washington. Judging from the press accounts it would appear that he came before the Dies Committee on October 19th, and at that time stated he was not a Nazi. He also stated that the Bund is still fighting the Communists in this country although it wholly approves the new Russo-German Pact.

On October 20, 1939, Supreme Court Justice JULIUS MILLER reserved decision on an application by KUHN for permission to inspect the official records relating to the jury drawn to try him. The New York Times of October 22, 1939, carries an article to the effect that KUHN had sent a letter of protest to Congressman DIES charging him with having broken faith with KUHN by making public the names and addresses of Bund Unit Leaders throughout the United States. On October 21, 1939, at Union City, N.J., [REDACTED] of the Eastern Department of the Bund, stated that approximately one-half of the \$50,000 bail raised for the release of KUHN was an outright donation and would be used when cancelled as a nucleus of a National Defense Fund.

On October 25, 1939, the New York Times carried an article to the effect that Judge JAMES GARRITY WALLACE in General Sessions on the previous day had granted a motion of KUHN's attorney for a postponement of the opening of KUHN's grand larceny trial until November 9, 1939.

On October 25, 1939, the New York Sun carried an article from Seattle, Washington, to the effect that the Seattle Unit of the German American Bund had dissolved, according to information given out by PAUL STOLL, who had been named as a leader of that unit in testimony before the Dies Committee. The information set out briefly in the news item would indicate that it might be advisable for the Seattle Office to interview [] for information in connection with the Registration Act investigation and other information pertaining to the German American Bund and its activities, at least in that part of the country.

On October 30, 1939, the New York Sun carried an article to the effect that the German American Bund and its leader, KUHN, were under investigation by a Federal Grand Jury on income taxes and other serious charges according to a statement given out by United States Attorney John T. Cahill.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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To

61-7560-3500*

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, N. Y.

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November 9, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: FRITZ KUHN;
Perjury
Naturalization-Immigration.

Dear Sir:

On November 1, 1939, Assistant U. S. Attorney Dunnigan of the Southern District of New York delivered to this office a special delivery envelope postmarked Grand Central Annex, N. Y., 10-31-39, 8 P.M. This special delivery envelope was addressed to "Mr. John T. Cahill, U.S. Attorney, ~~Key~~ Square, New York," and there was enclosed in this envelope another envelope addressed to "German Consulate General 17 Battery Place, NY City," postmarked Church St. Annex. N. Y., 10-28-39, 11 A.M., bearing the notation This second envelope addressed to the German Consulate General contained seven newspaper clippings as follows:

1. Photograph of a barge on which three dismantled airplanes are being transported.
2. Newspaper clipping containing an article entitled "Glass Brands Hitler 'Wretched'" by William B. Ardery under a Washington, D.C. dateline of Oct. 29th. This clipping bears a notation written in ink which is in the German language and translated by Special Agent Friedeman of this office reads "This one also must go."
3. A newspaper clipping bearing a Washington, D. C. dateline of Oct. 28th entitled "House Weighs Greater Navy for Atlantic."
4. A newspaper clipping entitled "Dies to Speak at Garden Meeting," bearing a notation written in ink in the German language which translated by Agent Friedeman reads "Also this one."
5. Newspaper clipping showing a photograph entitled "German Prisoners in England."
6. A newspaper clipping showing a photograph of Governor Lehman of New York.

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7. A newspaper clipping entitled "Charge Sabotage at Naval Station" bearing a Providence, R.I. dateline of Oct. 28th.

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There was also contained in this envelope a portion of a map which evidently is a part of a map of Africa insofar as the Belgian Congo is noted on this map. On the back of the portion of this map included in the envelope there is a note written in German which has been translated by Special Agent [] to read as follows:-

"Tuesday October 24

Dear Fritz:

It appears that our "code" correspondence which we use to advise our officials works rather well. But, attentiveness is now necessary. I have discovered that these "code" letters are actually opened by the Post Office officials prior to delivery. That makes everything wonderful and just like it has been outlined. But listen: it is necessary for us to remain inactive for a while in order that they will not suddenly discover our plan. It has already been ascertained with our brethren what will happen to the damned scoundrel whom we caught one evening at the Grand Central if he telephoned the officials with reference to our plan. He has already been assured of what will happen to his family in Stuttgart and you can now remain quiet because he is holding his mouth.

This evening I shall leave for Detroit regarding [] and the money which we have not yet received from him.

I am sending this letter through [] instead [] I believe that you know that [] is not permitted at this time to leave his post.

With greetings. Heit Hitler.

V."

There was included in the envelope addressed to Mr. Cahill a typewritten note which was evidently placed in the envelope for the purpose of explaining the enclosures. This typewritten note is dated October 31, and is as follows:-

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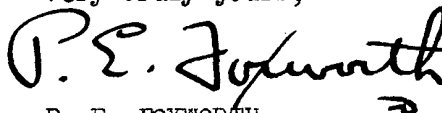
I wonder did you know that during past month [] has been receiving his mail at the German Consul's office, under the name of [] which is really his name mixed up.

I was out drinking with him to late last night, and managed to take away from him the enclosed papers, which I think is exactly in line with what you are now investigating, I see from the newspapers.

A friend."

This material is being furnished for the information of the Bureau. No investigation is being conducted in this matter at this time particularly since it involves the German Consul's office. The material is significant if it is not the work of a crank, inasmuch as it states that FRITZ KUHN receives mail at the German Consul's office.

Very truly yours,



P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures

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January 8, 1940

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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Information has been obtained by this Bureau that the United States Attorney, New York, New York, is in receipt of anonymous information to the effect that Fritz Kuhn, prior to his recent conviction in New York on state charges of embezzlement, was receiving his mail at the German Consulate General, 17 Battery Place, New York City, under the name of [redacted]

The anonymous correspondent furnished the office of the United States Attorney, New York City, an envelope addressed to "German Consulate General, 17 Battery Place, NY City, [redacted] and postmarked "Church St. Annex, N. Y. 7, Oct. 28, 1939, 11-AM." This envelope contained eight inclosures, which are described hereinafter, and the envelope, together with its inclosures, was allegedly taken from Kuhn's person by the anonymous correspondent during a drinking bout.

One photostatic copy each of seven of the above mentioned inclosures, which are described as follows, is being transmitted herewith:

1. Newspaper photograph of a barge on which three dismantled airplanes are being transported.
2. Newspaper clipping containing an article entitled "Gloss Brands Hitler 'Wretched,'" by William B. Ardery, under a Washington, D. C., dateline of October 29th. This clipping bears a notation written in ink which is in the German language and, translated, reads: "This one also must go."
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r. Nathan _____
r. E. A. Tamm _____
r. Clegg _____
r. Ladd _____
r. Coffey _____
r. Egan _____
r. Glavin _____
r. Grew _____
r. Harbo _____
r. Lester _____
r. Hendon _____
r. Nichols _____
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r. Quinn Tamm _____
r. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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- A large cursive signature, possibly "Clegg".
- Initials "JW".
- A large cursive signature, possibly "Rosen".
- A large cursive signature, possibly "Tracy".
- A large cursive signature, possibly "Harbo".

The Honorable
The Secretary of State

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4. Newspaper clipping entitled "Dies to Speak at Garden Meeting," bearing a notation written in ink in the German language, which, translated, reads: "Also this one."
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The Secretary of State

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"With greetings. Heil Hitler.

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It is not known how much credence should be placed in the above matter, inasmuch as it emanated from an anonymous source.

Due to the fact that the office of the German Consul at New York City is allegedly involved, it will be appreciated if you will advise this Bureau whether any investigation should be conducted concerning this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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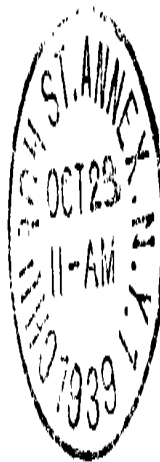
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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. John T. Cahill,
U.S. Attorney,
Toley Square, New York.



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German Consulate General

11 Battery Place,

NY City



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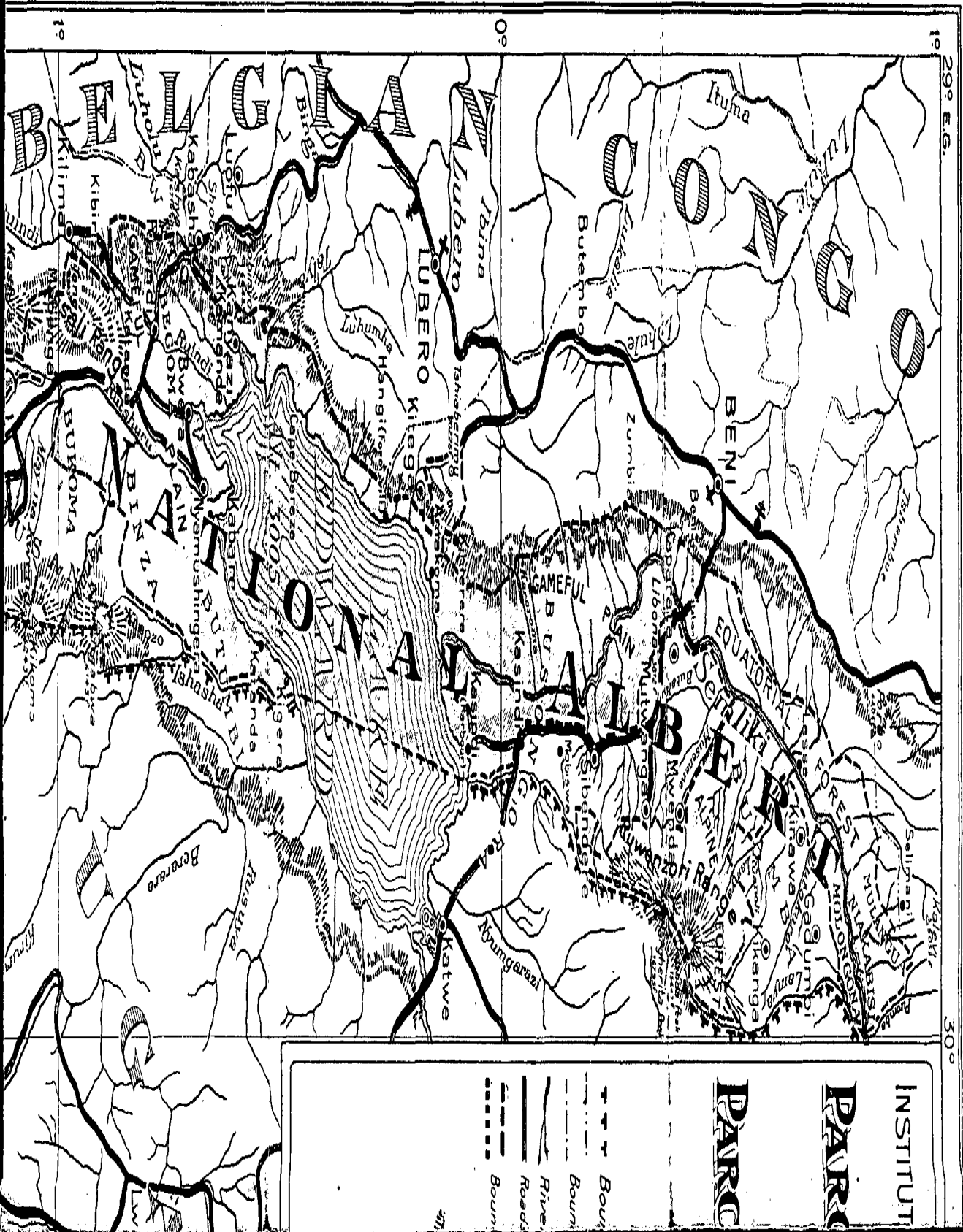
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A friend.

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Vinsberg, den 2ten Okt.

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Lieber Fritz =

Beim uns unser Plan der "Lohn" Konsumtion zu
den Konsumten besserer arbeitet ziemlich gut. Aber aufmerksame
Zeit ist jetzt nötig. Jeder aufgefundenen dieser "Lohn" Konsumten sind meist-
lich besser gewohnt bei der Post Office zu sein. Jedoch muss alles
geordnet und wir aufgezogen. Aber leider - wir müssen
jetzt einen Lohn häufig bleiben so dass die sollen unser Plan
nicht glücklich auffinden. Es ist schon verabschiedet mit unser - geduldeten -
Lohnen - der verabschiedeten Lohn werden wir aufgeben den Abend in
dem Lohnen wenn wir telefonieren nachsichtend die Konsumten
müssen unser Plan. Es ist schon verabschiedet nach wie tiefen
Konsumten mit seiner Familie in Stuttgart und die Konsumten
jetzt häufig bleiben wir soll sein Mühe.

Ich gehe bei Abend noch weiter wegen
und das Jahr wir haben noch nicht erhalten von ihm

Deinem Lohn nicht mehr Ich danke
Ich danke dir nicht auch diese Zeit der Platz nicht aus-
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Gov. Lehman

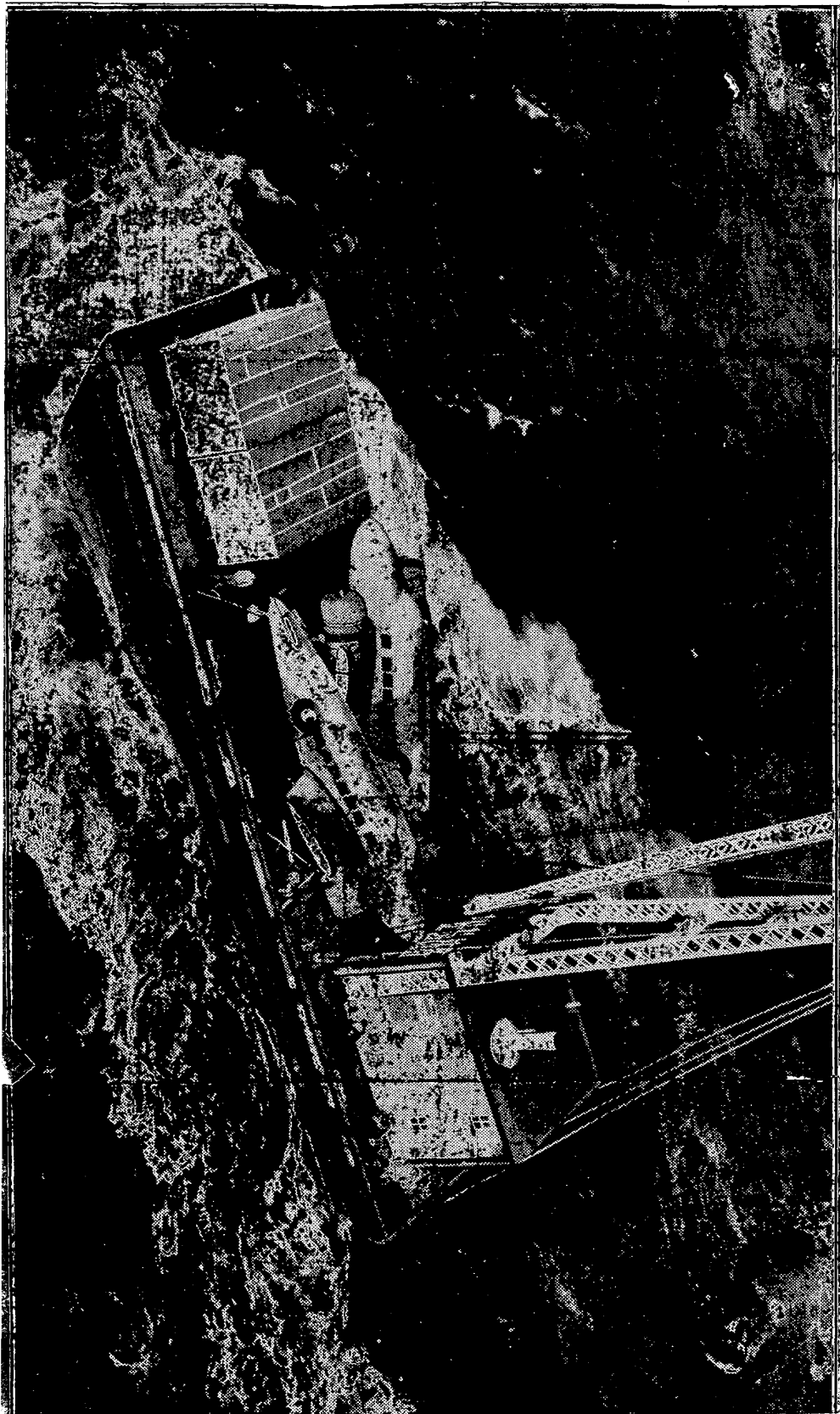
boy pie- son. Funeral arrangements will be out the announced later. before

Dies to Speak at Garden Meeting

Representative Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American activities, will address a meeting in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. Merwin K. Hart, Wagner Act foe, who headed the pro-Franco American Union for Nationalist Spain during the Spanish civil war, said Dies would attack subversive activities of Communists, fascists and Nazis in the United States.

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Also this one



Glass Brands Hitler 'Wretched'

By WILLIAM B. ARDERY.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 29 (P).—Only one person can get the United States into the war—“This wretched creature Adolf Hitler”—Senator Carter Glass said today.

The 81-year-old Virginia Democrat declared it was “the sheerest drive!” to say that the President could involve this country in a foreign conflict.

“Not Worth A Thrip.”

Glass used an old English colloquialism today to describe Hitler. “His pledged word,” Glass said, “is not worth a thrip.”

In British slang, thrip is the term for a three-penny piece.

“He is a fervent believer in the immoral Machiavellian doctrine of the end justifying the means, however vile the end may be,” Glass continued.

“He has repeatedly lied as to his purposes since the deplorable Munich conference, and it may confidently be expected that under his wretched domination Germany still regards written treaties as mere scraps of paper.”

Interview in Sickroom.

Glass granted an interview in his sickroom at a hotel. He glanced across the room at pictures of Gen. John J. Pershing, his children and his grandchildren.

“One of my sons was gassed, and

the other was a combatant soldier,” he remarked.

Glass, ill for a month, said he was “distinctly distressed” at his inability to cast his vote for repeal “of the abominable Embargo Act.”

He expressed sharp disapproval, however, of provisions in the bill which would prohibit American ships from trading with belligerent nations.

“Never have I heard of a more humiliating spectacle than that presented by the legislative body of a great, rich and powerful nation spending months in devising expedients to contravene immemorial requirements of international law through positive fear of a Central European assassin.

“In my view, the talk about the President or any other personage

in this nation ‘dragging the country into war’ is the sheerest drive! The Congress has the sole constitutional right to declare war.

“No sane person conceives that either Great Britain or France is going to sink any of our merchant vessels.

“Nobody has ventured to suggest that Italy or even Russia is capable of doing anything of this kind. It is only Hitler who is expected to do it, and it is in fear of this wretched creature, dripping with the blood of women and children and non-combatants, boasting of his ravages of open towns in one of his conquered nations, that we have the shocking spectacle of this great nation relinquishing its rights on the high seas and excessively penalizing its own shipping industry for carrying on its legitimate business.”

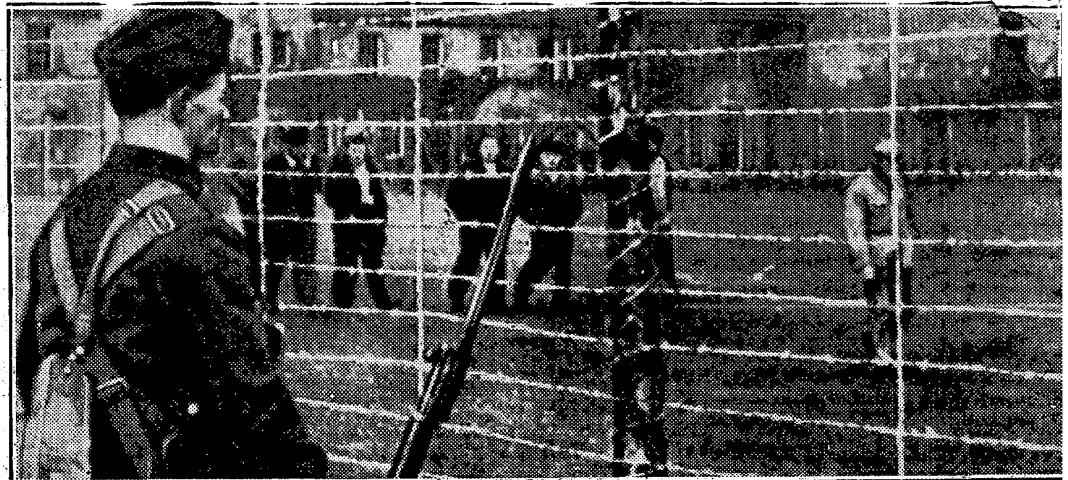
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German Prisoners in England



British caption, passed by censor, describes this as a foto of German prisoners behind barbed wire fence and under the watchful eyes of a sentry “somewhere in England.”

Charge Sabotage At Naval Station

Providence, R. I., Oct. 28 (U.P).—A civilian worker at the United States Navy's Newport Torpedo Station has been arrested on a sabotage charge, it was revealed by Federal authorities today.

Joseph Demers Jr. of West Warwick was secretly arraigned Oct. 21, but facts were withheld while Department of Justice agents investigated.

U. S. Commissioner James J. McCabe said the warrant charged that Demers “did unlawfully, knowingly and willfully injure and commit an act of depredation against certain property of the United States, to wit, the gyro-mechanism of a torpedo.”

Demers pleaded not guilty and was released on \$5,000 bail for hearing at 2 P. M. Monday.

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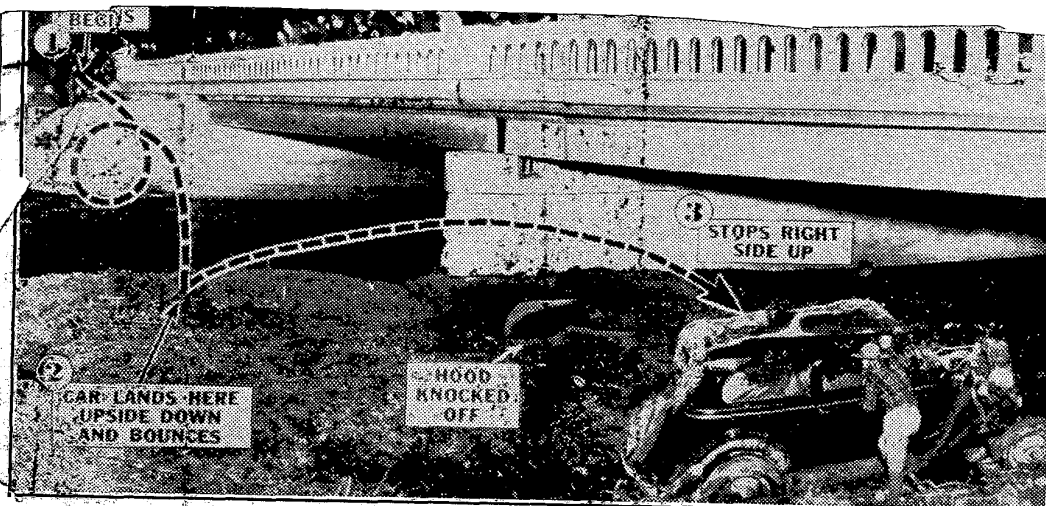


Photo-diagram shows Chicago auto's leap across branch of Chicago River. (Associated Press Wirephoto.) Chicago, Oct. 28.—Three Chicago motorists, Errol Lee, Carl Larson and Michael Hoyacki, nursing injuries, are claiming the "leap of the year." Their car smashed through a guard rail, leaped 60 feet across the north branch of the Chicago River, landed on its top, bounced forward and came to rest upright.



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Oct. 15, 1935.

HOUSE WEIGHS GREATER NAVY FOR ATLANTIC

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28

(AP)—Proposals to strengthen the Navy's Atlantic squadron and put it on a permanent basis were shaping up today among members of the House Naval Committee.

Chairman Carl Vinson (Dem., Ga.) declined to discuss the question, but indicated he would be ready with a legislative program for the Navy in the near future.

Other committee members, however, talked of various possibilities, ranging from minor reinforcements for the present Atlantic squadron to a "two-ocean" navy.

Representative Vinson.

The present Atlantic squadron consists chiefly of destroyers, although it includes three old battleships and some cruisers.

Our naval policy has been pred-



icated on assistance of the British Navy if trouble developed in the Atlantic," said Representative Mads (Rep., Minn.), "but the current situation shows we can no longer rely on that plan in an emergency. Britain has her hands full in the North Sea."

Representative Mott (Rep., Ore.) expressed belief that Congress would authorize additional construction.

Representative Bates (Rep., Mass.) already has asked the Navy Department to send him detailed estimates of what it would cost to duplicate the fleet now in the Pacific as well as to provide the additional shore facilities necessary to maintain it on the Atlantic.

Jimmy Powers gives sports fans a real "powerhouse" of sports news and comments daily and Sunday in The News.

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REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/22/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/16/39	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE FRITZ KUHN			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY; IMMIGRATION: NATURALIZATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] has no additional information.
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REFERENCE:

Report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Boston 9/8/39.

DETAILS:

AT AMHERST, MASS.

[REDACTED] advised that he had not received any additional information relative to KUHN; that he had written to RINHOLDT SPITZ, New York City in an effort to ascertain from them the name of the attorney who represented KUHN in the Court at Munich but that his letter had never been answered; that either SPITZ or [REDACTED] both of whom reside in New York City, addresses unknown, might be able to furnish further information relative to KUHN'S arrest in Munich.

[REDACTED] advised that in the event he received any information he would immediately contact the Boston Field Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION, at New York City, will locate and interview [REDACTED] and RINHOLDT SPITZ for information relative to the arrest of KUHN in Munich if this has not already been done.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES DESTROYED MAY 18 1961 COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau 2 New York 2 Boston	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">61 7594 + 118</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">NOV 24 A.M.</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">NOV 27 1939</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">HARBOR</div>
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

January 9, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FRITZ KUHN

Dear Sir:

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One [redacted] while in this office about another matter on January 6, 1940, inquired of me as to whether or not it would be possible to declare FRITZ KUHN'S naturalization as void and illegal if it had been obtained upon affidavits of individuals who perjured themselves when they made the affidavits.

He stated it is his understanding that in connection with the naturalization, two witnesses must make affidavits that they have known the applicant for naturalization for at least five years. I inquired of this individual whether he had any information indicating that the two men who made the affidavits for KUHN had not in fact known him for five years. He stated he did not have such information but acted a little peculiar during the conversation and led me to believe that he might possibly have had such information but was reluctant to make a definite complaint or to furnish the information definitely.

Consequently, this matter is being called to the attention of the Bureau in the event it appears desirable to make some inquiry to learn how long affiants were acquainted with KUHN.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Vincent

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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Dear Sir:

Re: FRITZ KUHN; PERJURY;
NATURALIZATION - IMMIGRATION.

Reference is made to your letter dated November 9, 1939, concerning the above entitled matter, together with the inclosures mentioned therein.

I am transmitting herewith for your information copies of a communication received by the Bureau from the State Department concerning this case, dated January 20, 1940. Inasmuch as the State Department does not desire any contact with or investigation concerning any member of the staff of the German Consulate General in New York City, it is believed that a detailed investigation of the matter becomes impractical.

However, the Bureau desires that additional inquiries be made of Assistant United States Attorney Dunnigan of the Southern District of New York for the purpose of ascertaining whether additional information has been received by his office in this regard. In the event such inquiry proves negative, it is suggested this case be discussed with [redacted] with regard to any information the latter may be able to furnish concerning it. If the latter inquiry also proves negative, the Bureau should be informed and this case should be placed in a pending inactive status to receive investigative attention when the burden of work in your office will permit.

Very truly yours,

Inclosure

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. EDWARD G. KEMP**

As of possible interest to you, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter from the Department of State together with a copy of each of its enclosures, which are self-explanatory.

I thought you would be interested in this refusal of the German Government to furnish our State Department with a copy of the German Criminal Record of Fritz Kuhn and the reasons advanced therefore.

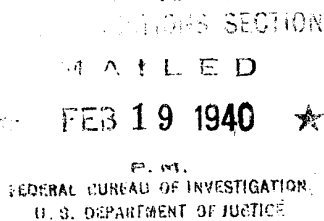
For your information, the Attorney General has been advised by memorandum of these facts and furnished with the enclosures mentioned herein.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter from the Department of State, together with a copy of each of its enclosures, which are self-explanatory.

I thought you would be interested in this refusal of the German Government to furnish our State Department with a copy of the German criminal record of Fritz Kuhn and its reasons therefore.

Fritz Kuhn is, as you know, the leader of the German-American Bund and is presently serving a New York State Penitentiary sentence following his conviction for embezzlement of his organization's funds.

Kuhn was admitted to American citizenship in the United States Court at Detroit, Michigan, on December 3, 1934, and it was during the course of an investigation to uncover facts which would warrant his denaturalization that this Bureau requested the State Department to determine whether Kuhn had a criminal record in Germany, with the above results.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: FRITZ KUHN;
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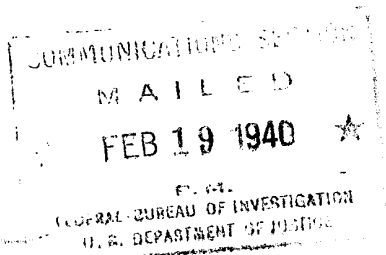
Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted to you herewith for your information a copy of a letter to the Bureau from the State Department dated January 24, 1940, together with a copy of each of its enclosures, which reflect the refusal of the German Government to furnish the United States Department of State a copy of the German Criminal Record of Fritz Kuhn.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

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May 31, 1940

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: FRITZ KUHN; PERJURY;
NATURALIZATION - IMMIGRATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a report of Special Agent
[redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated February 12, 1940,
entitled, "GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND; REGISTRATION - Agents of
Foreign Principals", Detroit file 65-68.

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The information set forth in that report pertained
largely to the investigation being carried on by this office
under the title "FRITZ KUHN; PERJURY; NATURALIZATION -
IMMIGRATION", which matter was under consideration by the
District Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

Inasmuch as it was desired to submit the information
to the District Attorney for the Southern District of New York
and inasmuch as we had theretofore declined to furnish to him
direct information concerning the investigation of the Regis-
tration Act case, it was deemed advisable to rewrite Agent
[redacted] report, omitting certain references and other portions.

There are herewith enclosed to the Bureau our two
copies of the report prepared for this purpose, and copies
of this letter are being forwarded to the Detroit Office
with a copy of the changed report as prepared in this office.
One copy is being retained in the file of this office, being
placed in the file entitled, "FRITZ KUHN; PERJURY; NATURALIZA-
TION - IMMIGRATION", New York file 74-130. This report as it
was rewritten, it will be noted, was given the date February
12, 1940.

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Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-68

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27-11/10, 16, 20-22/39	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 15px; width: 100%;"></div> RTR
TITLE FRITZ KUHN			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY <div style="text-align: right;">b7C</div>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p> [redacted] She has no information regarding KUHN'S Bund activities. Handwriting specimens of KUHN also obtained from Ford Motor Company. [redacted] advised that [redacted] FRITZ KUHN was arrested for larceny while in attendance at the University of Munich at Munich, Germany in 1922. [redacted] by a student named KUHN. Five students by name of KUHN in attendance at the University of Munich in 1922 and [redacted] could not identify FRITZ KUHN as instant student. [redacted] as well as acquaintances, suspects FRITZ KUHN is identical with the above student but have no definite information. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS: AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN:

In an effort to secure handwriting specimens, as requested in reference letter from the Bureau to the Philadelphia Office, Agent contacted [] of the Ford Motor Company, and requested [] to furnish photostatic copies of all papers and records at the Ford Motor Company which contained the handwriting of FRITZ KUHN. In compliance with this request, [] furnished to Agent eight different papers on which either the signature or handwriting of FRITZ KUHN appeared. These photostatic copies are being forwarded herewith to the Bureau.

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Agent contacted [] United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, 436 Federal Building, for the purpose of securing photostatic copies of papers filed by KUHN in connection with his naturalization. [] advised, however, that all of the papers pertaining to the naturalization of FRITZ KUHN had been forwarded to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Labor Building, Washington, D.C. in March, 1938. [] advised that the Washington number of this file is 1525-C3845908. No lead is being set out for the Washington Field Office to secure photostatic copies of these papers inasmuch as considerable handwriting specimens of Subject KUHN have been obtained from a separate source.


On November 21, 1939, Agent attempted to contact []

[] very friendly with KUHN at the time he was employed at the Ford Hospital in Detroit around 1929, for the purpose of making an appointment with her to secure information regarding the incident which occurred at the Ford Hospital which resulted in the discharge of KUHN, []

Upon telegraphically contacting this address, the writer was advised that [] had moved, but Agent was requested to leave his telephone number and the party answering the phone there would have [] get in touch with Agent. [] later telephonically contacted Agent and inquired as to what Agent wished to see her about. She was advised that this could better be discussed at her home as it involved an incident which occurred at the Ford Hospital some years ago. [] stated that she believed she knew what the incident was to which Agent referred and stated that she did not care to become involved in the case. However, an appointment was made with her for the following day at her apartment, [] where she is now living.

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On November 22, 1939, [] upon being contacted at her apartment, again stated that she did not wish to become involved in this case. Agent advised her that the Bureau was desirous of securing information regarding KUHN'S dismissal from the Ford Hospital and would like to have her furnish details regarding this. During the course of the interview with [] she furnished rather complete information regarding her associations with KUHN and the details of this are being set out in more or less of a chronological order.



In regard to KUHN'S Bund activities [redacted] stated that she had almost no information at all concerning this and that the only information which she had was that KUHN about three or four years ago [redacted] he had something important to talk over with her. [redacted] stated that when she met KUHN he advised her that he was in the Bund. She stated that

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she asked KUHN what the Bund was as she had never heard of it before and that KUHN told her that it was an organization to combat the Jews and Communism and that KUHN asked her if she would like to join the organization, to which she replied emphatically no.



In view of the present trial of KUHN being conducted in New York City wherein considerable evidence has been submitted on behalf of KUHN to show that he had no affairs with any other women, it is believed that it will be interesting to the Bureau to quote the two letters referred to above and they are therefore quoted as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It may here be noted that KUHN had the reputation while in Detroit of being the type of person who borrowed money from his fellow employees but never repaid any of it.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Ann Arbor, Michigan:

Previous contacts in this matter have been made with

bein referred to this office by

The complete information furnished by was set out in reference letters to the Bureau dated June 13 and July 25, 1939.

In accordance with the suggestion of he was again contacted on September 27, 1939. advised at this time that his informant had recently returned from a trip in Europe but that following personal contact with his acquaintances in New York he was not able to obtain their permission for their names to be furnished either to or to the Bureau. According to this denial of cooperation is the result of the fact that these individuals still have relatives residing in Germany. was requested to continue his efforts either to obtain their permission to be interviewed by a representative of this office or to furnish the names of those persons in the actual possession of facts in the matter with reference to FRITZ KUHN'S arrest in Munich, Germany around 1922. advised at this time that he would make every effort in his power and if subsequently successful would advise this office. It is to be noted that up to and including this interview at no time would furnish to this office the name of his informant.

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Under date of October 3, 1939, addressed a letter to this office in which he advised that his informant had decided that he was willing to interview a representative of the Bureau although he did not care to have his name mentioned in the letter from. It was in this letter that first gave an indication that not only his informant but other individuals whom his informant knew were not in the actual possession of definite facts to establish the arrest of FRITZ KUHN.

Before again contacting in this matter. Special Agent had occasion to interview

The latter stated that he had learned that

had once taught FRITZ KUHN, German-American Bund leader, at the University of Munich.

as stating that KUHN has a criminal record in Germany and that while in attendance at the University of Munich KUHN allegedly stole certain platinum crucibles and laboratory equipment, for which he was sentenced to serve three months in prison.

It would appear from the above that the informant of [] is identical with [] referred to by []

This fact was verified upon [] being interviewed, at which time the writer was personally introduced to []

[] With reference to the information that he had imparted to [] stated that in 1922 a student by the name of KUHN while in attendance at the University of Munich committed various thefts of platinum crucibles and other miscellaneous laboratory equipment from his laboratory. The value of the crucibles would be approximately fifty gold mark. The other miscellaneous equipment was not particularly valuable and he remembers that certain jokes were made of the fact that this student was not only a poor thief but a poor chemistry student or chemist. Following an investigation the Police found the missing laboratory equipment in the room occupied by KUHN. For these thefts the student was prosecuted and received a sentence of some months in prison.

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[] stated that he does not remember that the student's name was FRITZ KUHN. [] could he identify FRITZ KUHN, the German-American Bund leader, as being identical with the KUHN student at the University of Munich in 1922. In explanation [] stated that KUHN is a very common German name and that during this particular period, namely 1922, there were five students in the Chemistry and Physics Department of the University of Munich by the name of KUHN. Three of these are now prominent scientists in Germany and Switzerland, one being [] stated that as a result of the above occurrence this student was expelled from the University of Munich and if FRITZ KUHN is a graduate of that school it would definitely establish that the two are not identical.

[] suggested that if the records of the University of Munich could be examined for that particular period and it was determined that there was only one FRITZ KUHN in attendance and that FRITZ KUHN himself attended the school during that time it might

establish the fact that the German-American Bund leader and the student were identical. As a help in this matter [] referred the writer to a publication entitled: "PERSONENSTAND Der LUDWIG-MAXIMILLIANS-UNIVERSITAT MUNCHEN," which is a publication issued by the University of Munich showing the professors and all students in attendance. This publication is put out yearly and [] suggested that, due to the fact that he was not absolutely sure that the year was 1922, a search be made of the publications for the years 1921 to 1923, inclusive.

[] personally exhibited to the writer recent volumes of the above publication and a perusal of these determined that in each year there were from six to ten students by the name of KUHN in attendance at the University of Munich.

[] went on to state that the individuals referred to by him in speaking with [] were students at the University of Munich during the pertinent period and that he had had occasion to discuss this matter with them as recently as the past summer. [] as well as these individuals, have suspected that the KUHN of German-American Bund fame was identical with the above student, but none of these individuals could definitely identify him nor could they furnish any facts that would in any manner establish such identification. In other words, they are in the same position as [] and in view of this fact have requested that [] not mention their names in the event he was interviewed as they did not wish to take any action in the manner when they were not definitely sure in their own minds.

[] stated that he is positive that if any of these individuals could definitely identify FRITZ KUHN as having a criminal record they would be more than glad to be interviewed and that in the event they should secure such information in the future he will communicate with this office for delivery of such information.

As there appears no way in which FRITZ KUHN can be definitely identified as the above student, even though he was in actual attendance at the University of Munich during 1922, no leads are being set out on the basis of the above information and it is felt that any effort made by this office to press [] for the names of his acquaintances would be futile and have the effect of antagonizing him.

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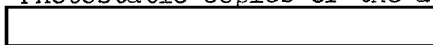
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To the NEW YORK OFFICE -

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Photostatic copies of the above-mentioned



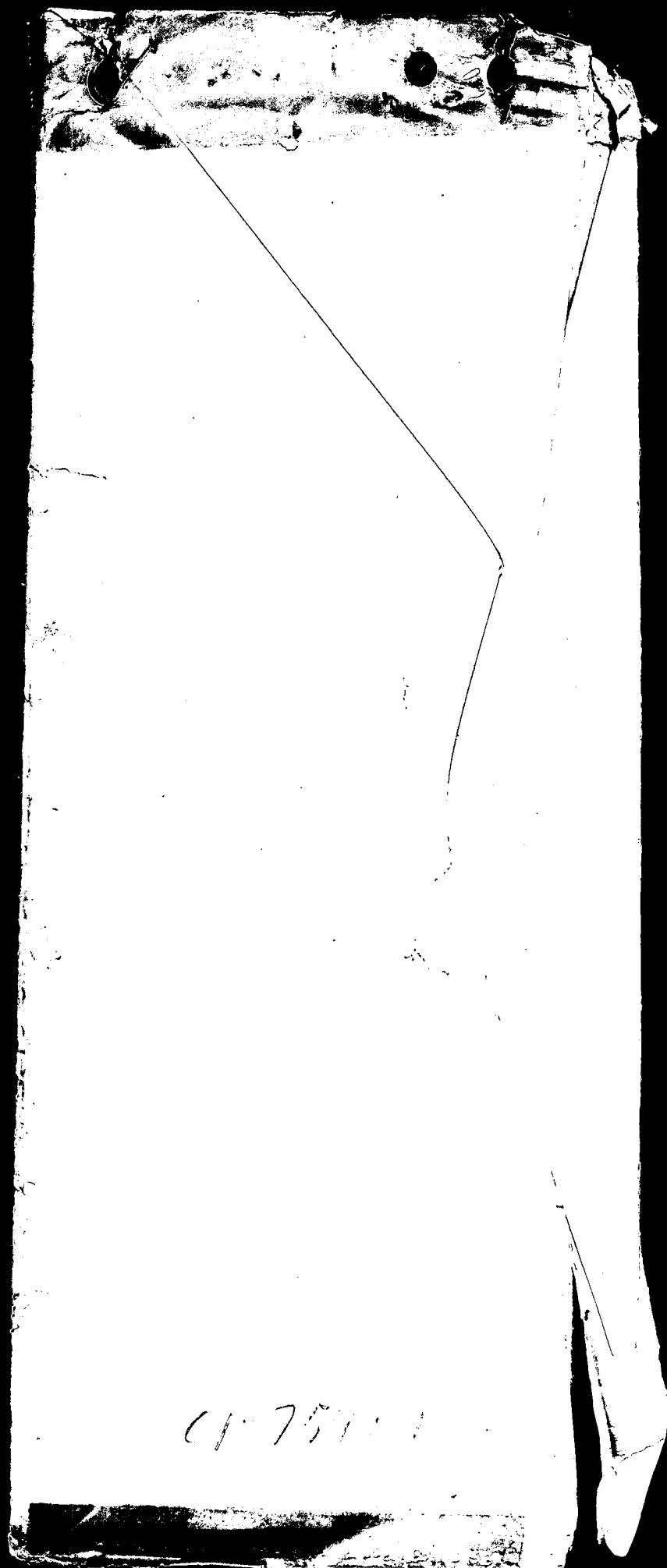
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RE NEW YORK FILE NO. 74-130



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

NY FILE NO. **74-130**

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TITLE FRITZ KUHN			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY; NATURALIZATION - IMMIGRATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

First Asst. USA SDNY MATHIAS F. CORREA, after having reviewed notes submitted, states facts as developed do not warrant prosecutive action.

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DETAILS: This matter was discussed with First Assistant United States Attorney MATHIAS F. CORREA, Southern District of New York, who stated that the facts as developed through this investigation do not warrant prosecutive action. He suggested that if all leads have been covered as far as his office was concerned, the investigation could be discontinued subject to being reopened should any further information come to hand which might substantiate the allegations made against FRITZ KUHN.

An examination of the file shows that all undeveloped leads heretofore set out have been covered, and this investigation is therefore being closed, subject to being reopened should any further information be brought to the attention of this office.

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San Francisco, Calif.;
June 1, 1940

MEMO FOR FILE:

RE: FRITZ KUHN, REGISTRATION ACT

[redacted] Robbery Detail, San Francisco Police Department, called telephonically on May 31, 1940 stating he had heard a German by the name of FRITZ KUHN was hanging around 501 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, agitating, and was most rabid in his pro-Nazi views, trying to get the Italians aroused.

He stated he did not have any more information but believed that if an effort was made to develop [redacted]

[redacted] that additional information could be obtained.

A case will be opened in an effort to identify FRITZ KUHN who might be a leader in German agitation groups in San Francisco.

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N. J. L. PIERCE,
Special Agent in Charge

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to letter from the Albany Field Office dated June 18, 1940 pertaining to the Bureau's desire that the volume of correspondence addressed to FRITZ KUHN while at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York be examined.

On July 23, 1940, the correspondence and other literature mailed to FRITZ KUHN during his Sing Sing imprisonment was secured by Special Agent [redacted] after previous arrangements had been made for its acquisition. This correspondence is presently being examined by Special Agent [redacted]

All correspondence of an evidential nature, or which this Office desires to retain, may be so retained according to the Sing Sing Prison officials, who have requested, however, that that correspondence which this Bureau has no further interest in be returned to them for disposition.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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While talking to Mr. Sackett about various other matters I referred to the report of [redacted] dated July 24, 1940, which pertains to the proposed [redacted] story which the New York Daily News proposes to break and which will "make a monkey out of the FBI". I told Mr. Sackett that this thing looked like a deliberate plant to me and that [redacted] should be most careful and judicious in what he said and did. Sackett stated that [redacted] to him half a dozen or more times and has evidently been trying to get Sackett to say something about him. I believe that newspaper men generally in New York feel that [redacted] has some connection with the Bureau and I wouldn't be surprised if the present manipulations on the [redacted] story which on the face look very phoney are nothing but a deliberate attempt to put [redacted] in the middle to see if he is connected with me.

You will recall that on June 15, I talked to [redacted] in New York and told him he must [redacted] and find some other employment. [redacted] advised me today that [redacted] claims to be looking for another job without success. I recommend consequently that we offer [redacted] the option of either leaving the employment of [redacted] not later than the close of business August 3, 1940, or severing his connections with the Bureau. I can't see that this man has been producing anything of value recently and I do not think we would lose a great deal by dispensing with his services.

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Respectfully,

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Edward A. Tamm

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July 25, 1940

4:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. Tamm

Re: FRITZ KUHN

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While talking to SAC Sackett in New York City, he asked if I would bring to your attention the report of [redacted] dated July 24, 1940, about the above entitled matter which was sent to the Bureau last night under air mail special delivery cover.

He stated the information in this report was to the effect that the News took [redacted] up to see Kuhn and made statements in his presence all of which indicated a plot was being laid for him. Mr. Sackett said he would like to talk to you at your convenience about the matter.

Respectfully,

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~~PERSONAL AND
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Mr. B. E. Sackett
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square
New York, New York

RECEIVED BY [unclear] 10:11 AM 10/1/40
ON 12-3003

Re: [redacted]

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of telephonic instructions furnished you today by Assistant Director M. M. Clegg of the Bureau, I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum dated July 26, 1940, outlining the information contained in the Bureau files concerning information furnished by [redacted] relative to instant matter.

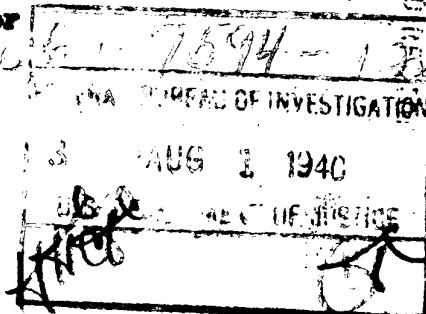
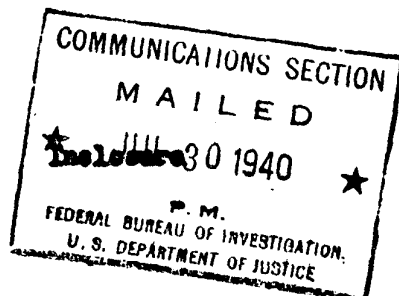
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You are instructed to personally handle this matter and to conduct appropriate inquiry for the purpose of discreetly ascertaining just what are the true facts in connection with [redacted] alleged intentions.

The Bureau desires to be advised concerning this matter at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

KRM:CJ

July 26, 1940

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: [REDACTED]

The Bureau has received the attached report of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] criticizing the
Bureau concerning Fritz Kuhn and the activities of the German Con-
suls and other officials in this country.

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[REDACTED] has alleged that Kuhn talked with Agents of the
FBI on this subject and that a complete report is in the possession
of the Director of this Bureau. [REDACTED] alleged that this report
has not been disclosed to the press. [REDACTED] obtained a copy of
this alleged report through a contact which he has [REDACTED]

The only positive information which [REDACTED]

In connection with J. Von Wimmersperg, the files of the
Bureau have been completely reviewed and there is no indication that
any report dealing with this individual has been forwarded to any
person in the Department of Justice. The Bureau's files disclose
that Von Wimmersperg has been known under the following names:

Johann Preiher Von Wimmersperg
Joachim Von Wimmersperg
Jordan Von Wimmersperg
Jochem Von Wimmersperg
Toller Johann Von Wimmersperg.

I am not at all certain [REDACTED] conclusion
is correct. I think from this memo alone
we ought to do a great deal more on
J. Wimmersperg. Certainly they are key figures
in the German movement.

Memorandum for the Director

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Von Wimmersperg is forty years of age and resides at 5400 Fieldstone Road, Riverdale, New York City, where he pays a monthly rental of \$85.00 for an apartment. He is reported to be an accountant by profession and is said to have come to the United States about ten years ago. He was born in Lessenem, Germany, and remains a German citizen at this time. He has made frequent trips back to Germany during the past several years.

Since 1931, he, together with [redacted] has been interested in "The Yorkville Kanzlei" at 208 East 86th Street, New York City. This firm conducts a foreign exchange and ticket office. It is engaged in the purchase and sale of German securities. On October 25, 1934, Von Wimmersperg and [redacted] were registered as joint partners in "The Yorkville Kanzlei." In 1935, this partnership opened a branch office in Rooms 1924 and 1925 at 17 Battery Place, New York City. It is to be noted that this is the same floor on which the German Consul General is located. In June, 1939 the firm moved to larger quarters on the eighteenth floor, occupying a suite of rooms designated as 1844-1848. The business undertaken at 17 Battery Place is identical with the business conducted by "The Yorkville Kanzlei." The office at 17 Battery Place, however, is known under the English trade name of International Commercial Service. It utilizes the German name of Deutscher Handels und Wirtchaftsdienst. More specifically the Deutscher Handels und Wirtchaftsdienst engages in the business as steamship agents, offering travel bureau service and also dealing in the purchase and sale of foreign exchange and securities. It deals principally in German securities. It is licensed by the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission. The Deutscher Handels und Wirtchaftsdienst also acts as agents in the purchase of food for foreign distribution. b7C

It will be recalled that on June 20, 1940, a bomb explosion occurred in the hall outside of Rooms 1844-1848 at 17 Battery Place, New York City. It is to be noted that these are

the offices occupied by Von Wimmersperg. Special Agents conducting a preliminary investigation of this bombing interviewed [] briefly. At that time he denied any connection with the German Consulate. The Agents in making their investigation, however, observed that the office of Von Wimmersperg contained two copies of the propaganda book published by the German Library of Information styled, "Polish Acts of Atrocity Against the German Minority." They noted also that the office of Von Wimmersperg contained a large picture of Adolf Hitler. b7C

The Bureau has received information from [] who has alleged that he was [] in this country, to the effect that about seventy members of the Nazi Party in the United States were compelled to report to [] of the Hamburg-American Line, 23 Broadway, New York City. He disclosed that it was [] duty to detail these men to Baron Von Wimmersperg where they were to receive additional instruction. [] alleged that Von Wimmersperg is carrying on a front as a bond broker, but actually is the paymaster of the German Party in the United States. He alleged that [] of Von Wimmersperg, is the latter's "runner" and makes frequent trips to Germany.

Investigations thus far conducted concerning Von Wimmersperg have failed to disclose any direct evidence that he is undertaking German espionage activities in this country. According to an Immigration file, however, a young German named [] reported, while under the influence of liquor, that all young Germans in the United States are required to report to Von Wimmersperg at 17 Battery Place, New York City, and that all must belong to an organization with headquarters maintained at that address. There is nothing to verify the accuracy of this information.

The files do not indicate any connection between Fritz Kuhn and Von Wimmersperg.

[redacted]

[redacted] There appeared in the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter on February 4, 1937, an item to the effect that on January 29, 1937, members of the German-American Bund held a meeting in conjunction with the German Consul General in New York at the Yorkville Casino. The item pointed out that Draeger spoke demanding of German Americans -

"Your Eternal Faith: Germany - Eternally Faithful
to the Fuehrer."

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It has also been ascertained that [redacted]
to the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, the official organ of the German-American Bund.

It has been reported that [redacted]
[redacted]

Kurt Sell, a representative of the German News Bureau, who has been in the United States since 1927, orally advised a Special Agent that Draeger is presently the head of the Nazi Party in the United States.

In conjunction with an investigation of [redacted]
[redacted] and the American Fellowship Forum, a report was submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, November 14, 1939, disclosing that [redacted] is a very intimate friend of [redacted]. This information came from a [redacted] who was a part-time employee of [redacted] also disclosed that [redacted] the Nazi Party in the United States. [redacted]

[redacted] A copy of the report in this matter, which is 61-7632-2, was forwarded to the Division of Records of the Department of Justice.

Memorandum for the Director

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There is nothing to indicate any connection between
[] and Fritz Kuhn.

The Bureau has conducted no interview with Fritz Kuhn
in which he has furnished any information concerning the
activities of German Consular Officers in the United States.

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Respectfully,


H. H. Clegg.

Enclosure []

*Ag. [] knows nothing in all
his contacts which would be
embarrassing. An agent is at Ding Ding
reviewing letters sent to Kuhn, but
Kuhn is at Dannemora.*

*[] believes it is a trap to see
→ if [] is a "German Spy" or if he
will call Walter Winchell"
Q Gfr (Telephone)*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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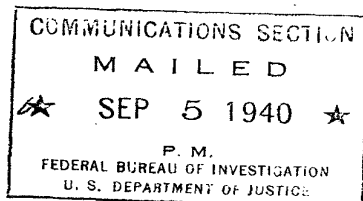
This will confirm previous telephonic discussion of the case of [redacted] and will acknowledge receipt of your memoranda dated August 16 and 17, 1940, with respect to this matter.

The information which you have furnished is, of course, of interest and is sincerely appreciated. However, inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation has no jurisdiction or authority to take preventive steps with respect to contemplated crimes of the nature referred to, there is no affirmative action which may be taken by this Bureau. Any action to prevent the commission of the crime which has reportedly been planned is a function of the local police department and I should, therefore, like to suggest that you may care to notify the local authorities having jurisdiction in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
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November 4, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

There are being furnished herewith for your information only at this time copies of a memorandum addressed to the Bureau by [redacted] Warrant Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, dated August 16, 1940, with its inclosure, and copies of a memorandum from Mr. Brown dated August 17, 1940, and its inclosures.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has been advised that the Bureau has no jurisdiction or authority to take preventive action in cases of this nature and it has been suggested to them that they furnish the information to the appropriate local authorities.

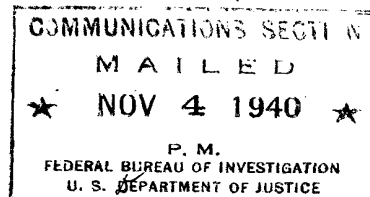
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Inclosure

cc New York City (Copies memoranda and inclosures)

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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FBI CLEVELAND 7/5/40 7 PM EST JR

SAC, NEW YORK

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNDERSTAND THAT REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICE OF SAFETY DIRECTOR HERE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OR SURVEILLANCE.
NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY CLEVELAND OFFICE UNLESS SPECIFIC
REQUEST RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK OFFICE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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July 27, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: FRITZ KUHN

On July 20, 1940, [redacted]
[redacted] of the New York Office, advised Special
Agent [redacted]
[redacted] in connection with
various matters, had told him that Mrs. FRITZ KUHN had
recently moved from Milford, New Jersey, and that her
present address is c/o [redacted]
Hohokus, New Jersey.

The above information is being submitted
simply as a matter of record for the information of the
Bureau and the Newark Office.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT, *Mrs.*
Special Agent in Charge

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To Hoover

The German-American Bund dropped its planned appeal last week for Fritz Kuhn. (On April 29 the B.A. said: Counsellor Sabbatino, who defended Fritz Kuhn, can't get the Bund to pay him! This means Fritz's appeal is stamped.)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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October 8, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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On July 20, 1940 [redacted]

[redacted] on various matters, furnished to Special Agent
[redacted] a seven-page copy of a speech which was
delivered in the German language by FRITZ KUHN on October 8,
1935.

It is observed that the speech is written entirely
in German and it is being forwarded to the Bureau for information
purposes.

[redacted] made the observation that in the speech
KUHN pledges his allegiance to Germany rather than to the United
States.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

TRANSLATION FROM THE GERMAN SPEECH OF
FRITZ KUHN

#61-7594-133

SPEECH OF THE BUND LEADER ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1935

German men and women!
Fellow-soldiers of the Bund, Friends of New Germany!
Comrades of the regular service!

We, as the destined organization of the German people in the United States, which has come together in the spirit of the National Socialist philosophy - the common possession of all upright men and women of German blood - are meeting together today to state our position with reference to the events which, because of lack of dignity, defy all description. Ten thousand fellow-Germans, who gathered last Saturday evening for a national demonstration, could not hold their meeting in the hall hired with peaceful intentions, because the Jewish-Communist mob of New York succeeded, in league with some Germans, in having the hall closed. While each week the undermining forces of the country and its organizations can carry out undisturbed in various halls their activities toward the destruction of the state, it seems to those who have the good of the state at heart that the German-American is refusing to make use of his constitutional rights. The largest city of the Land of Freedom is today subjected to the lash of the Communistic "Poepels" (probably an allusion to a tyrannical person who is like the priests of old Russia) to the disgrace of the whole nation, of the nation which was once built up by Christian people of Nordic blood. The Red Terror, with which we Germans of the time just before Hitler became acquainted in our native country to the extent that we should bow our heads, will never master us. While we could not expect anything else from the servants of Moscow and their Jewish string-pullers and while they forged their plans which resulted in the stopping of our meeting, German groups took pains in just as reprehensible a way to disturb this demonstration. The infamous acts of last week, for which we hold responsible not the general group, but its leaders, are probably the lowest sort of thing of which we consider the German people capable. An open but honorable enemy can always impress us forcibly, but not people who lack the courage to stand by their deeds, and I regret extremely to have to state here that the leaders of the United German Societies and of the German-American Conference, as well as the leaders of the Steuben Society, make use of these methods in an inexcusable way. The fine speeches which were delivered to thousands on Sunday do not do any good. We can no longer believe that your intentions with regard to the German cause in New York are honorable and upright.

Your actions in the past, and all the more at the present time, speak too clearly; henceforth we refuse conclusively to give our sanction to an arrangement which would bestow upon us only new disappointments.

If, in establishing further this attitude we have taken, I remind you of the past, the reference to the German-American Economic Alliance of New York is probably sufficient, for which we sacrificed our last penny and which as a last act of thanks to its trusted ones extended our hand in fellowship to a notorious traitor and perjured companion..

I must remind you of the fact that they prevented the delegates of the Bund, who had a legal right to do so, from participating in a meeting of the United German Societies by police force, while at the same time the non-members of the United German Societies were allowed to officiate in the capacity of bouncers. In the fall of 1933 after long heated debates the Jew was thrown out of the United German Societies, in the spring of 1935 German people threw out those with National Socialist tendencies.

For months the leaders of the United German Societies pursued the leaders of the Bund, slandered them, said degrading things about them and their honor, condemned the Bund and its members; they were the most zealous factor in the ring of our enemy. However, in order to bring an end to this fraternal discord the Bund made an untold number of attempts to make public peace because it did not wish to perform a German drama for the Jewish metropolis of New York. -- What was the answer? Scorn and ridicule, further pitiful harangue in the official publication of the United German Societies, the Observer, stolen from the Bund. The German Day approached, the Bund again made overtures which were to lead to a union, our District Leader Ost and I repeatedly even expressed the desire for union, District Leader Schuster personally made proposals, but they were refused on the basis that making money was more important to the United German Societies than the good of the entire German cause. It would take too long for me to make an attempt to give you a complete picture of the events. Let me turn briefly to the Steuben Society or, better still, to its honorable president. Mr. Hoffmann, who takes pleasure each year in shaking hands with the leaders of the German people and who extends, with just as great enthusiasm (I'll even dare to assume with even greater) his hand, still warm from the other handshake, to the enemies of all Germany, acts like a judge of our movement and its struggle. Should Mr. Hoffmann have come by his jurisprudence from the school of the greatest mind of the Steubenites, the Sing Sing Candidate David Maier, of varied ancestry, then we ask him to apply it where he belongs. We are friends of Germany, not because it is a propitious opportunity, but because it is innermost in our hearts. Mr. Hoffmann, who a few weeks ago allowed himself to be shown in the moving pictures in many cities of Germany as the big man, who represents an organization of 50,000 people, we ask you, where are these tens of thousands whom you claim to represent? Where were the 50,000 last Sunday; where, to enlarge a little further, were the 150,000 members of the German-American Conference and of the United German Societies, etc.? We decline to accept the illusion of false facts which appear to be law to other people, because we are of the opinion, that we will get along better with the truth.

I consider it my duty upon this occasion to speak now about the circulars of the German-American Conference for the collection of addresses for political purposes. We, too, believe that the German group must be schooled politically in order to regain its place, but we refuse to give our sanction that our fellow-soldiers be turned into an object of dispute of political scene-shifters. We also do not believe that it is the duty of the "DAV" (German Trade Union), that is, of the alleged German Workers' Front, to concern themselves with things which have nothing in common with the duties of the German Trade Union. Likewise we consider it as absolutely out of place when communications to comrades of the National Socialist Party, contrary to the regulations of the Main District Office, ask to attend a "German Day" which has just as little to do with the spirit of the National Socialist Party, as the representatives of a past epoch of German history still working hard here in New York.

Also the newspaper, which was our life-blood, the New York Times, founded by the deceased Jew Ochs, showed its tendency to be prejudicial to our National Day. Like a flash from a clear sky it brought the news that Germany designates the Bund as nonsense and hopes we would again - - - - -

Perhaps those who eternally belong to yesterday at Battery Place can give us the necessary information.

We are heart and soul for our Germany, yesterday, today and tomorrow. We stand for our National Socialist Germany because we obtain from it the powers which we need for our struggle for the maintenance of the true German cause in the U. S. A. No one can influence us and even if we have bitter resentment in our hearts because of the injustice which is inflicted upon us from the German side, we shall always intercede in favor of the country of our fathers and its leader. Germany is also our Germany and we intend to remain and be its most loyal sons.

Hail to you, dear co-workers in our common struggle and destiny.

The ways part, he who is not for us, is against us. We do not recognize neutrals. We do not intend to repay evil with evil, although we had ample reason to be angry with the tradesmen who supported a German Day by advertising in the program—for us this was an insult which we, having the great goal in mind, can pardon once again.

The paper, "Front Fighter", which indeed leads more than a modest existence screamed in its last edition: We do not want beggars and traitors at the German Day.....I do not know whether it is the opinion of the entire membership of the German Legion and wish to make known as answer thereto that, at this time, an invitation is extended to our Front Fighters to apply for the founding of a Front Fighter Group in the Bund. We shall surely find a happy solution with our comrades of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmet Guards). We do not need to waste words about the corpse of the German-American Economic Alliance which has already gone into a state of decomposition. Our economic organization is called the German-American Business League and will conduct a Christmas Bazaar the week before Christmas which, since it is not an undertaking for profit, offers free admission to everyone. Therefore save your Christmas shopping until the German-American Business League's Christmas Bazaar.

In competition with the Choral Societies which are still in the slumber of a Sleeping Beauty, and which still have no idea of a New Germany because their chairmen prohibit it, the Bund will set up a German Singers Club which will bear this name with honor. Accordingly herewith goes out the call to all to report so that the Singing Division of the Bund may be organized immediately. In the very near future an announcement will be made when the demonstration, which was forbidden on Saturday, will be held. The cards of the Folk (or National) Day, which took place, however, in another form, can be exchanged for cash. I should like to implore you, however, to turn this money over to us if at all possible so that we can cover at least a portion of our growing debts. This request may perhaps not be understood everywhere and I should like, therefore, to state that we had over \$1800 in expenses and we should like to pay immediately our tradesman who do not have at their disposal too great resources.

Next Tuesday a person is speaking, who is extremely well known in American circles, a Mr. R. Edmundson, by name, the editor of a large number of publications which are all favorable to us. Everyone is to bring a guest. Mr. Edmundson will speak in our native tongue.

Who got up this Times article three days before the Folk (or National) Day? Why was this false announcement stamped as a more or less official document?

Translated by:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Fritz Kuhn

Rede des Bundesfuhrers am Dienstag, den 8. Oktober 1935.

Deutsche Frauen und Maenner !
Kampfgenossen des Bundes Freunde des neuen Deutschlands
Kameraden vom Ordnungsdienst !

Als die Schicksalsgemeinschaft der deutschen Menschen in U.S.A. die sich zusammenfand im Geiste der national-sozialistischen Weltanschauung ~~manifest~~, die heute Gemeingut aller aufrechten Maenner und Frauen deutschen Blutes ist kommen wir heute zusammen um Stellung zu nehmen zu Ereignissen die an Wuerdelosigkeit jeder Beschreibung spotten. Zehntausend deutsche Volksgenossen die am vergangenen Sonnabend zu einer voelkischen Kundgebung zusammengekommen sind, ~~wurden durch die juedisch-kommunistischen Machenschaften~~ konnten in dem vertraglich gemieteten Lokal ihre Kundgebung nicht abhalten weil es der juedisch-kommunistischen Meute New Yorks gelang im Verein mit Auchdeutschen den Saal sperren zu lassen. Waehrend woechentlich die Unterminirer des Landes und seiner Einrichtungen in den verschiedensten Saalen ihr staatzzerstoerendes Treiben ungestoert durchfuehren koennen bleibt es dem staatterhaltenden Element der Deutschamerikaner ^{seine} verfassungsmessigen Rechte wahrzunehmen. Die groesste Stadt des Landes der Freiheit steht heute unter der Knute des kommunistischen Poepels zur Schande der ganzen Nation, der Nation die einst von christlichen Menschen nordischen Blutes aufgebaut wurde. Der rote Terror, den gerade wir deutschen Menschen von der Zeit vor Hitler in der Heimat bis zur Neige kennen lernten wird uns nie und nimmer klein kriegen.

Waehrend dem wir von den Knechten Moskaus und ihren juedischen
 Drahtziehern nicht anderes erwarten konnten und dieselben ihre
 Plaene schmiedeten die zum Verbot der Kundgebung fuehrten, bemueh-
 ten sich deutsche Kreise auf ebenso verwerfliche Art dieser
 Kundgebung Schaden zuzufuegen. Die Schandtaten der letzten Woche
 fuer die wir nicht die breite Masse, sondern deren Fuehrer ver-
 antwortlich machen, sind wohl das Niedertraechtigste fuer das wir
 deutsche Menschen faehig hielten. Ein offener, aber ehrlicher
 Feind kann uns immer impenieren, nicht aber Personen, denen der
 Mut abgeht fuer ihre Handlungen einzutreten und ich bedaure es
 ausserordentlich hier behaupten zu muessen, dass die Fuehrer der
 V.D.G. und der D.A.K. als auch die Leiter der Steubengesellschaft
 in unverantwortlicher Weise von dieser Methode Gebrauch machten.
 Da helfen auch die schoenen Reden die am Sonntag den Tausenden
 vorgedroschen wurden nicht hinweg, wir koennen es nicht mehr
 glauben, dass sie es ehrlich und aufrichtig mit dem Deutschtum
 New Yorks meinen. Ihre Handlungen der Vergangenheit und erst recht
 die gegenwaertigen sprechen eine zu deutliche Sprache, wir lehnen es
 nunmehr entgeltig ab die Hand zu einer Verstaendigung zu reichen
einer Verstaendigung die uns doch nur neue Enttaeusungen beschee-
ren wuerde. Wenn ich Sie zur weiteren Begrueundung dieser unserer
 Stellungnahme an die Vergangenheit erinnere so genuegen ~~wahrscheinlich~~
~~Wahrscheinlich~~ wohl der Hinweis auf den DAWA fuer den wir
 unsere letzten Spaargroschen opferten und der als letzten Akt des
 Dankes an seine Getreuen einem notorischen Verrraeter und meinei-
 digen Gesellen die Hand zur Bruederschaft reichte.

Joh darf Sie erinnern an die Tatsache das man die Delegaten des Bundes, die ein legales Recht hatten an einer VDG Sitzung teilzunehmen mit Polizeigewalt daran hinderte waehrend dem man zur gleichen Zeit Nichtmitglieder der VDG als Herausschmeisser fungieren liess. Im Herbst 1933 wurde nach langen erhitzten Debatten der Jude aus den VDG entfernt, im Fruehjahr 1935 entfernten deutsche Menschen die Tzaeger nationalsozialistischen Geistes.-

Monatelang hetzten die Fuehrer der VDG auf die schamloseste Weise gegen die Fuehrer des Bundes, verlaeumdeten sie, beschmutzten sie und ihre Ehre, verdamnten den Bund und seine Kaempfer, sie waren das eifrigste Glied im Ring unserer Feinde. Und dennoch, um den Bruederzwist zu beenden machte der Bund xfache Versuche einen Burgfrieden zu schliessen, weil er der Judenm^theropole New York nicht ein deutsches Drama vorfuehren wollte.- Was war die Antwort? Hohn und Spott, weitere erbaermliche Hetze im offiziellen Mitteilungsblatt der VDG, dem dem Bund gestohlenen Beobachter. - Der Deutsche Tag kam naeher und naeher, wieder machte der Bund Angebote die zu einer Einigung fuehren sollten, unser Gauleiter Ost und ich selbst ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ brachten ~~xx~~ zum wiederholten Male den Willen zur Einigung zum Ausdruck, Gauleiter Schuster machte persoendlich Vorschlaege, sie wurden abgelehnt mit der Begruendung, dass Geldmacherei der VDG wichtiger sei, als das Wohl des Gesamtdeutschtums. Es wuerde zu weit fuehren wollte ich den Versuch machen Ihnen ein vollkommenes Bild von den Erreignissen zu geben.- Lassen Sie mich kurz auf die Steubengesellschaft zu sprechen kommen, oder besser seinen ehrenwerten Herrn Vorsitzanden. Herr Hoffmann, der sich alljaehrlich gefaellt im Haendeschuetteln mit den Fuehrern des deut-

schen Volkes und der die noch warme Hand mit ebensolcher Begeisterung (ich wage sogar anzunehmen mit noch groesserer) den Feinden alles Deutschen entgegenstreckt, spielt sich auf als ein Richter ueber unsere Bewegung und seinen Kampf. Sollte Herr Hoffmann seine Rechtswissenschaft aus der Schule des groessten Geistes der Staebeniten , des Sing Sing Kandidaten David Maier mosaischen Blutes mitbekommen haben, so bitten wir ihn dieselbe dort anzuwenden wo er hingehoert. Wir sind Freunde Deutschland nicht weil es eine Konjunkturerseheinung ist, sondern im tiefsten unserer Herzen. Herr Hoffmann, der vor wenigen Wochen sich im Film in vielen Staedten Deutschlands als der grosse Mann zeigen liess, der eine Organisation von 50000 Menschen repraesentiert Herr Hoffmann, wir fragen Sie wo sind diese Zehntausende die Sie vergeben zu repraesentieren ? Wo waren die 50 000 am vergangenen Sonntag, wo waren umf etwas weiter zu greifen die 150 000 Mitglieder der DAK - VDG etc. ? Wir lehnen die Verspiegelung falscher Tatsachen die anderen Leuten Gesetz zu sein scheint ab, weil wir der Ansicht sind, dass wir mit ~~Engagement~~ der Wahrheit weiter kommen. -

Jch halte es fuer meine Pflicht bei dieser Gelegenheit auf die Rundschreiben der DAK zur Sammlung von Adressen fuer politische Zwecke zu sprechen zu kommen, ~~wirklichen~~ auch wir glauben dass das Deutschtum politisch geschult werden muss um seinen Platz zurueckzuerobern, wir lehnen es aber ab unsere Zustimmung dazu zu geben, dass unsere Mitkaempfer zum Schacherobjekt politischer Kulissenschieber gemacht werden.

Wir glauben auch nicht, dass es die Aufgabe des DHV also der angeblichen deutschen Arbeitsfront ist sich in Dinge einzumischen die mit den Aufgaben des DHV nichts gemein haben. Ebenso halten wir es fuer absolut unangebracht wenn Schreiben an die hier lebenden Kameraden, entgegen der Anordnungen der vorgesetzten ^{der NSDAP} Amtsstelle aufforden einen " Deutschen Tag " zu besuchen, der mit dem Geist der NSDAP ebensowenig zu tun hat, ~~wie xxxxxxxx auf xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~ wie ~~xxxxxxx auf xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~ die hier in New York noch immer schwer arbeitenden Repraesentanten einer vergangenen Epoche deutscher Geschichte.

Auch unser Leib und Magenblatt , die von dem in die Ewigkeit gesegelten Juden Ochs gegruendete New York Times, trug seinen Anteil bei unseren Voelkischen Tag Abbruch zu tun. Wie ein Blitz aus heiterem Himmel brachte sie die Nachricht, dass Deutschland den Rund als "Unsinn" bezeichnet und hofft wir wuerden wieder zu

Wer hat diesen Times Artikel drei Tage vor dem "Voel-

kische Tag " inszeniert ? ~~Darunter xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx~~
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 Woher wurde diese Falschmeldung zu einem mehr oder minder amtlichen Dokument gestempelt ?

Vielleicht koennen uns die ewig gestrigen am Battery Place die erforderliche Auskunft geben ? -

Wir sind fuer unser Deutschland, gestern, heute und morgen, mit Leib und Seele sind wir fuer unser nat. soz. Deutschland, weil wir aus ihm die Kraefte schoepfen die wir fuer unseren Kampf um die Erhaltung wahren Deutschtums in USA benoetigen. Niemand kann uns beeinflussen und selbst wenn wir bitteren Groll ob den Unrechtes von deutscher Seite aus das man uns antut im Herzen haben, werden wir immer fuer das Land unserer Vaeter und seine Fuehrer eintreten, Deutschland ist auch unser Deutschland, wir wollen seine treuesten Soehne sein und bleiben.

Heil Euch ihr lieben Kampf und Schivksalsgenossen.

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Die Geister scheiden sich, wer nicht fuer uns ist, ist gegen uns, Neutrale kennen wir nicht. Wir wollen nicht Boeses mit Boesem vergelten obwohl wir reichlich Grund haetten den Geschaeftsleuten boesse zu sein, die einen deutschen Tag durch eine Anzeige im Programm unterstuetzten, fuer uns war dies eine Beleidigung die wir das grosse Ziel im Auge habend noch einmal verzeihen koennen.

Das Blatt "Frontkämpfer" das zwar ein mehr wie bescheidenes Dasein fuehrt schreibt in seiner letzten Ausgabe: Lumpen und Verraeher wollen wir nicht am Deutschen Tag haben Ich weiss nicht ob dies die Ansicht der gesamten Mitgliedschaft der Deutschen Legion ist, und gebe als Antwort darauf bekannt, dass mit dieser Stunde die Aufforderung an unsere Frontkämpfer ergeht sich zu melden zur Gruendung einer Frontkämpfergruppe der Legion. Mit unseren Kameraden vom Stahlhelm werden wir sicher eine glueckliche Leibesbruederung in Vorweihnachtszeit in Verweihnachtszeit brauchen wir keine Worte zu verlieren. Der Vorstand des Division heisst uns und wird in der Woche vor Weihnachten einen Weihnachtsmarkt abhalten, der da er kein Previatuernehmen ist, jedem freien Eintritt gewahrt. Warten Sie also mit ihren Weihnachtseinkaeufen bis zum DHV Weihnachtsmarkt.-

Den noch immer im Dornroesenschlaf sich befindlichen Gesangsvereinen, die weil ihre Vorstaende verhindern noch keine Ahnung von einem neuen Deutschland haben, wird der Bund eine "Deutsche Saengerschaft" entgegensetzen die mit Ehren diesen Namen tragen wird. Auch hier ergeht der Apell an alle sich anzumelden, damit alsbald die Gesangsabteilung des Bundes steht.-

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In aller naechster Zeit wird eine Bekanntmachung erfolgen wann die am Sonnabend verbotene Kundgebung steigt. Die Karten des Voelkischen Tages, der in anderer Form dennoch stattfand, koennen gegen bar eingeloeset werden, Ich moechte Sie jedesh ersuchen uns wenn irgend moeglich den Betrag zu ueberlassen, damit wir wenigstens einen Teil der uns erwachsenen Schulden zu decken vermoegen. Dieses Verlangen mag vielleicht nicht ueberall verstanden werden und ich moechte daher erwahnen, dass wir ueber 1800 Dellar an Ansueben hatten und wir unsere Geschaeftsleute die alle nicht ueber allaugrosse Reichtuemer verfuegen gerne sofort bezahlen moechten.

Am naechsten Montag wird eine in amerikanische Sprache aus-
gegeben einer grossen Reihe von Schriften die sich in unserem Sinne ge-
halten sind. Jeder sollte einen Gast mitbringen, Herr Edmundson spricht
in der Landessprache.

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Mr. Edgar Hoover, Chief,
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

It is with great feeling that I read of the continuous ruthless destruction of the precious lives of our fellow Citizens and the much needed facilities for self defence that is so essential to us and to aid the last outpost of Democracy- Great Britain, on which our well being to a great extent depends.

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I feel derelict in having written sooner, but I had been in hopes with the F.B.I. on the job, we would get action, but things are getting worse; with yesterday's two explosions in New York and one in Pennsylvania and this is only a bagatelle to what is going to happen unless something radical is done to stop it and soon.

I say without equivocation, that most of this, if not all, could have been averted, by putting the screws to the one man in this country, who more than any other, is responsible for these catastrophes and I mean no other than G. Wilhelm Kunze, the so-called Fuehrer of the German-American Bund and his clique of about 30 to 40, who are working with and responsible to the German Consular offices thruout the Country.

G. Wilhelm Kunze is the so-called brains of this clique, alongside of whom Fitz Kuhn is a dull witted, thick headed ninkompoop. Kunze is shrewd, unscrupulous to the nth degree, has an unmitigated audacity and would not hesitate to stop at anything, carnage or otherwise to gain his end and he makes no secret about his end- to serve Hitler and to destroy Democracy.

Anyone that attended the Bund meeting at Madison Square garden and heard Kunze speak openly at that time, in his perfect English and authentic German, must have been impressed by his scurrilous remarks about the Government, Democracy and the President, and the way he spoke with a knowing slur that Boeing was building for the army and failed to leave the ground as he put it, and which brot a titter from the knowing ones in the audience.

Ack
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Kunze is all the more dangerous because he has a marvelous delivery and when he speaks in perfect German to the Alien Germans as well ^{as some} German Americans, as I have heard him on several occasions- he works them up to a fever pitch, so that they are ready to go to all lengths for der fuehrer and vaterland. He never fails to speak derogatorily of the President, Congress and the Democratic Dopes as he is so fond to call them and he knows all the tricks and does'nt hesitate to use them.

To allow Kunze and his gang to run loose, is to cultivate a scourge, by comparison to which our public enemies #1 are pygmies, for where they murdered individuals and primarily their own, these go in for wholesale murder of innocent men, women and children with regard.

If you get Kunze and his gang and keep them out of harms way at least for the duration of the war, you'll put the fear of God in these fiends and paralyze these dastardly efforts to destroy the American way of Life. For the sake of those who are next on the list, wont you, cant you, stop them, lest it be too late.

Yours very truly

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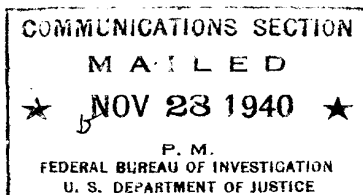
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated November 18, 1940, and I desire to thank you for your interest in writing to this Bureau.

Your comments pertaining to the internal security of this country have been read with interest and made a part of our official files for appropriate consideration.

You may be assured that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is making every effort under the existing statutes to give prompt and appropriate attention to all matters affecting our national defense.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

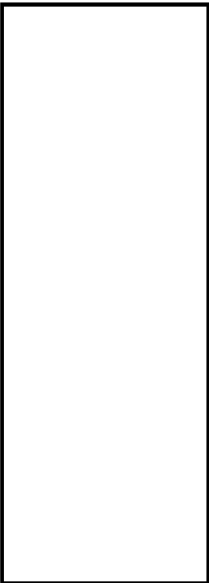


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