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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: HARRY S. TRUMAN

PART 2 OF 2

Mr. NICHOLS

June 22, 1956

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"THE TRUMAN SCANDALS"
by Jules Abels
BOOK REVIEW

SYNOPSIS:

Synopsis book, "The Truman Scandals" by Jules Abels, U. S. Government economist and Economic Adviser to the Administrator, Small Business Administration, since October, 1953. A graduate of Columbia Law School, member New York Bar, prior to entering Government service was Business Trend Editor, Newsweek Magazine, and Executive Editor for Research Institute of America. Bufiles reflect "Security of Government Employees" investigation re Abels. Nothing derogatory. (#140-5979)

Book is, as title suggests, attack on Truman administration dealing specifically with Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Housing Administration, and various tax cases. Author compares scandals of Truman administration with those of Grant and Harding administrations, but says Truman's was worst.

Numerous references to the FBI and the Director. Bufiles checked concerning each reference and pertinent information in files has been set forth parenthetically below each detailed reference. References generally not critical of Bureau. Page 176 states Henry W. Grunewald "By his own account, ...could get J. Edgar Hoover on the phone to discuss a personal problem." The manner in which the author states this could leave impression it is true. On page 229, in connection with a case involving Archer Zamloch, a lawyer who had been indicted for bribing a witness in a narcotics case, author states that the San Francisco grand jury "despite repeated pleas to Washington" could get "no help from the FBI." Actually, this case was a Treasury Department matter since the Narcotics Division of Treasury had already conducted an extensive investigation into the matter. Other references not critical.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - Mr. Rosen

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The book "The Truman Scandals," by Jules Abels, was released recently by Henry Regnery Company, Chicago, Illinois.

AUTHOR, JULES ABELS

Jules Abels, United States Government economist, has served since October, 1953, as Economic Adviser to the Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Prior to joining the Government, he was Business Trends Editor of Newsweek Magazine and Executive Editor for the Research Institute of America. Mr. Abels is a graduate of Columbia Law School, a member of the New York Bar and was a Littauer Fellow in Economics at Harvard University. He is the author of the book, "The Welfare State: A Mortgage on America's Future" (1951), a critical analysis of the economic policies of the Truman Administration.
(Book Jacket)

A check of Bufiles reflects a "Security of Government Employees" investigation (140-5979)* re one Jules Abel, aka. Jules Abels, Julius Abels, Adolph Jerome Abelsky, Director, Office of Economic Adviser, Small Business Administration, Washington, D. C. Abels was born June 19, 1919, at Taunton, Massachusetts, and is single. He received a B.A. degree from the College of the City of New York, 1931-34; LL.B. degree from Columbia University Law School, 1934-37; and Master of Public Administration, Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration, Cambridge, Mass., 1940-41. Employed as a law clerk in New Jersey, September, 1937-April, 1938; Junior Attorney, Marketing Laws Survey, Works Progress Administration, Washington, D.C., and New York City, September, 1938-August, 1940; Economic Analyst and Editor, Research Institute of America, New York City, November, 1941-September, 1951; employed preparing campaign material by Republican Congressional Committee, Washington, D. C., October, 1951-January, 1952; Associate Editor, "Newsweek" Magazine, New York City, January, 1952-May, 1953; toured Europe studying economic conditions regarding material for his publication, May, 1953-August, 1953; Economist and Economic Adviser, Small Business Administration, Washington, D. C., from October 12, 1953. Nothing of a derogatory nature in file.

A check of Bufiles reflects that the Henry Regnery Company was the publisher of a book written by Prince Louis Ferdinand Von Hohenzollern, who was investigated under the Registration Act in 1953. No information of a subversive or derogatory nature regarding the Company was disclosed (97-3115).

*Investigation conducted re Abels as result of information from another Government agency reflecting allegations that his sister-in-law was sympathetic to the Communist Party and had allegedly made statements concerning Communism in the presence of Abels, a Government employee.

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THE BOOK

The book, "The Truman Scandals," is, as the title suggests, an attack on the Truman administration, and deals specifically with activities involving the RFC, FHA, and various tax cases. The book contains a brief summary of former President Truman's entrance into politics and his tie-up with the Pendergasts. The author compares the scandals of the Truman administration with those of the Grant and Harding administrations, and states that all previous cases of corruption, serious as they were, are very small compared with the corruption which took place in the administration of Harry S. Truman. "Never had there been so much corruption practiced by so many public officials in so many different places," says the author.

In his "Conclusion," the author states that (1) the corruption (in the Truman administration) was of far greater danger to the nation than in any previous cases since it invaded almost every department of the government, not only in Washington, but all over the country; (2) the scandals of the Truman administration were epidemic, the cases in the Truman era being a continuous band covering many agencies and localities; (3) the frauds were not only epidemic, but they were a disease endemic to the Truman administration, and was a necessary and natural consequence of a philosophy of government which was in essence political; (4) the administration, far from taking effective action to wipe out corruption, was in some cases protecting the wrongdoers, in other cases was indifferent and in other cases the machinery of the administration was used to block and thwart the investigators of corruption. He concludes by saying that a graver indictment may yet emerge against the Truman administration following the trials of T. Lamar Caudle and Matthew J. Connelly.

REFERENCES TO THE FBI:

There are numerous references to the FBI and/or the Director throughout the book. They are set out in detail below:

Page 13 - James P. McGranery, having been appointed by the President to replace Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, stated he would not use the questionnaire method of investigation proposed by Newbold Morris, "but would use the FBI to root out corruption." The author adds, "The FBI by law could not investigate Treasury personnel."

(The April 4-10, 1952, Facts on File reflects McGranery made statement "he would look around and, if he saw any corruption, would 'straighten it out' with FBI aid...")

Page 25 - Concerns the Kansas City primary elections of 1946, and refers to activity of Kansas City Star in collecting affidavits to substantiate cry of fraud. Author states, "In October the general clamor forced Attorney General Clark to permit an investigation of the vote by the FBI."

(Memo 10/11/46, following a study of material submitted by the Kansas City Star, the Attorney General requested the FBI to make a preliminary investigation. 56-639-5)

Page 26 - "The assistant Attorney General in charge of the criminal division, Theron Lamar Caudle, gave instructions to the FBI. It was not until June 1947 that it was disclosed that Caudle had authorized the FBI to make only a 'preliminary investigation' and had instructed the FBI to interview only two reporters from the Kansas City Star and four election inspectors. As former Attorney General Biddle testified before the Chelf committee this was unprecedented and 'improper' since even a 'preliminary investigation' of civil rights cases was by practice unrestricted. Caudle's office drafted the instructions three times before submitting the memo to Attorney General Clark who approved it and transmitted it to J. Edgar Hoover."

(The AG's memo of 10/11/46 specified the information which should be determined and requested that 4 members, Board of ElectionsCommissioners, Jackson County Courthouse, be interviewed; also two reporters who had written articles and such other Star employees as participated in Star investigation. 56-639-5)

"The FBI in submitting a 245-page report stated that 'Its contents do not constitute the results of an investigation but pursuant to the specific instructions of the Attorney General are merely a summary of the data developed by the Kansas City Star and the Election Board.' The memorandum stressed this point 'to prevent the possibility of our reports being cited as a result of investigation proving that further investigation or prosecution is not justified.'"

(Under cover of memorandum dated 10/23/46, the Attorney General was furnished a 355-page report reflecting the results of the investigation requested by the Department. At the conclusion of the memo, the following statement was made: "You will note that only the specific investigation requested in your memorandum has been conducted and I shall appreciate your advising me as soon as possible whether any further investigation is desired. Bufile #56-639-7; 12)

Pages 26-27 - "U. S. Attorney Sam Wear prepared a twenty-three page synopsis of the report. He submitted it to three federal judges in Missouri, who rightly concluded that there was no basis for a grand jury investigation. These judges testified that they assumed the investigation would continue; they were not informed of the limitations in the FBI report; they were not asked as to an opinion of an additional investigation and they said that on the basis of the full FBI report, their opinion would have been different. Wear informed the Justice Department in Washington of the opinion of the judges based upon this synopsis. On January 6, 1947, assistant Attorney General Caudle stated that the investigation was closed. The department said, 'The investigation in the case was thorough.' In 1952, testifying before the Chelf Committee, Caudle admitted frankly that the investigation by the FBI had been a highly restricted one."

(Judges testified they had seen only U.S. Attorney Wear's synopsis of the FBI report and did not know at the time that it was based on the Kansas City Star reporters' investigation. 56-639-189x21. Bymemo dated 1/6/47 former Asst. Attorney General Caudle advised the Bureau that our investigation was thorough and the Criminal Division had concluded that "there is no certain basis for prosecution of anyone for election fraud conspiracies." Mr. Caudle advised that he was closing his file and no further investigation was desired. 56-639-16)

"Senator Kem of Missouri started asking questions. Attorney General Clark told Kem, 'The FBI at my instance conducted a full investigation as to the charges of fraud in the primary--no evidence of a Federal violation was established.'"...

(May 21, 1947, issue, Washington Times Herald, reflects Senator Kem made public a letter from Clark dated 2/10/47 in which the Attorney General told Kem "a careful and thorough review" by the FBI disclosed "no evidence of a Federal violation" in the primary. 56-639-32x)

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Page 51 - Concerns activities of General Vaughan. States "General Vaughan appears as the sponsor of one Franklin Lamb, who was hired without an FBI check as an assistant to Charles Wilson, head of the War Mobilization Board." Indicates Lamb was tied up with known criminals.

(Lamb was employed by Office of Defense Mobilization from September 4, 1951, to October 24, 1951. On October 3, 1951, an ASAA investigation was ordered on Lamb on request of AEC in view of Lamb's appointment to the Office of Defense Mobilization and in view of the fact that Lamb would have access to restricted Atomic Energy information. 116-27736-10)

Page 107 - "In December, 1951, the FBI investigated embezzlements from the Thomasville bank in Alabama, and arrested Stutts; according to J. Edgar Hoover $300,000 of the RFC loan was used to cover up illegal loans which were made to Stutts."

(The December 7-13, 1951, Facts on File reflects "The FBI said $300,000 of the RFC loan had been used to reduce some of the lumber company's $700,000 in illegal credit extensions from the bank.")

Page 149 - Concerns Caudle's involvement in Teitelbaum case. "It never occurred to Caudle as one of the chief law enforcement officers of the country to report the fix to the Attorney General or the FBI."

(Author's remark.)

Page 181 - Concerning Theron Lamar Caudle.

"In 1945, when Clark succeeded Biddle as Attorney General, he was responsible for Caudle's appointment to head the criminal division. An FBI report was submitted on Caudle to Clark, in which Caudle admitted he was 'indiscreet' and said that 'somebody kept putting presents in his automobile' while it was in a parking lot."

(Nothing re above in memo to AG concerning Caudle dated 8/27/45. In telephone conversation with SAC Scheidt, Charlotte, 7/17/45, Caudle said he had been a "sucker" in connection with Beaty* matter. Buffile #62-23824-22;26)

"Clark reviewed the report.... In a conference in the Justice Department with two FBI agents from Charlotte, he (Clark) asked, 'Will he embarrass me, does he know his way around?' Caudle passed the tests and so the appointment went through."

*Keith M. Beaty was a wealthy Charlotte, N. C., businessman, a friend of Caudle's, who was mixed up in

various racketeering activities.

(Two Agents did talk with Clark concerning Caudle. The above question attributed to Clark was erroneous, however. Clark asked if Caudle were a good publicrelations man and if he had the ability to say "no". 62-95844-21)

Page 168 - Concerning Caudle's involvement in case of Norman F. Miller, Detroit, Michigan. States: "J. Edgar Hoover sent several memoranda to Caudle protesting the delay, referring to the shady maneuvers of Miller and pointing out the unfavorable publicity."

(Bureau sent two memoranda to Caudle re above; memo 3/29/47 pointed out numerous attempts of Miller and his attorneys to prevent case reaching logical conclusion; memo 5/16/47, in reply to Caudle's memo 4/24/47, pointed out civil suit for recovery might be instituted if criminal prosecution should be unsuccessful. Bufile #46-2169-156; 162; 195)

Page 169 - "An FBI complaint on Caudle before he came to Washington was in part connected with an association with a friend, Keith Beaty, and lack of proper prosecuting real growing out of that friendship in the case of law violations."

(A memorandum from the Director the Attorney General dated 6/27/45 set out certain allegations concerning Caudle which came to light during the investigation of another case in the district where Caudle was U.S. Attorney. Bufile 62-23284-22; No applicant-type investigation was requested by the Department concerning F. Lamar Caudle at the time of his appointment as Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division in July, 1945. (62-95844-37)

Page 175 - Concerns testimony of Charles Oliphant, former chief counsel, Bureau of Internal Revenue, re Henry F. Grunewald before Kean subcommittee. "As soon as Oliphant mentioned Grunewald in the Teitelbaum case, Grunewald got into a hospital bed and thereafter was an elusive object. He refused to testify on the ground of illness. Then when he disappeared the FBI had to be turned out to uncover him and found him on a farm in Virginia." (62-92645-151)

Page 176 - Concerns Henry W. Grunewald. "By his own account, he could get J. Edgar Hoover on the phone to discuss a personal problem."

(Bufile #65-6165-149 reflects conversation with John E. Tobin, General Counsel, Kean Committee, 4/27/53, in which you told Tobin Director was not intimate with Grunewald, and Director did not appreciate manner in which Grunewald had thrown the Director's name around.)

"After a term in the Navy, when he acquired the nickname of 'The Dutchman,' he was an FBI agent and investigator for the alcohol tax unit."

(Grunewald was never an investigator for Mr. Hoover. Grunewald was employed in old Bureau of Investigation, September, 1917, and resigned March 15, 1919. #62-21343-11)

Page 229 - Concerns case involving Archer Zamloch, a lawyer who had been indicted for bribing a witness in a narcotics case. Author states: "The Federal authorities gave the grand jury no co-operation. It could get no transcript of its hearings, no information from Internal Revenue, and despite repeated pleas to Washington, no help from the FBI."

(Policy of FBI not to investigate case where other agency has conducted investigation. Narcotics Division of Treasury Department had already conducted an extensive investigation into the entire Zamloch case and, therefore, was in better position to be of assistance. #72-496-20)

Page 230 - "An FBI investigation of the Zamloch matter, which was started in April, was concluded in May, but on May 28, Attorney General McGrath personally reopened the investigation on charges that O'Gara and two others had intimidated a witness."

(On April 3, 1951, at the insistence of the Department, the Bureau initiated investigation into an allegation that Louise Haller, a Government witness in the Zamloch case, had received death threats. Upon interview, Haller admitted lying; this information was furnished Department and bymemo 5/24/51 Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford requested Bureau to conduct an investigation into allegations against Assistant United States Attorneys Charles O'Gara and Joseph Karesh of San Francisco. #72-493-87)

Page 231 - "On October 24, O'Gara was interviewed by two FBI agents and on December 6 the third ranking officer of the FBI told him that there were 23 separate charges lodged against him."

(The interview of O'Gara on October 24 lasted eight minutes and he refused to cooperate with the FBI Agents. On 12/6/51 he was interviewed by Inspector R. A. Clegg at which time various items and allegations against him were discussed with him orally. O'Gara made copious notes at that time which apparently account for the "23 allegations" which were publicized thereafter. Bufiles 72-552-21 & 62-95976-51)

"In November, Doolan was quizzed for three hours by FBI Agents."

(Bureau of files failed to reflect any evidence of an interview of Doolan in November; however, Doolan, a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, San Francisco, was interviewed October 24, 1951, at which time he made a lengthy statement. 72-552-21)

Page 236 - "His vice-chairman of Tele-King, Franklin Lamb, was given a job on defense Mobilizer Wilson's staff without an FBI check, on recommendation of General Vaughan."

(Same as reference on page 51. Bufile 116-277160-10)

Page 241 - "One of the more serious fraud cases uncovered was first disclosed by an FBI investigation. In an investigation of the Rice Growers Association of California, Sacramento, California, for possible violation of antitrust statutes, FBI agents discovered that in 1951 the association had delivered to CCC under the 1951 rice-marketing agreement approximately 60,000,000 pounds of rough rice, 45,300,000 pounds of which was not the property of the association and therefore not eligible to receive the government support price."

(The above was taken from the 2/4/52 report of House Subcommittee on Agriculture "Investigation of Warehousing Practices Commodity Credit Corporation". 160-2980-32. According to 46-16647-3, the Rice Growers Association furnished a little less than 4,700,000 pounds of the 60,000,000 furnished the Government.)

Page 294 - Concerns administration of the 608 program (the insurance of loans under Section 608 of the National Housing Act) which was discontinued in March, 1950. "Mr. Powell had a very interesting background of which the FBI apprised the Civil Service Commission both in 1941 and 1946."

(Bufile [illegible]-3242-40 reflects Civil Service Commission unable to locate any application forms or any information dealing with arrest record which the Identification Division indicated was furnished them in 1941 and 1946 in name of Clyde L. Powell, Assistant Commissioner of FHA.)

Page 300 - Concerns FHA scandals. Author indicates these "grabs" could not have occurred without the connivance of many FHA officials besides Clyde L. Powell. Author points out that "Over a period of two years, 183 cases were turned over by the FBI to FHA for investigation, of which only 9 were investigated by FHA."

(Bufile 58-35841-Sub A reflects that an article by Washington political reporter Paul F. Healy entitled "The Truth About the Housing Scandals" appeared in the Saturday Evening Post, February 26, 1955, in which it is stated "...in the period 1949-52, FHA had actually investigated only nine out of 182 reports of Title 1 criminal violations forwarded by the FBI;..." Title 1 refers to a program under which the FHA was insuring loans for home repairs and improvements.)

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4/11/56

MR. TOLSON:

This is purely informative and is not intended to go to file.

On receipt of the information from the St. Louis Office to the effect that Clara Perkins, cochairman of the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Sobell, had stated that this organization was planning to have a contact made with former President Truman, possibly through Judge O'Brien of Detroit or another individual named Harper who are allegedly close friends of Truman, with a view of talking Truman into reading the John Wexley book and thereafter make a public announcement which could be used by Sobell and his group, I wish to advise that I called Bill Hillman and advised him in confidence that we had been tipped off from a reliable source that the Committee to Free Sobell was going to have an approach made to his friend in Independence with a view of getting his friend to read the Wexley book on the Rosenbergs and then issue a statement which could be used by the Free Sobell Committee. I told Bill that in Party circles where the discussion had taken place it had been suggested that a Judge O'Brien, who was a reported friend of the former President, was to be approached to approach his friend and that the Director felt that his friend ought to be tipped off.

Bill called me late Friday evening and stated that he had just talked to Mr. Truman who was most grateful and appreciative and asked Bill to relay back to us how warmly he appreciated the gesture and to express his deep appreciation to the Director for passing the word to him and that Bill should tell the Director not to worry that if anybody approached him on the Rosenberg or Sobell matter he wouldn't even listen to them but will "kick their ___ right out of the office." He further stated that he knows of Judge O'Brien in Detroit, O'Brien is no friend of his and there is another Judge by the name of Harper who is "a political hat" who is not a friend of his; that these people better not approach him because if they did they would "get thrown out on their ear." He stated he would not be a bit surprised, however, if they did try some stunt like this since "old Eleanor" has been trying to hoodwink him into an Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) conference and in fact had called him just a few days previously and asked him to address an ADA group. He, of course, was polite to her but he told Bill that he could not understand some of the things that Eleanor did such as fronting for the commies and that as long as he lives he will never address another "ADA meeting."

Bill stated that the old gentleman was most grateful and at least on three occasions said to tell Edgar how warmly he appreciated his thinking of him.

Bill then told me in the strictest of confidence that the former President is getting ready to go on a trip through Europe and has made a deal with the Hearst press whereby he will report what he sees in Europe but will not write about politics on his trip. He specifically stated that regardless of how keenly he felt about how foreign affairs are being handle he would not do anything which would embarrass a present President in handling these things.

With regard to the Wexley book, I also told Bill that it was predicated upon the premise that the Rosenberg and Sobell cases grew out of a frameup and a frantic effort on the part of the Truman Administration to disprove the charge of being soft on Reds and to do this it claimed the Russians had stolen the atomic bomb.

Respectfully,

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
10:30 AM E.W.T.
April 14, 1945

THE HOME GUARD

It is a special privilege to be present at the graduation of you guardians of the home front. It would be more than tragic if, while fighting a world-wide war to preserve our democratic ideals, we would neglect the constant battle against evil forces at home.

Fortunately, the specialized training provided here at the National Police Academy, under the supervision of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, assures America that we will continue to have well-equipped specialists to maintain peace and order within our borders.

Please permit me to pay special tribute to the man, who in addition to founding the National Police Academy, has played such an important part in improving law enforcement throughout the United States. I refer to your distinguished leader, the moving spirit behind the Federal Bureau of Investigation, my good friend, the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover.

You men have been especially fortunate in being selected for intensive training at the greatest crime clinic in the world. Here you have learned the wonders of modern scientific methods. You have acquired skill in using the latest weapons available. Even more important, here you have been taught the all-essential need of quick cooperation with all law enforcement agencies, local, county, state and federal. If we hope to make sound progress for the benefit of all society, we must carry on a well-coordinated, all-out attack on crime.

You officers have had the opportunity to study the most modern methods of crime prevention and crime detection. Your intense training here at this most efficient center, should pay you and society great dividends in the years to come. You learned not merely the use of scientific methods in combating the enemies of society, but also the urgent need of effective cooperation with all the other useful agencies. Only by a nation-wide, coordinated campaign by all law-enforcement agents can we achieve the highest degree of efficiency, which in itself will be one of the most effective means of preventing anti-social acts. Certainty of criminal apprehension is the most powerful check on crime.

Tremendous progress has been made in criminology during the last century. In the past the criminal was punished in a spirit of revenge, without proper consideration of the many factors which gave rise to this problem of social maladjustment. Criminals are not born such. They are usually the unfortunate product of their environment, experience and social background.

In view of the many economic and health factors, which frequently give rise to criminal tendencies, there remains a tremendous job for society to accomplish. Our statesmen must eliminate most of the outstanding inequities in our social structure, providing greater individual security, improved health, and a better economic opportunity for all our people. Then a most important step will be taken in removing some of the main reasons for crime.

The war has greatly complicated the problems of law-enforcement agencies. In the first place, there remains the constant danger of saboteurs, spies and enemy agents, all anxious to undermine our military power and the public morale. Fortunately, the splendid work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the able direction of Mr. Hoover, has made these enemy efforts of little value. However, constant vigilance is still necessary for the preservation of life and property at home.

Another factor, which hit agencies charged with the maintenance of law and order, has been the call to arms of many of our most active officers. Yet despite all handicaps, utilization of modern scientific methods has made possible the record achieved. As in all matters mortal, there still remains room for improvement.

The most distressing aspect of the current criminal record in America is the alarming increase in juvenile delinquency. Youngsters, still in their teen age, constitute one of the major groups of our criminal offenders. For the average layman, it is difficult to realize that the most frequent arrests in any male age group is seventeen, eighteen and nineteen years, respectively.

In a review of the 1944 figures, it is especially shocking to learn that, in a democracy where the voting privilege is denied until the age of twenty-one, our youth under twenty-one years committed 35 percent of all robberies, 52 percent of burglary, 35 percent of larceny and 63 percent of auto thefts. Of 110,000 crimes committed against property, fully 40 percent of the offenders were <u>less</u> than twenty-one years old! What a sad commentary upon the training of the youth of America!

As officers charged with the duty to protect society from crime, you have a most serious responsibility. You will require the active cooperation of <u>all</u> law-abiding citizens. For the most effective discharge of your duty, you need the help of every social agency created to improve living conditions in your community.

It is far better and cheaper to <u>prevent</u> crime than to pursue the criminal, and, after detention, try to rehabilitate him. For example, to direct the excess energy of youth to the gymnasium of a Boys' Club may prevent his joining a juvenile gang.

The future of America depends upon the character and quality of our youth. The primary problem is one of home-training, general education and character-building. However, as leaders in the cause of a progressive order, you should actively promote and help coordinate all welfare and social agencies which can be utilized to ease your burden.

Present social conditions naturally reflect the great dislocations caused by the war. Mothers with patriotic purposes work in war plants, while their neglected children become social problems. The strong guidance of fathers in service is missing in many homes. Children, who should be in school, are working long hours and, though helping the war effort, sometimes associate with the wrong kind of people. Many spend their salaries seeking release from wartime emotions.

Americans dare not wait until juvenile delinquency becomes more critical before combating the causes. We must act now to protect the welfare and future of our youth.

The total number of selected law enforcement officers from every state of the Union, as well as leading foreign police agencies, who have graduated from the National Police Academy, now total 1,047 men. These officials all know the methods taught here. They are all disciples of modern crime detection. These officers can and will be of great assistance in the fight for a decent social order.

Real peace and order cannot be obtained by vast armies of policemen merely trying to use force and arms to crush crime by old-fashioned methods. Today, more than ever before, we need quality, not just quantity, in our law-enforcing agencies. Small, but efficient groups, operating carefully and intelligently, can accomplish far more than a large untrained force. You are being sent forth to assist your community by applying the latest scientific methods placed at your disposal by this specialized training. You will guide others to appreciate the great benefits of modern techniques and efficient nation-wide cooperation in combating crime.

Today millions of our young men are fighting throughout the world for the preservation of democratic decency. It would be tragic indeed if they came back to find that the home-front had fallen down on the job. Our veterans have the right to expect us to safeguard their homes and their relatives, despite all wartime difficulties.

In this sacred trust, the home guard will not fail.

At home here we still have a tremendous task ahead of us. The dislocation of families by war work in distant plants, the growing threat of juvenile delinquency, and the psychological reactions of individuals exposed to the emotional hardships of war, all present problems of the first magnitude. If we intend to insure the proper social climate which will permit orderly progress in keeping with our ideals, all of us must face these new problems frankly and act effectively.

The modern law-enforcement official needs far more than a night stick and a gun to maintain peace and order. The efficient officer must know the nature and extent of local social problems. He must use scientific tests, as well as psychology. As a progressive leader he should effectively mobilize all available agencies in his locality, and throughout the country, for the prevention, as well as the detection of crime. This is a large order, but the times call for men of large stature.

As bigger social problems are presented, America needs better trained men to solve them. You are indeed fortunate in having the opportunity of association with the best and receiving the finest training available in your specialized profession. By your conduct and character you can make your profession one of the most progressive and useful in our national life.

In a few months the National Police Academy will celebrate its tenth anniversary. During this decade tremendous things have been accomplished by its graduates. If we had time it could be shown how much money society was saved by the special training of these graduates. We could list also the arrests made, convictions obtained and pardons recommended by these officers.

No set of statistics, however, can adequately convey the heartache averted, nor the deep-felt gratitude for crimes prevented, for lives saved, for missing people recovered, and for the countless worthy services rendered. Even the most comprehensive reporting system cannot reveal these things. For all such essential services, society is indeed grateful to the law enforcement officers, especially to the graduates of this splendid Academy.

Our fighting men on all fronts are today going through a most strenuous ordeal. They are bravely offering their lives so that we may live our democratic way. The heroes on the battle-front surely deserve all praise and credit for their noble fight.

The general public, unfortunately, does not fully appreciate the fact that right here at home other heroes are waging a relentless war against another deadly foe -- the modern criminal. This public enemy is resourceful, crafty and efficient. His attacks are frequently powerful and against the weak. Your bitter conflict against crime is endless.

To check the constant ravages of crime requires character of the highest order. As well expressed in the motto of the National Police Academy, to win your war you need "Knowledge, Courage, Integrity". The omission of any one part of this trinity of virtues makes the other two practically useless. Like the three-legged stool, it simply cannot stand on two.

The world would be a much better place if more people possessed these great virtues -- knowledge, courage and integrity. I am confident that, after your practical experience and intensive training, you will continue to be the strong champions of law and order. With your essential character and tested ability, you will render a lasting service to your community and to your country.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/18/45 1945

TO:

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x Mr. Tolson	Mr. Noase
Mr. E. A. Tamm	Mr. Skousen
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L. B. Nichols
Room 5636 Ext. 691

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Room 5744 4-18- 1945

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Clyde Tolson

SJD:DMG 4/14/45

S.J. DRAYTON, MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR
SAC, CHICAGO
RE: HARRY S. TRUMAN

As of possible interest to you, Mr. Russell Stewart, Managing Editor of Chicago Times, is a very close friend of President Truman. I had occasion to meet and chat with Mr. Truman at a small dinner given by Mr. Stewart at the Tavern Club. In event I can be of any assistance whatsoever, I hope you will let me know your desires.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SJD:DMG

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 4/14/45

FROM : Mr. S. J. Drayton, SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: HARRY S. TRUMAN

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beck
Mr. Gandy

As of possible interest to you, Mr. Russell Stewart, the Managing Editor of the Chicago Times, is a very close friend of President Truman. As a matter of fact, Mr. Stewart was with Mr. Truman constantly during the National Democratic Convention in Chicago last year and on March 17, 1945, while Mr. Truman was in Chicago, Mr. Stewart entertained him at a small dinner at the Tavern Club. It was during this dinner that I had occasion to meet and chat with Mr. Truman. I am sure that if Mr. Stewart can be of any possible assistance that he will be more than pleased to do so inasmuch as he is a close personal friend of mine and has a very high regard for you and the Bureau. In the event I can be of any assistance whatsoever, I hope that you will let me know what your desires are.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

EAT:DS

To: The Director

Date: November 4, 1944

From: Edw. A. Tamm

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Sometime ago the Bureau conducted an investigation of [redacted] who was being considered by the Department for appointment as a Deputy Marshal, stenographer, in the Western District of Missouri. The investigation disclosed that the applicant had been suspected of having stolen money on three different occasions, another reference declined to recommend the applicant for any position in which she might handle funds, and the investigation disclosed that an audit made in 1939 of funds administered by the applicant in the Kansas City War Department disclosed a shortage attributable to her of more than $1,400.00. Her credit rating is unsatisfactory and a family physician advised that the applicant was a kleptomaniac.

In addition to submitting the reports to the Department on this applicant, I did, as my custom, call Gus Vanech to my office and pointed out this information to him. Mr. Vanech advised me a day or so ago that this applicant was sponsored by Senator Truman and the fact that the applicant was a kleptomaniac, had stolen the $1,400.00, etc. was brought to Senator Truman's attention. Despite these facts and the expressed reluctance of the Department to appoint the applicant, Truman insisted that the appointment be made and it is accordingly being made at his insistence.

(Mr. Hoover's notation: "A shocking commentary! H.")

Mr. Tamm

Mr. Mohr

[illegible] To [illegible]
[illegible] RECORDING

December 1, 1952

SYNOPSIS:

A news story prepared by Ruth Montgomery of the Washington staff of the New York Daily News alleges several wealthy Missouri citizens in 1944 chipped in to purchase Truman a wardrobe when he was a Vice Presidential candidate. Also that immediately after his inauguration, he was able to pay $18,000 in cash to reacquire the Truman homestead on which a $35,000 loan had been foreclosed for nonpayment of taxes and interest four years previously. The article also states that Tom L. Evans, Kansas City radio executive and a personal friend of Truman, on August 29, 1949, became Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Crown Drug Company and two months later, applied for a $500,000 loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation after several insurance companies and banks had refused to lend such money. This loan was granted in the amount of $500,000 on January 15, 1950. The article also points out that among the contributors to the Truman fund was Paul Dillon, St. Louis lawyer, who gained prominence while representing Capone members in connection with their paroles. This story was made available to Assistant Director Nichols by a confidential source. It is recommended that a copy of the story be furnished to the Attorney General and that he be advised no investigation will be conducted in the absence of specific instructions from him. It is also recommended that the Bureau's liaison section orally brief Admiral Souers concerning information set forth in the story.

DETAILS:

To advise Ruth Montgomery of the Washington staff of the New York Daily News prepared a news story which was not

Attachment
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cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. W. D. Keay

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published for fear of libel setting forth various allegations concerning President Harry S. Truman.

DETAILS:

A copy of a news story prepared by Ruth Montgomery of the Washington staff of the New York Daily News, which was not published for fear of libel, was given to Assistant Director Nichols by a confidential source who felt it should be in our files. This story alleges that in 1944 several wealthy Missouri citizens chipped in when friends of Truman passed the hat to collect money for "a wardrobe and living expenses" for the "broke" Vice Presidential candidate. This was allegedly in addition to the Truman campaign fund raised by Tom L. Evans, Kansas City radio executive and long-time crony of President Truman. Evans in an accounting of the campaign fund declared that a total of $7,403.47 was paid directly to Truman from the fund of $33,390. Evans claimed the money was intended to reimburse Truman for "out of pocket expenses." Several other prominent Missourians, however, allegedly stated Evans also passed the hat for more direct aid to Truman.

This article also alleges that Truman, immediately after his inauguration, was able to pay $18,000 in cash to reacquire the Truman homestead at Grandview, Missouri. It was alleged a loan of $35,000 on this property had been foreclosed four years previously for nonpayment of taxes and interest. The property was reported to be now very valuable as a result of the construction of an airport and the construction of an Air Force Command Base in the vicinity of the property. It was also reported that on August 29, 1949, Evans, mentioned above, became Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Crown Drug Company and that two months thereafter, this company applied for a $500,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation after several insurance

companies and banks had refused to lend this company money. It was reported that in January, 1950, the loan was authorized for $350,000 and that on January 1[illegible], 1950, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Board of Directors reversed its own action and granted the full loan in the amount of $500,000. It was also reported that among the contributors was Paul Dillon, the St. Louis lawyer who gained prominence as the representative of former Capone mob members when they applied for parole.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached hereto for your approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General enclosing a copy of the news story prepared by Ruth Montgomery and advising the Attorney General no investigation will be conducted in connection with this matter in the absence of specific instructions from him.

It is also recommended that this matter be referred to the Bureau's liaison section and that Admiral Souers be orally briefed by the appropriate liaison agent as to the contents of the story written by Ruth Montgomery.

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN
INTEGRITY CONCERNING

December 2, 1952

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Enclosed herewith is one copy of a proposed news story which was furnished to the Bureau in confidence. It was reported that this story was not published for fear of libel.

No investigation will be conducted in connection with this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.

Enclosure

RAG:jh

Washington, D.C., Oct. 22--- Several wealthy Missouri citizens today revealed that in 1944 they sympathetically chipped in when friends of Harry S. Truman passed the hat to collect money for "a wardrobe and living expenses" for the "broke" vice presidential candidate.

Immediately after his inauguration, it was learned, Truman was able to pay $18,000 cash to reacquire the Truman homestead at Grandview, Missouri, which had been foreclosed by the county four years previously for non-payment of taxes and interest on a $35,000 loan.

This private fund, the Missourians emphasized, was in addition to the Truman campaign fund of $33,390 which was raised by Tom L. Evans, Kansas City radio executive and long-time crony of the president's.

Evans, in a recent accounting of the campaign fund, declared that a total of $7,403.47 was paid directly to Harry S. Truman from the $33,390. Evans claims the money was intended to reimburse the candidate for "out-of pocket expenses."

However, several other prominent Missourians told that Evans also passed the hat for more direct aid to Truman.

Isaac and M. H. Katz, brother-owners of the huge Katz drug store chain in Kansas City told this reporter that after Truman was nominated vice president in 1944, Evans told them he "wanted $500 to buy Truman a decent suit of clothes."

M. H. Katz said he contributed $100 to this special fund. He said he'd been told by "some of the boys that I also gave $500 to a fund, but I can't find the record of that."

Isaac and M. H. Katz both complained that "Tom Evans was always passing the hat for Truman for something or other, and we always gave a few hundred here or a couple of hundred there."

Isaac says he has a cancelled check made out to Truman from his first senatorial race in 1934 and has been "kicking in to the Pendergast Democratic club ever since because it's good business."

L. E. Whicher, a New York broker with offices at 25 Broad Street, said that in August of 1948, A. H. Rosenberg of St. Louis, then president of the Universal Match Company, told him during a conference at the Waldorf-Astoria that "he and several of Truman's friends in St. Louis and Kansas City subscribed to a fund to provide a fitting wardrobe for the candidate and for such other persons as may be necessary."

Whicher said Rosenberg told him he did not know the size of the fund raised but that it was "to buy clothes and pay expenses of Truman." Whicher added; "Mr. Rosenberg is an honorable business man and I am confident he will corroborate my statement."

Rosenberg, now retired and reached by telephone in New York, admitted that he had told Whicher this. He now claims, however, that he was "just kidding." He said he gave Tom Evans "$1,000 for the campaign fund but "that's all I'll tell you now." He threatened to sue if his name is mentioned.

Evans E. Plummer, associate editor of the Pacific Coast Record, a trade paper located at 412 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles, told The News of still another alleged fund.

"The week of August 29, 1944, I was in Kansas City, Mo. helping Barney Goodman, the hotel magnate who passed away this year, to promote and open the then new "El Casbah" room at his Belle River Hotel."

"We spent many hours together and during our conversations, the subject of Harry Truman came up. Goodman said, 'We think Senator Truman is a square-shooter and to help him keep straight, a dozen of the prominent citizens of Kansas City, including myself, have made up a purse of $12,000

each donating $1,000, to help him meet his living expenses. He isn't a wealthy man and it costs more than a senator's salary to live in Washington today."

Beacon Realty Company, a partnership enterprise of Goodman's is also listed as a $1,000 contributor to the campaign fund which Evans raised. Evans emphatically denies having ever passed the hat for other Truman funds.

Evans' own name curiously does not appear in the list of contributors to the campaign fund he solicited, although he is reportedly a millionaire and one of Truman's closest friends. Evans is a frequent visitor of Truman's in Washington and has accompained the President on numerous trips in the planes, the old "Sacred Cow" and the newer "Independence."

Among the contributors to the Evans-raised fund for Truman's campaign were Paul Dillon, St. Louis lawyer given prominence by a House committee for his representation of four former Al Capone gang members in their successful application for paroles from federal prison, and James Carroll, St. Louis, is betting commissioner who got into trouble with the federal tax authorities on winnings he paid off.

One $5,000 gift from Herman S. and Julius C. Shapiro, Kansas City real estate operators, mysteriously returned to them after President Roosevelt died and Truman became president. A total of $7,500 of the money was turned over gradually to the Democratic National Committee during the next four years after Truman moved to the White House.

Evans, at the time he collected funds for Truman, was president of the Crown Drug Company, Kansas City drug chain. He was also president of Radio Station KCMO in that city.

At that time KCMO was a weak station of only 10,000 kilowattage. In Jan. 16, 1946, Truman's Federal Communications Commission granted a much coveted daytime increase of power to 50,000 watts.

Evans' drug firm also prospered.

On Aug. 29, 1949, Evans became chairman of the board of directors of the Crown Drug Company.

Two months later, the Crown Drug Company applied for a $500,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Company after several insurance companies and banks had refused to lend the money. The first week of January 1950---in almost record time even for that patronage-ridden agency---a loan was authorized for $350,000.

However, this lesser amount did not suit the drug company and a few days later, on Jan. 15, 1950, the RFC board of directors reversed its own action and came through with the entire $500,000.

After a series of scandals had prompted a congressional investigation of the RFC, Truman was forced to reorganize it under one director---Stuart Symington---investigators discovered that the two RFC diaries kept by two of the RFC directors--Walter L. Dunham and William Willett--on this case, which would have shown what influence was brought to bear for Crown Drug Company had apparently disappeared from the files.

President Truman's finances during these years are also interesting in light of the contributions allegedly made to a "broke" candidate for the vice-presidency.

Shortly after he was sworn in as vice-president, but before he became President, Truman sent an $18,000 bank draft to Kansas City to buy back the old Truman homestead which had been foreclosed.

On March 31, 1938, after the Truman family had failed in an attempt to borrow more than $17,500 from the capital school funds.

The law required that to insure such a loan, two sureties "unencumbered for twice the value of the loan" had to endorse it.

In this peculiar instance, however, Vivian Truman, the future president's brother, and Fred Canfil, a Truman crony, were allowed to act as sureties although neither man had any known funds to back up their surety.

Canfil was then superintendent of the county courthouse from which the records of these financial statements have subsequently disappeared. Truman later had his old friend appointed U. S. Marshal.

In 1939 and 1940 the stench in Jackson county had become so odorous that a citizens clean-up committee was organized to sweep out the mess. J. W. Perry, a wealthy and highly respected citizen of KansasCity headed this committee and as a result of that work, 142 indictments were returned and the resignation of Mayor Bryce Smith, a Truman crony was forced by Perry.

Perry, during his investigation, discovered that not one cent of interest had been paid by the Trumans on their $35,000 loan, taken in the name of their mother, Mrs. Martha Truman. Further, no taxes had been paid. He therefore recommended that the property be foreclosed and on July 20, 1940 this was done.

Harry S. Truman, then a senator, permitted his mother to be dispossessed of her homestead. The county took over operation of the 292 acre farm, but, after Truman was nominated vice-president, he made approaches to reacquire part of it. On Feb. 17, 1945, the county accepted sealed bids and the highest bidder was the Charles F. Curry real estate firm.

The 92-acre section of the farm containing the homestead and out-buildings was transferred briefly from Curry to Vivian Truman and then deeded to Harry S. Truman. The remaining 200 acres were listed first in the name of Curry, then Ellen G. Huston, a straw woman in the Curry firm, and then to Rose Conway---President Truman's long-time personal secretary. On July 26, 1949, Miss Conway deeded the property to Truman.

The Kansas City attorney for Vivian Truman told this reporter that in the early spring of 1945, after Truman became vice-president and shortly after the hat had allegedly been passed to buy him clothes, etc., Vivian showed him a bank draft from Harry S. Truman for approximately $18,000 with which to buy part of the farm.

Asked about this, Vivian told the News: "It's Harry's own business where he got the money."

Curry, in an interview with this reporter, said he had made a private secret agreement in advance to let Harry S. Truman acquire the 92 acres and buildings for $20,000 after he bought in the whole property. He said his successful bid was $43,000.

He admitted that he used the name of a straw woman, Ellen O. Huston, to register the deed and that Harry Truman's name did not appear for sometime on the public records.

Curry said that he, Tom Evans and R. Kemper Carter (now deceased) put up the money for the transaction and that he owned three-fifths and Evans and Carter each one-fifth of the syndicate deal.

According to Curry's records, he declared, Truman bought the remaining 200 acres from them for exactly the amount they had paid---without interest---on May 6, 1946. However, the public records show that the property remained in the name of Truman's secretary until

Shortly after Truman bought the property, the city of Grandview began buying up land in that vicinity for a big airport to augment the Kansas City field. Then President Truman's land was further enhanced by the selection of this area to construct a vast airforce command base there.

The government brought water, sewage etc. to the area Vivien Truman has told friends that "Harry's land is now worth $1,000 an acre". This is the 200 acres for which Curry says Truman paid him $111 an acre.

Evans, told of Curry's report on their joint finances, said he "couldn't remember ever having a business deal with Curry and Carter in my life."

Truman

Mr. A. H. Belmont

January 16, 1956

Mr. R. R. Roach

SECOND EDITION OF EX-PRESIDENT
TRUMAN'S MEMOIRS

On January 13, 1956, Admiral Strauss, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, made the following comments to Liaison Agent Bates. Strauss has been advised that the second edition of ex-President Truman's memoirs will shortly be released and in them he makes several references to General MacArthur. MacArthur received a copy of the material pertaining to him and found some very glaring inaccuracies. MacArthur was elated that he had "caught" Truman in a deliberate falsehood and has written a reply which will be published. According to Strauss, MacArthur commented, "At last I have Truman where I want him."

Strauss also commented that the Truman memoirs also gave credit to former AEC Chairman Gordon Dean for the development of the hydrogen bomb. Strauss stated this, of course, was not true, that he himself had been responsible and that this had been proven by previously released comments. Strauss stated, however, he intended to make no reply.

ACTION:

For information.

CWB:jlf
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1 - Mr. Nichols
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Liaison Section
1 - Mr. Bates

May 11, 1956

PERSONAL

Honorable Harry S. Truman
Independence, Missouri

Dear Mr. President:

It was most kind and thoughtful of you to remember my Thirty-second Anniversary as Director of the FBI and to send me the congratulatory message which you did yesterday. I deeply appreciate the sentiment.

I have long hoped that some day you could pay us the visit which your heavy duties would not permit you to make while you were in Washington. Sometime when you are in the city and have the time I do wish you would visit the Bureau as I would like to arrange for you to make a tour of inspection of our facilities.

I know you are looking forward to your European trip, and I do hope you have a most enjoyable visit.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

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Truman

Mr. Tolson

May 14, 1956

L. B. Nichols

With reference to the telegram which the Director received from former President Truman on May 10, 1956, Bill Hillman called me Friday afternoon quite excited. Before the former President left this morning, his secretary showed him the telegram which Truman had sent to the Director. Bill noted that the figure "23" was used to indicate the anniversary. He immediately spotted this and the secretary stated that he had transposed the figures as Mr. Truman had dictated "32." Bill told me that the former President was quite warm when he told Bill about sending the telegram and commented on what a good job the Director had done over the years.

Bill is about to sign a contract with the Hearst Corporation in which event he will join the Truman party in approximately a week or ten days and will help in writing the series. I told Bill to let us know his itinerary; that it might be that our people could be of some assistance along the way. He stated that he had frankly planned to ask about this before he went. The Truman party consists of Mr. and Mrs. Truman, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Woodward and the former President's secretary, Stanley Birch.

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From LS File 87-12764

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Re:

Unsub, aka Charles Henderson - Bank Stop

Negatives & K

REGISTERED MAIL

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ENCLOSURE

HARRY S TRUMAN
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

August 13, 1971

Dea[redacted]

I am returning check payable to Charles Herndon, dated June 4, 1971, in amount of $735.00, which was charged to my account in error. This check does not have my signature.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

[redacted]
The National Bank of Washington
619 - 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

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Date: 8/20/71

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Felt
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Mr. Pender
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Walters
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY [redacted]

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-19087) (P)

UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon;
Harry S. Truman
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(OO:NH)

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Enclosed to the FBI Laboratory is original check, dated June 4, 1971, payable to CHARLES HERNDON, in the amount of $735, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, and drawn on the National Bank of Washington (NBW), Washington, D.C. (WDC). Photocopies of the check are being enclosed to New Haven, Kansas City and New York. Also enclosed to the FBI Laboratory, New Haven and Kansas City is a photocopy of a letter, dated 8/13/71, addressed to [redacted] of the NBW, by former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, Independence, Missouri, in which he indicated that the check does not contain his signature and that it was charged to his account in error.

New Haven is designated office of origin since instant check was passed in that division and enclosed to New Haven are eight copies of an FD 302 reflecting interview with [redacted]

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2- New Haven (Enc.10)
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EX-105

AUG 25 1971

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

For the information of the Bureau and interested offices instant check was made available to the WFO on 8/19/71 by [redacted] of the NBW, 14th and "G" Streets, N.W., WDC, and [redacted] stated that the NBW is suffering the loss in this case. He informed that Mr. TRUMAN has maintained an account at the NBW for a number of years, and instant check was forwarded to Mr. TRUMAN in his regular bank statement. When the check was returned to the NBW by Mr. TRUMAN in the enclosed letter, [redacted] telephoned the City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, where the check was passed. He talked to [redacted] of the bank and learned that unsub had opened a checking account at the bank in June, 1971, with an unknown amount of money and deposited instant check for collection. The check was received and paid by the NBW on June, 15, 1971, and the City Bank credited the funds to HERNDON's account on June 18, 1971. Approximately a week later the unsub returned to the City Trust Company, and withdrew $700 from the account, leaving a balance of approximately $61.

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At the time of opening the account the unsub told the bank that he was employed by International Harvester Company, Hartford, Connecticut, and gave an address in New York City (address not recalled by [redacted]. The bank later forwarded printed checks to the address in New York City but they were returned with the notation that unsub was not known at that address. The City Trust Company has since contacted the International Harvester Company and learned that unsub is not known to that company.

[redacted] informed that the account number which is handwritten at the bottom of the check is the correct account number of Mr. TRUMAN and apparently was placed on the check by the check passer. The encoded number was placed on the check when it was received at the NBW.

REQUEST OF FBI LABORATORY

The FBI Laboratory is requested to search instant check through the National Fraudulent Check File and to compare the signature on the check with the signature on the enclosed letter to establish the forgery in the case. If additional handwriting is necessary will request Kansas City to secure additional handwriting.

It is further requested that a latent fingerprint examination be made on the check.

Upon completion of the examinations instant check should be returned to WFO.

LEADS:

NEW HAVEN

AT BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT. 1) Will conduct ITSP investigation concerning instant check at the City Trust Company.

2) Will supply the New York Office with the address used by unsub so that appropriate investigation may be made by the New York Office at that address.

AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Will contact the International Harvester Company in an endeavor to identify unsub.

KANSAS CITY

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. 1) Will contact former President HARRY S. TRUMAN concerning instant check in an endeavor to identify unsub, noting that unsub apparently had Mr. TRUMAN's correct account number at the National Bank of Washington.

2) If advised by FBI Laboratory will secure handwriting specimens to establish forgery in the case.

3) Will notify the U.S. Secret Service concerning instant matter.

WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C. 1) Will recontact the National Bank of Washington to determine if any additional checks have been passed on the account of Mr. TRUMAN.

2) Will return instant check to the National Bank of Washington.

Information copy to New York because of future investigation at address given to City Trust Company by unsub.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 87-19087
FBI FILE NO. 87-112514-7
LATENT CASE NO. A-25968

September 17, 1971

TO: SAC, WFO

RE: UNSUB., AKA
CHARLES HERNDON;
ITSP

REFERENCE: Airtel 8/20/71 and New York letter 8/25/71
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: WFO and New York
SPECIMENS: Check, Q6, submitted by WFO
Check, Q7, submitted by New York

Listed Q specimens further described in separate Laboratory report.

One latent fingerprint of value developed on Q6. No latent prints of value developed on Q7.

Latent fingerprint lacks sufficient area for search single fingerprint file.

Q6 and letter, Kcl, enclosed. Q7 enclosed to New York.

Enc. (2)
2 - New York (87-62220) - Enc.
2 - New Haven
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
8/27/71 mab

Recorded 9/9/71 11:05a.m. tib

NO LAB FILE
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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon
ITSP
OO: ~~Boston~~
NEW HAVEN

File # 87-112514
Lab. # D-710827084 JB
LC# A-25968

Examination requested by: New York (87-62220) L. 8/25/71

Examination requested: Document - FINGER PRINT

Date received: 8/27/71

Result of Examination:
9-10-71 MB
Prec J+A Ni - No lats. value
9-13-71 MB
No lats. SN - detained
Spec. returned to New York as enclosure

Exc(1)
MB

Examination by: [redacted]

Noted By: X

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q7	$1,215.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon [redacted]	The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, N.Y.

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~~2 - Boston (87-14094)~~
Returns evidence

1 - NEW HAVEN

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original [illegible]
[redacted]

Examination completed 11:15AM 9-13-71 Dictated 9-13-71
Time Date Date [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED
8/25/71 mab

Recorded 9/9/71 10:50a.m. tib

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Received 9/9/71

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT

Re: UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon,
~~Harry S. Truman;~~
ITSP
OO: New Haven

File # 87-112514 7
Lab. # D-710824116 JB
LC# A-25968

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office (87-19087) A. 8/20/71

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 8/24/71

Result of Examination:
— 9-10-71 JWS
Prec I + NIN - to photo (W) AM
— 9-13-71 JWS
1 fgpt. value Q6 (NIN)
No Lats. Sat. - destroyed
Spec. Along with KC1 returned to WFO As enclosure
Enc(2)
MB

Examination by: [redacted]

Noted By: [redacted]

Specimens submitted for examination

Q6	---	$735.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon	Harry S. Truman	National Bank of Washington D. C.

b7c KC1 - Letter to [redacted] dated August 12, 1971, signed Harry S Truman

2 - New Haven

[redacted]

Examination completed 11:15 AM (Time) 9-13-71 (Date) Dictated 9-13-71 (Date) [redacted]

9/1/71

AIRTEL

1 - [redacted]

1 - [redacted]

TO: SAC, New Haven (87-8095)

FROM: Director, FBI (87-112514)

UNSUB; AKA
CHARLES HERNDON
GEORGE TILLER
[redacted]
HARRY S. TRUMAN
[redacted]
ITSP
OO: NH

Review of Bufile indicates that unknown subject has passed checks occasionally since 8/5/70. Attached for information of offices which have not previously received copies is one copy each of WFO airtel 8/20/71.

New Haven will act as office of origin to coordinate investigative activity in this matter and will afford the case prompt, vigorous and imaginative investigative and supervisory attention. Offices receiving copies of this communication should promptly furnish New Haven all pertinent information and immediately handle outstanding investigation to identify unknown subject. A report should be submitted by New Haven incorporating investigation to date and furnished to Bureau in duplicate by 9/15/71. Offices will note the interest of U. S. Secret Service, which agency is charged with the protection of former President Truman whose signature was forged on one check.

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2 - Newark (Enc.)
2 - New York (87-62220)
2 - WFO (87-19087)

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see note page two . . . . .

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Airtel to SAC, New Haven
RE: UNSUB; AKA, CHARLES HERNDON

[redacted]

When identity of unknown subject and sufficient facts developed offices having possible violations should present promptly for prosecutive opinion.

This matter should be handled without delay and Bureau should be kept advised.

NOTE: Unsub, among other aliases used in check activities, utilized name Harry S. Truman. Purpose of this airtel is to insure that this matter receives prompt and effective handling to resolve identity of subject and to secure presentation for prosecutive opinion. U. S. Secret Service (USSS) jurisdiction includes continuing protection of Mr. Truman as a former President and USSS will be advised of any pertinent information developed.

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UNITED STATES GOV NMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 9/2/71

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (87-25659) RUC

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman
ITSP

OO: NEW HAVEN

87-112514-7

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau, 8/20/71.

Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are 4 copies of a letterhead memorandum.

One copy has been furnished to SAC PAUL A. BURNS, TRUMAN Detail, Secret Service, Independence, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith to New Haven and Washington Field are 2 copies each of an FD-302 showing interview [redacted] Also enclosed for New Haven and Washington Field is one copy each of the above letterhead memorandum.

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[redacted] and PAUL A. BURNS, SAC, Secret Service, assigned to former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, were of the opinion that the only place an individual could learn that former President TRUMAN had an account at National Bank of Washington and also learn his account number would be at the National Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C.

LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

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87-112514-10

Will make inquiry at National Bank of Washington to determine if any person working at this bank has any ties with Bridgeport, Connecticut.

ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Encs. 4)
2 - New Haven (Encs. 3)
2 - Washington Field (87-19087)(Encs. 3)
1 - Kansas City
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2 cs LHM sent to Secret Service attn: Mr. R. L. Free
1 cc LHM + let to T. 9/20/71

[redacted] mk

4 SEP 21 1971

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 87-25659

Kansas City, Missouri

September 2, 1971

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
also known as
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman

A person using the name Charles Herndon opened an account at the City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, in June, 1971, with a small amount of cash. He deposited a check for $735.00, dated June 4, 1971, payable to Charles Herndon, signed Harry S. Truman, account #3082822, drawn on National Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C. The check was received and paid by National Bank of Washington on June 15, 1971, and City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, credited the funds to Herndon's account on June 18, 1971. About a week later the man using the name Charles Herndon returned to City Trust Company, withdrew $700.00 from the account and left a balance of approximately $61.00.

When he opened the account, the unknown individual told City Trust Company that he was employed by International Harvester Company, Hartford, Connecticut, and gave an address in New York City. Printed checks were mailed to the address in New York City but they were returned to City Trust Company with the notation that Charles Herndon was not known at that address. International Harvester Company has advised City Trust Company that Charles Herndon is unknown to that company.

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[redacted] stated the Harry S. Truman signature on this check is a forgery and has returned the $735.00 check to the National Bank of Washington.

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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Washington Field Office
(87-19087)

Date: September 9, 1971

Re: UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman;
ITSP
OO: New Haven

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 87-112514
Lab. No. D-710824116 JB
D-710827084 JB

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office - New York

Reference: Airtel 8/20/71 - Letter 8/25/71

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Specimens Q6 and Q7 are being treated for latent fingerprints and will be returned to the respective contributors upon completion of this examination.

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2 - New York (87-62220) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - Boston (87-14094) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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5 SEP 20 1971

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Washington Field Office (87-19087)

Date: September 8, 1971

FBI File No. 87-112514

Lab. No. D-710824116 JB
D-710827084 JB

Re: UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman;
ITSP

Specimens received from Washington Field Office on 8/24/71

SPECIMEN	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DATE	PAYABLE TO	SIGNED	BANK
Q6	---	$735.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon	Harry S. Truman	National Bank o Washington, D.

Kc1 Photocopy of a letter dated August 13, 1971, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN

Specimen received from New York on 8/27/71

Q7	---	$1,215.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon	[redacted]	The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, N.Y.

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Result of examination:

It was determined that the Herndon endorsements appearing on checks Q6 and Q7 were prepared by the writer of the Herndon endorsements appearing on Q1 through Qc5, previously received in this matter.

It was further determined that the signature appearing on the face of check Q6 was not written by HARRY S. TRUMAN, whose known signature appears on specimen Kc1.

Specimens Q6, Q7 and Kc1 will be returned separately. Appropriate photographs are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LATENT

Re: UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman;
ITSP
OO: New Haven

File # 87-112514 14
Lab. # D-710824116 JB

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office (87-19087) A. 8/20/71

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 8/24/71

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted] 9/1/71

Identif Herndon ends Q6 & Q7 ĉ wts of Herndon ends Q1 → Qc5, prev. recd. No ident sig face Q6 ĉ Harry S. Truman, Kc. T.F. tals ĉ cwd. sig.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q6	---	$735.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon	Harry S. Truman	National Bank of Washington, D. C.

Kc 1 – Photocopy of a letter to [redacted] dated August 15, 1971, signed Harry S. Truman

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Lab report
9/9/71
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2 - New Haven (87-8095)
2 - New York (87-62220)
2 - Boston (87-14094)

06. (sig) Harry Truman

(end) Charles Henderson

07 (sig) [redacted] b7c

(end) Charles Henderson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon
ITSP
OO: ~~Boston~~ NEW HAVEN

File # 87-112514 14
Lab. # D-710827084 JB

Examination requested by: New York (87-62220) L. 8/25/71

Examination requested: Document - FINGER PRINT

Date received: 8/27/71

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

See D 710824116

Specimens submitted for examination

Q7	$1,215.00	6/4/71	Charles Herndon	[redacted]	The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, N.Y.

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2 - Boston (87-14094)
Return evidence

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9/9/71
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FD-263 (Rev. 12-19-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	9/14/71	8/5/70 - 9/10/71

TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.
Charles Herndon,
George Miller,
[redacted]
Harry S. Truman,
[redacted]

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED: MO

CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to New Haven dated 9/1/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It is noted that the check cashed on the National Bank of Washington had the account number of HARRY S. TRUMAN written on the check. It is further noted that the individual who cashed checks on [redacted] knew of both of [redacted] accounts. Since in both of these instances, unknown subject had possible inside knowledge of accounts at the victim banks, the possibility of unknown subject having a confederate in the banks suggests itself.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED CGW SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:
1 CC to USSS 9/22/71 [redacted]
2 - Bureau (87-112514)
2 - New Haven (87- 8095)

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report				
Agency	Dept Treasury			
Request Recd.	4/11/72			
Date Fwd.	4/11/72			
How Fwd.	[redacted]			
By				

Notations: [redacted] STAT. SECT.

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2 - WFO		(87-19087)

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Further, the checks on those banks were sent through for collection rather than cashed, indicating he was subjecting himself to the possibility of arrest when he returned to the cashing bank, unless he had some way of knowing whether the check signature had been okayed by the drawee bank.

LEADS

CHICAGO AND NEWARK DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Information copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago and Newark Divisions in view of their interest in this matter.

In addition to specific leads, the following general lead is being set out:

Boston, Miami and WFO are requested to contact victim banks to determine if any person in the bookkeeping or collection department may have worked at more than one of victim banks during the pertinent period.

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FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: SEPTEMBER 14, 1971

Field Office File #: 87-8095 Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka.
Charles Herndon, George Hiller,
[redacted] Harry S. Truman,

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: Unknown subject using name CHARLES HERNDON [redacted] Also, using same name, unknown subject cashed forged checks on account of HARRY S. TRUMAN, drawn on National Bank of Washington, at Bridgeport, Connecticut, and forged check on account of [redacted] at Chase Manhattan Bank. FBI Laboratory concluded above described checks were endorsed by the same individual. Description of unknown subject set forth in each instance. [redacted]

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NH 87-8095

DETAILS:

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Investigation was instituted in this matter by the Louisville Division on August 5, 1970, on receipt of information [redacted] that an individual had entered the bank that afternoon to exchange United Security Cheque for five First National City Travelers Checks.

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REPORT of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Washington Field Office (87-19087)

Date: September 9, 1971

FBI File No. 87-112514

Lab. No. D-710824116 JB
D-710827084 JB

Re: UNSUB, aka,
Charles Herndon,
Harry S. Truman;
ITSP

Specimens received from Washington Field Office on 8/24/71

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Kc1 Photocopy of a letter dated August 13, 1971, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN

Specimens received from New York on 8/27/71

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FD-302 (REV. 3-17-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1.

Date SEPTEMBER 14, 1971

[redacted] City National Bank, main office, furnished the following information:

She viewed a copy of a check dated June 4, 1971, drawn on the National Bank of Washington, payable to CHARLES HERNDON, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, in the amount of $735.00.

[redacted]

[redacted] was impressed that he had a check written to him by Mr. TRUMAN, [redacted] was a friend of Mr. TRUMAN's son-in-law, CLIFTON DANIEL. [redacted] sent the check through for collection.

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On 9/8/71 at Bridgeport, Connecticut File # NH 87-8000

by [redacted] Date dictated 9/10/71

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Request for Search in National Fraudulent Check File
FD-196 (Rev. 4-10-69)

To: Director, FBI, (Bufile-
Attention: FBI Laboratory (87-112514)

Date 9/24/71

From: SAC NEW HAVEN (87-8095)

Re:

UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon,
George Miller,
[redacted]
Harry S. Truman
[redacted]
ITSP

(OO: NH)

Subject's Description			
DOB or approx. age	FBI # or other identifying number		
Sex: W	Race: M	Height: 5'9"	Weight
Build: Medium	Hair	Eyes	
Glasses	Speech	Dress	
Include in details other descriptive information, e.g., scars &/or marks, tattoos, deformities, abnormalities and other general peculiarities as well as information on the modus operandi used in cashing check items.			

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The following described checks are attached hereto for search in the National Fraudulent Check File.

Specimen	Check #	Amount	Date	Payable To	Signed	Bank	Date & City Where Cashed
[redacted]		$700	6/28/71	Cash	CHARLES HERNDON	City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Ct.	6/28/71, Bridgeport, Ct.
2	Signature card				CHARLES HERNDON		6/7/71, City Trust Co., Bridgeport Ct.

Unsub, in name CHARLES HERNDON, opened account on 6/7/71, at City Trust Co., Bridgeport, Ct. Subsequently, unsub presented $735 check signed HARRY S. TRUMAN for collection. Check was drawn on National Bank of Washington, D. C., and upon being okayed by that bank, it was credited to HERNDON's account. He then cashed $700 check that is enclosed on his account.

In addition to comparing above listed items with specimens previously submitted in this matter, FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct latent fingerprint examination.

REC-61 87-112514-16

Specimens: ☒ Return to Contributing Office ☐ Bureau Retain ☐ Other; see Details ☒ Conduct Latent Fingerprint Examination

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Date: 10/5/71

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (87-112514)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (87-8095) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka
CHARLES HERNDON
ETAL
ITSP
OO: NEW HAVEN

Re: New Haven report of SA [redacted] /14/71

1 cc of each report

U.S. Court of Appeals

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	11/5/71	9/3/71 - 10/27/71

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
UNSUB; aka Charles Herndon, ET AL	SA [redacted]	afl
	CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP	

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REFERENCE:

New Haven report of SA [redacted] 9/14/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copies of this report are designated for offices where investigation is presently outstanding in this matter.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, New Haven

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: November 5, 1971

Field Office File #: 87-8095 Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as
Charles Herndon
ET AL

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: Efforts to identify UNSUB negative to date. Additional specimens bearing name CHARLES HERNDON submitted to FBI Laboratory and determined to have been prepared by same writer as specimens previously submitted in this matter. Some latent fingerprints developed on submitted specimens. [redacted] interviewed and advised name CHARLES HERNDON is possibly familiar to him. Investigation at City National Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., determined account number of Mr. TRUMAN was on $735 check when received from UNSUB.

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DETAILS:

LOUISVILLE DIVISION

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky:

[redacted]

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NH 87-8095

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

On September 23, 1971, PAUL BURNS, United States Secret Service, Harry S. Truman Detail, Independence, Missouri, advised that CLIFTON DANIEL, son-in-law of Mr. TRUMAN, is Editor-in-Chief, "New York Times," New York City.

NH 87-8095

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[redacted]

On October 13, 1971 [redacted] was exhibited photos of unknown subject, CHARLES HERNDON. He could effect no identification, however, did state the name was very vaguely familiar. [redacted] advised he would check with [redacted] and advise if the name was familiar or known to her.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date September 17, 1971

NEW HAVEN DIVISION

[redacted] City National Bank, 961 Main, furnished the following information:

He advised that when an individual identifying himself as CHARLES HERNDON brought in a check dated June 4, 1971 for $735.00, drawn on the National Bank of Washington, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, it already had the account number 0540-0007-3-082822 written on the face of the check.

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On 9/14/71 at Bridgeport, Connecticut File # NH 87-8095

by SA [redacted]/bp Date dictated 9/15/71

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November 30, 1971

Airtel

1 - [redacted]

TO: SACs, New Haven (87-8095)
Chicago (87-35714)

FROM: Director, FBI (87-112514)

UNSUB;
aka CHARLES HERNDON
ET AL.,
ITSP
OO: NEW HAVEN

Reference Bureau Lab report dated 11/24/71, to Chicago and reCGairtel dated 11/10/71, to Bureau.

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A report should be submitted by New Haven at an early date with an additional copy to Bureau for dissemination. United States Secret Service should be kept advised locally.

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NOTE: Secret Service's interest arises out of fact that one check in this matter was drawn on the account of former President Harry S. Truman; Secret Service is charged with responsibility of protecting Mr. Truman.

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1 - Mr. Conrad
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Airtel

TO: SAC, New Haven (87-8095)

FROM: Director, FBI (87-112514)

UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon, George Miller,
[redacted] Harry S. Truman,
[redacted]
ITSP
OO: NEW HAVEN

Ref Airtel to the Director dated 12/1/71, captioned, "Unsub; aka Charles Herndon, Lyndon B. Johnson - ITSP."

Enclosed herewith for New Haven are two copies of reairtel which is self-explanatory.

It is noted that the $735 check bearing the forged signature of Lyndon B. Johnson is in the exact same amount as the check bearing the forged signature of Harry S. Truman. It is further noted that both of these checks were dated June 4, 1971, and were deposited to the account of Charles Herndon in separate Washington, D. C., banks. In all probability, the same person is responsible for both of the above-described checks as well as other checks known to the office of origin, New Haven.

Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service, Liaison Division, Washington, D. C., has been advised of the contents of reairtel. United States Secret Service at Washington, D. C., has been previously advised of the check bearing the forged signature of former President Harry S. Truman.

Enclosures - 2
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Airtel to SAC, New Haven
Re: Unsub, aka Charles Herndon,

Receiving offices are instructed to conduct investigation requested in reairtel immediately and furnish the results of such investigation to the New Haven Office under the above caption. Copies setting forth investigative results should also be forwarded to San Antonio. Upon completion of investigation, the New Haven Office, which is office of origin in this matter, should immediately prepare an updated letterhead memorandum setting forth a summary of investigation, especially with reference to the two checks on which the forged signatures of former Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Harry S. Truman appear.

New Haven is instructed to immediately forward a communication summarizing investigation conducted to date to the Bureau and San Antonio.

For the information of San Antonio, the New Haven Office has been conducting investigation under the above caption which has developed an excellent suspect [redacted]

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Date: 12-13-71

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (87-112514)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (87-8095) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon,
George Miller,
[redacted]
Harry S. Truman,
[redacted]
ITSP
OO:New Haven

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau 12-1-71 captioned "UNSUB; aka Charles Herndon, Lyndon B. Johnson-ITSP;
Bureau airtel to New Haven 12-6-71.

[redacted]

For information of San Antonio, unsub using name CHARLES HERNDON, has cashed numerous checks since summer of 1970. Among them are checks drawn on the account of GEORGE MILLER at Chicago, Ill., cashed at Darien and Stamford, Conn., and Louisville, Kentucky;

[redacted] check drawn on account of former President HARRY S. TRUMAN at Washington, D.C. cashed at Bridgeport, Conn.

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The check made out to CHARLES HERNDON purportedly bearing the signature of former President TRUMAN was dated 6-4-71, was in the amount of $735.00, and was drawn on the National Bank of Washington. It is noted that the check had penciled on it the correct account number for Mr. TRUMAN's account at the bank. When unsub appeared at the City Trust Co., Bridgeport, Conn., with the check on 6-7-71, he opened an account and sent the check through for collection. By doing so, he did not receive credit for the amount until the check cleared the National Bank of Washington, which it did. [redacted]

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SAN ANTONIO

At Austin, Texas

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[redacted]

December 6, 1971

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The attached relates to a fraudulent check dated 6/4/71, in the amount of $735 which bears the forged signature of former President Lyndon B. Johnson. This fraudulent check, payable to Charles Herndon, was deposited to Herndon's account at the McLachlen National Bank, Washington, D. C., in June, 1971, and was drawn on the Johnson City, Texas, Bank which was formerly owned by President Johnson. It was not discovered that the check was fraudulent until former President Johnson received his bank statement at the end of June, 1971. The Johnson City Bank reported the matter to their bonding company and assumed the bonding company would notify the FBI but the bonding company did not do so. This matter was first brought to the attention of our San Antonio Office on 11/29/71. On 9/21/71, former President Johnson personally appeared at the Johnson City Bank and executed an affidavit certifying that the signature on the forged check was a forgery. We are currently conducting extensive investigation (office of origin - New Haven) into the negotiation of a 6/4/71, check also in the amount of $735 and also payable to Charles Herndon which contains the forged signature of former President Harry S. Truman. The New Haven case has uncovered extensive check passing activities by the unknown subject, using the name Charles Herndon [redacted] We are instructing interested offices to intensify and coordinate these investigations. U. S. Secret Service has been advised of the New Haven case and is being [redacted] advised of the San Antonio case.

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Date: 1/3/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (87-112514)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (87-8095) (P)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"
UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon, George Miller,
[redacted] Harry S. Truman,
Lyndon B. Johnson
ITSP
(OO: NEW HAVEN)

Title is marked CHANGED to add alias of LYNDON B. JOHNSON, as check bearing that signature drawn on Johnson City Bank, Johnson City, Texas has been associated by FBI Laboratory with specimens previously submitted in this matter.

RE: Bureau airtel to New Haven, dated 12/6/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination reflecting investigation to date in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. NH 87-8095

New Haven, Connecticut
January 3, 1972

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; also known as
Charles Herndon, George Miller,
[redacted] Harry S. Truman,
[redacted] Lyndon B. Johnson

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Unknown subject, using the name CHARLES HERNDON, cashed forged United Security Cheques drawn on the closed account of GEORGE MILLER at Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois during August, 1970 at Darien and Stamford, Connecticut and Louisville, Kentucky. Similar checks were cashed in Canada, dates and places not known. During March, 1971, unknown subject, as CHARLES HERNDON cashed two checks in Boston, Massachusetts on the accounts [redacted] at banks in Palm Beach, Florida and Newport, Rhode Island.

During June, 1971, unknown subject opened an account at City Trust Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut using the name CHARLES HERNDON. Subsequently, he presented a check for collection at that bank in the amount of $735.00, payable to himself and signed HARRY S. TRUMAN. The check drawn on the National Bank of Washington, had the correct account number of HARRY S. TRUMAN written thereon at the time of presentation. Upon the check clearing the National Bank of Washington, that amount was credited to HERNDON'S account. He then cashed a check for $700.00 on that account.

Also during June, 1971, unknown subject as CHARLES HERNDON opened an account at the McLachlen National Bank, Washington, D.C. He subsequently sent through for collection a check in the amount of $735.00 signed LYNDON B. JOHNSON and drawn on the Johnson City Bank, Johnson City, Texas. Upon the check clearing and being deposited to his account, he returned to the Washington Bank and withdrew $660.00.

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attn: [redacted]
1/6/72

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NH 87-8095

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	1/31/72	10/20/71-1/10/72

TITLE OF CASE

UNSUB; aka
Charles Herndon, George Miller
[redacted] Harry S. Truman,
[redacted] Lyndon B. Johnson

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED: jcl

CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP

REFERENCE: New Haven report of SA [redacted] 11/5/71.

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ADMINISTRATIVE: Investigative period predates last report to include information received from auxiliary offices since that time.

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CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

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BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

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At Providence, Rhode Island

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CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

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KANSAS CITY

At Independence, Missouri

Will display photo [redacted] to staff of former President HARRY S. TRUMAN to determine if he is known to them.

MIAMI

At Palm Beach, Florida

[redacted]

NEW YORK

At New York City, New York

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KC 87-25659
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Kansas City, Missouri:

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On November 16, 1971, former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, Mrs. TRUMAN, Agent PAUL BURNS, Secret Service, [redacted] Truman Library, Independence, Missouri, could not identify photo of unknown subject.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

SUMMARY

This concerns a fraudulent check dated 6/4/71 in the amount of $735 which bears forged signature of former President Lyndon B. Johnson. This fraudulent check, payable to Charles Herndon, was deposited to Herndon's account at the McLachlen National Bank, Washington, D.C., in June, 1971, and was drawn on the Johnson City, Texas, bank which was formerly owned by President Johnson. It was not discovered that the check was fraudulent until former President Johnson received his bank statement at the end of June, 1971.

This matter was first brought to the attention of our San Antonio Office 11/29/71. On 9/21/71 former President Johnson personally appeared at the Johnson City Bank and executed an affidavit certifying the signature on forged check was a forgery. Our investigation subsequently identified subject [redacted]

Attached indicates on 2/2/72 Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) James A. Fitzgerald, Washington, D.C. (WDC), expressed opinion that Government had a prosecutable case in WDC relative to check of former President Johnson. Subject has also negotiated checks on account of former President Truman. AUSA Fitzgerald requested former President Johnson be interviewed and informed in event prosecution is authorized, Mr. Johnson would be necessary witness and would have to appear for trial. AUSA Fitzgerald requested it be determined what former President Johnson's desires are in this matter. Former President Johnson will be contacted by Agents of our San Antonio Office. [redacted]

[redacted] mfd [redacted]

SAC, New Haven (87-8095) May 4, 1972

Acting Director, FBI (87-112514) 1 - [redacted]

[redacted]

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CO: NH

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It is suggested that specific determination be made by offices having above violations, and in regard to other checks passed in this matter, as to the proof available. Upon such determination, consider presenting or representing for prosecutive opinion. When such presentation is made, the United States Attorney should be fully aware of the known extent of subject's activities including checks passed in Canada.

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MAY 10 1972

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Letter to SACS, New Haven, Louisville, Boston, Chicago, Newark
RE: [redacted]

[redacted]

Each office should closely review the evidence regarding check passed in their division with a view to seeking process. Offices should also consider advising local authorities of the identification [redacted] as unknown subject Herndon, and the basis for same [redacted] that many local agencies may wish to file charges [redacted]

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All leads should be handled promptly and New Haven, as office of origin, should actively supervise the case and keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

NOTE: This the case in which checks written by unsub Herndon were drawn on accounts of former Presidents Truman and Johnson. [redacted] One latent print on a local check, used to withdraw funds from a Washington, D. C. bank account opened with the Lyndon B. Johnson check, has been identified [redacted] President Johnson is unwilling to testify in view of his health condition.

This letter sent to point out to field divisions specific actions they may take to possibly secure process and bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

SAC, Louisville (87-12764) 6/28/72

Acting Director, FBI (87-112514)

1 [redacted]

[redacted]

CO: NH

Re Louisville letter 6/12/72, which indicates that the facts will not be rediscussed with U. S. Attorney, Western District of Kentucky, as they were originally discussed on 2/19/71, and he advised he would not consider prosecution in this matter even at a future date.

It is believed that the facts should be rediscussed with U. S. Attorney. It is noted that the original discussion apparently concerned only the one violation, which occurred at Louisville and was before the identification of the subject and before the extent of his activities was known.

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As pointed out in Bureau letter to New Haven with copies for Louisville 5/4/72, the U. S. Attorney should be fully aware of the extent of subject's activities to date at the time he renders prosecutive opinion. [redacted]

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Advise Bureau of results.

[redacted]

2 - New Haven (87-[redacted])

[redacted]ls

NOTE: This is case in which subject forged checks on accounts of both former Presidents Truman and Johnson. It appears there is possibility of prosecution in Louis[redacted] "Presidential" checks were passed in June, 1971, and subject subsequently identified. Louisville requested to rediscuss with U. S. Attorney in order to insure that no possibility is overlooked.

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Campbell
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Cleveland
Conrad
Dalbey
Miller, E.S.
Ponder
Soyars
Walkart
Walters
Tele. Room
Mr. Kinley
Mr. Armstrong
Ms. Herwig
Mrs. Neenan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	6/28/72	3/15 - 6/12/72

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted] FVG

DOP 6.19.72

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: alv

CHARACTER OF CASE: [redacted]

ITSP

1.7.72

REFERENCES:

Kansas City letter to New Haven, 3/7/72;
WFO letter to Bureau, 3/13/72;
New York letter to New Haven, 3/14/72;
New Haven report of SA [redacted] 3/15/72;
San Antonio letter to WFO, 3/20/72;
New York letter to New Haven, 4/17/72;
San Antonio letter to New Haven, 4/25/72;
Chicago letter to New Haven, 4/28/72;
Bureau letter to New Haven, 5/4/72;
WFO letter to San Antonio, 5/17/72;
Louisville letter to Bureau, 6/12/72.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☒ NONE

CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	ACQUIT-TALS

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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2 - New Haven (87-8095)

LEADS:

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

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KANSAS CITY

At Independence, Missouri

Will recontact Former President HARRY S. TRUMAN to determine if he will testify in Federal Court regarding above captioned case. If the Former President desires not to testify, obtain handwriting samples from Mr. TRUMAN in order that a handwriting expert from the Lab will be able to testify that checks signed HARRY TRUMAN were not signed by the Former President.

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SAN ANTONIO

At San Antonio, Texas

Will maintain contact with AUSA WAYNE F. SPECK for an opinion from the Department of Justice regarding prosecution of subject.

NEW HAVEN

At Bridgeport and Stamford, Connecticut

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, NEW HAVEN, CONN. (RM)

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: JUNE 28, 1972

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: NH 87-8095

Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: [redacted]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: Mr. and Mrs. HARRY S. TRUMAN and his personal staff viewed photographs of subject with negative results. Former President JOHNSON indicated he is not willing to testify in Federal court regarding above captioned case. [redacted]

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DETAILS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

The following investigation was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent [redacted] on April 19, 1972:

[redacted]

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

On March 6, 1972, PAUL BURNS, Special Agent in Charge, TRUMAN Detail, United States Secret Service, Independence, Missouri, said members of his staff, personnel at Truman Library, and Mr. and Mrs. HARRY S. TRUMAN had looked at a photograph of [redacted] and had not recognized him.

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LOUISVILLE DIVISION

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No further action is being taken by Louisville.

NEW YORK DIVISION

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (87-112514) DATE: 7/20/72

FROM : SAC, LOUISVILLE (87-12764) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITSP

00: New Haven

Re Bureau letter to Louisville, 6/30/72.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Louisville, Kentucky:

On 7/13/72, Mr. KENNETH J. TUGGLE, AUSA, WDKY, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the fact that a subject had been identified in this case and was further advised of the subject's checkpassing activities in Canada, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Massachusetts, and Florida. Mr. TUGGLE was further advised of the subject's check-cashing activity regarding HARRY S. TRUMAN and LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON. Mr. TUGGLE was further advised of the Federal process outstanding at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. TUGGLE stated his opinion of 2/19/71, at which time he declined Federal prosecution, still stood and further stated he felt prosecution would best be served in those districts where a significant amount of money was involved.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - New Haven (87-8095) (Info) (RM)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (87-112514)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 8/7/72

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (87-25659) RUC

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITSP
OO NH

720811022

Re New Haven report of SA [redacted] 6/28/72.

Enclosed herewith to the FBI Laboratory are the following documents bearing signatures of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(1) Card stating, "I am pleased to comply with your request for an inscribed photograph," bearing original signature and a stamped signature of Mr. TRUMAN.

(2) Handwritten letter beginning, "I appreciate your nice greeting on my recent birthday," bearing original signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(3) Envelope bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(4) Pamphlet from Harry S. Truman Library bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN and a photograph of a page of Mr. TRUMAN's writing.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the above known signatures of HARRY S. TRUMAN with the HARRY S. TRUMAN signatures on checks in this case.

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[redacted] stated Mr. TRUMAN has just been released from the hospital, is elderly and sick, and not able to testify in court. She further

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3 Bureau (Encs. 4)(RM)
2 New Haven (Encs. 2)
1 Kansas City
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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stated that Mr. TRUMAN does not sign his signature as firmly now as in the past because of illness and therefore, his signature would not be a good likeness of his signature in the past.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re [redacted]
Title

File # 87-112814-50
Lab.# D-720811022 JB

CO: New Haven

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Examination requested by: Kansas City (87-25659) Letter 8/7/72

Examination requested: Document Date received: 8/10/72

Result of Examination: K, returned to Examination by: [redacted]

K1 The following list of items bearing known signatures of HARRY S. TRUMAN:

Small card beginning "I am pleased..."

Sheet of Harry S. Truman letterhead bearing message beginning "I appreciate your..."

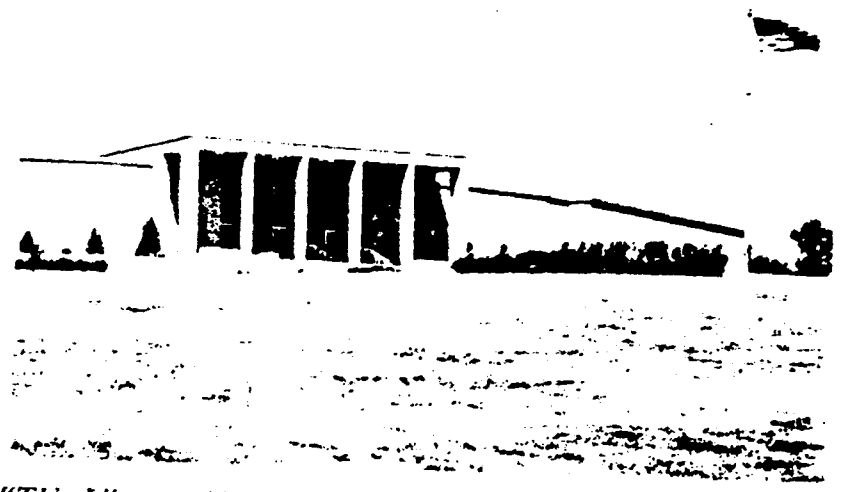
Envelope

The Harry S. Truman Library pamphlet.

2 - New Haven

"PHOTOGRAPHS ENCLOSED

87-212514 JB K1



"This Library will belong to the people of the United States. My papers will be the property of the people and be accessible to them. And this is as it should be. The papers of the Presidents are among the most valuable sources of material for history. They ought to be preserved and they ought to be used."

THE

Harry Truman

LIBRARY

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI
64050

I am pleased to comply with your request for an inscribed photograph

Harry S Truman

Harry S Truman

HARRY S TRUMAN
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

FROM THE DESK OF
HARRY S. TRUMAN

I appreciate your nice greeting on my recent birthday. My sincere thanks for your contribution to the Educational Fund

Harry Truman

Harry Truman

FILE #
87-2-12514

DATE

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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Kansas City (87-25659)

Date: August 22, 1972

From: Director, FBI

Re: [redacted]
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FBI File No. 87-112514-50

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Lab. No. D-720811022 H

OO: New Haven

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Reference: Letter dated 8-7-72

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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Enclosures (3) (K2, 2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Kansas City (87-25659)

Date: August 22, 1972
FBI File No. 87-112514
Lab. No. D-720811022 NO

Re: [redacted]
ITSP

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Specimens received 8-10-72

K2 The following list of items bearing known signatures of HARRY S. TRUMAN:

Small card beginning "I am pleased ...."

Sheet of Harry S. Truman letterhead bearing message beginning "I appreciate your ...."

Envelope

The Harry S. Truman Library pamphlet

Result of examination:

It was previously determined that the signature on Q6 was not written by HARRY S. TRUMAN on the basis of specimen Kc1 which was previously received from the Washington Field Office. Specimen K2 substantiates this conclusion.

Specimen K2 is returned herewith. Photographs have been retained.

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Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: [redacted]
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File # 87-112514-50
Lab.# D-720811022 #0

OO: New Haven

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Examination requested by: Kansas City (87-25659) letter 8/7/72

Examination requested: Document Date received: 8/10/72

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted]

prev. detd. sig Q6 no ident Truman
on basis of Q1 Kc1 – K1 substan.
this concl. K1 retd. Photoed
8/18/72

K2 The following list of items bearing known signatures of HARRY S. TRUMAN:

Small card beginning "I am pleased..."

Sheet of Harry S. Truman letterhead bearing message beginning "I appreciate your..."

Envelope

The Harry S. Truman Library pamphlet.

2 - New Haven

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	10/17/72	7/3/72- 10/3/72

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]

FUGITIVE

DOP 6-19-72

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: eam

CHARACTER OF CASE

ITSP

10-25-72

REFERENCES: San Antonio letter to New Haven, 8/23/72;
San Antonio report of SA [redacted] 6/21/72;
New Haven report of SA [redacted] 6/28/72.

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LEADS:

All receiving offices, based on previous investigation, conduct logical investigation to locate and apprehend subject.

NEW HAVEN

At Bridgeport, Conn.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

☒ NONE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
1 - U.S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut

Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: October 17, 1972 [redacted]
Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: NH 87-8095
Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: [redacted]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: All fugitive investigation to locate and apprehend subject negative. Known handwriting samples of HARRY S. TRUMAN obtained and compared with forged checks. Determination made that HARRY S. TRUMAN did not write the checks. [redacted] Investigation continuing.

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[redacted] known writings of former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, which are listed as follows:

(1) Card stating, "I am pleased to comply to your request for inscribed photograph," bearing original signature and a stamped signature of Mr. TRUMAN.

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(2) Handwritten letter beginning, "I appreciate your nice greeting on my recent birthday," bearing original signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(3) Envelope bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(4) Pamphlet from Harry S. Truman Library bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN and a photograph of a page of Mr. TRUMAN's writing.

[redacted] found no record of any correspondence in the past between Mr. TRUMAN and [redacted]

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Interviewed on 7/26/72 at Independence, Missouri File # KC 87-25659

by SA [redacted] --kso Date dictated 7/31/72

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[redacted] Mr. TRUMAN has just been released from the hospital, is elderly and sick, and not able to testify in court. She further stated that Mr. TRUMAN does not sign his signature as firmly now as in the past because of illness.

The following investigation was conducted by the Louisville Division:

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The following investigation was conducted by the Miami Division:

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The following investigation was conducted by the New Haven Division:

NH 87-8095

The following information was furnished by the FBI Laboratory:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	NEW HAVEN	10/25/72	7/3/72 - 10/3/72

TITLE OF CASE

[redacted]

FUGITIVE

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted]

TYPED BY: eam

CHARACTER OF CASE

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DOP 6.19.72

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REFERENCES: Miami letter to New Haven, 9/5/72;
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Newark letter to New Haven, 8/28/72;
WFO letter to Chicago, 7/13/72;
Louisville letter to the Bureau, 7/20/72;
Bureau letter to New Haven, 7/20/72;
Miami letter to New Haven, 7/31/72;
San Antonio airtel to New Haven, 6/19/72;
San Antonio report of SA [redacted] 6/21/72;
New Haven report of SA [redacted] 28/72;
Chicago letter to New Haven, 6/28/72;
Louisville letter to New Haven, 6/30/72.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						☒ NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Bridgeport, Connecticut
1 - U.S. Secret Service, New Haven, Connecticut

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: NEW HAVEN
Date: October 25, 1972

Field Office File #: NH 87-8095 Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: [redacted]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: All fugitive investigation to locate and apprehend subject negative. Known handwriting samples of HARRY S. TRUMAN obtained and compared with forged checks. Determination made that HARRY S. TRUMAN did not write the checks. [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] known writings of former President HARRY S. TRUMAN, which are listed as follows:

(1) Card stating, "I am pleased to comply to your request for inscribed photograph," bearing original signature and a stamped signature of Mr. TRUMAN.

(2) Handwritten letter beginning, "I appreciate your nice greeting on my recent birthday," bearing original signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(3) Envelope bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN.

(4) Pamphlet from Harry S. Truman Library bearing stamped signature of HARRY S. TRUMAN and a photograph of a page of Mr. TRUMAN's writing.

[redacted] found no record of any correspondence in the past between Mr. TRUMAN and [redacted]

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Interviewed on 7/26/72 at Independence, Missouri File # KC 87-25659

by SA [redacted] --kso Date dictated 7/31/72

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[redacted] Mr. TRUMAN has just been released from the hospital, is elderly and sick, and not able to testify in court. She further stated that Mr. TRUMAN does not sign his signature as firmly now as in the past because of illness.

The following investigation was conducted by the Louisville Division:

[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by the Miami Division:

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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW HAVEN	SAN ANTONIO	11/20/72	10/28/70 - 11/13/72

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
[redacted] FUGITIVE	SA [redacted]	amp
DOB 6-19-72	CHARACTER OF CASE: ITSP	11-27-72

REFERENCE: New Haven report of SA [redacted] 0/25/72.

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LEADS: NEW HAVEN

At Bridgeport, Conn.

Will maintain contact with AUSA ANDREW BOWMAN. b7C

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [X] YES [ ] NO
						PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Date: NOVEMBER 20, 1972

Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: NH 87-8095

Bureau File #: 87-112514

Title: [redacted]

Character: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Synopsis: [redacted]

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[redacted] later subject deposited $755 check made payable to CHARLES HERNDON and signed HARRY S. TRUMAN on the National Bank of Washington, D.C., to his account. On 6/28/71 HERNDON cashed a City Trust Co. check for $700 which was paid. [redacted]

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FD-302 (REV. 3-17-69)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date SEPTEMBER 14, 1971

[redacted] City National Bank, furnished the following information:

On June 7, 1971, an individual who identified himself as CHARLES HERNDON, opened an account at this bank (then known as the City Trust Company) with a $30.00 deposit. Later, he sent through a $735.00 check made out to him and signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, for collection. The check was sent through to the National Bank of Washington and upon notification of its authenticity, it was credited to HERNDON's account. On June 28, 1971, HERNDON then cashed a City Trust Company check for $700.00, which was paid from his account.

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On 9/8/71 at Bridgeport, Connecticut File # NH 87-8095-57

by SA [redacted] /mec Date dictated 9/13/71

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date SEPTEMBER 14, 1971

[redacted] City National Bank, main office, furnished the following information:

She viewed a copy of a check dated June 4, 1971, drawn on the National Bank of Washington, payable to CHARLES HERNDON, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, in the amount of $735.00.

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[redacted] he told [redacted] was a friend of Mr. TRUMAN's son-in-law, CLIFTON DANIELS. [redacted]

On 9/8/71 at Bridgeport, Connecticut File # NH 87-8095-55

by SA [redacted]/mec Date dictated 9/13/71

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FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 17, 1971

[redacted]

He advised that when an individual identifying himself as CHARLES HERNDON brought in a check dated June 4, 1971 for $735.00, drawn on the National Bank of Washington, signed HARRY S. TRUMAN, it already had the account number 0540-0007-3-082822 written on the face of the check.

[redacted]

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On 9/14/71 at Bridgeport, Connecticut [redacted] File # NH 87-8095-SY

by SA [redacted] /bp Date dictated 9/15/71

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Date 1/10/72

[redacted]

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[redacted] selected the photograph of [redacted] and advised he resembled the person who presented [redacted] check payable to CHARLES HERNDON and signed HARRY S. TRUMAN in June, 1971. [redacted] could not make a positive identification.

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On 1/6/72 at Bridgeport, Connecticut File NH 87-8095 -137

by SA [redacted] afl Date dictated 1/6/72

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SUBJECT HARRY S TRUMAN

FILE NO. 62-76292

HARRY S. TRUMAN, MO., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

SPECIAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.
August 1, 1944

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed herewith is a communication received by Senator Truman from [redacted] which because of its contents appears to be a matter within your jurisdiction.

Some time ago [redacted] was interviewed by a member of the Committee staff and it appears that he is a mental case.

This letter is being referred to you for whatever action you may consider appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted] to the Chairman

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EX-25

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[redacted] 8/23/44

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July 29, 1944

Senator Harry S. Truman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have previously made attempts to contact members of the Senate Investigating Committee, but apparently to no avail. On October 25, 1943, I visited your office in an effort to influence you in the conception of investigating proceedings with myself as the nucleus. I was passed down the line as usual, first to the counsel for the committee, Hugh Fulton; then to a subordinate interviewer by the name of Sawyer. The outcome was evidently fruitless as was my second attempt, a letter to Senator Homer Ferguson on March 29, 1944.

On this my third attempt, I am not merely appealing to you. I am demanding that I receive a favorable declaration within a reasonable space of time preceding the presidential election, November 7, 1944. If during the subsequent period I receive no affirmation then I will undermine and destroy any aspirations you may now have for the vice presidency.

I am an honorably discharged veteran of World War II. As an ablebodied 1-A draftee, I refused to fight because of the disgraceful and unjustifiable conditions existing in the shipbuilding industry between labor and management.

My maneuvers were conducted in such a manner as to prevent anyone calling me a draft-dodger or a conscientious objector. I believe that my actions were entirely American and backed by good common sense. My main objective is the Philadelphia Navy Yard where I was discharged unjustly, along with so many others. I am attempting to bring about a federal investigation of the Philadelphia Navy Yard because of inefficient management, corruption, and impediments of production.

With three witnesses required for a public investigation, I had hoped to be the principal witness, as a serviceman on strike. These existing conditions are also known to be present in other shipyards but no thorough effort has been made to clean up this situation. There is enough deplorable evidence accumulated by the investigating committee along with numerous witnesses to warrant such an investigation that I advocate.

By one bold stroke, the entire shipbuilding industry would be revolutionized as a cautionary or threatening measure to labor and management throughout the nation. The most logical shipyard to investigate is the largest federal shipyard in the country, the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

I believe that an American serviceman on strike because of such conditions is the most forcible and logical rebuttal to the discrepancies of labor and management.

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Let me impress upon you, Senator Truman, not to ignore or disregard this letter as the work of some fanatic or crank. An immediate thorough investigation of my personal case records will corroborate any threats or statements I make.

Unless I receive some encouragement from you or the Senate Investigating Committee, I will definitely launch an unconditionally treacherous, revengeful and ruthless wave of destruction. I will strike with such sudden and cold-blooded fury that resounding repercussions will cause the entire political set-up right up to the top totter on its foundation.

Mine is a diabolical scheme remotely nutured and instigated by the inefficiency and incompetence I have encountered through a series of miraculous escapades.

I presume that for fear of mingling into political and lobbyistic affiliations you have failed to uphold the honorable position intrusted you. I accuse you for gross negligence and deliberate failure in the utilization and distribution of manpower in the shipbuilding industry.

This letter is undoubtedly a brazen affair but do not misconstrue it as being rash. I am determined to get or implicate every person responsible for my predicament if it costs me my own life.

It is useless for me to continue any further diplomatic or tactful measures to bring about an investigation that should have taken place a long time ago. My threats may appear absurd but I sincerely urge you to consider them seriously. I'm afraid that our country's political and incompetent forces have created a monster they are now unable to control. When discharged from the United States Army I was unwittingly and unintentionally presented with an abnormal power to speak or kill as I pleased without fear of prosecution. I intend to take full advantage of this.

I must again remind you more strongly that to ignore this letter entirely will result in bloodshed. I must and will have my way. You may definitely be assured that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list. Death is too good for them. I cannot be stopped until it is too late.

In my defeat I will drag everything down with me; for even in my failure and frustration, I will find a victory.

Respectfully yours,

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/s [redacted]

August 11, 1944

[redacted]NJC
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[redacted] the Chairman
Special Committee Investigating the
National Defense Program
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

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This is to acknowledge your letter of August 1, 1944, enclosing a communication received by Senator Harry S. Truman from [redacted] dated July 29, 1944. Your interest in making these facts available to this Bureau is greatly appreciated.

From an examination of the letter written by [redacted] there appears to be a possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes and I am causing an appropriate investigation to be made in this matter.

It is noted that the subject states he was formerly employed in the Philadelphia Navy Yard and for this reason I am forwarding copies of his communication to the Director, Office of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., in order that they might be advised of his expressed intentions.

I will indeed be glad to advise you of the results of the investigation into this matter.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Previously made contacts with the United States Senate Investigating Committee and was handed down the line. Now is demanding action before the election in November. Honorably discharged from the Army in World War 2. Refused to fight because of the conditions existing the shipyards of the United States. Discharged unjustly from the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Wants a federal inv. made of the Yard because of inefficient management, corruption and impediment of production. Unless receives an answer will start a wave of destruction. Accuses Sen. Truman of gross negligence and deliberate failure in the utilization and distribution of manpower in the shipbuilding industry.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

[redacted] NJC

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: August 8, 1944
62-76292

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIM
EXTORTION

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Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

It is suggested that the attached letter be searched through the anonymous letter file of the Technical Laboratory and that the Philadelphia Office be advised as to the results of this search. It is not believed advisable to treat this letter for latent fingerprints.

Enclosure

Encl. carried as end. to letter to [redacted] from [redacted] dated Aug. 1, 1944 [redacted]

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EX-8 RECORDED 162-76292-2
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27 AUG 14 1944

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REPORT
of the

[redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC: Philadelphia August 23, 1944

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of the evidence submitted to the Bureau by [redacted] to the Chairman, Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., on August 15, 1944.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: [redacted]
UNKNOWN VICTIM,
EXTORTION

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FBI FILE NO. 62-76292-~~1~~ 2
LAB. FILE NO. D-21189 ED
YOUR FILE NO.

Examination requested by: Bureau (Answer to Philadelphia)

Reference: Letter dated 8/1/44
Memo dated 8/8/44

Examination requested: Document

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Specimens:

Q1 Envelope addressed in handwriting to "Senator Harry S. Truman, United States Senate, Washington, D.C." from [redacted]

Q2 First page of accompanying letter dated July 29, 1944, beginning: "I have previously made attempts .....".

Q3 Second page of accompanying letter, beginning: "committee along with numerous witnesses to warrant .....".

Q4 Third page of accompanying letter, beginning: "and incompetent forces have created a monster.....".

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q4 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File [redacted]

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but no identification was effected. Appropriate photographic copies of these specimens are being added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Unless otherwise advised, the original evidence, Q1 through Q4, will be retained in the Laboratory. Photographic copies of the above specimens are being forwarded to your office herewith.

[redacted]
62-76292
8-9-44

Director
Office of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Enclosed herewith are copies of a communication addressed to Senato[redacted] Harry S. Truman, United States Senate, Washington, D. C., by [redacted] dated July 29, [redacted]

Although it appears that this individual is a mental case, it is no[redacted] that he was a former employee of the Philadelphia Navy Yard and in view of hi[redacted] threat to cause a ruthless wave of destruction, this matter is called to your attention. Appropriate investigation is being made by this Bureau as to the possible violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes in the sending of this communication through the mails by [redacted]

Enclosures

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Call me re this
Note and return

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Stamp and mail
Prepare tickler
Call these files
File

See Me

Note.

Edward A. Tamm
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[redacted]

SAC, Philadelphia

August 9, 1944
62-76292-4

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

[redacted]

UNKNOWN VICTIM
EXTORTION

There are enclosed copies of a communication dated August 1, 1944, directed to the Bureau from [redacted] along with copies of its enclosure. A copy of the Bureau reply letter thereto is also enclosed.

It is noted that copies of the letter from [redacted] addressed to Senator Truman have been made available by the Bureau to the Director, Office of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., for their information.

Your office should immediately cause the author of this communication, [redacted] to be thoroughly interviewed and the full facts developed concerning the case should be presented to the appropriate United States Attorney for his decision as to prosecution.

The original letter has been forwarded to the Bureau's Technical Laboratory in order that it may be searched through the anonymous letter file and your office will be advised as to the results of this search.

The Bureau desires that this matter receive expeditious attention.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA

SUBJECT: [redacted]
EXTORTION
[redacted]
Bureau File No. 62-76292.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 1944

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 27, 1944 at Philadelphia.

For your information, at the time this case was discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney EDWARD A. KALLICK, he telephonically contacted JAMES P. McGRANERY, Assistant to the Attorney General, and was subsequently advised by MR. McGRANERY to hold this case in abeyance at the present time.

[redacted]

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Letter 10-30-44

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October 30, 1944

EX-1

[redacted] to the Chairman
Special Committee Investigating the
National Defense Program
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 4-26-83 BY SP3C/TW

Dear [redacted]

Further reference is made to your letter dated August 1, 1944, enclosing a communication received by Senator Harry S. Truman from [redacted] dated July 29, 1944. Reference is also made to my letter dated August 11, 1944, wherein I indicated I would advise you of the results of the investigation into this matter.

I wish to advise that [redacted] with alias [redacted] has been interviewed and has admitted writing the above mentioned letter to Senator Truman. It is noted [redacted] was discharged with prejudice from the Philadelphia Navy Yard on October 29, 1942. Since this date he has endeavored by letters and personal contact with numerous Government officials and newspaper writers to have an investigation conducted at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. [redacted] On January 18, 1944, [redacted] was arrested by the Military Police in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for illegally wearing a uniform. However, the United States Attorney declined prosecution. The facts regarding the sending of this letter through the mails to Senator Truman have been presented to the United States Attorney but he has not as yet rendered an opinion as to prosecution.

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I will indeed be glad to communicate with you upon receipt of the decision from the United States Attorney regarding prosecution in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will obtain the opinion of the United States Attorney as to prosecution of this case.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
PHILADELPHIA, PA. c	11-4-44	10-13,16,17,27; 11-1-44	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
CHANGED: [redacted]	EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] wrote a letter dated 8-21-44 to Veteran's Administration of Philadelphia demanding a pension claiming his disability was acquired while in the U. S. Army. Language of letter similar to that of letter dated 7-29-44 addressed to Senator TRUMAN. Letter contains statements: "Unless I receive some encouragement I will definitely launch an unconditionally treacherous, revengeful and ruthless wave of destruction. To ignore this letter will result in bloodshed. You may definitely be assured that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list." [redacted] wrote a letter to the Veteran's Administration dated 10-2-44, demanding "an immediate favorable notification — or else. The deadline is now October 21, 1944 or else there will be bloodshed." [redacted] claims to have written another letter to Senator TRUMAN, dated 9-29-44.

b3 Title 38 USC Section 3301(a)

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REQ. REC'D 12-7-9
REP'T [redacted] 12-21-9

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REFERENCE: Bureau file No. 62-76292
Report of Special Agent [redacted]
dated 9-27-44, at Philadelphia, Pa.

CC TO: REQ. REC'D SEP 24 1965 ANS BY [redacted]

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PH. FILE NO. 9-688

DETAILS: b7C The title of this case is being carried as changed to reflect the alias [redacted]

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JOHN M. DERVIN
Chief Attorney, U. S. Veterans Administration
301 U. S. Customs House Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Can produce the originals of the following two letters written by the subject, [redacted] which letters are as follows:

b3 Title 38 USC 3301(a) [redacted]

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"August 21, 1944 [redacted]

"Veterans Administration
Custom House
2nd and Chestnut Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Dear Sir:
"In reference to Form 526 application for pension filed 7-23-43 [redacted]

"I was released from the United States Army on July 5, 1943 because of a medical discharge for Psychosis-Paranois. I have patiently waited for over a year for a pension I am legally entitled to. The claim has been established that my disability was undoubtedly acquired, developed and aggravated while in the service of the United States Army.

"I cannot warn you too strongly that I, a diagnosed paranoic case, inevitably and maliciously resorts to suicide or homicide. Unless I receive an immediate favorable notification, I will resort to homicide to convince you to the fullest extent of my service connected disability. I could hardly consider suicide for I cannot continue my fight as a dead person.

"Let me impress upon you not to ignore or disregard this letter. Unless I receive some encouragement, I will definitely launch an unconditionally treacherous, revengeful and ruthless wave of destruction. I will strike with such a sudden cold-blooded fury which will cause resounding repercussions to the Veterans Administration and the army psychiatrists responsible for my disability. This is a diabolical scheme remotely nurtured and instigated by the inefficiency and incompetency I have encountered through a series of miraculous escapades.

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"My threats may appear to be absurd but I sincerely urge you to consider them seriously. When discharged from the army I was unwittingly and unintentionally presented with an abnormal power to speak or kill as I pleased without fear of prosecution. I intend to take full advantage of this disability.

"I must again remind you even more strongly, that to ignore this letter entirely, will result in bloodshed. You may definitely be assured that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list. I cannot be stopped until it is too late.

"If the accumulated evidence of my case records are not sufficient to warrant a pension, then I will attempt anything and everything in my power to reinforce my claim and impress you further of my service connected disability. Through the procedure of bloodshed, I will prove that I have been incapacitated to the fullest extent and am demanding a pension almost equal to total disability.

"I have had enough of your indecision, suspense and unsettlement of this situation. If the opportunity to prove my past mental stability is unattainable, then I prefer the priveleges of insanity and I demand the pension that I am justifiably entitled to.

"Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

[redacted]

b3 Title 38 USC Section 3301(a)

"October 2, 1944

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"Veterans Administration
Custom House
2nd & Chestnut Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Dear Sir:

"In reference to: Form 526 application for pension filed 7-23-43 [redacted]

"This letter is designed to reinforce my previous correspondence. Your snaillike pace of negotiations cannot be considered a reasonable response to my stipulations. In plain words; you don't move fast enough for me.

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"In my case, time is precious to the utmost degree. I must have immediate reparations for an unforgiveable injustice. In a previous letter I proposed "an immediate favourable notification" - or else. The word "immediate" evidently is insignificant, so I now offer you approximately a three week ultimatum expiring on October 21, 1944.

"By contacting my sister, you have converged upon her with low-minded tactics. When my sister signed for my release from the army and accepted full responsibility for me after my discharge, she had no idea that the army had distorted my mind.

"I am giving you fair warning to keep away from my sister. Furthermore, you will please transfer any further correspondence and transaction concerning me to my present address.

"Remember, the deadline is now October 21, 1944, or else there will be bloodshed. Just imagine what the repercussions will be when my letters and case records are disclosed along with the inability or lack of interest to counteract my premeditated campaign.

b3 38USC 3301(b)

"Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION

This case was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney, EDWARD A. KALLICK on October 13, and October 27, 1944. Mr. KALLICK advised he has this case under advisement but did not desire to render his opinion as to prosecution at this time.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will contact the office of Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN, U. S. Senate, Washington, D.C. and obtain the letter allegedly written by the subject on September 29, 1944. This letter was registered. For the information of the Washington Field Division the previous letter addressed to Senator TRUMAN by [redacted] was written on stationery of the [redacted] and was addressed "Senator Harry S. Truman, U. S. Senate, Washington, D.C."

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Upon obtaining this letter will forward same to the F.B.I. Laboratory with the request that the handwriting be compared with the letter written by [redacted] to Senator TRUMAN dated July 29, 1944. Due to the prominence of the victim in this case, it is requested that this lead be given expeditious attention.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will contact the United States Attorney as to prosecution in this case.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	11/15/44	11/11/44	[redacted]

TITLE [redacted]

CHARACTER OF CASE: EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Letter of September 29, 1944, written by subject to Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN not available.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 62-76292.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

AGENCY Ice - Ons
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On November 11, 1944, [redacted] in the office of Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN, was contacted regarding instant matter. She advised she was familiar with instant case and would make a search of her files in an endeavor to locate the letter of September 29, 1944, sent to Senator TRUMAN by the subject. She subsequently advised that she had not been able to locate the letter and, in all probability, it had been destroyed upon receipt by one of the other employees of the office, not realizing its value or importance. She further related that the file clerk was not there and, when she returned the following Monday, she would have the file clerk make a further search and if the letter was available, she would advise the writer. As of November 15, 1944, she had not advised that the letter had been located.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.	12-1-44	11-11,28-44	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: United States Attorney declines prosecution.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 62-76292.

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Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 15, 1944 at Washington, D. C.

CC TO: REQ. REC'D. SEP 24 1965 ANS. BY: [redacted]

DETAILS:

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PROSECUTIVE ACTION

Facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD A. KALLICK on November 28, 1944, at which time he declined prosecution in view of the subject's mental condition, [redacted] in addition to the fact that he felt the subject did not mean any harm. He also pointed out that by a bulletin of the Attorney General to the United States Attorney dated October 14, 1944, it was pointed out that it was not the policy to indict individuals with a mental disability.

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On November 11, 1944 the subject appeared at the Philadelphia Field Division, at which time he was interviewed by the writer and during the interview he stated that he did not feel that he would write any more letters. He felt that the United States Attorney was convinced that he is mentally balanced, but that he merely "talks too much". He could not understand

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why he had not been picked up before, but feels that someone has intervened in his behalf.

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PH File #9-658 [redacted]

Delinquency:

[redacted] wrote a letter to Senator HARRY A. TRUMAN containing threats to kill innocent people. Another letter indicates that [redacted] is a mental case. Bureau instructions of August 9, 1944, directed that the author should be immediately and thoroughly interviewed, and the full facts developed, after which the case should be presented to appropriate United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution. This case is assigned to Special Agent [redacted] You are instructed to set forth any explanation deemed desirable concerning your failure to specifically follow Bureau instructions.

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Explanation:

This case is assigned to Special Agent [redacted] Investigation in this case has been completed for some time, and this office is awaiting a decision by Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD A. KALLICK relative to prosecution. In view of the national prominence of the victim together with the fact that the subject is suffering from a paycho-neurotic condition, Mr. KALLICK referred the case to the Department for an opinion relative to prosecution. The Department advised Mr. KALLICK to hold the case in abeyance at the present time. A complete investigative report was submitted to the Bureau on September 27, 1944.

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Philadelphia Office
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J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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December 29, 1944

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Senate Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [redacted]

Further reference is made to your letter dated August 1, 1944, enclosing a communication received by Senator Harry S. Truman from [redacted] dated July 29, 1944.

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Reference is also made to my letters dated August 11, 1944, and October 30, 1944, wherein I indicated I would advise you of the results of the investigation into this matter.

I wish to advise that the facts of this case were discussed with the United States Attorney at Philadelphia, who declined prosecution in view of the subject's mental condition [redacted]

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Re: [redacted]
EXTORTION

File # 62-76292-1 and 2
Lab. # D21189 ED

Examination requested by: Bureau (ans. to Philadelphia)

Date of reference communication Let 8-1-44
Let 8-8-44

Date received: 8-15-44
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Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]

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Specimens submitted for examination

Env adr by to "Senator Harry S. Truman, United States Senate, Washington, D.C." from [redacted]
1st page of acc let dated July 29, 1944 bgn "I have previously made attempts..."
2nd page of acc let bgn "committee along with numerous witnesses to warrant..."
3rd page of acc let bgn "and incompetant forces have created a monster..."

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Re: [redacted]
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Examination requested: Doc.

Result of Examination: no ident. a.L.f.
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Examination by: [redacted]

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United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

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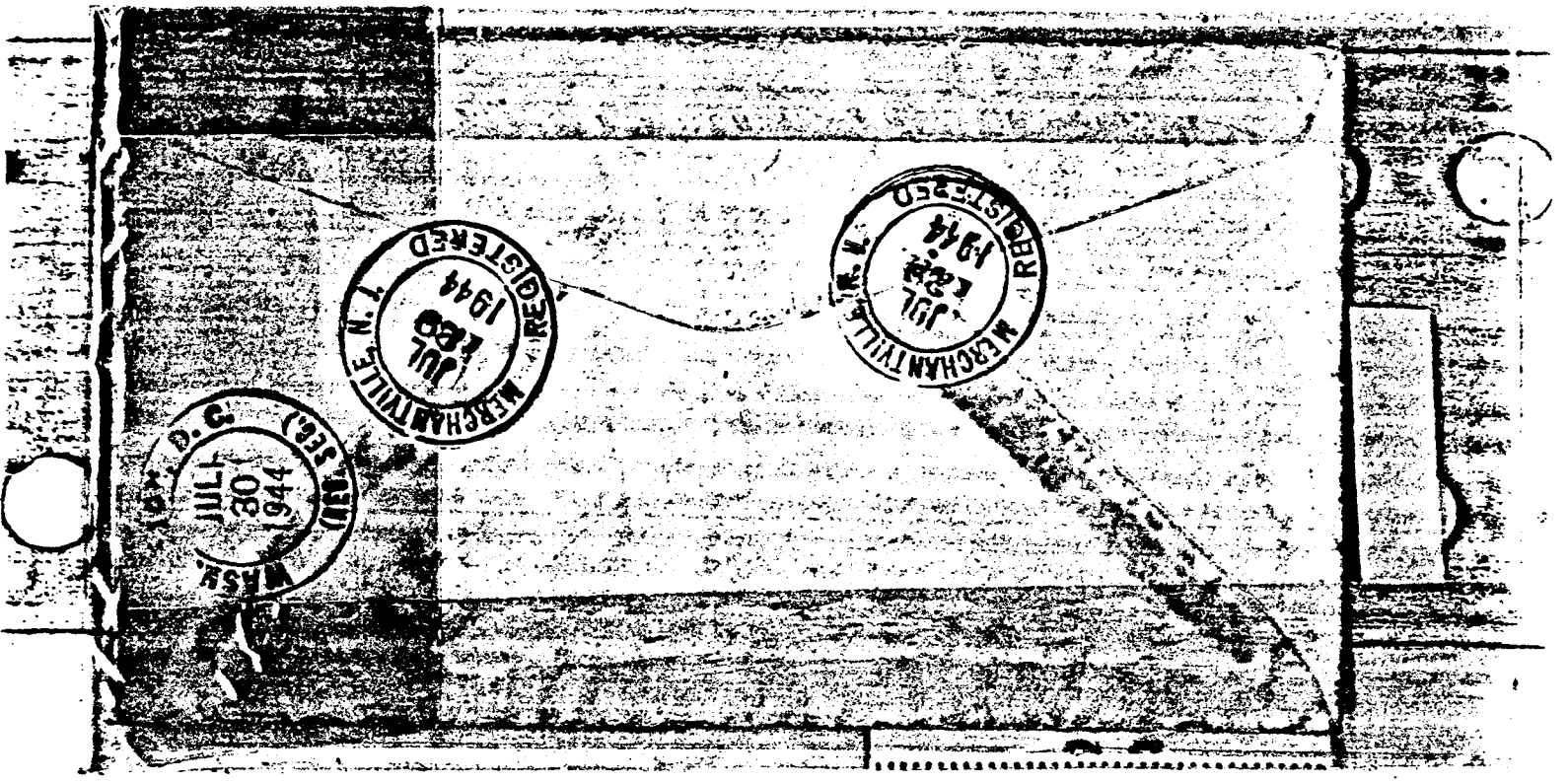

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ROUTING [redacted]

July 29, 1944

Senator Harry S. Truman
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT AUG 1 1944

ANSWERED	DATE	FOLLOW UP	DATE	FILE

Sir:

I have previously made attempts to contact members of the Senate Investigating Committee, but apparently to no avail. On October 25, 1943, I visited your office in an effort to influence you in the conception of investigating proceedings with myself as the nucleus. I was passed down the line as usual, first to the counsel for the committee, Hugh Fleming, then to a subordinate interviewer by the name of Sawyer. The outcome was evidently fruitless. Now was my second attempt, by a letter to Senator Homer Ferguson on March 29, 1944.

On this my third attempt, I am not merely appealing to you. I am demanding that I receive a favorable declaration within a reasonable space of time preceding the presidential election, November 7, 1944. If during the subsequent period I receive no affirmation,

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then I will undermine and destroy any aspirations you may now have for the vice-presidency.

I am an honorably discharged veteran of World War II. As an able-bodied 1-A draftee, I refused to fight because of the disgraceful and deplorable conditions existing in the shipbuilding industry between labor and management.

My maneuvers were conducted in such a manner as to prevent anyone calling me a draft-dodger or a conscription objector. I believe that my actions were entirely American and backed by good common sense.

My main objective is the Philadelphia Navy Yard where I was discharged unjustly, along with so many others. I am attempting to bring about a federal investigation of the Philadelphia Navy Yard because of inefficient management, corruption, and impediment of production.

With three witnesses required for a public investigation, I had hoped to be the principal witness as a serviceman on strike. These existing conditions are also known to be present in other shipyards but no thorough effort has been made to clean up this situation. There is enough deplorable evidence accumulated by the investigating

committee along with numerous witnesses to warrant such an investigation that I advocate.

By one bold stroke, the entire shipbuilding industry would be revolutionized by a cautionary or threatening measure to labor and management throughout the nation. The shipyard to investigate is the largest federal shipyard in the country, the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

I believe that an American workman on strike because of such conditions is the most forcible and logical rebuttal to the scrupulous of labor and management.

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Let me impress upon you, Senator Truman, not to ignore or disregard this letter as the work of some fanatic or crank. An immediate thorough investigation of my personal case records will corroborate any threats or statements I make.

Unless I receive some encouragement from you or the Senate Investigating Committee, I will definitely launch an unconditionally treacherous, revengeful, and ruthless wave of destruction. I will strike with such sudden and cold-blooded fury

that resounding repercussions will cause the entire political set-up right up to the top ~~and~~ totter on its foundations.

Mine is a diabolical scheme remotely nutured and instigated by the inefficiency and incompetence I have encountered though a series of miraculous escapades.

I presume that for fear of mingling into political and lobby-istic affiliations you have failed to uphold the honorable position intrusted you. I accuse you for gross negligence and deliberate failure in the utilization and distribution of manpower in the ship-building industry.

This letter is undoubtedly a brazen affair but do not misconstrue it as being rash. I am determined to get for implicate every person responsible for my predicament if it costs me my own life.

It is useless for me to continue any further diplomatic or tactful measures to bring about the investigation that should have taken place a long time ago.

My threats may appear absurd but I sincerely urge you to consider them seriously. I'm afraid that your country's political

and incompetent forces have created a monster they are now unable to control. When discharged from the United States Army, I was unwittingly and unintentionally presented with an abnormal power to speak or kill as I please without fear of prosecution. I intend to take full advantage of this.

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I must and will have my way or may definitely be assumed that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list. Death is too good for them. I cannot be stopped until it is too late.

In my defeat I will drag everything down with me; for even in my failure and frustration, I shall find a victory.

Respectfully yours,

b7c [redacted]

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PHILADELPHIA	9/27/44	9/21, 22,25,26/44	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject wrote registered letter to Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN on 7/29/44, demanding an investigation of the Philadelphia Navy Yard or "I will definitely launch an unconditionally treacherous, revengeful and ruthless wave of destruction . . . You may definitely be assured that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list." Signed statement obtained from subject admitting writing of letter and claiming he meant TRUMAN and others in making the threats. Also stated he intended to write TRUMAN another letter prior to election, demanding action, and, if no results, he would possibly kill TRUMAN. Subject discharged with prejudice from Philadelphia Navy Yard 10/29/42. Since this date, has endeavored by letters and personal contact with numerous government officials and newspaper writers to have investigation conducted at the Navy Yard. [redacted] USA has present case under advisement.

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BY [redacted]

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter dated August 1, 1944, from [redacted] to the Chairman, U. S. Senate, Special Committee Investigating the National Defense Program, addressed to the Director and enclosing a letter written by the subject and addressed to Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN. The letter, copies of which were forwarded to the Philadelphia Field Division, is being retained in the files of the FBI Laboratory. The letter was registered and addressed to Senator HARRY S. TRUMAN, U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C. as of July 29, 1944 and is as follows:

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"I presume that for fear of mingling into political and lobbyistic affiliations you have failed to uphold the honorable position intrusted you. I accuse you for gross negligence and deliberate failure in the utilization and distribution of manpower in the shipbuilding industry.

"This letter is undoubtedly a brazen affair but do not misconstrue it as being rash. I am determined to get or implicate every person responsible for my predicament if it costs me my own life.

"It is useless for me to continue any further diplomatic or tactful measures to bring about an investigation that should have taken place a long time ago. My threats may appear absurd but I sincerely urge you to consider them seriously. I'm afraid that our country's political and incompetent forces have created a monster they are now unable to control. When discharged from the United States Army I was unwittingly and unintentionally presented with an abnormal power to speak or kill as I pleased without fear of prosecution. I intend to take full advantage of this.

"I must again remind you more strongly that to ignore this letter entirely will result in bloodshed. I must and will have my way. You may definitely be assured that I will kill at least one innocent person and I will maim and incapacitate many others on my list. Death is too good for them. I cannot be stopped until it is too late.

"In my defeat I will drag everything down with me; for even in my failure and frustration, I will find a victory.

"Respectfully yours,

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/s/ [redacted]

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It is noted that at the time of the interview with the subject, handwriting specimens were obtained for possible use in the event prosecution of this case is desired.

PROSECUTIVE ACTION

The above facts were discussed with Assistant U. S. Attorney EDWARD A. KALLICK on September 21, 1944. On September 26, 1944, MR. KALLICK advised that he was taking this case under advisement and did not desire to give an opinion as to prosecution at this time.

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Mr. Egan ...
Mr. Gurnea ...
Mr. Harbo ...
Mr. Mohr ...
Mr. Pennington ...

TO: J. EDGAR HOOVER, CHIEF, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

SUBJECT: THE PEOPLE'S WARD - PROTECTION FOR GUARDIANSHIP CASES

On Monday, November 3, 1947, a disabled war veteran sometimes known as "Raymond F. Logue" walked into a "frame" (staged to smear the President of the United States) at the Village Tavern located on Sixth Avenue, opposite 8th Street, New York City. Someone had evidently bribed the proprietor to frame him in such a manner that it looked like he was hanging out in the company of queers, pansies etc.

This boy, a guardianship case, walked into this tavern for a glass of port wine after lunch, as is his usual custom. The place this day at 12:30 Noon was apparently deserted (a suspicious circumstance) except for about 20 only-too-plainly-fixed-up to the public eye "queers", who were planted at the tables. The bar was unattended the rest of the place apparently vacant and deserted, except for the motionless "plants" at the tables arranged with their costumes and faces turned towards a hidden flash photographer hidden in the rear. Suddenly, a flash photo picture was taken of this guardianship case standing at the bar and looking around for the bartender, with these planted queers as a background. This was accomplished even though he was only in there for about 2 minutes, since he apparently noted something suspicious and that there was no service, and thereupon walked out.

The writer was a witness to this incident, and will make a sworn statement as to its veracity.

You are requested to-

1. Close up this joint; put everyone connected with this indent in jail;
2. Take the proprietor into custody and "sweat him" to determine who was in on this frame job;
3. Ascertain the identify of and take into custody the approximately 15 "decked-out-to-look-like" pansies or queers, who were planted at the tables as a background for the people's ward;
4. Find out who paid the proprietor to frame the people's ward;
5. Track down and seize the negative and get back all the prints, taking appropriate action against all persons having possession of same; also the photographer who developed them.

M. Truman (The Boss)
Operating Dept.
New York

New York, N.Y.
April 10, 1948

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cc: Harry S. Truman-Washington, D.C.
Police Commissioner Wallender, City Hall, New York, N.Y.
Special Agent In Charge FBI, Foley Square, New York, N.Y.

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N.B.-This is part of a vicious smear campaign aimed at President Truman in an Election Year.

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Dear Sir,—

Just before the Missouri primary election, August 6, Missourians were treated to a round of free copies the publication "Labor", a paper printed in Washington, D. C. It was sent out as the "Missouri edition", and seemed to be sent for the purpose of urging people to vote for Harry S. Truman, who seeks to be reelected to the senate. In the paper I found the article about the pulpwood manufacturers which I cut out and am enclosing. I believe you will be much interested in the article and you will agree that propaganda such as this is sent out for the purpose of dividing the American people.

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South against the North, at this tim
when there is so much need for them to
firmly united, is sent out by enemie
of this nation. I haven't a doubt that
you find the one who wrote the artic
and keep an eye on him for a while,
will find he is in the pay of either Rus
or Germany. And there may be more th
one of them crooked. I notice they are try
to keep Truman (a German name) in the Se
It wouldn't take many German Congressme
to wreck the nation, and hand it over to
Hitler. I also noticed their cartoons are
all drawn by another German, John M. Ba
which may seem a small thing, but I
noticed that the Sauer Krauters usua
flock together, and favor each other. Yo
see, a big part of the population around
here is German, and I have had plen

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opportunity to study them and their propag

Some time ago, I read that a German had been arrested for building an airpla hangar down in Texas - one that woul house 200 planes. About the same time German bought some brush covered la just west of me, and built a big new barn. Didn't build any house. If there i any stock on the place I never saw it. He had a well drilled. He had what look from a distance to be oat hay hauled and put in the barn. Then he built an o appearing building, close to the barn, that not look like a farm building. I don't know what he would want with a build of just that type, unless he wanted to h away 2 or 3 airplanes in it. A larg truck with a closed in body like an exp truck stands near the barn. A little of a shack, which was al

stands about a hundred yards from the
He has a strange man hatching in the
shack. All of the men that work around
place are strangers, and look like the
He claims to be a veterinary, and calls h
name ~~Getty~~ GETTY. I thought you might want
to take a look under his hay, and at the
entire layout. I don't believe the local
police would know an airplane hanger
if they saw one.

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I would hate to cause you a lot of
trouble, if there was no need of it, but
thought it my duty to write.

Yours truly,

b7C [redacted]

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READ this special editio
but do not throw i
friend or neighbor. Bena
the proverbial mile if th

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HARRY T

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TRUMAN FIGHTS TO FREE RAILROADS FROM BANKER RULE

Senator Takes Leading Part In Congressional Effort To Rehabilitate "Iron Horse"

RAPS FINANCIAL ABUSES

Declares Receivership Racket Largely Responsible For Carriers' Difficulties

Outstanding in Senator Truman's distinguished service as a lawmaker is the important role he played in drafting and putting through Congress legislation to rehabilitate the railroad industry and to enable it to compete on terms of greater equality with other forms of transportation.

This legislation is, in part, the result of disclosures during a sensational and far-reaching investigation of railroad finances and reorganizations by a subcommittee of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, of which Senator Truman is a member.

While the probe brought to light shocking conditions, it was not undertaken with the object of discrediting the railroads, but to learn what was responsible for conditions that forced nearly 100 carriers into bankruptcy and to determine the best way to eradicate the evils.

Work of the Looters

It is generally conceded that the committee did a grand job. It demonstrated that the railroads for years had been looted by investment bankers and other selfish interests, who proceeded to pick the bones bare after the victims had been forced into bankruptcy.

In a memorable speech in the Senate, Senator Truman made a partial disclosure of some of the facts unearthed by the committee. To say that the revelations shocked Senators is to state the case mildly.

Senator Truman told the Senate that two banking houses—J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—are the financial backers of practically all the railroads in the country.

The records, he said, show that after roads had been bled white the bankers went into friendly courts and had hand-picked receivers appointed. He added:

Bankruptcy "Rackets"

"So far as these receiverships are concerned, the railroads are not run as a public business, but as a racket to milk the pockets of stockholders and bondholders. The whole idea is to make the bankers rich."

To show how the carriers are manipulated, he recalled that the Missouri Pacific was in receivership in 1917 and is again going through the wringer. Many other railroads, he said, have [illegible]

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September 7, 1940

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Dear [redacted]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter and enclosure dated August 27, 1940.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Foxworth
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Respectfully,

Harry S. Truman

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US Senator Harry Truman

Independence, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send an F.B.I. man down to Steelville, Mo. to investigate open and loose talk by some German folks a[redacted] in particular, he is quite wealthy, bought $10,000 in bonds to save his own skin, but the terrable things he said of our president and the administration including you, and this particular time was in the local Post Office the morning of Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving) while a crown of folkswere waiting for the mail to be put up.

Any rich man has a lot of influence with the people and when he speaks disrespectful untruth, to the common people out openly with the nerve his money gives him its just too bad, however the man (Republican,he was taling to) [redacted] did not open his mouth against the President but heard it all. Just such poison minded, wealthy Germans, is why our town [redacted] is so Republican. I only know [redacted] when I see him, but his source of income should be investigated. I of course don't want my name made public, I am also married to a Republican, and I write this strictly on my own, but I could not sleep, I feel it my duty.

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The [redacted] (German) isa very bitter Republican and of course would shield any Republican or German regardless.

There is also a Hotel by the depot in Cuba, Mo. has strange carryings on on certain times.

Indeed Crawford county needs cleaning.

Please do not make my name public, that is the reason no one pushes this affair. fear, and being one of a very much minoraty party in Craford Co.

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Honorable Harry S. Truman
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge your reference to this Bureau on December 12, 1942, of a letter, without signature, directed to you from Independence, Missouri, and concerning certain situations in Steelville, Missouri.

You may be assured, of course, that this matter has been carefully noted and will be given appropriate attention by the FBI.

I am returning to you at this time the original letter which you referred to this Bureau.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
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Sirrah

As an Unamerican enemy of the peop
you can still do a Kind deed
Get your Tommy Gun Boys
planted in both houses
Then Fire Period
Start off with that Limey
Haberdasher from Missouri
and dont miss Karl Mundt
Then commit Mass Suicide
amongst yourselves
you are too fat anyhow

Harry S Truman

Karl E Mundt

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