



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**MARTIN DIES**

**PART 1 OF 1**

**BUFILE NUMBERS: 9-5165 & 9-7414**

**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**SUBJECT** Martin Dies

**FILE NO.** 9-5165

50 PAGES

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.**

November 2, 1939

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

**Attn: Technical Laboratory**

**Re: [REDACTED]  
John Nance Garner - Victim.  
Martin Dies - Victim.  
Extortion.**

**Dear Sir:**

There is being forwarded herewith an unpostmarked envelope bearing a 1½¢ stamp, addressed: "Mr. Martin Dies, Congressman from Texas, Washington, D.C. or Orange, Texas", containing therein a communication written in pencil beginning, "Mr. Martin Dies: Dies your a rat and go back to your sewer", and ending "You and Perkins rat should be tarred and feathered."

Also enclosed is an envelope, unpostmarked, bearing a 1½¢ postage stamp, addressed: "Mr. John Nance Garner, Vice President, U.S.A., Washington, D.C. or Uvalde, Texas", together with a communication which was originally contained therein beginning: "Dear Mr. Garner: Uvalde, Tex. For God Sake Mr. Vice President..." and ending: "We despise their methods. Thank you sincerely."

The above communications were received at this office from the office of the Post Office Inspector in Charge, New York, N.Y., who advised that they had been withdrawn from the mails and received at the office of the Post Office Inspector in Charge, New York, N.Y., through the Division of Dead Letters and Unclaimed Mail, Washington, D.C. The communications were not in cellophane when received at this office.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory perform the usual document examination on the envelopes and compare the handwriting with any unidentified handwriting on file at the Bureau. Although these communications have been previously handled, it is suggested that they be processed for latent fingerprints.

This case will be discussed in full with the U. S. Attorney before any active investigation is conducted.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
J. E. HUNTER  
Special Agent in Charge**

**REGISTERED MAIL**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

November 13, 1939

**Laboratory Report**

9-1145-1

Case: **John James Carter - Missing  
Martin Rice - Missing  
Kidnapping**

Number:

- Specimens:**
- Q1 Envelope addressed Mr. Martin Rice, Congressman from Tennessee, Washington, D. C., or Orange, Tennessee.
  - Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Here you a rat and goose".
  - Q3 Envelope addressed Mr. John James Carter, Vice President, U. S. A., Washington, D. C., or Omaha, Nebraska.
  - Q4 First page of accompanying letter beginning "For God sake Mr. Wagner".
  - Q5 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "You get tooth, you".

Examination requested by:

New York

Date received:

November 3, 1939

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Specimen Q1 is a white bond finish envelope which was addressed in script with a soft lead pencil. It is 6.41 by 3.41 by .005 inches, weighs 2.478 grams, quantity reading .77, and has no watermark. Specimen Q3 is similar to specimen Q1 in all of these mentioned physical characteristics.

Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which was cut from a larger sheet the original width of which was 6.41 inches. This specimen bears a cartoon on the reverse side of which a message has been handwritten with a soft lead pencil. It is approximately 9.0 by 4.41 by .009 inches, weighs 3.114 grams, quantity reading .77, and has no watermark. Specimens Q4 and Q5 are similar to specimen Q2 in all of these mentioned physical characteristics.

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q5 were written by the same person.

Specimens Q2 through Q5 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was developed.

These specimens were checked through the Bureau's file of newspaper clippings without effecting a identification. A photographic copy of specimen Q2 is being added to this file for future reference.

The photographic copy each of specimens Q1 through Q5 is being transmitted by mail.

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Latent Fingerprint Report

LATENT EXAMINATION

9-5163-1

John James Garner - Victim.  
Martin Dies - Victim.  
Extortion.

Specimens:

- 9-5163-1 Q 1 Envelope addressed "Mr. Martin Dies, Congressman from Texas, Washington, D. C., or Orange, Texas."  
Q 2 Accompanying letter beginning "I see your a rat and go back to your...."  
Q 3 Envelope addressed "Mr. John James Garner, Vice President, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. or Uvalde, Texas"  
Q 4 First page of accompanying letter beginning "For God Sake Mr. Vice....."

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: Mch. 11/1/39 mg

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

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Result of examination:

Examination by

LATENT EXAMINATION

9-5163-1 Q 5 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "cant get tooth. I....."

637 E. E. Court House  
Foley Square  
New York, N. Y.

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November 2, 1939

Mr. J. J. Brown,  
Inspector in Charge,  
Post Office Department,  
General Post Office,  
Ninth Avenue and 33rd Street,  
New York, N. Y.

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Re: [REDACTED]  
JOHN RANCE GARNER - Victim  
MARTIN LEE - Victim  
EXTORTION.

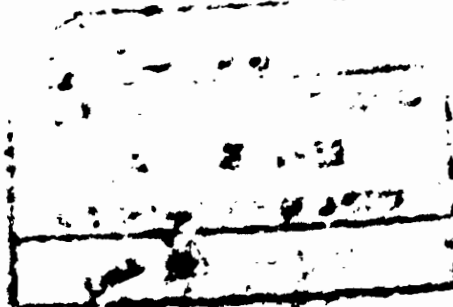
Dear Sir:

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated  
October 24, 1939, furnishing this office with a letter  
signed [REDACTED], addressed to Mr. Martin Lee, Con-  
gressman from Texas, Washington, D.C., as well as another  
letter mailed by the same individual and addressed to  
Mr. John Rance Garner, Vice-President, U.S.A., Washing-  
ton, D.C., or Waldo, Texas.

Very truly yours,

P. L. FERRIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau



October 15, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
New York, New York

John Edgar Hoover - Acting  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

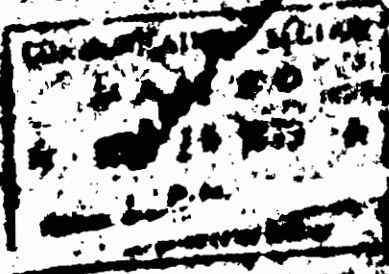
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau November 2, 1939.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

File No. **9-570**

Page **1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/19/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/12/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>
TITLE <b>JOHN HANCO LARKER - VICTIM MARTIN BIES - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Letters addressed to Victim LARKER and Victim BIES extracted from mails by Post Office Department. Letters each bear 1¢ cent stamps which have not been cancelled. Letters are of threatening nature and also request that Victim LARKER "give America back to the American Christians". USA, SCNY, of ex- was 1-Mers do not constitute violation. Bureau labors try unable to identify handwriting on extortion letters. No fingerprints of value developed by Bureau.

**DETAILS:**

By letter dated October 18, 1939, Mr. J. J. BORAN, Inspector in Charge, Post Office Department, New York City, forwarded two letters addressed to the Victims in this case. These letters, according to Mr. BORAN, were withdrawn from the mails and received in his office through the Division of Dead Letters and Dead Parcel Post, Washington, D.C. These original letters were forwarded the Bureau by letter dated November 2, 1939, with the request that the Bureau document investigation by affording the envelopes and letters, and that the handwriting be compared with any unidentified handwriting on file at the Bureau.

The letter to [REDACTED] was signed **JOHN HANCO LARKER**

**JAN 22 PM**



Vice President, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. or Ovalde, Texas, bears a 14 cent stamp which has not been cancelled. The envelope bears no postmark.

Dec. 27 New York

"For God Sake, I, Vice President can't you please, we beg of you, to help rid us of the man Mr. Roosevelt has plunged us into with the person of the rat species on the other side of the paper. My friend Mr. Pres. Roosevelt has pulled with these birds long enough to take passers out of American born people - to tenderly cater to the varnishes of Europe. They have all rights here in our city—This place looks acts & speaks like Moscow and we native born American Christians starving—Locating the lousy Meyer running to Hyde Park & to Washington palavering with Mr. Tr. the Pres. about how to sneak in some more aliens—then another tit sum of money is required to support these aliens & Americans don't get it we get starved. I can't see I can't get glasses, I can't eat I can't get teeth. I haven't decent shoes to my feet, nor clothes to wear—years ago well at the beginning of Hoover's administration. I was well off but with this crazy boondoggling the last 7 or 8 years I'm now a pauper. In N.Y. State we're Jew Government. My friend Mr. Roosevelt had to have his LeOw, Ned Gossling for Mayor Sab-dothing with Washington & Hyde Park—our Christians haven't a ghost of a show. The lousy the Jews... the Pres. & the relief in N.Y.C. If a strike happens Fed we can starve.

Thank you, Lindsay

[illegible]

The envelope addressed to the Martin Dies is addressed  
"MR. MARTIN DIES, Congressman from Texas, Washington, D. C., or  
Orange, Texas". This bears a 14 cent stamp which has not been  
cancelled, and the envelope bears no postmark. The letter con-  
tained in this envelope is as follows:

**COMMUNIST KISSER DIES**

Mr. Martin Dies:

Dies you a rat and go back to your sewer. If ever you  
come to N.Y. stay down in the filth in your sewer. Keep out of our  
way. No aid relief want an I want a day to scrape up 4 cents each  
(as a meal a day for 1 week) to send telegrams to Washington to  
allow you \$100,000.00 to drive out our common enemy from our native  
America. They take our jobs and shelter, our food our clothing and  
take us prayers and you--you waste in the grass helping them to  
keep us paupers. You traitor. God damn you if you come to N.Y. we'll  
hang you. Now how is your Nazi & Bolshevik? Shame on you--you were  
too dumb to see that coming. Your So how you don't have to stand  
down to kiss the belly of a rattlesnake. Why the hell don't  
you drive Bridges the Red alien from our country--you & Perkins  
rat should be tarred and feathered.

The Bureau, by laboratory report dated November 19,  
1939, laboratory report number 9-1145-1, advised as follows:

- Q1 Envelope addressed "Mr. Martin Dies, Congressman from  
Texas, Washington, D. C., or Orange, Texas".
- Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "Dies you a rat and goose".
- Q3 Envelope addressed "Mr. John Bruce Garner, Vice  
President, U.S.A., Washington, D. C., or Dallas, Texas".
- Q4 First page of accompanying letter beginning "You and  
Bain are fleas".
- Q5 Second page of accompanying letter beginning "You  
are fleas".

Specimen Q1 is a white hand finished envelope which was ad-  
dressed in script with a short hand pen. It is 4.01 by 3.51 by

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.0035 inches, weighs 2.472 grams, opacity reading .97, and has no watermark. Specimen Q3 is similar to specimen Q1 in all of these mentioned physical characteristics.

Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which was cut from a larger sheet the original width of which was 2.48 inches. This specimen bears a cartoon on the reverse side of which a message has been handwritten with a soft lead pencil. It is approximately 9.0 by 8.43 by .0039 inches, weighs 2.134 grams, opacity reading .57, and has no watermark. Specimens Q4 and Q5 are similar to specimen Q2 in all of these mentioned physical characteristics.

It was concluded that specimens Q1 through Q5 were written by the same individual.

Specimens Q1 through Q5 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was developed.

These specimens were searched through the Bureau's file of anonymous communications without effecting an identification. A photographic copy of specimen Q2 is being added to this file for future reference.

Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD BUCKER, of the Southern District of New York, after reading the two above described letters, stated that he did not believe that they constituted a violation of the extortion statute.

No description of either the subject or victim is available, inasmuch as no investigation was conducted in this matter.

**Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

REL: FLC

TO : E. P. COFFEY *b7c*

DATE: 7-10-45

FROM : H. B. LONG *b7c*

SUBJECT: ~~REDACTED~~ John Mance Carter - Victim  
Martin Dies - Victim  
Extortion  
Bureau file # 65-6166

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory file and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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Mr Martin Davis  
Congressman from Texas  
Washington, D.C.  
or Orange Texas

Mr John Vance Garner  
The President, U.S.A  
Washington D.C.  
or  
Wvalde, Texas

City of Stone Mountain

Communist Kisser Dec  
Mr. Martin Dies:

Is your a Rat and  
go back to your Sewer. If ever  
ya cum ter N.Y. stay down in  
the filth in your Sewer. Keep out of our  
way. We on relief want on ① meal a  
day to scrape up 40 cents each (on a meal  
a day for ① week) to send telegrams to  
Washington to allow you \$100,000.00 to drive  
out our common enemy from our native  
America. They take our jobs our shelter  
our food our clothing and make us paupers  
and you - you snake in the grass help  
them to keep us paupers. You Traitor  
God damn you if you come to N.Y. well  
hang you. Now how is your Nazi  
& Balshi? Shame on you - you snake  
to drunk to see that coming. You so  
low you don't have to stoop down to kiss  
the belly of a rattlesnake. Why the  
hell don't you drive Bridges the Red  
Abe from our country - you & Perkins rat



Aug 27 New York

Dear Mr. Garner:—

Uvalde, Tex For God Sake Mr. President  
Can't you please, we beg of you, to  
help rid us of the mess Mr. Friend  
Mr. Roosevelt has plunged us into  
with the person of the rat species  
on A other side of the paper. Mr friend  
Mr. Pres. Roosevelt has pulled with those  
birds long enough to make paupers out  
of American home people—to tenderly cater  
the termin of Europe. They have all  
rights here in our city—This place looks  
cho + speaks like Moscow and we nation  
are American Christians starving for  
Sartin the Lorry Mayor running to Hyde  
Park + to Washington palapering with  
Mr friend the Pres. about how to sneak in  
some more aliens—then another big sum  
money is required to support them all  
the Americans don't get it we get it  
Can't see I can't get glasses, I can't eat.



Can't get teeth. I haven't decent shoes  
to my feet, nor clothes to wear - years  
ago well at the beginning of Hoover's  
administration. I was well off but with  
this crazy boondoggling of the last  
7 or 8 years I'm now a pauper. In  
N.Y. State we have a Jew Governor  
his friend Mr Roosevelt had to have him  
be Garston the Red Coddler for Mayor  
hasn't nothing with Washington + Hyde  
Park, we American Christians haven't  
a ghost of a show. The lousy reds  
control the jobs + the funds + the  
relief in N.Y.C. If a Christian don't  
become red he can starve.

Will you please Mr. Garner or  
Mr. Wilson Johnson or Mr. Borah do  
your best to give America back to  
the American Christians + drive out  
once for all the scoundrels + reds  
who are ruining the country.

**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**SUBJECT** Martin Dies

**FILE NO.** 9-7414

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

March 12, 1941

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Time 10:05 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Agent [redacted] called from Newark stating he wanted to inform the Bureau of a matter which is receiving a great deal of publicity in Newark.

He stated that Congressman Dies received a letter postmarked in Newark on March 6th and addressed to him in Washington, D. C., which reads as follows:

"Dies your days are few, you and your rotten Jews. If you send our boys over or that President - look out. 140 of us will stop it some way".

Dies referred this letter to the Newark Police Department and [redacted] was placed in charge of the matter. The above letter was signed, [redacted], and [redacted] called at the Newark office to inquire whether they had any record on [redacted]. He was informed that he had no record there in [redacted] apparently because of the reference to the President. The Secret Service are working with the Newark Police Department on the matter. The letter was referred yesterday afternoon to the Newark Police Department. [redacted] stated this matter is receiving a great deal of publicity in the Newark newspapers and he thought the Bureau should know of it.

I told him to take no action whatsoever in the matter.

Respectfully,

A. HOOVER

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**Major and \_\_\_\_\_**

"Let Winchell go over and fight the damn  
damn damn fight"

**"So Winchell calls American sneaky."**

negative results.      Telephones and city directories were also checked with

**[REDACTED] Secret Service, Post Office Building, Newark, New Jersey,** informed Agent that he had compared the handwriting on the threatening letter with all specimens in his possession, but found it

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identified with some of them. He had inquired of the Post Office Inspectors to cover any mail that might be addressed to that person, but none had been received.

The information contained in this report was presented to CHARLES E. STANZIALE, Assistant United States Attorney, who declined prosecution stating that the letter in his opinion was a crank letter and no threat was present.

- C L O S E D -

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
Rev. 1-25-60 (Instructions on back)

File No. 9-218 mh

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-2-61</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-21-61, 9-1-61</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <span style="float: right;">b7c</span>
TITLE <b>COMMUNIST IN THE U.S. - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Extortion letter to Congressman DIES in possession of [REDACTED] Newark Police Department. Photostatic copies furnished Newark Office by [REDACTED] Search of telephone and city directories [REDACTED] failed to establish identity of [REDACTED] Secret Service, fail to identify subject. NSA declines prosecution.

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**DETAILS:**

The investigation of this case is predicated upon photostatic copies of an envelope, letter, and newspaper clipping submitted by [REDACTED] Newark Police Department, Newark, New Jersey.

The envelope is postmarked at Newark, New Jersey, March 6, 1961, 6:00 p.m., and is addressed to MARTIN DIES, Washington, D. C. The letter contained the following:

"Also, your days are few and your rotten days if you send our boys over to that

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <b>[Signature]</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>[Signature]</b>	FILE NO. <b>9-7414-2</b>	DATE <b>MAY 13 1961</b>
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark, New Jersey

May 16, 1941

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MAY 17 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: [REDACTED]  
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find photostatic copies of a threatening letter, envelope, and newspaper clipping mentioned in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Newark, New Jersey, May 2, 1941.

The envelope is addressed to MARTIN LUTHER KING, Washington, D.C. and is postmarked Newark, New Jersey, March 6, 1941, 6 P.M.

The letter contains the statement, "Dios, your days are few you and your rotten Jews if you send our boys over or that President lock out M.C. of us will stop it some way". The letter was signed [REDACTED]

The newspaper clipping was part of the column of WALTER WINSTON, no date shown. In handwriting on the paper appeared "let WINSTON go over and fight the dam Jews dont fight" also "So WINSTON calls American sneaks".

The case was presented to the Assistant United States Attorney who declined prosecution. The photostatic copies are being sent in for inclusion in the unknown handwriting file.

Very truly yours,

E. E. C. [REDACTED]

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

June 11, 1941

File # 9-7414-3

Lab # 4887

Do: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Examination requested by: [REDACTED]

Reference: Letter 5/1/41

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

- 9-7414-3 (1) Photostatic copy of an envelope postmarked "Rochester, N. Y., Mar. 6, 1941, 1, 6 PM."  
(2) Photostatic copy of accompanying letter beginning "Dear, your days are....."  
(3) Photostatic copy of a newspaper clipping headed "Hitler Says 'Inside Job' Done".

Result of examination:

The questioned specimens (1) through (3) were searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File but nothing of such interest or significance was found as would warrant field investigation. Appropriate photographic copies are being added to the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File and in the event of future identification your office will be so advised.

No photographic copies of the questioned specimens are being transmitted at this time but should they be desired they will be sent at your request.

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

1-Search  
1-Index  
1-Laboratory

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June 11, 1941

Special Agent in Charge  
Newark, New Jersey

Re: [REDACTED]  
CONSPIRACY WHITE RIES - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

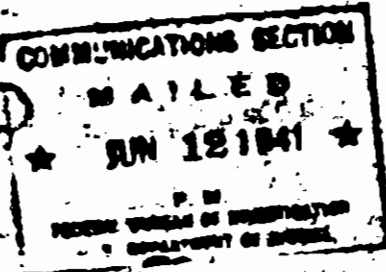
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated May 14, 1941.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure



...to marry Oswald  
...for years claiming  
...for the defense  
...it was remarkable the way his well meant  
...was always getting him into trouble.

# Hitler Sees 'Inside Job' Here

By WALTER WINCHELL

The long ago I reported the  
...of ... that Hitler was  
... about America  
... dragged ...  
... to the ... of ...  
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... things appear to  
... in ... very much as  
... about ... what he  
... about ... Perhaps  
... there people is high  
... and high ... effort in  
... work ... of ...  
... and ... call themselves  
... ... to ...  
... in the streets  
... police and intelligence  
... ...

... moving as they also know  
... Hitler's secret weapon  
... against us is internal ...  
... that only the ... of the  
... and ... it is ... and  
... American ... under cover  
...  
... for the leader of his American  
... revolution ... Hitler, of course  
... on finding an American  
... who is popular with everybody  
... He found a ... in ...  
... Slovakia He found a ... in  
... Norway and a ... in France  
... And from some of the things you  
... hear and read, it seems Hitler  
... can have his choice in finding an  
... ... Arnold  
... The only thing Hitler ... find  
... is ... in the ...

*let ... to ...  
... of ...  
... 1934*

*... calls ...*

*pppA*

Dear, My days  
are few if you will  
your father says  
if you run on top  
or on that ground  
look out 149 of us  
will stop if some will  
[redacted] *on*



Martin Lee  
Washington  
D.C.

5.00  
12.11

I have \$1,000 at the Parkside  
School house on Friday  
night at 9:30. If you have  
your gun with you  
but do not fail or tell the  
police anything about this.

After 5 days in post office  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
N. 222 W. 1st St.  
SIOUX FALLS, S.D.



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

LABORATORY DIVISION

HR 11712

**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**SUBJECT** Martin Dies

**FILE NO.** 62-101944

## Realtors Hear Communism Talk by Dies

Representatives of the Nation's realty boards were told yesterday that "in every battle against communism we have lost every engagement" and heard the prediction that in "10 years or so we will join the Soviet Union as one of its satellites if the growth of communism continues as it has in the past 25 years."

The speaker was Representative Martin Dies (D-Tex.) former chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee. He addressed members of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, during the closing session of a week-long meeting of NAREB at the Statler Hotel.

Representative Dies, who said his speech was "pessimistic but realistic" said that if the country ever approved of socialized housing and medicine—"two critical fields of marxism"—"Russia need not worry herself about physically taking this country—we'll be in the same camp."

Dies said that the fall of private enterprise would kill the Marxist groups "because they can only live from the genius of private enterprise," but said that such an event would result in "ruthless dictatorship."

More than 800 delegates of NAREB have been in Washington for the past week for regional directors' meetings and inaugural ceremonies installing Henry G. Waltemade of New York as the 1955 president of the group.

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
Mr. Harbo ☐  
Mr. Mohr ☐  
Mr. Parsons ☐  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
Mr. Tamm ☐  
Mr. Sizoo ☐  
Mr. Winterrowd ☐  
Tele. Room ☐  
Mr. Holloman ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

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COLORADO CITY, TEX.

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Wash. News ☐  
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N. Y. Mirror ☐

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Mr. Tolson ☒  
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 Mr. Harbo ☒  
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 Miss Gandy ☒

One Case Frightened Him

# Dies Wants Fairer Hearings for 'Risks'

Rep. Martin Dies (D., Tex.) is drafting legislation to require fairer hearings for persons accused as security risks.



REP. MARTIN DIES

His ideas are not in final form, he said in an interview today, but he has decided on some "basic principles."

"I know the accused ought to be confronted with witnesses," he said.

"I know he ought to have a bill of particulars in advance, and he ought to know the criteria for judging—the rules on what constitutes guilt."

## BEYOND IKE'S VIEWS

Rep. Dies' views, which go far beyond the Eisenhower Administration's concept of an accused risk's rights, are likely to startle as many persons as have the recent caustic speeches on the security program by former Sen. Harry P. Cain (R., Wash.).

Even more than Sen. Cain, Rep. Dies has had the reputation of a man concerning himself zealously with the internal communist threat, and not especially with the civil liberties side of the question.

He was the first chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

## WARNING

"When the committee started in 1938," Rep. Dies said today, "I warned in my opening statement that such a probe could go to excess. I pledged if it did that I would take the lead in correcting it and defending innocent people. So I felt a moral obligation."

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Wash. Post and Times Herald

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N. Y. Herald Tribune

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Date: MAR 31 1955

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mason \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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(DIES)

REP. MARTIN DIES (D-TEX.) DEMANDED THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DESTROY THE COMMUNIST PARTY IN THIS COUNTRY THROUGH USE OF THE 1954 COMMUNIST CONTROL ACT.

IN A LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWNELL, HE SAID IT IS NEARLY TWO YEARS SINCE THE ACT WAS PASSED AND HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS NOT YET ENFORCED THIS LAW.

THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOW PREPARING TO REBUILD THEIR INTRICATE WEB OF FRONTAL ORGANIZATIONS, HE DECLARED. WITH MY BILL ON THE STATUTE BOOKS IT WILL BE SUICIDAL IF THE GOVERNMENT PERMITS THIS TO HAPPEN.

DIES, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT ENFORCING THE LAW BECAUSE IT IS WAITING FOR A FINAL SUPREME COURT RULING IN CERTAIN CASES.

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WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

~~"I never wanted this to become an emotional, hysterical thing."~~

Rep. Dies thinks the hunt for security risks has become just that. His feeling developed in part because of his experience in defending Dr. Edward Elliott, a Federal employe in Ft. Worth, Tex., who was charged under the old Truman loyalty program.

Dr. Elliott had been accused before the Dies Committee in 1942, the congressman said, but an investigation cleared him. So when he heard about the loyalty case, Rep. Dies decided to represent Dr. Elliott without fee.

#### EYE-OPENER

Being a lawyer in that case opened his eyes, Rep. Dies said.

"I believe that in back of this thing was violent opposition to Dr. Elliott's views," he said. "He had liberal ideas. But we're not supposed to punish men for their ideas."

Procedurally, Rep. Dies was frightened because standards were so vague, the decision took so long and the whole burden of proof was on Dr. Elliott.

#### 'STAR CHAMBER'

"It made me feel we were getting back to the star chamber," he said. "It frightened me, because it seemed so contrary to what I always believed was fundamental American fair play."

Rep. Dies deplored "extremes"—the extreme of what he thought was tolerance of communism 15 years ago, the extreme of what he thinks is hysteria about alleged communists today.

"I want to do something," he said, "and I want to be sure it's right. My ideas are still in the formative stage, and it's a difficult problem. I'm trying to accomplish the purpose of keeping 'security' from being used for oppression or political purposes."

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Dies Seeks Probe On Communist Ban

By the Associated Press

Representative Dies, Democrat of Texas, a former chairman of the House Committee on un-American Activities, today called for a committee inquiry into what he called the "failure" of the Justice Department to outlaw the Communist party as provided under a 1954 law.

Representative Walter, Democrat of Pennsylvania, the present committee chairman, indicated disagreement with Mr. Dies' suggestion.

Mr. Walter said he believes the Justice Department is "proceeding as expeditiously as possible" on prosecutions of persons for seeking violent overthrow of the Government.

He told newsmen it is "more important" to go after such persons than to prosecute for the "mere membership of the Communist party."

Mr. Dies introduced a resolution directing an investigation of the failure of the Department of Justice to enforce the Dies (Communist control) Act to outlaw the Communist party.

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 Wash. News \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wash. Star Page A-6  
 N. Y. Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
 N. Y. Mirror \_\_\_\_\_  
 N. Y. Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daily Worker \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Worker \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Leader \_\_\_\_\_

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MARTIN DIES, SR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
114 WEST SHEPHERD  
LUFKIN, TEXAS

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

November 19, 1964

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read some of the unfounded and vicious attacks made against your Department. Regardless of how people feel about the civil rights legislation, the vast majority appreciate the wonderful work that you have done throughout your career. You have built one of the most efficient and successful enforcement agencies in the world. I would not let my critics disturb me. Our people have confidence in you.

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Dies*  
Martin Dies, Sr.

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November 30, 1964 or 27, 1964

Honorable Martin Dies, Sr.  
Attorney at Law  
114 West Shepherd  
Auffin, Texas

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Dear Mr. Dies:

I have received your letter of November 19th, and your kind comments and staunch support of my efforts are certainly appreciated. It is my hope that our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

Enclosed is a copy of my recent speech which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Director's speech, 11/24/64, "Time for Decision"

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding correspondent who was the former head of the Dies Committee.

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Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject Martin Dies Sr.  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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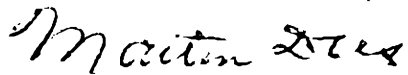
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
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not have, I will be glad to make copies for your records.

I have been planning to do this, but I put it off, very much like the average person postpones making a will or buying a burial lot. Now that I have passed my sixty-fifth birthday, I feel I ought to organize this material and place it where it can be of value to those who want to study that period of our history.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin Dies".

Martin Dies, Sr.

MDSr:mm



MARTIN DIES, SR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
114 WEST SHEPHERD  
LUFKIN, TEXAS

Mr. Tolson	✓
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Miss Gandy	

November 23, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The purpose of this letter is to request your advice about a matter and not to obtain any official ruling, because none is required. A number of foundations, such as Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, the McArthur Academy of Freedom, etc., as well as colleges and universities, like Texas University, A&M College, and others have been urging me to donate to them all of my papers covering my service of twenty years in Congress, and particularly the seven years that I was chairman of the special Committee on Unamerican Activities. I am preparing to remove all this material from boxes and trunks and to index and catalog it so that when I decide which college or foundation should receive it, I can send it to them. I am sure you must know that much of my papers deal with Nazi, Fascist, Communist and Japanese activities preceding and during World War II. Some of this material was at one time considered classified information, but I would not think that after this lapse of time this situation would still be true.

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I am planning to employ Mrs. Richard B. Cravy who lives in this county. I have made a number of inquiries from reliable and trustworthy people regarding her character, and she has been highly recommended to me by those who know her and who have worked with her. However, before turning all of these documents and files over to some institution, I did want your advice as to whether there could be any objection from a security standpoint.

I have not examined these files and records for twenty years, and I really don't know what all is contained in the boxes and trunks that were shipped to me by my aides, but any material which I may have that your Department does

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Honorable Martin Dies, Sr.  
Attorney at Law  
114 West Shepherd  
Lufkin, Texas

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Dear Mr. Dies:

I have received your letter of November 23, 1965, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

You are most generous to consider offering your papers to a Foundation or school for future use by scholars. It is difficult, of course, to comment on the security aspects of material in your files; however, if during your review, you find a document which you feel might still be classified, please feel free to contact me.

For your information, Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, recently established a J. Edgar Hoover Library. This Library is currently interested in securing documents and papers dealing with communist strategy and tactics in the United States. It is the hope of Freedoms Foundation that this Library will serve as a research center in future years for the study of this alien ideology.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-30-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MARTIN DIES, SR.  
FORMER CONGRESSMAN FROM TEXAS  
- LUFKIN, TEXAS

## BACKGROUND:

The Director, under date of November 23, 1965, has received a letter from the above captioned individual. Dies states that a number of Foundations, such as Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and the McArthur Academy of Freedom as well as certain colleges (Texas University, Texas A & M College) are urging him to donate his papers covering his 20 years service in Congress, particularly the seven years when he served as Chairman of the special Committee on Un-American Activities. Dies states that he is preparing to remove this material from boxes and trunks and to index and catalogue it so that when he decides where he will place it, everything will be ready. Many of the papers, according to Dies, deal with Nazi, Fascist, Communist, and Japanese activities during World War II. Some of the material was at one time classified, but Dies feels that after the lapse of time this situation probably isn't still true.

Dies adds that he is planning to employ a Mrs. Richard B. Cravy to work with his papers. Dies comments that, before turning these documents over to some institution, he wanted the Director's advise if there would be any objection from a security standpoint. Dies has not seen this data for many years but if the Bureau would like copies, he would be glad to furnish them.

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Dies, as you know, for many years was extremely prominent as a Congressman in the investigation of subversive activities. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning him. Moreover, Mrs. Richard B. Cravy is unidentifiable in Bufiles.

It is felt that the Director should diplomatically make mention to Mr. Dies of the J. Edgar Hoover Library at Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The plans of the J. Edgar Hoover Library call for the acquisition of all possible papers, documents etc., on communism, especially in the early years of the communist movement. If the J. Edgar Hoover Library could secure the papers of Mr. Dies, it would be most helpful to the Library. We know, for example, that

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RE: Martin Dies, Sr.

the Library is interested in this kind of data. In addition to calling Dies attention to the J. Edgar Hoover Library, we should not offer to try to evaluate his papers from a security point of view but that if he has any question concerning a particular document, he should be in touch with us.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Mr. Dies.

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MARTIN DIES, SR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
114 WEST SHEPHERD  
LUFKIN, TEXAS

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December 6, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate very much your prompt reply to my letter.

I read in the paper that you plan to retire. While you richly deserve retirement, it will be a very great loss to this country. You have been a most courageous, dedicated and patriotic public servant throughout the years. You have kept the Federal Bureau of Investigation independent of partisan politics, and I fear that when you leave, it will become a political agency. I hope that I am wrong, because under your leadership it has become a very great instrumentality for the protection of our free institutions.

You have been one of the few men in Washington who has appreciated the gravity of the communist menace. I am delighted to know that there will be a room at Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge to preserve your papers. Several senators have telephoned me about depositing my records and files there, and I have been giving the matter very serious consideration. However, I have a very difficult task to catalog, index and arrange this material so that it can be used by students and historians. In 1938 we seized a vast amount of records under subpoena and, of course, much of this information came to me in strict confidence and with the understanding that it would not be used for many years. I think that I have information that could not be obtained from any other source, and I want it deposited where it will not be destroyed or altered

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- and where students and historians can use it.

Again, expressing to you my great admiration and appreciation for all that you have done for our great country, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Martin Dies*

Martin Dies, Sr.

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Honorable Martin Dies, Sr.  
Attorney at Law  
114 West Shepherd  
Lufkin, Texas

Dear Mr. Dies:

Thank you for your letter of December 6th and for your confidence in my administration of the FBI. Your generous remarks mean a great deal to me, and it is hoped my future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation. You may be interested in knowing that it is my desire to remain as Director as long as I may be of service to our Nation.

Your consideration of using the J. Edgar Hoover Library of the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, as a repository for your records and files is indeed appreciated. Should you have any further questions, you may wish to communicate directly with Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, President, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19481, or Mr. Louis B. Nichols, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, who is associated with the Library bearing my name.

In this regard, the FBI, of course, cannot be responsible for confidential or classified material that you have nor can the Freedoms Foundation or the Library. As you may realize, the Library is open to all and the records and information therein are on full view for those who use it. Should specific provisions be required to handle your material, naturally, you can arrange them with the Freedoms Foundation.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Martin Dies, Sr.

**NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo dated 12-17-65 captioned "Interest expressed by Honorable Martin Dies for possible use of J. Edgar Hoover Library, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, as a repository for Dies' records."**



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-17-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell *sem/gan*

SUBJECT: INTEREST EXPRESSED BY HONORABLE MARTIN DIES  
FOR POSSIBLE USE OF J. EDGAR HOOVER LIBRARY,  
FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, VALLEY FORGE,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AS A REPOSITORY FOR DIES' RECORDS

## BACKGROUND:

By letter 11-23-65 Dies, head of the Committee which gained reputation as the "Dies Committee" for combating communism and threats to this country, expressed the general intention of finding a suitable location to place his personal records and those of the Committee bearing his name for future generations to see. He mentioned he was aware of the fact that a Library bearing Mr. Hoover's name was located at the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and thought this was an excellent idea. Jones to DeLoach memo 11-30-65 explored the factors involved and outgoing 11-30-65 to Dies conveyed a general expression that perhaps the J. Edgar Hoover Library would be a logical repository.

## CURRENT DEVELOPMENT:

By letter dated 12-6-65, Dies expressed sincere praise for Mr. Hoover's public service and appeared to be interested in utilizing the J. Edgar Hoover Library; however, he said he was withholding a final decision.

## OBSERVATIONS:

While there is no doubt that some of the material and papers contained in Dies' collection could be misinterpreted or assigned the term as being "controversial," it is felt that it would be an excellent idea to have his papers included in the J. Edgar Hoover Library for the following reasons:

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RE: INTEREST EXPRESSED BY HONORABLE MARTIN DIES

1. The work of the Committee bearing Dies' name is a significant segment of a phase of American history as it pertains to the internal security of our Nation. Whether all the material contained therein is factual or not, this has little bearing as Dies' efforts were an important part of American history. Therefore, his records and papers should be recorded for all to see.

2. The Library itself does not vouch for the accuracy or truth of the material contained therein. The Library is merely a repository for documents of history and while there are some individuals who may always want to misuse information/<sup>or</sup> records, it is not the function of a library to exclude or authenticate information, nor can the FBI be responsible for the protection of any classified material deposited.

3. As a research center, the J. Edgar Hoover Library should present both pro and con arguments about communism and anticommunism and, therefore, records of this important Committee would be an invaluable adjunct to the broad spectrum of knowledge about communism.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Dies politely and tactfully indicating to him that perhaps the J. Edgar Hoover Library at Freedoms Foundation would be an excellent location to place his papers.

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# Martin Dies, Pioneer in House Probes, Dead at 72

LUFKIN, Tex., Nov. 14 (UPI) — Martin Dies Sr., founder of the House Un-American Activities Committee and a controversial Texas congressman for three decades, died tonight, apparently of a heart attack. He was 72.

Rep. Dies was first elected to Congress in 1930 from Orange, Tex., but it was not until the late 1930s and early 1940s for his work on the

"Dies Committee," looking into the activities of subversive groups, that he became a national figure.

Under his leadership, HUAC first investigated German-American Bund groups and Fascists and then turned to communism.

He introduced a bill to stop immigration for an indefinite period and once demanded

that 6 million aliens be deported to solve unemployment in the 1930s. He claimed credit for the indictment of American Communist leader Earl Browder in 1940.

His work brought criticism from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who said the Dies Committee had made "absurdly false" charges that Communists had inspired auto workers strikes and that the com-

mittee had a list of 500 governmental employees belonging to an organization the committee said was communistic.

Rep. Dies, born Nov. 5, 1901, in Colorado City, Tex., was elected in 1930 to the seat his father represented from 1909 to 1919.

In 1941, he ran for the Senate in a special Texas primary, but finished fourth. He

retired to private practice in Lufkin in 1945, but was re-elected to the House as a Texas delegate-at-large in 1952. He again retired in 1958.

But his anticommunism did not decrease. He said in 1963 that Moscow might have directed the assassination of President Kennedy.

Rep. Dies is survived by a son, Jack, who is now a state judge in Texas.

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# Martin Dies, Flamboyant Prober,

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By Jean R. Halley

Washington Post Staff Writer

Former Rep. Martin Dies Sr., flamboyant hunter of subversives and founder of the House Un-American Activities Committee, died Monday after an apparent heart attack in Lufkin, Tex. He was 71.

The spellbinding oratory of the congressman, who was a master of red-baiting long before the McCarthy era, brought him into national prominence during the late 1930s.

He took on high government officials, the powerful CIO and anybody else he thought was posing a threat to the United States during his first 13 years in the House.

Rep. Dies voluntarily retired in 1944 because of what he termed ill health but came back to the House in 1952 "to help finish the job of housecleaning which I helped to start in 1938."

But the headlines that he had triggered during his earlier terms failed to materialize. In 1957, while still a House member, he ran unsuccessfully in a special election for the Senate seat vacated by the resignation of Price Daniel, who became governor of Texas. Rep. Dies retired a second time in 1958.

The Un-American Activities Committee, now the House Internal Security Committee, was known popularly as the "Dies Committee" after it was organized in 1938.

It first went after the German-American Bund and Fascist groups, then took on alleged Communists, sending subcommittees all over the country.

Government employees were predominant among its targets. Dies and his Committee soon found themselves under heavy criticism from top officials, including

President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The President branded as "sordid procedure" the Committee's publication of the names of more than 500 government employees on the "membership and mailing" list of an organization the Committee said was a front for Communist activity.

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes charged Dies with being "irresponsible" and Wendell L. Willkie accused him of "undermining democratic procedure."

In defense of his own methods, Dies countered

"America is a free country and I would defend with my life the rights of its citizens, but when they take the oath of allegiance and then seek to undermine the government, I say what amendments to our Constitution protect these spies and agents of the foreign governments?"

He introduced bills that would have stopped all im-

migration into this country for an indefinite time would have deported a desirable aliens already here.

"If we don't sit down and find out how strong these alien forces are, they may take us by surprise and destroy the form of government the United States has always had," he declared.

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Despite the criticism of ~~McClendon~~, Rep. Dies had a popular following.

In 1940, he published a

book, "The Trojan Horse in Government," in which he charged that "Communist Trojan Horses" — organizations that he said always denied Communist control — were bidding for American youth, the unemployed and black people by inviting distinguished American citizens to address them.

He included the "First Lady of the Land," Cabinet officers and other officials as contributing to the Communist interests in this way.

He made hundreds of speeches in the style of a fire-eating, fear-spreading evangelist. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds, he made his loud, ranting deliveries spectacular.

He had a sense of the dramatic. At one time he charged that one of his sons had been endangered by enemy agents who intended "either to kill or kidnap him" but he refused to elaborate on the claim.

In 1950, between his two sets of terms in Congress, Rep. Dies claimed he had been "vindicated by the events" of the previous 10 years.

"When I warned, a decade ago, of Communists in our government, I was called a witch hunter. When I said, in the days of Hitler and Mussolini, that Russia would turn out to be the real world menace, my views were regarded as fantastic.

"Well, I have been vindicated. But I feel no satisfaction. I wish I had been wrong," he said in an interview.

Rep. Dies was born in Colorado City, Tex. He spent his early years in Washington, where his father, also named Martin, was a congressman from 1908 to 1919. After attending the University of Texas, the younger Dies got a law degree from National University here.

He practiced law in Marshall and Orange, Tex., before his first period in the House, and resumed a law practice in Lufkin between his terms and after his second retirement as a congressman.

Since then he had remained essentially out of public view although he occasionally was called on to address patriotic meetings.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Dies, and three sons, Martin Dies Jr., of Beaumont, Tex., and Robert M. and Jack Dies, of Lufkin.



Rep. Martin Dies is pictured in 1940 as chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.