

F. B. I. Clears Byoir ^{San} Of Unamerican Activity ^{7/16/40}

By the Associated Press.

A Justice Department official said today that an investigation of Carl Byoir, New York publicist, had "disclosed no evidence whatever that he has been engaged in any un-American activities" as charged in the House by Representative Patman, Democrat, of Texas on June 11.

"No basis for action has been found and the case is regarded as closed," the official said.

Mr. Patman charged that "the evidence is sufficient to convince any one that Lt. Col. Carl Byoir was hired to establish here in the United States the greatest espionage and spy system ever organized on the face of the earth."

Mr. Byoir said in a statement that he was "most happy" over the outcome of the investigation and added that "Mr. Patman, of course, had attacked me in the hope of discrediting some of the opposition to his now dead chain store tax bill which I frankly opposed as a public relations counsel."