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Dear Carol:

As I informed you in a previous letter, the LaFollette Committee has a good deal of my stuff, as well as much more. Some of the stuff I hoped to be able to send you I did not get. Some of the other stuff I find it undesirable to have made public because of the method by which it was obtained. As a result, I am now sending you material which you probably already have:

I - Arthur James Kent.

On June 14, 1925, Kent was arrested in Philadelphia and charged with larceny and false pretenses. So far as I know, there was no prosecution on this charge.

In 1928, Kent was convicted of second degree burglary in California and was sent to San Quentin. He was charged with having burglarized four houses.

In 1938, Kent was arrested and charged with several more burglaries to which he pleaded guilty in the second degree.

As you must know, one of the last acts of Ex-Governor Merriam was to pardon him.

Letters on behalf of Kent were received by various state officials from Harper Knowles, Harry A. Jung, Larry Doyle and Walter B. O'Dale. With reference to Knowles, you must have some material on him, and he is mentioned later in this letter. Undoubtedly you have material on the fascist Jung.

Larry Doyle is the witness who has been running away from the LaFollette Committee. He is the one who has been planning and organizing the deportation case against Bridges, and in so doing has been guilty of bribing and attempting to bribe witnesses. We have evidence that he has been guilty of labor espionage.

The Lawyers Guild Oregon Chapter put out a report proving that O'Dale, who is on the Portland police force, was paid by many large industrialists in Oregon to spy on and break unions.

II - JAMES FERGUSON.

Ferguson served a year or year and a half in Sing Sing Prison about 1925. He was convicted under the name of James or J. E. Stewart, or James or J. E. Ferguson. I have not been able to get the dope on this matter.

Ferguson was expelled from the Marine Firemen's Union in San Francisco for participating in the packing of his own meeting by bringing in W.P.A. workers and other outsiders, including Larry Doyle, to put over an anti-union proposal.

III - HARPER KNOWLES.

Harper Knowles has been pursuing for many years a campaign against all progressive forces under cover of his position in the American Legion. When he testified before the Dies Committee he was repudiated by the California head of the Legion. He actively participated in the packing of the Marine Firemen's meeting referred to above, and has worked very closely with Doyle in all of Doyle's activities including the Bridges case and the labor espionage.

We have proof that he has been participating in labor espionage.

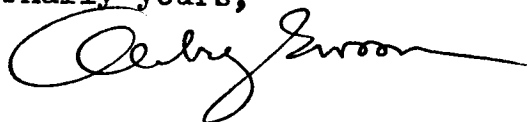
I am not sending the materials which back up these statements which I am making because for various reasons the proof cannot be given publicity.

Something is being done on the La Follette Committee in California. As a matter of fact, work was started here over a month ago and the thing that surprises us is that it took New York so long to get started on the campaign.

A Committee has been functioning here for almost a month, securing action by Unions, other organizations and individuals, even including a large number of farmers. The Committee is continuing its activities and can be expected to drain California dry.

Our report from Washington is that other parts of the country are very slow to begin participating in this campaign.

Fraternally yours,



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cc: Louis Coleman