

November 18, 1939

Dies Committee Expense Statements:

At noon today I asked Mr. Shanks, who is the Disbursing Clerk, for all vouchers filed by special and select committees for the most recent available year. From among these vouchers, I found eight filed by the Dies Committee dated June 1938. I was informed by Mr. Shanks that the practice of his office is not to make public vouchers for the preceding fiscal year until after they are reported to the House Appropriations Committee early in January.

These vouchers were as follows:

- No. 2757, made to Stephen W. Birmingham, whose address was given as 150-21 34th Avenue, Flushing, New York;
- No. 2758, Chester Howe, whose address was given as 1875 Mintwood Place, Washington, D. C.;
- No. 2759, Edward F. Sullivan, whose address was given as 2 Pearl Street, Charlestown, Massachusetts;
- No. 2760, Edward Barrett Talty, whose address was given as 2523 K Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

Each of these vouchers was in the amount of \$240 and covered salary at the rate of \$3,600 per annum as senior investigator for the period June 1-24, 1938. In addition, there was made out for each of these men a check for \$60 covering salary for the remaining portion of June with the following voucher numbers:

Birmingham, 2769;
Howe, 2770;
Sullivan, 2771 (incorrectly made out to Edward L. Sullivan); and
Talty, 2772.

The expenditures covered by these vouchers total \$1,200. It should be noted that there is not on file with the Disbursing Clerk of the House any statement of expenses by the Dies Committee, even for such items as stationery, stenographic help, stamps, or the many things attendant to the conduct of an investigation. In addition, vouchers numbered 2761 through 2767 were missing. It should be noted that these missing vouchers immediately follow in number the first four filed by Dies.

Attached to each of the first four vouchers was a form of appointment.

The address given on the second voucher for all but Birmingham was Room 1121, House Office Building.