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Memorandum of Telephone Conversation with Fraser Gardner at approximately 4:00 p.m. this afternoon:

Gardner called me, ostensibly to confirm a 9:30 appointment for tomorrow morning. During our conversation, he stated that his testimony before the Dies Committee had been doctored. He gave no further explanation of this.

Several things he said lead me to believe that he was pumping me.

He told me that he wasn't anxious to get publicity on the demurrer his attorneys filed in the Government's case against him for libel (a complete change from his position earlier in the week and last week when he was very anxious to get publicity) and said that he had information which would save Ken Crawford from losing a libel suit filed against him by Congressman Thorkelson and that Crawford would have to pay for it. We agreed to discuss this further tomorrow morning.

Gardner further told me that he had information worth \$2,000 on William Dudley Pelley. I told him I didn't want to make any money on information about Pelley, and he replied that he had to make a living. I told him he was welcome to all the money he could get, and he said there were "2 G's" in it and that he would cut it with me. I repeated he was welcome to anything he could get for his information. I also told him that I had no money of my own and no money available through other sources. During the course of our conversation, Gardner said, in effect, that some of the information he had should be worth money to B'nai Brith.