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Memorandum

The following information has been given to me by Fraser Gardner:

Crandall Mackay (or Mackey) of the National Savings & Trust Building, 15th & New York Avenue, NW, second floor, has Klan records stored in a large safe. He allegedly has proof of the membership of Joe Starnes and Martin Dies in the Ku Klux Klan. According to Gardner, Mackay was the source of the story of Hugo Black's membership in the KKK.

"Social Justice", about four months ago, available in Library of Congress, carries an expose of Joe Starnes' membership in the Klan.

Joe Starnes will try to get Speaker Bankhead's position with the support of the American Legion and the KKK. This information he said comes from one of Starnes' campaign managers.

Gardner has gone through the House Journal as far as page 210 and says the only member of Congress appointed to the Dies Committee up to that point is Jerry Voorhis, who was appointed February 8.

The Washington Star, according to Gardner, carries stories quoting Dies to the effect that the appoint of Voorhis was sabotage.

J. Parnell Thomas is manager of the bond department of Paine, Webber & Company, on leave of absence, at a salary of \$25,000 or \$35,000 a year.

Several members of Dies' family residing in York or Zellersville, Pennsylvania, are members of the German-American Bund.

Gardner is currently under indictment for an alleged perjury committed before the Dies Committee in August of this year. He admitted at that time being in the employ of William Dudley Pelley. He admits being one of the organizers of the new "American Protective League" and says that he also broke it up. He says the other organizers were Spurgeon Lamar Beaver, Virginia Nicolay, Franklin John Porter (sometimes calls himself John Franklin, who allegedly is a member of the KKK), Robert D. Wise, who has an office in the National Press Building. These persons are believed to be the incorporators of the organization.