

January 25, 1940
10:15 p.m.

telephone
Memorandum of/conversation with Fraser Gardner:

Between 9 and 9:15, at approximately 9:10, Fraser Gardner called me on the telephone and talked until almost 10, approximately 5 minutes of.

He began with general statements about double-crossing and about my being double-crossed, saying that I was going to get it in the neck, etc. After some difficulty, I persuaded him to get specific and he said in effect that he was quite angry with me for having written his name into Congressman Hook's speech. He also said (perhaps it was only a strong implication) that the documents used by Congressman Hook were not authentic.

He professed to have knowledge of relations he alleges I have had with a person whose identity he did not specify, a person who he subsequently said was playing "both ends against the middle".

When he told me I was being double-crossed, I told him I was inclined not to believe it and asked him to tell me exactly what he meant, which he declined to do.

He also told me his wife was listening in on an extension phone in his home.

From his conversation and the manner in which he was speaking, I should off-hand say that he had been drinking.

Toward the end of the conversation, he told me that my phone was tapped and that he had seen what he described as "juicy" transcripts of conversations he alleges I have had regularly at about 5 o'clock p.m. with an unspecified person in the Earle Building, the very strong implication being that he meant Gardner Jackson. I told him that I did not make regular telephone calls to anybody and specifically that I did not make regular telephone calls at 5 p.m. to anyone in the Earle Building.

Earlier in the conversation he had told me that a tap went on my phone September 4 and that as recently as January 9, "six days after the Dies committee expired", my phone was still tapped.

The last part of the conversation consisted of his efforts to persuade me to get four people (he would give no names) but said when I asked him, "How about Chevy Chase?) on the floor of the House of Representatives to raise a point of order tomorrow based upon the demurrer filed by his attorneys in his perjury case. I told him I knew no persons of whom I could make this request. He then said it would be a good thing for me if I did because Martin Dies was going to kick around the left, as he put it.

One of the times that he told me he knew I had written Congressman Hook's speech, he said he had also read some articles I had written and that the style was the same. When I challenged him to mention even the dates of

the articles I had written, he either couldn't or wouldn't.

All in all, his tone and manner and his selection of words was somewhat on the belligerent and threatening side.

He also alleged to know that I had paid a considerable sum of money for certain documents the nature of which he did not describe and he alleged further that he knew from whom the documents of which he was speaking were allegedly purchased. He declined to specify.

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