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McWhirter, Felix M., Treasurer, Indiana Republic/State Committee, testimony of;
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3393 President, Peoples Bank, Indianapolis, Indiana.

3394 Connection with Republican Party for 34 years.

Reserve Officer, U. S. Navy, Lieutenant-Commander 15 years.

Has known Campbell 9 years.

Met Gilbert two years ago. Met him three times before hearings.

Got Campbell's reports.

3395 Didn't know source of reports until publicity of hearings.

Says he never passed reports on to anyone else.

3396 Repudiates Campbell's Capehart plan story.

Says he got 150 letters and doesn't know how many reports.

Never wrote Campbell disapproval of reports.

3397 Says in three or four years he has written Campbell four or five letters.

Has never "approved or engaged in dissemination of anti-religious and anti-racial propaganda."

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3399 Whitley reads from McWhirter's letter to Campbell of 12/12/38 re "blood",
previously read in.

McWhirter answers none of the direct questions on why he wanted to know if

Hull's wife had Semitic blood or if Landon and William Allen White had Semitic
connections. He fences with Dies for two pages on this.

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ff. Had confidence in Campbell's veracity.

3400 Fencing about reports.

3402 "Can't recall a single report", i.e., contents.

3405 Instrumental in getting Moseley' to speak to Indianapolis meeting.

(Note: McWhirter's testimony consists of evasions, circumlocutions, ambiguous answers and questions, but just about no direct answers. Substantially, he doesn't deny any of the earlier testimony or documents.)

3406 Dies reads from letter by McWhirter to Campbell dated 12/21/38:

Dear Jim: Even though I am going to try to talk to you on the phone in a few minutes, nevertheless I want to put some thoughts to you in writing. We are all very much encouraged and enthused about the plans for our conference Thursday the 29th, which will culminate in the big luncheon meeting from where Indiana and the Nation will hear General Moseley.

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3408 McWhirter asks Dies to read the remainder of the letter, which Dies does.

3409 Says anti-racism is un-American.

Says reports not anti-Semitic propaganda.

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3411 Wrote letter to Moseley on 12/17/38 seconding Campbell's invitation to Indianapolis and praising Moseley.

3411 Wrote Campbell on 12/17/38 enclosing copy of the letter to Moseley and saying he has gotten Col. Morehead to write to Moseley also.

3412 Crap.

3413 Doesn't know and has no contact with Deatherage.

3414 Doesn't know whether or not he was in Washington for the meeting of January 1939 and says if he was, Campbell wasn't.

3415 Attended Chamber of Commerce annual meeting May 1, 1939.

3416 Crap.

3417 When asked again why, after receiving Campbell's reports for some time, he recommended him so highly to Hamilton, he gives the same answer: "Anything fantastic .. spends itself."

3418 Crap.

3419 Doesn't recall two letters from Campbell, one about "H. E. C." getting in communication and a suggestion to McWhirter that he warn H.E.C. "relative to the sender of the blueprints" and the other enclosing "literature printed and supported by the D.A.V." which "shows correctness" of one of the "plans". This letter suggests that McWhirter go through the "scores" re one Roy Monahan.

Doesn't recall what "information about East and South" he sent Campbell on 4/12/39, a month before testimony.

3420 Doesn't recall a clipping he returned to Campbell on 4/3/39, sent him by Campbell on 4/1/39, about which McWhirter asked Campbell the source.

3421 Sent Campbell number of Dies bills on 4/1/39, H.R. 4905, 7, and 9, re regulation of aliens and deportations.

(Note: No questions or reasons.)

(Although McWhirter had testified to four or five letters he had written Campbell in a three or four-year period, it seems from his testimony thus far that in less than a year he had written a half-dozen at least, of which the committee has copies.)

Doesn't know Jack or John Snow and hadn't heard his name until "yesterday".

Doesn't know a Mr. Fredman, of Jersey City.

3422 Doesn't know John D. McGuire.

From a letter by McWhirter to Campbell dated 3/11/39:

What do you know of Jack Snow, reported to be a New York business-
man in the American Jewish League? Also J. George Fredman, of Jersey
City, and John D. McGuire. The latter is reported to have been active
in support of the above-mentioned organization. Anything you can get
pronto will be appreciated. Am anxious to get a verbal report. When
are you coming up?

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3423 McWhirter is allowed/to recall. By this time his "memory" is so bad that

Thomas says:

Mr. Chairman, the witness certainly ought to be able to recall
something about the letter. He's gone all ~~through~~ his testimony dodg-
ing the questions and not answering the questions the way the committee
would like to have, and I would insist that he answer specifically in
regard to the letter because you certainly can't tell me that he
doesn't recall those names after having written the letter only 2
months ago.

3423 Evades all questions, regardless of the subject. No questions are asked
when he says that had Campbell "approached me for a loan, perhaps I would
have made a considerable inquiry", even though the correspondence shows
Campbell was trying to get money through McWhirter.

Has known Campbell nine ^{years} times, met Gilbert three times.

3424 When asked if he knew source of Campbell's reports before the Dies Committee
action, he is allowed not to be responsive.

3425 More of the same.

Concerning letter from Campbell to McWhirter dated 3/10/39 re information
"too hot to write" and re a meeting "shortly after the 14th", McWhirter has
no recollection.

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3426 Concerning letter from Campbell to McWhirter dated 2/4/39 re "organization of
tiddledywinks clubs", McWhirter also has no recollection.

3426 Re a letter from Campbell to McWhirter dated 2/8/39 saying, "This thing will end in a scrap" and "the program of club organization outlined to you in Columbus", McWhirter likewise has no recollection.

3427 Finally McWhirter does remember something: He did not send Campbell maps of Indianapolis pursuant to a request of 2/6/39.

(Note: The last documents which went into the record were dated about three months prior to his testimony--one, two months--yet McWhirter doesn't remember.)

3428 Likes Moseley's speeches.

Would be very much surprised "if there is anything in there about racial prejudice" with reference to Indianapolis speech(!)

3429 but volunteers that Moseley "stepped over the line".

Dies says that Moseley spoke before the New York Board of Trade.

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3430 The letter from McWhirter to Campbell dated 1/27/39 thanks him for a copy of Moseley's speech.

3430 When asked who R.S.J. is, he replies, "He is associated with Mr. Bellaski (sic) in New York City." This is from McWhirter's letter to Campbell of 4/10/39-- see in Campbell's testimony.

(Note: Probably Frank Bialaski.)

3431 This is what McWhirter gives as his contact with Judge:

All right. Shortly after the November election the seaboard bureau was employed by the Indiana Republican State central committee to make investigations in Indiana wñ reference to the election of the United States Senator. The person that made that investigation was the person mentioned here. During the time that he was in Indiana, I became acquainted with him. I met him in Indianapolis at a club, Columbia Club, about this time, the time of this letter--that is, within a few days back of that--and I told him by inference, without mentioning names or

describing events, of what purported to be emanating from the East, and elicited from him whether or not he would care to meet anyone if I could arrange a meeting; and if he could, why, then, he would look into it as he chose himself, as an individual, and that is the--

(Note: There is no questioning on "seaborad bureau"--it is not even identified. Presumably it is a detective Agency and probably McWhirter intended to refer to RA&I.)

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3433- Talk re Judge.

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3435 Identifies letter to Campbell dated 4/11/39 saying:

Dear Jim: From reliable information received I understand that Moseley is being very thoroughly shadowed.

However, McWhirter cannot remember where his "reliable information" came from.

3436 Is Lieutenant-Commander in the Naval Reserve.

Denies having service connections.

3437 Recess taken at 12:25 until 2:20 with an executive session in between.