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Black Tom Inquiry Now Double-Barreled

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Prosecutor Daniel O'Regan of Hudson County today assigned Raymond Otis, first assistant prosecutor, to examine the evidence submitted by PM showing the German government and its agents here plotted and paid for the murders of innocent Americans in the Black Tom sabotage explosions in New York Harbor in 1916.

The prosecutor's investigation followed one commenced by Attorney General David T. Wilentz of New Jersey, who sent Bruno Richard Hauptmann to the electric chair.

Included in the evidence submitted by PM is that showing that "German fraud and perjury" concealed the fact of murder until last year, 22 years after the crime.

The bodies of two murder victims were identified after the Black Tom explosion. The body of a third, a Jersey City Policeman, was never found.