

"CONFIDENTIAL REPORT"

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To--F.D.P., R.Z.A.L.B.

From- D.B. Mayo

Subject---Harrison Fergo McConnell---Investigation of; Procedure involved;
Political--diplomatic liaison

"A" Reference is made to reports of 11-15-38 & of 11-17-38, also that of 11-18-38, in which attention is (now) called to interviews with Senger--Waltman--and MacIlvaine of The National Republican Committee...

"B" I have this date again interviewed Mr. Waltman of The Rep. Natl. Committee, and the following to report from him--"That the Docherty, Hoffman, New Jersey angles, to-gether with The David A. Olson New York Angle is under investigation by him (MacIlvaine is in New York---He is Hamilton's man) Waltman is trying to assemble the picture of McConnell's activities, as regards The Reorganization of The Republican Party, and as he explains to me, is taking all past performances of Hoffman and others there into consideration before attempting a blow at McConnell.

"C" Waltman asked my advice as to what I considered good strategy in "putting the heat" on McConnell in that he spoke of the probability of having Congressman Thomas of N.J., call McConnell before The Dies Committee on the grounds "That McConnell's latest offering ("Is The Elephant Red") incites racial and class hatred ", and at the same time question McConnell as to his past activities in Alexandria with reference to Police Record there ". Waltman informed me to the effect that Congressman Thomas is in, or will be in Washington to-day or to-morrow, and he intends interviewing him at his earliest convenience... Waltman further asked me "What I had to offer Thomas" I answered telling him that I would be glad to furnish him with THE COMPLETE STORY OF DR. WALTER NICHOLAS POLAKOV, explaining why I had not turned in The Full Report in the beginning, and emphasizing the greater importance of his (Thomas) having ammunition after the 1 st. of Jan. '39.

"D" As the situation now stands, McConnell is under investigation in New York, and New Jersey, as well as in Washington, and Waltman is sincere is desiring his

"B" continued--"immediate expose", as a squirrel head, an inciter of racial hatred and as the head or chairman of an organization, not recognized by The National Republican Committee... However Waltman explains (and is correct) that he must find a means to expose McConnell, WITHOUT doing McConnell a favor...

"B"---I trust that it is understood (althe not having been explained) that I am apparently "giving" Waltman the low-down, on his "public enemy" #1, further than this Waltman does not know that I am interested in McConnell in any other manner or matter, than as trying to put McConnell "on the political spot", as a Republican-----Also I did not require any introductions to The Rep. Natl. Committee therefore saving a little time thereby, however Waltman is not one who is easily influenced to make a definite move in any direction, therefore the calls there were frequent, and interviews somewhat longer than would ordinarily be expected, because I did not feel that I could (or was in a position to) shoot the proposition to him as a "reject or accept" proposal---It has required a certain amount of knowledge on my part as to the workings of his organization, as regards the manner in which he functions, also it required personally observing Waltman--A brief study of his mental qualifications and manner of reaction---Personally I feel that I have sold myself to him, as he acts more friendly each time we meet.

"B"----- I did not wish to "over-play" my hand either not wishing to arouse his suspicions as to any other motives behind my activities, therefore summing the whole matter into a few words I drew a picture for him of McConnell and asked him to be the critic, judge and jury, also the "firing squad"---I believe sincerely that The Dies Committee is the ANSWER...

Signed and respectfully submitted by

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P.S.L.B. and I have really gone into cooperative action on this--The political slants from him are invaluable, and I sincerely trust that the angle of attack meets with as much success as the effort employed