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To---W. D. P., R. X., &amp; L. B..

From---Mayne

Subject---J. Edgar Hoover, on SPY HUNT---Roosevelt on Beef

"A"---\$300,000.00 is earmarked, and approved by House Appropriations Committee, for use by F.B.I., after J. Edgar Hoover reported that activities of FOREIGN SPIES are alarmingly on the increase---The Fund appropriated, or sanctioned by that Committee, is to be used by Hoover in financing a COUNTER-ESPIONAGE DRIVE BY "Q" MEN...

\*\*\*\*A few pertinent questions might be asked of Mr. Hoover, as to his organization's past performances---Their investigation of personnel of Government Printing Office, their investigation of the alleged "suicide" of JESS SMITH who allegedly shot and killed himself in the Wardman Park Hotel, during the Harding Administration---A "Q" man was the last man with the alleged SUICIDE---Several Newspaper men in Washington, DO KNOW the STORY---To whom did Edgar Hoover present a "jewelled ornamental machine gun" in Hollywood?---It wasn't a man anyhow---Did or did Hoover not perfect the fingerprinting department known as the identification bureau? No he didn't---Graves did---

To what extent did Hoover, personally investigate for The Justice Department, in the Field, before having been made "Director"---He never completed one investigation....

NOTE---Hoover is a member of The U.S. Reserve Intelligence U.S. Army ---What will this mean in the event of hostilities---

Was Hoover ever chastised for his part played in The Fred A. Bradley Investigation by his office in and during The Colledge Administration---His testimony before The Sub-Finance Committee of The Senate in Jan. 1932 should have cost him his position, inasmuch, as he admitted willful neglect, in failure to properly investigate charges, being head "Q" man at that time---passing the matter off by testifying to the effect "That I had received HIS ORDERS from higher ups as to the extent of the investigation..

Am working on some fine points in connection with the above---

"B"---U.S. Fleet is grounded "on a CORNED BEEF SHOAL" so said the Washington NEWS, because THE DISPUTE OVER ARGENTINE BEEF has "tied up" Naval appropriations, and caused Roosevelt, not a little explaining, to the amusement of White House Staff Reporters---No amusement has appeared as yet however in the manner in which certain Congressmen

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and Senators are handling the matter of the foreign purchase of beef for the U.S. Navy.

"C"---In connection with Army Plane sabotage---How about the last Navy Dir/igible  
which managed to hit a tree---The last of its kind in The Naval Service too---Chalk  
that one down to profit and loss--- Navy is investigating---

Believe getting closer to the Army wrecking crews---however there is MUCH TO PROVE,  
before "going to bat"...

Respectfully submitted

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