

Hill's Attorney Asks Court to Expunge O'Connor Paper

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Suggests as Alternative That Statement Be Made Under Oath

District Court was asked today to expunge from its records the paper filed last week by former Representative John J. O'Connor of New York, who represented George Hill, an ex-employee of Representative Fish, Republican, of New York, at Hill's perjury trial.

The tribunal was told by Richard A. Harman, Hill's present counsel, that the paper is defamatory and makes unfounded accusations against Hill, prejudices him, exculpates Mr. O'Connor without submitting him to examination under oath and makes accusations against other persons.

Mr. Harman, in a formal motion filed in the criminal clerk's office, asked the court, as an alternative, to require Mr. O'Connor to take oath as to the contents of the paper, which was filed last Friday, when Justice F. Dickinson Letts in Criminal Court No. 3 cut Hill's original two-to-six-year perjury sentence to 10½ to 31½ months. The Government convicted Hill of testifying falsely before the special grand jury investigating Nazi activities.

Mr. Harman contended in today's motion that if the statements contained in Mr. O'Connor's paper are true, then Hill is guilty of further perjury and so stands accused, without an opportunity to defend himself, because Mr. O'Connor gave the impression that the defendant has available funds, when the record shows that he made an affidavit that he was without funds and that he owned no real estate or other assets.

The attorney advised the court that no copy of the paper was served upon the defendant or his counsel. The paper, Mr. Harman asserts, was not a plea for leniency, but, according to the motion, is in fact "an exculpatory plea by John J. O'Connor, esquire, in his own behalf."