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DR. WALTER BROMBERG, MD

A source advised on January 30, 1952, that Dr. Bromberg was employed by the Department of Public Health, State of California, as an assistant physician and surgeon at the Sacramento Police Emergency Hospital, Sacramento, California, since October, 1951.

Dr. Bromberg was born December 16, 1900, at New York City, New York. He attended elementary and high school in Brooklyn, New York. He received a B. S. degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1924. He received an M. D. degree from Long Island College.

Dr. Bromberg served in the U. S. Navy as a Commander in the Medical Corps from May, 1942, to June, 1946, having U. S. Navy Serial Number 216461. From June, 1946, to August, 1950, he conducted a private practice as a medical psychiatrist at Reno, Nevada. From August, 1950, to September, 1951, he was employed with the California State Department of Mental Hygiene at Mendocino State Hospital. The source furnished the following description of Bromberg:

Name:	Dr. Walter Bromberg	6110
Race:	White	
Born:	December 16, 1900, at New York City, New York	
Height:	5'10"	
Weight:	180 lbs.	1900
Marital status:	Married	
Residence:	1907 21st Street, Sacramento, Calif. (1952)	

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Re: DR. WALTER BROMBERG, MD

In the November 9, 1951, issue of the San Francisco Examiner, a newspaper published in San Francisco, California, there appeared an article headlined "Dr. Bromberg Under Fire." A subheading stated "Meddled At Agnews, Director Says." The article set out as follows:

"Dr. Walter Bromberg, ousted Director of Clinical Surveys at Mendocino State Hospital, was accused today of meddling in Agnews State Hospital affairs.

The accusation was made by Dr. Walter Rappaport, Director of Agnews, in a State Personnel Board hearing on Bromberg's appeal from his dismissal.

Rappaport said Bromberg twice consulted women patients at Agnews while he was employed at Mendocino. Rappaport said this was the first time in the history of California that a state hospital director intervened in the administration of another state hospital."

In the September 26, 1951, issue of the New York "Daily News", a newspaper published in New York City, there appeared an article showing a photograph of Belle Bromberg and her two children in connection with the arrest of Walter Bromberg on the grounds that her alimony payments were in jeopardy in that he had threatened to go to California if she did not agree to a Florida divorce. The article reflected that Belle Bromberg alleged that Walter Bromberg had been to California on a trip with a Welfare Department employee by the name of Esther Boyd and that Dr. Bromberg had been living with Boyd since 1939.

A second source advised on October 27, 1952, that she is a very close acquaintance of

invited her to various social functions in Sacramento. and some of her associates have, with some frequency, engaged in "sex parties" where base, immoral practices took place. The source attended one such function without prior knowledge of the practices to take place. Present at this party was Dr. Walter Bromberg who was then employed as a physician at the Sacramento City Hospital and who formerly was Clinical Director at the Mendocino State Hospital.