

April 20, 1964

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C. 20002

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In reply to your letter of April 3, 1964, requesting information from this Bureau's files concerning the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and Mr. A. Hillenbrandt, I am enclosing herewith three letterhead memoranda as follows:

1. A letterhead memorandum dated April 15, 1964, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, setting forth available information from our files and the results of our inquiry to identify the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

2. A letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1964, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, relating to the former Triangle Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a review of this Bureau's files disclosed the existence of this company, the inquiry as set forth in this letterhead memorandum was conducted to determine whether or not there was any possible connection between the Triangle Manufacturing Company of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and the company by the same name in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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3. A letterhead memorandum dated April 13, 1964, at Buffalo, New York, setting forth results of inquiry conducted in an effort to identify Mr. A. Hillenbrandt. There is no information in FBI files identifiable with Mr. Hillenbrandt.

The investigation requested in your letter of April 3, 1964, is concluded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

NOTE:

The President's Commission by letter 4/3/64 stated that Earl Ruby had made a telephone call to the Triangle Manufacturing Company, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on 11/1/63 and had been in frequent contact with a Mr. A. Hillenbrandt, East Rochester, New York, and they requested that we furnish available information from our files on the Triangle Manufacturing Company and Hillenbrandt together with any other information indicating a connection between them and subversive activities, illegal armament sales, or organized criminal endeavors. Investigation conducted at Milwaukee indicates that Triangle is a reputable company manufacturing ball bearings and they had no knowledge of contact with Earl Ruby. Bureau files disclosed a Triangle Manufacturing Company in Minneapolis which manufactured punch boards and paper novelties which has been out of business since 1962 and had no connection with the Triangle Manufacturing Company in Oshkosh. Buffalo could not identify Hillenbrandt from their files and from records and public sources determined that an Austin E. Hildebrandt had been employed as manager of the Hooper Holmes Bureau, Rochester, New York, and had inherited a large sum of money from the death of his father-in-law in 1959.