

206 N. E. 12th
Portland, Oregon
Feb. 12, 1964

Wry McCormick
Dallas News
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thank you very much for your letter... Enclosed is a signed statement regarding the letter written by Edward F. Bray to John Connally. That letter was dropped in an out of way mail box shortly after 6pm on August 12, 1963. It would have been picked up at 1:30pm on Aug. 13. It was sent regular mail, no return address on the envelope. It should have reached Austin by the 16th.

If you will check the photostat for the month of August which we sent you under the 23rd you will see this note "Herder & P. Inspt.". Mr. Louis B. Herder, Naval Intelligence Officer (Office 511 N.W. Broadway) and a U.S. Postal Inspector came to our house. Mr. Bray spread various photostats on the table and again Mr. Herder refused to discuss them with Mr. Bray.

Mr. Herder talked to Mr. Bray about various groups of "ism" people who had contacted Mr. Bray. An organization in Texas and Ohio was discussed. Mr. Bray told the Postal Inspector "Here are copies of various letters written by me, also copies from high Navy and Govt. Officials." I heard my husband tell the Postal Inspector "I have never sent anything through the mails without my signature and address on it. I have documentary proof to back up anything I sent through the mails." The Postal Inspector looked over various documents and photostats and then the 2 men left our house.

On Aug. 27 you will see this note "Herder Called". Mr. Herder and Mr. Bray discussed at great length the afore mentioned organizations. Under Aug. 28 is the note "no. left Ann Sullivan". Ann Sullivan is an AP reporter here in Portland. Mr. Bray had informed her office that he had some information that he felt should be made public. Mr. Herder knew all about Ann Sullivan. He told Mr. Bray "THE MEN OF THE THRESHER ARE DEAD. Photostats of some of the letters written by NAVAL OFFICIALS and YOU have fallen into the hands of the next of kin. It is causing them untold grief." He asked Mr. Bray if he had taken part in any of these "ism" groups and Mr. Bray told him "NO". Then Mr. Herder asked him to refrain from any participation in any organization that might be tryin to cause the Navy trouble. Mr. Bray voluntarily agreed to not furnish anyone with photostats, but would wait a reasonable length of time to allow Navy to make a full investigation.

Nov. 24 (Sunday). Mr. Herder came to our house. He and Mr. Bray had a lengthy discussion. Nov. 26, Mr. Sherk of the local office of the FBI called. He Stated, "When officials in Texas who are investigating the case come across your letter to Gov. Connally they will contact us at once. We don't want to look like fools up here, Bray did you write the Letter?" Mr. Bray answered "YES". In answer to your question "was it received by the governor? I have no way of knowing if the letter was recieved or not, however, isn't it reasonable to assume that the letter was recieved by the governor?."

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Ruth Bray. (Mrs. E. F.)

We use a large "Date Calendar" to make notes on of tele calls, milk deliveries, appointments, callers, etc. The photostat referred to in the above letter was made from the MONTH OF AUGUST, 1963 of this calendar.