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TO : Mr. Tolson

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SUBJECT: WARREN OLNEY'S ADDRESS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND
PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 24, 1955

Warren Olney

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Mr. DeLoach went around to the Public Relations Office and secured a copy of the speech.

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After Olney discusses the role of law enforcement, he moves the subject of organized crime and points out no agency has done more than Kefauver Committee. He then points out the section on organized crime and racketeering in his Division and then starts referring to the handling of labor racketeering cases. No mention is made of the Bureau's efforts in such cases. He then refers to racketeering in home improvement and does give the Bureau full credit for the Federal House Administration investigations. He points out the Bureau's work in going after gangs of automobile thieves.

He then comes down to the question "Is organized crime on the increase?" "Are we holding our own? Is it on the decrease? No man in the United States can answer that question with any pretense of accuracy. The answer is that we simply do not have any statistics or sound factual information that alone can make an accurate answer to such a question possible. Our Uniform Crime Reports, which even as to the limited field they cover have been described as probably the poorest and least accurate criminal statistics kept by any country in the world, do not touch upon the categories of crime in which racketeering and organized crime flourish. There is no index kept by either federal or state government from which the amount or even the trends of racketeering and organized crime can be determined. The progress of the battle is not to be learned from an official report. Our only way of gauging our advance or retreat is by our own individual and collective experience, and who is there with as broad an experience in this field that he feels certain in his opinions?"

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Ship shows Olney in his time

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