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HAROLD WEISBERG, 2322 N. Nottingham, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed and furnished the following signed statement:

"March 18, 1948
At Arlington, Va.

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"I, Harold Weisberg, give the following voluntary signed statement to [REDACTED] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

"I remember David Mayne from about 1939 or 1940. He told me he was an employee of William Dudley Pelley, of the Silver Shirts. He sold me a number of documents which later turned out to be spurious, as was established in court.

(Signed) Harold Weisberg

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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U S Department of Justice "

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This statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. In addition to the above statement, WEISBERG advised that he did not feel that he was in possession of sufficient facts concerning MAYNE to pass judgment on his loyalty and he felt that if anything were wrong with MAYNE, it would probably be the indication that he needed psychiatric treatment. When questioned regarding his previous experiences with MAYNE in connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, WEISBERG stated that this information was a matter of public record and that he did not care to discuss it further. WEISBERG advised that he would appear before the loyalty board if it was absolutely necessary but that he would not be able to testify to anything that was not already a matter of public record.

In a previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with MAYNE, information was developed to the effect that he began negotiations with HAROLD WEISBERG for delivery of letters which he claimed would expose the WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY organization (SilverShirt Legion of America) and its relations

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with the House Committee on Un-American Affairs. These negotiations continued until December 7, 1939 and subsequent to this, WAYNE offered WEISBERG what he claimed to be additional original correspondence purporting to bear the signatures of PELLEY and containing references to Congressman DIES. An affidavit listing nine such letters purporting to contain authentic signatures of PELLEY and other documents, including a letter on the letterhead of "The Silvershirt Legion of America", dated at Boston, Massachusetts on July 22, 1938, purporting to bear the signature of PELLEY, was executed by WAYNE before a notary public on January 12, 1940. This affidavit and other documents were delivered to WEISBERG for various sums totaling \$107.

It was determined that these letters were forgeries.
An examination by the FBI Technical Laboratory established the identities of the typewriters used in forging the above mentioned documents. The facts surrounding the violation in this case were presented to the United States Grand Jury for the District of Columbia from April 29 through May 3, 1940. The Grand Jury returned an indictment on May 14, 1940, charging WAYNE with obtaining money under false pretenses on one indictment, and two indictments charging him with forgery. A bench warrant was issued for WAYNE's arrest on May 14, 1940, and he was taken into custody on May 16, 1940 in Washington, D. C. On January 27, 1941, WAYNE entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging forgery and uttering and one charge of false pretense. On February 12, 1941 WAYNE was sentenced to serve one to three years, which sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for the same period of time.

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The Silvershirt Legion of America was declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835 on February 5, 1943. The Ku Klux Klan was declared to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835 by the Attorney General on February 24, 1947.

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The House Committee on Un-American Activities files also reflected a 30 page statement, which is purported to be the statement given by DAVID MAYNE to HAROLD WEISBERG on December 7, 1939.

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