

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter addressed to me today by Senator Ball of Minnesota in which a request is made for information contained in the Bureau files concerning 11 individuals who were removed from the State Department under the provisions of the McCarran Rider during the past summer. Mr. H. Maurice Joyce, of the Professional Staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, who presented Senator Ball's letter to the Bureau, indicated that Senator Ball and Senator Bridges contemplated holding public hearings after the first of the year concerning the facts with reference to these 11 persons because of their dissatisfaction with the fact that after discharge by the State Department, the 11 individuals were allowed the privilege of resignation without prejudice.

Mr. Joyce was asked to advise Senator Ball that the Bureau, as a subordinate unit of the Department, does not deal direct with Congressional committees or furnish information in its files except through your office. He was asked to inform Senator Ball that this request would be brought to your attention in order that you might give it appropriate consideration.

Mr. Joyce indicated that although the Senate committee investigators had reviewed the files of the State Department, there were indications therein that the files of the FBI contained information in addition to that which was available to the investigators through the State Department files. It was further explained that under a system of administrative handling within the State Department, it appeared that some material probably furnished by the FBI to the State Department was not incorporated in the general files of that department.

Several of the persons whose names are set out hereinafter are involved in greater or lesser degree in the Gregory Case, you will recall, of course, as being presented to a grand jury in New York City at the present time. It would appear most desirable, if not impossible, to furnish the information concerning the participation of these individuals in the Gregory Case without exposing virtually the entire case in all of its ramifications. I thought you would desire to consider this factor in considering the over-all request.

It is further suggested you may desire to take this matter to Senator Ball direct, since I believe that it is desirable

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
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Memorandum for the Attorney General

to handle matters of this kind on a Departmental level. In the event you propose to take affirmative action upon this request, I will, upon receipt of appropriate advice from you, have a careful review made of the Bureau files to make certain that all information possessed by the Bureau concerning these individuals has been transmitted to the Department.

For record purposes, the identity of the 11 persons in whom Senator Ball is interested, as furnished by Mr. Joyce, is as follows:

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Herald Vetsberg ✓
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