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About this time, HAROLD WEISBERG succeeded in establishing contacts with MAYNE through the medium of JOHN WENSHU, a professional undercover investigator who has been mentioned earlier in this report. It appears that WEISBERG was associated with one GARNERY JACKSON and that they were endeavoring to discredit the Dies Committee by claiming that it was giving too much attention to Communists and not enough attention to opposing groups.

WEISBERG paid MAYNE to prepare some material for the purpose of discrediting PELLEY and finally purchased some letters on which MAYNE had forged PELLEY's signature. These letters indicated that PELLEY and Congressman MARTIN DIES were friendly and that Congressman DIES was endeavoring to shield PELLEY. WEISBERG delivered these letters to Congressman FRANK E. HOOKER who introduced them in the House of Representatives for the purpose of defeating the Dies Committee appropriation for continued activity. MAYNE then appeared before the Dies Committee and admitted that the letters were forgeries. He claimed that he realized that WEISBERG was endeavoring to sabotage the Dies Committee and maintained that he submitted the letters to WEISBERG for the purpose of exposing his position.

It appears that WEISBERG paid MAYNE a total of approximately \$107.00 for the letters and for his assistance. It was indicated that WEISBERG doubtless suspected and may have known that the letters were forgeries but the tangible evidence to prove this point was lacking. A Bureau Laboratory examination confirmed that the letters were forgeries.

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On May 14, 1940, a Federal Grand Jury returned indictments in Washington, D. C., charging MAYNE with obtaining money under false pretenses and forgery. MAYNE pled guilty to these indictments at Washington on January 27, 1941, and was forthwith sentenced to serve from one to three years in a penitentiary. Execution of sentence was suspended and subject was placed on probation under recognizance bond in the amount of \$100.

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