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

"March 18, 1948 At Arlington, Va.

#I, Harold Weisberg, give the following voluntary signed statement to 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 Dudly 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

Witnessed

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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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This statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. In addition to the above statement, WEISEERG advised that he did not feel that he was in possession of sufficient facts concerning MAYME to pass judgment on his loyalty and he felt that if anything were wrong with MAYME, it would probably be the indication that he needed psychiatric treatment. When questioned regarding his previous experiences with MAYME in connection with the mouse Committee on Un-American Activities, WEISEERG stated that this information was a matter of public record and that he did not care to discuss it further. MEISEERG advised that he would appear before the leyalty 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 provious investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with MATHS, information was devaloped to the effect that he begin negotiations with HARDLE TRUSHERG for delivery of letters which he claimed would expose the ELLLAN DUBLEY PELLEY organization Colvershirt Legion of America) and its relations

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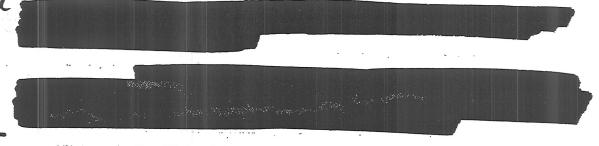
with the House Committee on Um-American Affairs. These negotiations continued until December 7, 1939 and subsequent to this, MAYNE offered WEISBERG that he claimed to be additional original correspondence purporting to bear the signatures of PELLEY and containing references to Congressman DIES. An affidavit 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 MATRE before a notary public on January 12, 1940. This affidavit and other documents were delivered to WEISBERG for various sums totaling \$107.

n examination by the FBI Technical Laboratory established the identities of the typewriters used in ferging the above mentioned documents. The facts surrounding the violation in this case were presented to the United States Grand Jury for the District of Golumbia from April 29 through May 3, 1940. The Grand Jury returned an indictment on May 14, 1940, charging MAINE with obtaining money under false pretenses on one indictment, and two indictments charging him with forgery. A bench warrant was issued for MAINE's arrest on May 14, 1945 and he was taken into custody on May 16, 1940 in Mashington, D. C. On January 27, 1941, MAINE entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging forgery and uttering and one charge of false pretense. On February 12, 1941 MAINE was sentenced to serve one to three years, which sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation for the same period of time.



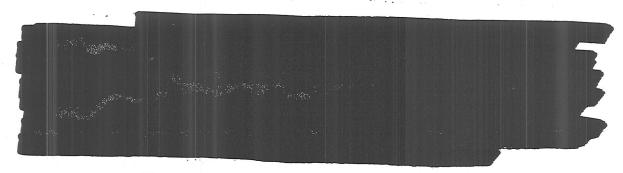
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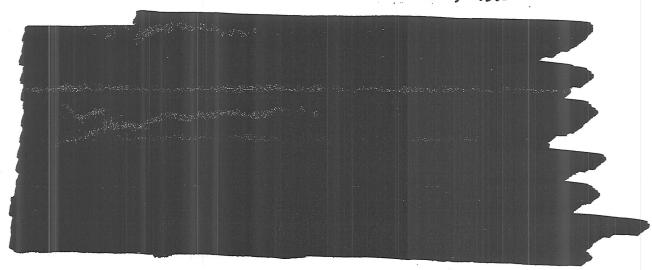
The Silvershirt Legion of America was declared by the Attorney General to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835 on February 5, 1943. The Ku Klux Klan was declared to be within the purview of Executive Order #9835 by the Attorney General on February 24, 1947.

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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 HARDID WEISBERG on December 7, 1939.

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