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SUBJECT:

By reference from your office, I talked to Mr. H. Maurice Joyce of the Professional Staff of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Mr. Joyce presented the attached letter, addressed to you by Senator Ball, from which you will note that Senator Ball desires the Bureau to furnish to his committee any "additional material concerning the activities of the 11 individuals which is on file in your department". It will be observed that Senator Ball's letter, dated December 10th, relates to the 11 persons who were removed from the State Department under the provisions of the McCarran rider and that the Senator contemplates holding open hearings upon this matter.

I inquired of Mr. Joyce for a little more details in this situation and he stated Senator Ball and Senator Bridges desire to hold open public hearings concerning the 11 persons dismissed by the State Department. Joyce stated that committee investigators have reviewed the State Department files relating to these 11 individuals and that while some of the files contained Bureau reports, there were other indications in the State Department files that the FBI had information in addition to that contained in the State Department files. I inquired of Mr. Joyce as to the nature of these indications and he stated that frankly, and off the record, it appeared that information and reports which the Bureau furnished from time to time to Mr. [redacted] were not incorporated in the regular files of the State Department but had been maintained in a separate category. Mr. Joyce stated, however, that there were various references in the files reviewed by the committee to "information from the FBI".

I explained to Mr. Joyce that you were precluded by Departmental regulation from furnishing material direct to senatorial or Congressional committees. I outlined to him the Departmental regulation which required you to refer all requests for assistance or information to the Attorney General and pointed out that the Attorney General, through Departmental officials, customarily dealt direct with the Congressional committees. Mr. Joyce stated that Senator Ball and Senator Bridges were very anxious to "expose" the situation within the State Department and he recalled that the committee had last June been most vigorous in its interrogation of Secretary of State Marshall, [redacted] and others.

I advised Mr. Joyce that the Bureau would refer this request to the Attorney General and request the Attorney General

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to advise us in detail exactly what action the Attorney General wanted taken in this situation.

For record purposes, I asked Mr. Joyce as to the identity of the persons in whom the committee was interested and he furnished the following list of names:

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Harold Weisberg
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Mr. Joyce indicated that the concern of the committee was basically over the fact that the McCarran rider was rendered completely ineffective if its terms were utilized to fire an employee who, after he hired a lawyer, was then permitted to effect a so-called resignation.

A suggested memorandum is attached hereto for the Attorney General. It would appear desirable, if possible, for the Bureau to stay out of this situation and I think we should try to keep it on a level between the Attorney General and the Senators.

Attachment

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cc-Mr. Ladd

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