

Dear Dave,

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After sending you a copy of my hasty and indignant letter to the FBI about its current disclosures of records relating to me to another, with its usual dishonesty in selection of the records to have them incomplete and prejudicial, to say nothing of its violation of two laws to do this, I recalled a couple of the records that might be of interest to you.

As a professor, that is, one who teaches young and impressionable minds what basic American principle is, what our traditional beliefs are.

E.A. Tamm then was an assistant director. He was later an appeals court judge. He was certainly broadminded because having been involved in prejudicial formulations of matters relating to me he was certain not to recuse himself when my cases were before him. He was so unbiased he was always against me.

This can be used to teach your students how impartial U.S. justice is. Tamm was one of many personifications of this impartiality.

The name Joyce means nothing to me and I do not recall who headed Senate appropriations in those pre-McCarthy days. In fact, until seeing this I did not know of any Senate interest in what was a pogrom engineered by the "professional" staff of the House appropriations committee, if my recollection is correct, mostly by one Harold Berger.

In the penultimate graf you will see a fine rendition of the principles of which we are so proud in the committee's concern over the ineffectiveness of the McCarran Rider. That also traditionally American bit of legislation gave the Secretary of State and several others the right to fire anyone at any time without any reason at all and without any charges being filed or hearing held. Anything more consistent with traditional American belief and concepts of justice and fairness? (Too bad that the red-tinged Supreme Court held it violated the Constitution, huh?)

Seeking to uphold Americanism in its best sense this committee was concerned because all those who were fired had to do was get a lawyer and the whole thing was rescinded.

Maybe you'd best be on guard if you use this in any class because some wise-guy student may wonder whether there was no basis for the firings and that is why a lawyer could get the whole thing tossed out.

This is a "record" copy of the record. The check mark at the end is the Tolson mark indicting he had read the memo. What is unusual, especially given Tamm's recommendation that the FBI seem to stay out of it, which it was not doing by suggesting the AG's response, is that no other assistant director was routed a copy of this memo.

The single page is of a telephone tap of one of the men I was fired with by State. He was an authentic Latin America scholar, as I recall having taught at UCLA. His name is not Borro but Borah. Halperin had headed that division when it was in OSS and when first transferred to State. From these records I gather he was fired, which is not what I'd understood then. Halperin also was an eminent scholar but he'd been forced out of Arkansas by some right extremists. Historians, however, can be really proud of the eminent historian from Yale, incompletely by correctly identified as "Willmoore." His last name was Kendall.

Apparently his concept of scholarship, particularly in the intelligence sense, took on and became national practise. This simplification of it is that scholarship and research are kid stuff. What counts and is significant is "the air at cocktail parties." I remember Willmoore very well. He had the loudest voice in normal conversational tone I've ever heard. With his office door open all his subordinates were always able to pick up his consummate wisdom. Strange how those above him did not appreciate him, however, because he didn't last very long.

Elsewhere Borah refers to him as an "idiot." I have no reason to disagree.

I think the numbers and letters at the bottom of the page are of Borah's phone number. God knows how many times they taped me on it. I had stenographic notes in those days.

ain't you proud?

Harold