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# Ousted State Dept. Aides Are Identified

Ten Were Accused Of Being Disloyal

By JAMES WALTER

Shielded by the State department without apparent cause for nearly three months, identities of the 10 State employees fired last June for suspected disloyalty to the United States were revealed to this newspaper last night by another high government source.

Several of the group were discharged because of their known association with agents of the Soviet Union. All involved were discharged summarily and have no right of appeal to the department or to the civil service commission.

## Had Responsible Jobs

While none of the 10 was a career employe, all held responsible jobs in the intelligence and economics divisions. Some had received salaries as high as \$8,500 and \$9,000 a year as chiefs or assistants chiefs of section. Others were in salary brackets ranging down to \$3,200.

Those fired as a result of the investigation by a special State department loyalty committee were:

Woodrow Wilson Borah, 1900 block Sixteenth St. NW., research specialist in the American republics division.

Harold Bellingham, 4800 block Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Md., of the library section.

## Husband and Wife

Irving Goldman, 100 block Wayne Pl. SE., American republics division.

Mrs. Hannah Goldman (Mrs. Irving Goldman), same address, department status not revealed.

Florence Levy, 4600 block Connecticut Ave. NW., department status not revealed.

P. Bernard Wortman, 400 block Brook Dr., Falls Church, division of economic development.

Alexander Lesser, 4200 block Twenty-eighth St., Mt. Rainier, assignment not disclosed.

Harold Weisberg, 2300 block N. Nottingham St., Arlington, assignment not disclosed.

James Ansara, 3200 block Q St. NW., division of financial affairs.

Leonard C. Rennie, 500 block E. Glebe Rd., Arlington, assignment not disclosed.

At the time of the mass firing by Secretary of State Marshall, the department would say only that the 10 were suspected of being Communist sympathizers and that other considerations had "weighed against them."

Ansara told this newspaper he resigned voluntarily and Rennie stated he was on leave of absence. However, both names appeared on the list of those fired by the department.

The official State department announcement of the firings came on June 27 and stated:

"The Department of State has terminated the services of 10 employes against whom derogatory information has been developed through investigation. In taking this action the department followed its policy of dropping employes from its rolls where substantial doubt existed as to their security.

"In a few cases other administrative considerations also entered into the decision to terminate the services of the employes concerned."

When the department refused to furnish the names—even to members of Congress—the action was bitterly denounced by Republican leaders.

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd ✓
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- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: 11/15/47

FROM : E. G. Fitch

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] et al

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- Mr. Harbo
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- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

As requested, attempts were made through Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department to obtain for review purposes the State Department files of ten former employees of that Department, namely:

[REDACTED]  
Harold Weisberg  
[REDACTED]

Mr. Neal, after considerable checking, determined that the files on these individuals were in the Chief Special Agent's Office under lock and key at the request of Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. Neal contacted Mr. Thomas Fitch, Chief Special Agent, in a routine manner, stating that he desired to see the files. Fitch informed Mr. Neal that he could not release the files without Mr. [REDACTED]'s O.K.

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Upon [REDACTED]'s return to Washington on the afternoon of November 14th, Mr. Neal contacted him and stated that he desired the files so that they may be reviewed by the Bureau. Mr. [REDACTED] immediately told Mr. Neal that he would not release the files for FBI review. He stated that he could see no reason why the Bureau should see the files, but that if the Bureau insisted, a formal letter should be directed to the State Department making the request and setting forth specifically the reasons for wanting to see the files. He stated that with this letter he was sure Mr. [REDACTED] would give the matter due consideration. He further informed Mr. Neal that at a later date the files would be made available to the new Loyalty Board and the Civil Service, and that undoubtedly if the Civil Service and the Loyalty Board desired the Bureau to see the files, they would make them available.

Mr. Neal informed Mr. Roach that in short Mr. [REDACTED] refused to release the files and that inasmuch as the files are not under his, Neal's, control, he could not obtain them, although he had made a specific request for them and had informed [REDACTED] of the reason he desired the files.

This will confirm the information Mr. Roach gave to you on November 14, 1947.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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TITLE <b>WASHINGTON BOOKSHOP ASSOCIATION</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (C)</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Membership lists of Washington Bookshop Association, as obtained on February 18, 1944, set forth.

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Bureau file 100-24699.  
Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**  
Washington, D. C., February 8, 1944.

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**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The names and identifying data concerning active members of the Washington Bookshop Association set out below were furnished by Confidential Informant T-1 on February 18, 1944. The date following the name indicates the date of the last payment of dues.

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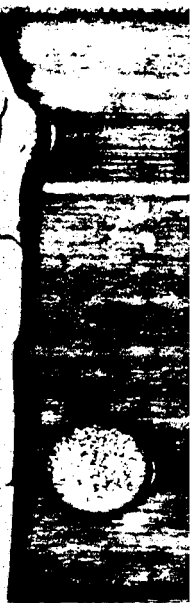
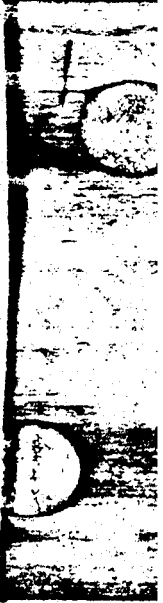
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  
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Membership lists of Washington Bookshop Association obtained from reliable confidential source as of December 13, 1947.

REFERENCE:  
 Bureau file 100-24699  
 Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 23, 1947 at Washington, D. C.

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 AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On December 13, 1947, Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following names and addresses of persons who were carried in the indices of the membership. The date or dates shown with the name indicates the last date of payment of annual dues, and T-1 has indicated the payment of \$1.00 annual dues keeps the member in "current standing" for one year.

According to Informant T-1, the membership indices were divided as to:

- (1) Life Members
- (2) Current, active members
- (3) Current expirations
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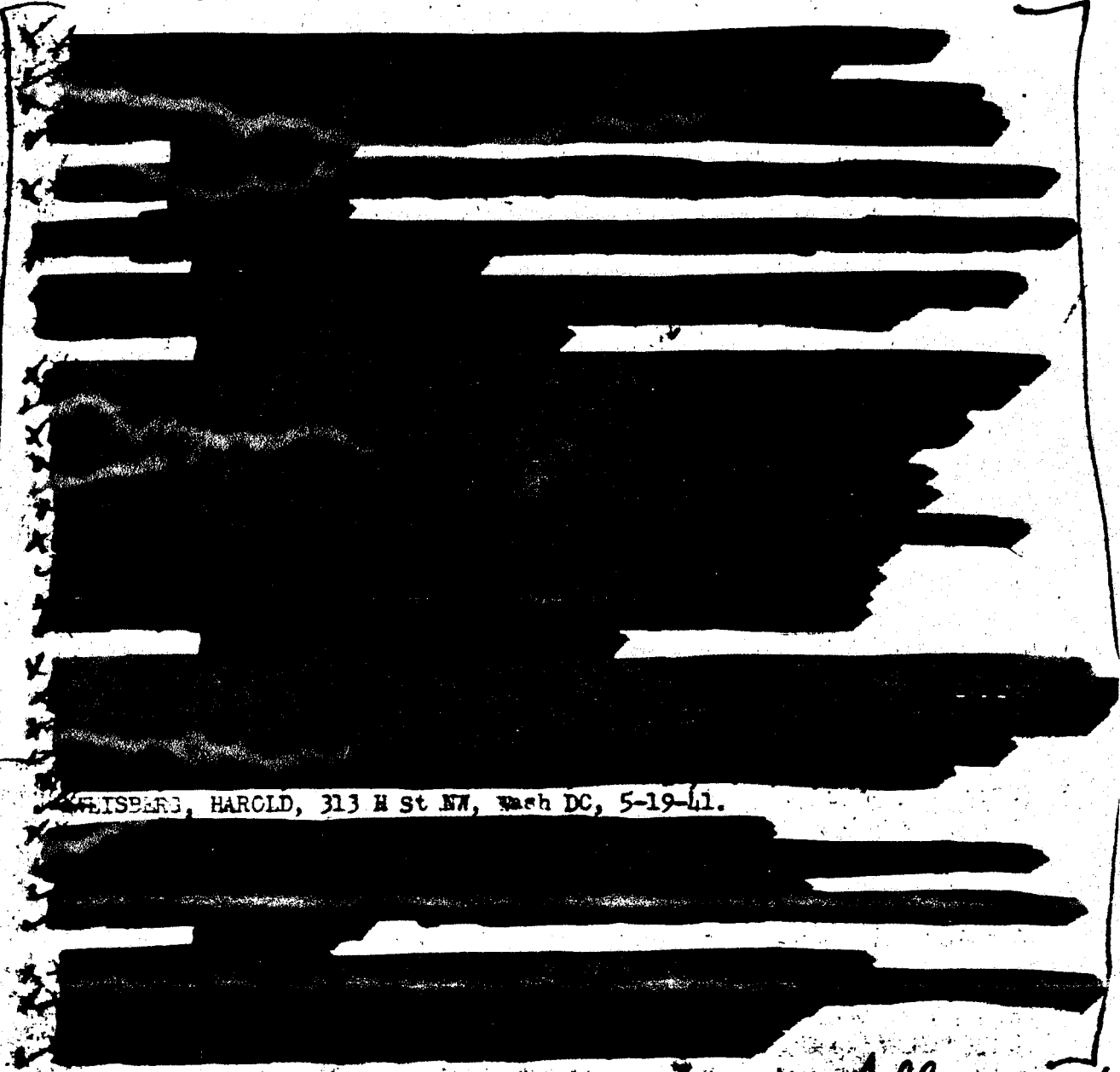
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December 13, 1947 and known to Special Agents [redacted]  
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and photographic pictures of material made available by this source are  
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b7D [redacted], whose identity is known to  
the Bureau. This list of names of members was furnished to former Special  
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Miss Gandy.....

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N.Y.**

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TITLE <b>NATIONAL MARITIME UNION OF AMERICA</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C.</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information concerning activities, contacts and movements of individuals connected with the National Maritime Union of America, 346 W. 17th St., NYC. supplied by Confidential Informant

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DECLASSIFIED BY: SP4 [Redacted]  
ON: 7/24/85

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent dated December 29, 1942, at New York City.

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**DETAILS:**

The information contained in this report was obtained from Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, during the period December 8, 9, 11 through 31st, 1942.

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Later in the day [REDACTED] contacted HAROLD WEISBERG (ph.) of Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO'S office [REDACTED]

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WEISBERG replied that the sending of the telegram was a good move concerning which some action may be expected. [REDACTED]

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# Stripling Recalls Baring Forgeries Used Against Quiz



**RECALLS FORGERIES . . . ROBERT E. STRIPLING**, former Chief Investigator of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, as he talks with a reporter. In his fifth article today Stripling recalls how he exposed as forgeries letters designed to smear the committee.

By **ROBERT E. STRIPLING**  
Chief Investigator,  
House Un-American Activities Committee, 1938-48  
Edited by Bob Conditine.

## ARTICLE FIVE

Rep. Frank E. Hook (D.-Mich.) rose one day in Congress, early in January, 1948, and brandished several photostat letters bearing the letterhead of the Silver Shirt Legion of America and the signature of William Dudley Pelley.

The letters were addressed to Chairman Martin Dies of the House Un-American Activities Committee. One read, in part:

... as you told me in your office, my organization has nothing to worry about, as we are close friends.

I had been tipped off late in 1939 that an involved plot to destroy Dies and the committee was being hatched by powerful influences in Washington.

The question of whether or not the Committee had justified its existence was about to be brought before the House of Representatives.

The letters, of course, raised a tremendous furor. Dies' protests (from Texas) that he did not know Pelley and had never corresponded with the American Fascist were submerged in widespread demands that the Committee be dissolved.

Hook read the text of the letters into the Congressional Record but, curiously, refused to let any member of the committee, or me, examine them. Instead, he placed them, he said, in his safe deposit box at the Riggs National Bank.

In the middle of the demands for Dies' head, and a Rules Committee fight over whether Hook's remarks should be expunged from the Record, I kept thinking of an inveterate

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# Stripling Recalls Revealing Forgeries Used Against Probe

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Washington "fixer" named David Dubon Mayne, who was a Pelley lieutenant.

I set out in search of him and the search finally led to Springfield, Va. His small home was locked, but I found the local postmistress and asked her to have Mayne call me if, by chance, she saw him.

That was on a Saturday. Monday morning he appeared at my office in the old House Office Building.

I took a long chance and pointing at him severely, shouted:

"Mayne, you wrote those letters, didn't you?"

"Yes," he said, mildly.

"Sit down," I invited.

Then I called in the members of the Committee, put Mayne under oath and he told his story, portions of which were subsequently denied by the persons he mentioned.

He told us that Gardner Jackson, formerly (and subsequently) a \$5,600-a-year, Amherst-graduated Government economist, who was among the more articulate New Deal critics of the Committee, had purchased the letters from him.

## \$105 and Promise of a Job

The price was \$105 and the promise of a job through Jerome Frank, then chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mayne testified that Jackson's agent, one Harold Weisberg, at their first meeting, had asked him if he knew of any connection between Dies and Pelley. When Mayne answered that he knew of none, Weisberg said:

"Well, keep looking. I'm sure you'll find something."

Mayne confessed that subsequently he wrote the letters on plain paper, forged Pelley's signature, and attached a Silver Shirt Legion letterhead by means of Scotch tape. He then had the material photostated and turned it over to Jackson, who apparently accepted it as authentic.

Once in possession of the material, Jackson gave a dinner at his Chevy Chase home for ten members of Congress, including two New Deal members of the Committee, and informed them of his find. Only Hook would agree to introduce the matter on the floor of the House.

Though he was under oath, I knew it was hopeless to re-

*This is the fifth of a series of 28 articles examining the Communist conspiracy in the United States. Mr. Stripling was until recently the spark plug of the House committee that uncovered widespread Communist propaganda and espionage. In this exclusive series he will show the reader, for the first time, the inner workings of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Mr. Stripling will name names, describe Red infiltration into Government circles, and give pertinent background to cases now in the public eye.*

my case on Mayne's testimony. I needed Pelley, who had dropped out of sight after violating parole on a "Blue Sky" conviction in North Carolina.

I asked Mayne where Pelley could be found, but that only frightened him. So I mused aloud:

"Well, I'm glad he hasn't shown himself. If he did, I'd have to serve him with a subpoena, and if I did that it would mean that North Carolina couldn't serve the warrant it has out for him."

Mayne began to show some interest.

"Yes," I went on, with an elaborate sigh, "I'd hate to do that fellow a favor, and make it possible for him to get all that publicity..."

## Pelley Appears at Office

Pelley walked into my office the next morning. He had shaved off his gray goatee and was affecting a cap.

I called the Committee to the office and let them hear his denial of ever having met or written to Dies.

We took him to a meeting of the Rules Committee to repeat his story, and when we produced the typewriter on which Mayne had written the letters, the case against Dies and the Committee was dead.

Hook insisted that he had been framed. Mayne was convicted of forgery, probably the lowest case of forgery in the Justice Department's annals. And Congress gave the Committee another lease on life.

Not much later in 1940, President Roosevelt called Dies to the White House from his home in Texas and, for one perhaps thoughtless moment, the Texan believed he had been returned to the good graces of the Chief Executive.

I accompanied him to the White House. Dies honestly expected to be ushered into the President's study immediately, but he was kept waiting for 45 minutes. And when the door of the study opened the man who emerged was Gardner Jackson.

The President told Dies that Attorney General Robert Jackson was strenuously accusing the Committee of premature exposures that imperiled national security. The truth of the matter was that the Committee was taking an aggressive lead in matters in which the Justice Department was plainly negligent.

## F.D.R. Gives Dies a Lecture

Roosevelt lectured Dies at length, and the Chairman reluctantly agreed to clear all future hearings with the Attorney General. "Dies agreed, he told us,"... "purely because of the international situation."

Quietly, and I believe quite efficiently, we continued our long inquiry into Japanese spying along the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii. By the middle of June, 1941, our case was complete.

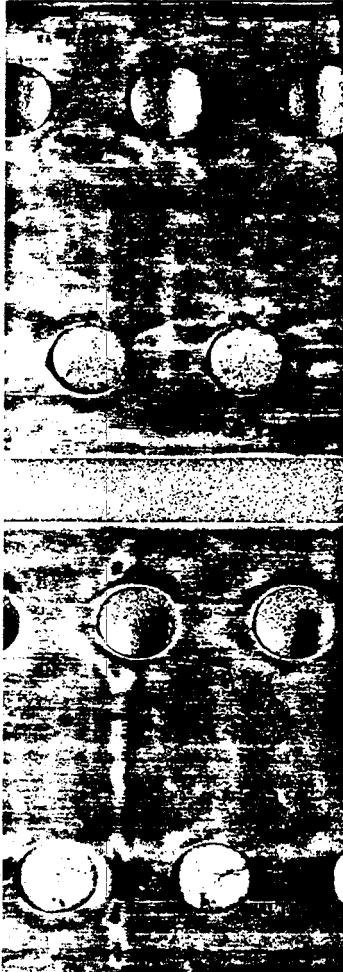
Dies, then in Jasper, Tex., informed the Justice Department that he planned to begin hearings on the Japanese case on July 1. He outlined what we had discovered.

The Justice Department's reply came a few days before the scheduled opening of our hearings. It was signed by Acting Attorney General Matthew McGuire and informed Dies that the Department, after discussing the question with the President and Secretary Hull, could not give us permission to hold such hearings.

For the remainder of my life I will always believe that our disclosures would have aroused enough alarm among the people to have caused the Japanese to abandon their planned attack on Pearl Harbor.

If Pearl Harbor could not have been prevented, then I believe our disclosures would have prepared America more adequately for the difficult days ahead.

(TOMORROW: Mr. Stripling describes the ideological scrambling following the signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact.)



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

"March 18, 1948  
At Arlington, Va.

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"I, Harold Weisberg, give the following voluntary signed statement to [REDACTED] 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 Dudley 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

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This statement is being retained in the files of the Washington Field Office. In addition to the above statement, WEISBERG advised that he did not feel that he was in possession of sufficient facts concerning MAYNE to pass judgment on his loyalty and he felt that if anything were wrong with MAYNE, it would probably be the indication that he needed psychiatric treatment. When questioned regarding his previous experiences with MAYNE in connection with the House Committee on Un-American Activities, WEISBERG stated that this information was a matter of public record and that he did not care to discuss it further. WEISBERG advised that he would appear before the loyalty 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 previous investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with MAYNE, information was developed to the effect that he began negotiations with HAROLD WEISBERG for delivery of letters which he claimed would expose the WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY organization (SilverShirt Legion of America) and its relations



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with the House Committee on Un-American Affairs. These negotiations continued until December 7, 1939 and subsequent to this, MAYNE offered WEISBERG what 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 MAYNE before a notary public on January 12, 1940. This affidavit and other documents were delivered to WEISBERG for various sums totaling \$107.

*It was determined that these letters were forgeries.*  
An examination by the FBI Technical Laboratory established the identities of the typewriters used in forging the above mentioned documents. The facts surrounding the violation in this case were presented to the United States Grand Jury for the District of Columbia from April 29 through May 3, 1940. The Grand Jury returned an indictment on May 14, 1940, charging MAYNE with obtaining money under false pretenses on one indictment, and two indictments charging him with forgery. A bench warrant was issued for MAYNE's arrest on May 14, 1940 and he was taken into custody on May 16, 1940 in Washington, D. C. On January 27, 1941, MAYNE entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging forgery and uttering and one charge of false pretense. On February 12, 1941 MAYNE 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 HAROLD WEISBERG on December 7, 1939.

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# Strip Used Fake Letters Plot to Discredit Dies Probers

This is the fifth of a series of articles by Robert E. Stripling on the Communist conspiracy in the United States. Stripling was chief investigator for the House un-American activities committee from 1938 to 1948. The articles were edited by Bob Considine, Times-Herald and International News Service columnist.

By ROBERT E. STRIPLING

REP. FRANK E. HOOK (D) of Michigan rose one day in Congress, early in January 1940, and brandished several photostat letters bearing the letterhead of the Silver Shirt Legion of America and the signature of William Dudley Pelley.

The letters were addressed to Chairman Martin Dies of the House un-American activities committee. One read in part, "... as you told me in your office, my organization has nothing to worry about, as we are close friends."

I had been tipped off late in 1939 that an involved plot to destroy Dies and the committee was being hatched by powerful influences in Washington.

The question of whether or not the committee had justified its existence was about to be brought before the House of Representatives. The letters, of course, raised a tremendous furor. Dies' protests (from Texas) that he did not know Pelley and had never corresponded with the American Fascist were submerged in widespread demands that the committee be dissolved.

Hook read the text of the letters into the Congressional Record but, curiously, refused to let any member of the committee, or me, examine them. Instead, he placed them, he said, in his safe deposit box at the Riggs National bank.

In the middle of the demands for Dies' head, and a rules committee fight over whether Hook's remarks should be expunged from the record, I kept thinking of an inveterate Washington "fixer" named David Dubois Mayne, who was a Pelley lieutenant.

I set out in search of him and the search finally led to Springfield, Va. His small home was locked, but I found the local postmistress and asked her to have Mayne call me if, by chance, she saw him.

That was on a Saturday. Monday morning he appeared at my office in the old House Office building.

I took a long chance and, pointing at him severely, shouted, "Mayne, you wrote those letters, didn't you?"

"Yes," he said, mildly. "Sit down," I invited. Then I called in the members of the committee, put Mayne under oath and he told his story, portions of which were subsequently denied by the persons he mentioned.

He told us that Gardner Jack-

son, formerly (and subsequently) a \$5,600-a-year, Amherst-graduated government economist, who was among the more articulate New Deal critics of the committee, had purchased the letters from him. The price was \$105 and the promise of a job through Jerome Frank, then chairman of the securities and exchange commission.

Mayne testified that Jackson's agent, one Harold Weisberg, at their first meeting had asked him if he knew of any connection between Dies and Pelley. When Mayne answered that he knew of none, Weisberg said, "Well, keep looking. I'm sure you'll find something."

Mayne confessed that subsequently he wrote the letters on plain paper, forged Pelley's signature, and attached a Silver Shirt Legion letterhead by means of Scotch tape. He then had the material photostated and turned it over to Jackson, who apparently accepted it as authentic.

Once in possession of the material, Jackson gave a dinner at his Chevy Chase home for 10 members of Congress, including two members of the committee, and informed them of his find. Only Hook would agree to introduce the matter on the floor of the House.

Though he was under oath, I knew it was hopeless to rest my case on Mayne's testimony. I needed Pelley, who had dropped out of sight after violating parole on a "Blue Sky" conviction in North Carolina.

I asked Mayne where Pelley could be found, but that only frightened him. So I mused aloud:

"Well, I'm glad he hasn't shown himself. If he did, I'd have to serve him with a subpoena, and if I did that it would mean that North Carolina couldn't serve the warrant it has out for him."

Mayne began to show some interest.

"Yes," I went on, with an elaborate sign, "I'd hate to do that fellow a favor, and make it possible for him to get all that publicity."

Pelley walked into my office the next morning. He had shaved off his gray goatee and was affecting a G.P.

I called the committee to the office and let them hear his

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denial of ever having met or written to Dies. We took him to a meeting of the rules committee to repeat his story, and when we produced the typewriter on which Mayne had written the letters, the case against Dies and the committee was dead.

Hook insisted that he had been framed. Mayne was convicted of forgery, probably the lowest case of forgery in the Justice department's annals. And Congress gave the committee another lease on life.

(Tomorrow: Mr. Stripling begins the saga of Joe Lash and the effect the Hitler-Stalin pact had on U. S. Communists.)

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 21, 1947

Miss O'Donnell in the Attorney General's Office called to inquire as to whether we had furnished a memorandum to the State Department on the background of certain individuals dismissed by the State Department, namely [redacted]

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Harold Weisberg, [redacted]

- To: Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Pennington
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

Miss O'Donnell stated that in the event we had furnished the State Department with anything concerning these people the Attorney General would like to see it, and if we had not furnished background information concerning them to the State Department, the Attorney General would like to have whatever information we have in our files concerning these people.

I told Miss O'Donnell that a check would be made and that the Attorney General would be subsequently advised. I have called this to the attention of Mr. Laughlin on Mr. Ladd's desk who is checking on the matter.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

SUBJECT:

DATE: 6-23-47

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I took a telephone call from Mr. [REDACTED] of the State Department at 3:20 p.m. today in the absence of Mr. Tamm. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he wanted you to know right away he was dismissing 10 employees of the State Department under the McCarran rider. He stated that the 10 individuals were:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. Harold Weisberg
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
6. [REDACTED]
7. [REDACTED]
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Mr. [REDACTED] stated he wanted the Bureau to have this information as soon as any action was taken and that he had under consideration two others he might dismiss tomorrow, in which event he would let the Bureau know.

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The Communist Party, USA, has been named by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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HAROLD WEISBERG voluntarily appeared at the Washington Field Office of the FBI on February 14, 1940, at which time WEISBERG stated that MAYNE was identified to him (WEISBERG) by HENSHAW as being the Washington representative of the Silver Shirt Legion.

The Silver Shirt Legion of America, Incorporated, was named by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED]

It is noted that the above-named DAVID MAYNE later became associated with WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLELY and was convicted on February 12, 1941, in Washington, D. C., on a charge of forgery. MAYNE had been implicated in selling forged correspondence, reportedly signed by PELLELY, which had for its purpose the implication of members of the DIES Committee in such a way as to forestall the investigation of the PELLELY Group by the DIES Committee.

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Records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reflect a DIES Committee press release dated January 30, 1940, on page three of which it was reflected that the Committee had issued a subpoena to one JOHN MITCHELL HENSHAW to appear before it. A DIES Committee press release dated January 31, 1940, reflected the testimony taken from JOHN MITCHELL HENSHAW, HAROLD WEISBERG and GARDNER JACKSON corroborated testimony of DAVID MAYNE to the effect that he met HAROLD WEISBERG through the medium of HENSHAW and that WEISBERG was acting as an agent or collaborator with GARDNER JACKSON in the preparation and dissemination of statements and articles used by Congressman HOOK for the purpose of discrediting Chairman DIES and destroying the effectiveness of the Committee, and if possible, to prevent the continuance of the Committee. This press release further reflected that testimony from all the witnesses, who had knowledge of the facts, showed conclusively that the statements used in Congressman HOOK's address, which he inserted in the Record, were obtained following payment of consideration.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was; ET AL;  
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Reference is made to your letter dated September 29, last, wherein you requested the names of the individuals who had been dismissed from the State Department as a result of the Loyalty Program, as well as the names of the persons who resigned during the course of a loyalty check. You stated that you were interested in such dismissals and resignations from December, 1946 to the date of the alleged suicide of Lawrence Duggan December 20, 1948.

Enclosed herewith please find a list received from the State Department which names the individuals who were subjects of State Department security cases from January 1, 1947 to the start of the Loyalty Program and which names the individuals whose cases came under Executive Order No. 9835.

This list should be used only as an investigative aid. It should not be set forth in an investigative report and it should not be disseminated outside of the Bureau.

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cc: Washington Field (By Special Messenger)  
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RE: [REDACTED] - P & C  
May 9, 1940

Mr. [REDACTED] also stated that HAROLD WEISBERG is the Washington correspondent of the magazine FRIDAY now being published in New York City, the second issue of which contained an attack upon Assistant Secretary of State ADOLF A. BERLE, Jr.

In this connection, the Bureau has been previously advised that WEISBERG was preparing an article for publication in this magazine attacking the Bureau, the basis of the attack being the controversy between the Bureau and the Civil Service Commission. U

Very truly yours,

*Guy Hottel*  
GUY HOTTEL  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 12-10-47

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

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Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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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Memo Mr. Ladd  
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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:

  
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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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DECEMBER 10, 1947

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 concluding the over-all request.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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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**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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**Attachment**

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On March 27, 1946,

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On the same date BORAH conferred with HALPERIN concern-  
ing the hereinbefore mentioned attempt on the part of REAP to obtain  
information regarding HALPERIN's resignation from the State Department.  
BORAH advised that the press relations paper of the State Department  
at the request of a columnist (DREW PEARSON) was making certain checks  
with reference to Division Chiefs who have resigned within the past  
three months. BORAH also stated that the reason given for HALPERIN's  
resignation was that he had ulcers. This afforded much amusement for  
both HALPERIN and BORAH. BORAH continued by saying that HAROLD  
(possibly HAROLD WEISEBERG) of the R & A Branch of the Latin American  
Division of the State Department is making a complete check to see if  
he can find out something definite about this inquiry. HALPERIN re-  
plied "maybe this is in preparation for the swan song of the whole "business."

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About this time, ~~HAROLD WEISBERG~~ succeeded in establishing contacts with MAYNE through the medium of ~~JOHN BERTSHALL~~, a professional undercover investigator who has been mentioned earlier in this report. It appears that WEISBERG was associated with one ~~GARNER 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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HAROLD WEISBERG, was one of ten employees fired summarily by State Department in June, 1947, because of suspected communist or communistic sympathies. He was later allowed to resign without prejudice but was not restored to his job.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on August 12, 1957:

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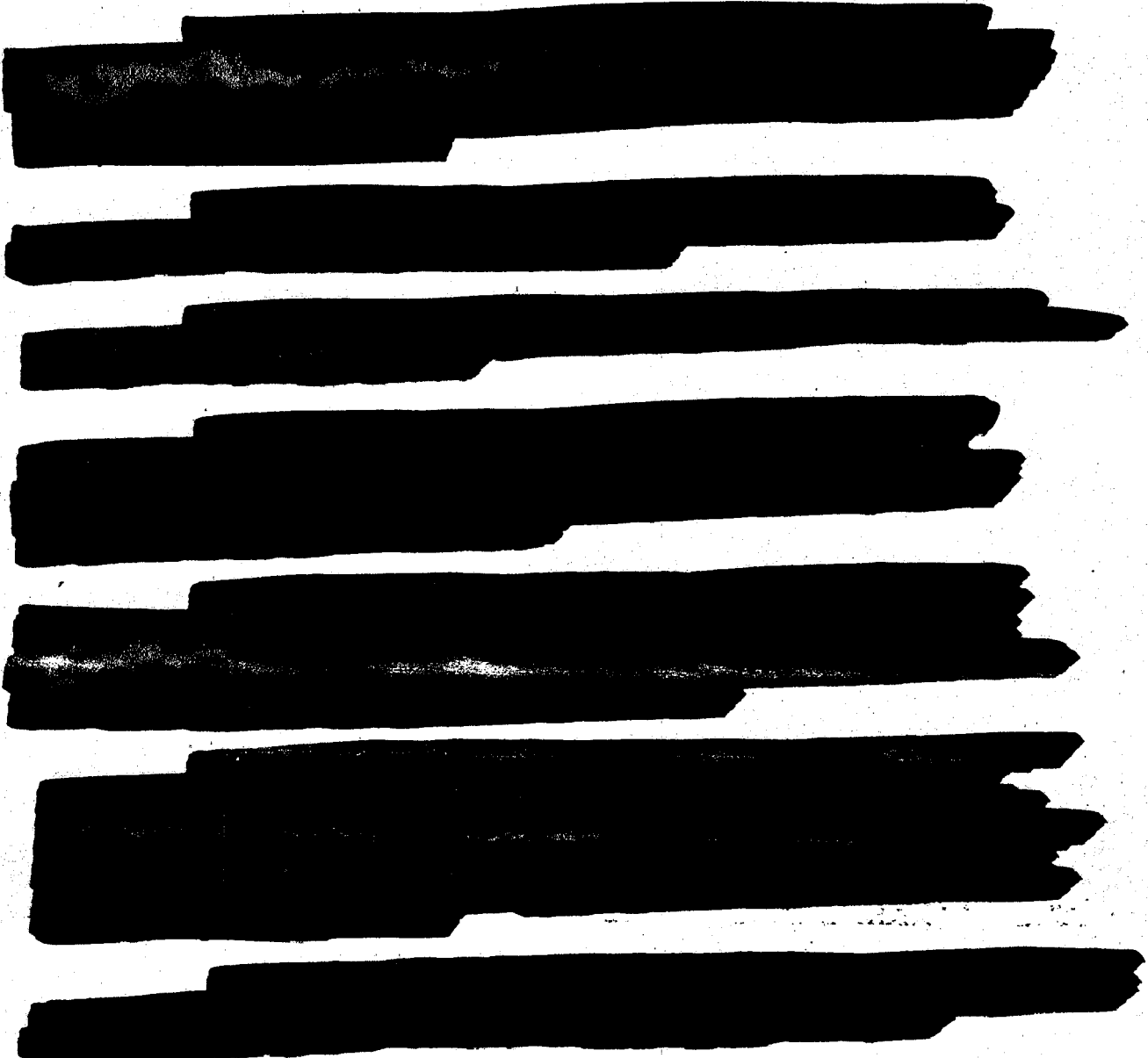
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During the investigation [REDACTED] HAROLD WEISBERG,  
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was one of ten employees who were fired summarily by the Department of State on June 23, 1947, because they were suspected communist or communistic sympathies. Later in 1947, the Department of State allowed WEISBERG and the other nine persons to resign without prejudice, but did not restore them to their jobs.

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It should be noted that HAROLD WEISBERG, referred to in this Report [REDACTED] was, according to information furnished by MAURICE JOYCE - a member of the Professional Staff, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, U. S. SENATE, on August 13, 1947, terminated from his employment at the State Department under provisions of the MC CARRAN RIDER.

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HAROLD WEISBERG,

was one of ten State Department employees fired on June 23, 1947 because they were suspected of Communism or Communist tendencies. Later the State Department reversed their position and permitted all ten employees to resign without prejudice but did not restore them to their jobs.

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Washington T-2 advises HAROLD WEISBERG was an active member of the Washington Bookshop Association.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Washington Field dated May 7, 1948  
Bureau letter to Washington Field dated May 18, 1948

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]  
the WEISBERGS at 2322 North Nottingham Street and that they do not get any  
mail of an unusual nature or the type that would arouse his suspicions.  
Some Jewish relief magazine in English is the only literature that they get  
that differs from the usual run of mail to other people [REDACTED]

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Washington T-2, a confidential and reliable informant, advised on April 18, 1944 that HAROLD WEISSBERG was an active member of the Washington Bookshop on May 19, 1941.

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October 21, 1941

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Mr. P. E. Foxworth  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square  
New York, New York

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RE: <sup>c</sup> [redacted] b7C with aliases;  
ESPIONAGE - I.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 1, 1941, at New York City, regarding the above-captioned matter, New York City file number 65-438. b7C

In connection with this case, the Department has advised the Bureau that Mr. Allan Chase, Managing Editor of Click Magazine, and Mr. Harold Weisberg, a member of the staff of that magazine, submitted an article to the Department on July 29, 1941, concerning the Spanish Falangists, which article subsequently appeared in the September issue of Click Magazine. A perusal of reference report indicates the New York Office is in possession of the above-mentioned article.

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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Confidential Informant <sup>b2</sup> [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on December 15, 1942, that [REDACTED] had contacted HAROLD WEISBERG, (phonetic) of VITO, MARCANTONIO's office [REDACTED] ✓

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J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau Investigation,  
Washington D.C.

**PROPAGANDA AGAINST JEWS**

Dear Sir,

I felt the enclosed might interest you, as unknown persons are distributing same under door ways and other places here, and no doubt elsewhere over the Country, probably mailed in bulk to agents in various cities for distribution in order to get people to buy quantities and in turn become propaganda agents and pay out good money for the priveledge.

Because such propaganda circulated among those who are uninformed and ignorant of the truth and the real facts can in time become not only a menace, but weaken our democratic form of goverment, create a dangerous fifth column within our country who become tools of others who lead them to think that it is a patriotic duty they preform.

I am sure you will agree with me, that the person, or persons behind this racket, for that is all it is, are only concerned in personal gain regardless of how much harm they do the citizens of our country, and since the name and address appears on the back cover of the enclosed, thought maybe it would give you a lead to uncover and stop these parasites, trouble makers and racketeers whose only motive is to enrich themselves, the quicker we are rid of such scum the better our country and its people will be.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Communism  
Jewish?

By R. F. LEGANT

which the majority of their people do not desire." Since the government of Poland is now Communist and a puppet of Stalin, this again reveals Jews in key positions in a Stalinist Red regime. Romania is another of Stalin's puppet states. The American Hebrew of August 15, 1947, boasts that the Jews control Romania.

Let us not forget that both Stalin and Molotov, the two most powerful men in Russia, are married to Jewesses.

Every current exposure of Communists in the U.S. reveals a list of Jewish or largely Jewish names. Thus when a group of Reds picketed Churchill in New York City (after Churchill turned against Stalin) and were arrested for their demonstration, their names as disclosed by the New York Times of May 11, 1946, turn out to be 100 per cent Jewish: Albert Shafren, Nelson Levitt, Bernard Silverman, Norman Sternbach, Charles Intrator, Nathan Litwack, Morris Gimowitz, Irvin Greenberg, Milton Seligman, Joseph Mahan, Sol Soolis and Morris Schwartz.

The five men ousted by the Army from the Aberdeen Proving Ground because of "irrefutable evidence that they were members of the Communist Party" (Washington Star,

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July 19, 1946) were all Jews: Harry Spector, Phil Weiss, Irving Spector, Abraham Kotelchuck and Rheabel Mendelsohn.

Although only 5 per cent of the population of the United States is Jewish, 60 per cent of the ten State Department aides dismissed for suspected disloyalty (Communists) bear Jewish names: Irving Goldman, Hannah Goldman, Florence Levy, Bernard Nortman, Alexander Lesser and Harold Weisberg. (Washington Times-Herald, September 21, 1947.) The remainder may also have been Jews since many Jews have been concealing their identity behind old Gentile names.

As everyone knows the Congressional Committee for the Investigation of Un-American Activities has done some of the most important work in the United States to expose Communist infiltration into our government. When the continuation of this vital Committee came up before Congress, every Jew in Congress voted to discontinue the Committee on Un-American Activities. The record is available for everyone to see in the Congressional Record of May 17, 1946.

Louis Levine, national chairman of the Jewish Council of Russian

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

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New York, N.Y.  
February 5, 1941

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Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

*7/14/83 [Signature]*

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Re: **HAROLD WEISBERG:**  
**COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN U.S.**  
**Neutrality Act**

*6-1-85 [Signature]*  
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ON *6-14-83*  
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Dear Sir:

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Transmitted herewith is [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
It is noted that this magazine contains an article by HAROLD WEISBERG entitled "Hitler's Foot-Soldier", which consists of a story regarding JAM BATA.

No investigative activity on the basis of the [Redacted] is contemplated by the New York Office at this time. It may be noted that a check of the indices of the New York Office fails to disclose any record of HAROLD WEISBERG.

The names appearing [Redacted] are being indexed in the New York Files for future reference.

Very truly yours,

*B. E. Sackett*  
B. E. Sackett,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-N.Y. File #65-3137

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TO :

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 14, 1969

FROM :

A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT:

**BERNARD FENSTERWALD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS**

Fensterwald appeared as a guest on a radio program called, "Sunday Dialogue" featured by radio station WAVA 1/12/69. This was a two-hour show. The first hour Fensterwald was interviewed by the narrator regarding the purpose of the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations and the second hour was answering questions telephonically from the inquiring public.

Fensterwald stated that the Warren Commission report is a "fairy story" and that it is false and one of the biggest "snow jobs" ever done. He said the Committee's office will be located at 927 15th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., telephone number 347-3837.

Fensterwald mentioned at present he has no staff but does have a Board of Directors which include Jim Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney, William Turner, former FBI Agent, Fred J. Cook, Paris Flammonde, author and others. He hopes to build an investigative staff through funds obtained from private sources and donations. Thereafter, the staff will conduct necessary investigation into the assassinations of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and Robert F. Kennedy.

Fensterwald intends to link forces with various individuals around the country namely Jim Garrison, Harold Weisberg, Josiah Thompson and others to form an organization so that a large pool of information relating to the assassinations will be available.

When this information becomes available, it is Fensterwald's intention to force, persuade or embarrass the Government to appoint a new Commission or for Congress to reopen the investigation concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He contends the truth will come out

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach  
RE: BERNARD FENSTERWALD

Fensterwald stated he believed there was a definite conspiracy involved in the assassination of President Kennedy and that there was more than one assassin involved. He indicated he doubts very much the Warren Commission's statement that there was no conspiracy involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. Fensterwald wants to have the photographs of President Kennedy's autopsy, currently in the Archives, made available as he believes with others of the group with whom he has become aligned, that shots which were responsible for President Kennedy's death came from the front, rather than from the rear.

Fensterwald briefly discussed his background as being associated with Senator Long's committee on wire tapping and had been involved in investigating the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Justice. He was asked by the narrator if he intended to investigate the FBI. Fensterwald said he was not "doing an investigation of the FBI as such," however, will have the advantage of having William Turner on the Board of Directors as well as Fred J. Cook, who are knowledgeable about the activities of the FBI and other Government agencies. Fensterwald mentioned Paris Flammonde, whom he described as an author who recently wrote the book "Why President Kennedy Was Killed." Flammonde takes the position in this book that there was a conspiracy involved and analyzes the possibilities of who were involved.

Comments made by Fensterwald regarding the investigation of President Kennedy conducted by the Warren Commission readily revealed that he was not familiar with the full facts or the information contained in the Commission's report. Further he has aligned himself with individuals whom we know to be severe critics of the Warren Commission, the FBI, the CIA and other Government agencies.

He indicated another purpose he has is "to restore some sense of integrity to our Government," as an unsolved murder of a President casts doubt on the Government. Therefore, he will make efforts to bring an honest investigation "by our Government" into the assassination of President Kennedy.

From comments made by Fensterwald and because of the known background of the individuals with whom he is associating, it can be anticipated this group will undoubtedly make unwarranted attacks against the FBI in the future.

ACTION:

This is submitted for information.

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June 30, 1969

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Through an old friend [REDACTED] the attached material came to my attention, and I am passing it along to you as of possible interest.

The material consists of the articles of incorporation of a Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Inc.; a partial list of prospective directors and members; [REDACTED]

My friend advises that Fensterwald together with a woman named [REDACTED] had been making contact in Dallas with witnesses and others who might be knowledgeable about the John F. Kennedy assassination. Fensterwald represented himself as acting for a Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Inc., and created the impression that he and his group were anxious to find some new evidence or statements that would tend to contradict the conclusion of the Warren Commission.

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Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS, INC.  
(A Nonprofit Corporation Organized in the  
District of Columbia)

Temporary Address: C/o Bud Fensterwald  
4035 North 27th Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Federal and D. C. Tax Exemption to be applied for.

General Purpose of the Corporation: To investigate and expose assassinations as a political phenomenon in modern-day America, and to examine specifically into the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ and Senator Kennedy.

Partial List of Prospective Directors (listed alphabetically):  
(\* Indicates present acceptance)

~~/~~ \*Fred Cook, Ashbury Park, N. J., author and former FBI Agent.

~~/~~ Archbishop Cushing, Boston, Mass.

~~/~~ \*Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Washington, D. C., former Senate investigator and counsel.

~~/~~ \*Jim Garrison, New Orleans, La., District Attorney of Orleans Parish. //

~~/~~ Richard Gerstein, Miami, Fla., District Attorney of Dade County.

~~/~~ Senator Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota. //

~~/~~ Professor Richard Popkin, Boston, Mass., author.

~~/~~ Marcus Maskin, Washington, D. C., Director of the Institute for Policy Studies.

~~/~~ James Pike, Santa Barbara, Calif., Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

~~/~~ Vincent Belandier, Philadelphia, Pa., author and lawyer. //

~~/~~ \*Richard Sprague, Hartsdale, N. Y., computer engineer and photography analyst.

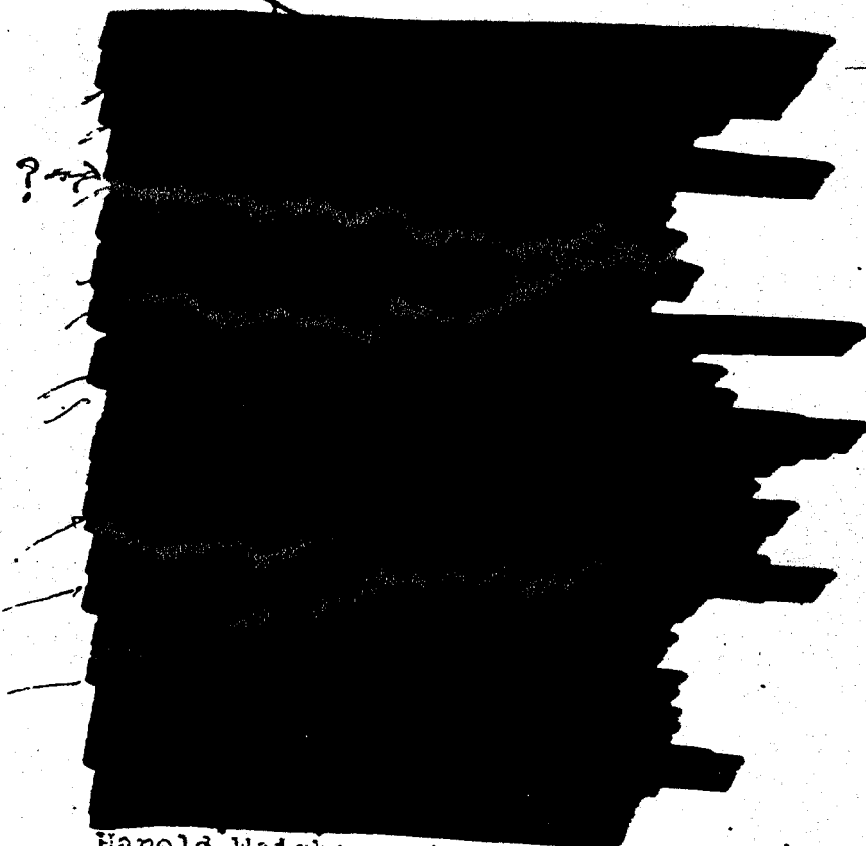
~~/~~ \*William Turner, San Francisco, Calif., writer and former FBI Agent. //

~~/~~ Edward Bennett Williams, Washington, D. C., author and lawyer. |

Partial List of Persons to be invited to become Members:  
(listed alphabetically)

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Harold Weisberg, Frederick, Md.

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775 Starks Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

August 9, 1933

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MR. HAROLD WEISBERG  
Committee on Education and Labor  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Re: MARY HELEN COAL CORPORATION; et al.  
CIVIL RIGHTS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the letters listed below which you so kindly loaned to Special Agent G. A. Stevens in London, Kentucky, during the progress of the trial of the case entitled: UNITED STATES vs. MARY HELEN COAL CORPORATION; et al. I desire to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

All letters are on letterhead of Harlan County Coal Operators' Association, and signed by Geo. S. Ward.

1. Addressed to H. N. Evenson, dated Oct. 6, 1933.
2. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, dated January 28th, 1933.
3. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, dated December 10, 1936.
4. Addressed to Mr. H. N. Evenson, November 17, 1933.
5. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, July 4th, 1933.
6. Addressed to H. N. Evenson, April 19th, 1933.
7. Addressed to H. N. Evenson, November 23, 1933.
8. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, September 27, 1933.
9. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, January 17, 1936.
10. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, November 17, 1936.
11. Addressed to H. N. Evenson, November 28, 1933.
12. Addressed to Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., March 25th, 1937.
13. Addressed to Clover Splint Coal Company, March 6, 1935.
14. Addressed to Clover Splint Coal Co., August 26th, 1933.
15. Addressed to Clover Splint Coal Co., June 29, 1933.
16. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, May 1, 1933.
17. Addressed to Clover Splint Coal Company, March 21, 1936.
18. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, October 21, 1936.
19. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, March 18, 1933.
20. Addressed to Newell G. Alford, September 12, 1936.

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Very truly yours,

J. D. Reynolds,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

DAVID D. MOYNE believed to be DAVID DuBOIS MAYNE, Washington representative of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, who was convicted February 12, 1941 at Washington, D. C., on a charge of forgery and uttering and also obtaining money under false pretenses; receiving concurrent sentences of one to three years; suspended, and placed on probation until February 12, 1944.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Atlanta, Georgia February 24, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On the basis of the information set forth in the report of reference, it is believed by reporting Agent that the individual referred to under undeveloped leads for the Washington Field Division as DAVID D. MOYNE is, in fact, DAVID DuBOIS MAYNE. MAYNE for several years was the Washington, D. C. representative of the Silver Shirt Legion of America, which WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLY was the directing head.

At about the time that the local authorities raided and closed the printing establishment of the Silver Shirt Legion of America at Arkville, New York, MAYNE entered into

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negotiations with one HAROLD WEISBERG and GARDNER JACKSON, with a view to selling all of his accumulated correspondence with the Silver Shirt Legion of America for a sum of money. The documents, however, did not include correspondence signed by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELY. Therefore, MAYNE conceived the idea of fabricating letters purporting to have been prepared by WILLIAM DUDLEY PELY implicating members of the Dies Committee in a plan whereby the Silver Shirt Legion of America would not be investigated by the Dies Committee.

WEISBERG and JACKSON had been very active in opposing the activities of the Dies Committee. MAYNE exhibited the forged letters to WEISBERG and JACKSON, who offered him a sum of money in excess of \$100. These letters were later exposed on the floor of the House of Representatives as forgeries resulting in the prosecution and conviction of MAYNE on a charge of forgery and uttering, and also obtaining money under false pretenses.

MAYNE entered a plea of guilty to the indictments on January 27, 1941, and on February 12, 1941, received concurrent sentences of one year to three years. Execution of sentences was suspended and MAYNE was placed on probation until February 12, 1944.

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