

PINKERTON NATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

Statement of Case, December 9, 1956.

The September hearing on Pinkerton brought out the following:

- (1) History, Corporate Structure, and financial status of Pinkerton.
- (2) Policy and methods of operation.
- (3) Nature and extent of industrial work.
- (4) Lucrative profits of agency and meager pay to informants.

Further examination of the Agency will bring out:

- (1) Further development of nature and extent of labor espionage.
- (2) Failure of agency to furnish material requested by Committee.
- (3) The shattered "high ethical standard" of the agency.
- (4) The trading of labor information to employers.
- (5) Deceptive methods used by a Superintendent in dealing with informants.
- (6) Perjury on the part of a Superintendent.

The witnesses will be:

~~Robert A. Pinkerton, President of Agency~~  
~~Asher Rosenthal, General Manager~~  
~~C.M. Read, Supt. Pittsburgh office~~  
~~E.L. Burnside, Asst. Supt. Detroit office~~  
~~G.G. Hunt, Asst. Supt. Philadelphia office~~  
~~F.L. Hall, New York City~~  
~~Sam H. Brady, Supt. Cincinnati office~~  
~~Joseph Lilliaich, Supt. Atlanta office~~  
~~Wm. Galt, former Pinkerton employee, Charlestown, West Va.~~  
~~Wm. Kottner, former Pinkerton Asst. Supt. now in Chicago, Ill.~~  
~~Mr. Zeigler, Business Agent for Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Cincinnati, Ohio.~~

The first five witnesses will develop further the agency's labor activities and identify material for record.

C.M. Read - Pittsburgh Superintendent  
He will be called upon to explain: (a) Why the operatives reported on the activities of John Lewis, and the C.I.O. in the steel industry. Excerpts of reports on such activities will be read aloud; (b) A report about a workers' petition for a meeting and the attendance of this meeting by the operative; (c) A report in which operative suggests the elimination of a worker who favored organization. TIME 15 Min.

E.L. Burnside - Asst. Supt. Detroit  
(Alias R.L. Brunswick)  
This witness buys information from informants and will be questioned about these contacts. He will also be asked to explain two Journals handled by him which call for the investigation of Irregularities and Thefts, but operative reports on these operations describe union activities, a strike, picketing, and one of them contains a suggestion by operative to eliminate three strike leaders in order to effect a settlement with workers.

Excerpts of reports will be read aloud.

Operative reports and receipts from informants will be offered as exhibits. TIME 15 Min.

G.G. Hunt - Asst. Supt. Philadelphia  
This witness will be questioned on the union activities of the informants from whom he buys information. He will be asked to explain why operatives reported on the C.I.O. organizational activities and the radio talks of Steel Workers Organizational Committee organizers.

Excerpts of reports will be read aloud.

Operative reports and receipts from informants will be offered as exhibits. TIME 15 Min.

E.L. Abell - New York City (alias F.L. Adams)  
Contacts informants and pays them. This witness will tell: (a) How he makes contacts with new informants; (b) Why operatives reported on union activities in Pennsylvania Railroad; (c) Why operatives reported on agitators and organizational activities of workers when operation called for suspected thefts which were not mentioned at all in reports.

Excerpts of reports will be read aloud.

Operative reports and receipts from informants will be offered as exhibits. TIME 15 Min.

The next witnesses will be:

Robert A. Finkerton-President of Agency  
Asher Rosseter-----General Manager

As in the September hearing, these two witnesses will be examined jointly so that either may answer questions put to them. They will first be called upon to account for the failure to furnish material requested by the Committee.

The witnesses will then be questioned intensively about the instructions given to operatives to discontinue writing reports at the time of the service of the subpoena. After this a signed statement by operative Burgett of San Francisco will be read to show that he submitted reports regularly since the service of the subpoena. This statement will also show that reports are being "cooked". (Difficulty with statement: Investigator promised not to expose him). A sample report dated November 1, 1956, with the operative's secret designation will be offered for record.

The witnesses will then be questioned about the policy of the agency as enunciated in the Order Book. Parts of this material will be read and questions propounded to break down the high ethical standard the agency claims to have. The following points will be raised on this material: (a) Instructions on how to overcome United States Law forbidding officials to hire agency service. (Canvassing reports from St. Louis will be offered to show wide contacts with government officials); (b) Agency's unfavorable attitude toward the National Labor Relations Act; (c) All labor matters are referred to as "Communistic Activities" in a letter by Rosseter; (d) Main office may permit deviations from agency rules. This nullifies principles laid down in Order Book; (e) An Exhibit of Lake Erie Chemical Company indicates Agency used Dictograph which is contrary to claim in Order Book; (f) Investigated a marital relations case, which is contrary to rule in Order Book. Journal, brief card and receipts available as evidence.

The witnesses will also be questioned about the use of gas explosives by Agency. An Exhibit of Lake Erie Chemical Company indicates Agency bought gas explosives.  
TIME One Hour (Tentatively)

The next witness will be:

Sam H. Brady - Supt. of Cincinnati (alias Bradley)  
Voluminous correspondence between Brady and two men whom he hooked in 1930-31 will tell the story of his activities as a "hooker". This material will show:  
(a) That he pretended to be gathering labor information for a sociological organization headed by prominent citizens; (b) He advised operatives to obtain material on their union, strikes, and told them that labor trouble was good for business; (c) He used compulsion on "hooked" men to broaden acquaintances and pump friends. (Brady does not know we possess this material).

He will be questioned so as to afford him every opportunity to lie.

Then the following witness will be called to prove Brady was lying:

Mr. Zeigler - Business Agent for Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks, Cincinnati, Ohio  
(Brady and Zeigler may be examined jointly) *at this point*  
Zeigler will testify that he secured the correspondence from Brady's two informants, Jones and Brulard. (These two men have not yet been located). He will identify the letters, many of which will be read aloud, and questions about their contents will be directed to Brady. All correspondence will be offered for the record.

Zeigler will be excused and Brady will be further examined on the following:

Brady will be confronted with several of his canvassing reports which show that he urged employers to hire agency's service for the purpose of spying on workers. A number of reports will be read aloud.

A Detroit Journal for General Motors and receipts from the operative on this operation will form the basis for questioning Brady about agency's activities for this concern.  
TIME for Brady and Zeigler One Hour

Joseph Littlejohn - Supt., Atlanta

This witness testified in previous hearing. He will now identify and tell about the activities of the operatives registered with the police department in Atlanta, and asked to explain why five operatives, now employed in the Atlanta office, were not registered with the police as required by the city ordinance.

In the last hearing he testified that only one operative was a member of a union. He will be confronted by three names of operatives who are members of a union. (Letteer's statement).

Littlejohn will then be questioned about his activities as an under-cover man in a street car union in Mobile, Alabama. TIME 10 Min. (Tentatively)

L.L. Letteer - Former Pinkerton Asst. Supt. of Atlanta  
He testified in the September hearing and is a friendly witness. He will be called again to fill in the gaps of this story as well as to give new facts. Letteer will be questioned to bring out: (a) The number of operatives that were members of a union in Atlanta; (b) The clients he served which involved reporting union activity; (c) The number of workers dismissed because of union activity; (d) The effect of Pinkerton labor spying on the unions; (e) The strikebreaking activities of the agency; (f) The influence of the agency on the families of strikers.

The list of present and ex operatives of the Atlanta office recently received from him will be used to refresh his memory on the activities of some operatives. TIME 10 Min.

L.T. Carr - Bowie, Maryland

This man is an ex-employee of Pinkerton. He worked as a guard and secret operative from 1918 to 1922. This witness will be questioned to bring out the points given in his unsigned statement which are: (a) He was a member of a union and Pinkerton reimbursed his union expenses; (b) He was an operative in the Dry Dock Strike and in the anticipated strike of Pennsylvania Railroad in 1914 and 1922; (c) Workers were discharged on his recommendation; (d) He did divorce work for Pinkerton; (e) He was furnished with arms while not deputized.

The stenographic report is to be taken back to Carr for his signature. At present Carr is in Charlestown, West Virginia. It is likely that he has changed his mind about signing the statement. He is a valuable witness and should be immediately contacted for his signature and asked to serve as a witness. Should Carr become hostile to the Committee, he would nevertheless be a valuable witness. TIME 10 Min.

The hearing will then close with the presentation for the record of the following exhibits:

- (1) A Summary Table of information from journals, ledger sheets, and operative reports.
- (2) Canvassing Reports.
- (5) An additional list of Pinkerton clients.
- (4) A list of Pinkerton employees including secret operatives.

Possible Witnesses:

Lettsor's List of Atlanta Operatives

Many important witnesses may yet come from the leads furnished by L.L. Lettsor. The list contains names and addresses of employees and ex-employees of the Pinkerton Atlanta office, some of which are members of a union. A report on these leads from the Atlanta investigator is being anxiously awaited.

E.J. Heinandy

An operative of the Cincinnati office who reported on the Closure plant and suggested the "elimination" of three strike leaders in order to effect a settlement with strikers.

Richard Neal

He testified in the Eagle Fisher case that two Pinkerton men prompted him to assist in stealing dynamite.