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May 12, 1938

TO: Mr. Blankenhorn

FROM: Daniel F. Margolies

SUBJECT: Thompson Products Co., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio

Since there is a complaint now pending with the N.L.R.B. against the Thompson Products Co., I have gathered together references to our records which should be of service to the field examiners of the Board. All references are to material which has either been printed in our record or which was obtained casually and not under subpoena. The file on this company is kept with the Associated Industries records.

1. Detective Agencies

Since 1933, Thompson Products has employed the services of the following detective agencies:

- a. Corporation Service Bureau (October 1933 to March 1936.)
- b. Pinkerton. (August 1936 - ?)
- c. Corporations Auxiliary Co. (1934 - ?)
- d. O'Neill Industrial Service. (Sometime since 1933.)

2. Munitions.

Thompson Products purchases its munitions from the Lake Erie Chemical Co. The sales appear to have been handled in an irregular way.

a. During the Cleveland strike in August, 1935, \$270.00 of tear gas was purchased by Thompson Products Co. from the Lake Erie Chemical Co. and shipped to the police station.

b. During the Detroit strike in March, 1937, according to the statement of Charles Adams, Adams drove a truck load of ammunition including tear gas and machine guns from the Lake Erie Chemical Company in Cleveland to the Thompson Products Company in Detroit. For this

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he received \$100.00 from Thompson Products. The gas may have been smuggled into Detroit because of the Michigan State law regulating the sale and delivery of tear gas. Adams can be reached through the law firm of Harrison & Marshman in Cleveland.

3. Guards.

a. During the Cleveland strike in August, 1935, the company spent about \$12,500.00 on guards. They were recruited through John Walker of Associated Industries and in the charge of Frank Marquard and Benny Gross. Paul Maggert worked as the personal bodyguard of Jacob Cox, who is in charge of operations for the company. Maggert has a long criminal record. Since he would probably be a friendly witness and would no doubt resent having his record publicized, it would be a good idea to check up on the records of other men employed by the company at that time. One of those employed who has a criminal record was Jack McGinnis, who is in the Cleveland phone directory and is at present employed as a salesman for an undertaking establishment. There is brief testimony on this on April 13, 1938 at pages 20 AF to 24 AF of the galley proofs. Note that on page 22 AF, Paul Maggert said that guards with criminal records were pulled off the Statler strike and sent to Thompson Products by the Associated Industries.

b. During the Detroit strike in March, 1937, a group of guards were shipped to Detroit from Cleveland with instructions to smash up union headquarters impartially. There were three unions, an A F of L, C I O and independent union.

One of the men sent down was caught and beaten up by some union men. His name is Green and he was recently appointed to the

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Cleveland Police force.

Another of the men was Sam Mendlowitz, alias Mandel, who is now in the U. S. Marine Hospital in Cleveland, suffering from a hernia. Mendlowitz has a long criminal record. After the strike he was given a job by Thompson Products and injured himself. The company refused him compensation and he is suing the company. His attorney is in the firm of Varco and Varco (?) in the Public Square Building.

4. Manufacturers Associations

a. Thompson Products has been a member of Associated Industries of Cleveland since 1934 and has been on the Board of Governors for part of that time. Total payments 1934 to 1937, inclusive, amount to \$4,524.00.

b. In the period 1934 to 1937 inclusive the Thompson Products, Inc. paid \$1,500.00 to the National Association of Manufacturers. Mr. Wright, secretary of the company, is a member of the Employment Relations Committee of the N.A.M.