

# United States Senate

SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR  
UNDER SENATE RESOLUTION 266

Memo No. RW-59

## FOLLOW-UP MEMO

Re Firm Burns Detective Agency - San Francisco Office

Re Individual \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to Bertram Edises By Robert R. Ehrlich

Address Washington, D.C.

At San Francisco Date November 23, 1936

Answer desired before \_\_\_\_\_ Working on \_\_\_\_\_ case.

Pick-up other information from \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT: ~~Among the ledger sheets sent by you to Mr. Levin on September 18, I find one for Matson Navigation Company #2282. This appears on the facsimile of case cards which you also sent in as an investigation of theft. Will you please confirm whether this was purely a theft case or whether it had to do with industrial work.~~

~~The Matson Navigation case #2418 appears to be a current case. The latest entry on the ledger sheet being in September. Several other cases have entries during the summer months and may be current cases. Is there any possibility of getting current reports on these?~~

Will you get in writing refusals by Tharp to produce letter written by him by Burns on August 15, mentioned in Tharp's letter to Burns of August 17, and also refusals to produce the journal memorandum and the filled in forms #26, both therein mentioned. Or, if you prefer, you can put the story of your being refused on these items in the form of an affidavit by you and send it on for our use in the hearings. Thus we can prove that these items which were acknowledged to be in his possession subsequent to the service of the subpoena were either destroyed or concealed. If my understanding is correct Tharp turned over nothing but the ledger pages, several forms, copies of a license, and facsimiles of industrial case cards. The inter-office correspondence offered was the same as Levin had notified you that he already had.

Please refer to the Burns mimeographed memos of November 2 and November 5, for material still to be secured. Make a particular request for correspondence or other material relating to their legislative activities.

Do you have knowledge of Burns' operations with respect to current seamen's

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SUBJECT: ~~strike? We have evidence of at lease one case here in the~~ <sup>cast</sup> ~~sheet.~~  
They have aggressively solicited such business for a long time and are  
~~probably handling a great deal more than we know about. Perhaps you~~  
~~can get something out of Tharp on this.~~

It is my understanding that San Francisco is the accounting office for several  
Burns' branches. At that office, therefore, it should be possible to secure  
the ledger sheets on industrial cases in any of those branches. I will  
send you a list of those we want later on.

I should have mentioned that the further direction of the Burns case will  
be handled by me from Washington, D.C. Mr. Levin did an excellent job, but  
due to the greater need for him on other matters he shipped the case down  
here for its further conduct.

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