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PORTIONS OF LETTER FROM SHERIFF
GEORGE A. CASEY, UNDER WHOM
FRANK A. CAPELL WORKED AS
CHIEF OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BUREAU.



GEORGE A. CASEY
SHERIFF
FRED W. RUSCOE
CHIEF DEPUTY

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

December 31st, 1941

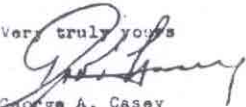
To Whom It May Concern:

Francis A. Capell was employed by me for four years ending January 1st, 1942. He originally started as a Confidential Investigator and Assistant, and later became Chief Investigator in charge of my Bureau of Investigation and Subversive Activities Department, incidentally, which he organized for me.

Mr. Capell's work and supervision resulted in a sharp decrease in crime in Westchester County, and his cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U. S. Army Intelligence, the Office of Naval Intelligence and other government departments, in the investigation of over five thousand persons in Westchester County merits exceptional commendation.

His many years of detective work and legal training makes him an outstanding man in his field.

Very truly yours


George A. Casey
Sheriff

DIES AGENTS TO MAP WESTCHESTER INQUIRY

Investigators Arrange for a Closed Hearing Tuesday

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 19

—The Dies committee arranged today for its staff of investigators to conduct a closed hearing in the court house here Tuesday to determine the extent of un-American activities in Westchester County and to list the witnesses who would be available for open hearings contemplated by the committee.

Notice of the hearing was served on Frank Capell, chief investigator for the Westchester Sheriff's office. Stephen Birmingham, chief investigator for the Dies committee, said he and his staff would be here Tuesday to question fifteen Westchester officials, detectives and civilian volunteers who have been collaborating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation more than a year in investigating subversive activities in Westchester.

"Residents will be surprised when they discover the identity of neighbors, school and college teachers, wealthy business men and clergymen whose secret activities are being investigated for cause," Mr. Capell declared. "Our undercover agents have discovered even Nazi Storm Troopers drilling in uniform at secret places in the county."

The Sheriff's office, Mr. Capell said, would submit to the Dies committee detailed reports on activities of 2,000 county residents who are members or friends of Nazi, Fascist and Communist organizations.

"The Strange Death of Franklin D. Roosevelt" p. 79