

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On May 6, 1968, Mr. GORDON W. SCHINDLER, President of Monogram Publications, Inc., and Futura Books, Inc., 21839 South Avalon Boulevard, Torrance, California upon hearing Agent introduce himself to the female clerk at the front desk; stated that he wanted to handle this matter personally.

SCHINDLER said that before he would answer any questions or make any matters available to the FBI with reference to ERIC S. GALT having made purchases from his concern, he wanted to ask some questions; (1) Did the Governor of Tennessee invite the FBI into this matter? (2) He had read in the newspapers that the Chief of Police in Memphis was unhappy with the FBI being there and just what jurisdiction did the FBI have in this matter?

As to the first question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the President of the United States and the Attorney General had ordered the FBI into this matter in Memphis at which time Mr. SCHINDLER stated it appeared that the States have no rights anymore and that the Federal Government is taking over all their rights.

As to the second question, Mr. SCHINDLER was advised that the Chief of Police in Memphis was personally known to the interviewing Agent and did not believe the Chief of Police would have made such a statement. Secondly, Wanted Flyer 442-A dated April-19 1968 was displayed to Mr. SCHINDLER and the violations of Federal law set forth in this Wanted Flyer was explained to Mr. SCHINDLER.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that so far as he was concerned, this whole matter was a waste of the taxpayer's money, that so far as he was concerned, the Federal Government had no jurisdiction in this matter,

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that his type of books which he sells does not fall within the realm of being subversive or teaching someone how to shoot a gun, so therefore he shouldn't have to furnish any information in this regard. Further, he didn't like the idea of the FBI investigating his concern. Mr. SCHINDLER was informed that his concern was not being investigated by the FBI; that the FBI was seeking his cooperation as a good American citizen to furnish information about this matter voluntarily.

Mr. SCHINDLER then stated that he has had trouble with the United States Government in the past, that he sustained a conviction on a matter which was the publishing of a book that was declared to be obscene and now, under the present day standards, it is being sold on the open market in book stores. Further, that if the United States Government wanted anything from him or his records that they would have to appear there with the proper papers or subpoena.

A Secretary of the corporation, whom the interviewing Agent had dealt with on the previous interview came into the room and Mr. SCHINDLER turned to her stating that she was to give the FBI nothing without his authority.

It was pointed out to Mr. SCHINDLER that during the previous interview, one of the clerks had indicated that the name of ERIC S. GALT had sounded familiar to them and believe perhaps he had a previous order, that now it had been determined that a money order in the amount of \$9.00 dated 7/24/67 had been sent to:

FUTURA BOOKS
4533 Lennox
Inglewood, Calif.

Mr. SCHINDLER was advised by his Secretary that during the foregoing period of time she did not believe they kept track of their money orders, however she would make a diligent search for this order. Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would agree to allow his Secretary to call the FBI and report whether or not they had such an order and to where it had been sent.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he would allow the FBI to make notes or a copy of this document, if it could be located, and that he intended to have the original document framed and hung on his office wall.

Mr. SCHINDLER claimed that he had not formed any personal adverse feelings towards the FBI other than it was another Governmental Agency involved in matters over which it has no jurisdiction.

Mr. SCHINDLER stated that he had just returned from New York and was amazed at the number of pornographic books he had observed in the book stores there, that he was sure that these books must have traveled in interstate shipments and thought the FBI and Postal Inspectors could spend more time in these types of cases rather than becoming involved in the matter in Memphis.

