

## Schweinhaut Expects To Get Briggs' Story Of Letter Monday

Assistant Attorney General Harry A. Schweinhaut, investigating the "Hopkins letter" affair, looked forward today to the possibility of enlightenment on some of the puzzling details of the mystery Monday, when he expects to talk with George N. Briggs, the man who allegedly made the letter available to C. Nelson Sparks, former Akron (Ohio) Mayor, who published it.

Mr. Briggs, suspended assistant to Secretary of the Interior Ickes, has notified Mr. Schweinhaut from New York that he will appear at the Assistant Attorney General's office in the Justice Department Monday. Mr. Schweinhaut said he assumed that Mr. Briggs was coming to Washington to make an appearance before the grand jury inquiring into the case.

Every person officially questioned so far whose name has been connected with the case has pleaded ignorance in public to knowledge of the author of the letter before it was published in the book, "One Man—Wendell Willkie," by Mr. Sparks. Mr. Schweinhaut has said it is a forgery. They also have denied knowing the meaning of the code word "Alamo."

### Says Ickes Asked Deletion.

The letter signed with the name of Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's adviser, contained the word "Alamo" before Mr. Sparks deleted it—at Mr. Briggs' request, he said, with the explanation that Mr. Briggs told him Secretary Ickes wanted it deleted. The letter forecast, with a note of satisfaction, the Republican nomination of Mr. Willkie for the presidency in 1944.

The persons questioned have

frowned in bewilderment when asked what "Alamo" means. They include:

Mr. Hopkins, who yesterday appeared before the District grand jury inquiring into the case. He also denounced the letter as a forgery. Mr. Hopkins told newspapermen he believed he knew the forger's identity.

Mr. Sparks.

Mr. Ickes, from whom, according to letters allegedly written by Mr. Briggs to the former Mayor, Mr. Briggs first heard of the "Hopkins letter's existence."

Dr. Umphrey Lee, president of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., to whom the "Hopkins letter" was addressed but who said he never heard of it until it appeared in Mr. Sparks' book.

### Wire Received From Briggs.

Frank Phillips, chairman of the board of the Phillips Petroleum Co., Bartlesville, Okla., who was said in a letter allegedly from Mr. Briggs to Mr. Sparks to have been in possession of the "Hopkins letter" last October.

The telegram from Mr. Briggs yesterday brought the first word Mr. Schweinhaut had received from the former since Senator Langer, Republican, of North Dakota brought his name into the picture Monday by reading into the Congressional Record correspondence allegedly from Mr. Briggs to Mr. Sparks.

Mr. Schweinhaut said at first that Mr. Briggs was to show up today, but after a closer reading of the telegram he amended the announcement to Monday. Throughout the week Mr. Schweinhaut had intimated he knew where Mr. Briggs was, but he admitted yesterday that it was a revelation to him Mr. Briggs was in New York.

A subpoena was left last Tuesday at Mr. Briggs' residence in Fairlington, Va., but no one was home.

Meanwhile, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been examining two typewriters taken from Mr. Briggs' office at the Interior Department. Mr. Briggs' office at the department is locked up.