

Memorandum on
"McGrath and Company, Inc. Secret Service"
McGrath Building
2049 E. 71st Street
Cleveland, Ohio

This agency seems to be one of the newer ones engaged in strikebreaking in Ohio. Colonel J. J. Johnston of Akron, from whom I obtained a McGrath ad, told me that McGrath had "a good bunch of boys." According to Johnston, McGrath employs his finks regularly and they are trained. Johnston also said "they are well disciplined."

There may be some connection between McGrath and the Mayfield Road gang of Cleveland. The Mayfield Road gang, also according to Johnston, is a new bunch, largely young Italians, specialists in knife work. They number about two hundred. Following a so-called city clean up in Akron, Ohio during the first two weeks of September of this year, this outfit moved into Akron. Shortly after their arrival there was a lock-out at the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company. McGrath was one of those who had the Black and Decker job at Kent, Ohio, near Akron. (see hearings of September 22nd to 25th) Johnston says he was offered the job after R. A. & I. failed and refused it because the company does not supply enough munitions. He says he counseled McGrath not to take the job for the same reason and McGrath, who did not heed this advice, took a lacing.

Patterson suspects that Johnston works with McGrath. Johnston denies this. The agency was one of those to which a questionnaire was sent.

Harold Weisberg

MEMORANDUM ON Mc GRATH TO WOHLBERG:

Will you please obtain copies of all material pertinent to our investigation published by the organizations listed below.

Also will you please prepare a short summary of their organization, activity and personnel.

American Assn. of Detective Agencies
Internatl. Sheriffs & Police Officers Assn.
Buckeye State Sheriffs Assn.
State Police Chiefs Assn.
Cuyahoga County Chiefs of Police Assn.
Ohio Assn. of Detective Agencies
Cleveland Assn. of Detective Agencies
South American Detective Assn.
Psychologist & Propagandist Society
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce
Kiwanis Club
Vigilantes Protective Society