

December 10, 1936

BURNS AGENCY - PORTLAND

Mr. Fleming, Manager

My visit to this Agency was out short because of the necessity of getting back to Seattle, and the only file of those listed as industrial cases at Portland which had anything in it, was that of the American Can Company. There did not appear to be anything of value in this file, although I went through it too hurriedly to make a thorough examination, and either Mr. Eagan or myself will check it again.

The following letters were in the file of Inter-Office Communications:

Office Letter 567 - August 1, 1933.  
Office Letter 603 - January 16, 1934.  
Reply to " 603 - January 24, 1934.  
Reply to " 617 - May 17, 1934.  
Reply to " 629 - October 29, 1934. (Great Atlantic & Pacific)  
Reply to " 636 - January 14, 1935. (American Can)  
Reply to " 653 - April 30, 1935. (Milk Strike)  
Reply to " 691 - April 22, 1935. (Re La Follette Committee)  
Reply to " 698 - May 18, 1935. (Ind. & Strikes.)  
Reply to " 701 - July 7, 1935. (Fed. Leg. & L. Contrs.)  
Reply to " 700 - May 29, 1935. (Destruction of Rep.)  
Reply to " 704 - July 28, 1935. (Sol. - Ind. Work)

Office Letter 704A - Nov. 9, 1935. (List of terr.)  
Office Letter 707 - Aug. 13, 1936  
Office Letter 707A - Aug. 17, 1936.  
Office Letter 707B - Sept. 11, 1936  
Reply to " 707A - By local manager.  
Reply to " 707C - Sept. 16, 1936  
Reply to " 707D - Sept. 16, 1936  
Reply to " 707E - Oct. 15, 1936  
Reply to " 707F - Oct. 17, 1936.

Mr. Fleming stated that two smaller concerns in Portland did most of the industrial work. These are the Thiel Service Company in the Pittock Block, and a detective agency run by F. M. Ellis, whose office is in the Bedell Building. The Thiel Service Company is managed by a Mr. Sutton. Mr. Fleming stated he knew Sutton did industrial work because Sutton's operatives would come to Fleming asking for work, and would report that they had been on industrial work for Thiel's. Mr. Ellis formerly ran the Pinkerton office in Portland until it was closed, and he has carried on the old Pinkerton work since about 1932 under his own name. Mr. Fleming stated he had reports that Ellis was losing out on the industrial work and might be forced to close because his type of business, that is, furnishing undercover men and strikebreakers, was being taken over by the Industrial Association.

Maurice W. Howard.