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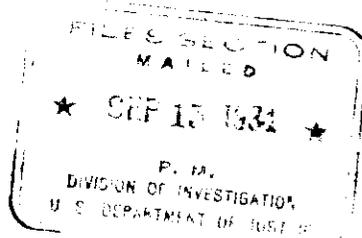
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

For your information, I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter which I have today addressed to the Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre, Assistant Secretary to the President, concerning the situation in New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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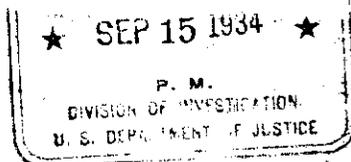
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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to the conditions prevailing in New Orleans, the Legislative Committee, with Senator Long as counsel, resumed its hearings in New Orleans yesterday and heard the testimony of witnesses relative to alleged irregularities and graft on the part of New Orleans city officials. I will advise you of any further developments in this situation.

I am With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1001 VERMONT AVE NW WASHN DC

REFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS SITUATION NEWORLEANS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

WITH SENATOR LONG AS COUNSEL RESUMED HEARING NEWORLEANS TODAY HEARD

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Honorable Harvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to the conditions prevailing in New Orleans, I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office that approximately 2000 National Guards, brought to New Orleans last week from sixteen cities throughout Louisiana, have been demobilized. These National Guards have left New Orleans and are returning to their homes. The local National Guards, who have been occupying the Registrar's Office in New Orleans since July 30, 1934 as a result of the Governor's partial martial law proclamation, have been removed on the Governor's order rescinding this proclamation.

Hearings of the Legislative Investigating Committee, which is conducting investigation of the New Orleans city administration, will be resumed at 10:00 A.M. today.

You will be advised of any further developments in this situation.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
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With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to the situation in New Orleans, I have been advised by the New Orleans Office of this Division that the primary election was quiet and peaceful and it is expected that the National Guards will be withdrawn tomorrow.

The Legislative Investigating Committee's investigation of the New Orleans city administration will be resumed tomorrow preparatory to the instituting of impeachment proceedings against Mayor Welmley and other city officials at a special Legislative session.

I will keep you advised of any further developments in this matter.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

Again referring to conditions prevailing in New Orleans, Louisiana, I am advised that during the course of the election held there yesterday few complaints of any kind were received by the arbitration committee.

It is reported that there were no altercations or fights during the election and the election has been described as "possibly the most peaceful election held in New Orleans in years". It was indicated from early activities in New Orleans yesterday that a record vote would be cast.

No hearings of the Legislative Investigating Committee making inquiry into the New Orleans city administration were held yesterday but hearings will be resumed today in order that further testimony may be taken relative to alleged vice and graft conditions in New Orleans.

I will advise you further of any developments in this situation.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
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REFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS SITUATION NEWORLEANS INFORMATION FROM ALL SOURCES INDICATES THAT FEW COMPLAINTS OF ANY KIND ARE BEING RECEIVED BY THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION BEING HELD TODAY AT NEWORLEANS THAT THERE ARE NO FIGHTS AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLY THE MOST PEACEFUL ELECTION HELD IN NEWORLEANS IN YEARS RECORD VOTE PREDICTED STOP ACTIVITIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATE COMMITTEE WERE DISCONTINUED FOR TODAY HEARINGS TO BE RESUMED TOMORROW FOR PURPOSE OF TAKING FURTHER TESTIMONY RELATIVE ALLEGED VICE AND GRAFT CONDITIONS NEWORLEANS=

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 8:20 p.m.

May 8, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called SAC Sackett at New Orleans and informed him of the rumor in Washington that the Hearst people and various other organizations are running down a story to the effect that twenty-four hours before Huey Long's death some newspaper notified its correspondent or some one in New Orleans that Long was going to be murdered and furnished the name of the murderer.

Mr. Sackett advised he had heard no rumors that such an investigation is under-way. I informed Sackett that you do not want him to initiate an investigation or make any inquiries which would indicate the Bureau is interested in the rumor but that you do desire him to most discreetly and most cautiously see if there is any rumor in New Orleans at the present time that the circumstances surrounding Long's death are being investigated.

Mr. Sackett stated that all the Managing Editors of the New Orleans Newspapers are good friends of his and in general conversation with them from time to time they have talked about Long, his activities and death; and he, Sackett, is quite convinced they are mystified as to who actually killed Long.

The Managing Editor of the TIMES PICAYUNE is stated to be an excellent friend of Sackett and Sackett inquired if he could engage this Editor in casual conversation having in view the rumor. I told Sackett it would be all right to do this but that he is not to indicate his purpose.

Mr. Sackett is to advise me tomorrow with respect to his findings.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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May 9, 1939

Time: 1:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: DEATH OF SENATOR HUEL LONG

SAC Sackett of the New Orleans Office called and furnished the following information concerning the alleged investigation of the death of Senator Huel Long:

They have been unable to substantiate this rumor and have found no information which would indicate that an investigation of this type is being made at the present time.

The rumor to the effect that someone called a newspaper twenty-four hours before the Senator was killed and informed the newspaper that Long was going to be killed and whom the murderer was going to be has never reached the New Orleans Office before. In all of the rumors connected with the death of Senator Long, no such rumor has ever been received to this effect. According to Mr. Sackett, the two most persistent rumors concerning the death of Senator Long are as follows:

The first, of course, is that Dr. Weiss shot Long because Long was taking certain action affecting Weiss' father-in-law, who was the State Judge. Long had taken some measures which had eliminated the judge's power. This is the theory that is advanced by the Administration. However, the most persistent rumor concerning Long's death is that Long was killed by his own bodyguard; that is, Weiss went up to Long and asked him not to bother his father-in-law and Long cursed Weiss' father-in-law, whereupon Weiss hit Long in the mouth with his fist. One rumor has it that the guard at that time deliberately shot Long, seizing that opportunity to kill Long since he did have a lot of enemies. Another rumor is to the effect that the shooting of Long by the guard was purely accidental; that after Weiss hit Long, Long told the guards to kill Weiss and the guards opened fire on Weiss and Long was in the way and was killed. Everyone in the state, outside of the Administration, believes that Long was killed by his bodyguard. No bullets have ever been submitted after being taken from Long's body and no inquest was held, everything being very mysterious.

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Mr. Sackett is of the opinion that if an investigation is being conducted relative to the death of Senator Long, from all indications it is being made purely for a political purpose and, therefore, you should be advised of the political situation in Louisiana at the present time. The following is a resume of the political set-up:

At the present time, Earl Long, the brother of Senator Long and also the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, is very ambitious to become Governor. He is trying to secure the backing of Mayor Robert Maestri and if he secures that backing, he will undoubtedly be elected. Opposing Earl Long is a man by the name of James Roe, who is a Senator from Monroe, Louisiana, and who at one time was very close to Senator Long. Roe also at one time was Governor for a short time after the death of Governor Allen. Roe and Earl Long are bitter enemies and Roe is trying to obtain the candidacy for the Governorship to oppose Long. In view of the above, if the investigation in question is underway, it is possibly the result of James Roe's activities, in view of the fact that if Roe could break such a story, he would undoubtedly be elected, since most of the common people in Louisiana still worship Huey Long. Therefore it would be greatly to Roe's advantage to prove that the Administration actually shot Long.

According to Mr. Sackett, there is one other angle in connection with this matter, which angle involves the Jews in Louisiana. Earl Long, as well as Robert Maestri, is supposed to dislike the Jews very much and the Jews in Louisiana have felt that if Long is elected, they might as well pack up and leave Louisiana because Long will drive them out anyway by taking their business. The prominent Jews in Louisiana are headed by Colonel Weiss, and the Jews would have an incentive for such an investigation to keep Long out of office and also to back James Roe. In view of the above facts, it is possible that the Jews could be investigating the death of Senator Long.

MEMO FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Information of a confidential nature has been obtained from a very reliable source to the effect that a month or six weeks after Huey Long's death, some group of New Orleans business men or political organization (Names unknown) entered into negotiations with Pinkerton's Detective Agency to investigate Long's death, offering Pinkerton a large retainer fee and unlimited expense accounts if the investigation would be made. The New Orleans Office of the Pinkerton Agency conferred with the New York Pinkerton Agency and it was decided against accepting such an investigation for fear of reprisals by the Administration. This information was furnished Sackett by one Kirsch who is now an investigator for the Naval Intelligence in New Orleans and who at the time of Long's death was Assistant Superintendent of the Pinkerton Detective Agency in New Orleans. Kirsch furnished this information while at the New Orleans Office in connection with Espionage matters and Sackett stated Kirsch does not know why Sackett wanted the information.

There is no rumor, as far as Sackett is able to ascertain, of an investigation at the present time respecting Long. Without disclosing his purpose, Sackett talked to his friend Clark Salmon, Managing Editor of the New Orleans Item Tribune and he made no indication that he was aware of any such investigation.

According to Mr. Sackett, further investigation or efforts concerning the rumor could be made in two ways. One. United States Attorney Harvey Fields of Shreveport, who is described as being a publicity-seeking individual, has a very good hook up with small parties in Louisiana and is one of the biggest politicians in the State of Louisiana. Fields also is a very close friend of James Noe and Sackett stated that should you so desire, Agent Peyronnin, who knows Fields very well, could engage the latter in general conversation to see what he might disclose concerning the rumor in question. The second contact would be with Seymour Weiss, who was Huey Long's treasurer. If there were such an investigation being made in New Orleans as is rumored, this person would know about it; however, Mr. Sackett advises against contacting Weiss.

Former SAC Reed Vetterli is presently in New Orleans and is staying at the Roosevelt Hotel. He has visited Mr. Sackett

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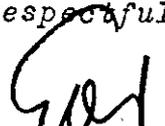
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and has indicated he has been traveling around the country working for some law firm. However, he is reluctant to talk about the nature of his business. Sackett stated that there is no evidence that Hearst is doing any investigation in New Orleans but since it is known to Sackett that Hearst in the past has worked through private attorneys, Mr. Sackett is of the opinion that consideration should be given to the presence of Vetterli in New Orleans.

Mr. Sackett stated he would be on the alert to pick up anything he could about the rumor but that he would take no further affirmative action unless further instructions are received from the Bureau.

Respectfully,


E. W. TAMM

Atlanta Ga.

Nov. 2, 1938.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 1938, relative to the alleged shooting of James H. Morrison on September 8, 1938, during the Democratic Primary Election Campaign.

Please be advised that the facts contained in your reference letter were submitted to the Department which advised that no investigation need be conducted in this matter at this time particularly in view of the fact that this refers to a Primary Election under State Laws and the Federal Laws are not applicable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Washington

September 30, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This will acknowledge the receipt of the memorandum of September 22 directed to this office by Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerning the Democratic primaries in the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, particularly as they refer to Mr. James H. Morris of Hammond, Louisiana.

No investigation need be conducted in this matter by the Bureau at this time, particularly in view of the fact that it refers to a primary election under state laws and the Federal laws are not applicable.

Joseph B. Keenan
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The Assistant to the Attorney General

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

Re: Richard Webster Leche
Departmental Applicant

Reference is made to the personal and confidential memorandum addressed to you by this Bureau on September 21, 1938.

In this connection, you are advised that on September 21, 1938, at the request of United States Attorney Rene Viosca, the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Field Office of this Bureau read to him the portion of the report of Special Agent Nelson Perry, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated April 23, 1938, which dealt with the interview with Mr. Viosca.

Mr. Viosca expressed to the Special Agent in Charge his appreciation for having the section of the report read to him. He did not at this time deny having made the statement that Governor Leche is the type of person who would rather fish and hunt than work; but stated he did not believe his statement was particularly damaging to Governor Leche although the Governor thought so and was angry with him for having said this. He indicated Governor Leche had apparently seen the report of the investigating agent, which Mr. Viosca understood was to be confidential. He was informed that this Bureau had not divulged the contents of the report in question.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New Orleans, La.
Sept. 21, 1938.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: RICHARD WEBSTER LECHE;
APPLICANT - U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE.

Dear Sir:

On September 21, 1938 U. S. Attorney RENE VIOSCA, telephonically communicated with me with reference to the above matter, and requested to be furnished the information contained in the agent's investigative report relative to GOVERNOR LECHE, as was mentioned in my letter to him of September 12, 1938.

That portion of the report of Special Agent NELSON PERRY dated at New Orleans April 23, 1938, dealing with the interview with MR. VIOSCA was read to him, and he made no other comment other than to thank me for having furnished this to him. He did not at this time deny he had made the statement that the Governor is of the type that would rather fish and hunt than work, as JUDGE WAYNE G. BORAH advised he had denied to him that he had made such a statement.

VIOSCA stated that he did not believe his statement was particularly damaging to Governor LECHE but that the Governor thought so and was angry with him for having said this. He indicated that in some manner Governor LECHE had seen the report of the investigating agent and MR. VIOSCA understood that the information was to be confidential. He was informed that insofar as this Bureau was concerned, the information was confidential.

During this same conversation I advised MR. VIOSCA that Governor LECHE had recently requested this Bureau to make an investigation into the shooting of JAMES MORRISON, candidate for Congress from Hammond, Louisiana, on the grounds that the shooting constituted a violation of the election laws. I requested the opinion of MR. VIOSCA in this regard. He stated that he did not see that it was a violation of the election laws and that the most that could be said was that it might be construed as a possible violation of the Civil Rights Act, however, he did not believe that it even constituted this last named violation. Before declining it fully, however, he stated that he wanted to

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talk with the Governor further about it and that so far as this office was concerned at present, the matter could be considered as closed. In the event a further request for investigation is received in this matter from any source the Bureau will be advised promptly, and no action will be taken in the absence of specific instructions.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood,
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 22, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN

On Tuesday, September 13, 1938, the Democratic primary election was conducted in Louisiana. In the Sixth Congressional District of Louisiana, which comprises Hammond and vicinity, the candidates were Dr. John K. Griffith, of Slidell, who had the active support of Governor Richard F. Leche, James H. Morrison, Hammond attorney and Strawberry Union organizer, and Jesse H. Bankston.

Prior to the election, Governor Leche actively supported his candidate, Dr. Griffith, and on or about September 8, 1938, candidate James H. Morrison was shot while sitting in his automobile. According to newspaper reports, the shot was fired at very close range, as indicated by powder burns. Morrison was scheduled to make an address in Hammond, Louisiana, that night, and it was the accusation of his opponents that the shooting was done by Morrison himself in an effort to obtain sympathy from the voters, inasmuch as he realized he was waging a losing fight.

On Saturday, September 10, 1938, the New Orleans Police Department, reportedly acting at the request of the Louisiana State Police, was stopping all cars entering the City of New Orleans from the direction of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the press carried the information that Captain of Detectives John Grosch had received information that certain persons were entering town carrying firearms. Special Agent C. E. Weeks, of the New Orleans field office of this Bureau, while en route to New Orleans from Alexandria, Louisiana, was stopped late that night while entering New Orleans. A car bearing Morrison and four or five of his supporters was halted by the police, and they were charged with carrying concealed weapons. This apparently was all part of the political feud between rival candidates for the nomination for Congressman.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Dawsey
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
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- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Governor Leche telephonically requested the New Orleans Police to conduct an investigation into the Morrison shooting, stating that it was a violation of the Election Laws. He was informed that inasmuch as this was a primary election, the Federal laws relative to

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Mr. Keenan

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elections did not cover this, and that an interpretation of the Statute would be obtained from Mr. Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney at New Orleans.

No investigation of this matter is being conducted at the present time, and this information is being conveyed to you so that you might advise what, if any, investigative action should be taken in this case.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New Orleans, Louisiana
September 14, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your information on Tuesday, September 13, 1938, the Democratic Primary Election was held in Louisiana. In the 5th District, which comprises Hammond, Louisiana, and vicinity, the candidates were Dr. JOHN K. GRIFFITH, of Slidell, who had the active support of Governor RICHARD W. LECHE over his opponents JAMES H. MORRISON, Hammond attorney and Strawberry Union organizer, and JESSE H. BANKSTON.

The usual political gatherings have been held in the vicinity of Hammond in recent days and Governor LECHE actively supported his candidate, Dr. GRIFFITH. About September the 8th, 1938, candidate JAMES H. MORRISON was shot while sitting in his automobile and according to newspaper reports the shot was fired at very close range as indicated by powder burns. He was scheduled to make an address in Hammond, Louisiana, that night and it was the accusation of his opponents that the shooting was done by MORRISON himself in an effort to obtain sympathy from the voters inasmuch as he realized he was waging a losing fight.

On Saturday September 10, 1938, the New Orleans Police Department, reportedly acting at the request of the Louisiana State Police, were stopping all cars entering the City of New Orleans from the direction of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and information in the press is to the effect that Captain of Detectives JOHN GROSCH received information that certain persons were coming into town carrying arms. It is known that the police actually were stopping all cars inasmuch as Special Agent C. E. WEEKS returning from Alexandria, Louisiana, late that night was stopped as he came into town. A car bearing MORRISON and four or five of his supporters was stopped by the police and they are charged with carrying concealed weapons. This was obviously all part of the political feud between rival candidates for the nomination for Congressman.

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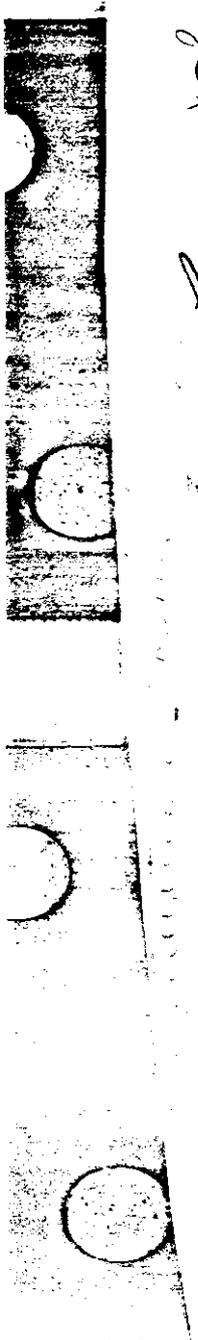
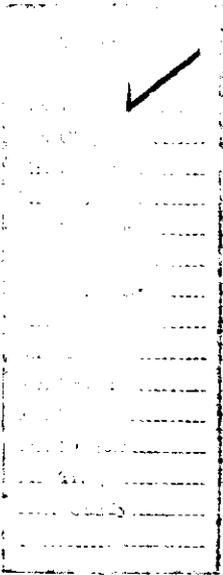
On September 13, 1938, Governor RICHARD W. LECHE telephonically communicated with me from Baton Rouge and, referring to the MORRISON shooting, requested that this Bureau conduct an investigation. I

Be sure facts on this situation are brought to Mr. Keenan's attention
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inquired of the Governor as to what violation of law was involved and he said that it was an election for the choosing of Federal officers. I advised him that this was a primary election and apparently the Federal law relating to elections did not cover this, however, the matter of interpreting the statute was one for the U. S. Attorney and that the opinion of Mr. RENE A. VIOSCA, U. S. Attorney at New Orleans, would be obtained. He requested to be advised relative to the decision of the U. S. Attorney. He stated that he thought a very quiet investigation should be made.

The facts relative to this telephonic conversation were furnished Mr. LEE PENNINGTON of the Bureau on this date and, as instructed by him, no investigation, of course, will be instituted in this matter even if the U. S. Attorney should so request it, unless the Bureau specifically authorizes this to be done.

There is no question but that this is still part of the political activities of one faction involved in this election dispute and either side will go to any extreme to embarrass the other.

For your information the Governor inquired as to how Mr. HOOVER was and stated that he was a very good friend of yours.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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October 9, 1936.

- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Dwyer
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Captain Murphy J. Roden,
Louisiana State Police.

During conversation with Captain Roden at the Police Academy banquet last evening, Captain Roden stated that for four years he was a personal bodyguard for the late Huey Long. During a general discussion a facetious remark was made concerning Huey Long which remark was quickly resented by Captain Roden, he then explaining that he was personally very close to the late Huey Long and that remarks concerning him he was "unable to take". I thought you would be interested in knowing of this connection. I gained from the subsequent conversation he was present at the time Long was assassinated.

The general conversation at the banquet impressed me as indicating the members of the police training school were well-disposed to the Bureau and to the officials in charge of the training school.

Respectfully,

[Handwritten signature: S. J. Tracy]
S. J. Tracy.

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holiday and told that they should attend the game. Rumor has it that local merchants who are handling Whitman's and Hollingsworth and other well known brands of candy are visited by the Jacobs Candy Company salesmen and are forcibly high-pressured in the discontinuing of sales other brands.

Yesterday's press indicated that Mayor Robert Kaestri had completed negotiations for the grounds used by the local ball club, the "Pelicans" and I have further heard that these grounds will possibly be used in the future for the construction of a Union Railroad Station, it being known that there is no decent railroad station in this city, several railroads having independent small depots.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Smith, Jr.,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr E Hoover
Chief of Dept of Justice
Washington D C.

Dear Hoover - I have watched
& noticed the good work
you have done in the
Past. it is not the Politicians
that have helped you very
much. some of the Politicians
are worse than the gangsters.

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I have heard a great
many people ask why
it is the govt dont find
out the reason for killing
Huey Long. the man that
killed Huey was also killed.

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62-32509 - /02 September 30, 1936.

Mr. George Guyberson,
Riverview Hotel,
Miles, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17, 1936, relative to the death of Huey Long and suggesting that an investigation be conducted by this Bureau to determine the motive for the killing.

For your information, the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted to the investigation of violations of specific Federal laws. The facts outlined in your letter have been carefully noted, but inasmuch as they do not indicate a violation of any Federal law coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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The people state the
Capitalist hired him
killed. Capitalist did
not like him. there were
a lot of good things about
Huey Long. one of them
was the distribution of
Wealth. there is no earthly
sense of a few men owning
and controlling all the wealth
of the Nation. if you can
figure out by investigation
why he was killed it would
be a Big feather in your cap.
find out and then Publish
it.

yours sincerely
Geo. T. Kyburson
owner River View Hotel
Niles Mich



Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington
Chief Fed Bur. of Inv. D.C.

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August 6, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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Attached hereto is a postal card, postmarked July 21, 1936, at St. Louis, Missouri, from "M. Lawrence", addressed to the President. The writer of this communication states in substance that the President is not a good politician if the Director is let out just because he found out that "the Farley Gang" killed Huey Long.

The writer of this communication also complains regarding the administration of relief in St. Louis. The above-mentioned card apparently was forwarded to the Works Progress Administration, inasmuch as it bears the receiving stamp thereof and was received in the Bureau in an envelope of the Works Progress Administration.

The Laboratory states that it is unable to identify the handwriting.

Very truly yours,

J. S. Egan
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St. Louis, Mo.
Mr. Roosevelt, ^{ESQ. OF ILL.}

If you think it good politics to let J. E. Hoover out just because he found out that the Harley gang killed Strey Long you are not the Master politician that you are advertised to be - you see the news has been broadcast over the Radio even as far as the typical prairie state of Missouri.

P.S. Mr. Lawrence.
In St. Louis they are taking shut-ins off relief & keeping street walkers on because of politics - think you can win on that record?

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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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1308 Masonic Temple Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
July 25, 1936

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MURPHY RODEN - TRAINEE;
NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a news item appearing in the New Orleans Item newspaper July 23, 1936, informing that Mr. Murphy Roden will be a trainee in the National Police Academy, Washington, D. C., supervised by the Bureau, and that following his training under the Director he will become an instructor at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the newly created State Department of Police.

I desire to call particular attention to the second paragraph of the second page of the newspaper item, which intimated that four other State Highway Patrol officers are attending Traffic Officers Highway Safety School now being conducted at University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. These officers are Captain William Fakier, Patrolman P. J. Altmyer, Captain J. Green, and Captain J. D. Trahan.

The writer, in telephonic communication with General F. Guerra, present Superintendent of the Louisiana State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, at Baton Rouge, who will be Superintendent of the new Louisiana State Department of Police, which becomes operative July 28, 1936, was informed that there were three bills signed by Governor Leche in the State of Louisiana the first an Act creating a new State Department of Police, the second creating the Bureau of Identification, and the third with respect to retirement and compensations. General Guerra advised me that he was having copies of these acts printed and that he would immediately forward copies to the Bureau and to the New Orleans Bureau Office.

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General Guerra informed of his favorable impression of the Director, when he was in Washington, D. C. recently. He informed that he thoroughly enjoyed the half day that he spent touring the Bureau, and advised that willing cooperation will be given to the Bureau and the New Orleans Bureau Office at all times and on a regular basis.

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St. Louis Mo

Dear Sir,

I want to congratulate you on finishing the Harley gang. Killed Huey Long. I heard it on our N. M. O. & station this A. M. & I know it must have been the G. men that did the good work - am not surprised as Tom Undergast's best friend Lazia was a gangster & was shot & then Long wanted to investigate Harley - well good luck & hope you get all of

There - St. Lawrence

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Not crazy to get SAIR ENOUGH to Capone

"And Just Why the Relaxation of the Government's New Or- leans Probe?" He Asks



The conduct of the Department of Justice has been very phony in the Louisiana income tax prosecution involving Seymour Weiss, who was Huey Long's collector, and certain other members of Huey's gang. While Huey lived and devoted himself to nagging President Roosevelt in the Senate and on the air the department was always going to lay him over a barrel some day and give him his needlings under the income tax law. Now that Huey is dead, however, and his gang has made peace with President Roosevelt's gang in New Orleans, the outstanding indictments have been dropped with the simple explanation that there is a "changed atmosphere" in New Orleans.

The great weakness of the ordinary citizens of New Orleans in their fight against Huey was that the politicians of the opposition, which is to say Roosevelt's crowd, were just as crooked as Huey's grafters and not as smart. The Roosevelt gang include gamblers and other underworld types no different from the majority of Huey's gang. Weiss is neither a professional gambler nor an underworld character but a tough, standup gang politician who often supplied the courage for Huey in difficult moments. He sat before a Senate committee and refused to say how much money he had collected for political purposes or who gave it to him or what he had done with it, and insisted that he kept no books.

Weiss said that whenever they needed some money they went out and got it from people who "believed" in their sacred cause and spent it according to their own judgment. He also offered to take Gen. Ansell outside the hearing room and pop him on the nose when the general undertook to peel him with questions regarding matters which he considered to be personal and outside the scope of the inquiry.

Farley Should Like Weiss

Since Huey's death Weiss has claimed to be out of politics, but that can hardly be true. He is the type of man Jim Farley would be pleased to do business with and is a better political operator than anyone in Mr. Roosevelt's own New Orleans gang, as he often demonstrated when Huey was giving the Administration a crowd.

As a tax collector and coercive weapon it is a dangerous law, and the New Orleans cases prove that the Administration could have been stopped at the level in starting the

prosecution of the political situation was such that their motives came under suspicion. It looked very much as though Mr. Roosevelt passed the word to the Department of Justice to let them go after Huey for political reasons, and that the indictments have been dropped owing to a change of atmosphere, there is nothing else to believe but that. And let there be no foolishness about Mr. Roosevelt's having nothing to do with such matters. Mr. Roosevelt is the politician of his Administration, and Mr. Farley is a little boy by comparison.

So here we have the Department of Justice going after a political opponent of the Administration with a threat of prison and easing up when the political opposition is removed.

Says Explaining Is in Order

And I still insist that 11 years, the sentence imposed on Al Capone for income tax evasion, is too much for that offense. Of course that isn't what he is being punished for, but that was the charge in the indictment, and if you start winking at a political opponent you may choke off a man who has something important to say.

If you can't trust the Department of Justice in the Huey Long case, the same skepticism runs against all its operations. The Department has plenty of expensive press agents to give the life of daily the guests of the taxpayers. This would be a good time for them to get out and explain just how a change in atmosphere in New Orleans has justified the dropping of indictments which had no charge of criminal misconduct when they were made. No Administration can afford to let a political opponent go.

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February 18, 1936

Mr. Charles J. Morrow,
906 South Willow Avenue,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1936, advising valuable instruments were stolen from the United States Customs Building at New Orleans, Louisiana, allegedly by followers of the late Senator Huey P. Long, and indicating you desire that this Bureau conduct an investigation in an effort to correct the alleged evils which were commenced by the Long regime.

Please be advised that the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is restricted to investigating violations of specific Federal laws and to collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. Inasmuch as the activities of the alleged Long regime do not appear relevant to any such matter, no action can be taken by the Bureau in the premises.

In respect to the alleged robbery of the United States Customs Building, you are advised that in matters of this nature, the Bureau can conduct no investigation unless specifically authorized to do so by the Attorney General.

Your courtesy in furnishing the circular pertaining to the city of Tampa, Florida, is appreciated.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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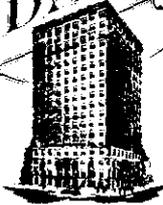
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FLORIDAN HOTEL

JIM PICKARD
MANAGER



OPEN ALL YEAR
400 ROOMS - 400 BATHS
GARAGE IN CONNECTION

905 South Willow Avenue,
TAMPA, FLORIDA February 6th, 1936.

John Edgar Hoover, Esqr.,
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE: LONGIANA OR HUEYANA.

The above is the way Will Rogers mentioned Louisiana during his life. His death was a real loss to this country but can't say so much as to Huey P. Long's death.

News items state that you will have to send your active and GOOD G-Men down there to check up on Long's followers who broke into the U. S. Customs Bldg. and stole and burned valuable instruments.

Here is hoping that your men will be able to correct the evils that Long started and which has cost the tax payers of Louisiana so much money.

Last Tuesday the Florida State Fair opened and is one of the best they have yet had and hope you will find it possible to be here when the Gasparilla Pirates capture Tampa next Monday.

Sincerely yours,

FEB 19 1936

Barney Barry
FEB 10 1936

P. S. Enclosed is a booklet you and your friends will enjoy reading.

FLORIDA COLLIER COAST AND ASSOCIATED HOTELS

YEAR ROUND HOTELS
FLORIDAN, TAMPA
TAMPA TERRACE, TAMPA

SEASONAL HOTELS
MANATEE RIVER, BRADENTON
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ROYAL WORTH, WEST PALM BEACH

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New Orleans, Louisiana
February 3, 1936

AIR MAIL.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Re: Subcommittee to investigate Campaign
Expenditures - State of Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Alfred M. Daspit, Special Investigator for the above named committee, telephonically conferred with the writer at 11:30 a. m. the morning of February 3, 1936, and advised that the records of the subcommittee which were maintained in a desk in Room 232 Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana, had been stolen by unknown parties some time between 1:15 p. m. on February 1, 1936, and 8:40 a. m. on February 3, 1936.

For the information of the Bureau, the subcommittee functioning under the special committee to investigate campaign expenditures has been conducting an investigation in the State of Louisiana with headquarters at Room 232 Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Honorable William J. Granfield, United States Congressman from Springfield, Massachusetts, is the Chairman of the Subcommittee. Honorable J. Mark Wilcox, United States Congressman from West Palm Beach, Florida, is also on the Subcommittee. The investigation by this Subcommittee apparently concerned campaign expenditures in the primary election which was held in the State of Louisiana January 21, 1936.

The following named individuals were employed in the New Orleans, Louisiana headquarters of this Subcommittee:

Mr. Alfred M. Daspit; Mr. Earl J. Junot; Miss Aline Landry.

Negro messenger by the name of "Clark" who formerly had been an employee of the Collector of Customs for approximately fourteen years.

Mr. Alfred M. Daspit and Mr. Earl J. Junot subsequently appeared at the New Orleans Bureau Office and related to the writer that Mr. Daspit had left the office at Room 232 Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana at 1 p. m. on February 1, 1936. Mr. Earl J. Junot, likewise a Congressional Investigator, informed that he left the office at about 1:10 or 1:15 p. m. on the same date, and both of these men advise that Miss Aline Landry remained in the office typing correspondence.

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Mr. Daspit and Mr. Junot, jointly, at 8:40 a. m. on February 3, 1936, opened up the office at Room 232 Customhouse. However, Mr. Junot first discovered that the records were missing and immediately notified Mr. Daspit, who was in another part of the building.

It appears that United States Congressman William J. Granfield from Washington, D. C. had transmitted a Postal wire on Sunday, February 2, 1936, which was received at New Orleans, Louisiana, at 1:10 p. m., advising Mr. Daspit to forward all evidence, letters, and correspondence to Washington, D. C. Investigation by Mr. Daspit developed that a Postal delivery boy by the name of "Parker" had placed the usual telegram notice on the door at 232 Customhouse apparently some time Sunday, February 2, 1936.

Mr. Daspit advised that Miss Aline Landry had apparently received a telegram from Congressman Granfield discontinuing her employment some time either on February 1, 1936 or February 2, 1936, and that she, therefore, did not appear for employment on February 3, 1936. Neither Mr. Daspit nor Mr. Junot suspect Miss Landry, who is from Donaldsonville, Louisiana, as she came to them highly recommended.

Mr. Daspit advised that it was the custom to place all records in the two desk drawers on the right-hand side of the desk, and to lock the desk, placing the key under the leather corner of a large blotter desk pad. The desk containing the material stolen was located in the private office in Room 232 Customhouse, New Orleans, Louisiana, being an outer office and a private office. The files apparently were removed from the two desk drawers, according to Mr. Daspit, which drawers had apparently been unlocked with the key and then relocked afterwards.

Mr. Daspit informed that on the morning of February 3, 1936, a negro charwoman had informed that she found the key on the outer room table, which later developed to be the key to the desk.

Mr. Daspit informed that there is always a watchman on duty at the Customhouse, and that each employee or individual must sign in the register, permanently bound, their identity and the identity of the room which they intend to visit. Mr. Daspit advised that approximately forty or fifty people signed the watchman's record at the Customhouse from between 1 p. m. February 1, 1936 and the opening time on February 3, 1936.

Mr. Daspit and Mr. Junot informed that the following files were missing:

- 1 File of letter correspondence from Mr. Daspit and Mr. Junot to United States Congressman Granfield.
- 1 File of letter correspondence from Mr. Daspit and Mr. Junot to United States Congressman Wilcox.
- 1 General file containing miscellaneous incoming and outgoing letters from individuals in the State of Louisiana.

- 1 File on St. Bernard Parish.
- 1 File on Plaquemine Parish.
- 1 File on Jefferson Parish.
- 1 File on Orleans Parish - including all of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Separate files on the following numbered wards located in New Orleans, Louisiana:

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14.

1 General file of evidence which had not been completely reviewed and on which correspondence had not been sent to the Committee at Washington, D. C. Included in the evidence is three one dollar bills which were attached to a letter from an individual, name not known, who stated he had been paid to vote. The evidence stolen also constituted some fraudulent poll tax certificates and registration certificates.

Mr. Daspit advised that all files were in legal sized folders and that those missing would probably represent a file six inches thick. Mr. Daspit advised that whoever took the records was selective in the type of records stolen, and, therefore, he did not suspect the negro messenger or the negro charwoman.

No other records were stolen and Mr. Daspit advised that the notebooks of the stenographer on all outgoing correspondence are still intact.

Immediately upon receipt of telephonic request of Mr. Alfred M. Daspit to investigate the case, the writer telephonically conferred with Assistant Director E. E. Tamm, at Washington, D. C., and was advised to inform Mr. Daspit that the facts of the instant case had been referred to Washington, D. C. Mr. Tamm subsequently telephonically informed the writer to advise Mr. Alfred M. Daspit that the subject matter should be presented to the Attorney General at Washington, D. C., and the writer immediately informed Mr. Daspit by telephone. Mr. Daspit was telephonically informing the Honorable William J. Granfield.

The writer, late in the afternoon February 3, 1936, was able to contact Mr. Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney at New Orleans, Louisiana, and he informed that Mr. Daspit had contacted him and had desired to give a statement to the press immediately on the theft. Mr. Viosca informed that he understood that the Congressional Investigators and office force here in New Orleans were to have suspended operations as of February 1, 1936, according to the telegram of United States Congressman Granfield. Mr. Viosca informed that Mr. Daspit and Mr. Junot have heretofore been connected by employment with the office of the Mayor of New Orleans, Louisiana, Honorable T. Semmes Walmsley, at New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Viosca informed that Buddy Cocke, former State Orleans Parish prosecutor was until recently connected with the investigative group, and that Mr. Daspit did not know whether Mr. Cocke had a key to the office or not.

It appears, inasmuch as the investigation by the Congressional Committee concerned a primary election, that the Bureau would not have investigative jurisdiction unless material or records stolen could be considered Government property.

If the property stolen is not Government property, examination must be made of the state statutes to ascertain whether jurisdiction for thefts and other offenses occurring in the Customhouse remained within the jurisdiction of the State under state statutes, as is always done in cases where property of individuals is stolen out of the Post Office.

No investigation will be conducted by the New Orleans Bureau Office until authority is received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
January 31, 1936.

PERSONAL.

AIR MAIL.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ARTHUR L. HITNER, with aliases;
NATIONAL BANK ACT.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to report of Special Agent R. Whitley, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated September 15, 1934, and to report of Special Agent M. W. Meekins, Buffalo, New York, dated November 14, 1934, relative the above entitled subject.

Mr. Frank Manning, one of the chief investigators for the Louisiana State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, who maintains an office in New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically conferred with the writer on the morning of January 31, 1936, and requested a letter showing the disposition of the instant case, together with facts indicating that subject Hitner was surrendered to the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Reference report of Mr. Whitley indicates that he conferred with the late United States Senator Huey P. Long, and became cognizant of the offense against subject through Senator Long and Mr. Frank Manning.

I informed Mr. Manning that I had no facts available relative the manner in which Hitner was surrendered to the Bureau, but that undoubtedly his file would furnish all the desired information. Mr. Manning then requested a copy of the criminal record, as well as a photograph, of subject Hitner, and I advised him that I would secure a copy of criminal record and would forward same to him, together with photograph.

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I have gleaned from my conversation with Mr. Manning that apparently request for criminal record might have some bearing on the investigation being made by the Louisiana State Bureau relative the circumstances surrounding the death of the late Senator Huey P. Long. Mr. Manning advised me that United States Senator Elect Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana, was going to introduce a resolution in the Senate when he arrives there demanding a senatorial investigation of the death of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

I see no objection to submitting to the Louisiana State Bureau of Identification and Investigation through Mr. Manning a copy of the criminal record of subject Arthur L. Hitner, through the New Orleans Bureau Office.

Subject Arthur L. Hitner is presently serving a sentence of three years and one month in the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. This subject bears New Orleans Federal Jail No. 2412.

Kindly transmit to this office two copies of photograph of subject Arthur L. Hitner, together with his criminal record.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
326 1/2 Post Office Building,
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Director,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Honorable Rene A. Viosca, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, at noon today advised that United States Congressman Cleveland Dear, of Louisiana, candidate for Governor of the State of Louisiana, United States Congressman John N. Sandlin and United States Congressman J. Y. Sanders, Jr., desired a conference with the writer with reference to the alleged activities of members of the Purple Gang in New Orleans. Mr. Viosca made arrangements for a conference at the St. Charles Hotel, which was had by those named above and the writer on the afternoon of January 13, 1936.

It developed that the constituents of Congressman Dear had heard rumors to the effect that various members of the Purple Gang, especially one of the Bernsteins, were in New Orleans for a conference with members of the State Administration, for the purpose of either assisting the State Administration in the primary election on January 21, 1936, or to become connected with the policy racket or the slot machine racket, the latter being in open activity at New Orleans.

It appeared that the aforementioned gentlemen desired investigation to determine whether members of the Purple Gang were in New Orleans, either to be placed as supernumeraries on the New Orleans Police Department for election matters or to become connected with the gambling interests.

The writer informed these gentlemen that in the absence of any definite information of a violation over which this Bureau would have investigative jurisdiction, no active investigation could be instituted at the present time, but that the writer would be glad to receive a list of members of the Purple Gang who were known to be in New Orleans.

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Mr. Viosca had previously informed these gentlemen that Mr. A. D. Burford, in charge of the Intelligence Unit, United States Treasury Department, was actively interested in investigations involving gambling interests, for possible income tax violations. During my conference with these gentlemen, they advised that they were to have a conference with Mr. Burford, and inasmuch as the connection of any Purple Gang members in New Orleans would undoubtedly be with the gambling interests, they felt that the matter should be laid before Mr. Burford.

COPIES DESTROYED It developed that Oscar R. Whilden, who at one time was under investi-

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gation by this office as an applicant for appointment to the position of United States Marshal, Eastern District of Louisiana, was the one who supplied the original information that members of the Purple Gang might be in New Orleans. Mr. Whilden was to furnish Mr. Viosca with a list of any members of this group who were thought to be in New Orleans, and same will be transmitted to this office by Mr. Viosca.

The primary election in the State of Louisiana will be held January 21, 1936, and many such inquiries for investigation, savoring of a political nature, may be expected to be received at the New Orleans Bureau Office. I am adopting the policy heretofore followed by Special Agent in Charge Rhea Whitley, in avoiding any investigations of a political nature. Should any requests for investigation be received by this office that bear directly on a violation over which this office has investigative jurisdiction, and yet savoring of political embroilments, I will advise the Bureau of their nature prior to investigation.

Mr. Eugene Stanley, former District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana, several days ago, in the local newspapers, carried an article warning the public of possible violations of the election laws, indicating that it would be a federal offense, and citing numerous cases. There may be some later effort to request investigation in this connection, and all such matters received will be referred to the United States Attorney. Mr. Viosca, in this connection, has indicated that he will accept any such complaints with great caution.

United States Congressmen Cleveland Dear, John N. Sandlin and J. Y. Sanders, Jr., appeared satisfied with my explanation relative the investigation requested.

I will remain in touch with the situation and obtain the residences here of any members of the Purple Gang, especially if they are named as supernumeraries on the New Orleans Police Department, and will check their names against those listed as Purple Gang members on page 303 of the summary report in the kidnaping case of Charles A. Lindbergh.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee
D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

U. S. LAW TO APPLY IN BALLOT FRAUDS, STANLEY DECLARES

Federal Statute Covering
Congressional Primaries,
Carrying Rigid Penalties,
to Be Invoked, He Avers

THOROUGH SIFT OF
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Civil Rights to Be Protected,
Home Rule Committee
Head Asserts; Cites 'Evi-
dence, Past Experience'

Federal law making interference with civil rights at an election involving congressional candidates punishable by maximum imprisonment of 10 years and fine up to \$5000 will be invoked in cases of all persons suspected of fraud in the January 21 primary, former District Attorney Eugene Stanley warned in a statement Sunday.

Mr. Stanley, chairman of the legal committee for the Cleveland Dear Home Rule ticket, asserted that "we intend to make every legal effort to prevent the casting of fraudulent votes, or the fraudulent counting of the votes cast and the making of a fraudulent return by any commissioner."

Mr. Stanley said that he and his committee will thoroughly investigate reports that wholesale fraud has been perpetrated in registering of voters, and pointed out that as a result of his experience in such studies in the past he knows "the exact spots where such fraudulent registrations will be most likely attempted" and the "names of the persons most likely to be guilty." His statement follows:

"As chairman of the Cleveland Dear legal committee to investigate the claim, that wholesale fraud has been committed in the registration of voters in this state, it is my intention to make this investigation as complete as possible.

From my past experience in investigating fraudulent registrations in the city of New Orleans, I know the exact spots where such fraudulent registrations will be most likely attempted, and know the names of the persons most likely to be guilty of this attempted fraud, and I shall concentrate on these spots, and these persons, at the outset.

'Grossly Padded'

"In many instances, from information already in my possession, we have discovered that certain locations have been grossly padded with persons not now living there, and who never resided there; that some of the names of registrants are fictitious; that some persons are registered from different wards and some in different parishes; that minors have been registered and that registration certificates have been issued in blank by the registration office, to be signed by the precinct workers with the name of the pretended registrant (the precinct worker also signs the original registration book, so that the signatures will compare, if checked); that 1934 poll-tax receipts have been issued after the books have been closed. Evidence to prove these statements is already in my possession.

"We intend to avail ourselves of every constitutional and statutory right granted us by the constitution and laws of the United States of America for the protection of the civil rights guaranteed us under the constitution and laws of the United States.

"We particularly intend to seek the protection afforded us by the United States law (Section 5508 of the United States Revised Statutes) which makes it a felony, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5000 and imprisonment for not more than 10 years in the federal penitentiary for

anyone to conspire to injure a person in the exercise of civil rights.

Section Applies

"In the approaching primary election candidates for the United States Congress and United States Senate will be voted for, and the United States supreme court and United States courts of appeal have held that the above section of the United States revised statutes applies to those cases coming within the terms of the statute in a primary election when congressional and senatorial candidates participate.

"In the Herndon case in Texas the supreme court held that in a primary election where candidates for Congress were voted for that such an election was equivalent to a final election and was within the jurisdiction of the United States court."

'Every Legal Effort'

"We do not desire to hinder or to make it difficult for any citizen of the state lawfully entitled to vote to cast his vote election day, but we do intend to make every legal effort to prevent the casting of fraudulent votes, or the fraudulent counting of the votes cast and the making of a fraudulent return by any commissioners of election, and wherever the facts submitted to us show a violation of the United States laws we intend to submit the facts to the United States attorney for investigation and action.

"The making of a false return by any commissioner of election in a state primary where candidates for Congress and the Senate are voted for is an offense under the laws of the United States, and has been decided numerous times by the United States supreme court.

"A decision in point is that of United States vs Mosley and Hogan (decided in 1915), Vol. 59 U. S. Sup. Ct. Rpts. (L. Ed.) 1355, wherein it was said:

"'Conspiracy of state election officials to omit the returns from certain precincts' at an election for member of Congress from their count and from their returns to the state election board is indictable under the criminal code of the United States."
(Signed) "EUGENE STANLEY."

D. W. Magee,
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Dear Campaigns In An ERA Auto

Not only has Cleveland Dear turned the relief money of Rapides Parish into a huge boodle trough for his own political friends, but he was caught using an ERA automobile to ride around in.

When the Dodo was in Cameron Parish last week he was riding through and about Cameron, Hackberry, Starks and Sulphur in a Ford coach, license No. 283-178, owned by the ERA and driven by a relief foreman, Steve Alfred!

Why Don't Wilcox & Co. Investigate THIS?

Notorious Election Steal in Arkansas Can't Be Investigated—But Louisiana Must Lose Its Rights

(Editor's Note: The Ex-Governor of Arkansas has written the following article especially for The American Progress, providing conclusive PROOF that the purpose of the congressional "investigation" of the Louisiana election is purely and simply an attempt to bludgeon a state into the surrender of its sovereign rights.)

By FORMER GOVERNOR TOM TERRELL
Of Arkansas

While fair dealing should be extended to all peoples of all sovereign states by the Federal Government, in all elections in ALL the states, does this same Government, controlled by these same high officials, deal out the same justice to all alike? NO!

Do they investigate all the notorious stealing of primary elections in ALL the states alike? NO!

Do they spend the taxpayers' money on junketing trips to investigate primary election frauds in OTHER states? NO!

Only in Louisiana!

Let us point to an open notorious, rank steal in the Seventh Congressional District of Arkansas, where Hon. Tillman B. Parks serves as the Congressman from that district, although the courts of that district held that the election had been stolen from the Hon. Wade Kitchens, yet that same

House of Representatives at Washington did not uns at Parks, and it did not investigate that notorious steal!

Wade Kitchens, who resides at Magnolia, Arkansas, went to Washington and there pleaded with the House to unseat Parks and give him the seat that belongs to him.

Did they do it? Did they send investigators down there to ascertain the true facts?

NO!

This same Congressional Committee, spending the taxpayers' money watching this sovereign State of Louisiana, refuses to go into the stench of Arkansas.

Oh, where are these same Congressmen from Washington? Oh, where are they that want to deal out honest, square justice? They cannot ignore that primary election, because it was so rotten the courts there dug into it and openly held to all the world that Till B. Parks was NOT elected to the very seat he now holds, and has held since the last primary election in that great State in August, 1934.

Notwithstanding Wade Kitchens was elected as the Congressman from that district, does the Honorable Congressional Committee seek to see that an American citizen gets and holds the office to which he was elected?

Mr. Kitchens contested the election of Parks and, after a long-drawn-out term of court investigating the election, and after it was held that Kitchens was elected, does he get his office? No! Yet the American people say neither we are being treated with equal justice.

Can any lawyer on the American soil with any degree of legality say that the Government at Washington can go into any sovereign State and there control a primary election?

How long will a sovereign State last? What kind of a move is that? Are we headed for a dictatorship at Washington?

You be the judge!

Wake up, America, and ask yourselves if this great State is getting a square deal, let alone a New Deal. The same government at Washington is trying to browbeat Louisiana, and yet they do not extend that same treatment to other states where it is openly admitted that a congressional seat was stolen in a most corrupt manner in Arkansas.

Wake up, America, and ask your great citizenship if Louisiana should be treated in this manner. If so, then why permit the rotten, rank steal to exist in the Seventh Congressional District of Arkansas?

Wake up, America, and ask yourselves if a man should sit in the halls of that great body at Washington when the American courts have held that the was not elected.

Has that same great congressional body gone into the Louisiana matter with clean hands? Have they cleaned their own house before coming into this matter in Louisiana, where no election has been yet held?

Is it that the great American government is being arrayed against one set of citizenship in this great State?

Is that the kind of Government we have at Washington? A political partisan government who hates one faction of a state and helps another to their detriment? Is that the situation that confronts America?

God pity us if that be true!

SEES LONG'S WORKS

NEW ORLEANS. — Another distinguished visitor to Louisiana to marvel at the things Huey P. Long accomplished for the people of this state was the Greek envoy to the United States, Demetrius Sicilianos, who last week marveled at the new Huey P. Long Bridge, traveled the fine paved highways and saw the magnificent capitol at Baton Rouge and the great state university.

He placed a wreath on the grave of Huey Long.

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Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

During a telephonic conversation which Mr. Thompson had with Special Agent in Charge Magee of the New Orleans Office, he said that through the United States Attorney there in New Orleans, he received a request for a conference with two Congressmen and one Senator about the gangster situation in Louisiana in the coming election. These gentlemen were Mr. J. A. Sanders, Jr. and John N. Sandlin, the Congressmen, and Cleveland Dear, the Senator. These gentlemen wanted Mr. Magee to undertake at once an extensive investigation relative to the Purple Gang, who are reported to be in Louisiana to do some "dirty work" in connection with the coming election on January 21, 1936. Mr. Magee said that these men had absolutely nothing definite, and it appeared that they just more or less wanted confirmation or denial on the part of Mr. Magee as to the presence of this gang in Louisiana so that it might be used for political purposes.

Mr. Magee said he told these gentlemen that in the absence of a specific violation of a Federal law within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, no investigation could be conducted. A letter of complete detail and particulars is being forwarded to the Bureau by Mr. Magee relative to this matter.

Henry DeLoach

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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