

Agricultural and Mechanical College, a bid to install certain terrazzo work in connection with the construction of what is known as the Agriculture Center, and to furnish materials necessary to carry out such work; that the said defendant then instructed the said A. J. Gelfry to prepare a second bid and to add to the amount of the said original bid the sum of \$1,000 and to pay over as a "kick back" to him, the said defendant, this additional sum of \$1,000 as aforesaid; that in accordance with the instructions of the said defendant the said A. J. Gelfry thereupon prepared a second bid which included, in addition to the amount provided for in the original bid, the amount of \$1,000, which sum of \$1,000 was paid in cash by the said A. J. Gelfry to the said defendant; that the said defendant informed the said A. J. Gelfry that he, the said defendant, would furnish the said A. J. Gelfry with sand and cement required by the said A. J. Gelfry in carrying out the work covered by his said bid, and that the said A. J. Gelfry should pay him, the said defendant, the sum of \$2,000 in payment of said sand and cement; that the said defendant furnished the said A. J. Gelfry with sand and cement which was the property of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States, which sand and cement the said GEORGE CALDWELL, defendant herein, embezzled, stole, took and carried away from the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States; that the said sand and cement was valued at \$754.00 and the said GEORGE CALDWELL compelled and required the said A. J. Gelfry to pay him the sum of \$2,000 in cash in payment thereof, as aforesaid;

That the said A. J. Gelfry also submitted to the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, bids for installing terrazzo work and for furnishing materials necessary in carrying out such work in connection with the construction of what is known as the Stock Exhibit Building and the Post Office and South Addition to the Field House; that in each of these instances the said A. J. Gelfry, before submitting his bid to the said defendant, would ascertain from the said defendant the amounts which the said defendant would require to be added to the respective bids for payment to him, the said defendant of what is commonly called "kick backs"; that on the bid for installing terrazzo work and furnishing materials necessary therewith in connection with the construction of the Stock Exhibit Building, the said A. J. Gelfry was instructed by the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, to add the sum of \$1,361.65 and that the said A. J. Gelfry did add the sum of \$1,361.65 to the amount of said bid, which sum of \$1,361.65 was paid in cash by the said A. J. Gelfry

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to the said defendant; that the said defendant furnished to the said A. J. Gelfry for use in connection with the installation of terrazzo work in the said Stock Exhibit Building under his said bid, materials having a value of approximately \$200.00, which materials were the property of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States of America, and which materials the said defendant absconded, stole, took and carried away from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Works Progress Administration of the United States; that in payment for said materials the said A. J. Gelfry paid to the said defendant, GEORGE GALINIER, the sum of approximately \$200.00 in cash; that the said defendant furnished to the said A. J. Gelfry for use in connection with the installation of terrazzo work in the said Post Office and South Addition to the Field House under his said bid, materials having a value of approximately \$300.00, which materials were the property of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States of America, and which materials the said defendant absconded, stole, took and carried away from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and Works Progress Administration of the United States of America; that in payment for said materials the said A. J. Gelfry paid to the said defendant, GEORGE GALINIER, the sum of approximately \$300.00 in cash.

That the said A. J. Gelfry, in submitting the aforesaid bids, would first prepare said bids in rough draft form; that he would then present the bids to the said defendant in said rough draft form for the reason that the said A. J. Gelfry would not then know the amount which the said defendant would require to be added for payment to him, the said defendant, as aforesaid; that in each instance, after receiving the said rough draft form of bid the said defendant would instruct the said A. J. Gelfry as to the amount in which the said bid was to be increased, as aforesaid; the said A. J. Gelfry would then increase the bid accordingly and submit it to said defendant in formal manner; upon receipt of these formal bids by the defendant, he, the defendant, would approve them, thereby falsely and fraudulently certifying, representing and pretending that the said bids were correct and proper and that the entire amount of each of said bids would be payable by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to the said A. J. Gelfry upon the compliance by the said A. J. Gelfry with the terms of the bid, that is to say,

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upon the delivery of the materials and doing of the work required to be delivered or done under the bid; that the said defendant, by virtue of his said false representations and pretenses would cause the purchasing department of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to also approve the said bids and to issue a formal order of requisition covering each of said bids; that when payment was due to the said A. J. Colfry by Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for furnishing materials and installing materials in accordance with the aforesaid bids, the said A. J. Colfry would prepare bills and statements covering the amounts as falsely represented, pretended and claimed to be lawfully due on said bids which he would convey and cause to be conveyed to the said defendant; that the said defendant would falsely and fraudulently approve, certify, represent, pretend and claim as being due the said A. J. Colfry the full amounts of said bills and statements and send them to the office of the Auditor of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for issuance of checks in payment thereof; that relying upon the said fraudulent approval, certifications, representations, pretenses and claims of the said defendant, the said auditor or other appropriate officer of said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would cause to be issued checks in payment of said bills and statements, which checks would be drawn against the account of the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;

That the said defendant would instruct the said A. J. Colfry to pay the amounts which had been added to the original bids and bills at the instruction of the said defendant and the amounts which the defendant claimed were due him for materials delivered by him to the said A. J. Colfry, as aforesaid, in cash to him, the said defendant; that the said GEORGE CALDWELL would endorse one of the said checks for the purpose of enabling the said A. J. Colfry to cash the said check at the City National Bank in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the said defendant would accompany the said A. J. Colfry to the bank where he would wait outside while the said A. J. Colfry would enter the bank and obtain the money on the said check, after which the said A. J. Colfry would pay in cash to the said defendant the sum of \$2,000; that the defendant would write a note to an officer of the City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, known to your Grand Jurors only by the name of "Luis", introducing the said A. J. Colfry

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to the said officer and stating that it was satisfactory to each one of the said checks of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as aforesaid for the said A. J. Galfry; that the said officer of the said bank would cash the said check and that thereafter the said A. J. Galfry would pay to the said defendant, in cash, the sum of \$1,000; that the other aforesaid checks of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would be furnished by the said A. J. Galfry to the credit of his account in the Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, Louisiana; that the said A. J. Galfry would draw checks against his account in the said Whitney National Bank at New Orleans for which checks he would obtain cash, which cash he, the said A. J. Galfry, would personally convey and pay to the said defendant at his office at the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, which cash would be in payment of amounts added to the original bids and bills at the instruction of the said defendant, and in payment of materials which the said defendant had delivered to the said A. J. Galfry as aforesaid; that the checks of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College which said A. J. Galfry deposited in the Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, as aforesaid, would be transmitted by the said Whitney National Bank at New Orleans, in accordance with its usual custom, to the Federal Reserve Bank at New Orleans, Louisiana, which in turn, in order to effect payment of said checks, would transmit the said checks to the City National Bank at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by depositing same in an authorized depository for mail matter to be sent and delivered by the Post Office Establishment of the United States;

And the Grand Jurors say and present that said representations, promises and claims were false in this to wit: The said bids of the said A. J. Galfry which the said defendant approved for acceptance and pretended were correct and proper were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that the said defendant had caused the said A. J. Galfry to add to the amounts of said bids sums of money which he, the said defendant, well knew were not due and payable by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; that the said defendant well knew that the bids of the said A. J. Galfry which he, the said defendant, had approved for acceptance and represented were correct and proper, were in fact fictitious, false and fraudulent for the reason that he, the said defendant, well knew that he had caused the said A. J. Galfry to add to the amounts of said bids sums of money which he, the said

defendant, will know that the said bills and payments by the said Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the said defendant will know that as a result of his approval, certification, representations, pretenses and claims the said Purchasing Department of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would issue requisitions authorizing the said A. J. Gelfry to proceed with the furnishing of materials and doing of work covered by the said fraudulent and false bills; that as the said defendant will know, the bills and statements of the said A. J. Gelfry were filed and presented for the reason that they included amounts of money which he, the said defendant, had caused the said A. J. Gelfry to add to the amounts of his bills, so appearing that the said bills, bids and statements, as the said defendant will know, were false and fraudulent in that they included sums of money for materials which were unissued, stolen, taken and carried away by the said defendant from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Works Progress Administration of the United States of America, and that thereby the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College was purchasing and paying for materials which already belonged to it; that as the said defendant will know, the sums of money added by the said A. J. Gelfry to his said bills, bids and statements, as aforesaid, were added solely for the purpose of enabling the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, to fraudulently and falsely obtain sums of money from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College which were not legally and lawfully due to the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, but which sums of money would be paid by the said A. J. Gelfry to the said defendant as what is commonly known as "kick backs" and graft; and for which said sums of money so unlawfully and illegally obtained from the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College by the said A. J. Gelfry and the said defendant, and in turn paid by the said A. J. Gelfry to the defendant herein, the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College would not and did not receive anything of value;

And the said Grand Jurors says, present and find: that each and every one of the pretenses, representations and claims made and intended to be made by the said defendant were false and untrue and intended to be false and untrue and at all times mentioned herein were known by the said defendant to be false and untrue and were made and intended to be made by the said defendant for the purpose and with the intention of obtaining from Louisiana State University and Agricultural and

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Mechanical College and the State of Louisiana the sum of \$4,561.00 not lawfully due, and converting the same to the use and benefit of said defendant.

That he, the said defendant, on or about the 15th of August, 1937, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the New Orleans Division of the Eastern District of Louisiana and within the jurisdiction of this Court, for the purpose of executing the scheme and artifice aforesaid, unlawfully, fraudulently and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed in certain envelope of construction, L. S. U. Buildings, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter was and is of the following tenor, to-wit:

A. J. COLVIN AND TERRAZZO CO
Terrazzo Floor, Partitions,
Painting and Staining
618 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

August 19, 1937

George Caldwell,
Supt. of Construction,
L.S.U. Bldgs.,
Baton Rouge, La.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of August 19th.

High to advise that we have placed orders for materials to be shipped immediately for the Agricultural Building and the Strawberry Stadium job, with the exception of the marble chips, as we don't want same to be exposed to the weather more than one week, in order not to rot same.

Will you kindly advise us the approximate dates these jobs will be ready for our work.

Thanking you, we are

Yours very truly,

A. J. COLVIN AND TERRAZZO COMPANY

By (signed) A. J. Colvin

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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said letter in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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JOHN TUB.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 15th day of August, 1907, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to wit, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations contained therein, in said first count, are interpreted by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully and feloniously did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to A. J. Colfry Art Terrace Company, 415 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

"August 15, 1907

A. J. Colfry Art Terrace Company
415 Julia Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Agricultural Center

Gentlemen:

At a conference with the governor on August 11, the completion date of the Agricultural Center is set for November 15. Therefore, we must insist that you deliver all your material in connection with this job as soon as possible.

Please let us know by return mail when we may expect to receive material on this job so that we might complete same on time.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Supt. Construction
La. State University"

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

SECRET

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant, on or about the 10th day of April, 1937, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are substantiated by reference hereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to Mr. A. J. Galfry, 615 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

April 14, 1937

Mr. A. J. Galfry
615 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

Re: Agricultural Center

Dear Sir:

We have just been notified by Mr. Heild that plans will be sent to you at once. Please submit prices on material that you are figuring on this job to Mr. E.M. Jackson as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell
Supt. Construction
L.S.U.

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant at or about the 14th day of October, 1928, in said Division and in said District and within the Jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first paragraph of this indictment, the allegations contained therein, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously said knowledge came to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to A. F. Colfry Art Terrazzo Co., 615 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

Louisiana State University
and
Agricultural and Mechanical College
University, La.
Construction Dept.
October 14, 1928

A. F. Colfry Art Terrazzo Co.
615 Julia Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: Post Office

Gentlemen:-

On account of the speed we have been able to make on the Field House (Post Office), we will be ready for you to start the terrazzo work, Monday, October 17th. Please make arrangements to have your men and material here on the job on that date or as soon as you possibly can as we are pushing your starting date up two (2) weeks.

Your very truly,

(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell

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that at the time of causing to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and

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and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

JOHN W. H.

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge That the defendant on or about the 25th day of February, 1938, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent statements, representations and promises, and to the end to carry out said scheme and artifice that he got sent and forwarded in the first week of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said indictment are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail by the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to Mr. A. J. Galfry, 418 Julia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, which letter was and is of the tenor following, to-wit:

Louisiana State University
and
Agricultural and Mechanical College
University, La.
Construction Dept.

February 5, 1938

Mr. A. J. Galfry
418 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Shook Exhibit Bids.

Please call at this office at your earliest convenience and give us a price on the heretofore work on the above mentioned building.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) George Caldwell
George Caldwell C^r

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That at the time of causing to be delivered by mail/the Post Office establishment of the United States, according to the direction thereon, the said letter, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

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And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge: That the defendant on or about the 10th day of February, 1920, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which in said first count, are incorporated by reference therein in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain letter enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to George Caldwell, Superintendent of Construction, Louisiana State University, University, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, which letter was and is of the following tenor, to-wit:

A. J. Colfry and Terrace Co.
Terrace Floor, Festival,
Wainscoting and Stairs
615 Julia Street
New Orleans, La.

February 10, 1920

George Caldwell, Supt. of Construction,
Louisiana State University,
University, La.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:-

Replying to your letter of February 9th, wish to advise that I will be in Baton Rouge Monday.

Thanking you, we are

Respectfully yours,

A. J. COLFRY AND TERRACE COMPANY

By (Signed) A. J. Colfry

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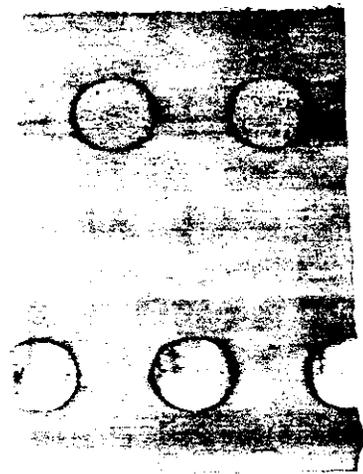
that at the time of placing and caused to be placed the said letter in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant, GEORGE CALDWELL, then and there well knew that the said letter was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and

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provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

COUNT SEVEN.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further present and charge that the defendant on or about the 14th day of April, 1938, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this Court, do having unlawfully, wilfully and fraudulently devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that to wit, the said scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations appearing therein in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the fact and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:



NO. 9100

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE

Baton Rouge, La., APR 8 1938 1938

Pay to the
Order of A. J. Colfry Art Terrace Co. \$1,100.00

L.S.U. & A.A.M.
College - BILLS and SIG - COLLEGE

Louisiana State University and A.A.M. College

TO
CITY NATIONAL BANK
Baton Rouge, La.

(William S. G. Johnson)
Auditor

This voucher-check, when properly endorsed, becomes receipt in full for items listed. Alterations and erasures render null and void; return if not correct.

ENCLOSURE

A. J. Colfry Art Terrace Co.

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
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New Orleans Branch
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA
14-21 New Orleans, La. 18-21

Pay any Bank, Banker
or Trust Co., or Order
Prior Endorsement Guaranteed
WHITNEY NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS
14-17
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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an autho-

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placed depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

And the grand jurors aforesaid, with their lawful verdict, do hereby find and declare that the defendant, on or about the 15th day of April, 1909, in said division and in said district and within the jurisdiction of this court, do have wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously devised a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money and property by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, that is to say, the same scheme and artifice that is set forth and described in the first count of this indictment, the allegations concerning which, in said first count, are incorporated by reference thereto in this count as fully as if they were here repeated; and, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice, unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously did knowingly deposit and cause to be deposited in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana, a certain check enclosed in a postpaid envelope addressed to City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be sent and delivered by the Post Office establishment of the United States, the face and reverse of which check were and are of the tenor following, to-wit:

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A. & M. COLLEGE
 University, La.
 General Fund NO. 99

Date	Receipts No.	Check No.	Pay to the Order of	Amount of Check
2/20/09	525	98	A. J. Gentry and Terrazzo Co.	1000.00

-----L.S.U. & A. & M. College \$1000 and 00 cts-----

To CITY NATIONAL BANK 24-11
 Baton Rouge, La.

(Signed) C. C. Johnson
 Auditor

ENDORSEMENT

A. J. Galfry Art Terrasse Co.

**PAY TO THE ORDER OF
ANY BANK, BANKER OR TRUST CO.
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
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New Orleans Branch
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA
14-21 New Orleans, La. 14-21**

**Pay any Bank, Banker
or Trust Co. by Order
Prior Endorsements Guaranteed
WELLS FARGO NATIONAL BANK OF NEW ORLEANS
14-19
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that at the time of placing and causing to be placed the said check in an authorized depository for mail matter of the United States aforesaid, the defendant then and there well knew that the said check was for the purpose of executing the said scheme and artifice and was for the purpose of defrauding Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the State of Louisiana and the Taxpayers of the State of Louisiana; contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the United States.

(Sgd) Ross A. Vlogos
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

(Sgd) Herbert W. Christenberry
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

(Sgd) O. John Rogge
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE
UNITED STATES

A TRUE BILL

New Orleans, La., AUG 14 1939

(Sgd) Eben Hardie, Jr.
Foreman

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 18, 1939, furnishing information as given by Mr. Harry Costello on the occasion of his visit to the Bureau on August 16, 1939.

The Department has advised that Mr. Costello likewise called at the Department and during the course of his interview gave the name of a Mr. L. S. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans (Jackson 2221-W). According to Mr. Costello, Mr. Brownson is a public minded citizen and is anxious to help the Federal Government, but is fearful for his life. He indicated that Mr. Brownson has information concerning Louisiana matters, including the following: (in addition to the information furnished in the reference letter)

1. That Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade (Crescent 3539), widow of the late Consul of Bolivia, can tell something that will tie up with Shuehan.

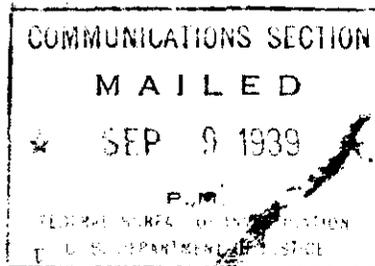
2. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on Hellis Maestri.

Mrs. Blanco is also according to Costello supposed to possess information concerning a jewel story involving the Maximilian jewels.

The Bureau desires that the above information be furnished to Assistant Attorney General O. John Rogge.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director



- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Crowl _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Lawler _____
- Mr. Lester _____
- Mr. McIntire _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Sears _____
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

August 19, 1939

Time: 11:55 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

In compliance with instructions from Mr. Sears, I telephonically communicated with Mr. G. Mennen Williams, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, as requested by him in the attached memorandum.

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Mr. Williams inquired as to whether Mr. Harry Costello had furnished me with the information as contained in this memorandum, and I advised him that this information had been furnished to me by Mr. Costello and subsequently submitted to our New Orleans office for transmittal to Mr. Rogge.

Respectfully,

A. C. Hayden

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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

August 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. C. HAYDEN
(Supervisor, Investigative Division)
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Harry Costello, of whose connections I understand you are aware, saw me yesterday afternoon, the Attorney General being out of town. He wished you to have the following information received from Mr. Harris of the Newman, Harris Company of Louisiana.

Incidentally, Mr. Costello says that Mr. Harris is a friend of his and a fine fellow although perhaps duped by Shushin. Mr. Harris stated, according to Mr. Costello, that Mr. Miller, a CPA, gave Mr. H. W. Waguespack money, probably for Shushin.

He also gave me the name of Mr. L. S. Brownson, 3209 Laurel Street, New Orleans (Jackson 2221-W). He stated that Mr. Brownson is a public-minded citizen and anxious to help the Federal Government, but is fearful for his life. He indicated that Mr. Brownson has information concerning Louisiana matters, including the following:

1. That Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe, manager of the Pontalba Building, St. Peter and Royal Streets, can probably identify someone in Louisiana as Lepke. Mrs. Wickliffe is the widow of former Congressman Wickliffe of Louisiana.
2. That Mrs. Alfredo Elanco, 1341 Esplanade (Crescent 3539), widow of the late Consul of Bolivia here, can tell something that will tie up with Shushin.
3. That by investigating the history of the Emerald Oil Company, some line can be gotten on Hellis Maestri.

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Memorandum for Mr. A. C. Hayden

August 17, 1939

Attached is a copy of information given by Mr. Brownson to Mr. Costello--the key is roughly indicated above.

I would appreciate your getting in touch with me about this after you have had time to study it.

G. Mennen Williams

G. Mennen Williams,
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

Mrs. Lydia Wickliffe, manager of the Pontalba Building,
St. Peter and Royal Streets, - widow of former congress-
man Wickliffe, Louisiana.

Mrs. Alfredo Blanco, 1341 Esplanade, Crescent 3539, -
widow of late consul of Bolivia here. Ask her to tell
you details of jewel story. General Diaz - Maximillian
jewels.

Investigate history of Emerald Oil Company, receivership
papers filed in Federal Court. Get papers from court
clerk.

Official indicated below by check mark

MEMORANDUM

- Solicitor General Jackson
- Assistant to the Attorney General
- Assistant Attorney General Arnold
- Assistant Attorney General Morris
- Assistant Attorney General Whitaker
- Assistant Attorney General Little
- Assistant Attorney General McMahon
- Assistant Solicitor General Bell
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- Mr. Bennett, Director of Prisons
- Mr. Martin, Director of War Risk Bureau
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Mr. A. C. Hayden
 Supervisor, Investigative Division
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY LEON HUBERT ADVISED THAT HAROLD ROSENWALD SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ATTENDED HARVARD UNIVERSITY WITH A BROTHER OF ROBERT NEWMAN AND IS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP NEWMAN FROM BEING INDICTED MAIL FRAUD CASE INVOLVING REFUNDING NEW ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD BONDS BY NEWMAN HARRIS CO INC. RETURN OF INDICTMENTS BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY REPORTED DELAYED UNTIL RETURN OF O. JOHN ROGGE FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.

INDICTMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RETURNED MONDAY. U.S. FEDERAL JUDGE T. WHITFIELD DAVIDSON, DALLAS, TEXAS, ORDERED FREEMAN BURFORD, INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY NEW ORLEANS FOR VIOLATION

CONNALLY ACT. DISMISSED FROM FEDERAL CUSTODY IN DALLAS, HOLDING THERE WAS NO REASONABLE PROBABILITY OF CASE AGAINST BUREAU.

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Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sirs:

There are inclosed herewith two photostatic copies of a letter dated August 18, 1939, received by the Bureau from Mr. E. L. Walden, Route 3, Ashdown, Arkansas, together with two photostatic copies of the inclosure thereto. Also inclosed are two copies of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Walden.

The Bureau instructs that one copy each of the above be furnished to United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Inclosure

- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. Clegg _____
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September 2, 1939

Mr. R. E. Walden
Route 3
Ashdown, Arkansas

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Mr. Walden:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1939, with inclosure, wherein you volunteer your assistance in connection with the investigation being made in Louisiana relevant to possible violations of the Connally Act.

I wish to advise that I am referring copies of your letter and copies of its inclosure to Mr. B. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1308 Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, for transmittal to United States Attorney Rene A. Viozon at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
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cc-Little Rock (with 1 photostatic copy each of incoming letter and its inclosure)

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(★ copy of this letter furnished to New Orleans office with cover letter of even date.)

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as well as endangering human
lives in June 1937 my life was
threatened and I was ordered to
leave the field or be killed in an
unknown accident, which I of
course had to do, as I could not
get any help from State athletics,
as you will find in the letter
I am forwarding you. I did not
even get a answer to this letter.
so please Mr Hoover get me in
touch with your nearest agent
as I am so afraid some of this
bunch are going to slip through the
net.
or I do want to bring this whole
thing to light.

Respectfully

R. L. Walden

Ashdown, ark. Rt 3
phone.

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arden, ark for me

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr Hoover:

as you are working on this Louisiana bunch, I would love to help in any way I can in bringing to light the real foundation to this hot oil racket, and to link the rest of this bunch with Freeman W Buffard, as I know he is guilty of the charge you have against him.

I was switching a oil lease joining the lease this hot oil was run off of at that time. and I do know he knew this was hot oil, there are several parties involved in this as well as other Rackets that are being carried on in the Rodessa, La. oil field, which are a violation to Federal Laws, and State Laws.

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Jerusalem, Arkansas
Rt. 4 - Box 84-B.

Governor Richard H. Leche;
Baton Rouge, La.,

Dear Governor Leche:

I am forwarding you a copy of my letter which I wrote Mr. Rankins, Conservation Commissioner as you know. Apparently, Mr. Rankins has ignored my letter or perhaps he is getting some of the sugar out of the same ~~box~~ his clients are. Governor, do you see any reason why this bribery shouldn't be stopped. I am sure you had not the least knowledge of this kind of work being carried on by the Conservation Dept. If it is not stopped soon the Rodessa field will be no good to the state or citizens and tax payers. Is it not important to the state and people to recover back taxes on gas in this field which will amount to thousands of dollars, as well as protect the field from any further destruction. I have knowledge of this

practice going on in field carried on by major companies as well as Independents which most are now state residence.

I know parties who are involved and have actually seen pay-offs. This practice has ruined the Rodessa field causing loss to the state as well as citizens of La. The back taxes should be recovered. There are millions of feet of gas illegal being produced in this field as well as oil each day which there are no state or federal tax being paid on. I would like to explain this matter to you or one of your agents personally, I can prove to you every point that I have brought out in this letter. Just give me a chance.

In my own knowing as well as others, the conservation office at Rodessa was used as a "hang-out place" for oil companies agents which bought whiskey in large quantity, as well as dry goods for conservation staff. Also poker games and drunken parties were carried on. I do know, Governor,

this is not the true policy in which you are trying to carry on in the State of Louisiana. And I do think you will at least grant an investigation of same. I also know that a certain company selling flow valves got wise to this pay-off and took advantage and made a fortune selling flow valves which are of very little benefit to a gas well and a number of wells which are on beams are same for a blind to public. I can show you wells in Rodessa field which produce natural gasoline + 30 color which are rated oil wells. These wells have produced thousands of barrels of gasoline which 7¢ tax per gal. should have been paid on. As I have already mentioned, the State and citizens are justly due this tax money and same should be collected.

I am a citizen of La. Having lived there 3 1/2 years. And I do think I am within my rights in asking of you this investigation.

Respectfully Yours,
K. L. Walden

Mr Hoover -
Washington D.C.

Raceland La Aug 20/39

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sir - We beg you to read this letter through
and help us clean up the vice and corruption
in Lafourche Parish. Our Sheriff Mr. Stock is
to increase the dirt, His right hand Armand
has brought vice, dope and what not in this
parish for the last 10 yrs. We have appeal to the
law, but we are only mocked. In this little town
of Raceland, dope, muddering, stealing and what
not is done by Danos and Bros. We ask of
you to save our young generation, as for the
old it is gone to the dog. Night clubs, operated
by Danos and Bros. is the curse to this place.
Dope is place in their drink under influence
dope men are robbed of their money, and young
girls in their teens are hired to lure men
for immoral purposes. Last year our parish
Dr. called a meeting announcing over 300 social
diseases in the parish appealing to the
people to shut down those night clubs. But our
Dr. Stock, only laugh and no action.
Two years ago fire colored church
burned in Raceland. There were seen an

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presided quietly, but nothing was done. The
Panos Bros. are now operating over 200 slot
machine in this parish, splitting the profit
Mr. Stock and the district attorney. Two year
ago a stranger by the name of Jimmy, was
at Panos night club, he disappeared, a year after
man by the name of Buck Bourgeois, under the
influence of liquor, made a remark that within
a few days an excitement would occur in a tomb in
the cemetery, two days after Jimmy's body was found
in an empty tomb, with both hands & feet cut. Mr.
Stock was called on the scene, he made little effort
not try to investigate, left on a fishing trip left
every thing in charge of Armand Panos, appointed by
Mr. Stock as deputy sheriff. Panos close the scene
by stating nothing could be done. Back of Racine
is lake "Fise" where duck geese and poult are
plentiful. Panos and Bros. last year killed over 600
in one night, taking but the gizzets and leaving
the rest of bodies floating in the water, all year
round they kill the games they want. When a
man who is out of Mr. Stock's (ring) were to kill
one out of the limit was arrested and made to pay
fine. Now this year Armand Panos and one of his
pal Ernest Robichaux a mail carrier built a club
house on the lake taking possession of lake 90

These charging it go through the [] for []
When late "Fial" for over 100 yrs. was a free []
Miss Sattie Patuit and others went to Baton Rouge
to appeal to the governor for help, now with
scandal in this state, nothing was done, so far
Colored people has no right as a citizen in
little town, and they are known as good colored
and badly needed for labor. They are murdered
beaten by Janos & Bros. nothing is done more
than if they were to kill a poor boy. Four
years ago in Napoleonville, in Assencion parish,
white girl was found murdered in a cane patch
was on a colored boy. He was placed in jail. That
night, Janos & Bros. an and accomplice, Lee Beck
sirit the color boy from the jail, hung ^{him} by the neck
two months after the father-in-law of the murder
il, confessed on his dying bed, that he had murdered
the girl. Such is law here with Mr. Stock
Janos & Bros. what is not done is unbecom
We beg you to help us clean up this part
graft, vice, and what now. Good citizen are
raid to make an attempt to appeal to the law
any moment we might find our place on
we are get murdered. So please do something
this parish.

A. Citizen

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 AT NEW ORLEANS TODAY AND ARRAIGNMENT CONTINUED FOR ALL DEFENDANTS
 UNTIL AUGUST FOURTH NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. BORAH INSTRUCTED ALL
 DEFENDANTS TO FILE PLEAS BEFORE JULY THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN THIRTY
 NINE. SET DATE FOR HEARING ON PLEAS FOR AUGUST FOURTH NINETEEN
 THIRTY NINE. TRIAL DATE WILL PROBABLY BE AUGUST TWENTY EIGHTH OR
 SEPTEMBER FOURTH NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. HABEAS CORPUS AS TO
 JAMES MONROE SMITH EXTENDED TO AUGUST SEVENTH NINETEEN THIRTY
 NINE. RENE VIOSCA US ATTORNEY ADVISED WPA REPORT OF LOUIS S.
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LOUISIANA STATE ^{OF} OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. FEDERAL GRAND JURY,
 NEW ORLEANS, CONTINUED TO HEAR TESTIMONY IN REGARD TO MAIL FRAUD
 CASE REGARDING REFUNDING OF NEW ORLEANS LEVEE BOARD BONDS BY
 NEWMAN, HARRIS AND COMPANY AND TESTIMONY CONCERNING VIOLATIONS
 OF THE CONNALLY ACT. O. JOHN ROGGE LEAVING FOR DALLAS, TEX. TO
 PARTICIPATE IN REMOVAL AND HABEAS CORPUS HEARING OF FREEMAN BURFORD,
 INDICTED HERE FOR VIOLATION OF CONNALLY ACT.

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August 18, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Re: CRIME CONDITIONS - LOUISIANA

Dear Sirs

Mr. Harry Costello who has previously furnished information in connection with this case, called at the Bureau on August 16, 1939, and advised he had further information which he was desirous of furnishing to Mr. O. John Rogge.

Mr. Costello stated that he left New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 15, 1939, and that on August 16, 1939, he received a call from Norvin Harris of Newman, Harris & Company, which company was active in the refunding of the Levy deal. Mr. Costello related that Abe Shushan is closely connected with a man named Miller who is a Certified Public Accountant and this individual Miller reportedly gave to one H. W. Waguespack a sum of money out of the above mentioned refunding deal. Mr. Costello was of the opinion that Mr. Rogge would be interested in receiving this information inasmuch as he believed that if Miller was located and interviewed he might furnish information relevant to a possible mail fraud violation on the part of Abe Shushan.

The Bureau desires that the above information be furnished to Mr. O. John Rogge.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Very truly yours,

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LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. GEORGE CALDWELL,
 FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY,
 INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY, NEW ORLEANS, IN TWO MAIL FRAUD
 INDICTMENTS AND EUGENE BARKSDALE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF
 CONSTRUCTION, INDICTED FOR W P A VIOLATION. FEDERAL GRAND JURY
 CONTINUED TO HEAR WITNESSES TESTIFY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE
 OF JURY TAMPERING IN THE ABE SHUSHAN TRIAL IN NINETEEN THIRT Y FIVE.

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New Orleans, Louisiana
August 12, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOUETT M. SPEED -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto are copies of the report of Special Agent J. O. PEYRONNIN, dated August 10, 1939, at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the above-entitled case.

The investigation relative to JOUETT M. SPEED, who is one of the United States Grand Jurors in the present grand jury at New Orleans, was requested by O. JOHN ROGGE, Head of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, and RENE A. VIOSCA, United States Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana, and was authorized by the Bureau.

The Bureau is requested to advise this office if a copy of the aforementioned report should be submitted to the United States Attorney at New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-10-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4, 7 to 10-39	REPORT MADE BY J. G. PEYRONNIE
TITLE JOUETT M. SPEED		CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject is member of U.S. Grand Jury, New Orleans, La., presently in session. Anonymous communication received by U.S. Atty., New Orleans, reflecting subject, who is connected with Mundet Cork Corp., which firm sold material to Charity Hospital, New Orleans, was giving information to political figures in New Orleans now under investigation. U. S. Attorney requested discreet investigation. Investigation developed subject Branch Manager of Mundet Cork Corp. at New Orleans since 1929, earns \$600 to \$800 per month, and that his company under sub-contract sold materials of his company's manufacture for use in construction of Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Credit rating of subject considered only satisfactory and in some instances unsatisfactory. Nothing against his reputation in general could be learned.

DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

On August 4, 1939, United States Attorney **RENE A. VIOSCA** furnished the New Orleans Office with a list of the members of the United States Grand Jury presently in session, and both Mr. VIOSCA and Mr. O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant United States Attorney General, requested the New Orleans Office to conduct a very discreet investigation as to subject **J. M. SPEED**, a member of the United States Grand Jury. Mr. ROGGE also submitted to the New Orleans Office part of an anonymous letter addressed to him bearing the date of August 1, 1939, in which anonymous communication information was given that there is a man on the present Federal Grand Jury named

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SPEED who is connected with the Mundet Cork Corporation, that SPEED is giving valuable information to SEYMOUR WEISS, ROBERT MAESTRI, and other big political figures; that this man SPEED has sold big orders for cork and floor coverings made by his firm to the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and that he, the anonymous writer of this letter, is reliably informed it was a shady deal and a kickback in money; that the political gang has this over him, SPEED, and that he is telling them plenty of what goes on in the Grand Jury.

Mr. ROGGE informed that there is a leak in the present Grand Jury, and at the time of the request for the investigation by this office of SPEED, Mr. ROGGE informed that he believed SPEED was the particular leak. However, during the course of this investigation, contacts have been made with Mr. ROGGE in connection with this investigation, and he informed that SPEED has shown a disposition to be very aggressive in the presentation of matters before the Grand Jury, has asked many questions, and was very cooperative and displayed a disposition to be with the government in these matters.

United States Attorney RENE A. VIOSCA submitted to agent copy of tabulations of approved sub-contracts in the construction of the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. This tabulation shows contract was given to the American Heating & Plumbing Company and opposite the name of that concern shows a sub-contract 7-B dated December 30, 1937 to the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, type of work: Boxes in morgue, amount of sub-contract, \$11,221.00. In this same tabulation of approved sub-contracts there also appears Contract No. 16 given to W. J. RILEY Plumbing & Heating Company, New Orleans, and opposite the name of that concern appears the information as to various sub-contracts, and opposite sub-contract 16-D, dated July 20, 1938, was given the name of the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, type of work: Cold storage rooms, amount of sub-contract \$3,000.00.

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Inc., American Bank Building, New Orleans, were examined and the said records show that JOUETT M. SPEED resides at 4503 South Derbigny Street, New Orleans, is branch manager of the Mundet Cork Corp. of 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans, and a report dated April 22, 1939 gives information that subject has been in New Orleans for many years, is 57 years old, married, working for the Mundet Cork Corp. at New Orleans since 1929 as branch manager; character, habits and morals, well-regarded; income from present employment estimated at \$4,000.00 per year; does not own any property but rents. Under "REMARKS" information is given that SPEED has been connected with the Mundet Cork Corporation, a nationally known concern, for the past 25 years, originally as a salesman, later as sales manager, and 10 years ago was made manager of the local branch of the company at New Orleans; that SPEED has all along resided in a

good residential section of the city and has been receiving a good salary, but so far as is known has not accumulated any particular means; that SPEED is entirely dependent upon his earnings and his net worth is considered limited. Previous addresses were given as 2839 Palmer Avenue and 7217 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, La. Said records contain information that a suit was filed against SPEED on January 19, 1933 by the Audubon Golf Club in the amount of \$126.90, and judgment was rendered May 23, 1933, and that SPEED presently owes \$18.00 in that suit; also the records show that a suit was filed against SPEED on March 27, 1935 by the Continental Bank & Trust Company in the amount of \$160.00. The report shows that the data in connection with this claim could not be verified on account of the bank in question being in liquidation. Also, the said records show that on December 19, 1938, Mrs. EMMA KNOOP, widow of A. HARRY DRAPER, filed a suit for damages against SPEED in the sum of \$10,000.00, the details of which are not available. The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau, Inc. regard the credit rating of SPEED as satisfactory.

The records of Dun & Bradstreet Commercial Agency, United Fruit Company Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain report dated December 1938 which shows that JOUETT M. SPEED is local manager of the Mundet Cork Corp., 432 North Peters Street, New Orleans; that the headquarters of this concern are located at 450 Seventh Avenue, New York City; that the corporation maintained a sales and distributing office in New Orleans. Mr. GREEN, office manager of Dun & Bradstreet, in the strictest of confidence informed that his office does not have a record of SPEED or complete data as to the Mundet Cork Corp. for the reason that the Mundet Cork Corp. has a rating of over a million dollars and has a very high credit rating. Mr. GREEN informed that he would in the regular course of business confidentially endeavor to secure information as to SPEED and submit the results of that investigation to reporting agent. On August 8, 1939, Mr. GREEN informed that his confidential investigation developed that SPEED has been in New Orleans for several years, during which period of time he has been branch manager of the Mundet Cork Corp.; that the company specializes in the manufacture and sale of cork insulation; that the Mundet Cork Corp. through the local office of that corporation at New Orleans sold some cork insulation to the new Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, but that no information could be determined as to the details surrounding the sale of the cork insulation to the Charity Hospital. Mr. GREEN informed that the income of SPEED is supposed to be between \$600.00 and \$800.00 per month, and nothing derogatory to his reputation could be ascertained. On August 10, 1939, Mr. GREEN of Dun & Bradstreet Commercial Agency, New Orleans, confidentially informed agent that a further confidential and discreet check of SPEED was made and he ascertained that SPEED was sued by the Audubon Golf Club in January 1933 for \$126.00, judgment rendered, and that SPEED still owes \$18.00 thereof; that SPEED

was sued in March 1935 by the Continental Bank in the amount of \$160.00; that SPEED was sued on December 19, 1938 by the widow of A. H. DRAPER in the amount of \$10,000, which is evidently a damage suit, and no information is available as to the disposition of that suit; that he confidentially ascertained that SPEED owes in a particular account a balance of \$84.00 since 1931; that the credit rating of SPEED personally is considered only satisfactory, and in some cases unsatisfactory. The investigation as previously reported reflects he has been with the Mandet Cork Corp. for 25 years and is local manager of the corporation at New Orleans since 1929.

No further investigation will be conducted in this matter unless further requested by the United States Attorney at New Orleans, Louisiana.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject is member of U.S. Grand Jury, New Orleans, La., presently in session. Anonymous communication received by U.S. Atty., New Orleans, reflecting subject, who is connected with Mundet Cork Corp., which firm sold material to Charity Hospital, New Orleans, was giving information to political figures in New Orleans now under investigation. U. S. Attorney requested discreet investigation. Investigation developed subject Branch Manager of Mundet Cork Corp. at New Orleans since 1939, earns \$600 to \$800 per month, and that his company under sub-contract sold materials of his company's manufacture for use in construction of Charity Hospital, New Orleans. Credit rating of subject considered only satisfactory and in some instances unsatisfactory. Nothing against his reputation in general could be learned.

DETAILS:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

On August 4, 1939, United States Attorney **RENE A. VIOSCA** furnished the New Orleans Office with a list of the members of the United States Grand Jury presently in session, and both Mr. VIOSCA and Mr. O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant United States Attorney General, requested the New Orleans Office to conduct a very discreet investigation as to subject **J. M. SPEED**, a member of the United States Grand Jury. Mr. ROGGE also submitted to the New Orleans Office part of an anonymous letter addressed to him bearing the date of August 1, 1939, in which anonymous communication information was given that there is a man on the present Federal Grand Jury named

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New Orleans, Louisiana
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: LOUISIANA STATE OFFICIALS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Dear Sir:

You will recall that some days ago I informed the Bureau that a MR. SHIRLEY G. WIMBERLY had made a radio talk over three stations in Louisiana for a period of one hour condemning the investigations being made by the Federal Government, particularly attacking Attorney General MURPHY and Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE.

On August 7, 1939, as I informed the Bureau, this individual made another hour broadcast over station WDSU in New Orleans, during which tirade he also mentioned the Attorney General and MR. ROGGE. This speech on August 7, 1939, was recorded at this office by the use of the Ediphone dictating machine and has been transcribed.

I am enclosing herewith for your information and the completion of the Bureau's file regarding SHIRLEY WIMBERLY three copies of the transcribed talk made by WIMBERLY on August 7, 1939.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT,
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Following is a transcript of the speech of SHIRLEY A. WIMBERLY, New Orleans Attorney, delivered over Station WDSU, New Orleans, from 8:30 to 9:30 Pm, August 7, 1939. This speech was taken by means of an ediphone and transcribed therefrom:

At this time you will hear MR. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY, New Orleans Attorney, speaking from the studios of WDSU in the City of New Orleans. This is a paid political program. Views expressed by the speaker are his own and not necessarily those of this station... MR. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY...

Ladies and gentlemen: First let me thank the thousands of good people throughout the State of Louisiana, who have been so kind as to tell me by letter, by telegram and by telephone, since my last speech over this station, that they heartily approve the sentiment I expressed upon that occasion. Each communication, almost invariably, admonished me to keep up the fight. You need have no fear, my friends, I most certainly intend to keep up the fight. This fight is too important to the interests of every poor man, woman and child in Louisiana, to even think for a moment of quitting. This fight must go on! If it fails, you poor people of Louisiana prepare your wrists for the shackles that the lying and corrupt newspapers, and the big monied corporate interests have been busily preparing to put on you, ever since the first newspaper headlines in the Times Picayune gleefully shrieked with fiendish delight that something was wrong at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge.

The average citizen of Louisiana, sincere in his love for his State, and deeply interested in the welfare of all its institutions, was shocked and dismayed at the unfortunate disclosure, at L. S. U. The good men and women of this State felt a sense of sorrow that harm had come to their famous and beloved University, but to the newspapers, that was the signal they had awaited so long. It meant to them an opportunity to commence a wave of hysteria and excitement in Louisiana that they might well use, to completely destroy the faith of the people in their Government. Sure, every public official in Louisiana have been a crock and a scoundrel and a thief. That was their program! Say that all politicians, high and low, big and little, were crooks, and then bring forward a scurvy misfit little outfit of blueblooded corporation lawyers and bankers, and brokers, and other representatives of the special interests, headed by a man like ELDON LAZARUS, JOSEPH AIREY, JOE CARROLL, and every other enemy of the people they could think of, and say to the people: Here's your savior, let these people take charge of Louisiana! Run all your elected officials out, and let these big, pure, holy and patriotic high society boys move in, and then you'll have a real honest clean Government. That was their program, that was the program of these lying and

dishonest newspapers, that's the kind of claptrap they thought they could make the people of Louisiana swallow. Why, when the news broke of the misfortune that had happened at L. S. U. these newspaper fellows and their corporation lawyers went wild with joy. Here's the chance we've been waiting for boys, here it is, and at last we've got our break! We can capitalize on Louisiana's misfortune, let these poor people hang their heads in sorrow, they're stunned, and before they can get over being stunned and start to think straight, again, we will fan the flames of hatred and malice and prejudice against everybody that has any official connection with the Government of Louisiana. We'll say they're all crooks, and burglars and scoundrels and thieves, and the people will get so worked up over it all they'll get so excited and inflamed by the newspaper headlines, and the lies we can print, they won't have time to look into the character and reputation of the worn out aristocrats we're shoving down their throats. And then we'll be in power in Louisiana again! That's what the newspapers said. Oh, the deceit, the hypocrisy, the villainy of these contemptible newspapers! Glad! Glad! Over Louisiana's scandal! Glad over her shame! When Louisiana's plain, honest and patriotic citizens sorrowed that some of her officials had betrayed their trust and had been found in sin, these buzzards in print, these vultures in type, these scavengers in headlines, licked their loathsome chops and run-----their filthy mouths, while they rejoicingly waited to pick our bones. They rejoiced, these newspapers, I tell you! They rejoiced, these corporation lawyers! When they learned that trouble had started in this State. Just as they sat around tables in a back room and raised their tinkling glasses in rejoicing to celebrate Louisiana's greatest tragedy - the assassination of HUEY P. LONG! Just as they sent floral offerings to the grave of HUEY LONG'S murderous assassin! Just as some of their kind even went to that assassin's funeral. Oh, they're saying that I was HUEY LONG'S bitterest enemy, they are saying that I opposed HUEY LONG. They are right when they say I opposed HUGH'S politics for a period of his political life. They are wrong when they say I was HUEY LONG'S bitter enemy. Tell the truth just once, you lying newspapers. Tell the truth just once, if the truth is anywhere in your lying carcasses. Tell the people about my opposition to HUEY LONG! I'll help you tell it! I'll tell it for you!

I said in the circular I issued the other day, ladies and gentlemen, that I would not refer to this subject again, and that I would not be put on the defensive by a lot of lying, deceitful, fraudulent newspapers, but I've changed my mind for just this once. As everyone who knows me well will tell you, I supported HUEY LONG when he ran for Governor in 1924. I remained his friend for four years, until he ran for Governor in 1928, and I supported him again. I made many

speeches for him throughout his campaign. I was his friend after he became Governor, and through the dark days of his impeachment.

In 1930 he came down here to New Orleans, and not knowing the situation, and not knowing certain politicians as well as he might, made the mistake of being fooled into joining forces with a man who was about as foul and sorry a scoundrel as has ever disgraced this city. And you people know who I'm talking about. I'm not going to mention his name because he's out of politics, and there's no purpose in mentioning his name. HUEY didn't know him for what he really was. HUEY'S friends did know this man well. They tried to dissuade him, but HUEY wouldn't listen, and he let this man fool him into joining up with him.

Several of HUEY'S friends and I decided we could not go along on the proposition. We told HUEY that man was universally hated and despised in this city, and would eventually do him a lot of harm. HUEY wouldn't listen, and we parted company. It was then I opposed HUEY LONG. Yes, I opposed him! Openly and fearlessly, at the zenith of his power, when the sun of his success stood at high noon. I opposed HUEY LONG at a time when he had all his health and vigor, out in the open, face to face. I didn't wait until after his murder to oppose him, and then turn on his warring widow and seek to do her harm, as the craven, cowardly newspapers have done.

I said in that circular HUEY LONG and I composed our differences when he discovered that his friends had told him the truth about the man he had joined forces with in New Orleans. That man doublecrossed HUEY LONG, and HUEY kicked him out. And if HUEY LONG saw fit to compose his differences with me two years before his death, then I say that's good enough for me. I spent those two years before HUEY LONG was killed on the battlefield with him, helping him fight his enemies. And the best answer I can make to those, like the lying newspapers, who would try to make me out as HUEY'S life long foe, is that I have since his death, spent my time and all my energy defending the memory of HUEY LONG from the slanderous, malicious and cowardly attacks of foul and cruel harpies like the Times Picayune. Now, that brings us down to what has happened in the State since my last speech, ladies and gentlemen. That speech did away with the Citizens Voluntary Committee. Don't you ever let anybody fool you about that. I'm going to show you in a minute how it did. I'm going to prove to you that the morning after that speech the Citizens Voluntary Committee was on the run, and the next day there wasn't any more Citizens Voluntary Committee. I'll come to that in a minute.

They got to resigning and --- off so fast, that the big leaders, JOE CARROLL, corporation lawyer, and SHINOLA HELPS, part owner of the Times Picayune, and JOHN M. PARKER, JR., and ELDON LAZARUS and a few others got together and they said: "Boys, we gotta do some-thin'. This Citizens Committee is going to pieces. Most of these fellows are scared that at a minute the searchlight of truth is going

to be turned on them and they're stampeding on us. Pretty soon we won't have a baker's dozen of our original one hundred and one, let alone all those who have jined up with us since".

These ring leaders got their heads together and they powwowed and they conferred, and they consulted and they considered and they reconsidered, and finally what do you suppose they came up to? Here's what they decided. These fellows, JOE CARROLL, JOHN M. PARKER, JR., SHINOLA PHELPS, here's what they decided. Let's quit using that Citizens Voluntary Committee. Let's change that ----, let's break off that mask, let's use one of our other names. You know this newspaper corporation lawyer outfit has plenty a names. So they said, let's use our best known name, and try that one out on -----, maybe that'll sound bigger than Citizens Voluntary Committee, and maybe he'll give in to our demands, and let us run the State for 'em without being elected to office.

Here's the name they came up with - Association of Commerce. Assassination of Commerce! That's the latest name these lying newspapers and their big monied friends are using. They figure they'll scare you Governor, better watch those birds, those society people are slick EARL. If you think I'm joking about this my friends, if you want to check up on what I've just been telling you, get your newspapers dating from August 1st to date, and see how active this bunch of high powered rich people have been under the name they started out with - the Citizens Voluntary Committee.

I made a speech last week exposing the hypocrisy and corruptness of that whole bunch of antis, known at various times in the past ten or twelve years as the Constitutional League, and the Honest Election League, and this league, that league and the other league, dedicated to the lofty purpose of taking Louisiana's Government away from the people and giving it back to the newspapers and the corporation lawyers. I climbed on board of that bunch in my last speech and told the plain unvarnished truth about 'em, and like all such fake outfits they commenced to cave in and crumble up at once. Now, on August fifth, that was five or six days after I made my last speech, the Times Picayune came out with big black headline, maybe

some of you will remember it. "CITIZENS DEMAND CLEANUP OF STATE". 'Member that? When I read the word "CITIZENS" in that headline, I naturally thought the Citizens Voluntary Committee had come back to life. But when I read down in the sub-head, as these newspaper people call the small headline that follows the big one across the top of the page, Lo and Behold! There it was! Big as life! A. of C., that's the Association of Commerce, A. of C. urges fair poll. 12 point plan. Not the Citizens Committee, not the devote Citizens Voluntary Committee, but the A. of C. They had decided to take up the battle, and being fakers like they are, they didn't want to quit altogether, so they figured they'd get rid of the Citizens Voluntary Committee name and get a new old one, like the Association of Commerce. Now.,, Assassination of Commerce urges fair poll, 12 point plan.

Now, here's where I'm going to prove to you my friends, that the members of the now defunct Citizens Voluntary Committee, and the members of the Association of Commerce, are the same identical people, the same corporation lawyers, the same bluebloods, the same representatives of the special interests. I've got before me here, gimme that red book, got before me here the Redbook of New Orleans, Commerce and membership directory of the New Orleans Association of Commerce. I'll show the people in the room, so they'll know I'm not faking on this. Now, I've also got right here the list of members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana and I'm holding it up so everybody can see, as originally published in the Times-Picayune. That's a list of members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee, and that's a list of members of Association of Commerce. I'm going to show you that the members of the Association of Commerce were the members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee, and the members of the Citizens Voluntary Committee are the members of the Association of Commerce.

Now, I can't take up all my time here comparing these lists on every name, but I'm going to take enough of them at random, to show you that the Citizens Voluntary Committee now deceased, having been unable to survive a barrage of truth, is the Association of Commerce with a mask on its face. Same name, same members, same gang of high binding corporation lawyers, bankers and millionaires aided and abetted by the lying newspapers, try to take Louisiana's Government away from its people.

Alright, let's look at these two membership lists, let's just skip around here and there on these lists. One, the Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, now defunct, the other, the Association of Commerce, now fronting for the newspapers and corporate interests. I'll just pick 'em at random. Here's HUGH McCLUSKEY, I got

him right off the list here, he's on the Citizens Committee. Well, in the Association of Commerce Red Book there's McCluskey and Benedict and Bernard McCluskey. I looked that up. They're related. The McCluskeys are well represented in the Association of Commerce.

Here's RALPH A. PONS, he's a member in good standing in both outfits, Citizens Committee and the Association of Commerce. HAROLD S. MEYER, both, WILLIAM B. WISDOM, both, they're members of the late lamented Citizens Voluntary Committee and the Assassination of Commerce. WILLIAM B. MONROE, member of both, JOHN P. MOORE, both, FRANK FREIDLER, both, W. D. ROUSSELL, I believe that's the gentleman who wrote that letter to the paper - this evening about. W. D. ROUSSELL, member of both Association of Commerce and Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee. CHARLES F. FLETCHINGER, both, Association of Commerce boy and late lamented Citizens Voluntary Committee boy. JOSEPH M. JONES, both, MARION R. WILSON, here's a triple ----, he's a member of the former Citizens Voluntary Committee, the Assassination of Commerce and the Young Men's Business Club. LEONARD M. WISE, both, A. of C. and the Citizens Voluntary, J. EVERETT EAVES, another triple ---- boy, belongs to all three outfits; JOHN M. PARKER, JR., of course, wouldn't you----, ----- (sounds like LYON BELL), both, WALTER J. TRAUTMAN, a two star boy, A. of C. and Citizens Voluntary. ALBERT WACKENHEIM, JR., A. of C. and Citizens Voluntary; HAROLD S. WEIL, both, JOHN WARD (?), ditto, MALCOLM L. DINWITTE, same, A. B--- MOORE, likewise, LAWRENCE EUSTIS, JR., yes, JOHN UPTON, WILLIAM B. HANDREW, that's a pretty name, I'm going to have something to say about that boy in a few minutes. WILLIAM B. HANDREW, W. W. HOLMES, JR., HENRY BORDELON (?), W. S. SIMPSON, JOHN X. WEGMANN, - good lord, I get tired reading 'em. All of 'em are members in good standing of both the Association of Commerce and the late Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana.

Of course the membership is the same. Of course it is. Did you expect it to be different? Does this confirm what I've been telling you? That the lying newspapers and their corporation friends are making their bids for political power in this State? It's history repeating itself, that's all. These few high powered crooked owners of the false and lying newspapers and a small clique of corporation lawyers like ESMOND PHELPS, JOE CARROLL, MONTE LEMANN and a few others trying to set up a bunch of shirt fronts and through them take this State Government away from the people. That's all it is. Let's look at a few more names on these two lists - CHARLES PAYNE MUTTER (?), JR., a member of both the A. of C. and the Citizens Voluntary Committee. MONTE M. LEMANN, wouldn't you just know it?, member of both. ELDON S. LAZARUS, of course, C. G. ST----, absolutely, he's the president of the Assassination of Commerce. Let me tell you something ST--- boy, you'd better get out of politics in this State - first thing you know the poor people of this city aren't going to trade at that big million dollar chain store you're running if you don't quit trying to boss poor people around in this State. E. B. GURNEY, triple star, J. R. MONROE, member of both, JOSEPH W. CARROLL, what would you expect? S.

WALTER STERN, H. J. JUMONVILLE, S. G. ALKUS, JR., CARL WOOD, -----
-----, B. S. WILLIAMS, GEORGE S. CLARK, - Aw---- but what's the
use? Don't you know by this time that practically every blessed
member of the Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, that was
raising so much fuss in the newspapers a week ago, don't you know
that every blessed member of that outfit is a member of the Associa-
tion of Commerce, which from now on is going to do the fussing for the
newspapers and the corporation lawyers. And if we spoke out about that
old enemy of the pople of Louisiana, and make that Association of Com-
merce fold up like its deceased sister, and the Citizens Voluntary
Committee did, why just as sure as you're born they'll be back with a
new name. Some league, or committee or association for the saving of
the poor people of the State of Louisiana.

Now, these high collar boys are resourceful alright, I
noticed in the Times Picayune last Saturday in the same issue that was
headlined "CITIZENS DEMAND CLEANUP OF STATE", they have organized them
a junior outfit, this one is called The Peoples League. An organiza-
tion, according to the Times Picayune, of young business and profession-
al men of New Orleans. I guess they figure this young budding outfit
will grow up and inherit the parent outfit's monopoly on forming associa-
tions and leagues, for the purpose of trying to run Louisiana for the
people, without bothering to be elected to public office.

What a democratic gathering! What a representative body.
How accurately it reflects public opinion. Bankers, brokers, corpora-
tion lawyers, cotton and stock exchange gamblers, but not a single soli-
tary representative of organized labor. Not a single solitary man from
the ranks of the laboring man and woman. Why? Is it because a hand
callous ----- is not equal in dignity to the heart calloused by
greed and inhumanity? Do you think, you high and mighty Larks of Mammon,
that the men and women whose ingenuity and industry give all that there
is of value to our very articles of commerce, lack the intelligence to
fit into your councils? These are the people who delve into your mines
and bring to the marts of commerce the minerals, the people who fell
the forests, build your roads, construct your houses! Has anyone a
greater right than they to say how this Government is run? Why do you
ignore, you assassins of both character and commerce, why do you
ignore the small independent business man, the corner grocer. Oh, they
ought to give significance to meet with you on your high ----- I
want to tell you something, you aiders and abettors of the national
chain stores, that if it were not for the small independent merchants
the poor people could not survive the economic strife of today. They
could not get credit for food, for coal, for medicine, and for the
various and sundry small necessities that are required in their daily
lives. The average poor man gets paid twice a month. Out of one little
pay envelope he usually pays his month's house rent, leaving hardly
enough for his car fare and a ten cents poor boy sandwich, for his

lunch. For the next two weeks he must necessarily depend upon the neighborly, kindly, humane little corner grocer. If one of his kids gets sick, he has his friend the little corner druggist to fall back on. If his money runs short when the kids' shoe soles get thin, his children needn't go barefooted until next payday, because there stands his friend, the little corner shoe merchant who will trust him a payday.

But what would you rich men know about all that? I know about it! I've been through it myself! Let us suppose that this poor man walked into ST----'S six million dollar store and said "Trust me until payday, my little fellow's toes are coming through his shoes." What do you think STAREY (?) would say? I believe I know what'd he say. "See our Credit Manager, and if the Credit Associations, after looking up your rating for a few days, advise me that you are a safe credit risk, it's alright with me for you to get a three dollar pair of shoes". Let us suppose that a poor man found himself in trouble at some time, and he went to seek the advice of a lawyer like ELDON LAZARUS. Suppose he told LAZARUS, "My need for legal advice is urgent, but I don't get paid until next Saturday night." What do you think he'd say? You think he'd say as you and I would say, "That's alright my friend, just pay me when and if it's convenient to you, and if you never pay me, that's alright too". Aw, he wouldn't! He'd freeze up with a man like ELDON LAZARUS. He'd probably have that poor man thrown out of his office because he's not interested in poor men and their problems. His god is money! Money and more money! A man like ELDON LAZARUS sneers on that poor people. What does this kind of people know about the way the poor man and his family live? Yet these little merchants who do such good for the people of a community are considered too inconsequential and too insignificant to sit and advise in the councils of the mighty rich. They're ignored by the Citizens Voluntary Committee and the Association of Commerce. Oh yea, this Association of Commerce, successors to the defunct Citizens Voluntary Committee, is truly a democratic representative body.

Now my friends, let me make a -----, not to the politicians of this State, but to the poor people of Louisiana, and they're the only people I'm concerned about, the rich can take care of themselves, and I might observe in passing that I don't want any quarrel with the rich, as long as they keep to themselves, but I want the poor people of this city and state to believe me when I say that while I have been interested and active in the politics of this State for a long time, and many of you who know me very probably think that I am conducting a one man political campaign, this is not a political campaign at all, this is an attempt to warn the poor people of Louisiana that danger is awaits at their door.

If you are a poor man or woman, if you belong to the under-privileged class, if you work hard for a living, I'm talking to you.

It matters not to me who your candidates are or any other office, support and vote for whomsoever you please. That is your God-given privilege. If any man who is not the open and avowed candidate of these newspapers and corporation lawyers, and is not supported and endorsed by them, offers his candidacy to the people of this State in the January primary, and you believe he is honest and clean and sincere, then by all means support him, vote for him, I'll have no quarrel with you. But meantime, don't you, for your own sake, for your children's sake, for the sake of the State of Louisiana, don't, please don't be fooled by these newspapers of special interest in letting them get control of the Government of this State. That's my proposition. That, and that alone. If before these troublous times in Louisiana are over every politician presently holding office in Louisiana is shown to be a crook from top to bottom, then give your Government into the hands of the tools that will be offered you by these lying crooked, scandal----- newspapers and the big monied interests of this State and nation.

You'll simply be swapping the devil for his brother if that ever happens. Forget me! Forget politics! Forget every personality in the State of Louisiana today! And just look this situation squarely in the face. You don't like this politician? Kick him out of office! If you don't like that one, kick him out! This politician you think has been shown up as a crook and a grafter, slap him in jail, and give him the same kind of trial and treatment that everybody gets, and if a jury of twelve of his peers says he's guilty, put him in the penitentiary where he belongs. Hold all the investigations you want to. I'm glad to see them held. But don't, whatever you do, whatever happens, never let yourself believe, you poor people, that because somebody else is bad the Times Picayune is good. No matter how bad anyone in Louisiana is shown up to be the lying and corrupt newspapers are worse. No matter how little interest in the well-being of poor people some crooked politician has evinced, those blue-blooded, money-loving, society-crazy corporation lawyers have less interest. A man who was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, my friends, and who has had plenty all his life, cannot feel for the problems of the poor devils, whose life is spent earning his living by the sweat of his brow. Free school books mean nothing to a rich man. He can buy his children their books, and being rich he can't understand how much saving even a dime or quarter means to a poor man. So it would be a matter of indifference to him if the Association of Commerce and the newspapers elected their tools as your lawmakers and they took your free school books away from you. But it would be a tragedy to you! A homestead exemption means nothing to a corporation lawyer. What does he need with a homestead exemption? He's rich, and he can afford to pay taxes, even on a mansion. But to you small home owners it means a lot. It means that you can add just that little money to the few comforts and conveniences that you can provide for your little family.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, some of my friends have told me I'm unwise to take the position I've taken. They've told me that I

might make those in political power in this State angry. They say that I may be criticized for stirring up unrest. They tell me maybe we ought to be quiet and the newspapers will quit misadvertising Louisiana to the world and these so-called indignant citizens of the Association of Commerce will cease raising cane and put their shoulders to the wheel and help to bring about rest and quiet and peace in this State.

Maybe my friends are smarter than I am. But if that ever happens it'll be the first time an eating cancer ever was cured by letting it be. No sir! You let a cancer alone and it'll eat you up! It'll spread out its greedy tentacles to every part of your body it can reach, and it'll grab hold of every one of your vitals until you finally wake up one day and realize you're a goner. These friends might be smarter than I am, and they probably are about most things, but I know what I'm doing in this situation. I didn't ask anybody if I could make a fight for the poor man against his natural enemies, the Times Picayune and the corporate interests. I didn't have to. There are no mortgages on my political soul. No one owns or controls me. If I chose to make an alliance in politics I do it. But I don't sacrifice my individuality nor my independence. I reserve the right at all times to speak my own mind honestly and open. I knew what I was up against when I decided to commence this fight. Some well meaning people with whom I discussed it told me they're going to say you're trying to protect some crooks ---- myself. But ladies and gentlemen, only a coward hesitates to do that which is right because he fears what some people might say. The welfare of the poor people of this state is infinitely more important to me than what some people might say. If I died right after I completed this speech and I had done nothing more than prevent the poor man, woman and child of Louisiana from falling victims to the snares being set for them by the humbugs, fakes and frauds masquerading as newspapers and corporation lawyers, then I say to you, I honestly believe I would not have lived in vain.

I know what I'm up against, every ---- and evil motive that the ----- of the rich can think up ----- fact will be ----- to me before this -----! Every foul calumny and slander that tongue and pen of big money can devise will be uttered against me. I'm in for it, I know that! What ----- I succeed in stopping these power-greedy corporation control ----- from lying their way into political power in the State or not, such a fight is but a small one to me. Yes, they'll try to buy me. Now, if I were a demagogue, as one fine gentleman of the press called me in an editorial the other day, I'd say they actually had already tried to buy me, but I'm telling you the truth, I'm not playing a demagogue. One of my friends who was employed in the Civil District Court Building of this city told me the other day he heard a group of elderly lawyers in conversation on the third floor corridor of that building, that they were discussing my last speech, these elderly

lawyers, one of them said "The thing we ought to do at the outset with this fellow WIMBERLY is buy him off right at the start and hush him up". Save your time and mine boys. You definitely got the wrong angle. You fellows think money can buy anything. But it can't. How do you think I could go to sleep tonight if, believing as I do, however mistaken I might be, if believing as I do, that by warning the poor people of this State that they are in grave danger at the hands of unscrupulous people I might play some small part in saving them from that danger. How do you think I could go to sleep tonight if I sold every poor man woman and child in Louisiana down the river to the newspapers and big corporate interests when I know that those same newspapers and corporate interests mean them harm. I told you big money boys, listen to me well, that there are but few ways to shut me up. One is to make these lying newspapers that you own, and your other pliant tools, your corporation lawyers and bankers, stop trying to defraud the poor people of Louisiana out of their political birthright. Make these frauds, hypocrites and humbugs stop trying to fool the poor people of this State into giving them control of our Government - that's simple enough. And you can do it. You might have to go all the way to Wall Street to get it done. But you can do it big boys. You can do it. You know what I mean when I say go all the way to Wall Street.

Now the other way to shut me up is just exactly as you did with HUEY P. LONG. You know what I mean. I'm not going to mince words with you. I don't mince words. I don't hate the rich. I don't envy them. I don't want any quarrel with them. My life has been cast with the poor whom I've lived amongst all my life. I live on the wrong side of the tracks with the poor people, and I'm content and happy to live there in peace and quiet all of my life, and I won't come on your side rich boys, I won't come on your side rich boys - I won't come on your side of the tracks, if you don't meddle with my side. These newspapers brand as a demagogue any person who dares to expose and denounce their nefarious ----- plots to usurp power. They try to mark with infamy the man who expresses the honest convictions of his heart and brain. They stigmatize as treasonable the exercise of free speech, the brightest gem in the golden crown of democracy. Demagogue! I hate! I loathe! I ----- that word, and its abhorrent and malicious implication.

Let us get down to brass tacks. I'm used to asking plain questions. I believe in taking these situations apart. You can't just call me a demagogue you newspaper boys and expect to get away with it. I went to the newspaper, I went to the dictionary, to find out what a demagogue was, and according to any standard dictionary a demagogue is a speaker, now listen to this well please my friends, a speaker who seeks to make capital of social discontent and gain political influence. Now, that is the meaning, the legitimate definition of the word demagogue, let me repeat it again, they called me a demagogue so I'm telling you what the dictionary says a demagogue is, a speaker who seeks to make capital of social unrest and gain political influence. Social unrest. There is no social unrest in this state today, I know there's a great

deal of high society unrest in the State since I exposed and routed some gentlemen of the so-called elite. There is social unrest in the proper meaning of that phrase, the masses are not clamoring for a change in the form of our Government. There might be some fellows who want to put certain politicians out, to be elected to office themselves, but they are not clamoring for a change in our Form of Government, like from democratic to communistic or something like that. That's a social unrest. Therefore, it's impossible for me to be taking advantage or to make capital of a condition of social unrest which in fact does not exist in Louisiana. Neither am I a candidate for public office. So you can readily see that the word demagogue as applied to me is a malicious slander and a deliberate libel. Am I a demagogue because I believe in the philosophy of Government formulated and expounded by JEFFERSON, by WASHINGTON, by FRANKLIN? Shall I be -----because I believe in the grand democratic principle of majority rules? No, ladies and gentlemen! I believe in the capitalistic system, of which labor and capital are ----- parts, and that when properly regulated gives to every man, be he laborer or capitalist, a fair and just proportion of the products of his brain and brawn. And it is because I am a firm believer in democracy and capitalism properly regulated that I am defying the plutocrats and bureaucrats who are fiendishly conspiring to destroy both. They are the demagogues! These fiendish, crooked newspapers and their ----- corporation madmen. They are the conniving heartless scoundrels who, masquerading as patriots, are resorting to undisguised and shameless demagoguery, trying to arouse baseless fears, to erupt a volcano of hatred against constituted authority, and to convert this State into an inferno of confusion in order that they might emerge the bureaucratic masters of Louisiana.

And this condition, ladies and gentlemen, mark me well, is not confined to this State alone, but is a part of a free vision conspiracy to turn back the clock of history to the time of medieval surfdom. Any man or woman who has ever read history knows that throughout its course democratic Government has been destroyed by the great monied interests who reduce mankind to a state of peonage. Any students of history, any professor in the universities of the United States which are not under corporate domination will verify this historical truth. They will tell you that history for thousands of years, and I speak advisedly, in China, in India, in Greece, in Rome, in continental Europe, in Persia, in the United States, in the South and Central Americas, will conclusively prove that all great social upheavals have their causitive factor and germinal inception in millions of underdogs driven to desperation and violence by the bureaucratic few. And it is to prevent such a catastrophe, to preserve democracy, to retain the capitalistic system under which everybody should enjoy a just proportion of the fruits of his labor, that I so strenuously and inexorably opposed these historical enemies. I want to see this great experiment in human liberty, this magnificent republic, grow to more splendid and grander proportions as the centuries roll by. It is a cause to which we should all consecrate ourselves. If you big

monied boys will let my people, who are the poor people, alone, I'll let you alone! If you won't, then by the great and eternal God who made my soul, get ready to fight, because I'm coming after you. That's my proposition to you, that's the bargain I'll make with you Mr. Big Money. You can keep your money. I don't want it. I'll tell you right now, if a man comes to me and tries to offer me any of it, like dis-wreet corporation lawyers, found there in the corridor of the Civil Dis-trict Court, one of those babies or any of their friends, come to offer it to me, let them be prepared to fight. Let'em be prepared to fight, I'm an old man now, reached forty the other day, I still think I can take on some of these boys who come around me trying to buy me.

Now, you leave my people alone, and I'll let you alone. And you can pile up all the money you please as long as you do it as a private individual, but take my advice for your own good, and don't try to control the public life of this state. You boys are out of politics and you ain't coming back in and that's all there is to it.

Now, let me get down to talking about some of this newspaper publicity my last speech brought on. These newspapers are great institutions, they're fine, fine institutions. The first thing these newspapers carried the next day was that radio station WDSU had been threatened the morning after my speech by some of those corporation high-binders I mentioned in my speech. They were threatened that if they permitted me to speak again some lawsuits might be filed against that station. Now, WDSU, I believe, is the only major radio station in town that will permit broadcast of a ----- nature, broadcasts where politics may be discussed. So these high finance bandits figured they'd put a gag on the radio as they have on the newspapers and then the people of this State couldn't have the truth spoken at all. They didn't question the truth of what I said, they didn't threaten legal action against me, oh no! they threatened the radio people, who are as disinterested in anything else but the sale of their radio time as anybody on earth could be. And they ran to the Governor, and they asked him to repudiate, aw.. repudiate this fellow WIMBERLY. Oh, he's cussing us out somethin' terrible! ----- Governor,----- . We can't stand for a fellow like that. Governor LONG said he didn't approve of my criticism of MURPHY and ROGGE and when he heard I intended making a speech he tried through mutual friends to dissuade me from it. That's exactly the truth. He did send some of our friends to see me to try to argue me out of making that speech and the Governor is entitled to his opinion and I'm entitled to mine, and I think I was right and he was wrong and I don't have to take the -----.

Oh, but those newspapers played that up. LONG disavows ----- on ----- in WIMBERLY'S talk, voices own firm opinion that criticisms of MURPHY and ROGGE sides were ill advised and bad taste. I might say here that while I respect and admire EARL LONG and have been his close friend for a long time, he and I like other friends

disagree now and then. And not being of a yes man variety I always reserve the right to form my own opinions and to adhere to it if I think I'm right, and as I see it in this case I think I'm right and he's wrong. I think I had a perfect right to object. Not to the Attorney General of the United States conducting a legal and orderly investigation, into ~~suspect~~ wrong-doing in Louisiana - no, I'm for that! I don't want to see crooks protected! I want to see them uncovered and prosecuted to the utmost limit of the law. What I objected to was that these fellows were helping the Times Picayune to play politics in this State. I objected to them strutting around this State and getting their pictures in the newspapers every day and being quoted on this that and the other thing, much of which I considered none of their business and but a thinny varnished attempt on their part to help the newspaper in their campaign to stampede the people of the State of Louisiana into accepting newspaper and corporation lawyer Government. Those things are hurtful to the reputation and credit of the good people of this State. They are hurtful to the business man and the laboring man, and to the man who has his money invested in this State as well as to the general run of the citizens of Louisiana. Why only the other day there was a picture of this man ROGGE. I'm not trying to pick any fight with ROGGE. He's not too big for me to criticize when he does wrong, there's no man in this world too big to criticize when he does wrong. Here's a picture of ROGGE in the paper, I've got it right here before me. Picture of ROGGE - big as life - in the Times Picayune, and he was quoted in the accompanying news article as inviting people to come tell him about graft. The article was headed: "ROGGE URGES PUBLIC TO TELL UNITED STATES OF GRAFT", then the article started out: "Husky, six foot three, O. JOHN ROGGE, Assistant United States Attorney General," Boy, don't you know those newspapers are trying to flatter you? What has a man's appearance got to do with investigation? Here he goes on: "Come forward and tell what you know of policultural misconduct in the State". Get that, "political misconduct", not the misconduct of bankers or brokers or other people, but political misconduct. Does that show what's on the gentleman's mind or not? Now, here he goes on, this is MR. ROGGE talking thru the newspapers: "We know that lots of Louisiana people are afraid", and get this well, ladies and gentlemen, you decent, clean, honest, good poor people of Louisiana, get this plain, "We know that lots of Louisiana people are afraid, and in the past they have been justified in their fear". MR. ROGGE said, "However, I can say today that they need hold those fears no longer, this is the direct problem of the Federal Government". Just like they did in Chicago with CAPONE, just like they did in gangster-land, racketeering, things like that. Why, they'd take you for a ride if you'd bat your eye. And I'm in bad taste talking about such a man who could do such a thing as that to Louisiana? Good God, pity that man, in his mad desire for publicity and cheap notoriety he would give the world to believe that Louisiana is a place where a man must fear to open his mouth; that Louisiana is a place where organized racketeering and gangster methods prevail. There, to open your mouth against the politicians means being taken for a ride. like in Chicago. Why man

turn on your radio any night and you'll hear the present administration and the politicians in this State roundly and openly and severely criticized, world without end, and they're not taken for rides, they're not beaten up, they're not injured. When have you heard of any witness in a criminal prosecution in this State being injured or taken for a ride or anything like that MR. ROGGE? Where do you think you are ROGGE? In Chicago? Now, I don't object to them investigating - I'm for them. But quit playing politics for these lying newspapers MR. ROGGE? That's blasting the reputation of this State so MURPHY can pose as a racket-buster and tinkorn DEWEY in this next presidential election. That's what I'm against. And do you think I'm the only one in the world who's criticizing Attorney General MURPHY for poking his nose in State's rights? Here's what a friend of mine writes me under date of August sixth: "Did you hear Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan?" That's MURPHY'S home State, so this fellow must know him pretty well, "Did you hear Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan speaking over radio station WWL, CBS, at 8:30 PM August 3, 1939? He stated among other things, (this is Representative HOFFMAN of Michigan, MURPHY'S own State) that MURPHY recently sent five investigators into the State of Kentucky in an investigation there and that they in turn presented a -----return to the Congressional Committee. Representative HOFFMAN asked whether the people of the United States were going to allow themselves to be forced into such a position that their States' rights and civil liberties were to be entirely taken away from them. So I'm not the only one who sees MR. MURPHY'S clay feet. The member of the United States Congress from his own home State has got him down as a man who has no respect for States' rights, a man who doesn't know, or knowing doesn't care, that under the Constitution of the United States of America each State in the Union is given the right to govern itself and to conduct it's own internal affairs. And let me tell you corporation lawyer boys something, you're lawyers, you know about States' rights. You just let these fellows come down here and trample all over States' rights. I'm not talking about protecting crooks. Let 'em conduct all the investigation they want, and I hope they put all the crooks in jail. But you take this business of States' rights. As a matter of principle and -----, don't you know it's a dangerous practice? ----- to let the Federal Government come down here and run our internal affairs. Don't you know that ten years from now you might have the finest set of State officials in the world, the most honest, the greatest, the most decent in the world and that this Federal Government, this precedent having been set, can come down here if they don't like the color of their eyes, and supercede 'em and take over.

Now, now, you corporation lawyer boys think about that. This is a precedent, this is a matter ----- this business of States rights. Let me tell you something. If FRANK MURPHY thinks he's going to step over the crushed and broken ruins of Louisiana's right to the sovereign state into the presidency of the United States he's the most badly mistaken man in America. Again I admonish you, O. JOHN ROGGE, to leave these lying newspapers alone, and direct your attention to questions of Federal law, investigate violations of Federal law all you want to, and may success attend your every effort. May you succeed

beyond your fondest expectations. in putting every crook and scoundrel and rascal in Louisiana that you find in the penitentiary, and I'll be for you on it and I'll shake your hand when you do it. All good people in Louisiana will commend you for that, but stop demeaning your high office by allowing a lot of scheming newspapers to bring you into the grave error of advertising to the world that Louisiana is a State where a man can't open his mouth to tell the truth without fear of reprisal by gangsters and racketeers, without fear of being taken for a ride, without fear of meeting foul play, that's the inference that was conveyed by your newspaper statement the other day, that was probably taken to the farthest corners of the United States and they're looking at Louisiana if they read that, as a land where a man is afraid to open his mouth, afraid to testify in a criminal trial for fear he'll be taken for a ride by gangsters.

Be fair to Louisiana and her people, that's all we ask. Be fair. Some people are saying I'm trying to drive you out of Louisiana so the State officials can cover up ----- . You know I'm not trying to run you out of Louisiana MR. ROGGE. You know how foolish that would be. How could one poor ----- little fellow like me run the United States Government out of Louisiana. No, I want you to stay here. I want you to catch and convict every crook in Louisiana. I hate crooks as badly as you do. All I'm asking of you is that you don't let these newspapers use the publicity you must necessarily attract to the disadvantage and ruination of the reputation of Louisiana.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, this evening's paper said that former Governor RICHARD W. LECHE was indicted and charged with stealing \$67,000. I say to you if that's true, if that newspaper report is true, if the indictment is true, if he's charged and found guilty of stealing \$67,000 then may he go to the penitentiary. I hope you do put him there if it's true that he stole \$67,000. I'm not covering up for anybody MR. ROGGE, I'm not covering up for anybody ladies and gentlemen. If what they say about SEYMOUR WEIS and MONTE HART is true that they used the mails to defraud, if what the newspapers say is true, that that Bienville Hotel was a rotten stinking deal and that the people of Louisiana were defrauded out of their money, then I say put them in the penitentiary cause they belong there and you won't find me criticizing you for doing it.

Now coming back a minute to these high society boys----- big rich boys. I think I got a few more minutes. Who profess ----- to such a deep and burning interest in the Government of Louisiana, well it surprise you to learn that many of these boys were not even qualified to vote in the last gubernatorial election in the State of Louisiana? They were not even interested enough to vote for their choice for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General and all of the state officers. They didn't have any interest at all in who was sent to Baton Rouge as their law makers. They had no interest at all three ~~years~~ years ago in the affairs of their state, and

yet they have the unmitigated gall to join up in a Citizens Voluntary Committee, Assassination of Commerce League for the purpose of telling the Governor how to run Louisiana. You know a fellow like that is really got gall, he's really cheap, but don't take my word for it, I'm going to read you the rollof honor here; here's a list of the members of the Ex-Citizens Voluntary Committee of Louisiana, late lamented, out of the plain old undisguised Association of Commerce who had the brazen audacity to give the Governor advice on how to run the State when they couldn't even vote in New Orleans. When Louisiana's public officials were voted on by the people of Louisiana in the last gubernatorial campaign. Not registered, 1935 to 1938, which means they couldn't vote the last time a man ran for Governor: CHARLES C. CHAPMAN, NATHANIEL S. SHARE, JEROME JONES, ALBERT WACKENHEIM, E KIRBY NEWBURG, E. A. TALBOT, WILLIAM B. HAN-DREW, there's the boy for you. This boy was born in Paris, France and moved to Louisiana in 1935 and he's trying to run the State of Louisiana already, would you believe that? Didn't take that boy long to get started WILLIAM B. HANDEW, boy, boy, HENRY BORDEON, W. S. SELPSON, JOHN A. BUMPSTEAD, C. B. STARBOD, HAROLD HAZEN, E. A. STEVENS, CHARLES C. CRAMEN, JR., JOHN WESLEY COCHRAN, GEORGE S. CLARK, HAROLD S. MEYER, DOUGLAS E. FERRETT, ROY M. WATSON, he's registered alright, he's a Republican, this boy's registered alright, HUGH McCLUSKEY, he's registered too, but let me tell you about this boy, he's twenty three years old , this fellow, I believe he's head of the People Indignant Citizens, or something like that. He's registered but he didn't say he had any party affiliation when he filled his registration card, just said party affiliation: none. So he can't vote in the Republic and he can't vote in the Democratic primary, he can't vote at all. And he's trying to tell Governor LONG how to run Louisiana . Twenty three year old boy.

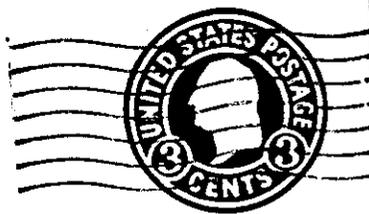
Now, ladies and gentlemen, I have a few telegrams that came in here and I'm going to try to read if time will permit, and then I'm tired, I'm going to quit. Here's "Crowd of twenty listening in and all enjoying your talk, program coming in very good", Nemo Beer Parlor, 3401 St. Claude Ave., Thanks boys. "Congratulations, keep up the good work", L. C. STEIGEL, 4920 Bienville St., "SHIRLEY WIMBERLY of New Orleans, "Crowd of twenty listening in, enjoying your talk very much", JAMES SMITH St. Claude Social Club. SHIRLEY WIMBERLEY "Have sympathy for those aristocrats, although they're unfortunate, congratulations" AL LUKOWSKY and family. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Crowd of ten listening in, keep up the good fight" MARTIN B. HELM, 1706 St----, SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Congratu- lations twenty listening in you have then on the run keep up the good work, tell it to them." SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Crowd of fifty listening in we're with you 100% continue the fight, and keep up the good work" THE EARL K. LONG FOR GOVERNOR CLUB, JOE F. SUTTER, Recording Secretary 8th Ward, "Congratulations SHIRLEY, keep up the good work, your friend JIM BRENNAN" Give them H SHIRLEY, you're not alone" ED BOYLE, I know I'm not alone, don't you worry about that EDDIE. "Do as well tonight as last Monday you----" signed JOHN WILE. "Congratulations keep up the good work, our meeting has adjourned to hear your talk" OSCAR C. FERTUIT, Chairman Laboring Men and Small Business Men Committee, Thank

you OSCAR. Alright, here's one from MRS. L. SPAN, this is a note from a very good friend of mine, Dear Sir, congratulations to you for defending a man whom we know will come out on top because the poor people of Louisiana believe he will carry out HUEY'S wishes and bring glory out of chaos. Myself and about six ----- person I know of will be listening in to you for champion for the cause of good clean Government, yours respectfully MRS. L. SPAN. Thank you MRS. SPAN. "Congratulations on your wonderful speech, crowd listening in" FRIENDS. Aw, you ought to sign you name boy, don't be afraid ----- "We're all for you" ROBERT MITCHEL, JR. AND GANG, 1113 Cambonne St. "Twenty five listening in, keep up the good work" PAUL KN---, 1334 Music Street. "Congratulations on your wonderful talk, crowd of ten listening in" MRS. HENRY BEHRINS, 628 Pauline St., Thanks, "Let's throw out few bad potatoes and carry on, we're for you and Governor EARL K. LONG 100% gang listening in" HAROLD JORAN, 1006 Frenchman St., How're you Al. "Crowd listening in, enjoying your talk" CHARLES PLACE, Desire and Roman, Thanks. "Even though I'm in the Dog House with you I still think you're making a darn good speech, keep up the work boy" Signed JIM LINDSEY. Alright JIM I'll get out the Dog House. "A crowd of fifteen listening in we're with you 100%, continue the fight and keep up the good work " MRS. C. J. SMITH. SHIRLEY WIMBERLY "Several listening in keep up good work" Signed OPPENHEIM. "Congratulations, keep up the good work, we're all with you 100%" CHARLIE GALLIANO.

Now ladies and gentlemen ---- for two minutes for me to conclude this speech. I want to say to you good people of Louisiana you poor people and I'm one of you. That the hour has struck in this State when the underprivileged must rise and stand as a solid ----- against this frenzied attack of the enemies of HUEY LONG. If the Times Picayune and corporate interests want to succeed in their bid to regain power every right, every advantage, every benefit that great and wise statesman wrested from their unwilling hands would be snatched from you again. Shall history record that HUEY LONG'S blood was spilled in vain? No, there is too much stalwart manhood and noble womanhood in Louisiana to permit such a catastrophe. They have challenged us. They, the heartless devils who hissed at HUEY LONG so as he took his flight into the Great Unknown. They have challenged us, these conscienceless creatures who's insatiable hatred pursued HUEY LONG'S body even into the dark and silent grave. They have challenged us and we accept that challenge. Hundreds of thousands strong, we, the poor people of this State take up the gauntlet the newspapers have thrown down. HUEY LONG did not die in vain, and we'll never stop until we make of this, our native State, the kind of a land the martyred HUEY LONG dreamed of all his life. The kind of a land he fought and bled and died for. A land where none shall be too big, and none shall be too little. A land where there shall be clothes to cover the backs of the naked, where there shall be food so that all might eat, where no little family shall ever be homeless. The kind of a land where every man A King. I thank you.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of even date to Assistant Attorney General O. JOHN ROGGE, which mentions an informant who furnished information that one P. W. BLEWER may be in a position to furnish information concerning oil deals on the part of SEYMOUR WEISS and former Governor RICHARD W. OLECHE. The Bureau is advised that the informant mentioned in this interview is Mr. MORTIMER KELLY, Agent for the Travelers' Life Insurance Company, Masonic Temple Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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