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SUBJECT: ALFRED KINSEY

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TO : Mr. Nichols

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DR. ALFRED C. KINSEY

DATE: April 8, 1948

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Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey of Indiana University was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1894 according to an article appearing in Look magazine, 12-9-47. He was educated at Harvard and at one time wrote a well-selling biology textbook for high school students.

According to Harold B. Clemenko, author of the article, "Toward A Saner Sex Life," Kinsey's real passion was insect taxonomy, which in reality was the naming, describing and classification of insects.

Kinsey is a professor of zoology and biology at Indiana University. For the past 9 years he and his associates Wardell B. Pomeroy and Clyde E. Martin "have been trudging up and down and across these United States taking the sex histories of their fellow Americans. They expect to continue this activity for at least 20 years more" according to Clemenko.

Recently Kinsey obtained national recognition with the publication of the volume "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male." Although this book was edited jointly by Kinsey, Pomeroy and Martin, Kinsey seems to be the only name connected with this work and he alone has received the publicity resulting from the sale of this book.

"Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" is the first of 9 volumes which will be published by Kinsey and his staff.

Much criticism has been leveled at Kinsey during the course of his 9-year compilation of sex histories but due to his determination, energy, resourcefulness and ability to overlook such criticism, he has managed to cool much of the heat engendered toward his study and has turned out a volume of vast interest to the American people.

Professor Kinsey and his staff ^{SE} gave much thought to the technique of the interview. They realized that the entire million-dollar, 30-year project might stand or fall on the skill and uniformity of questioning people and obtaining honest answers.

Clemenko, in his article referred to above, states that Kinsey is so careful about the subject of interviewing people that half of the 12,000 interviews thus far obtained were actually conducted by Kinsey, himself.

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In an article appearing in the March 17, 1948, issue of the Washington Post written by Ruth Constad, it is related that Dr. Kinsey is now questioning thousands of women for the obvious sequel to his book "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male." Miss Constad was interviewed by Dr. Kinsey and made this observation, "And let me tell you, girls, that it was an hour and a half of disquiet and discomfort. I have never been so shocked or startled. Such questions!" She stated that Dr. Kinsey warned her that if she lied they would be able to trip her up. She indicated that she swallowed hard and agreed to the interview and that during the course of questioning Dr. Kinsey wore a poker face as he started questioning her on her behavior practically back to the time she was born.

An article appeared in the Washington Post on February 21, 1948, by Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion. He indicated in the article that the Kinsey Survey of Sex Habits has been widely approved by the American public. He then proceeded to provide his statistical data to prove this point indicating that the American people had approved the much-talked-about report on human sex behavior the ratio of five to one.

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 L. B. Nichols
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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 10, 1948

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW
~~"SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN MALES"~~
BY ALFRED S. KINSEY, ET AL

- Mr. Tolson
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The author of this book is a professor of zoology at Indiana University. He and his co-workers spent ten years in collecting the data for this book. He tries to convey the idea, time after time, through repetition, charts and other devices that it is the most comprehensive research study of man's sexual behavior ever compiled.

Dr. Kinsey goes into too much detail concerning his interview technique and conveys the idea that probably his approach to this problem is new to the point of being revolutionary--when in fact he offers nothing new or radical regarding interviews by looking the subject "straight in the eye" to prevent the subject from lying.

The theme of the book is man's basic instinct to reproduce. It covers such intimate details of human relationships that it is questionable whether a zoologist is capable of correctly analyzing such personal data. The validity of his findings obtained from high pressure interviews is questionable.

It is a difficult book to read and a difficult book to review. It is so paradoxical in the fields of sociology and anthropology and its net results so controversial that a number of pro and con reviews have been made of it and a 244-page "symposium on the Kinsey report" was issued by Prentice-Hall on May 1, 1948. The symposium consists of 14 chapters, each written by an outstanding person in a chosen field to report his or her reaction to Kinsey's book from various aspects such as anthropological, religious, sociological, psychiatric, etc.

Dr. Kinsey states that he and his associates interviewed 12,000 subjects representing every level in our social strata--farmers, socialites, bootleggers, businessmen, professors, prostitutes and gamblers. The result--a rocking report of our prejudices, sexual habits, preconceptions, unheard of behavior patterns in various stratas of society, all wrapped up in a cold, analytical, 804-page book bulging with statistical charts.

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RE: BOOK REVIEW

May 10, 1948

Kinsey and his associates describe their report as "an attempt to accumulate an objectively determined body of fact about sex which strictly avoids social or moral interpretations of the fact."

Within ten weeks after the publication of Kinsey's report, his name was a byword in the American household. A Gallup poll reflected that within two months after publication one out of every five Americans had either heard of the book or read it. That in itself is a phenomenon in book publishing circles.

This book is the first of a series planned. The complete set is as follows:

1. Sexual Behavior in the Human Male
2. Sexual Behavior in the Human Female
3. Sexual Factors in Marital Adjustment
4. Legal Aspects of Sex Behavior
5. The Heterosexual-Homosexual Balance
6. Sexual Adjustments in Institutional Populations
7. Prostitution
8. Sex Education
9. Other Special Problems

Kinsey states that from the dawn of human history, men have left a record of their sexual activities through drawings, books and other methods and yet, scientists have avoided investigations of human sexuality. He includes a bibliography of over 500 books on the subject to prove that human sexuality is one of the most poorly explored fields in biology, psychology or sociology.

Typical of the data contained in this book is the following:

A number of persons interviewed turned in sexual calendars and diaries showing their day-to-day activities over some period of time. The calendars cover periods which range from six months to thirty-five years; and they clearly indicate the monthly periodicity of sexual responsiveness in the female, and the lack of any such periodicity in the male. Kinsey urges all persons who have kept day by day calendars showing the frequencies and the sources of their sexual outlet, to place the accumulated data at his disposal for further study.

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On page 168 he discusses homosexuality and states that "on the whole, the homosexual child play is found in more histories, occurs more frequently, and becomes more specific than the pre-adolescent heterosexual play. . . . In the younger boy, it is also fostered by his socially encouraged disdain for girls' ways, by his admiration for masculine prowess, and by his desire to emulate older boys. . . . About half of the older males (48%) and nearer two-thirds (60%) of the boys who were pre-adolescent at the time they contributed their histories, recall homosexual activity in their pre-adolescent years." But Kinsey fails to state that he talked to any boys--merely to adults who discussed their childhood activities. This would seem to the reviewer as typical of his alleged scientific approach--it appears to be not as scientific as it is prejudicious.

Dr. Kinsey has contributed a study helpful to students of sociology, psychiatry, psychology and anthropology, but its value is limited. His sincerity to do a scientifically important study is not questioned, but exceeds his ability to accomplish the net result. It is conceivable that interested legislators might glean from the book valuable data in forming more effective sex laws, but it is also conceivable that this book could do incalculable harm in the hands of adolescents who read it as a justification for their own sexual habits.

Agent BK at the present time is handling sex offender matters. He reviewed the book for any light it might throw on the subject. For this purpose the book has a limited value.

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TO : MR. NICHOLS
FROM : M. A. SPENCER

DATE: 1-9-50

SUBJECT: DR. ALFRED CHARLES KINSEY
Author of "Sexual Behavior in
the Human Male"

- Mr. Tolson ✓
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Alfred Charles Kinsey -
SUMMARY

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, American Zoologist; born June 23, 1894, at Hoboken, New Jersey; son of Alfred Sequins and Sarah Ann (Charles) Kinsey; educated at Bowdoin College, B.S. 1916; Harvard University, Sc.D. 1920; married Clara Bracken McMillen, June 3, 1921 and has four children. He was assistant in Zoology at Harvard University, 1917-19; assistant in Botany, 1918-19; assistant professor of Zoology at Indiana University, 1920-23; associate professor, 1923-29; professor since 1929. In charge of biologic exploration in Mexico and Central America, 1931-32 and 1935-36; in charge of National Research Council case history study on Human Sex Behavior since 1943. Kinsey is a member of the American Society of Genetics; American Society of Naturalists (Secretary, 1941-43); American Society of Zoologists (Treasurer since 1944), etc. Author: An Introduction to Biology, 1926; Field and Laboratory Manual in Biology, 1927; The Gall Wasp Genus Cynips--A Study in the Origin of Species, 1930; New Introduction to Biology, 1933, 1938; Workbook in Biology, 1934; The Origin of Higher Categories in Cynips, 1936; Methods in Biology, 1937; Edible Wild Plants of Eastern North America (with M. L. Fernald), 1943. Address: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. (Taken from World Biography, 1948.)

Who's Who In America, 1948-49, references are identical to above except for the following. He was a Sheldon traveling fellow at Harvard, 1919-20. His children are Don (deceased), Anne, Joan and Bruce. He belongs to Zeta Psi, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Psi.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION:

Dr. Kinsey got national recognition in December, 1947, when Look Magazine published a two-page spread in the December 9, 1947 issue, Pages 106, 107, showing 6 photographs of Dr. Kinsey accompanying an article titled, "Toward a Saner Sex Life" by Harold B. Clemenko. The sub-title of this article was, "The medical world and related sciences are eagerly waiting for the publication of Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's nine-year study of the sex behavior of Americans."

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This article furnishes background material on Kinsey and the salient facts which led to his research work in study of the sex life of human beings.

"The saga of Kinsey begins somewhat like a Gary Cooper movie. In 1938, a college professor, he was quietly teaching zoology to his Indiana students. In his background

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was birth in Hoboken, N.J., 44 years before; a Harvard degree the proper number of years later; a well-selling biology textbook for high school students. But classes did not fill his life. His real passion was insect taxonomy--the naming, describing and classifying of insects.

"In pursuing this study, he wandered far from Indiana. He climbed mountains in Mexico, descended valleys in Central America. One day, in the middle of all this, he asked himself a question which had been slowly forming in his mind: "Why am I chasing all over the hemisphere studying individual variation in insects, when a far more interesting and important subject is right at my doorstep at home: individual variation in sexual behavior in the human being?"

"Apparently there was no adequate answer to this, for Kinsey returned to Indiana and promptly began taking the sex histories of the University's students. That was July, 1938.

"As might be expected, the campus began to buzz over the strange doings at Doc Kinsey's. The gossip came to the ears of the University's president, who promptly called Kinsey to his office. One session with that clear-headed, fact-hungry scientist convinced the president. He sent Kinsey off with a pat on the back. And he told him the University would defend his right to do objective research that was obviously going to be of benefit to mankind.

"Today, on the rustic campus of a Midwest university, a soft-spoken, keen-eyed man is quietly at work--producing a social atom bomb.

"Behind him is a large grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

"His task, like the conquest of the atom, holds large promise for humanity. For in half a million years of mankind's history, it is to be the first adequate, large-scale inquiry into man's sex life.

"This pioneer investigator is Alfred C. Kinsey, professor of zoology and biology at Indiana University. For the past nine years he and his associates, Wardell B. Pomeroy and Clyde E. Martin, have been trudging up and down and across these United States taking the "sex histories" of their fellow Americans. They expect to continue this activity for at least twenty years more.

"Volume One, however, will be largely concerned with the findings on the white males. Kinsey is not including Negroes in this volume because he does not believe he has yet obtained an accurate cross-section of the social levels of the Negro people.

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"You will hear a good deal about Kinsey in the months ahead. Some of it will be condemnation from the conclusion-jumpers; some will be praise from the thoughtful. But whatever the reaction, Kinsey will go right on wading into his big job. In the next twenty years his staff intends to produce eight more volumes on the following subjects:

Sexual behavior in the human female
Sexual factors in marital adjustment
Legal aspects of sex behavior
The heterosexual-homosexual balance
Sexual adjustments in institutional populations
Prostitution
Sex education
Other special problems."

"SEXUAL BEHAVIOR IN THE HUMAN MALE" (Kinsey Report)

This book was published by the W. B. Saunders Co. (Medical Publishers) in 1948 and carried three co-authors names, Alfred C. Kinsey, Wardell B. Pomeroy and Clyde E. Martin, but it has been referred to commonly as the Kinsey Report. The book contains 804 pages and is filled with statistical charts.

"SEX HABITS OF AMERICAN MEN", a book edited by Albert Deutsch

Shortly after the appearance of the Kinsey Report the above titled book was published in the same year 1948. It carried a subtitle, "A Symposium on the Kinsey Report." The book was dedicated, "To Alfred C. Kinsey and His Co-Workers," "whose pioneer explorations in the tabooed territories of sex are opening up new paths of truth toward knowledge and human happiness." This book is a series of short articles written by 14 different men and women reviewing the Kinsey Report from 14 different aspects, anthropological, psychiatric, sociological, etc.

KINSEY REPORT CAUSED A FUROR IN UNITED STATES

Following publication of the Kinsey report thousands upon thousands of words were printed both in protest against it and commendation for it. Articles were published in magazines and newspapers indicating the pro and con feelings. Typical of these articles are some appearing in the New York Times in 1948. Drs. J. Eisenbud and M. Mead scored Kinsey report shortcomings from sociological and psychological point of view. (March 31st issue, pg. 27, col. 5) American Social Hygiene Association at their 3 day conference criticized the Kinsey report from religious and moral points of view. (April 1, page 50, col. 1) The Kinsey report was scored by the National Council of Catholic Women at their meeting in New Orleans, La. on Sept. 14, 1948. (Sept. 15, 1948, page 20, col. 2) There were many other such references in the New York Times during 1948 and other papers throughout the country.

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BUREAU FILES:

There is very little information of value in the Bureau's files on Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey. He requested Uniform Crime Reports from the Government Printing Office on July 9, 1942. The inquiry was referred to the Bureau and he was advised that due to the acute paper shortage the bulletin had been restricted in distribution to duly constituted law enforcement officers. He was referred to the UCR bulletins furnished to the library of Indiana University. (33-1-16-306)

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On 4-23-45 SA _____ interviewed Dr. Kinsey in Philadelphia concerning the Youth Welfare and Service Club. Dr. Kinsey stated he had never heard of the organization nor had he ever heard of anyone attempting to use the manual entitled "The Youth Welfare And Service Club" at Indiana University. Dr. Kinsey explained to Agent _____ his duties as Professor of Zoology at Indiana State University and told him the highlights of his sex research project then under way. (71-1852-13)

The March, 1948 issue of "Austro American Tribune" carried a book review of the Kinsey Report on page 8 and on page 3, Fritz Vogelsang states, "Science too makes use of the methods of mass interrogation for its purposes. Prof. Kinsey and his co-workers recently published a book on the sexual life of the American man, which is based on the answers of 12,000 persons. As experts assure us, the important and sensational results of this work of research could scarcely have been achieved in any other way." (100-273049-30, page 11)

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On May 10, 1948, Agent _____ submitted a very brief 3 page book review of the Kinsey Report. The Review is attached. (62-87563-3)

The Bureau Library on January 4, 1950 obtained a 138 page booklet entitled "Problems of Sexual Behavior," copyrighted in 1948 by the American Social Hygiene Association. The title page contains the following:

"Proceedings of a symposium held by the American Social Hygiene Association during its Annual Conference of Social Hygiene Executives, March 30-April 1, 1948, in New York City, to consider the first published report of a series of studies of sex phenomena by Professor Alfred C. Kinsey, Wardell B. Pomeroy, and Clyde E. Martin, and its relation to the social hygiene program."

With an introduction by Charles Walter Clark, M.D., Executive Director, American Social Hygiene Association. This publication "Problems of Sexual Behavior" has not yet been reviewed. (94-4-1046-104)

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BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

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January 21, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks for your letter of January 17. I shall be glad to see Mr. Nichols the next time I get to New York. I have no plans for my next trip, but I can keep you informed. If any of your men care to talk to me here in Bloomington, I shall be glad to see them.

Alfred C. Kinsey
Alfred C. Kinsey
Professor of Zoology

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I talked to [redacted] about Professor Kinsey and wondered if it wouldn't be a good idea for us to tackle Kinsey and if it would be agreeable with him.

We, of course, never issued any such regulation.

[redacted] further stated he understood that Dr. Kinsey was quite critical of the Bureau in his views on crime, homosexuality, and other matters in a speech he made before the Marriage Counselors Association at the Park Central Hotel in New York City on December 29.

Kinsey spends considerable time in the East although his headquarters are in Indiana. We could approach him by either of two means:

1. Have the Agent in Charge see him in Indiana
2. Write a letter to him and ask him to let us know the next time he will be in New York or if by any chance he plans to be in Washington

I will be glad to tackle him if you desire.

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I think Nichols should handle this

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✓ Agree
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Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey
1320 East First Street
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Kinsey:

~~As a result of certain inquiries which I~~ received
if it will fit into your schedule, I would like to have one of my assistants see you on the occasion of your next visit to New York.

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If you will let me know when you expect to be in New York and the time which will be most convenient, I will then arrange for Mr. L. B. Nichols, an Assistant Director, to communicate with you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

CC - Mr. Nichols

Note: The 1947-1947 Who's Who lists Mr. Kinsey's address as used above. The current Bloomington telephone directory lists Mr. Kinsey at the same address.

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- Ladd _____
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TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT:

DATE: January 5, 1950

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Harold C.

Harold C. told me that Professor Kinsey, the author of the book on sex, is anti-FBI.

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told me last Friday that this came from Kinsey.

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would remove any confidential
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 well to then have someone see Kinsey &
 make him put up or shut up.
 What do we know of Kinsey's background

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Dr. Alfred Charles Kinsey

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'Insignificant'

Fr. Sheerin Minimizes Kinsey Book

The Rev. John B. Sheerin, C. S. P., editor of The Catholic World, last night found a word to describe the much-discussed Kinsey Report — "insignificant."

For certain interpretations of the report which call for change in the moral code of Christianity, he had another term — "dangerous."

Speaking before more than 100 persons at the first of a series of panel and debate forums sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Father Sheerin declared the report — "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" — was "incomplete" and "quite inadequate."

Declared Not Typical

He said that although the Catholic Church has no official attitude on the report, and probably never will, theologians and churchmen believe that Kinsey's study of some 500 American men is not typical of all the men in the world.

"The figures in this poll," Father Sheerin declared, "are figures and nothing more."

He reviewed Kinsey's findings briefly: 85 per cent of the 5000 men had premarital sexual experience; 30 per cent were found to have had extra marital experience; three per cent were confirmed homosexuals and 37 per cent had had homosexual experience.

Speaker's Conclusions

To these findings—and to interpreters who argue they call for a change in the moral code—he directed these statements:

1. The indicated prevalence of sexual misbehavior does not prove the misbehavior is normal.

2. Sexual abuses, "if they do exist on such a large scale," are not caused so much by heredity as by environment." And, he added, "the environment in which we live is quite pagan."

"The danger in the Kinsey report," he said, "comes from certain interpreters of the study." They base their demand for reform on the moral code, he said, by deciding the report shows the code does not conform to actual behavior.

"If there is gross immorality surrounding us, we must be vigilant lest it overcome us," Father Sheerin said. "The Catholic Church can never change its moral code," he concluded.

The meeting was held at No. 2 S. ...

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- Mr. Nease ✓
- Mr. Glavin ✓
- Mr. [unclear] ✓
- Mr. Nichols ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tracy ✓
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Alfred C. KANEY

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Federal Bureau
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Dear Sir,

I enclose a
news clipping of the
Chicago Daily News page 9
May 24 about the
talk of Quincy before
a probation and parole
conference.

ENC 44 Please take note of
the serious charges he
makes about police.

Also note that he said
(there was no way to
determine a repeat offender?)

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I ask you to
investigate, or place
under surveillance
Alfred C. Kinsey,
~~to~~ because it is
certainly an Un American
activity to seek to
disrupt the
forces (police) of
law and order.

Yours Truly

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P.S.
||| you need not reply
to this letter.

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Kinsey Insists Laws Create Sex Offenders

Alfred C. Kinsey, author of "Sex Behavior in the Human Male," told a probation and parole conference that present-day law "manufactures" a large portion of the persons brought into court as sex offenders.

Kinsey addressed a meeting of the National Probation and Parole Association Friday.

Speaking as a scientist, he said that it would be "utter nonsense" to try to determine one single way of determining an actual sex "offender."

KINSEY said that many Central European and Latin American residents are amazed to find that 3 per cent of all persons in United States prisons are sex offenders and that California has a prison population of which 10 per cent are sex violators.

Much of our pattern of law regarding sex, he said, "merely preserves Talmudic tradition."

Many laws on sex, he said, provide opportunity for blackmail. He said there is "no more sordid picture of graft and blackmail than in the subject of homosexuality."

"THERE ARE cities in this country where more than half of the so-called homosexual of-

fenses were initiated by the policemen on the beat, and there are cities in which there is no greater amount of blackmail than that perpetrated by police," he said.

Sorry, Our Error

In a news story about a lawsuit filed against trustees of the Wheaton World Colportage Association, published in early editions of the Daily News on April 30, the address of Vincent C. Hogren was incorrectly listed as 4817 Lawn, Western Springs.

Hogren formerly lived at that address, but now lives on Geneva rd. in West Chicago.

The property at the Western Springs address is owned by R. K. Gossett, who is not involved in the lawsuit.

Hefty Rug

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—(AP)—Mrs. John Disanto, 67, hand-braided a rug that measures 14 by 17 feet.

Suicide Ruling Fails to Give Cop Clean Bill

Police Lt. John Canning still was not in the clear Saturday despite the verdict of a coroner's jury absolving him of the slaying of his blond woman friend.

The state's attorney's office planned to take the case before the grand jury early next week.

WITNESSES who testified at the inquest, which wound up Friday, were subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury.

The coroner's jury ruled that Mrs. Joan "Skippy" MacColl, 34, Canning's friend, shot herself to death while despondent.

The verdict of a coroner's jury is not binding on a grand jury.

Mrs. MacColl was shot with Canning's service revolver in her saloon at 805 W. North, May 8.

Lodge Meeting

North Shore lodge, B'nai B'rith, will hold its final pre-summer business meeting Wednesday, May 23, at 8:30 p.m. in B'nai Zion Auditorium, Pratt blvd. and Greenview.

Two Cops to Get \$100 Rewards

Patrolmen George Heckenbach and Edward Stanton, assigned to the Roger Park (41st) district, will each receive a \$100 Chicago Motor Club reward at 11 a.m. Tuesday in club offices, 66 E. South Water.

The rewards are for apprehending three youthful auto thieves within a half hour after they stole a car owned by a club member from the rear of 2424 Devon on Oct. 30, 1951.

The youths were convicted of the charge.

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February 16, 1964

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Justice Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

Is it possible to obtain the "Uniform Crime Reports for the United States and its Possessions", vol. 23, no.2, 1952 Annual Bulletin? We have noted this listed as Publication No. J 1.14/7:23/2, but have not been able to obtain it from the Government Printing Office. Is there a charge for this item? If so, please bill us.

Do you have a permanent mailing list whereby such annual reports are automatically forwarded? If so, we should like to be on such a permanent mailing list.

Alfred C. Kinsey
Professor of Zoology

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SAC, Indianapolis
Director, FBI

March 8, 1955

RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

For your information, enclosed is a copy of an article which appeared in the captioned paper on February 26, 1955.

You are instructed to determine through your established sources at this newspaper the background of the statement contained in this article indicating that I signed a letter which Dr. Kinsey was to enable him to visit "unauthorized places."

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Follow-up date made for March 17, 1955.

Killed per Indianapolis letter 3/7/55

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning the letter which Farmer mentions in the article.

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JAMES E. FARMER

That Reminds Me!

UNCLE GRUDGE SAYS: Grandpa Bolivar, who celebrated his 93d birthday, credits his old age to his mother. "She might have brought me into the world 10 years later, but she didn't."

BOOK BEHAVIOR: Women are more interesting than men.

The proof: The 1954 financial report of the Institute for Sex Research just filed by Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey with Secretary of State Crawford F. Parker.



It took five years for the institute to collect \$224,000 in royalties on the Indiana University professor's first book, "Sexual Behavior of the Human Male." But in one smashing year just ended, \$309,000 in royalties piled in on his "Sexual Behavior of the Human Female."

And the book still is selling big—at the luxury price of \$8 a copy.

Scientist Kinsey would be a rich man if he could pocket the royalties. But they go to the Rockefeller Foundation for more research. Kinsey is paid only his research expenses.

His only salary is what I.U. pays him—\$10,000 a year.

DR. KINSEY IS doing research for his

third book, this one on the sex criminal. The studies take him to many off-limits places, but he has a powerful passport to free him from innocent interference from watchful policemen.

The passport is a letter. It identifies Kinsey as a scientist with proper cause to be at "unauthorized places." And in case Kinsey is arrested the letter urges: "Contact this office immediately."

It is signed by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BALLOT BACKFIRE: Most repeated story of the State Legislature is the tale about how Joseph E. Klen, Hammond Democrat, outsmarted the Lake County Democratic organization in its plan to defeat him in his 1939 race for state representative.

The party brought out a political unknown to run against Klen—Joseph E. Klein of Gary. The politicians figured the doubled-up names, Joseph E. Klein and Joseph E. Klen, on the ballot would confuse Klen supporters.

Klein didn't campaign at all, Klen recalls. "But I went out all over the county, saying, 'Vote for both Klein and Klen! Klen and Klein, Klein and Klen! It makes no difference!'"

When the votes were in, Klen and Klein were at the top of the column—each elected by a 5,000-vote majority.

*Re: Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey
Univ. of Indiana*

*Indianapolis Star
Indianapolis, Ind.
Sat. 2-26-55*

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3-9-55*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (80-28)

SUBJECT: *b7c*

DATE: March 11, 1955

RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Rebulet 3-8-55 concerning the article that appeared in the column written by FARMER in the Indianapolis Star 2-26-55 indicating the Director had signed a letter enabling Dr. ALFRED C. KINSEY to visit "unauthorized places" in connection with his research work.

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The above is submitted to the Bureau, and no further action is being taken by this office pending further advice from the Bureau. In the event the Bureau desires to pursue this matter further, it is requested that Indianapolis be advised as to whether or not Dr. KINSEY was ever actually furnished such a letter by the Bureau, since Bulet of 3-8-55 did not specifically state that no such letter was ever furnished.

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March 17, 1955

Director, FBI

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RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Reurlet dated March 11, 1955.

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You are instructed to have a mature Agent contact in the immediate future, and attempt to determine the background concerning the statement that I signed a letter which Dr. Alfred Kinsey uses to enable him to visit "unauthorized places."

For your information, I have never furnished Kinsey with such a letter, and should be advised of this fact. To furnish such a letter, of course, would not be within the scope of my authority.

Sulet results of this interview under above caption by March 30, 1955.

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Follow-up for March 31, 1955.

NOTE: The Indianapolis Star, 2/26/55, contained an article by James E. Farmer which reflected the Director signed this letter. By letter of March 8, 1955, Indianapolis was instructed to determine through established sources the background concerning this.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 30, 1955

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (80-28-90)

SUBJECT:

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NOTE: It is noted that the Indianapolis Star, 2-26-55, contained an article by James E. Farmer which reflected the Director had signed a letter which Kinsey used to authorize him to visit "unauthorized places."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-87563)

DATE: April 14, 1955

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (80-28-90)

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_____ was very co-operative in this matter and stated his respect for the Bureau in handling this matter on a highly confidential basis.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by this office, UACB.

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TO : Director, FBI (62-87563)

DATE: 5/20/55

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (80-28-90)

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By letter dated May 17, 1955 addressed to the Indianapolis Office, Dr. ALFRED C. KINSEY, Professor of Zoology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, advised as follows:

"May 17, 1955

"Indianapolis Office
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Federal Bldg.
Indianapolis, Indiana

"Sirs:

"It has just been drawn to my attention that in the INDIANAPOLIS STAR for February 26, 1955 in the column written by Mr. James E. Farmer, there is a statement extending to three paragraphs about our carrying a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover. The letter is supposed to identify us and appears to give some F.B.I. approval of our research.

"I should like to make it clear to your Agency that this story is without foundation in fact as far as I know it. Mr. Farmer and the Indianapolis STAR are entirely responsible for publishing this fictitious statement.

"All members of our staff who are engaged in field work in interviewing carry identification from Indiana University and from the National Research Council.

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Alfred C. Kinsey
Professor of Zoology

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A letter of acknowledgment was sent to Dr. KINSEY merely thanking him for his interest in writing as he did. Dr. KINSEY furnished a copy of his letter to JAMES E. FARMER of the Indianapolis Star.

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No further action.