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# Spellman Safe As Bomb Blast Rocks Home



United Press International Photo  
Francis Cardinal Spellman at blast scene.

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~~A homemade bomb~~ was hurled at the home of Francis Cardinal Spellman adjacent to St. Patrick's Cathedral today.

The bomb landed in the arseway at the basement windows. The blast, which could be heard for blocks, shattered three windows.

There were no injuries.

The explosion awakened the Cardinal and other priests who reside in the building at 50th St. and Madison Ave.

#### 'Whitish Gray Stubs'

Near one of the shattered windows on E. 50th St., police found two or three "whitish gray stubs" about 1½ inches in diameter, which they said had characteristics of dynamite wrapper. They were sent to the police laboratory for examination.

Police also reported finding some nylon monofilament—such as is used for fishing line—which might have bound the stubs together.

A witness told police that he saw a man enter a 1952 car and drive east on 50th St. shortly after the explosion at 1:40 a.m. Some police officials, however, speculated that a passing motorist may have stopped after the blast to check his ~~car~~, thinking the explosion was a blowout.

#### ~~Former Servants' Quarters~~

The damaged area, formerly a servants' quarters, has been unused for some time, church officials said.

The barred basement windows shattered by the bomb are half below street level and separated from the sidewalk by a fenced arseway, about five feet deep and three feet wide.

The Cardinal's room is on the second floor in the rear, away from the spot where the bomb was thrown.

Cardinal Spellman, who dressed and came downstairs to stand bare-headed in the rain while detectives searched for clues, could give no explanation for the bombing.

He said that he had received no bomb threats.

The Cardinal, the Rt. Rev. Terrence Cooke and the Rt. Rev. Edwin Broderick were in the building when the blast occurred.

"It got us up," the Cardinal said, smiling.

#### Cardinal Jokes

Despite the unexpected awakening, the Cardinal seemed in good spirits. When reporters pressed him for a reason for the bombing, he joked, "Somebody must have thought La Pieta was coming here."

He referred to the controversy over the removal of the famous Michelangelo statue from the Vatican for display at the 1964 New York World's Fair.

~~Although there have been~~

~~many bomb threats against St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is connected to the Cardinal's residence, this is reportedly the first time a bomb has exploded near there.~~

#### Watches Searched

The bombing comes in the wake of the finding of two incendiary bombs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, last month. The Basilica was closed for security reasons until the opening of the Ecumenical Council next Thursday.

The Cardinal remained outside for nearly an hour while detectives searched the glass-strewn arseway for clues to the bomber.

Finally, a reporter asked him what he was going to do next.

"I'm going to bed," he said.

He went upstairs.



Police examine scene of blast outside residence of Francis Cardinal Spellman

United Press International Photo

# Bomb Rocks Spellman Home

Window below is one of several in Cardinal Spellman's residence damaged by a homemade dynamite bomb hurled into basement area at 50th St. and Madison Ave. His Eminence (inset photo), awakened by the explosion but uninjured, is shown talking to a reporter after viewing the damage. Police are in the bombed area, investigating the infernal incident. (Story on page 2)



# 24-Hr. Guard on Cardinal

Police Commissioner Murphy last night ordered an around-the-clock bodyguard for Cardinal Spellman, following yesterday morning's bombing of the Cardinal's residence at St. Patrick's Cathedral and set up a special task force of patrolmen to guard 36 of the city's more prominent churches and synagogues.

In addition to a 200-man force to guard prominent churches, Murphy issued special orders for all commands to keep a close eye on the 2,500 houses of worship throughout the city.

PROMINENT RELIGIOUS edifices such as St. Patrick's the Cathedral of St. John the Devine, Temple Emanu-El and other large churches and synagogues will be given careful scrutiny by police commands in order to head off any other explosions.

Early last night, another device, a 6-inch pipe filled with an undetermined explosive, was detonated after being placed in the center of a Con Edison cable reel on E. 160th St., between Park and Morris Aves., Bronx. The reel was in the street at the rear of the Ascension Baptist Church, which has its entrance on E. 161st St. No one was injured and the Bomb Squad was investigating.

Chief of Detectives Ladden, acting on direct order from Murphy, arranged the 24-hour bodyguard for the Cardinal. Eight detectives, working in pairs, will remain with the Cardinal until Tuesday night when he leaves for the Ecumenical Council in Rome.

Police laboratory experts meanwhile determined that the bomb which shattered three basement windows at the Cardinal's residence, at the northwest corner of Madison Ave. and 50th St. was a home-made missile fashioned from sticks of dynamite.

THOUGH A MAID was sleeping in a room where one window was smashed when the dynamite went off at 1:37 a.m., no one was injured. Damage was slight.

Preliminary examination showed that the dynamite—two or three sticks of the type used in construction blasting—was wrapped in plastic and newspapers and set off by a detonator.

Whether the missile was thrown at a basement window or planted was not known. Police had a report that a man was seen running from the scene shortly before the blast.

Though there had been several previous threats to bomb St. Patrick's itself, there had been no warning of the attack on the

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# GUARD: Cardinal

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Cardinal's residence.

Cardinal Spellman was asleep in a second floor room. He dressed hurriedly to inspect the damage.

**THE CARDINAL** was relieved that no one was hurt. He said:

"It's an exciting life. Anything can happen. We have had a burglary and a bombing in the last five weeks."

Two maids occupy basement rooms and a housekeeper lives on the fourth floor. Msgr. Terrence Cooke and Msgr. Edwin Broderick, aides of the Cardinal, live on the third floor.

Vatican sources expressed concern over the bombing and viewed it as the work of a crank. The incident followed recent bomb episodes at the Vatican. In mid-July a bomb exploded beneath a Papal monument inside St. Peter's Basilica. Two weeks ago workmen found two incendiary bombs in the basilica before they went off.

In Chicago, a special guard was placed around the home of Cardinal Meyer as a result of the bombing here.

# Cathedral Bomb Laid To Fanatic

By ALFRED ROBBINS

Special police guards were thrown around the city's prominent churches and synagogues last night.

Uniformed patrolmen were ordered on round-the-clock "fixed-post" duty outside the religious edifices by Commr. Michael J. Murphy.

His action stemmed from the dynamite bombing—early yesterday—of Cardinal Spellman's residence at 452 Madison ave.

## EXTRA VIGILANCE

In a special order to all precinct commanders which went out by teletype, Commr. Murphy also directed captains to have their men "give special attention to all religious institutions."

This was construed as extra vigilance by crews of radio cars, foot patrolmen on regular duty, and detectives in civilian clothes.

The number of churches of all denominations throughout the city is estimated at 2,500.

The commissioner did not identify the "prominent religious institutions" which would be manned by "fixed posts."

## ECHO OF ROME

But by 4 p.m. yesterday, when his order went into effect, police were guarding St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th ave. and 50th st., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5th ave. and 53d st., St. Bartholomew's, Park av. and 60th st., Temple Emanu El, 5th ave. and 65th st., and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 115th st. and Amsterdam ave.

Later, eight detectives were assigned to guard the Cardinal continuously on the orders of Commr. Murphy until his departure for Rome Tuesday night. Two detectives were to be with the Cardinal at all times, the assignment being based on the rotation of four teams of two men each.

Behind Commr. Murphy's order was the unvoiced but evident fear by police that the bombing of the Cardinal's home was no prank and pos-

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...was the work of an anti-religious fanatic—a fanatic.

A high police official termed the blast "an echo of the recent bombings in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome."

In the last two months bombs have exploded in St. Peter's, where the Roman Catholic Church's Ecumenical Council will open Oct. 11.

#### ROUSED NEIGHBORHOOD

The Cardinal's residence, at 50th st. and Madison ave. behind St. Patrick's Cathedral, was rocked by the blast at 1:30 a.m. yesterday.

The explosion blew out three windows in an unoccupied maid's room in the basement.

Neither the Cardinal nor any others in the building was injured. But like hundreds of others in the neighborhood, the Cardinal and the occupants of the residence were awakened by the blast.

Unruffled by the incident, Cardinal Spellman carried out his regular schedule yesterday. He offered 9 a. m. Mass in the Cathedral for 150 Ladies of Charity from Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx to fulfill a promise of long-standing.

After Mass he spoke with a N. Y. Journal-American reporter.

"I am thankful to Almighty God that no one was injured," Cardinal Spellman remarked. "You can replace bricks and masonry, but you can't replace people."

The Cardinal was asked if he knew of any reason for the bombing.

"The only thing I can think of is that someone doesn't like me," he smiled.

Cardinal Spellman remarked that "naturally I was surprised," but he added:

"I'm accustomed to shock. In my line you have to be prepared for everything, most of all, death."

Even before Commr. Murphy's order went into effect a policeman was stationed outside the Cardinal's home. Wooden barriers were erected around the building to keep spectators clear of the shattered windows.

Police laboratory technicians were able to determine that dynamite was used when sev-



**SPECIAL GUARD . . .** Policeman stands in front of Cardinal Spellman's residence at 50th st. and Madison ave. behind St. Patrick's Cathedral after bomb was exploded in basement there yesterday. Police Commissioner Michael Murphy has ordered "fixed-post" guards for churches and synagogues throughout the city.

Journal-American Photo by John Deane

eral grayish-white stubs were found in an ally outside the Cardinal's residence. The stubs were dynamite casings.

Chief of Detectives Michael J. Ludden, in charge of the investigation, said witnesses told of seeing a man run to a car parked on 50th st. a few moments after the blast, heard throughout Rockefeller center.

Witnesses said the car sped east and disappeared in traffic.

The device, police said, was dropped over a four-foot railing at sidewalk level into a window well.

Emerging from his residence into a light rain, the Cardinal said to reporters:

"Well, let's see what it's all about."

# Spellman & Churches Get a Bomb Guard

By WILLIAM NEUGEBAUER and LESTER ABELMAN

In the wake of the early morning dynamite bombing of his Madison Ave. residence, eight detectives were assigned yesterday to guard Cardinal Spellman around the clock until his departure Tuesday for the World Ecumenical Council in Rome.

Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy also ordered that the city's estimated 2,500 religious institutions be given special police attention throughout the five boroughs.

On Murphy's instructions, Chief of Detectives Michael J. Ledden



(NEWS photo by Tom Cunningham)  
Cardinal Spellman as he appeared outside his residence after bomb exploded.

designated four detectives each from the Central Investigation Bureau and the Bureau of Special Services to protect the Cardinal. They will work as four two-man teams.

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(NEWS photo by John Duprey)  
 Following new order of Commissioner Murphy, policeman stands guard at Cardinal's residence.

In a teletyped message to all commands, the commissioner also directed that fixed police posts—uniformed cops on duty around the clock — be established immediately at all major religious edifices in the city.

Deputy Commissioner Walter Arm, amplifying Murphy's orders, explained that among the 2,500 religious structures there are a number of store-front churches and the like. He estimated that there are at least 1,000 formal religious edifices and indicated that a majority of these would be getting the fixed post treatment.

**Won't Specify Number**

Arm declined to specify exactly how many fixed posts would be set up.

"We're out to get a nut," he said. "We don't want to spell out our specific police plans. We don't

want to alert this bomber or any others with the same ideas."

Clarifying the "special attention" phrase, Arm said police radio cars will increase their prowling in church areas and foot patrolmen will give extra attention to religious buildings on their beat.

The police bomb squad laboratory, directed by Supervising Detective Sgt. Kenneth W. O'Neil at 72 Poplar St., Brooklyn, established at 10 A.M. yesterday that the explosive hurled into

the basement of the Cardinal's residence at 452 Madison Ave., at the northwest corner of 50th St., was a dynamite bomb.

#### A Home-Made Affair

The device consisted of two or three sticks of the explosive wrapped in plastic and newspaper and set off with a detonator. It was described as home-made.

The bombing, at 1:40 A. M., knocked out some windows and chipped away some stone around the window frames. There were no injuries. The Cardinal's home adjoins St. Patrick's Cathedral which fronts on Fifth Ave., between 50th and 51st Sts.

Msgr. Timothy J. Flynn, the Cardinal's aid and information

director of the New York archdiocese, described the damage as minor and said that the routine of the cathedral was going forward on schedule yesterday.

He said the Cardinal and his aids were content to have the police speculate whether the explosive was the work of a prankster or a serious bomber.

The first of the fixed posts were set up in front of the Cardinal's residence and in the area of the cathedral. Cathedral officials said the church itself would take no extra precautions against future incidents.

A police spokesman said the bombing was "an echo" of the recent bombing at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and of the wave of swastika-smearing on synagogues here some time ago.

An explosion chipped a statue and damaged an organ in St. Peter's on July 14. Two incendiary bombs were discovered there on Sept. 22, forcing the closing of the basilica until the opening of the Ecumenical Council next Thursday.

#### Handiwork of a Crank

Expressing concern yesterday over the bombing of Cardinal Spellman's residence, Vatican sources veered toward the theory that the blast was the handiwork of a crank. Several prelates arriving in Rome for the start of the Ecumenical Council shared this view.

"There are lunatics everywhere," said an Australian bishop. A British bishop said that the church is very much in the public eye right now and this might bring out any twisted impulses in some individuals.

In Chicago, police placed a special guard around the residence of Albert Cardinal Meyer and increased the area patrol. The Cardinal is in Rome. No extra precautions were taken at the residences of the other American Cardinals in Boston, St. Louis and Los Angeles.

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Subject's name and aliases UNSUBS; BOMB EXPLOSION AT THE RESIDENCE OF CARDINAL SPELLMAN 452 Madison Avenue, NYC, 10/6/62				Address of subject		Character of case BOMBING MATTERS (RELIGIOUS)	
Complainant Pt1. [REDACTED] b7c				Complainant's address and telephone number NYCPD HQ CA 6-2000		Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date 10/6/62 Time 4:20AM	
Subject's Description	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth date and Birthplace	
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion		
	Scars, marks or other data						
Facts of complaint C advised that a bomb or <del>XXXXXXXX</del> device of unknown origin had exploded in an areaway adjacent to 452 Madison Avenue, NYC. This building is the residence of Cardinal SPELLMAN and other priests. The explosion had occurred at 1:42AM, 10/6/62. Five windows were broken by the explosion, no injuries to occupants. Chief of Detectives, NYCPD, personally on scene.  Case assigned to [REDACTED] NYCPD. [REDACTED] can be reached at a special number set up by the NYCPD PL 5-0581.  [REDACTED] advised by writer that the facilities of the identification and the Lab were at his disposal. In addition any out of state lead the Bureau will be only to glad to assist <i>Supr [REDACTED] advised 4:20pm</i> <i>[REDACTED] Supr. Bureau advised 5:10pm</i> <i>facts.</i> <i>ASAC Rony advised</i> <i>[REDACTED] informant</i> <i>Supr [REDACTED] Bureau called about 8:15 AM</i> <i>and advised T.T. being prepared [REDACTED]</i> <i>Supr [REDACTED] called and recommended</i> <i>that on any potential bomb report be declared</i> <i>157-743-3</i> <i>6</i>							
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NEW YORK CITY, TEN SIX SIXTY TWO, BOMBING MATTERS

REFERENCE IS MADE TO NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO  
BUREAU THIS DATE.

AT FOUR TWENTY AM, THIS DATE, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS, NYCPD, ADVISED THAT AT ONE FORTY TWO AM,  
A BOMB WAS EXPLODED AT THE RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN,  
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK, FOUR FIVE TWO MADISON  
AVENUE, NYC.

AT SIX ZERO FIVE AM, ON TEN SIX SIXTY TWO, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BOMB SQUAD, NYCPD, ADVISED THAT AT ONE FOUR TWO AM  
THIS DATE, A DYNAMITE TYPE BOMB WAS EXPLODED IN THE AREAWAY  
OUTSIDE RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, FIFTIETH STREET  
AND MADISON AVENUE, NYC. THREE WINDOWS WERE BROKEN BY EXPLOSION.  
THERE WERE NO INJURIES. [REDACTED] ADVISED NYCPD LABORATORY  
CONDUCTING ANALYSIS OF FRAGMENTS OBTAINED AT SCENE. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OPINED BOMB CONSISTED OF ONE OR TWO STICKS OF DYNAMITE.

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1<sup>(2)</sup> - Supervisor #412

Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:32 A M Per [Signature]

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NYO HAS NO BOMBING

NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED TO DATE. <sup>SUSPECTS</sup> NO EVIDENCE OF  
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF BOMB. LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED  
WITH NYCPD. SERVICES OF IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AND FBI  
LABORATORY HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO THE NYCPD. G-TWO FIRST  
ARMY NOTIFIED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY NYO.  
LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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REFERENCE IS MADE TO TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE BUREAU,  
~~PHILADELPHIA~~ AND NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU TEN SIX SIXTY TWO.

~~PHILADELPHIA~~ OF THE NYCPD, WHO IS HANDLING  
INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED MATTER HAS ADVISED THAT  
THE TOTAL DAMAGE TO THE CARDINAL SPELLMAN'S RESIDENCE CONSISTED  
OF BROKEN WINDOWS, TOP AND BOTTOM, ON THE CORNER OF MADISON  
AVENUE AND FIFTIETH STREET. ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ ADVISED THAT ONE  
OF THE WINDOWS, WHICH WAS BROKEN, WAS OCCUPIED BY A HOUSE-  
MAID, BUT THE OTHER ROOM IN WHICH THE WINDOWS WERE BROKEN, WAS  
UNOCCUPIED.

SA ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ OBSERVED AND DETERMINED THAT THE  
DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE BOMBING, CONSISTED OF THREE COMPLETELY  
BROKEN SASH WINDOWS, BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM SECTIONS. TWO OF THESE  
WINDOWS WERE ON FIFTIETH OR SOUTH SIDE OF ~~THE~~ BUILDING AND  
FOUR FEET BELOW THE STREET LEVEL IN THE AREAWAY AND THE OTHER

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Approved: 1 (2) Supervisor #412  
Special Agent in Charge

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WINDOW WAS IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING ON MADISON AVENUE AT STREET LEVEL. THE DAMAGE INVOLVED TWO WINDOWS, ONE ON THE CORNER AND THE ROOM JUST WEST OF THE CORNER ON FIFTIETH STREET. IN ADDITION, A PIECE OF MASONRY THREE INCHES BY ONE HALF INCH WAS CHIPPED OFF AROUND THE WINDOW, WHICH WAS BROKEN ON THE MADISON AVENUE SIDE OF THE BUILDING.

b7c [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT SOME OF THE WINDOWS ARE FOUR FEET BELOW THE GROUND LEVEL AND ARE ALONG AN AREAWAY WHICH RUNS ALONG THE BUILDING AND UNDER THE GRATING ON THE SIDEWALK. THE EXPLOSIVE WAS APPARENTLY BROFBEED AT THE CORNER OF THE BUILDING AND IN THIS AREAWAY, THE BOMB SQUAD LAB HAS FOUND THREE ENDS OF DYNAMITE STICKS OF A COMMERCIAL TYPE, INDICATING THAT THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO STICKS, BUT IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT TWO FULL STICKS OF DYNAMITE WERE USED. THE DYNAMITE WAS APPARENTLY WRAPPED IN A NEWSPAPER WITH SOME NYLON CORD. THE TYPE OF DETONATOR USED IS STILL UNKNOWN. THE LAB, WHICH HAS GATHERED UP ALL THE BOMB FRAGMENTS AND RESIDUE, INCLUDING PIECES OF BROKEN GLASS, ARE STILL MAKING TESTS ON THIS MATERIAL.

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THE POLICE PHOTO UNIT HAS MADE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE RESULTS OF THE BOMBING, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ROOMS EFFECTED.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO SUSPECTS. TWO MEN WERE IN THE VICINITY OF FIFTIETH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE WHEN THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AND SAW A CAR STOP AFTER THE EXPLOSION, BUT DID NOT GET THE LICENSE NUMBER AND THE OWNER OF THIS CAR HAS NOT BEEN ASCERTAINED AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THIS CAR WAS INVOLVED IN THE EXPLOSION AT THIS POINT.

HE ADVISED THAT IT WAS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT THESE WITNESSES WILL BE OF ANY VALUE IN VIEW OF THE MEAGER INFORMATION THEY COULD FURNISH.

**[REDACTED]** OF THE SEVENTEENTH PRECINCT, NYCPD, ADVISED THAT CARDINAL SPELLMAN WAS IN HIS RESIDENCE AT THE TIME OF THE BOMBING, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED BY HIS CLERICAL SECRETARY, WHO <sup>HAD SO</sup> ~~SECRETARILY~~ ADVISED SA **[REDACTED]** OF THE NYO. **[REDACTED]** FURTHER ADVISED THAT A SPECIAL GUARD WOULD BE MAINTAINED AROUND THE CLOCK AT THE CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE.

**[REDACTED]** REQUESTED THE NYO TO FURNISH, IF POSSIBLE,

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ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE RECENT BOMBING  
ACTIVITIES AT THE VATICAN, WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE OF ASSISTANCE  
IN ROUNDING UP SUSPECTS IN THIS RECENT BOMBING OF CARDINAL  
SPELLMAN'S RESIDENCE.

TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH THE BUREAU <sup>on 10/4/62</sup> ~~DEPT.~~, INDICATES  
PHILADELPHIA AND NEWARK HAVE DEVELOPED INFORMATION CONCERNING  
THE VATICAN BOMBING ACTIVITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS THROUGH  
FOREIGN POLICE COOPERATION.

THE BUREAU, PHILADELPHIA, AND NEWARK ARE REQUESTED  
TO FURNISH ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOMBING <sup>VATICAN</sup>  
~~ACTIVITIES~~ TO THE NYO, WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
NYCPD, PURSUANT TO THEIR REQUEST.

THE NYO WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH THE  
NYCPD FOR ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, NO INQUIRIES RECEIVED  
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THREATS AT SAINT PETER-S BASILICA, ROME. FPC". IN CASE RE BOMB THREATS  
AT SAINT PETER-S BASILICA, IT WAS ALLEGED ONE [REDACTED] RETURNED  
FROM ITALY WITHIN PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS. [REDACTED]

b7c [REDACTED] INQUIRY IN CAMDEN, NJ AREA  
FAILS TO INDICATE THAT [REDACTED] DETAILS OF  
INVESTIGATION RE [REDACTED] BEING SUBMITTED BY AIRTEL IN CASE CAP-  
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RE NEW YORK TEL TEN SEVEN SIXTYTWO.

FOR INFO NEW YORK, LEGAT ROME ADVISED [redacted]

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[redacted] LISTED TO FRANK COLETTI, RETIRED USN EMPLOYEE WHO IS  
ACTIVE MEMBER PENTECOSTAL GROUP, PHILA, WHO RECEIVES MAIL FOR BIBLE  
HOUSE AT HIS RESIDENCE. COLETTI HAS NOT BEEN IN ITALY SINCE NINETEEN  
FIFTYEIGHT BUT [redacted] WAS THERE IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE,  
AND [redacted] MEMBER PENTECOSTAL GROUP, PHILA, REPORTEDLY  
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[redacted] advised 3<sup>20</sup> P 10/7/62

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RETURNED FROM ITALY WITHIN PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS. DISCREET INQUIRIES THROUGH SOURCE OF SAC CONTACT, REFLECTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS ANTI-CATHOLIC AND MEMBER OF PENTECOSTAL SECT. SAME SOURCE ADVISED PRINTING FOR FIRST PENTECOSTAL BIBLE HOUSE WAS DONE BY CHRISTIAN SERVICE PRINTING CO, PRINSEBROOK ITALIAN BIBLES. PUBLIC SOURCE RECORDS

b7c BEING CHECKED ON [REDACTED] FOR BACKGROUND INFO IN ORDER SUITABLE CHECK MAY BE MADE AT STATE DEPT FOR PASSPORT AND TRAVEL INFO. SINCE

[REDACTED] AND NO DEFINITE INFO RECEIVED LINKING HIM TO ROME BOMBING, SUGGESTED ABOVE INFO NOT BE FURNISHED NEW YORK CITY PD PENDING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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CO, GLASSBORO, NYXXX NJ, PRINTERS OF ITALIAN BIBLES. PUBLIC SOURCE RECORDS BEING CHECKED ON [REDACTED] FOR BACKGROUND INFO IN ORDER SUITABLE CHECK ETC

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Via TELETYPE \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-67)  
SUBJECT: BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN, NEW YORK CITY,  
TEN SIX SIXTY TWO  
BOMBING MATTER

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RENYTELS, TEN SIX SIXTY TWO.

[REDACTED] BOMB SQUAD, NYCPD, ADVISED  
ANALYSIS OF AND REPORT ON FRAGMENTS RECOVERED FROM SCENE OF  
BOMBING WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL OCTOBER EIGHT SIXTY TWO.

[REDACTED] STATED BOMB WAS DYNAMITE TYPE, POSSIBLY  
WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER SET OFF BY DETONATOR, EXACT AMOUNT OF  
DYNAMITE UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] STATED BOMBING PROBABLY DONE BY  
QUOTE CRANK OR NUT UNQUOTE.

[REDACTED] SEVENTEENTH SQUAD,  
NYCPD, ADVISED ABSOLUTELY NO SUSPECTS DEVELOPED TO DATE.

[REDACTED] FURTHER STATED CAR OBSERVED AT SCENE OF BOMBING, CHECKED  
OUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) [REDACTED]  
1-Supervisor #412

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
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DURING EVENING OF OCTOBER SIX SIXTY TWO, SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WHO PERSONALLY KNOWS CARDINAL SPELLMAN, CONTACTED THE  
CARDINAL AND ADVISED HIM THAT ALTHOUGH FBI AT THIS TIME  
DOES NOT HAVE INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION IN CAPTIONED MATTER,  
FBI IS MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH NYCPD.

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Special Agent in Charge

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (163-50)**  
**SUBJECT: BOMB THREATS AT SAINT PETER'S  
BASILICA, ROME. PFC.**

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Re Legat Rome Cablegram to Director 9/27/62.

For information of Newark, Legat, Rome advised that during past week two bombs were located in Saint Peter's Basilica and as a result, basilica was closed to public on September 26, 1962.

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Philadelphia indices negative on above house and search of [REDACTED] N. W. Ayer Directory, Free Library Reference service negative. On 9/28/62, USPO Carrier [REDACTED] (protect) advised SA's [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] private residence of FRANK COLETTI, a retired U. S. Navy employee who resides there

He advised COLETTI occasionally received mail from somewhere in Italy and also receives several letters per week addressed to First Pentecostal Bible House. These envelopes are letter size and printed in blue ink. Philadelphia indices and Philadelphia P. D. check negative on COLETTI. Credit record fair.

- 3 - Director
- 2 - Newark
- 2 - Philadelphia (163-50)

(6) [REDACTED] b7c  
1- [REDACTED] sent 10-7-62 [REDACTED]

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ONI furnished PQQ filed 9/7/55 while COLETTI employed NABC, Philadelphia, which reflects he was born on 6/13/93 at Cianolana, Provincia Siregenti, Italy and entered the U. S. in August 1909 at N. Y. C. He was naturalized in Bergen County, N. J. on 6/5/18 and issued certificate # 968669.

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[redacted] tele-  
phonically contacted [redacted] and discreetly ascertained that he has not been to Italy since 1958. [redacted] stated that the Pentecostal movement has a branch in Italy, location unknown since they are "in hiding" due to fear of reprisals from the Government. [redacted] knew of no representatives presently in Italy but advised that the [redacted]

[redacted] Philadelphia was in Rome, Italy with a group of ministers late in 1961. A source of [redacted] advised him that [redacted] a member of the Pentecostal group, had returned from Italy within the past two or three weeks. Source was unable to ascertain exact date of arrival in U. S. but stated [redacted]

[redacted] contacted former [redacted] residence in Philadelphia and was advised that family had moved en masse to [redacted] N. J.

[redacted] advised Pentecostal Church in [redacted] area comprised about twenty five Italian families with no national affiliation. Group aims to convert Italian Catholics and individual conversions have caused inter-family friction and neighborhood antagonism on both sides. No information available on Italian language pamphlet and discreet inquiry of Italian printers by [redacted] negative.

b7c [REDACTED] Source advised [REDACTED] completely out of sympathy with pentecostal movement and [REDACTED] who refused to allow her to attend Catholic church or leave the house.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED THAT ALL LEADS BE HANDLED EXPEDITE.

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NEWARK

AT [REDACTED] NEW JERSEY.

Will contact established sources and informants for further background information on [REDACTED] reportedly residing at [REDACTED]

Will attempt to establish dates of recent trip to Italy and activities there.

b7c PHILADELPHIA

Will contact sources and informants for any information on [REDACTED]

Will contact sources in Italian groups for any additional information on First Pentecostal Bible House.

Will check records of U. S. Passport office for information on [REDACTED]

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**AIRTEL**

**TO:** Director, FBI

**FROM:** SAC, Philadelphia (157-50)

**SUBJECT:** Bomb Threats at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome  
NYC

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Pittsburgh  
 re visit  
 157-75-2  
 full search  
 please

Re Legat Rome cablegram to Bureau 9/27/62, Bureau cablegram to Legat Rome 10/2/62, Philadelphia airtel 9/28/62, all captioned as above, New York tel to Bureau and Philadelphia tel to Bureau, both 10/7/62 and captioned "Unsub; Bombing of residence of FRANCIS CARDINAL SPILLMAN, New York City, N. Y., 10/6/62; Bombing Matter."

Enclosed herewith for New York is one copy of Philadelphia airtel to Bureau 9/28/62, captioned "Bomb Threats at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome; NYC."

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau cablegram to Legat Rome, investigation in above matter limited to contact of established sources re Pentecostal group and no interviews have been conducted in absence of facts indicating American citizens involved, and in absence of specific request by Italian police for additional investigation by FBI based on sufficient facts to thoroughly warrant same.

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- 1 - New York (Incl - Y)
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Through sources at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa., on 8/25/50, [redacted] inquiries were made of the [redacted] family regarding [redacted] without revealing FBI's interest, by the [redacted] of the [redacted] this inquiry reflected [redacted]

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[redacted] was described as a firm Pentecostal who was no friend of the [redacted] due to religious differences. He is a close personal friend of [redacted] Christian Church of Eagan, a Pentecostal group.

Through his sources, [redacted] caused a discreet inquiry to be made of the Italian printers of religious literature in the Philadelphia, Pa., area, and it was ascertained that printing for the First Pentecostal Bible House was done by the Christian Service Printing Company, Richwood, Glassboro, N. J., telephone TU 1-0374. This organization specializes in the printing of Italian bibles and religious literature

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[redacted] Philadelphia conducting public record checks for additional background information concerning [redacted] birth in order that appropriate inquiry might be made at the U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., regarding his recent travel to Italy.

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New York tel to Bureau in SPILLER case, reflects New York requested information concerning Vatican banking which might be of assistance in rounding up suspects in the banking of CASSINO SPILLER's residence.

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As set forth in Philadelphia PD 10-10000  
10/1/68, it is believed that [redacted] in view of lack of  
positive information linking [redacted] with the [redacted] to  
know, that investigation of [redacted] by the New York City  
FD or another investigative agency would cause possible  
repercussions due to [redacted] position as minister and  
active member of the [redacted] Church.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (157-67) *mm*

DATE: 10/10/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED] *b7c*

SUBJECT: ~~UNSUB~~ BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN, NYC, 10/6/62  
BOMBING MATTER

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In accordance with Bureau instructions and request of the NYCPD the following information was furnished to the NYCPD re bombing activities at the Vatican, Rome, Italy for possible assistance in the NYCPD investigation of captioned matter.

On 10/3/62, [REDACTED] 17th Squad, NYCPD who is investigating captioned matter, was advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This address was listed to FRANK COLLETTI, retired U employee, who is an active member of Pentecostal Group and who receives mail for Bible House at his residence. COLLETTI has not been in Italy since 1958 but [REDACTED] was there in 1961 and [REDACTED] member of Pentecostal Group, Philadelphia, reportedly returned from Italy within the past two or three weeks.

Inquiries determined that [REDACTED] Pa., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is described as anti-Catholic and a member of the Pentecostal Sect. Also the printing of First Pentecostal Bible House is done by Christian Service Printing Co., Glassboro, N.J.

It was pointed out to [REDACTED] that there are no facts indicating involvement of [REDACTED] or any other American citizen in bombing activities at St. Peter's in Rome

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URGENT 10-8-62 4-14 PM MSL  
TO SACS NEW YORK --2--, PHILADELPHIA, AND NEWARK  
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS CARDINAL  
SPELLMAN, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER SIX LAST, BOMBING MATTERS.

RE NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA TELS OCTOBER SEVEN LAST.

NEW YORK SHOULD FURNISH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RE  
PHILADELPHIA TEL TO NEW YORK CITY PD IN VIEW OF ITS REQUEST.  
THE ABSENCE OF FACTS INDICATING THE INVOLVEMENT OF [REDACTED] OR  
ANY OTHER AMERICAN CITIZEN IN THE BOMBING INCIDENTS AT ST. PETERS  
BASILICA IN ROME, ITALY, SHOULD BE CAREFULLY POINTED OUT TO THE  
NEW YORK CITY PD.

NEWARK PROMPTLY FURNISH ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED THROUGH  
ESTABLISHED SOURCES AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] ON OCTOBER SIX  
LAST.

RE PHILADELPHIA TEL INDICATES [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION FROM YOUR OFFICE  
DESCRIBED HIM AS [REDACTED] CLARIFY.

END PLS ACK

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# City's Deep Concern Over Fanatics in Our Midst

## Police Guard Cardinal

By Barrett McGurn  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

New York's Francis Cardinal Spellman likes to walk alone in midtown Manhattan, a small, white-haired round-cheeked figure in black, tipping his dark fedora every block or so to the passersby who recognize and greet him.

It was just about the same as usual yesterday at 1 p. m. when the 73-year-old prelate stepped out of his 50th St. residence to go slowly north on Madison Ave. in a drizzle. It was almost the same except for two things. In deference to the rain the Cardinal hunched under a big umbrella. And half a block back, pretending to be window-shopping and then catching up by darting across streets against the red lights, was a busy six-foot Irish-American "tail."

The "tail" was a New York City detective on bodyguard duty.

The bodyguard will stay with the Cardinal probably until he leaves Idlewild Airport at 11 p. m. Sunday to fly to Rome. He will be there for two months as one of the three prelates, along with Pope John XXIII, who will preside over the 21st Council to be held in the 2,000-year Roman Catholic history.

The "tail" was placed on the Cardinal yesterday after a 1:37 a. m. bombing of his residence which duplicated in many ways the two bomb offenses in July and September in St. Peter's Basilica, one of Roman Catholicism's holiest places. The Cardinal's residence is back-to-back with St. Patrick's Cathedral, the most famous place of worship of the 40 million-member American Roman Catholic Church.

Police worked on the theory that a fanatic, reading the news of the St. Peter's bomb attempts, had decided to try the same here. He did so in a clumsy manner but managed to send an alarm into other cities of large Cath-

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olic population. In Chicago, United Press International reported, a special police guard was put on duty at the home of Albert Cardinal Meyer last his residence be-  
Cardinal Meyer also will be at the Rome meeting.

The "tail" on Cardinal Spellman was one of three measures taken yesterday by Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy. The second was to put a "fixed post" on the Cardinal's house and on the century-old St. Patrick's Cathedral. That means that a patrolman will be on duty there at all times for an unspecified period. In another move the commissioner ordered all prowler cars and all beat patrolmen to give special attention to all churches and all synagogues in the city—several thousand of them. A few of the more prominent will also get "fixed posts," but the commissioner would not say which. The person or persons involved in the bombing want publicity and therefore will go to well-known places, police reasoned.

#### Used Dynamite Sticks

Just what was behind the commissioner's reasoning—whether he thought that anti-religious fanatics were on the prowl or that fanaticism might beget counter-fanaticism—was not revealed.

Cardinal Spellman was calm, sometimes even joking, as he talked of the incident—when it happened and again, later in the morning, when another wave of reporters came back. But he did treat it as a fundamentally serious matter. He said that he recited prayers as he dressed after being awakened by the shattering blast. He thanked God that no one was hurt and remarked that it easily could have been otherwise.

The bomb was a home-made dynamite contraption, several one and one-half inch thick sticks wrapped in newspaper and a plastic covering and set off by fuse in front of a basement window at the Madison Ave. (front) end of the Cardinal's residence.

Cooks and maids for some reason seem to change often in the little clerical world of church rectories and it is because of that fact, perhaps, that there were no injuries. The Cardinal's most recent cook had just quit and her bed, seven feet from the bomb, was empty. A day earlier she would have been there.

#### Twisted Window Frames

The explosion twisted the metal of the window frames, blew out two of the three windows in the cook's basement bedroom, and bashed in the window of the maid's room occupied by Mrs. Elizabeth Gormley, 54, just behind. The air conditioner in Mrs. Gormley's room also was damaged. Mrs. Gormley is one of the residence's two maids.

"It made a terrible noise," the still frightened Mrs. Gormley said hours later. "I thought the whole inside of the rectory had fallen down. There was an awful smell. Then I saw the window broken behind me. Luckily I had my drapes up. That way the glass didn't come in on me."

Then Mrs. Gormley heard the policemen and firemen outside. The explosion was audible for blocks. Squads of police and firemen arrived at the cathedral area in what seemed to be little more than a minute or two.

"I could hear them out there saying 'we've got to get in,'" said Mrs. Gormley.

Cardinal Spellman later picked the story up there. He said he went down as soon as he got dressed and found a crowd of firemen and police.

#### A Burglar Captured

"I never saw so many of them," he said.

He added that he wanted to thank them for the swift turnout.

By coincidence the bomb was the second assault upon clerical complex behind St. Patrick's in four weeks. A drug-addicted robber, at work on his 16th burglary of a Catholic Church institution, was caught Sept. 7 trying to rob St. Patrick's rectory, a building which is the twin of Cardinal Spellman's residence.

"A bomb and a burglary all in a month," the Cardinal shook his head with a faint but troubled smile.

Reporters asked the Cardinal whether he had received any threats.

"Not that I know of," he said. He added:

"I get a lot of letters. Are some of them threatening ones? No, not especially. Are some from cranks? Well I think they're cranks!"

Magr. Timothy Flynn, the press officer of the New York Archdiocese, added that he remembered occasional warnings of bombs inside St. Patrick's when he was a cathedral staff member in the 40's and that he assumed that that type of message keeps coming. He said however that every time such a tip was checked out it proved untrue. In his memory, he said, this was the first actual bomb attack against a New York Catholic church.

#### Psychopaths Blamed

Was there a connection with the St. Peter's bombs?

Cardinal Spellman himself doubted it, at least in the sense of the same band of men planting the devices.

"It's a long way away," he said. "They'd have to have a lot of money for a trip like that."

Police reasoned differently, however. Those in charge said that "psychopaths" imitate crimes about which they read in the newspapers. The swastika smearing in Germany some time ago were duplicated here soon afterward. It would not be the same band but rather mentally unbalanced people copying an idea.

Commissioner Murphy handled the case himself. He went to the Cardinal's house and was taken to the cook's room by the Cardinal.

The St. Peter's episode had two phases. A time bomb exploded inside Michelangelo's huge basilica July 14 and two powerful incendiary devices were picked up Sept. 22. Starting next Thursday almost the whole of the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the world, all the Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and heads of religious orders, will start a year of meetings inside St. Peter's to bring Roman Catholic practices and attitudes up to date. There is on the average only one such top assembly every century.



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THE DAMAGE was slight but the implications were grave. Cardinal Sp

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# Shift Probe to N.J. In Spellman Bombing

Detectives turned to New Jersey yesterday in their efforts to trace the explosive device, apparently consisting

of a stick and a half of dynamite and a detonator, which was set off early Saturday outside Cardinal Spellman's Madison Ave. residence.

Bomb squad men carried remnants to New Jersey plants in the belief the dynamite may have been manufactured there. The explosive was described as probably 60 proof, whereas 40 proof is the strongest permitted for storage and use in New York City.

Also under close study was a length of fishing line found at the scene and apparently used to lower or to help detonate the explosive. Detectives of the E. 51st St. station continued questioning scores of persons.

#### Police Escort Provided

Special police guards will be provided for Cardinal Spellman at 7:10 tonight when he goes to the Waldorf to attend an Al Smith memorial dinner. Police at 9:30 will escort him to International Airport, where he will board a plane at 11 P. M. for the Ecumenical Council starting Thursday in Rome.

The Cardinal yesterday received a telegram from Pope John saying he had learned with "sincere regret" of the bombing. The message continued:

"We render fervent thanks to Almighty God for your safety, beloved son, and we impart from our heart to you and to your archdiocese our paternal apostolic benediction."

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-635)**

**SUBJECT: UREUB; Meeting of Residence of  
FRANCIS SAMUEL SPELLMAN,  
New York City, 10/8/62  
RODOLPH WATERS**

Re Screen teletype 10/8/62.

Original info received by [redacted]

[redacted] investigation and check  
of [redacted] through efforts  
of SA contact disclosed that [redacted] originally was

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[redacted] Police Department,  
advised 10/8/62 [redacted] resides [redacted]  
[redacted] and recently returned from Europe. Source of  
income unknown. [redacted] will attempt to ascertain [redacted]  
whereabouts 10/8/62.

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AIR TEL REGULAR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (157-NEW)(RUC)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF  
 FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN,  
 NEW YORK CITY, 10/8/62  
 BOMBING MATTERS

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Re: New York teletype to the Bureau, 10/7/62  
 Newark teletype to the Bureau, and  
 New York, 10/7/62  
 Bureau teletype to Philadelphia, New York,  
 and Newark, 10/8/62

Referenced Bureau teletype of 10/8/62, instructs  
 Newark to furnish information regarding whereabouts of  
 [redacted] on 10/6/62.

By air-tel to the Bureau, dated 10/9/62, captioned,  
 "BOMB THREATS AT SAINT PETER'S BASILICA, ROME, NYC," Newark  
 file 163-95, Newark advised the Bureau and Philadelphia that  
 [redacted] had not been identified in New Jersey.

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By air-tel dated 10/7/62, captioned, "BOMB THREATS  
 AT SAINT PETER'S BASILICA, ROME, NYC," to the Bureau,  
 Philadelphia advised that [redacted]

Since [redacted] not determined to be in  
 New Jersey, no further action being taken by Newark Office  
 in this matter.

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  - 1-New York (info.)
  - 1-Philadelphia (info.)
  - 2-Newark (157-new)
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## **Witness of Blast Sought**

Police yesterday appealed to a motorist who heard the bomb explosion at the home of Cardinal Spellman early last Saturday to contact them.

The motorist, police said, was waiting for a traffic light to change at 50th St. and Madison Ave. when the bomb went off at 1:30 a.m. He crossed Madison Ave. and stopped, got out and examined his tires, thinking he had a blowout. Then, he drove off.

**POLICE SAID** he was driving a seven or eight-year-old light blue sedan. They urged him to call the 17th Detective Squad, Plaza 3-4483—in the belief he may have information which may help the investigation.

No one was injured by the blast. The Cardinal left for Rome last night to attend the Ecumenical Council.

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**Driver Sought as Witness  
In Spellman Bombing Case**

The police are seeking a motorist who was in the vicinity of St. Patrick's Cathedral when a bomb exploded at Cardinal Spellman's residence last Saturday. They believe he may have information to aid the investigation.

The motorist, according to the police, was not seen on 57th Street and was not seen in the vicinity of the cathedral when the bomb was thrown. When the motorist saw the explosion, he drove to the scene and stopped. He was seen by several persons who were standing nearby. The police are seeking the motorist to call the East 57th Street station's detective squad at Plaza 3-4185.

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Editor: JOHN R. OAKES  
Title: UNSUB; BOMBING OF  
RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS CAR-  
DINAL SPELLMAN NYC 10/6/62  
Character: BOMBING MATTERS  
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New York, New York

October 10, 1962

Re: Unknown Subject; Bombing of Residence  
of Francis Cardinal Spellman, New York  
City, October 6, 1962  
Bombing Matters

On October 10, 1962, [REDACTED] 17th  
Squad, New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised that  
the NYCPD as yet has made no determination as to the exact number  
of sticks of dynamite which made up the bomb exploded at the  
residence of Francis Cardinal Spellman, 452 Madison Avenue,  
October 6, 1962.

[REDACTED] further advised that the type of dynamite  
used, the type of detonator used and the identity of any suspects  
in captioned matter had not been ascertained as yet by the NYCPD.

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This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions

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PLAIN TEXT

AIRTEL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM S : SAC, NEW YORK (157-763)

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 Bombing of Residence of  
 Francis Cardinal Spellman,  
 New York City, 10/6/62  
 BOMBING MATTERS

ReNYairtel, 10/8/62.

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to captioned matter.

Information attributed to [redacted] set forth in enclosed memorandum was furnished to SA [redacted]

It is noted that NY file in captioned matter is now 157-763 since NYfile 157-67 under which captioned matter was previously carried is the control file for bombing incidents in NY.

NYO continuing to maintain close liaison with NYCPD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (157-763)

DATE: 10/11/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Bombing of Residence  
of Francis Cardinal Spellman,  
NYC, 10/6/62  
BOMBING MATTERS

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On 10/10/62 at 7:50 pm, the NYO received an anonymous telephone call from an individual who requested to speak to an Hungarian speaking agent, inasmuch as he could not speak English. The caller was switched to the home of SA [REDACTED] and he related the following in the Hungarian language.

He stated that he did not want to give his name inasmuch as he had only been in this country five years and did not want any trouble.

He stated that he works right in the neighborhood of Madison and 50th Street from 6:00 pm in the evening until 1:30 am in the morning. He stated that he observed a black sedan with two male occupants sitting near the corner of 51st St. and Madison Avenue on several nights as he was coming home from work around 1:40 am. On the night on which the explosion occurred at Cardinal SPELLMAN's residence, he stated that he observed the same black car with two male occupants turning in a corner at 51st St. and Madison Avenue at a fast rate of speed and almost collided with a taxicab, which he could identify only as being entirely yellow. He stated that both cars stopped and the taxicab driver and the driver of the black car had a short argument.

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He stated that he could not describe either the black car or its occupants or the cab driver in any greater detail, however, he noticed that there were two men working on Fifth Ave. at 51st St., belonging to the Con Edison Co., who also saw the argument which ensued between the cab driver and the driver of the black sedan.

After repeated attempts had been made to obtain the caller's name, he was finally persuaded to meet this agent between 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm on 10/11/62 in front of the A&P Supermarket on Lexington Avenue between 83rd and 84th Sts., to furnish further details he may remember.

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*Info above furnished to [REDACTED] 1/24/62  
Special Agent in Charge  
attempt to obtain additional info re complement of witness or  
address. [REDACTED] advised NYC PD but as personal available to  
occupying SA [REDACTED] since covering other leads in caption  
matter.*

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New York, New York

October 12, 1962

Re: Unknown Subject; Bombing of the  
Residence of Francis Cardinal  
Spellman, New York City  
October 6, 1962  
Racial Matters

On October 10, 1962, an anonymous male, who stated he spoke only Hungarian, telephonically contacted the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and stated that he works daily from 6:00 pm to 1:30 am in the neighborhood of Madison Avenue and 50th Street, New York City, where captioned bombing took place on October 6, 1962. The anonymous caller advised that for several nights prior to captioned explosion he observed a black sedan occupied by two males parked near the corner of 51st Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, at approximately 1:40 am.

The anonymous caller further stated that he observed the above car on the night of the explosion at Cardinal Spellman's residence turning at a fast rate of speed from Madison Avenue into 51st Street, New York City, where it almost collided with a yellow taxi. He further advised that both cars stopped and the drivers had an argument of short duration over the near collision. The caller was unable to describe either the driver of the cab or the occupants of the black sedan, nor was he able to furnish any further descriptive information regarding the sedan or taxi. He stated however that two employees of Consolidated Edison were working on 51st Street at that time and heard and witnessed the argument which ensued between the drivers of the taxi and sedan.

The anonymous caller declined to furnish his identity but agreed to meet with a Special Agent of the FBI on the afternoon of October 11, 1962 on Lexington Avenue, between 63rd and 64th Streets.

On October 11, 1962, the anonymous caller was interviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI and identified himself as [REDACTED]

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Re: Unknown Subject Bombing of the  
Residence of Francis Cardinal  
Spellman, New York City  
October 6, 1962  
Racial Matters

stated that he had heard the explosion at the Cardinal's residence  
on October 6, 1962, but was not aware until later what had caused  
it or exactly where it had occurred.

[REDACTED] declined to furnish his residence address but

[REDACTED] and did not wish to become involved in any trouble.

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information.

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On October 12, 1962, [REDACTED] 17th Squad,  
New York City Police Department (NYCPD), advised that the NYCPD  
is continuing its investigation in captioned matter but that there  
had been no recent developments.

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**AIRTEL**

**TO :** DIRECTOR, FBI  
**FROM :** SAC, NEW YORK (157-763)  
**SUBJECT:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Bombing of  
the Residence of Francis Cardinal  
Spellman, New York City  
October 6, 1962  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReNYairtel, 10/10/62.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. The interview  
of [REDACTED] was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Information contained in the enclosed memorandum  
was furnished to [REDACTED] 17th Squad, NYCPD by SA  
[REDACTED] on 10/11 and 12/62.

The NYO maintaining liaison with the NYCPD.

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REGISTERED MAIL

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: ~~BOB MURPHY AT SAINT PETER'S  
BASILICA, BOSTON~~

~~RE FILE# 157-25 (S)~~

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
DOWNING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN, NEW YORK CITY,  
OCTOBER 6, 1962;  
DOWNING MATTERS  
OO: New York  
(RE FILE# 157-763)  
(RE FILE# 157-25) (RM)

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Re New York teletype to Director, dated 10/7/62,  
and Bureau teletype to New York, dated 10/8/62, in the case  
captioned UNKNOWN SUBJECT; DOWNING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 6, 1962; DOWNING  
MATTERS.

For the information of the Bureau and the New York  
Office, the following are being furnished through appropriate  
channels to the Philadelphia Office Department, Bureau  
and New York Office for their information and use as they see fit.  
One to each of the offices. A copy of this teletype is being  
furnished to the Bureau.

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- 6 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
  - 1 - 163-20 (BOB MURPHY, SR., PETER'S BASILICA, BOSTON)
  - 1 - 157-25 (UNKNOWN SUBJECT, RESIDENCE CARDINAL SPELLMAN)
- 2 - New York (157-763) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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giving such an impression of [redacted] as to describe him as  
irregular, uneducated, unpleasant, and uncooperative.

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[redacted] stated that he is fairly certain that  
[redacted] has been in the vicinity of [redacted] Pennsylvania,  
during the entire month of September.

It is noted as it is unlikely that [redacted] was in Europe  
during the time of the killings at Saint Peter's Basilica. No  
additional investigation is being conducted in this matter in  
accordance with Bureau instructions.

[redacted]





DIRECTOR, FBI

11/2/62

SAC, NEW YORK (157-763)

UNSUB: BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN, NEW YORK CITY, 10/6/62  
BOMBING MATTERS  
(OO: NEW YORK)

ReNYairtel to Bureau dated 10/8/62.

On 11/2/62, [redacted] 17th Squad, New York  
City Police Department, advised SA [redacted] that the New  
York City Police Department is still conducting investigation  
in captioned matter, but to date no suspects or any additional  
information has been developed.

[redacted] stated that he would advise the New York  
Office of the FBI should there be any new developments in this  
case.

In view of the above, NYO is placing this matter in a  
closed status UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (157-763)

DATE: 11/20/62

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: UNSUB: BOMBING OF RESIDENCE  
OF FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
NEW YORK CITY, 10/6/62  
BOMBING MATTERS

On 11/20/62, [REDACTED] 17th Squad, New York City Police Department, advised that the NYCPD had determined that the dynamite employed in captioned matter had been manufactured in Mexico. [REDACTED] stated however that he had no additional information and that there were no suspects developed in captioned matter.

[REDACTED] requested information as to whether the Cubans who were arrested on 11/17/62 had in their possession any dynamite of Mexican manufacture.

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[REDACTED] was advised that when arrested the Cubans mentioned above were seized with hand grenades and incendiary devices but no dynamite.

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FEDERAL BUREAU  
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SUBJECT: FRANCIS J. SPELLMAN

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

NY FILE NO. **61-537**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-10-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/24-31, 2/2-20/40.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7c</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED] b7c with aliases; et al.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY SEDITIONOUS CONSPIRACY THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">review of correspondence and records of subject [REDACTED] included undated letter from [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">[REDACTED] Reports of [REDACTED] committees, notes on meetings and other papers found in cabinet in home of subject [REDACTED]</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">[REDACTED] Photostatic copies made of correspondence, records, etc., and copies furnished Bureau and U.S. Attorney.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">[REDACTED] Information secured from the file [REDACTED]</p>			

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From a review of the correspondence and records found in the possession of [redacted] or at his home at the time of his arrest, the following information is noted; photostatic copies have been made of all letters and papers in which this information was obtained and will be furnished to the United States Attorney, in order that he might observe the full contents of each document.

From a note book in his brief bag which covered the procedure and operation of the Brooklyn Unit of the CHRISTIAN FRONT, it is indicated that [redacted]

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A 1940 Appointment Book kept by [redacted] reflects that he spent New Year's Eve at [redacted] that during the day, January 1st, 12:45, he had an appointment with [redacted] in the afternoon he was to meet [redacted] also, apparently, he had an appointment with [redacted]

On January 2, Tuesday, apparently he was to see [redacted] about [redacted]

On Thursday, January 4, appointment with [redacted]  
On Friday, January 5, regular meeting Prospect Hall (Rear)  
Again mentions [redacted] first time.

On Tuesday, January 9, [redacted]  
On Thursday, January 11, received a call from [redacted] invitation from [redacted] to go to [redacted] house 1/13 Sat.

Call O.K. to [redacted] 8:30. Call from [redacted]  
On Friday, January 12, [redacted]  
On Saturday, Jan. 13, [redacted] party - meet [redacted] 1:30 Blessingdale

The above indicates close association of [redacted] with [redacted] just prior to his arrest. It is recalled also that [redacted] was arrested at [redacted] home with his.

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Enclosures to the Bureau and to the U. S. Attorney's Office, as well as one complete copy kept in the files of the New York Office, are the following photostatic copies of papers taken from the files of [REDACTED]

1. Letter to Mr. JOSEPH A. McCARTHY, dated May 11, 1936.
2. Letter to [REDACTED] dated November 25, 1938.
3. Circular of Christian Front.
4. Memorandum setting out purposes of Christian Front.

Letters from [REDACTED] as follows:

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| 5. Dated January 9, 1939. | 11. July 28, 1939.    |
| 6. March 2, 1939.         | 12. October 29, 1939. |
| 7. March 10, 1939         | 13. October 17, 1939. |
| 8. May 30, 1939.          | 14. October 31, 1939. |
| 9. June 8, 1939.          | 15. January 11, 1940. |
| 10. June 29, 1939.        |                       |

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16. Letter of [REDACTED] dated April 15, 1939.
17. Membership card of [REDACTED]
18. Letter signed [REDACTED] dated October 30, 1939.
19. Letter from [REDACTED] dated January 20, 1939.
20. Letter from Rev. CHARLES E. COUGHLIN, dated May 3, 1939.
21. Letter from [REDACTED] dated May 5, 1939.
22. Membership application of National Union for Social Justice.
23. Letter from [REDACTED] dated July 26, 1939.
24. Letter from [REDACTED] dated July 27, 1939.
25. Memorandum entitled "Christian Front of New Jersey, Incorporated, Newark, New Jersey."
26. Letter from [REDACTED] dated <sup>Sept</sup> September 6, 1939.
27. Letter from [REDACTED] dated July 29, 1939.

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- 73. Copy of letter <sup>to</sup> [REDACTED] dated November 21, 1939.
- 74. A pencilled letter from [REDACTED] which appeared on back of previous letter.
- 75. Letter from [REDACTED] dated January 9, 1940.
- 76. Prepared speech entitled, "Is the Christian Front a Threat to Democracy?"
- 77. Letter to Most Reverend Francis J. SPELLMAN, D.D., dated December 26, 1939.
- 78. Prepared speech beginning, "It is with a deep sense of satisfaction and positive assurance....."
- 79. A unanimous resolution of the conference of the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation.
- 80. Front of envelope addressed to [REDACTED] from the Bund, signed [REDACTED] (?) with part of contents attached.
- 81. Letter to the editor The Brooklyn Tablet, dated May, 1938.
- 82. Copy of letter from [REDACTED] dated September 19, 1939.
- 83. Letter to [REDACTED] dated January 9, 1940.
- 84. & 85. (Two sections) Petition for Peace—by citizens of the U. S.
- 86. Copy of letter to [REDACTED] dated December 18, 1939.
- 87. Copy of letter to [REDACTED] dated December 18, 1939.
- 88. Letter from [REDACTED] dated July 11, 1939.
- 89. Prepared speech "The Art of Self-defense".
- 90. Prepared speech beginning, "In the past year, which was the first calendar year....."
- 91. Prepared speech entitled "Do we live to die?"

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~~92. Letter to the editor of the Brooklyn Tablet, dated May 1938, assigned. \* \* \* \* \*~~

New York, New York

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February 28, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR E. J. CONNELLEY:

Re: SPANIP  
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Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated February 24, 1944, which set out background information concerning [redacted] and which instructed that he should be interviewed, in the event of his entrance into the United States, for complete facts regarding his background, political sympathies, anticipated activities and contacts in the United States, and for information which might identify him as a [redacted]. The latter, according to information furnished by Bureau letter of February 14, 1944, [redacted]

Arrival in the United States

On February 28, 1944 [redacted]  
rived at New York [redacted]

Following a detailed interview, [redacted] two suitcases were very carefully examined, with negative results, by [redacted] of the United States Customs Service. Following the baggage search, [redacted] tactfully explained to [redacted] that under present conditions it would be necessary for him, coming from the continent of Europe, to undergo a more thorough inspection than the average passenger. A body search [redacted] was then conducted by Customs Inspectors [redacted]. Other than miscellaneous papers bearing address notations, etc., nothing of unusual interest was found. The papers were placed in a separate envelope and were detained by the Communications Control Section of the Customs Service together with other papers, letters of introduction, etc., which will be noted below.

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[REDACTED]  
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Memorandum-Mr. Connelley  
February 29, 1944

He stated that he has never been, and is not now, a member of any political party.

Personal Papers

As noted above, [REDACTED] personal papers were impounded by the Communications Control Unit of the Customs Service at the time of his arrival. Examination of these reveals eighteen letters of introduction written by [REDACTED] at Madrid, dated February 18, 1944 and addressed to the following persons:

Most Reverend Francis J. Spellman, D.D.  
Archbishop of New York  
452 Madison Avenue  
New York City

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MOCASE  
ESPIONAGE - R

PERSONAL ATTENTION

DATE: April 1, 1950

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Winterrowd  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

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There are transmitted herewith for each office, two photostats of each of six memoranda prepared by Special Agent [Redacted] covering his recent conferences with [Redacted] also transmitted is one photographic copy of each of eleven enclosures to these reports.

One of the newspaper clippings referred to in the reports, relates to the change of Soviet Ambassadors in France. Alexei Pavlov, former Soviet Ambassador to Belgium since 1946, replaced Alexander Bogomolov. The other clipping relates to an accusation by the Slovak Communist newspaper "Pravda" in Prague, on February 11, 1950, that American Embassies and Missions are giving diplomatic immunity to spies and spies. It alleged that the center of American intelligence and sabotage is the "Paris office of the FBI." These clippings are being retained in the Bureau.

The Bureau files have been reviewed against some of the names appearing in the attached reports. The results of such reviews are as follows:

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Attachments

*1 copy of each one  
with all in sub files*

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- San Francisco - PERSONAL ATTENTION, Reg. AMSD (Attachments)
- Washington Field Office - PERSONAL ATTENTION, BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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# Spellman Urges Labor Cleanup

Francis Cardinal Spellman says rank and file union members must "remove from power unscrupulous leaders and their underworld hirelings."

The cardinal, speaking from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, attacked corruption and "greedy, Godless gangsters and murderers" in the nation's labor unions. He said he was moved to speak out when he received a letter from a woman whose husband is a union worker and who feared "for my children's future."

Cardinal Spellman said that mobsters were trying to force workers and management to become "twin slaves of the underworld."

"Daily we learn the sordid details of corruption and violence featured by newspaper, radio and television," the cardinal said.

"The close association of some union leaders with known criminals, the creation of 'dummy locals,' the rigging of elections, extortion, acid-throwing, graft and the misuse of union funds—these blatant violations of the trust of their fellow workers make all of us who are friends of labor feel shame and indignation."

Cardinal Spellman spoke out two days after the AFL-CIO expelled the Teamsters union from its ranks because the Teamsters would not rid themselves of "corrupt elements" or the leadership of president-elect James Hoffa.

It was only the fourth time the cardinal has delivered a sermon from the world famous cathedral where 2000 persons heard his attack at a morning mass. Previously he has spoken against communism, the jailing of Cardinal Mindszenty in Red Hungary, and the movie "Baby Doll."

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# Spellman Assails Godless Gangsters

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"Greedy, godless gangsters" were blasted by Francis Cardinal Spellman, as "mobsters whose aim is to force labor and management alike to become twin slaves of the underworld."

The Cardinal's attack came in one of his rare pulpit appearances at St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday during the 10 a.m. Mass at which he presided.

The prelate read a letter from a Teamster's wife who feared for the future of her two sons after her husband had nearly been beaten to death in a labor dispute.

"We must do more than be shocked or feel morally aggrieved by these conditions," Cardinal Spellman said.

"We must act while there is yet time to remove from power the unscrupulous underworld hirelings . . . who have dared to blueprint a division of their underworld empire."

## PERIL TO SECURITY

"These gangsters imperil the very security of America's family life."

He observed that servicemen and women returning home "expect to find this country free from torments and dangers of dictators."

"But if they returned home today, they would find that a segment of their country has fallen under the ruthless domination of greedy, godless gangsters and murderers . . ."

He urged "true unionists . . . to follow the AFL-CIO code of ethical practices, dedicated to the concept that free, democratic trade unionism must be clean, honest unionism . . ."

The Cardinal said he will leave next Monday on his annual tour of service installations overseas.

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# Spellman Hits Union Gangsters

## Sermon Urges Labor Clean-Up

By Jo-Ann Price

Francis Cardinal Spellman lashed out yesterday against "greedy, godless gangsters and murderers" in American labor unions.

In a rare sermon from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York called for action to "remove from power unscrupulous leaders and their underworld hirelings" in racket-ridden unions.

Cardinal Spellman's ten-minute sermon at the 10 a. m. solemn mass came just two days after the A. F. L.-C. I. O. expelled the Teamsters Union on corruption charges. He read a letter from a teamster's wife appealing to him to speak out in behalf of families who feared gangster-ruled unions.

### "Twin Slaves" Feared

The sermon also contained indirect references to incidents of gangsterism uncovered by the Senate labor-management rackets committee, the recent state police raid on the gangland meeting at Apalachin, N. Y., and the acid blinding of Victor Riesel, labor columnist.

The Cardinal charged that it was the aim of mobsters to force labor and management alike "to become 'twin slaves of the underworld.'" He declared:

"Daily we learn the sordid details of corruption and violence featured by newspaper, radio and television. The close association of some union leaders with known criminals, the creation of 'dummy locals,' the rigging of elections, extortion, acid-throwing, graft and the misuse of union funds—these blatant violations of the trust of their fellow-workers make all of us who are friends of labor feel shame and indignation.

"But we must do more than be shocked or feel morally aggrieved. We must act, and, while there is still time, remove from power unscrupulous leaders and their underworld hirelings.

"It is a tragic, almost unbelievable fact that these 'overlords' of crime have dared to blueprint plans with

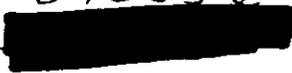
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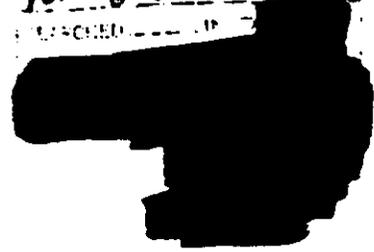
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the avowed purpose of dividing their underworld empire thus imperiling the very security of America's family life."

The letter from the teamster's wife read by Cardinal Spellman said that "I fear for my children's future." Because of "strong arm methods, yes even murder" in gangster-ruled unions, "most of the men are afraid to talk," she wrote.

The woman appealed to the Cardinal: "Help us. Our men may lose their jobs or even get hurt. . . . We still want to do all we can to carry on the fight for justice and decency and the right to be free. . . . The gangsters who run my husband's union have made slaves of our men."

Cardinal Spellman commented: "It is my conviction that, regardless of any court decisions, dishonest union leaders have already condemned themselves by their defiance of God and disloyalty to America, as well as by their contemptuous treatment and vicious acts of violence inflicted upon their fellow-workers, and upon the most innocent victims of all, their families!"

The Cardinal, who frequently presides, but rarely speaks, at the 10 a. m. mass, apparently

made a late decision to address the congregation. On Saturday, the priest who was scheduled to give the sermon, the Rev. Oscar Lynch, of the clergy staff, was notified of the Cardinal's decision. Copies of the sermon text were not available to reporters until just before the mass started.

On only three previous occasions, a member of the staff noted, has Cardinal Spellman mounted the pulpit to preach to the 2,000 persons in attendance. Once he attacked communism, another time he discussed the imprisonment of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and last Dec. 16 he exhorted Catholics to stay away from the movie "Baby Doll" under the "pain of sin."

Cardinal Spellman said that next Monday he would start his annual Christmas visit to military personnel in Korea and at other posts around the world. He observed that if these men and women in service "returned home today," they would be confronted with "a very un-American way of life."

"They would find," he said, "that a segment of their blessed country had fallen under the ruthless domination of greedy, godless gangsters and murderers—mobsters whose aim is to force labor and management alike to become 'twin slaves of the underworld.'"



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### ASSAILS CORRUPTION IN UNIONS

Cardinal Spellman at the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral when he condemned the imprisonment of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.

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# SPELLMAN SCORES LABOR GANGSTERS

## At St. Patrick's He Declares Underworld Would Enslave Workers and Industry

Text of Cardinal's statement  
is printed on Page 29.

Cardinal Spellman attacked labor racketeers yesterday as "mobsters whose aim is to force labor and management alike to become twin slaves of the underworld."

The Cardinal spoke in one of his rare pulpit appearances at the 10 A. M. solemn mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He urged all honest union members to act "while there is still time to remove from power unscrupulous leaders and their underworld hirelings." He said this could be done by following the Code of Ethical Practices of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and "the divine code of Jesus Christ."

The Cardinal read a letter sent to him recently by the wife of a member of the Teamsters Union, describing "the horror and thievery, the strong arm methods, yes, even murder, connected with gangster-ruled unions today."

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters was expelled

last week from the united labor movement for corrupt practices.

In the unidentified woman's dramatic letter, which Cardinal Spellman read in its entirety, she expressed "fear for my children's future" and declared that "most of the men are afraid to talk."

"My own husband was almost beaten to death five years ago," she continued, "but we still want to do all we can to carry on the fight for justice and decency and the right to be free, because the gangsters who run my husband's union have made slaves of our men."

Before his condemnation of labor racketeers, Cardinal Spellman noted that he was departing a week from today for his annual tour of American overseas military bases during the Christmas season.

He observed that service men returning from overseas expected to find America safe from "the torments and dangers of dictators where they and their children may live and work and plan their futures in full freedom in the true American way."

"But our soldiers," he said, "if they returned home today would find themselves facing a very un-American way of life prevailing in some fields where they might seek to make a living as once again they become a part of our nation's civilian life."

"They would find that a segment of their blessed country had fallen under the ruthless domination of greedy, godless gangsters and murderers."

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#### Violent Deeds Set Forth

Referring to daily reports of "corruption and violence" in labor unions, he said:

"The close association of some union leaders with known criminals, the creation of dummy locals, the rigging of elections, extortion, acid-throwing, graft and the misuse of union funds—these blatant violations of the trust of their fellow workers—make all of us who are friends of labor feel shame and indignation.

"We must do more than be shocked or feel morally aggrieved."

He advocated removal of corrupt union leaders and gangsters who "have dared to blueprint plans with the avowed purpose of dividing their underworld empire, thus imperiling the very security of America's family life."

The Cardinal said that labor leaders had informed him that unions could be safeguarded if members would adhere to the A. F. L.-C. I. O. Code of Ethical Practices, which is dedicated "to the concept that free, democratic trade unionism must be clean, honest unionism."

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# Clean Out Gangsters, Spellman Tells Labor

Cardinal Spellman has called on labor to remove unscrupulous union leaders and their underworld hirelings "while there is still time."

Making one of his rare appearances at the 10 a.m. solemn high mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday, the Cardinal read a letter he had received from the wife of a Teamster Union member describing the terror with which she and her family lived.

She wrote that her husband had been beaten almost to death five years ago and that the

"gangsters" who run the union had made "slaves of our men." The woman was unidentified.

Cardinal Spellman said that the soldiers he will be visiting at overseas bases soon would find on their return home "that a segment of their blessed country had fallen under the ruthless domination of greedy, godless gangsters and murderers."

He said that such leaders must be removed.

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# Good Unionists Must Rout Thugs:

In a scathing attack upon "greedy, godless gangsters" in the trade union movement, Cardinal Spellman yesterday called upon decent, God-fearing union members to overthrow their unscrupulous leaders "while there is still time."

The Cardinal, speaking from the pulpit of St. Patrick's Cathedral at the 10 o'clock Mass, tied in his attack on gangster corruption in unions with his forthcoming annual Christmas trip to visit American service men abroad.

### "Ruthless Domination"

"Our soldiers, if they returned home today, would find that a segment of their blessed country had fallen under the ruthless domination of greedy, godless murderers—mobsters whose aim is to force labor and management alike to become twin slaves of the underworld," he said.

He assailed the creation of "bummy locals, the rigging of elections, extortion, acid-throwing, graft and the misuse of

union funds" as blatant violations of the trust of other union members which make "all of us who are friends of labor feel shame and indignation."

### "We Must Act"

"We must act and, while there is still time, remove from power unscrupulous leaders and their underworld hirelings," he asserted.

"It is a tragic, almost unbelievable fact that these overlords of crime have dared to blueprint plans with the avowed purpose of dividing their underworld empire, thus imperiling the very security of America's family life."

The Cardinal read the text of a letter from a teamster's wife

in which she said her husband was beaten almost to death five years ago and that she feared for the future of her two sons.

### "Fight for Decency"

"You can't possibly imagine the horror and thievery, the strong-arm methods, yes, even murder, connected with gangster-ruled unions today," the letter read. "Most of the men are afraid to talk . . . but we still want to do all we can to carry on the fight for justice and decency and the right to be free."

Cardinal Spellman declared: "Regardless of any court decisions, dishonest union leaders have already condemned themselves by their defiance of God and disloyalty to America."



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Cardinal Spellman speaking from St. Patrick's pulpit yesterday.

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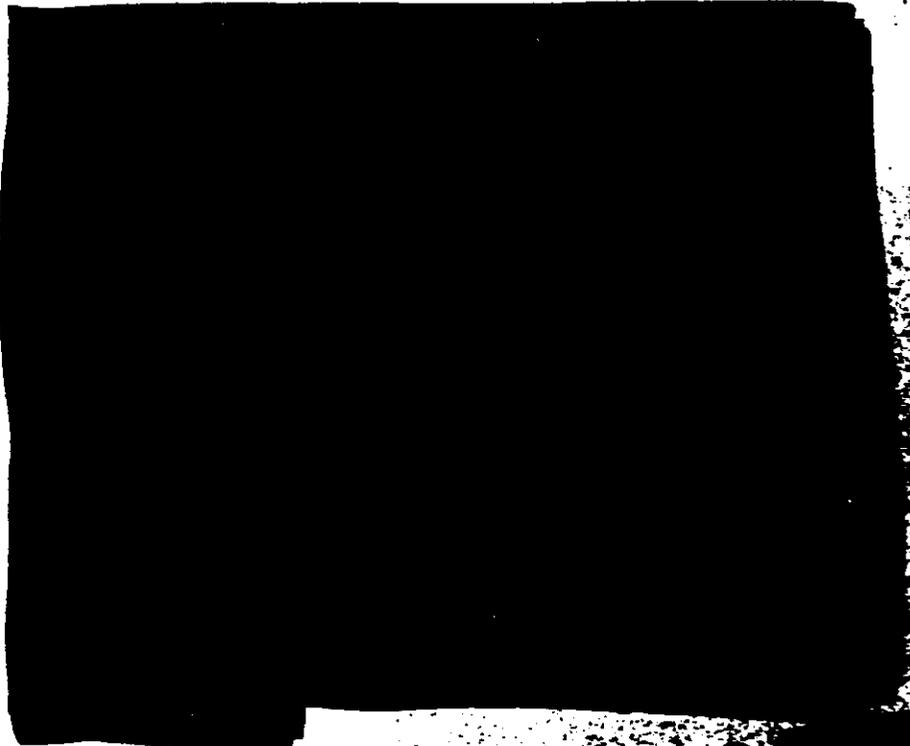
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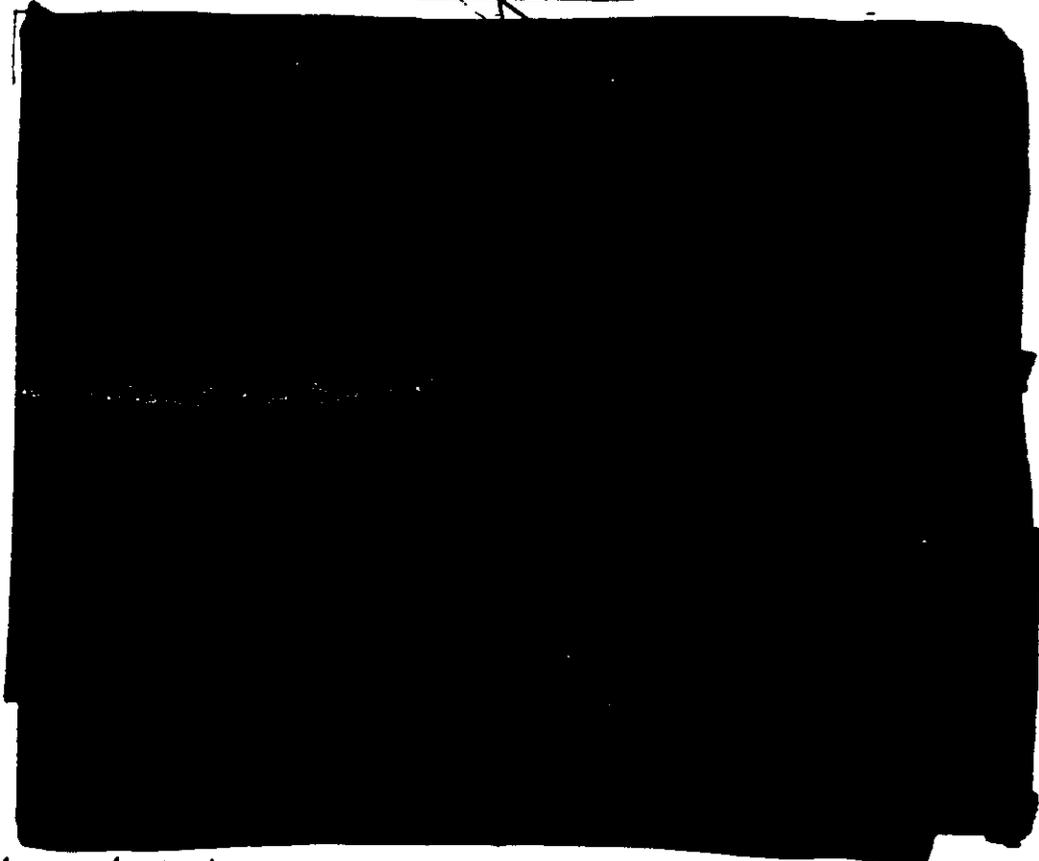
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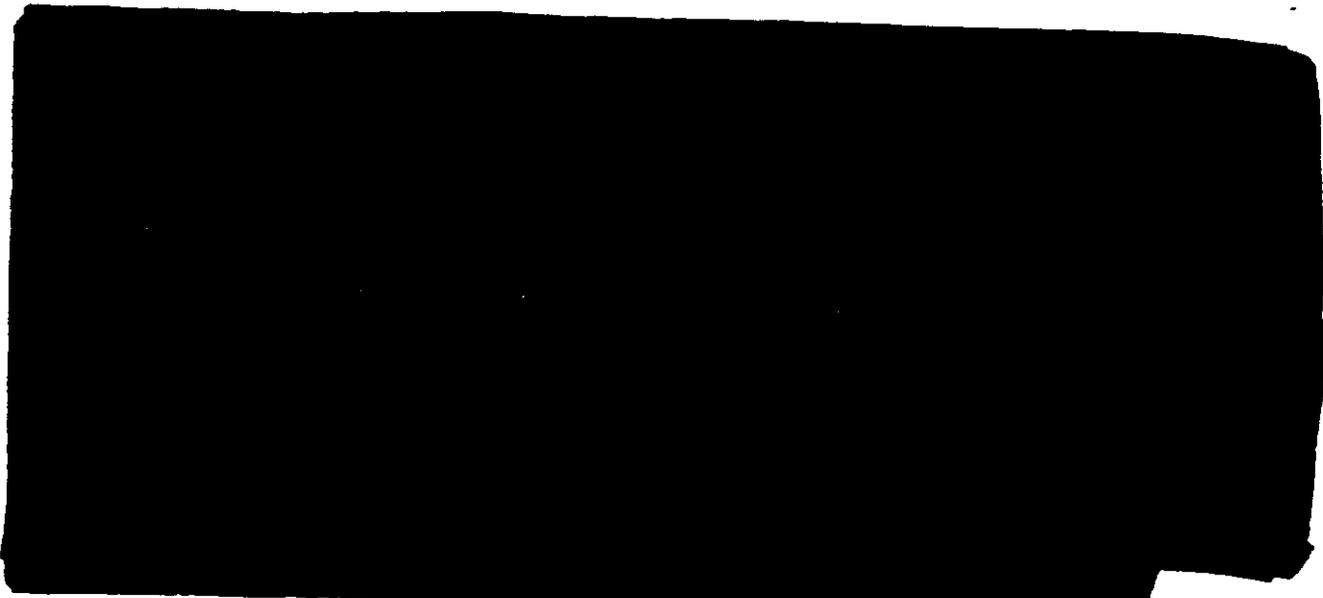
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At 2:04 p.m., 8/16/57, [redacted] of the Bureau called and dictated the two attached pages to the SAC's secretary.

He pointed out that the recommendation as made has been approved by the Bureau and that NYO should promptly contact Cardinal SPELLMAN. He also dictated [redacted]

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[redacted] for use in briefing the Cardinal.

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[redacted] call ended at 2:16 p.m.

At 2:20 p.m., the writer spoke with Monignor BRODERICK of the Cardinal's Office and requested an audience with the Cardinal. Same was arranged and the writer, accompanied by SA [redacted] saw Cardinal SPELLMAN at 2:45 p.m.

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The Bureau's instructions as set forth in the attached memorandum and the brief furnished by the Bureau were given to Cardinal SPELLMAN.

He stated that [redacted] has an appointment to see him on the night of 8/16/57.

Cardinal SPELLMAN stated he would not divulge our visit to [redacted] and added that he was going to request [redacted] to keep the latter's visit to the Cardinal confidential.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN requested that his appreciation be extended to the Director for this courtesy.

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Cardinal SPELLMAN was very friendly throughout this meeting which terminated at 3:15 p.m.

At 3:32 p.m., [redacted] of the Bureau was telephonically advised of the results of this meeting as set forth above. He was also informed that NYO will contact [redacted] and advise him pursuant to Bureau instructions that he may use his own judgment, namely, in discussing this matter with the Cardinal.

b7c [redacted] stated there would be no need to dispatch a teletype covering the above in the absence of any unusual occurrence resulting from our contact with [redacted] concerning this matter.

SA [redacted] is cognizant of the foregoing and will handle the contact with [redacted]

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Dictated by [redacted] of the Bureau to [redacted], 8/16/57.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as Cardinal Spellman is a contact of the New York office, it is recommended that New York be instructed to contact the Cardinal [redacted]

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b7c The Cardinal should also be advised that [redacted] has told us that he would visit the Cardinal. Therefore, we desired to inform him in advance [redacted]

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For this reason we had not approached the Cardinal previously but desire to do so at this time because of the possibility of some kind of publicity emanating from [redacted]. The Cardinal should be advised that we have not informed [redacted] that we would discuss this with the Cardinal.

b7c If you agree, we will telephonically instruct New York in order that they may contact the Cardinal before [redacted] does. We will then advise [redacted] that he may use his own judgment with regard to discussing this matter with the Cardinal.

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# Mindszenty Is Innocent Of Hungary Intrigue-Spellman

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty was not guilty of an intrigue to re-establish the Austro-Hungarian throne as charged by his Hungarian Communist captors, Francis Cardinal Spellman declared last night, branding as false Budapest reports that the churchman had "confessed his guilt."

Actually, Cardinal Spellman added, Cardinal Mindszenty knew the danger he faced as far back as a year ago when he visited Cardinal Spellman before returning to Europe, but he merely shrugged and said:

"Ultimately, all my enemies can take from me is my life!"

Cardinal Spellman's statement follows:

"Yesterday, while the chant of Christmas carols and prayers was still echoing messages of peace on earth, goodwill towards men, news flashed across the earth that after

months of threatening and plotting, Red Fascists had arrested Josef Cardinal Mindszenty. Thus was taken the first grim step in another totalitarian mock-trial, another sacrilegious travesty on justice.

"Names and places change, but Communist persecution of the Church continues. Yesterday it was Aloysius Stepinac in Yugoslavia. Today it is Hungary's Cardinal Mindszenty. But to this present martyr prison walls will be no novelty. For nearly a year he languished

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## Mindszenty Is Not Guilty—Spellman

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in jail rather than bow to Nazi dictatorship. Then Hungary was liberated, but with "liberation" came shackled freedoms, a muzzled press, and confiscated schools, in an endless chain of totalitarian treacheries.

"Cardinal Mindszenty foresaw the role he was destined to play in the present enslavement of his nation! Only a year ago, when I had the honor to have the Cardinal as a guest in my home, he was asked by someone if he did not fear to return to Hungary. Calmly, simply, he answered: 'Why should I fear to return? That is where my flock is. Ultimately, all that my enemies can take from me is my life!'"

"On behalf of the Cardinal

who uttered these noble words, I beseech freedom-loving peoples to lift their voice in common bond of prayer for Hungary's saintly spiritual leader and for Communist enslaved peoples everywhere, and never to relax their efforts to help achieve and guarantee for all men their God-given rights, for no matter how hopeless our protests may seem to be, when our cause is God's cause, we cannot, in the end, fail to triumph!"

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~~Hungarian Cardinal~~  
Was Here Last Year

A spokesman for Francis Cardinal Spellman, at the Catholic Chancery, 477 Madison Ave., when told of Cardinal Mindszenty's alleged statement that they had discussed restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy, said,

"I presume he met the Cardinal last year while he was here on his way to Canada. As for the rest of the report—well, you know what those reports are worth."

Cardinal Mindszenty arrived at La Guardia Airport on June 15, 1947, en route to the Marian Congress in Ottawa on June 20. He was welcomed by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Murphy and was the guest of Cardinal Spellman during his stopover in New York.

Spokesmen here for Archduke Otto said that the pretender to the Austrian throne was in Paris and was unavailable for comment.

Cardinal Mindszenty left for Hungary from La Guardia Airport on July 7, 1947, after his visit to this country and Canada. He declined to answer questions by newspapermen concerning political conditions in his country, and insisted throughout his tour that he was concerned wholly with relief work for Hungarians.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN VIETNAM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INFORMATION CONCERNING; (INTERNAL SECURITY)</b>	

**REFERENCES:**

Bureau airtel to Albany and other offices, 3/16/66;  
Report of SA [redacted] 2/21/67, at New York.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The word "Vietnam", as used in the report, has been spelled "Vietnam" and "Viet Nam." Due to the voluminous nature of the report, and because of public usage, no attempt was made to spell it one way.

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(e) Information Regarding  
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[REDACTED]  
that the NYWIN would sponsor a "Peace Walk" on  
October 22, 1966, from Tompkins Square to the  
Gansevoort Street Pier, New York City.

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On September 16, 1966, a SA of the FBI  
observed the NYWIN and the Committee to Aid the  
National Liberation Front of South Vietnam conduct an  
anti-Vietnam demonstration in front of the Lincoln  
Center for the Performing Arts where the Metropolitan  
Opera opened its season. Among those in attendance  
at the opening night were Mrs. LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
and ROBERT MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense.

[REDACTED]  
that on January 22, 1967, there was an anti-Vietnam  
demonstration held against FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN  
at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, New York,  
for the purpose of protesting Cardinal SPELLMAN's  
position favoring United States' intervention in  
the Vietnam War. One of the organizations sponsoring  
this demonstration was the NYWIN.

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"The New York Times", a New York daily newspaper, issue of December 31, 1966, contained an article on page 10, column 1, captioned, "Vietnam Protesters Picket St. Patrick's." This article states, in part, that the Bread and Puppet Theater Group were protesting Cardinal SPELLMAN's recent statement calling for an unqualified victory in Vietnam and the war as a fight for the survival of civilization.

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January 17, 1967 -  
Anti-Vietnam War Picketing,  
Residence of Cardinal  
SPELLMAN, New York City

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[redacted] On January 18, 1967, [redacted] that a group of approximately 75 individuals appeared without prior notice before the residence of Cardinal FRANCIS SPELLMAN, Archbishop of the New York City Roman Catholic Archdiocese, 481 Madison Avenue, New York City, at 11:30 a.m., and began a quiet and orderly picket line type demonstration which dispersed at 1:15 p.m. [redacted]

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[redacted] ascertained that the picket-demonstration was instituted by the Catholic Peace Fellowship, 5 Beckman Street, New York City, as an expression of opposition to Cardinal SPELLMAN's recently expressed remarks and wishes favorable to the United States policy in Vietnam, and his expressed desires for an eventual South Vietnam - United States victory in Vietnam in the event the war continues.

[redacted] advised that the pickets carried placards which read:

- "Cardinal Spellman - Turn Toward Humanity"
- "War Is Not Peace"
- "Cardinal Spellman - Preach To Our Troops; Love Not War"
- "Think With The Mind of the Church. War Never Again"
- "We Join With Our Pope To Plead For Peace "

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[REDACTED] the demonstrators were mostly civilians, that there were four Roman Catholic clergymen in the picket line and that two of the demonstrators were identified as [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that the picket-demonstration was orderly; that there were no incidents and no arrests. The demonstration terminated at 1:15p.m.

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TITLE <b>TRAFFIC IN CONFISCATED WORKS OF ART</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - RU</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Hungarian publication "Hiverek" alleged that in 1951 oil paintings, valued at some three million dollars, from collection of Hungarian Museum, were offered for sale in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, by art dealer named **ISTVAN GAL**.

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no indication of present sale in U.S. of confiscated Hungarian art works.

DETAILS:

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It was learned that [REDACTED] reportedly a Hungarian art dealer with wide contacts, will remain in London for an indefinite period. No one at his concern possessed any pertinent information in this matter.

[REDACTED] informed that, while he had heard many rumors to the effect that the Government of Hungary was marketing confiscated art objects in the United States, he had been unsuccessful in obtaining any information of a tangible nature.

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[REDACTED] stated that in the capacity of Customs Examiner he specializes in oil paintings; that during recent years he noted a number of paintings entering the United States from Hungary but practically all of them appeared to be of small value and the work of contemporary artists.

New York [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

[REDACTED]

Sometime during 1951 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related to [REDACTED] that the Hungarian government had been frustrated in its attempts to export art objects abroad but that it succeeded in accomplishing the same purpose by dealings with one [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] recollection, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] related to [REDACTED] that the [REDACTED] group made an agreement with the Communist Hungarian Government whereby they would market abroad such art objects as jewelry, oil paintings, gold, silver, and the like. [REDACTED] said he had no further particulars in this matter but gave it as his opinion that art works brought from Hungary may have found their way to Switzerland or other countries.

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[REDACTED] recalled that during 1950 or 1951 [REDACTED] made a number of "approaches" to [REDACTED] and intimated that a great deal of money could be made by "cooperating" with him. Since the suspicions of [REDACTED] were aroused, he made a joint report with FRANCIS SPILLMAN of the Economic Intelligence Unit of the United States Commission, Austria, (USCOA), which report, to the best of his recollection had been filed at Vienna during December, 1951, and in general dealt with the alleged activities of the [REDACTED] group.

It was also recalled by [REDACTED] that he had occasion to discuss this matter with Mr. JOHN MacDONALD, chief Vienna correspondent, of "The New York Times."

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] possessed no specific information as to whether the operations of the groups mentioned by him pertained to confiscated art works or to art works in general. He suggested that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have more detailed knowledge in this regard.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed he had no first-hand knowledge concerning traffic in confiscated art works emanating in Hungary. The information he had he characterized as "Viennese coffee house rumor," which, however, he pointed out has in many instances proved to be accurate. In this manner he learned in approximately 1951 at Vienna that [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED]

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