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WALTER WINCHELL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (80-252)

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

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ReBuairtel to Los Angeles 9/21/60.

On this date, WALTER WINCHELL, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Office and stated he had been trying to get in touch with Mr. HOOVER or Mr. TOLSON but had been unable to do so, and requested a message be passed on to Mr. HOOVER.

He stated that the "Hollywood Reporter", this date, in the column of MIKE CONNOLLY, carried the following:

"What's behind the sudden disappearance of the Keelou label's 'Story of Murder, Inc.' as narrated by Walter Winchell, from all record racks coast-to-coast . . . Underworld insiders suspect the mob persuaded Louis Prima, Keelou's khedive, to forget it... So WW is requesting a Washington probe."

This article was referring to a recording by WALTER WINCHELL on the surrender of "LOUIS LEPKE BUCHALTER" and is entitled "MURDER, Inc." (This record was pressed by Dot Records and carries a label of Keelou which is the corporate name for KEELY SMITH and LOUIS PRIMA)

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Mr. WINCHELL said that he was reprinting the item exactly as used by MIKE CONNOLLY with the additional comment "Scooped Again", and this was to appear in the "New York Mirror" today.

WINCHELL said he did not want the FBI to do anything but said the reason he was calling the FBI was that he would like to know from Mr. HOOVER if he has any objection to the publishing of this album which was published in 1960, about the time Mr. WINCHELL became ill. He stated that no promotion of any kind, advertising, or publicity was given the album and had he been well, he would have assisted in the promotion of it.

He said that he spoke to Mr. RANDY WOOD, President, Dot Records, who had originally recorded this album, and RANDY WOOD said he did not believe the underworld intimidated LOUIS PRIMA in connection with the distribution of the album. WINCHELL said that he then asked WOOD if there was a chance of him getting it back and starting his own publishing and WOOD supposedly stated "We will do anything you want to do about it."

WINCHELL said after this conversation he thought perhaps Mr. HOOVER or some of his friends might have said something to all concerned about not wanting the album published and if that is the wish of the Director, he would forget the whole thing himself. *I certainly have never made any comment.*

WINCHELL said that in this album he revealed a few things never before published about the surrender of LEPKE. He mentioned a quarrel in the Stork Club where Mr. HOOVER "bawled me out." WINCHELL said that Mr. HOOVER lost patience with him and the mob and said, among other things, "You tell your friends", and WINCHELL said, "JOHN, they are not my friends." Mr. HOOVER said "They are your friends and they can make a fool out of you but you are not making a fool out of me and my agents."

WINCHELL stated that in the recording he paid tribute to the FBI as he has done for nearly 30 years and that he wanted to convince Mr. HOOVER that he was not "faking it"; that he was glad he did not lose his friendship, however, now, he said he is beginning to wonder if this thing has embarrassed Mr. HOOVER or the FBI in any way and if so, he would like Mr. HOOVER to tell him, so WINCHELL can keep it out of circulation.

It is immaterial to me

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WINCHELL said that last night he went to Music City (largest record store in Hollywood), and they did not have the album and had to look it up to see if it was ever published.

Mr. WINCHELL also stated that he had heard the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C. are quizzing newspapermen at the Pentagon and elsewhere about the so-called news leaks and that he, WINCHELL, would not be surprised to get a visit from the FBI about news he had been printing about the Administration, the President, etc., and if the FBI wanted to quiz him, they should "send a man around".

The telephone call received from Mr. WINCHELL was rambling and disconnected and he was impatient with any attempt to obtain details or clarification. Mr. WINCHELL said he just wanted the information passed on to Mr. HOOVER and he cut the conversation short, ending with a number of facetious remarks such as "MICKEY COHEN sends his love to all", and "Happy Mother's Day".

Mr. WINCHELL was informed that his message would be relayed to Director HOOVER and no comments whatsoever were made to him.

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TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: 5-29-62

FROM : C. L. TROTTER *CLT*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
APPLICANT FINGERPRINT CARD

On 5-28-62 we received an applicant fingerprint card from the Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, California on Walter Winchell. Winchell is apparently applying for a special deputy sheriff's commission. He gave his residence as Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles and date and place of birth as April 7, 1897 in New York City. The fingerprints have been searched and no prior criminal record was found. The prints were returned with a "no prior record" answer on 5-29-62.

For information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 31, 1962

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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On May 22, 1962, an envelope addressed in red crayon to FBI, Department of Justice, Los Angeles, California, and bearing the name WINCHELL on the upper left-hand corner, was received by this office.

This envelope bore the return address of the Ambassador Hotel, and was postmarked May 21, 1962. Contained in the envelope was a registered letter directed to 20th Century Fox Corporation, 10201 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, which had been marked "Refused by the Addressee." A return receipt attached to the letter identified the sender as [redacted] California.

Also contained in the WINCHELL envelope was an open envelope addressed to Mr. WALTER WINCHELL, Hotel Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, postmarked May 17, 1962 at Los Angeles.

A note, bearing date of May 17, 1962, and captioned, "Dear WALTER," read as follows: "Please feel free to open this envelope - [redacted]"

The contents of the registered envelope was determined to be a letter to the President of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, commenting that the Association of Motion Picture Producers would ban the production "Cleopatra" in the United States because of Miss ELIZABETH TAYLOR's morals. The author referred to a film entitled, "Nothing Works," for which he desired to obtain some film footage. He also requested \$100,000 for his immediate use prior to doing this story, with the comment that this money would be returned from the proceeds of box office receipts obtained when the film was released.

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The letter was signed [REDACTED]. Inscribed in red crayon in the upper left-hand corner of [REDACTED] letter appeared the following: "To FBI Agent in Charge, Los Angeles - W. W. WINCHELL."

Mr. WINCHELL's letter is being acknowledged, and appropriate evaluation is being made of its contents.

A review of the indices of this office reflect [REDACTED] is probably identical with [REDACTED] who was the subject of an extensive investigation conducted by this office, the results of which were reported in the report of SA [REDACTED] Los Angeles, dated August 11, 1958, and captioned [REDACTED] VICTIM, [REDACTED] - VICTIM.

The foregoing is submitted for the Bureau's information.

June 28, 1962

PERSONAL

Mr. Walter Winchell
Ambassador Hotel
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Walter:

Although your distinguished career in journalism has earned you wide recognition, your many friends always derive genuine pleasure from every well-deserved honor to you. Please add my heartiest congratulations to those you are receiving as the recipient of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute's gold award for 1961.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Winchell Gets Racial Award

Special Headline Service Special to N. Y. Journal-American.

LOS ANGELES, June 27—Columnist Walter Winchell is the recipient of the George Washington Carver Memorial Institute's gold award for 1961 in recognition of his "outstanding contribution to public information, betterment of race relations and human welfare."

The award was presented to the veteran newspaperman by the Rev. Charles S. Casassa,

Loyola University president, at a brief ceremony at the college yesterday.

Father Casassa applauded the King Features syndicate columnist for his unselfish contributions to medical research, through the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, and Mrs. Mallie Robinson, institute national chairman, expressed appreciation for Winchell's efforts in the field of racial understanding.

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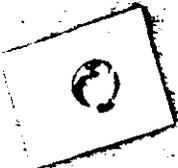
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 RE: WALTER WINCHELL
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Incidental to a conversation with this office concerning another matter on 6/27/62, above captioned individual, who is prominent New York columnist, advised he had lost a gun and investigation was being conducted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) to locate it. Gun had been presented to him by NYPD for many benefit shows he had staged in behalf of NYPD and NYFD widows and families.

On 6/27/62, during a conversation relating to another matter under Sheriff HAROLD MARLOWE, LASO, mentioned to SA JOHN M. CASHEL that WINCHELL, who had recently been made an honorary Deputy Sheriff of this county, had lost a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Detective Special, serial number 92502, inscribed with name WALTER WINCHELL and encased in black leather holster. WINCHELL apparently lost gun at or in vicinity of P.J.'s All Night Restaurant, 8151 Santa Monica Blvd., which is in the county area of Los Angeles, during the week end of 6/22/62. P.J.'s is frequented by motion picture people and some underworld characters. Further details of loss were unknown to MARLOWE.

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Los Angeles, California
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Mr. Clyde A. Tolson
Associate Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

It has just come to my attention that the Attorney General is scheduled to address the 42nd convention of the National Insurance Association in Los Angeles on July 26, 1962.

According to a Chicago news item, the National Insurance Association is comprised of the chief executive officers of 50 Negro-owned life insurance companies.

While I felt sure that you would be aware of the fact that the Attorney General is apparently scheduled to be in Los Angeles at that time, I thought it would be well to mention this to you.

On recent visits of the Attorney General to Los Angeles he has stayed at the Beverly Hills Hotel. You will recall that this is the hotel located on Sunset Boulevard in Beverly Hills.

Walter Winchell continues to be a regular guest at the Ambassador Hotel. He still occupies the same cottage as last year. He has been in and out of town, but will remain in Los Angeles most of the time when the filming of "The Untouchables" resumes within the next several weeks.

It appears that David Schine and his father, J. Meyer Schine, will be staying at the Ambassador Hotel sometime later this summer. Their plans are not definitely known to date.

I thought the above items might be of possible interest.

With my kindest regards to Mr. Hoover and you,

Sincerely,

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 19, 1962

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL.
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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Walter Winchell called at 9:26 a. m. I talked with him by reference from the Director's Office. He talked for 20 minutes. He advised he had slept for only two hours within the last 36 hours. He wanted to know if "Mr. Smith" (meaning subject [REDACTED] who reportedly has \$800,000 in stolen bonds in his possession) was OK. Winchell stated he was getting worried. I told Mr. Winchell that I did not have any information for him at this time, but to my personal knowledge I had heard nothing regarding the subject being physically harmed by anyone.

Mr. Winchell asked if "Mr. Smith" (meaning [REDACTED] had gotten in contact with [REDACTED] the disbarred attorney who allegedly has the keys to the place of confinement for the stolen bonds. I told him I was not aware that a meeting with [REDACTED] had taken place.

Mr. Winchell then read to me excerpts from his proposed column concerning subject [REDACTED]. The name of the FBI is not mentioned at any place in the column. The column was written in a very dramatic manner and concerns only the information which Mr. Winchell gave us yesterday in his telephone call at 10:10 a. m. Mr. Winchell desired to ascertain if the Director would object to his having this column printed immediately. I told him that inasmuch as the name of the FBI had not been mentioned in the column it would be somewhat presumptuous for us to object. He then wanted to know if printing of the column would interfere with our investigative activities. I told him that publication of his column was entirely up to him and that we were in no position to object to it.

Mr. Winchell went on in a very friendly manner describing a "fake phone call" that he made to the Director while interviewing [REDACTED] in his hotel room. He stated [REDACTED] actually thought that he, Winchell, was talking to the Director. Winchell stated during this "fake phone call" he told the Director [REDACTED] must be protected at all costs and that if the Director did not protect him he, Winchell, would never speak to the Director again as long as he lived. He stated that he also mentioned

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DeLoach to Mohr 7-19-62
Re: ██████████ et al.

such words as "John, if you go back on your word I will certainly expose this entire thing in my column." Mr. Winchell stated that such actions caused ██████████ break down and tell the entire story. It further caused him to express a willingness to tell his story to the FBI in San Francisco. *most presumptuous in the*

He was certainly
Mr. Winchell stated we should call him back immediately in the event we have objections to the publication of his "exclusive." Both Mr. Rosen and I agree that we should let things stand as they are, i. e., I told Winchell that we could offer no objections to his filing the story and that it was entirely up to him as to whether he did it or not.

Mr. Winchell stated that he was most anxious to talk to the Director or Mr. Tolson. I told him that both the Director and Mr. Tolson were still in travel status and that unfortunately they could not be reached. He stated that if the Director wanted to talk to him he could be reached through the San Francisco "Call Bulletin."

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For record purposes.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 18, 1962

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL.
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
 OF STOLEN PROPERTY

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By reference from the Director's Office, I talked with Mr. Walter Winchell at 10:10 AM this morning. Mr. Winchell was calling from the offices of the San Francisco "Call Bulletin," a Hearst newspaper.

Mr. Winchell told me he had called SAC Foster in New York to fill him in on the latest developments in captioned case. He advised that the subject of this case [REDACTED] had travelled approximately 6,000 miles, round trip, in order to surrender himself to Winchell. He stated that the subject's [REDACTED] motives were purely those of vengeance. Mr. Winchell added he persuaded the subject to freely discuss the facts with SAC Price and SA Bowser of the San Francisco Office. He stated that as a matter of fact, the subject had discussed this story approximately three times with FBI representatives.

Mr. Winchell stated approximately two-thirds of subject's [REDACTED] story was strictly "cock and bull." The subject claims extensive mob connections and stated he was the only one of the subjects in instant case who did have mob connections. Mr. Winchell advised he had talked telephonically with the subject on a number of occasions since early Sunday morning, July 15, 1962. Mr. Winchell stated he was somewhat concerned over the fact that this case appeared to be not within FBI jurisdiction but possibly a matter within the purview of District Attorney Hogan's office in New York City. He stated Hogan might make a play to seal this case from the FBI. Mr. Winchell further indicated that the demands made by the subject are fantastic. He stated he had advised the subject that no deals would be made.

Mr. Winchell indicated that a further meeting with the subject [REDACTED] would take place sometime this morning. He stated he already had his story written and had filed it with the "Call Bulletin" in San Francisco. He also advised he planned to go over to the opposition paper, particularly in view of the late enmity of the Hearst newspapers, and discuss the story. He stated his motives primarily in doing this would be to prevent a "leak" in view of the fact that the lives of an entire family might be endangered if such "leaks" occurred.

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Memo DeLoach to Mohr
Re: ██████████ Et Al.
Interstate Transportation
of Stolen Property

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Winchell stated he was concerned over the fact that a number of bell boys in his San Francisco hotel had looked at him sympathetically. Two or three had allegedly told him "I am certainly sorry about what has happened." Mr. Winchell stated this was obviously the tip-off that the underground had planted a story that he was either to be killed or kidnapped.

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Mr. Winchell advised that the subject had specifically asked him if he could assist in liaison with the insurance companies. The subject reportedly stated he was not worried about the FBI, however, did want to turn the \$800,000 in bonds over to Winchell and wanted Winchell to deliver these bonds to the insurance companies. Mr. Winchell stated if he found it necessary to hop a plane with the \$800,000 in bonds he naturally wanted FBI protection on the trip. I told him we would discuss this matter further if the situation actually occurred. Naturally no commitment was given to him.

bonds make no such commitment.
Mr. Winchell reiterated that the subject was making fantastic demands. He stated he has a son ██████████ and that his son should receive an immediate pardon. The subject told Winchell this could come about by District Attorney Hogan making a simple telephone call to the Governor's office. The subject also allegedly told Winchell that he knows where the body of one Benedict McCray (pn), one of the subjects in this case, is buried. Mr. Winchell stated he placed little stock in this claim inasmuch as he considers subject to be a maniac.

Mr. Winchell indicated upon meeting subject at the airport he noticed he was being surveilled. He stated after meeting subject, whose plane was 12 minutes late, the taxi driver who drove them into San Francisco from the airport, reported to Winchell they were being followed. Winchell stated this undoubtedly was the San Francisco Police conducting a surveillance.

Police were in meeting things. H
Mr. Winchell stated there is to be a "meeting" between the subject and a fellow by the name of ██████████ this morning. He described ██████████ as a disbarred attorney. ██████████ reportedly has the keys to the place of confinement for the stolen bonds.

Winchell stated he had asked the subject why he was revealing all of the above facts. The subject claimed he was doing it because of his desire to obtain vengeance. He also claimed he had deliberately allowed the FBI to apprehend the other subjects "in order to keep the FBI busy."

W. had about this?

Memo DeLoach to Mohr
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Mr. Winchell stated he desired to personally advise the Director of the above facts. I told him that unfortunately the Director and Mr. Tolson were in travel status and could not be reached. He stated perhaps the Director might desire to call him as expeditiously as possible. I told him we would not be in touch with the Director until late tonight, if then. Mr. Winchell desired to ascertain if the Director was on his way to Scripps Clinic. I told him he was not. He asked if the Director was personally supervising this case in New York. I told him the Director personally supervises all big cases of the FBI, however, could not be reached at this time. Winchell stated he understood and that the Director could get in touch with him at the "Call Bulletin" if he needed further facts.

ACTION:

It is suggested this memorandum be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for information.

JRM *7/18/62* ✓

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 1P
WALTER WINCHELL, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

AT FOUR ZERO ONE AM JULY TWENTY TWO, SIXTY TWO,
WALTER WINCHELL, NEWS COLUMNIST, TELEPHONED LOS ANGELES
OFFICE, STATING HE PLANS APPEARANCE ON TV STATION KCOP,
LOS ANGELES, TEN PM TODAY. SAID HE RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE
CALL JULY TWENTY ONE LAST WHILE AT BASEBALL GAME,
FROM PERSON HE CONSIDERS CRACKPOT AND HE IS NOT WORRIED.
INQUIRED IF FBI COULD FURNISH HIM PERSONAL PROTECTION.
I ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REACH WINCHELL VIA PHONE.
IF HE CAN BE REACHED LATER IN THE DAY, HE WILL BE
INFORMED TACTFULLY THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE
PERSONAL PROTECTION FOR HIM.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO

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WALTER WINCHELL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to my teletype dated 7-2-62 concerning call received by this office from WALTER WINCHELL and WILLIAM SHEA, it being noted SHEA is Publisher of the "San Diego Union" and "Evening Tribune" newspapers.

WINCHELL prepared a television tape of a purported press conference with local reporters which was shown on Station KFMB-TV, San Diego, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. 7-4-62. A review of this tape at Station KFMB-TV reflects this was generally an enlargement, with non-specifics, by WINCHELL with regard to the Communist Party threat in this country, with WINCHELL alluding to the "softness" of the present administration in this regard.

At the conclusion of the program, WINCHELL made this apparent ad-lib statement:

"To the President of the United States and to the FBI special agent in charge here, will you make a report to J. EDGAR HOOVER who is unhappy about a plug I gave his book that he and the Attorney General are fighting. He said this is not true. Well, all right. So I corrected it because Mr. HOOVER is a dear friend of mine and a great law enforcer. Please ladies and gentlemen and congressmen from this area, find out what Mr. KENNEDY and his brother is doing to the number one cop."

This is submitted for the Bureau's information
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Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (80-16-326)

WALTER WINCHELL
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re San Diego airtel 7-5-62.

Attached is an article appearing in the San Diego Union on 7-11-62 relating to a panel interview which WALTER WINCHELL participated in on Station KFMB-TV on 7-4-62. This was a taped interview. Television

Late in the afternoon on 7-11-62 the office of Mr. GEORGE STANTIS, Program Director, KFMB-TV, San Diego, requested the San Diego Office to furnish the name of the Special Agent of the FBI who reviewed a portion of the taped interview of WALTER WINCHELL which had been shown on KFMB-TV. Mr. STANTIS was personally contacted by telephone regarding this request. He was furnished full identity of the Agent who had reviewed the tape. Mr. STANTIS stated that as the program had been such a highly controversial one, he had instructed his secretary to make a complete chronology of events regarding the program, including all inquiries received concerning it.

Mr. STANTIS was told that following the completion of the program this office had received information that WINCHELL had concluded his interview by stating that the Special Agent of the FBI Office in San Diego should furnish a report to Mr. HOOVER on a matter he, WINCHELL, discussed. Our purpose in inquiring regarding the program the following day was to determine just what WINCHELL wanted the FBI to furnish to Mr. HOOVER. Mr. STANTIS stated he understood this and that his only reason for desiring a complete

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) chronology of events was that the White House had requested a copy of the taped program and there is some speculation that Time-Life Incorporated might sue the station.

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Winchell Text To Be Probed

The San Diego Union's
Washington Bureau

Cable News Service

WASHINGTON —The White House has asked for a transcript of a San Diego television station's panel interview with Walter Winchell in which Winchell referred to the White House as "the pink house."

A White House spokesman said a request for the transcript was made by presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger after the White House received "a number of telegrams about the show."

Salinger had not received the transcript Tuesday night and the White House said it will not be known whether the matter will be pursued further until Salinger has had a chance to read it.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The San Diego Union
San Diego
California

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TO SAC, SAN DIEGO
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBMIT EXPLANATION FOR FAILURE TO CONSULT BUREAU PRIOR TO
CONTACTING KFMB TELEVISION RE WINCHELL TELECAST OF SEVEN
FOUR LAST AND THEREBY INVOLVING BUREAU IN DISPUTE BETWEEN
WINCHELL AND WHITE HOUSE.

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NOTE: By airtel 7-12-62, SAC, San Diego, advised Walter Winchell had participated in a televised interview on 7-4-62 and concluded with an apparent ad lib requesting the San Diego SAC to convey a message to the Director. The show was a very controversial one in which Winchell attacked the Kennedy Administration. In order to learn what Winchell wished to furnish to the Director, a Special Agent was dispatched to review the tape of the broadcast. By airtel 7-5-62, San Diego SAC advised that the text of Winchell's statement was as follows:

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Teletype to SAC, San Diego
RE: Walter Winchell

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corrected it because Mr. Hoover is a dear friend of mine and a great law enforcer. Please ladies and gentlemen and congressmen from this area, find out what Mr. Kennedy and his brother is doing to the number one cop."

The Director noted: "Just why did we become involved in this. At least SAC should have first cleared here. H."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (80-16-326-)

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WALTER WINCHELL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Re Bureau teletype 7-17-62 referring to San Diego airtels 7-5-62 and 7-12-62 concerning press conference of WALTER WINCHELL on 7-4-62 and instructing that explanation for failure to consult Bureau prior to contacting KFMB-TV re WINCHELL telecast on 7-4-62 be immediately submitted.

KFMB-TV was contacted re the WINCHELL broadcast to determine what "instructions" WINCHELL had given the SAC, San Diego, in his broadcast of 7-4-62 inasmuch as the substance of his statements and the referral to the SAC, San Diego, were not known other than sketchy remarks that he had instructed the SAC, San Diego, to take action. In addition, the substance of his remarks was not known. The program was not monitored. I felt the specific statement was necessary to determine if any action was necessary.

I had just arrived in San Diego, had spent the entire holiday locating my family and unpacking. On my arrival in the office on the morning of 7-5-62 several Agents, including SAS WILLIAM S. FIELDS, JR. and SA WILLIAM S. OVITT, advised they had received telephone calls the previous night and that morning concerning WINCHELL'S program and his "instructions" to SAC, San Diego. The fact of this was not in the morning newspaper, and a canvass of other personnel

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in the office developed no further specific information as to the substance of WINCHELL'S remarks. To determine if immediate action was necessary, KFMB-TV was contacted to find out exactly what WINCHELL said. Although his reference was an ad-lib statement at the end of the broadcast, as set out verbatim in my airtel of 7-5-62, it was necessary for the complete tape to be run to find this reference. The tape was not reviewed in detail as such.

For the Bureau's information, KFMB-TV is a very conservative station and has been extremely cooperative with this office in all matters. On 7-16-62, while contacting personnel at this station, Mr. GEORGE STANTIS, Program Director, volunteered that no action has been taken by his station with regard to the WINCHELL broadcast and there is no possibility the Bureau will be brought into the picture.

I regret I did not consult the Bureau, particularly in view of the fact it involved WINCHELL. Based on the facts I had available at the time, which did not indicate a dispute in any area, it was my judgment the contact with KFMB-TV was necessary to determine if action, particularly any action of interest to the Director, was necessary.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, San Diego (80-16-328)

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Director, FBI

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WALTER WINCHELL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

Reur airtel 7-18-62.

In the future you will insure that such matters as
these are cleared in advance with the Bureau.

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo of 7-23-62 captioned: "Walter
Winchell, Broadcast on KFMB-TV, San Diego, California, 7-4-62."

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-23-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
BROADCAST ON KFMB-TV
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
7-4-62

TELEVISION STATION

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SAC, ^{WILLIAMS} San Diego, advised by airtel dated 7-12-62 that Winchell had participated in a televised interview on KFMB-TV on 7-4-62. He concluded with an apparent ad lib requesting the SAC, San Diego, to convey a message to the Director. The show was extremely controversial involving an attack by Winchell on the Kennedy Administration. To determine the substance of Winchell's remarks, it was necessary to dispatch a Special Agent to the station to review the tape of his broadcast.

Subsequent to this review the TV station program director contacted the San Diego Office for the name of the Special Agent who had reviewed the tape. Since the program had been extremely controversial the program director had instructed his secretary to keep a record of all inquiries received concerning the program. He said that the White House had requested a copy of the tape and there had been some speculation that Time-Life, Inc., might sue the station. The Director questioned: "Just why did we become involved in this. At least SAC should first have cleared here. H."

SAC, San Diego, by airtel dated 7-18-62 has explained his reasons for having a tape of Winchell's broadcast reviewed. This program was not heard in its entirety during the broadcast and upon being advised of the substance of Winchell's remarks apparently ad libbed at the end of his program, SAC, San Diego, felt it was necessary to know exactly what Winchell had stated since he had referred to instructions to the SAC, San Diego, to report to the Director concerning something that Winchell had discussed.

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SAC has explained that he was unable to determine Winchell's exact remarks from other sources and it was necessary to have the tape of the interview reviewed to determine the exact remarks. The tape was not reviewed in detail except to determine what Winchell had directed to the SAC, San Diego.

KFMB-TV has been very cooperative with our San Diego Office and Mr. George Stantis, Program Director, volunteered that no action has been taken by the station with regard to the Winchell broadcast and there is no possibility the Bureau would be brought into the picture.

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
RE: Walter Winchell
Broadcast on KFMB-TV
San Diego, California
7-4-62

OBSERVATIONS:

SAC apparently used his best judgment in trying to determine from the only available source information he had reason to believe was of interest to the Director and the Bureau. It is noted he obtained this information from a cooperative and reliable source.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to SAC instructing him that in the future he should clear such matters as these in advance with the Bureau.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO
FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 80-252 2P
WALTER WINCHELL, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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For ...

[REDACTED] SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, ADVISED TODAY THAT WINCHELL AND HIS SECRETARY LEFT SAN FRANCISCO ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD LAST NIGHT EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES. SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT IN SAN FRANCISCO WINCHELL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SUSIE ROBERTS, AGE ABOUT TWENTYFOUR.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON BOARDING THE TRAIN, WINCHELL PROCEEDED TO THE LOUNGE CAR WHERE HE BEGAN DRINKING AND BECAME ENGAGED IN A VIOLENT ARGUMENT WITH ONE **[REDACTED]** WINCHELL PULLED A GUN ON **[REDACTED]** AND IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE CONDUCTOR AND OTHERS OF THE TRAIN CREW TO BREAK UP THE FRACAS. ON ARRIVING IN LOS ANGELES RAILWAY DETECTIVES WERE CALLED, AND WINCHELL ENGAGED IN A HEATED ARGUMENT WITH THEM. AS NO CABS WERE AVAILABLE, WINCHELL CURSED THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC EMPLOYEES AND DARED THE RAILWAY AGENTS TO ARREST HIM.

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A CAB WAS OBTAINED FOR HIM AND HE LEFT BUT REFUSED TO PERMIT HIS SECRETARY TO RIDE WITH HIM IN THE CAB, AND REPORTEDLY CALLED HER VILE NAMES IN FRONT OF SPECTATORS.

b-6 [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. THIS IS FOR INFORMATION.

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cc: Mr. [unclear]

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 20, 1962

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL.
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY

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Walter Winchell called at 6:40 p. m. today. He merely wanted to indicate that the editor of the San Francisco "Call Bulletin" had told him a day ago that his news story filed in captioned case was no damn good and should be thrown out the window. Winchell stated that our excellent cooperation with him had allowed him the opportunity to call the editor back and advise that the FBI had just broken this case and, therefore, the editor had been wrong all along. Winchell asked once again that his appreciation be extended to the Director.

Mr. Winchell also inquired as to the reasons for District Attorney Hogan's press release which scooped his, Winchell's, column. Mr. Winchell had apparently heard of Hogan's release while talking with the New York Mirror at 5:30 p. m. today following my call to him. I told Mr. Winchell that we, of course, had no control over Hogan and that as a matter of fact any release that Hogan made was strictly his own business in this case. Winchell stated he understood this fact and that he had no gripes whatsoever with the FBI.

It was quite obvious that Mr. Winchell was talking for an audience. He, later in the conversation, put on Nick Giorgani (ph.), a member of "The Untouchables" cast. Giorgani merely stated "hello" and then gave the phone back to Winchell.

Winchell stated he would appreciate the FBI giving him a "cup of sleep." I told him that he should try to get a little rest.

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CC MR. TOLSON

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 20, 1962

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] ET AL.
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY

Pursuant to instructions, I called Mr. Walter Winchell at 5:23 p. m. today. He was at the Beverley Hills Music Hall serving as Master of Ceremonies at a movie premier. I told Mr. Winchell, as I had earlier today, that the Director had specifically instructed me to get in touch with him prior to the issuance of a press release by the FBI in the captioned case. I mentioned to him that Miss Bigman, in reiterating his request, had indicated that he wanted at least a 30-minute break. Mr. Winchell was advised that we planned to move our press release at 6:00 p. m. sharp from Washington, D. C.

Mr. Winchell expressed appreciation. He stated that "John always keeps his word and lives up to his reputation and friendship." Mr. Winchell inquired as to the details concerning our press release. I told him we had not put together a release as yet, however, he might like to know that our Agents had recovered approximately \$200,000 in stocks and that two men had been arrested. He asked for further details and I told him they were not available at this time.

I interrupted Mr. Winchell's line of talk to specifically remind him that we were not taking it upon ourselves to advise the New York Mirror and the Los Angeles Herald Examiner that the FBI had no objections to his release being issued. Mr. Winchell stated this was not necessary in view of the fact that we had contacted him personally.

Mr. Winchell again expressed his appreciation and stated he would be in touch with the Director later on to personally indicate his gratefulness.

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KCOP TELEVISION, INC. CHANNEL 13

915 NORTH LA BREA AVENUE HOLLYWOOD 28, CALIFORNIA OLDFIELD 6-6058

422 Burlingame Ave.
 Los Angeles 49, Calif.

July 12, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Walter Winchell is a good friend of yours and of mine. He guests Sunday, July 22, from 10 to 10:30 pm on a TVcast hosted by Will Rogers Jr. and myself. If Walter talks as he did on Paul Coates' show the other night and as he has talked to me in person he will say things about Schlesinger and perhaps others around the President.

Is Walter talking sense or nonsense? You can answer on the record or off. You are his friend. Surely you are in a position to advise him as to whether he is on the right track or not. I repeat. Your answer can be on the record or off. You don't wish to write but to have one of your men get in touch with me I can be reached via GR 2-2089 or OR 0-6068

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KCOP TELEVISION, INC. CHANNEL 13

915 NORTH LA BREA AVENUE

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here locally.

I AM NOT TRYING TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT.

I AM INTERESTED IN THE TRUTH.

If Walter is on the wrong track, making charges that have no foundation, I am not afraid to tell him so right in the interview.

Please help us broadcast the truth, and please do not ignore this appeal. And to repeat, if you wish to communicate through one of your men here, have him call me as soon as possible.

Yours,

Cal Finney
Cal Finney

July 18, 1962

AIRMAIL

Mr. Calvin Tinney
422 Burlingame Avenue
Los Angeles 49, California

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Dear Mr. Tinney:

Your letter of July 12th has been received. Although I would like to be of service, Mr. Winchell's words are of course his own and do not reflect any official policy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As an organization whose files are confidential and whose policy over the years has consistently been to investigate, not evaluate, it would be most presumptuous for the FBI to express an opinion regarding Mr. Winchell's statements.

I regret I am unable to be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-23-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LOUIS LEPKE BUCHALTER
ALLEGATION RE DIRECTOR
AND WALTER WINCHELL
SPLITTING A \$50,000 REWARD

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BACKGROUND:

Walter Winchell's column of 7-19-62, which was set forth in the format of a memorandum to him from his "Girl Friday," contained references to Winchell's participation in the surrender of Buchalter. One reference mentioned Don Whitehead's book, "The FBI Story," giving the surrender date of Buchalter as August 24, 1939. According to Winchell's "Girl Friday," the surrender took place on Sunday, August 25, 1939. She also made reference to another individual who did not get the facts straight by stating that the crime expert for Collier's "stupidly reported: 'Despite their denials, underworld-insiders insist the top G-Man and WW split the \$50,000 reward for Lepke's capture.'" The name of the crime expert was not set forth. The Director has asked, "Let me see the Collier's article."

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

With respect to the unnamed individual identified as the crime expert for Collier's, Winchell in his recent letter to the Director made reference to "such as Mr. Velle's ridiculous thing in Collier's that 'Despite their denials, insiders of the underworld say that G-Man Hoover and WW split the \$50,000 reward, etc!'"

Bufiles reveal that Lester Velle, upon whom a summary memorandum was prepared by this Section on 1-8-62 and is attached, was associated with the now defunct Collier's magazine as an associate editor from 1946 to 1952. Since then he has apparently been associated with "Reader's Digest." A review of reference material in the Bureau Library does not indicate that Velle authored any articles in Collier's regarding Buchalter although he did write many articles on organized crime for that publication. A review of all references to Lester Velle in Bufiles was conducted and there was no indication that he has made the allegation which Winchell has attributed to him regarding the \$50,000 Lepke reward. He did write an article for "Reader's Digest" in July, 1955, captioned "Gangsters in the Dress Business" which mentioned Buchalter as having been one of the individuals responsible for the hoodlum element in that industry. There was no mention of the \$50,000 reward in the "Reader's Digest" article.

58 AUG 8 1962 Bufiles reveal Buchalter was actually arrested on 8-24-39 and not Sunday, 8-25-39 as indicated in the Winchell column. Also, the 1939 Almanac reveals that 8-25-39 was a Friday and not a Sunday as claimed by Winchell's "Girl Friday."

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (See RECOMMENDATION next page)
- 1 - Mr. Rosen (JMM:tmf (5) nigro)

Jones to DeLoach Memo
Re: Louis Lepke Buchalter

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 8/1/62

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Belmont
Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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On the night of 7/31/62 I called ASAC Bryant in New York to advise him that allegedly [REDACTED] has been calling Walter Winchell on the West Coast and complaining that the FBI has cast him adrift and that we are giving him rough treatment. I requested Mr. Bryant to have the informant contacted promptly and ascertain what he is calling Winchell about and what his complaint is, and further to let the Bureau know whether this informant has been complaining to us and how we have handled him. I requested Bryant to have the NY office get control of this informant and handle him tactfully, so he is not going to call Winchell and complain again. I told Bryant that the Bureau feels this is something for the Bureau to handle and the informant should not be calling Winchell, but at the same time we want to handle it tactfully.

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ASAC Bryant called back on the morning of 8/1/62 and advised as follows:

[REDACTED] was contacted on this date at his home, [REDACTED]. He stated he had not contacted Walter Winchell on the West Coast and further that Winchell has not contacted him since approximately the weekend of 7/21-22/62. [REDACTED] advised that the 7/21-22 contact was made with him by Winchell for the purpose of inquiring how "it came off." He told Winchell everything went fine; Winchell asked him how he was treated and he told him he had no problems, that he had been treated fine, and that he was leaving at that time for upstate New York and would be gone about a week; further that he had no complaints to make.

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The informant [REDACTED] advised today that [REDACTED] 1962 desire to talk to Walter Winchell and to prevent any further contacts with him by Winchell he is having the two telephone numbers in his home changed to unlisted numbers to prevent such a contact.

[REDACTED] stated he had no complaints relating to his handling by the FBI; that he did not feel he had been "cut adrift" or that the FBI had given him a rough time. Completely to the contrary, he expressed appreciation for the consideration for his security that had been shown by the agents handling this case.

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It should be noted that upon [redacted] return from upstate New York, on 7/30, he was contacted by the NY office, at which time he advised agents that he had received payment from Bache & Co., in the amount of \$6,000. At that time agents made arrangements for periodic contacts with the informant.

ASAC Bryant advised that New York will keep in touch with this informant for any further developments or problems.

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September 4, 1962

The attached was sent to the Director
by Walter Winchell, New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street, New York 17,
N. Y., and has the following
handwritten notes:

"To J. E. Hoover
Please Return to W. Winchell"

"G. Man Hoover
(Illegible) He J. E. H. never made such a
Statement. I sent Him your offering.
Good wishes
W W."

"P. S. N. K. Has said it in various ways,
According to my files & the U. S. wire
services."

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Malone	
Mr. Rosen	✓
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Mr. Winchell. This excerpt from the RECORD is most pertinent to your recent column concerning Khrushchev's alleged statement. If you have the material which can refute Mr. Metcalf, I would be most grateful to you if you could send it to me. Until then, I must assume that Mr. Metcalf, and the ADA group of which you spoke so harshly, are right. It certainly is no defense of Khrushchev to say that the statement in question simply does not reflect Khrushchev's modus operandi. Khrushchev couldn't care less how socialist we are, unless that socialism is managed by Lenists, or Marxists - Leninists - Khrushchevists. Consider, for instance, his hatred of British & other democratic socialists.

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Mr. Winchell: This excerpt from the RECORD most pertinent to your recent column concerning Khrushchev's alleged statement. If you have the material which can refute Mr. Metcalf, I would be most grateful to you if you could send it to me. Until then, I must assume



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LET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Mr. METCALF. Mr. President, a basic maxim of law is "falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus." A witness' testimony, if false as to any material part, generally should be discarded as a whole and cannot be relied on for any purpose, unless strongly corroborated.

One of the statements thrown at Members of Congress many times in recent months reads as follows:

We cannot expect the Americans to jump from capitalism to communism, but we can assist their elected leaders in giving Americans small doses of socialism, until they suddenly awake to find they have communism.

The quotation is attributed to Nikita Khrushchev, and is said, by the people who use it, to have been made some 3 1/2 months before his visit to the United States in September 1959.

I have seen this statement in letters to editors. It is sometimes attached to letters I receive. Sometimes it is printed, against a red background, on post cards distributed as a public service by Coast Federal Savings of Los Angeles, which has circulated thousands of copies of literature endorsing the John Birch Society.

Sometimes it appears on post cards bearing the imprint of Poor Richard's Book Shop of Los Angeles, which disseminates rightwing material. Sometimes, in mail I receive, this quotation is followed by statements like the following:

Your socialistic voting record leads me to believe that you are one of the elected leaders upon whom Nikita Khrushchev depends to carry out his plan.

I asked the Library of Congress to find the origin of the statement. I received the following reply:

We have searched the Legislative Reference Service files, checked all the standard reference works on quotations by Khrushchev, and consulted with the Slavic Division of the Library of Congress, the Department of State, and the U.S. Information Agency, in an attempt to determine the authenticity of this quotation. From none of these sources were we able to produce evidence that Khrushchev actually made such a statement.

I asked the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee if its files showed any documentation for the quotation. Chairman JAMES O. EASTLAND, on February 26, advised me that:

Inquiry to the Slavic Division of the Library of Congress discloses no authentic source for the quotation.

A similar inquiry to the House Committee on Un-American Activities brought the following response, dated March 2, from Chairman FRANCIS E. WALTER:

The research section of our committee as well as the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress have been unable to find the origin of the quotation referred to above.

Handwritten notes: In J. Edgar Hoover's office, I was told that...

I queried Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On March 1 he advised me that:

I have had the files and reference material available to us reviewed; however, it has not been possible to verify the authenticity of the statement.

I asked the Central Intelligence Agency. On February 13, 1962, Director JOHN A. MCCONE advised me as follows:

The quotation . . . does not appear in any of Khrushchev's speeches, interviews, articles, or off-the-cuff remarks which have come to our attention. To the best of our knowledge, we believe the quotation to be spurious.

Mr. President this fabrication, attributed to the leader of the Communist Party, arouses Americans against their elected officials. Readers and listeners are led, by the mischievous persons who authored and use the false quotation, to believe that their President, their Senators, their Representatives, their judges and local officials are Communist stooges. Thus a lie is used to perpetrate a greater lie.

I say, Mr. President, that whoever created this quotation, and those who, knowing it to be spurious, nevertheless disseminate it, are cut from the same cloth as Communists and Fascists. Totalitarian movements always strive to belittle and subvert democratic or republican government. Let the American people beware.

Mrs. NEUBERGER. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. METCALF. I am glad to yield.

Mrs. NEUBERGER. I was interested in the Senator's comment that the letter talked about his socialistic voting record. I should like to know whether there is a comment as to what particular votes the Senator cast which give him a socialistic voting record.

Mr. METCALF. They comment on such votes as votes for conservation; for President Kennedy's legislative program, the New Frontier program; for support of social security programs; and for whatever they feel to be socialistic. It covers the whole spectrum.

Mrs. NEUBERGER. That is very interesting. I find myself very often in accord with the Junior Senator from Montana. I was interested to know what makes them consider us socialistic.

Mr. METCALF. I thank the Senator from Oregon.

Vertical handwritten notes: Mr. Metcalf, and the ADA group of which you spoke so lavishly, are right. It certainly is my desire to please a Khrushchev to say that the statement in question simply does not exist. Khrushchev's mischievous operations, Khrushchev could not have been so obvious. Khrushchev's mischievous operations, in which he is aided by Soviet & other democratic officials.

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Stamp: Received August 25, 1962

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I am going to give Rene a character reference (as a good, but garrulous
guy) a clown, a "hustler" now and then for a buck, a press agent for
obscure entertainers in this area, a booking agent for them, etc.

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On April 6 I plan to be in U. S. Judge William G. East's Federal Courtroom (Los Angeles) to witness the sentencing of John W. Irwin of the Sinatra Jr. Kidnap case.

Please tell the Director that my new tv series with 20th Century Fox will include some of the top FBI cases in which I will again report how important FBI people are to the security of our country. Here and there I will remind them what a bargain they get for their taxes knowing the G-Men are their guardians 24 hours around the clock 365 days in the year.

Good wishes,

Walter

Walter Winchell

P.S. PLAN RETURNING TO L.A. PERHAPS FRIDAY.

P.S. Plan returning to L. A. perhaps Friday. or Satdee. M. C'ing Coconut Grove Easter Brunch for Movie-TV Stars and their children. Sunday noon. Try to make it with your Family?

*COCONUT GROVE, BRUNCH
FORS AND THEIR CHILDREN.*

SUNDAY NOON. TRY TO MAKE IT WITH YOUR FAMILY?

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 7, 1964

The attached clipping from the
Los Angeles Herald Examiner,
4/2/64, was sent to the Director
from Walter Winchell, The
Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire
Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.

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- MR. MOHR ✓
- MR. C. [unclear] ✓
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD
- MR. [unclear] ✓
- MR. EVANS
- MR. GALE
- MR. ROSEN
- MR. SULLIVAN
- MR. TAVEL
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ALEX N. CAMPBELL, Financial Editor



If Custer Had 'Kept His Head'—He'd Been Wealthy

IF GEN. GEORGE CUSTER, instead of making his famous last stand, had drilled an oil well he would have, no doubt, kept his scalp and become an oil baron.

Continental Oil Co. (NYSE \$65-\$66) and Am-erada Petroleum (NYSE \$74-\$75) have made what may be an important oil discovery near the site of the Battle of Little Big Horn where Custer and his 264 men were wiped out in 1876.

The discovery well, Yellow Mule No. 1, is lo-cated in the center of the Crow Indian reservation in Montana's Big Horn County.

The two oil companies are now starting con-firmation wells to determine size of the structure,

WE MUST PUT A STAR on the ticker tape to-day for George Lim and Joe Ho, owners of the Kow-loon Restaurant who Tuesday night hosted a testi-monial dinner for William G. Simon, retiring agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here.

Only trouble was that there were so many judges, law enforcement people and FBI agents (in-cluding honorary agent Walter Winchell) around that we didn't dare even steal a spoon.

WHAT'S THE MATTER with Standard Oil of California?

Selling at \$61, it is only 4 points above its 1963-64 low of \$57½, and it is 8¼ points below its high of \$69¼ last year.

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Del. Coronado Hotel
Coronado, California
New York 17, New York

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Dear Walter:

In accordance with your request, I am returning the reprint of the page from the March 8th "Congressional Record."

For your information, Senator Lee Metcalf made an inquiry in February as to whether or not the FBI could document this statement attributed to Khrushchev. A search of the reference material available to us failed to authenticate this statement and I wrote Senator Metcalf advising him of this and suggesting he might want to contact the Library of Congress for further research.

Actually our efforts only related to this specific quotation and there was no attempt to find statements made by Khrushchev which might have been of similar meaning.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

John

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Mr. Walter Winchell

NOTE: Mr. Winchell is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis. Bufiles indicate limited correspondence with [REDACTED] who last wrote in April, 1961, concerning "Communist Target--Youth." [REDACTED] at American University, toured the Russian Embassy with a group of students after first informing the State Department he was taking this tour. Senator Metcalf wrote February 24th and wanted to know if the Bureau could document the statement by Khrushchev. By letter dated 3-1-62 the Director advised him this statement could not be located in the reference material available to us. The quotation set forth attributed to Mr. Hoover is accurate from this letter to the Senator.

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November 11, 1962

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Dear John:

I received the enclosed in my mail recently. Don't know if it will interest you but thought I would pass it along.

Best to you and Clyde.

Regards,

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235 EAST
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December 3, 1962

Dear John:

Many thanks for your warm letter on "Red Underground".
I hope you don't mind my using the letter in my column.

Best wishes.

Regards,

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Walter Winchell

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Mr. Walter Winchell
Ambassador Hotel
Los Angeles, California

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Dear Walter:

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I read your column captioned

"The Red Underworld," which appeared in

NY,

the Mirror on November 25th., with much

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interest. I thought it was excellent. The

article was concise, factual and I hope

startling to those complacent individuals

who still won't believe.

Sincerely,

H/John

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Walter Winchell of New York

The Red Underworld

History is not above strange breaks. The same week Communist saboteurs were nabbed in New York—some Americans were defending freedom of speech for Alger Hiss. Although he is described in dailies as a convicted perjurer, the dimensions of his crime are much deeper—and more disgraceful. The passage of time has tended to obscure the truth about the case. Briefly, these are the facts: Alger Hiss perjured himself before a Federal Grand Jury when he denied he furnished confessed spy Whittaker Chambers with documents or copies of documents from the State Dept. In other words, Hiss lied when he denied he was a Communist spy.

It should hardly come as a surprise to learn that the Cuban saboteur leader cloaked himself with the United Nations—and is now striving to escape justice via diplomatic immunity. The FBI warned a long time ago: "Many Communist spies have been Soviet employees of the United Nations. They are guests of the United States and supposedly dedicated to the cause of international peace but they are, in fact, carefully selected envoys of the international Communist conspiracy, trained in trickery and deceit and dedicated to the concept of fully exploiting the freedoms of the countries they seek to destroy. It is too much to expect that they would not prostitute the United Nations."

And there is this touch of added irony: The Secretary-General of the San Francisco Conference which organized the United Nations in 1945—was Alger Hiss.

The wheels-within-wheels drama of espionage was strikingly exemplified by the following: Back in 1959 two Soviet spies (both members of the United Nations) held a clandestine meeting with an American on a street corner in Springfield, Mass. They were trying to induce this Yankee to furnish information regarding U.S. cryptographic machines... While this meeting was taking place—they were under observation by another Russian agent—who was conducting a countersurveillance. At the same time all concerned were being observed by FBI agents—who were obtaining photographs of the Russian sneaks.

Since this country recognized the USSR in 1933, the Communists have made extensive use of diplomatic officials as intelligence agents. These officials have been assigned to Soviet embassies, consulates, trade delegations, news media and the United Nations. The FBI files note: "A former Soviet intelligence officer who defected from the Soviets has estimated that from 70% to 80% of the Soviet officials in the U. S. have some type of intelligence assignment."

Another peculiar and fascinating fact is that most American and British Red agents are Petunias.

One of the more ominous puzzlements is why the State Department remained mum about Castro's Communism after he snatched power... Earl E. T. Smith, who was our ambassador to Cuba 1957-59, has disclosed that the State Dept. had reports in its files of Castro's Communist affiliations provided by U.S. Ambassadors to Cuba, Mexico and many other sources. As a matter of fact, the Assistant Secretary of State for Latin-American Affairs in 1958 was stationed in Bogota when Fidel Castro, at the age of 21, was an active organizer of Communist revolution.

As the foregoing indicates, the dynamite for the current crisis was planted in Cuba many years ago. As we have reported there was a similar pattern in Berlin. In August, 1945—a few days after World War II ended—a Soviet spy ring was uncovered in the United States military government in Germany. German nationals, being trained in U.S. stenographic and office procedures, were threatened and intimidated by Soviet secret police into reporting on United States installations, commanders, directives, methods and plans.

Col. Helmlich, Chief of Military Intelligence for U.S. forces in Berlin (1945-46), has testified before a Senate committee: "Germans living in the Soviet sector of Berlin and employed in the Western Zone were recruited for espionage purposes by the Communists by the simple expedient of holding their families as hostages."

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The Red spy network extends everywhere and has been functioning for years. For example, during the period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, Communists here incited strikes through unions under their control in North American Aviation of California and the Allis-Chalmers plant in Michigan. They also engaged in important manufacturing equipment for the Navy—and in various arms and ammunition plants in Connecticut. During the Korean war the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (also Communist controlled) conducted a strike which tied up a major part of the copper industry... The foregoing is an excerpt from a report issued by the Senate Internal Security Committee.

You may be startled to learn that native Communists have made little secret of their espionage. Red publishers have distributed a book called "Our Secret War." The tome contains descriptions of methods employed by Communist spies for communication purposes. Moreover, this handbook for Communist prying details methods for eluding the police and the U.S. counterespionage agencies. It includes the rules established by the famous spy school of the German general staff.

Over the years pinks and other fools have casually dismissed the danger of native Reds—since they are numerically small. Well, Americans have now been made aware—by the capture of the Cuban saboteurs—what a few Communists can accomplish. The Cuban Reds planned death and destruction on a massive scale. All you need is a few Reds—and a few bombs.

It is important to note that the Communist leaders have not stressed the need for large numbers of members. They would rather have a small, hard core membership. Besides, every Communist is supported by legions of fellow travelers, sympathizers, apologists, dupes and just plain dopes, many of whom have bylines or are on the staffs of great American newspapers and magazines and do hat-het jobs on columns like these. The top G-man once estimated that for every CP member—there are at least ten fellow-travelers. Each party member or sympathizer must be evaluated in terms of his political, social and economic weight and influence and the fact that he has the backing of a major power.

When Red agents are captured, headlines are ignited and Americans are aroused. But in a brief time—the old complacency returns. Despite the extensive investigations of Congressional committees, despite the exposes in books, newspapers and magazines, despite the many volumes of sworn testimony—many Americans are still unaware of the peril and ramifications of the Communist underworld. In this reporter's opinion it is only by constant vigilance, by incessant exposes, by continually reminding the people of the grim facts—that the nation can be alerted. The Benedict Arpolds can only be stopped by the Paul Reveres.

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January 3, 1963

Dear John:

I told [redacted] only that I was sending his letter and newspaper clipping to the proper Washington officials.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Regards,

WJ

Walter Finchell

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Reds Here Fete 'End' Of Nixon

A Communist Party rally here "celebrated" the defeat of Richard Nixon, right-wing political candidates and proposition 24.

Dorothy Healey, Southern California communist party leader, and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, communist leader from New York, were roundly applauded as they recounted the recent defeats of their ardent enemies.

Nearly 400 persons crowded into the meeting hall at 607 S. Western Ave. last night, despite signs which limited the capacity under fire regulations to 300.

CONFLICT

The rally had been scheduled in the larger ballroom in the building but a conflict in reservation dates with a dance caused a shift to the smaller hall.

Nearly all of those attending were strongly communist in their sympathies. A few were curious and a small handful of anti-communists attended without disturbance.

The anti-Communists mingled with the Communist pamphleteers and handed out slips stamped "Don't sell out America. Why be the Kremains tool. Quit the party now . . ."

One of the men handing out the slips explained that two other pamphlets had not arrived in time to be handed out, but a few from the Los Angeles Committee to Combat Communism were given out.

COLLECTION

A few of the printed slips were dropped into the inevitable collection baskets that were passed around to gather funds.

Mrs. Flynn pointed out the purpose of the rally was to "celebrate" and obtain repeal of the Subversive Control Act of 1950, known as the McCarran Act.

She received a standing ovation as she began, "Dear friends—comrades—I am out here to help you celebrate the defeat of the little brother of the McCarran Act, Proposition 24."

Mrs. Healey drew many cheers as she chuckled over the defeat of Nixon and John Birch Society members defeated in the November 6 election.

She also lashed out at the Herald-Examiner for trying to explain some of the Birch candidate defeats were caused by reapportionment.

"Reapportionment helped, but by itself it would not have done the job," she said.

Mrs. Healey credited the California Democratic Council for getting out the deciding vote in most districts where right-wing proponents were defeated.

Quotations from Marx and Engels were interspersed throughout the speeches as those attending tried to ignore the stifling air caused by the overcrowding.

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HOTEL DEL VALLE
Av Independencia No. 35
Mexico 1, D. F.

Dear Mr. Winchell:

I hold patents on a wingless airplane, two crooked S. E. C. officials joining forces with other have used every method possible, such as beatings, not filing my reg. statement, danger to my children, etc. The last attempt was to pick me up in Calif. and at gun point for 4 day and transport me to Veracruz Mex. and ship me to Cuba to build wingless airplanes for Russia. If you could hear the plan Russia has for the destruction of America to bury us. You will find it hard to believe. I escaped the men and hopped a truck back to Mexico City. If I am caught I will be killed. Dr. Col. Zellihofer of L. V. has in his possession complete plot by SEC. officials and other to obtain this plane. Please contact him. I will make it back to the U. S. best I can. I will go to Wash D. C. and testify and expose the persons behind it all.

This plot by S. E. C. officials to steal a U. S. patent etc. by the immoral use of executive power our country has ever heard of.

Please contact Dr. Col. Zellihofer L. V. Nev. Because of attempt by me to expose Red S. E. C. officials of background plot to extort my wingless aircraft patent & eng. data has resulted in them selling me to Russia for gain thus preventing me from exposing plot. (Two bird with one stone move) Nothing is going to stop me from exposing the whole story to Pres. U. S. not only for the wingless airplane but also the protection of America from Russia plan to bury us. Just in one single trip without any detection from us. We must counteract it now. We must be first in order to survive. It does not include a single missel. The plan and misuse of S. E. C. power is the most visius in American history unpresented.

Sincerely,

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Contact.
Dr. Col. Zellihofer
Las Vegas, Nev.

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AV INDEPENDENCIA No. 39

MEXICO I. D. F.

TELE. 12-17-00

DEAR MR. WHEELER

I HOLD PATENT ON A WINGLESS AIRPLANE. I
 CROOKED S.E.C. OFFICIALS JOINING FORCES WITH OTHER HAVE
 USED EVERY METHOD POSSIBLE, SUCH AS BEATINGS, NOT FILLED
 MY REG. STATEMENTS DANGER TO MY CHILDREN, ETC. THE LAST
 ATTEMPT WAS TO PICK ME UP IN CALIF. AND AT GUN POINT
 FOR 4 DAY AND TRANSPORT ME TO VERICRUZ MEX. AND SHIP ME
 TO CUBA TO BUILD WINGLESS AIRPLANES FOR RUSSIA. IF YOU
 COULD HEAR THE PLAN RUSSIA HAS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
 AMERICA TO BURY US. YOU WILL FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE
 I ESCAPED THE MEN AND HOPPED A TRUCK BACK TO MEXICO
 CITY
 IF I AM CAUGHT I WILL BE KILLED. DR. ZELLIHOFFER OF
 L.V. HAS IN HIS POSSESSION COMPLETE PLOT BY SEC OFFICIALS
 AND OTHER TO OBTAIN THIS PLANE. PLEASE CONTACT WITH
 I WILL MAKE IT BACK TO THE U.S. BEST I CAN I WILL
 GO TO WASH. D.C. AND TESTIFY AND EXPOSE THE PERSONS
 BEHIND IT ALL.

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THIS PLOT BY SEC OFFICIALS TO STEAL A U.S. PATENT
 ETC BY THE IMMORAL USE OF ELLITIME POWER
 OUR COUNTRY HAS EVER HEARD OF.
 PLEASE CONTACT DR. ZELLIHOFFER
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AV. INDEPENDENCIA No. 35

MEXICO 1, D. F.

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BECAUSE OF ATTEMPT BY ME TO EXPOSE RED S.E.C. OFFICIALS
OF BACKGROUND PLOT TO EXTORT MY WINGLESS AIRCRAFT PATENT & FWD
DATA HAS RESULTED IN THEM SELLING ME TO RUSSIA FOR GRIN THUS
PREVENTING ME FROM EXPOSING PLOT. (TWO BIRD WITH ONE STOLE MOVE)
NOTHING IS GOING TO STOP ME FROM EXPOSING THE WHOLE STORY TO
PRES. U.S. NOT ONLY FOR THE WINGLESS AIRCRAFT BUT ALSO
THE PROTECTION OF AMERICA FROM RUSSIA PLAN TO BURY US
JUST IN ONE SINGLE TACP WITH OUT ANY DETECTION FROM
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TO SURVIVE. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A SINGLE MISSE,
THE PLAN AND ABUSE OF S.E.C. POWER IS THE MOST
VILE IN AMERICAN HISTORY. UNAPPROVED.

Sincerely,

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CONTACT

DR. COL. ZELLIHOFFER
LAS VEGAS, NEV.

January 9, 1963

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Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of January 3rd, with enclosures. It was good of you to bring this data to my attention.

I also appreciate your best wishes for the New Year and certainly hope 1963 will bring you a full measure of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

John

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January 18, 1963

Attached telegram was sent to
the Director by Walter Winchell.

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- MR. TOLSON
- MR. BELMONT
- MR. MOHR
- MR. CASPER
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD
- MR. DELOACH
- MR. EVANS
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- MR. ROSEN
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- MR. TAVEL
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- MR. JONES
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- MRS. METCALF
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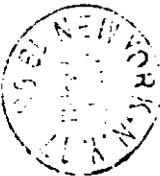
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.



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Mr. Casper
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 Mr. Gale
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WALTER WINCHELL
 The New York Mirror
 New York City

My dear Mr. Winchell:

We DO read your column up here in Vermont! My phone has rung several times this morning saying, "Did you notice that Walter Winchell has made mention of our hassel with the state Department of Education over that March 8th memo?"

Thank you, Walter Winchell.

This memo was issued to Civil Defense instructors and school superintendents through a small pressure group in one of our towns (Woodstock) and has given rise to a strong sentiment of resentment among most Vermonters... in fact ALL Vermonters... who have become aware of it. I am enclosing one of my own columns which I write for our weekly paper here in Manchester. This explains the thing quite fully... what it was and how from a small group of indignant Vermonters, the matter has grown to such (proper!) proportions that a Senate hearing is coming up this week at our state capitol. I should send you my latest column on this, but haven't a copy at hand... I sent it to our Bishop of the diocese in Burlington, since he has shown interest in this matter also.

I mustn't take more of your time. You are a busy, busy man I know. But I DO want to say this. I hope that your readers will not assume from your brief comment in Monday's MIRROR that we Vermonters approve of this directive from our Department of Education. We are in rebellion against it.

Forgive this hurried note... this is the Easter season and my husband is a florist! Between teaching and housekeeping and doing my little column and fussing about our state departments, and the Cuban situation (I can't convince myself that the administration is right in this matter... how can the Cubans fight successfully without our help?) I never have time to re-write letters. (This is my husband's typewriter and I am muttering little swear words at it! Mine SHOULD be back from the repairman's soon..

Warmest regards from Vermont... warmest thanks for your interest.

This Vermont woman is deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,

Berniece Grahm

Berniece Grahm
 (SUZANNE) Grahm

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Manchester, Vermont
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Mrs. Clifford B. Grahm

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SUZANNE SAYS

I have three letters on my desk and my phone has rung several times since Monday asking me if I was aware of the directive sent out from the State Board of Education's office . . . the directive headlined Monday and Tuesday in The Bennington Banner. (Detailed below.)

Yes. I had known about it several days, but had personally been trying to discover the true facts of the directive before speaking about it here. Suzanne has never been accused of being a "witch hunter" . . . we all know the unhappy results of unconsidered and uninformed public comment. But now that the matter has reached the newspapers, there seems little point in withholding comment here.

Monday's issue of the Banner stated that Education Comsr. A. John Holden had ordered the state's Civil Defense Adult Education personnel and superintendents of schools (because some superintendents have teachers instructing classes in Survival Training Courses, though this is not true in Manchester, of course) to eliminate from these classes material relating to the "conflict between communism and our way of life" and "the conflict between ideologies". The March 8th directive from the Commissioner's office also ordered that "all material by J. Edgar Hoover formerly used in the course is no longer authorized".

Three reasons were given for this directive. (1) In these topics are points on which even informed scholars disagree. (2) It is very difficult for a person who is not a scholar in the field to give a balanced interpretation of some of these points, and in a few situations controversies have developed which interfere with the accomplishments of the main objective — training in survival techniques. (3) Since people enrolled in the course already are motivated to learn survival techniques, any motivating effect of the material in question is superfluous."

The item states that Bennington County civil defense officials contacted by The Banner were unanimous in opposing this directive. Two of them well known to us said that this move is the start of "what appears to be an attempt to undermine the state's entire civil defense program." This was said, and more.

A members of the 7-man Vermont Board of Education told The Banner reporter that the board had seen the directive, but had not voted on it. The board member also said that "to my knowledge" the sentence ordering deletion of J. Edgar Hoover's material was not contained in the order when the Board of Education saw it. A board member also stated that he feels that the reason for this directive deleting anti-communist material and Hoover's from the course is a growing opinion (among the board members? in the Governor's office? Suzanne does not know) that Civil Defense Adult Education Coordinator Edward H. Romney has become "over zealous" (in stressing anti-communism).

County Civil Defense officials assert that Romney has been doing an excellent job. They claim no surprise that his performance has been attacked from some quarters. Romney (continues the article, quoting county officials) has stressed education in the fundamentals of communism vs. free society; the material along this line has led him into conflict with some peace groups in Vermont.

Tuesday's Banner continues with this discussion. In the directive, Mr. Holden states, "If you have questions about this new policy, you should get in touch with Mr. Romney."

The Banner reporter stated that Mr. Romney, being questioned, said, "I am still on the job and as long as I can do it, I'll stay." Romney said that he would obey the order affecting his department. Changing it "would be strictly up to the people of the state and up to another order from the Commissioner," he said. He added that he considered the offending directive "a test of public opinion". (Suzanne agrees on this.)

This directive came to my attention because an indignant man from out of town brought it to me. This was several days before it reached the Banner and before The Rutland Herald (Tuesday) issue stated "CIVIL DEFENSE UPROAR HITS HIGHER NOTE".

I felt, personally, that the one to ask about this was Commissioner Holden, himself. If I were commissioner I would feel this way. And the directive DID trouble me. So I phoned Mr. Holden as soon as my caller left. Poor Mr. Holden. He must have thought that board member Kristenson must have said some thing to irritate me again! I phoned him only when I am irate about Mr. Kristenson. A year ago in April when Mr. Kristenson stated that he was "appalled" by Commissioner Holden's recommendation that persons seeking certification as adult education CD instructors be required to take a loyalty oath, and further made it clear that he was again loyalty oaths for ALL teachers (calling it an "invasion of the freedom which my country was founded") phoned Mr. Holden. I phoned Governor Keyser, too, who had appointed him! (Poor Governor Keyser! Well (he said) he DID come v recommended . . .)

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