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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
October 6, 1943**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

**RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN  
for October 4, 1943**

Reference is made to your attached penned notation concerning the following statement included in Mr. Winchell's regular daily column for October 4, 1943:

"Overheard in the Dept. of Justice: 'There's a smelly link between a famed rabble-rouser and a famed New York racketeer.' The G-whisses have been probing it. Took place when the rabble-rouser was in New Orleans a few months ago."

In view of the generality of the phraseology and usages employed by Mr. Winchell, it is not possible to definitely and conclusively identify the situation to which he refers. However, from the statement as it appears it seems that he is probably making reference to the following situation pertaining to the Sedition investigation of Gerald L. K. Smith:



According to information received by the New York Office, Costello has the reputation of being a rather notorious racketeer in local circles.

It is noted that this report does not coincide with Mr. Winchell's statement in some particulars, especially with regard to the fact that the meeting took place several years ago and was not held in New Orleans. Furthermore, Smith is not known to have been in New Orleans during recent months.

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However, in his radio broadcasts heretofore, Mr. Winchell has repeatedly referred to Smith as the outstanding "rabble-rouser" in the country and it is, of course, entirely possible that Mr. Winchell's sources of information either through initial error or faulty transmission may have presented this bit of information in a somewhat distorted fashion.



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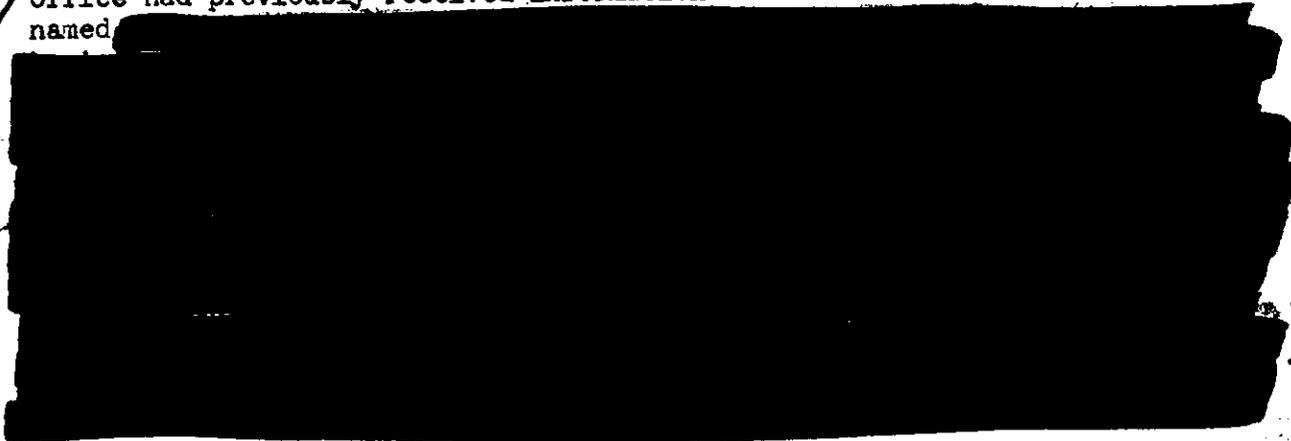
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S COLUMN  
DATED OCTOBER 4, 1943

In view of the Director's inquiry with reference to Mr. Winchell's column of the above date, I had SA J. A. Sizoo call the New York office to see if that office could suggest to whom Winchell was referring in this column.

S. A. L. M. Chipman was contacted and requested to check with the other supervisors. SA Warren Marchessault later called back and stated that that office had previously received information from a confidential informant named [REDACTED]

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A memorandum for the Director is attached.

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# Walter Winchell In New York

## Notes on Nonsensorship

A short time ago the National Association of Broadcasters made public these noble aims: "There must be no censorship of program. Congressional policy, as expressed in the acts of 1927 and 1934, has expressly forbidden censorship of radio programs and has undertaken to guarantee to the American people their right to be the final arbiters of what they shall hear, and by the same token, what programs shall be broadcast. The American people have been effectively their own censors. Their own tastes have elevated the standards of radio and will continue to elevate them."

One of the members of the Nat'l Ass'n of Broadcasters is CBS!

*Censorship, like tyranny, is a hoary evil... When civilization wore knee pants, attempts were made to suppress Homer's "Odyssey." Many of the world's great classics were temporarily strangled by the blue-noose tribe in this country and elsewhere. "Uncle Tom's Cabin," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "The Wisdom of Confucius," Shakespeare's "Richard II" are just a few of the books that have outlived petty censors who tried to kill them... Years ago two famous Americans wrote brilliant political tracts. Small-timers succeeded in having their ideals muzzled for a while. The names of those famous Americans?... Thomas Paine and Thomas Jefferson.*

*It has been said "the vice of censorship is that reason is not left free to combat error." That's one of the reasons blue-pencillers always leave themselves in a ludicrous spot. A few decades ago British censors clamped the six on Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" because they considered it "an insult to Japan"... And during the years the operetta was banned in Britain—its tunes were being played in Tokyo!*

*Hollywood has always been afflicted with nonsensorship... Because eight of the states have movie censors—they decide what the other 40 states will see, "because Hollywood distributes its product nationally" and won't make one film for eight states and another one for the others... Our favorite Movieville censorship yarn concerns the time the blue-pencillers frowned on a picture titled, "Infidelity." The geniuses went into a huddle and came up with a brilliant idea that won official okay... They called the film, "Fidelity."*

*Recently the Rhode Island Supreme Court banned a film and listed the reasons in 6000 words—drenched with legalistic double-talk... At the conclusion of this pompous opinion the judges admitted that none of them had seen the film they banned!... You don't believe it? Well, just pick up a copy of M. Ernst and A. Lindey's "The Censor Marches On" (Doubleday-Doran), from which some of the material for this column is borrowed... Ted Cook summed up movie censorship neatly: "Motion pictures have ruined a lot more evenings than they have morals."*

*The alibis of censors haven't changed much. One now claims that the commentators shouldn't have the power to influence people... When Heywood Brown heard the same bunk he replied: "Once I had the opportunity to talk about books and plays with a young man in Tombs Prison, who had just been indicted for murder. Asked to outline the plot of the best book he ever read, he retold the story of a young wastrel who reformed upon being elected mayor and cleaned up a dissolute city by suppressing vice and crime. The young man had read and enjoyed this novel just a few weeks before he was moved to shoot two policemen!"*

New York Daily Mirror  
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Radio censors trying to win permanent possession of the funds isn't anything new...Maxine Sullivan, the singer, was once barred from a radio station because she wanted to "swing" old songs. A few months later every radio station in the country was dishing out classics in swingtime...Gen. Smedley Butler was allowed to use only a certain number of "damns" and "hells" during his radio speeches. He called the mike "the deodorizer"...And the one we enjoy repeating is about the radio mogul who deleted the mating call of a moose from a radio script—because he considered it too sexy.

The latest Hays Office daze is to ban the wearing of sweaters by actresses in films. They consider it indecent, although anybody can walk out in the street and see shapely gals clothed in sweaters...George Moore, the writer, once pointed out: "If the censors succeed in sweeping from the face of the earth every vestige of material that might conceivably tend to arouse the emotions of sex, the Spring breeze would still remain to quicken the pulses."

This gives you an idea of how far censors will go—if they're not checked: Some fanatic American bluenoses once tried to suppress the Mother Goose tale about the old woman who lived in a shoe—because the story told that she had children—but didn't mention that she had a husband!

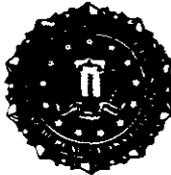
G. B. Shaw's testimony on censorship: "Censorship is the wrong method. Whatever its moral and religious pretenses may be, it always comes in practice to postulating the desirability of an official with the attributes of a God, and then offering the salary of a mind-railway stationmaster, plus a fee per play to some erring moralist to deputize for Omniscience. He who is fool enough, or needy enough, to accept such a post soon finds that except in the plainest cases judgment is impossible. He therefore makes an office list of words that must not be used and subjects that must not be mentioned; and though this brings his job within the capacity of an office boy, it also reduces it to an absurdity."

H. L. Mencken's testimony is more succinct: "Before a board of censors a man has no right at all. The board is at once the complainant, the prosecutor and the executioner. It has all the powers of a court, but none of the responsibilities."

It was only a few seasons ago that CBS refused to permit Dr. Farran to deliver an address which the network considered unfit for the public to hear...He wanted to tell people of the consequences of devastating disease...At the same time the chain featured an item called, "One Night of Love."

Our favorite about censors and reformers deals with Anthony Comstock, once New York's vice crusader...His severest critics said he was such a fuddy-duddy that he ordered his investigators to raid Bellevue "where a woman just gave birth to a naked baby!"

And so I remain, Your New York Correspondent, who is dead and he's a WJZ man and not a C. B. Yes-man.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 3, 1943

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The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date.

1. Espionage matter — Grace Buchanan-Dineen case.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Detroit Editors! Several more defendants in the Grace Buchanan-Dineen spy case are expected to plead guilty in the very next few days."

You will recall that eight individuals were recently indicted in connection with this case and all were arraigned except Grace Buchanan-Dineen. Mrs. Karl Leonhardt and Walter Aht have previously pleaded guilty to the charges. Complete information relative to this case has, of course, been furnished to the Director

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2. Comments relative to Guenther Gustav Maria Rurich - Fugitive.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention all Americans in the Northwest! The G-Men are looking for a man who served a prison term after being convicted as a German spy in 1938. Since his release from prison he obtained credentials, under false pretenses, which admit him to restricted military areas. Any information concerning this man should be reported immediately to the FBI in your community or at Washington, D. C. The wanted man is named Guenther Rurich. One of his aliases is Joseph De Bors. He is 31, five feet, ten and one-half inches, dark brown hair, ruddy complexion. He weighs about 159 or 160. Keep on the alert for this man as he must be found."

Rurich, you will recall, was indicted for violation of the Espionage Statutes under Section 32, Title 50, U.S.C., on the substantive espionage violation and Section 34, Title 50, U.S.C. for conspiracy to transmit

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national defense information to Germany. Bmrich was sentenced on December 2, 1939, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to a term of two years for violation of Section 34, Title 50, U.S.C. He was incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution, Milan, Michigan and was granted a conditional release on July 10, 1940. He was released from probation on December 2, 1940. On July 7, 1943, Bmrich, under the name of Joseph De Bors, secured a United States Coast Guard Certificate and signed as a messman on the S.S. Baranof, said vessel sailing for Alaska on July 31, 1943. On August 11, Bmrich was known to be in Seward, Alaska. In view of Bmrich's securing a United States Coast Guard Certificate under the name of Joseph De Bors and as he gave a statement that he had no previous criminal record a complaint was filed on September 22, 1943, by the Seattle Field Office charging Bmrich with making false statements under Title 18, Section 80, U.S.C. A warrant was returned non est the same day. A vigorous investigation has been instituted for the purpose of apprehending Bmrich and bringing immediate prosecution against him. All important developments in connection with this case will be called to the attention of the Director.

3. Book entitled "The FBI in Peace and War" by Frederick L. Collins

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington: The best book yet on the FBI is a big hit. It is called 'The FBI in Peace and War' by Frederick Collins. It reveals, ladies and gentlemen, how the G-Men trapped the Nazi spies and saboteurs in extreme authentic style."

This book, you will recall, was released last week by its printers G. P. Putnam's Sons. Frederick L. Collins, the author, is stated to qualify as an expert on the work of the FBI and in his book has produced an excellent summary of the FBI's fight against gangdom as well as an authoritative discussion of the work of the FBI in safeguarding the home front of the Nation at war. Collins has previously written numerous fine articles concerning the FBI which have appeared in the better known magazines in this country.

4. Registration Act Matter -- Laura Ingalls

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington: The New York Daily Mirror reveals that other prisoners in the Federal Jail here gave a beating to a woman Nazi agent who tried to organize Nazi-style hatreds in the jail. The woman is said to be Laura Ingalls, a flyer."

You will recall that Laura Ingalls was tried and convicted in 1941 for violation of the 1938 Registration Act. After her conviction for failure to register as an agent of a Foreign government she was sent to Lorton Penitentiary near Richmond, Virginia, on October 2, 1943.

the beating she is alleged to have received has come to the attention of the Bureau. Apparently this is the incident to which Mr. Winchell is referring.

5. Comments relative to the Japanese-American Citizens League in California

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention Editors, California! The Japanese-American Citizens League has under consideration the making of a test case to enable the return of West Coast Japanese removed from that area by General De Witt."

The Bureau has received a copy of a letter addressed to Saburo Kido, President of the Japanese-American Citizens League, by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Supreme Court in these cases upheld the validity of Lieutenant General De Witt's curfew regulations in the Western Defense Command citing the military necessity of such regulations in view of the eminent threat of invasion by the Japanese of the West Coast of our country.

In his letter [REDACTED] suggested that the Japanese-American Citizens League institute a test case in a United States District Court at San Francisco whereby a ruling might be secured as to the legality at the present time of Lieutenant General De Witt's proclamation whereby the entire group of individuals of Japanese descent (with certain exceptions) was excluded from military areas I and II of the Western Defense Command. [REDACTED] the Supreme Court's decision in the Hirabayashi and Yasui cases expressly left an opening for a further determination of the Constitutionality of the Civil Exclusion Orders at any time after the Spring of 1942, saying that the Supreme Court took pains to limit its ruling to that period because it held that the military danger to the Pacific Coast then warranted the military curfew orders unaccompanied by loyalty hearings.

[REDACTED] idea that a case such as outlined above would take approximately a year to reach the United States Supreme Court, at which time the military situation, and possibly the state of public opinion in addition, would both be improved from the point of view of the Japanese in this country. It was further his idea that such a case would clarify the legal right of any loyal Nisei Japanese; first, to be given a hearing of some kind before being excluded, and second, to return to his home and place of livelihood upon a showing of loyalty. In addition, it would afford an opportunity to challenge the campaign of anti-Japanese race baiting and pressure groups on the Pacific Coast to prevent the return of the Nisei Japanese to the coast.

Complete information relative to this matter has been furnished the Department.

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6. Book "Falange" by Allan Chase

Mr. Winchell stated: "Roberto (phonetic) Hernandez, the Consul General of Cuba, heard last week's broadcast in which I told of Allan Chase's exciting expose, a book titled 'Falange.' It unmaskes the Franco Movement over here and elsewhere. 'Falange' is one of those important documents which certain pressure groups attempt to keep you from reading. Demand it at your book store please. I said, incidentally, that the author ought to be given a medal. I now learn that Cuba decorated Allan Chase the last of this week. Incidentally, after mentioning 'Falange' several times last Sunday night the hunch players the following day bet on a horse named Flange, at the Rockingham Race Tracks. Flange romped in first place, \$5.20 to one."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell mentioned Chase and his book on his broadcast last Sunday night. You will further recall that I advised you in connection with Mr. Winchell's statements that "Falange" had been reviewed and found to contain no factual information not already in the possession of the Bureau. Further, that the book is overrun with conjectures and exaggerations.

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No information is available concerning any decoration that may have been given Chase by the Cuban Government.

7. Matters of general interest to the Bureau

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C.: Congressman Hamilton Fish declined (phonetic) to serious accusations of the American Legion, took the floor of the House to shriek that he, Hamilton Fish, is proud to be attacked by such sources as the Washington Post and New York's P.M., two of our greatest fighting newspapers. He also included Walter Winchell and the Daily Worker. Well -- so we have something in common. The Communistic Daily Worker attacks Walter Winchell too, and has done so for many years. Thanks for that! But why change the subject? Why does Mr. Fish shriek smear instead of proving the American Legion wrong? I will make this bargain with Mr. Fish. If Mr. Fish can submit conclusive evidence that the American Legion's charges against him are unfounded I will devote an entire broadcast and my newspaper columns to make it public, and if Fish can do that I will eat a week's supply of the Congressional Record with or

"without catsup, omitting of course, the following few lines spoken in Congress the other day, spoken by the Honorable Martin J. Kennedy, a Congressman from New York. Mr. Kennedy introduced a Resolution concerning attempts to censor free speech, especially radio commentators. Assistant Editor Ben Grower, with great relish I hope, will quote it briefly.

'We want strong speech from strong men on the air. Not synthetic understatements from pulpiteering puppets. An example of the worth of strong free speech is in the broadcast of Walter Winchell. He helped to awaken America to the danger of the Fifth Column and his sharp attacks over the air did much to destroy it. He aroused public opinion to such an extent that the work of the enemy in our midst has been ineffective. Censorship that would have stopped Winchell and these attacks would have been disastrous to the country.'

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington: Leo Crowley, the new Director of our foreign economic policy will stand for no economic appeasement. Director Crowley will insist on equal American rights beyond our borders. This is very tough and bitter news for certain Nazi minded people in Buenos Aires."

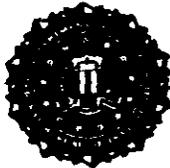
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 10, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date.

1. Fraud against the Government — Crashed Army Air Forces glider, Lambert Field, Missouri, August 1, 1943.

Mr. Winchell stated: "St. Louis. The FBI will shortly make a startling disclosure regarding the crash of the glider on August 1st which killed ten people including the Mayor of St. Louis. The FBI will also reveal that defective parts caused this disaster."

On August 1, 1943, a type CG-4A glider crashed at St. Louis, Missouri, killed ten persons including the president of the Robertson Aircraft Corporation which manufactured the glider, and the Mayor of St. Louis. This crash was caused by a break in a fitting connecting the lower end of the strut to the fuselage of the glider. The War Frauds Unit of the Department requested the Bureau to make an investigation to ascertain who had manufactured the defective part and where and by whom the defective part had been inspected. It was determined by the St. Louis Field Division that the Gardner Metal Products Company, a subcontractor for the Robertson Aircraft Corporation, had produced the defective part. The part was produced by a workman [redacted]. After it was produced it was transmitted to the Robertson Aircraft Corporation where it was passed by [redacted] a Robertson inspector, who in a signed statement admitted that she had never inspected the shoulder wall of the defective part and had never seen other Robertson inspectors make such inspection. The contract with the Army Air Forces set forth that the Army inspectors were required to conduct ten per cent inspection. Company inspectors were required to conduct one hundred per cent inspection on all parts. Information secured indicated that the Robertson Aircraft Corporation's inspection was insufficient due to the lack of personnel in the inspection department and the lack of trained inspectors.

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On October 7, 1943, Mr. Danly of the War Frauds Unit, advised that his representative in St. Louis was conferring with the United States Attorney in that city to discuss the possibility of presenting this 1943 case to a grand jury. This case is continuing to receive preferred attention and all significant developments will be called to the attention of the Director.

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2. Sedition matter — Exclusion Order — Donald Shea.

Mr. Winchell stated: Baltimore, Maryland. Donald Shea mentioned by this reporter many times has been served with an exclusion order by the United States Army. This bars Donald Shea from the Eastern, Southern, and Western Defense Commands. Donald Shea is a Nazi lover who will soon meet a Federal judge."

Mr. Winchell's statement to the effect that Shea had been served with an exclusion order barring him from the Eastern, Southern, and Western Defense Commands is correct. Shea, you will recall, was the founder of the National "Gentile Protective League" which was never really an organization but only a medium through which he expressed his anti-Semitic and pro-Hitler sentiments and through which he distributed pro-Nazi literature. Shea is well known in Washington, and he appeared before Congressional Committees on numerous instances where bills such as Lend Lease were under discussion.

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3. Book "Under Cover", written by Avedis Dercounian under his pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The number one best seller, 'Under Cover', will appear as a serial in the New York Post starting tomorrow. A bargain."

Mr. Winchell, you will recall, has referred to this book in several previous broadcasts and has repeatedly called it a best seller. Complete data concerning the author was furnished the Director in a summary memorandum dated August 21, 1943.

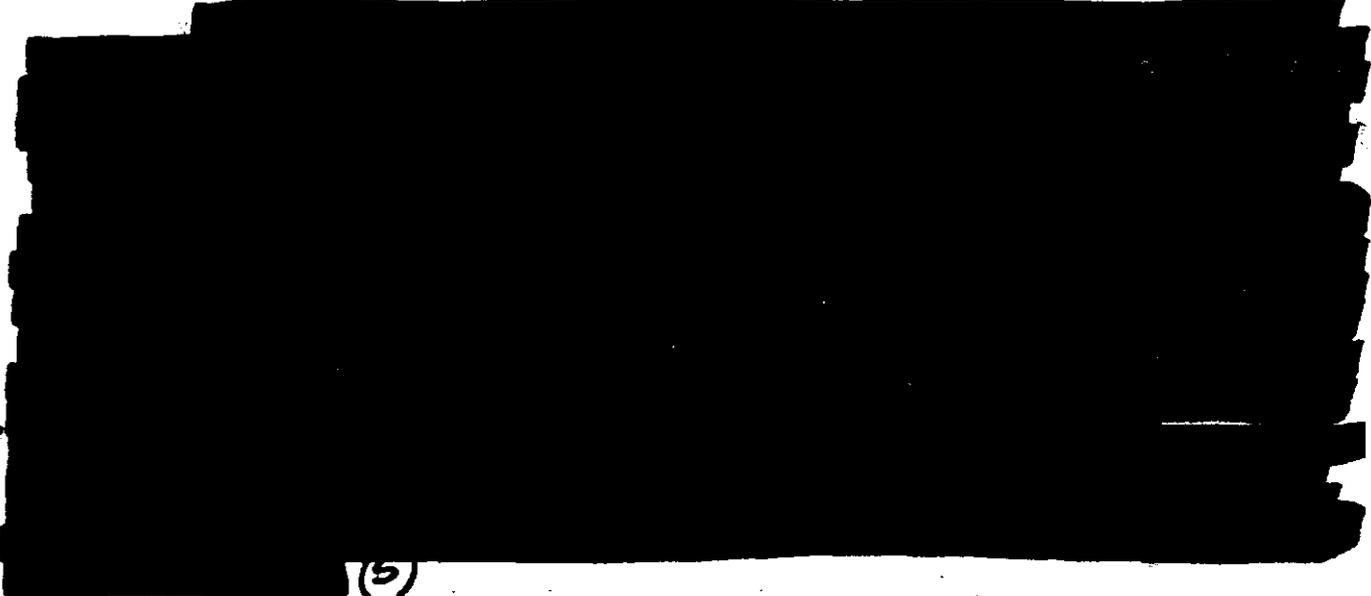
4. Comments relative to Adrien Escobar, Argentine Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Last Sunday Night I stated that Argentina and Spain were stooges for Hitler doing an Axis job and that Argentina's so called neutrality was responsible for the drowning of many American boys. This week Felipe Espil, Argentina's Ambassador to the United States since 1931 and who was very friendly to the democracies, was suddenly recalled and replaced

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"by Adrien Escobar. Ladies and gentlemen, Escobar, who was Ambassador to General Franco and his very close pal, by the way, once publically said that Falangism must be spread all over Latin America. Escobar also posed for Franco, giving the obnoxious Fascist salute. His sudden inheritance of Espil's job is further insult and shows that Argentina has no intention of breaking from the Axis. Escobar's arrival puzzles Washington, D. C. The honeymoon of Ernie (phonetic) will be made as short as he likes it."



5. Book ~~"See What I Mean"~~, written by Louis ~~Brown~~.

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. I have another book to recommend to all of you. The title of it is 'See What I Mean.' The author is Louis Brown. The publisher is Random House. It is an exciting mystery, a novel, and does in fiction what 'Under Cover' does with real names. The New York Times reviewer, John Chamberlain, said the other day that 'See What I Mean' is to be pondered widely. The book critic also said quote I know they attract multitudes but I can't feel it in my bones that America as a whole could ever be moved by its leading character who is a rabble rouser, or a Gerald L. K. Smith, or a William Dudley Pelley. People, says the very same Times reviewer, who go in for wearing Silver Shirts are usually such bores that I often find myself wondering how Walter Winchell can get so excited about them. Yet, he says, It is a fact of history that a bore named Hitler drenched Europe in blood so I guess that Winchell is right in his worry about the American bore. End

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"quotes. Read it, ladies and gentlemen, read it by all means. The title of the book, 'See What I Mean'. It was published on the seventh; it sold out on the eighth. New editions will be ready on the thirteenth. Read 'See What I Mean,' and you'll see what I mean."

A copy of this book was furnished the Bureau by its publishers before it was offered to the public and is presently being retained in the Bureau library.

Gerald L. K. Smith mentioned by Mr. Winchell in connection with his discussion of this book is to be remembered as the leader of the America First Party in Detroit, Michigan.

William Dudley Pelley, you will recall, was sentenced in July, 1942, to fifteen years imprisonment for his seditious activities. He is also under indictment in the District of Columbia at the present time along with the thirty-three defendants in the sedition case popularly known as United States versus Gerald B. Winrod, et al, Sedition.

"Under Cover" was also mentioned by Mr. Winchell in his discussion of "See What I Mean", and has been referred to previously in this memorandum.

6. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated; "Stockholm. The diplomatic underground believes that Stalin has already made up his mind. It is expected that Russia will demand full territorial security along the Baltic and in Poland with, however, the Balkan's fully independent. This means, ladies and gentlemen, that Mr. Hull during his visit to Moscow may be able to get Finland out of the war on the basis of the last Russo-Finnish treaty."

Mr. Winchell stated; "Washington, D. C. Insurance companies attention. United States Attorney General Biddle will personally appear before the United States Senate to battle the insurance trust legislation. Mr. Biddle considers this test case will reach the highest court and the most important in one hundred years. The Administration will accept full battle with the vast financial empire, probably introducing a bill for a government insurance company. Behind the scene it represents also a very bitter fight between the Attorney General of the United States, Mr. Biddle, and his former United States Attorney, John C. Cahill of New York, both new dealers. The fight will most likely result in an insurance probe rivaling the Wall Street expose, either grand jury or congressional."

FRANCIS BIDDLE

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Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The best Columbus Day news I have tonight for the Italian-Americans is this - the War Bond total forty-eight millions was raised by Americans of Italian descent, headed by the very big Italian newspapers. This represents an eighteen hundred per cent increase for the American-Italian War Bond sales. Salute!"

Mr. Winchell Stated: "Attention Mr. and Mrs. United States. In an obvious reference to your news boy in last Sunday Night's editorial over the Jergen's Journal, the Fascist Argentine newspapers have reassured the Argentine people that the policy of the Argentine government is without danger to the Argentine people. In my opinion, the right winged newspapers of Argentina are a group of paid liars and the present government of Argentina is a menace, not only to the people of Argentina but to all the other South American Republics. The people of Italy were told that Mussolini was no danger and the people of Germany are still told that Hitler is a god. They have their answers in the smoking ruins of Naples and Hamburg. The closing chapters of dictatorship, the blackest criminal record in all history, are being written, and high on the list of accomplices to the criminals is the name of the Argentine government. It is time for the Argentine government to make its living selling beef, not information and its soul, and in my opinion the time has come to remind Buenos Aires that the same United States' fleet which protected Argentina itself from Hitler when Hitler tried to take Uruguay and Patagonia is completely able to protect the western hemisphere from Argentina. If Argentina intends to secede from Latin America her only direction is to the South Pole."

Respectfully,

*E. P. Brown*

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**HARLAND ALLEN ECONOMIC LETTER**  
A CANDID LOOK AT CURRENT FUNDAMENTALS

10 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET  
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September 15, 1943

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Dear Sir:

In taking Bryansk and cutting the last railroad into the Crimea the Russians have practically clinched the recovery of all their territory east of the Dnieper. Except for the eastward bend of the Dnieper south of Kiev, that means all of Russia east of a line from Leningrad to Odessa.

It means that the Germans are now relinquishing nearly all of 1939 Russia except the Dnieper Bend. It means that the Russians will then be ready to push a cold weather offensive from the Velikie Luki line where they are already closer to the "bomb free" war industries of East Prussia than the Allies will be to the Brenner Pass after they take Naples.

Realistic analysis of today's military situation must also note that there are no important mountain barriers between Russia and Germany on the entire front north of Kiev. By contrast, the Alps seal off our campaign in Italy like a dead end street.

A month ago it would have been hard to believe that the Nazis would so soon be withdrawing pell-mell from Russia, and at the same time throwing new forces far enough south into Italy to punish invading Allied armies below Naples.

Exploring for the explanation, we note that it was barely six weeks ago (when all-out bombing from the west and United Nation's offensives in both Sicily and Russia were probably causing the Germans to think seriously for the first time of possible defeat) they were proffered a formula of post-war survival by the "Free Germany" committee from Moscow. Simultaneously, Nazi foreign intelligence must have been reporting a rising sentiment in Britain and America for dismemberment of post-war Germany. Meanwhile, the Quebec conference and Allied strategy have left unqualified and uninterpreted the previous bleak demand for "unconditional surrender." Of course, the appeal of the Soviet-sponsored committee for Free Germany was not an official overture from Russia. But neither was it a mere gesture from captured communists in Moscow. One of the signers was a direct descendant of the great Bismarck. Whatever meaning may have been given to this document in America or elsewhere, in Germany it may have become the only visible prospect of national survival if the war is lost.

Now the Nazi demonstration at Salerno, the installation of a new Fascist regime around Mussolini, and particularly the Nazi capture of Rome and the Vatican -- suggest that Germany's defense against the Western Allies may be more aggressive from this point on than her defense against Russia. It is hard for dull imaginations to begin to conceive how effectively the Nazis may use the Vatican and the person of the Pope to stymie Allied operations in Italy and Allied efforts to save Catholicism from the rough handling of those who put other considerations ahead of Church.

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All of the above suggests strongly that British-American forces might greatly improve their chances of being in Berlin for German capitulation if our leaders begin soon to supplement military genius with political and economic genius.

War is dynamic and as soon as our strategy became dynamic we began to get somewhere -- our people took confidence and other people began to have confidence in us. But all of life is dynamic, peace as well as war. And all of life must have a dynamic program -- for victors and vanquished alike. If the Western democracies had realized this before Munich, we might have been saved from war. Political leadership must have a living, promising program to come after military surrender. A program for living -- for living in security -- both internationally and intranationally, or it will not long retain that leadership.

Unconditional surrender is probably the right gateway to a promiseful post-war era, but I am beginning to feel sure that the resourceful Germans will make it cost many more American lives to impose capitulation without any inkling of what we propose to follow that act than if a plan for their future is outlined -- particularly if it is a plan that embodies hope for a tolerable and enduring peace. In the absence of such a plan, I believe that remaining German energy will be used to divert the armistice into channels proposed by the "Free Germany" committee.

A conference between Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt is believed to be the important next step in United Nations' procedure. The pace of the war requires it for coordination of military strategy. But even more, the emergent questions for post-war settlement require it. Capitulation of Germany before this meeting might be disastrous. And yet I wonder if the Western Allies are ready for such a conference.

All plans of the United Nations beyond the armistice (and, of course, these should include Italy now -- perhaps Finland next week) must include -- yes, must rest upon -- specific programs for the security of nations and their people (a) from an international standpoint and (b) from an internal standpoint.

Internationally, the world now recognizes but two formulas for attempt security of great powers. One is through collective action on a world scale (if collective action on anything less than a world scale is but a challenge to set up rival groups for defense, or offense). The other is through the building and maintenance by each major power of "effective defenses" against any conceivable combination of powers. By now it should be clear that half-way measures of either kind are almost worse than useless -- certainly worse than useless in so far as they encourage unwarranted confidence. Also, by now we should have learned that alliances and defense compacts that can be renounced unilaterally, under stress, are not dependable -- no matter how "highly civilized" the contracting parties. To prove this, we need only to recall the Nine Power Pact for the security of China to which the United States was a party.

Is either Great Britain or the United States ready to make plans with Russia based on all-out collective security -- particularly the collaboration of all nations on the basis of equality? I doubt if they are ready. The statements from the Quebec conference did not sound like it. Their persistent attitude toward the French government in Africa does not look like it. Nor does Britain's intransigent attitude toward India support such belief.

On the other hand, it does not seem possible that either Britain or the United States, after their recent painful disillusionments over the dependability of such defenses as Maginot and Singapore, and especially under their present burdens of war debt, will dare to hinge discussions for the future on super defenses and self-sufficiency. Of the three countries at the proposed conference, only Russia could hope to have any success with such a formula, sprawling as it does over the heart of two continents, and protected as it is by pacific India to the south and China to the east. Moreover, if the outcome of this war should throw 100-million defeated Germans into the arms of Russia, the Anglo-Americans would be already outweighed -- without counting the big uncertainty that their own alliance could survive an isolationist Congress.

It is not a sufficient answer to say that global security is out of present reach because nations will not relinquish enough sovereignty to back up a court of international justice with international police. Almost all the world but the United States was ready for this much after the last war, and our people are ready now if we can place any reliance on the scientific polls of public opinion.

Suppose that Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin meet before the Anglo-Saxon leaders are ready to sponsor global collective security. Every question concerning post-war boundaries, and all questions relating to form of government, post-war education, and probably religion on the continent of Europe would have to be mangled over first in terms of defense outposts or buffer regions for these three leading governments of the United Nations. That would involve a tense and continued struggling for position compared with which the Versailles contentions would seem simple. It would become a contest in which every passing week would add to the appeal of Russia's formula, for the simple reason that it would be more specific, and in this sense more tempting for quick transition from war to peace.

Apparently the leaders of America and Britain need more than anything else to realize that the moment hostilities cease, the peoples of neutral and particularly of occupied countries will have greater influence over the course of events (internally) than during the war when the military seemed to monopolize authority.

Next most important for the success of Allied strategy is to accept the fact that the international influence of a military power depends largely for its longevity on the confidence of people at home and abroad in the dependability of its political and economic institutions.

That is where the United States Senate comes in. Also our plans or the lack of them for an effective, economic stabilization after the war. It is childish to assume that America's influence in the post-war world can be as impressive as our army and air force have been during the war period IF as soon as the battles are won our government becomes impotent to decide how victory shall be implemented -- through the paralyzing influence of a minority in the Senate.

It is also childish to assume that the occupied countries of Europe will proceed to pattern their new industrial structures on Britain and America without some conspicuous new assurance that these countries will not revert, for example, to the ghastly unemployment conditions which preceded the war, or to the irresponsible spending of deficit budgets -- to keep afloat.

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It is just as true of a nation as of an individual that its influence is measured more by current outlook than by past performance. Of course, no one can deny that America's current production of military equipment has been impressive, but a great many are really wondering whether a system can be correctly evaluated for the future by a performance which so obviously was achieved through the super-stimulation of 60 per cent deficits that cannot be long continued.

I believe that the present deplorable position of Allied diplomacy has three primary explanations. (1) In part it results from political backwardness in the United States -- the structural handicap of separation of executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government, and the unfortunate disinclination of political parties and leaders to lead instead of follow on basic issues. Some progress seems to be in prospect for reduction of frictional impediment to cooperative action by President and Congress. But the lack of courageous analysis of and educational leadership on "controversial" issues is woefully conspicuous as we approach the campaign year 1944 and the inevitable piling up of critical problems.

(2) A second major handicap to Allied diplomacy at this stage is the widening inconsistency between Britain's forward looking adherence to the Four Freedoms in the North Atlantic (1941) and Britain's backward looking allegiance to imperialism in Africa and Asia (1943).

(3) Third is the disturbingly limited confidence which Allied leaders show (in their approach to European rehabilitation) that political and economic FREEDOM can be trusted to establish regimes that are stable and not extremist. I can find no other explanation for Allied reserve toward such leadership as that of Benes for Czechoslovakia, Sforza for Italy and the French Committee on National Liberation, nor for the prolonged collaborationist attitude toward Fascist Franco and the anti-democratic Petain.

Actually, I believe there is much more native strength and stability in unfettered democracy than is presumed by some of its military sponsors; and I believe that free enterprise is in no danger of being crowded out under free democracy, if only the presently powerful friends of free enterprise will not insist on definitions and forms which democratic majorities become convinced are out of keeping with majority welfare.

Unquestionably, many of the aspects of "free enterprise" which developed in England as an adjunct of imperialism will not flourish in the democracies of the Continent and are probably through in the British Isles, but it should be even more conspicuous, and immensely more reassuring, to note that in Sweden and Switzerland, Denmark and Czechoslovakia, democracy had established itself before the war on such a firm middle course that hardly any one doubts its continuance after the war. It must be significant, too, that this strength is entirely nonmilitary and thus doubtless inheres in the fundamental appropriateness of their institutions.

I feel certain that no military pressures or diplomatic compacts could be so effective in selling middle-of-the-road democracy to the post-war world as some unselfish analysis of and publicity for the "middle way" as it has worked in a country like Sweden -- where free enterprise has continued to enjoy

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its freedom in all the economic areas where (a) cooperation has not appeared to be needed for price stabilization and restraint on antisocial monopoly and (b) public ownership of certain utilities has seemed advisable to achieve service, rates and an over-all distribution of such facilities with optimum consideration for industry as a whole.

I submit that the cases of Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and Czechoslovakia constitute impressive evidence that unrestricted democracy is not only friendly to free enterprise but that it fosters an enterprise of such innate vigor that it is neither fearful of "the infiltration of alien systems" nor insistent on a strong arm politico-military policy to export its ideology or make vassals of surrounding states.

Certainly the maintenance of such institutional strength in the absence of ranking military strength ought to reinforce the case of forward-looking leaders of the so-called great powers that we shall not endanger our own institutions by the delegation of international policing power in the cause of collective security. In turn, I believe that the greatest assurance of post-war safety for all American values (investment and otherwise) is to accept the principle of unhampered majority rule, in the knowledge that no other system or institution is so intrinsically conservative and stable -- with such "a low center of gravity."

Very truly yours,

*Harland H. Allen*  
HARLAND H. ALLEN

Dear Reader:

These are desperately significant times. If you believe that the above analysis would be helpful if brought to the attention of other Americans who may or may not influence policy, will you not ask for additional copies to send them -- free for such purpose.

*H.H.A.*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Selective Service Matter - Comments on new Selective Service Regulations

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. Notice to draft dodgers. After November 1st every delinquent member of the draft will be placed in K-A immediately and his case referred to the FBI. Well-meaning Americans who have forgotten to keep their draft boards advised of their whereabouts should report to the nearest office of the FBI at once. In New York City tonight, by the way, large numbers of G-Men are on the trails of draft dodgers and delinquents."

The new Selective Service regulations mentioned by Mr. Winchell will become effective November 1, 1943, and they provide that an individual who becomes delinquent with his Selective Service Board will be placed in a class available for military service and will be ordered to report for induction. These regulations will cause the immediate induction of delinquents regardless of their order numbers, the number of persons dependent upon them for support or of any claims which they may have for occupational deferment. Delinquents under the new regulations will be reported to the Bureau through the United States Attorneys' Offices. The facts regarding these new regulations have been made available to you. Concerning Mr. Winchell's statement that a large number of G-Men were on the trails of draft dodgers and delinquents in New York City tonight, it should be noted that the Bureau for the past several months has been making a concerted effort to locate draft delinquents throughout the country as well as in the New York area.

2. Sedition Matter - Exclusion Order - Donald Shea

Mr. Winchell stated: "Baltimore. Donald Shea, whose specialty for many years has been rabble-rubbish, last week was ordered expelled from the Eastern, Southern and Western Defense Commands by the U. S. Army, following investigation by the FBI. Donald Shea, incidentally, boasted to his Baltimore intimates that where he is going is a secret. His secret destination, ladies and gentlemen, is Chicago."

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You will recall that Mr. Winchell, in his broadcast on the night of October 10, 1943, mentioned that Donald Shea had been excluded from the Eastern, Southern and Western Defense Commands. Shea is to be remembered as the founder of the national "Gentile Protective League" and was formerly a resident of Washington, D. C.

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3. Sedition Matter - Elizabeth Dilling and Gerald L. K. Smith

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. Elizabeth Dilling, one of the many persons awaiting trial on Federal charges, and her long time friend Gerald L. K. K. K. K., are on the 'outs.' This rabble-rousing comedy team has quarreled over an amusing reason. Lizzie, it appears, has accused Gerald Smith, of all people, of having made a compromise with his enemies, the Reds. Girls will be bores."

Elizabeth Dilling, you will recall, is one of the thirty-four defendants presently under indictment in the sedition case popularly known as "United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod." Gerald L. K. Smith is to be remembered as the leader of the America First Party in Detroit, Michigan, and the subject of a very active sedition investigation by the Bureau at the present time. It was recently ascertained through a technical surveillance at Smith's home that he and Elizabeth Dilling have been on the "outs" for some time. The dissention between Smith and Dilling appears to have been caused, by the fact that Smith has sponsored a book by Eugene Lyons entitled "Red Decade." This book attempts to ridicule the Communists and Dilling is of the opinion that Smith is compromising with the Communists by sponsoring Lyons' book. For this reason, the relation between Mrs. Dilling and Smith has not been on the same friendly basis as formerly. The fact that they are on the "outs" has been confirmed by numerous slurring remarks made by Mrs. Dilling relative to Smith in her recent speeches.

4. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "To the readers in Binghamton, New York. If you want to know the real reason for my divorce from publisher Gannett (phonetic), read 'Under Cover,' the nation's number one best seller, which he tried to suppress. Ha!"

Mr. Winchell has referred to "Under Cover" in several previous broadcasts and has repeatedly called it a "best seller." Complete data relative to the author, John Roy Carlson, was furnished the Director in a summary memorandum under date of August 21, 1943. Mr. Winchell was apparently referring to publisher Frank Gannett in his remarks above. The Bureau's New York Office furnished information to the effect that Frank Gannett had threatened the institution of a suit against E. P. Dutton and Company if "Under Cover" was published; however, there has been no indication that legal action has been instituted by Mr. Gannett.

5. Fraud Against the Government and National Stolen Property Act —  
Guenther Gustav Maria Rumrich

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. John Edgar Hoover thanks the elect people in California for the information which led to the capture of Nazi Agent Guenther Rumrich. The alarm for this Nazi spy was sounded on this broadcast two Sunday nights ago."

Rumrich was apprehended on October 15, 1943, in Richmond, California, by Agents of the Bureau's San Francisco Office. You will recall this individual was sentenced on December 2, 1938, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, to a term of two years for violation of the Espionage Act. He was released from the Federal Correctional Institution at Milan, Michigan, on July 10, 1940. A complaint was filed against him by the Seattle Field Office on September 22, 1943, charging him with making false statements under Title 18, Section 80, U. S. Code. Inasmuch as a warrant was returned non est the same day, a vigorous investigation was instituted for the purpose of apprehending him. This investigation ended in his arrest, as mentioned above. A press release setting forth the details of his arrest was made on October 16, 1943.

6. Comments Relative to the November Issue of "Real Detective" Magazine

Mr. Winchell stated: Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Allen, Lumberton, North Carolina. The tip-off that Japan was planning war against us appeared in my newspaper column thirteen days before Pearl Harbor. See the November issue of 'Real Detective' magazine on the newsstands tomorrow."

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It appears that the article/by Mr. Winchell will be in the November issue of "Real Detective" magazine. It is believed that this article may be one written by Alan Hynd, author of "Passport to Treason." It has been ascertained that Hynd is at the present time writing a new book [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] will be used by [REDACTED] as a basis for a story in the November issue of "Real Detective" magazine. The Director has been advised that this article will appear, in a memorandum captioned [REDACTED] Information available does not indicate the nature of the article except that it will deal with draft dodgers in Mexico. Further information relative to this matter will, of course, be made available to you upon its receipt.

7. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Sylvia Kitt, Woodcliff, New Jersey. Regarding last Sunday night's invitation to bring in the complaints regarding a Southern Army Hospital, the charges are now in the hands of H. D. Swope, of Secretary of War Stimson's staff."

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States. This war, almost lost by the appeasing diplomats, is being won by the fighting men in the field, and unity of support for our fighters is the first duty of every American, whether he sits at a workbench or only in the United States Senate. Americans are engaged in the greatest war in their history - a war against a dictator's world. They should not be asked to take part in another war on the floor of the United States Senate. We may lose many post-war advantages before this war is won, but they will be nothing compared to what will happen if we lose the war itself. No battle was ever won by fighting with an ally. No victory was ever gained by attacking the good faith of a friend. In war, many mistakes are made, but no greater mistake than arousing doubts instead of patriotism. Any ally which has given us the benefit of its war effort deserves the benefit of the doubt from our Congress. While our men and the men of our allies are dying to hold the battle lines, the least some United Senators can do is hold their tongues."

Respectfully,

E. P. Brown

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 24, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Selective Service Matter - Stephen Weinberg, with alias

Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. Stephen Weinberg, the impostor who was arrested by the FBI for running a draft dodger school, has been declared sane. He comes up for trial today in New York. He is expected to plead guilty to six counts."

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2. Selective Service Matter - Comments on New Selective Service Regulations

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The Department of Justice cautions all draft delinquents that they have only one week to comply with the draft law. After November first, all draft delinquents up to thirty-eight years old will be called for immediate induction."

Mr. Winchell's remarks concerning the new Selective Service regulations are very similar to his comments in this regard on October 17, 1943. You will recall that the Selective Service regulations mentioned by Mr. Winchell will become effective November 1, 1943. These regulations provide that individual who becomes delinquent with his Selective Service cards will



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placed in a class available for military service and will be ordered to report for induction. Delinquents under the new regulations will be reported to the Bureau through the United States Attorneys' Offices.

### 3. Registration Act - George Sylvester Viereck

Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. The Chicago Tribune's editorial page recently stated that there was a conspiracy going on by American Rhodes Scholars who are plotting to give the United States back to the British. After many of us stopped laughing fit to kill, it was de-bunked beautifully by historians. But more important, ladies and gentlemen, the same hunk of bunk was originated twenty-seven years ago by George Sylvester Viereck, now in Federal prison for being a Nazi agent. The New York Herald Tribune, a great Republican newspaper, replied on its editorial page in the following delightful manner, 'The Chicago Tribune wants all Rhodes Scholars fingerprinted. Perhaps it would even things up if the Government, which already has Viereck's fingerprints, took those of the Chicago Tribune in return'".

The Chicago Tribune is to be remembered as the paper with which Colonel Robert R. McCormick is connected. The above editorial mentioned by Mr. Winchell is apparently similar to articles which have recently appeared in other newspaper in the United States which claim this country is gradually being turned back to the British. George Sylvester Viereck, you will recall, was recently sentenced in the District of Columbia for a violation of the Registration Act. Viereck was also active as a propoganda agent for the German Government during the first world war and put out considerable literature of a pro-German and anti-British nature. Complete information relative to Viereck has been furnished the Director

### 4. Alien Enemy Control - Charles Aigner

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. In 1923 a German entered the United States; his new country was good to him; he now has over \$30,000.00 in the bank and no war bonds. One brother is an intimate of Gestapo Heinrich Himmler; another, another brother that is, is a high member of the very low Nazi party. This alien enemy wrote a letter sometime ago stating he would continue to work for the fatherland and 'long live Germany, long live the Fushrer, Heil Hitler!' so he wrote. Well, this is to report that the FBI has arrested this ingrate as a dangerous enemy alien, but I must not tell you his name, because, because ladies and gentlemen, of a very silly, ridiculous, preposterous ruling by Attorney General Biddle who prohibits mentionin the name of dangerous enemy aliens regardless of how fearless they are

Mr. Winchell's statements concerning the above alien enemy are correct

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This alien enemy's name could not be mentioned on the radio because of a Departmental rule as stated by Mr. Winchell.

5. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. A non-partisan congressional group will call on both parties to set up a board to review all Presidential campaign literature, to avoid seditious and racial mud slinging in the 1944 campaign. Heading this group are Senators Gillette of Iowa, Democrat, and Barbour of New Jersey, a Republican."

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Representative Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, in a speech on the floor of the House the other day, flayed the gagging and the censorship of some commentators. Congressman Mundt shook a threatening finger at radio networks that allow commentators to speak freely. While Congressman Mundt supports muzzling the opinions of commentators, there are other Congressmen who have been complaining that the public has not been getting enough frank information about the war. However, this is to remind the gentleman from South Dakota that he gave his sacred oath to defend the constitution which includes free speech, the very same constitution that gave Congressman Mundt his job."

Respectfully,

*E. P. Brown*

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October 28, 1943

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

Dear Walter:

I have received the many interesting items which you mailed to me recently, and I wanted to thank you for your interest in forwarding these communications and to assure you that the content of each is receiving appropriate attention by this Bureau.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Cordially,

J. Edgar Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
OCTOBER 31, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Civil Rights and Domestic Violence

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention editors of all prison publications. The current issue of Life magazine has a fine account of the prison reforms in Georgia, thanks to Governor Arnall of that state. Ladies and gentlemen, I recently received a letter from a prisoner in the penitentiary in Georgia. He told me in that letter of the cruelties to prisoners, unnecessary beatings for minor violations, etc. I sent that letter to my friend John Edgar Hoover of the FBI hoping that John Edgar Hoover would forward that letter to where he believed it would do some good. I am now in receipt of a letter from Governor Arnall of Georgia. The Governor writes that the letter from the prisoner to me, forwarded to him by John Edgar Hoover, was responsible for the reforms. I trust all the other Governors will read Life magazine this issue, and follow the example of the Governor of Georgia."

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You will recall this is the case in which [redacted] was alleged to have beaten Negro prisoners in Georgia for the amusement of visitors in the penitentiary. A letter purportedly from an individual who signed himself "The Eight Ball" informed Mr. Winchell of the cruelties in the Georgia prisons. The contents of this letter when furnished to the Bureau was forwarded to the Department, and advice was received to the effect that an investigation was not desired. This matter was called to the attention of the Governor of Georgia by the Special Agent In Charge of the Bureau's Atlanta Office. Complete information relative to this matter was set forth in a recent memorandum for the Director. The article referred to by Mr. Winchell appears in the November 1, 1943 issue of Life under the caption "Georgia Prisons," and deals with the cruelties imposed on the prisoners in that state and the reforms that have been effected under the administration of Governor Arnall.

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2. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Deroussian under the pen name John Roy Carlson.

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Mr. Winchell stated: "The low-down on the 'Under Cover' campaign to suppress the best seller 'Under Cover.'"

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Recently the newspapers told of an Army Colonel in the East who had ordered all copies of the best seller 'Under Cover' taken from American soldiers. Your reporter, in an open letter, asked Secretary of War Stimson's office under what law or Army regulation could the Army deprive any soldier of that expose of alleged seditionists in the United States. I was notified within forty-eight hours that Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan made that request to Colonel James N. Romer. Um - Romer. Congressman Hoffman is mentioned a lot unflatteringly in 'Under Cover.' The War Department, however, told newspapers that there was no law by which a soldier could be deprived of his own property, although he could be told to keep undesirable property off the military post. In short, ladies and gentlemen, read 'Under Cover;' soldier or civilian read it and see why so many frightened question marks are trying to keep you from finding out all that is going on."

You will recall that complete information relative to "Under Cover" and John Roy Carlson, its author, has been made available to the Director. Mr. Winchell has repeatedly mentioned this book in his broadcasts and called it a best seller. An item appeared in Mr. Winchell's column during the past week making mention of a soldier on a military reservation, who had been unable to secure a copy of "Under Cover." This, according to Mr. Winchell, was a bad situation and apparently resulted in the open letter he mentioned above that was written to the Office of Secretary of War Stimson. Concerning Congressman Clare Hoffman, it has been ascertained, in connection with the Bureau's coverage of Gerald L. K. Smith, that he (Hoffman) is opposed to the book. It is known that Smith has suggested to Hoffman that a Congressional investigation be made of the book. The circumstances in connection with the sale and publicity given to "Under Cover" are, of course, being followed and will be called to the attention of the Director.

- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. 'Under Cover' is such a potent ally in this war that some Congressmen are desperately attempting to suppress it. Congressman Lambertson of Kansas, for example, inserted into the Congressional Record that since Walter Winchell has mentioned the best seller so much that Walter Winchell must be the co-author. Well, if I were I'd be very happy to shout the fact, but I am not co-author of 'Under Cover' although I will continue to be its number one salesman. Congressman Lambertson of Kansas also stated in Congress that Walter Winchell smears him. Ladies and gentlemen, Lambertson's idea of a smear is this - when he persisted in criticizing the war records of the Roosevelt boys I revealed one Sunday night that his very own son had sought deferment from the draft on the ground of being a conscientious objector. The boy, as a result, has since been inducted. Smear, eh."

You will recall that on May 9 and 16, 1943, Mr. Winchell referred at considerable length to the case of Milan Ward Lambertson, son of Congressman

Lambertson of Kansas. In the May 9, 1943 broadcast, Mr. Winchell stated that it was learned that a certain Congressman's son had filed a claim as a conscientious objector. The Congressman was not identified at that time, but according to Mr. Winchell he was one who had frequently criticized the loyalty and efforts in the war of the President's sons. In his broadcast the following week, Mr. Winchell identified the Congressman by name and stated that as a result of his expose the Congressman's son had withdrawn his claim as a conscientious objector. In this connection it is also to be remembered that following Mr. Winchell's first broadcast on Monday, May 10, 1943, Congressman Lambertson called at the Bureau to advise as a matter of information that his son was contacting his local draft board and withdrawing his request for classification as a conscientious objector. Information in this connection was contained in the memorandum covering the Winchell broadcast for September 5, 1943.

C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Chicago. A Chicagoan has started a libel action of a million dollars against me. You probably read about it in the papers. He claims conspiracy to defame him because I mentioned 'Under Cover' which accuses many so-called Americans of spreading the Hitler brand of hatred. I have been sued many times for libel by persons similarly accused. Not one of them has won yet. As I've always said, you can sue Winchell for libel sucker but you've certainly got to take your turn in line. Anyway, read 'Under Cover,' read it and then lock your doors and windows."

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The Bureau's New York Office recently furnished the Bureau a copy of a complaint filed against E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., "John Doe," "Richard Roe" and "Harry Hoe", said names being fictitiously used as the true name of the author of "Under Cover" was unknown to the plaintiff Alice Rand DeTarnowsky. This complaint was filed on September 9, 1943, by Hallam M. Richardson of Brooklyn, N. Y. A review of the complaint indicates that E. P. Dutton and Company is being sued for \$500,000.00 with cost and disbursements for false and untrue, scandalous and malicious references which the defendants allegedly published. Mrs. DeTarnowsky is to be remembered as the individual who was formerly associated with [REDACTED] Mrs. DeTarnowsky is socially prominent in the Chicago area. The attorneys for the E. P. Dutton and Company, in making available a copy of the above-mentioned complaint, advised that they did not believe the case had any legal foundation or that it would be brought to trial.

In addition to the suit being brought by Mrs. DeTarnowsky, it was recently learned through the records of the Circuit Court in Chicago, Illinois, that George Washington Robnett, on September 30, 1943, filed an affidavit for attachment alleging that E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc. and Russell B. Davenport were indebted to him for \$5,000.00 arising out of a conspiracy to defame and libel him and others by maliciously causing "Under Cover" to be published concerning himself and others. These are the only two suits against the publisher and author of "Under Cover" that have come to the Bureau's attention. This matter is, of course, being followed and all significant developments will be called to the Director's attention.

3. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "The following clipping appeared on the front page of the October 28 Holyoke, Massachusetts Transcript. 'Concord, New Hampshire. Associated Press. A collection to send Christmas gifts to Japanese children was taken by the Methodist Conference Women's Society. The women voted to send the collection directly to Japan where gifts can be bought for distribution.'"

A search of the Bureau's files reveals no information in connection with this matter.

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Buenos Aires. Assurances of civil liberties have been given to the United Nations by the Argentine Government, but many United Nations' leaders would not oppose a democratic revolution in the Argentine."

C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Until then and with lotions of love, I remain your New York correspondent Walter Winchell, who can remember all the way back when Boston was famous for its beans instead of its bums."

Mr. Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the alleged violence practiced on Jewish children in the vicinity of Boston. Considerable comment has appeared in PM and the Daily Worker concerning this matter. Complete information relative to this situation was furnished the Director in a memorandum dated October 30, 1943, under the caption "Alleged Anti-Semitic Outbreaks, Boston Area; Internal Security."

Respectfully,



E. P. Brown

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J. Edgar Hoover.

Walter Winchell

This half crazed French  
consider you his very-very-  
friend, its about time you shove  
this maniac through the "air"  
or hell and some air very soon  
he is a trouble shooter, a loud  
mouth, and a disgrace to  
the United States, any man  
is permitted to voice his threats  
and opinions in the manner  
he does is unamerican.

He is always tearing some  
persons character apart,  
or shouting like a low down  
maniac -

did they do those things in  
George Washington's time,  
the father of this country, -  
No, because I happen to be  
a direct descendant of  
General Washington, you had  
also better investigate a few  
of the nationality of a few of the  
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Last night I heard  
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I would like this  
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advance, I remain,

Sincerely,

Walter Winchell

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John Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Headquarters  
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Dear Sir:

Last night I heard Walter Winchell's broadcast and I think  
he gave me a tip.

I would like this house investigated. I may be wrong  
but I think it's the right thing to do.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely,

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of recent date is before me for acknowledgment.

It would be appreciated if you would write to our Cincinnati Field Division which is located at 637 United States Post Office and Court House Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, concerning any information in your possession which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, in order that such information may receive prompt and appropriate consideration. To assist you, I am enclosing an addressed envelope which requires no postage when used for this purpose.

Your courtesy and interest in writing in this regard are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: Cincinnati with copies of incoming  
Enclosure

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
NOVEMBER 7, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Neutrality Matter - Comments relative to a collection of money by the Methodist Conference Women's Society to purchase Christmas presents for Japanese children. E.P.B.

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Last Sunday I quoted the Holyoke Transcript Telegram which ran a story from the Associated Press. It concerned a group of kindly Methodist ladies who took up a collection of money to send to Japan to purchase presents on Christmas for Jap children. I titled the A. P. story 'Remember Pearl Harbor Department'. The Holyoke newspaper now informs me, however, that the story was not fully reported; that the Associated Press had inadvertently omitted one line. To wit: That the money was not for children in Japan but for Christmas gifts for American-born Japanese children in various relocation camps here in the United States. Incidentally American-born Japanese fighting in Italy have covered themselves with glory."

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You will recall this matter was mentioned by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on October 31, 1943. As a result of that broadcast a letter was directed to the President's War Relief Control Board furnishing the substance of Mr. Winchell broadcast of October 31, 1943. No investigation was instituted by the Bureau and apparently since the collection was for Christmas gifts for American-born Japanese children in relocation camps in the United States there would be no violation of the Neutrality Act.

2. Auslandsorganisation der N.S.D.A.P. (Foreign Organization of the National Socialist German Workers Party or Nazi Party); Internal Security (G).

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention the Yorkville District. A lot of pro-Nazis, many of whom are under the impression that the FBI has no record of their activity, are in for a sudden surprise and shock."



This case is scheduled to go before a Grand Jury of the Eastern District of New York on November 6, 1943. The prosecution will involve three separate

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charges: 1. A conspiracy to violate the Alien Registration Act of 1940; 2. A substantive violation of that statute; 3. A substantive violation of Section 80, Title 18, U.S. Code. The latter is based on false statements contained in the subjects' alien enemy questionnaires of 1942. A number of the subjects connected with this case were apprehended and subsequently released. All activities in connection with the matter have been cleared through the United States Attorneys in New York and Newark. Information relative to this case has been made available to the Director by several memoranda. Mr. Ugo Carusi of the Department telephonically contacted Mr. J. K. Mumford on Saturday, November 6, 1943, relative to this case, at which time he was assured by Mr. Mumford that there would be no publicity released by the Bureau over this week-end.

3. Alleged anti-Semitic outbreaks, Boston area; Internal Security.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Also last Sunday night I concluded with this last line. Your New York correspondent who can remember when Boston was famous for its beans instead of its bums. Many soldiers and families of men in the service wondered why I said that. I was under the impression that the Boston hoodlum story had been published all over the nation, but it wasn't. The decent and civilized people of Boston must know that I did not direct that criticism at any of them, but at the bullies there who go in gangs and beat up children and others inspired by the Hitler form of hatred spread by rabble rousers in Boston. It is comforting to know, however, that Bishop G. Grumley Upsom (phonetic) of Boston denounced them in the newspapers and that such newspapermen as Joseph Deneen (phonetic) of the Boston Globe is fighting those Boston bums."

A memorandum dated October 30, 1943, under the caption "Alleged Anti-Semitic Outbreaks, Boston Area; Internal Security" was furnished the Director calling his attention to the agitation existing in the Boston area. Considerable comment relative to this matter appeared in the New York publication PM and the Daily Worker concerning alleged violence practiced on Jewish children and acts of vandalism directed against Jewish interests in the vicinity of Boston. The Christian Front has generally been stated by the articles appearing in PM and the Daily Worker to have inspired, what they are pleased to term, an organized campaign of terrorism against Jewish boys. Competent police authorities who have investigated this situation in Boston have now advised that there is no evidence that the Christian Front is responsible for these alleged outbreaks, nor is there any factual basis for the allegations that the outbreaks are connected with an organized anti-Semitic campaign.

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A memorandum summarizing the situation in Boston and several other localities where recent outbreaks have allegedly occurred is being sent to the Attorney General. This memorandum points out that the outbreaks in question are merely isolated instances caused by juvenile delinquencies and racial misunderstandings and are not in any way attributable to any concerted or organized anti-Semitic campaign. Even though the incidents reported by PM and the Daily Worker have been greatly enlarged upon and to a certain extent falsified, this matter is being followed by the Bureau and all pertinent information developed in connection therewith will, of course, be made available to the Director.

4. Roger Lewis Gardner, Impersonation (Gardenia murder).

Mr. Winchell stated: "The G-men seek your help in tracking down an alleged murderer named Roger Lewis Gardner, age 25. He is wanted for the killing of Mrs. Ora Murray in Los Angeles last July. He is 6'½", weight-174, brown eyes, brown hair, ruddy complexion. He has a three-quarter inch scar over the left eye on his forehead and a one-inch scar on his left wrist. He is a smooth talker with women, his usual victims."

Mr. Winchell's statements relative to this matter are correct.

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b7c Complete information relative to this matter has been furnished the Director.

5. Book, "Under Cover," written by Avedis Derounian under the pen name, John Roy Carlson.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Last week I told you about an attempt to stop servicemen from reading the best seller 'Under Cover'. Over 400,000 copies sold to date by the way and how Congressman Hoffman of Michigan persuaded Colonel James Romer to issue a bulletin to Army bases and camps about that book. This is to add that a spokesman for the War Department has told me that such an order is illegal; that any Army officer who deprives any soldier of his personal property was violating the articles of war and could be subjected to the severest military discipline. In short, ladies and gentlemen, no officer in our Army can stop any soldier from reading 'Under Cover' and any officer who tries to do so is without authority from the War Department. If you know of any officer who has taken away a soldier's book please let me know so that I can submit the facts to the Secretary of War."

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Complete information relative to the book "Under Cover" and its author John Roy Carlson has been made available to the Director. This book has repeatedly been mentioned by Mr. Winchell in his broadcasts and he has persistently called it a best seller. Comments similar to those above with reference to this book were made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast on October 31, 1943. An item appeared in Mr. Winchell's column during the week previous to his broadcast of October 31, 1943, making mention of a soldier on a military reservation who had been unable to secure a copy of "Under Cover". Concerning Congressman Clare Hoffman it was ascertained in connection with the Bureau's coverage of Gerald L. K. Smith that Hoffman is opposed to the book "Under Cover". It is known that Smith has suggested to Hoffman that a Congressional investigation be made of the book. All new developments of significance relative to this book and its author will, of course, be called to the Director's attention.

6. Comments concerning the interned German sailors from the Graf Spee in Argentina.

Mr. Winchell stated: "On the streets of New York at this very moment is an exclusive expose, the most important war news I have encountered since December 7, 1941. It deals with the attempt of the Argentine Government to send reinforcements to the submarine fleet of the German Navy. I can prove every statement made; of the facts I am sure; of the international law I am not that certain because in this generation of insane appeasement one who works against our country has an even chance. He never knows whether the United Nations' diplomats are going to present him with a decoration or whether the Allied armies are going to present him with a bullet. At any rate here is the story as it appears right now in my column in the Daily Mirror in New York City tonight:

New York

This is an exclusive report to the people of the United Nations of a pattern of treachery; of deliberate international treachery which has already stabbed one good neighbor in the back and threatens the life line of every other nation battling the Axis enemy. The victim—Brazil, the criminal is the Government of Argentina. With full knowledge that escaped officers of the Nazi battleship Graf Spee are now in command of enemy submarines and with full knowledge that one Nazi boasted over the radio that he had sunk a Brazilian ship, the Argentine Government has released ninety more; ninety more highly trained Nazi Navy men to the custody of German undercover firms in Buenos Aires; Buenos Aires, the first station on the road back to Berlin and murder on the high seas. The people of Argentina are not informed of this fact nor are they fully informed of the fact that the first batch of 150 Graf Spee officers were smuggled out by German agents working with the German Embassy. How did they go out President Ramirez? They went out on the German and Italian luxury airliners and they went out on forged documents as you very

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well know; not all of them, some went out on neutral ships about as neutral as Argentina is today. The Argentine Government is presently engaged in its pro-Nazi activity at a time when Adolf Hitler needs it most. Adolf Hitler is failing in the battle of the Atlantic. He has scraped the bottom of the barrel in highly trained naval technicians. These men are desperately needed by Nazi Admiral Donet (phonetic) to continue the wolf fighting against our merchant marines. It is the Germans last hope to stop the second front in the West. If Donet can't stop Admiral King in the Atlantic, Hitler can't stop General Marshal in Europe. Therefore the release of these men is a deliberate and secret attack delivered by the Government of Argentina on the United Nations because: 1. The present Argentine Government knows that one of the Graf Spee officers whose escape was permitted delivered a broadcast over the German radio on June 20, 1942. He gave a description of his sinking of a Brazilian ship. The name of that Brazilian ship was the Parana Habea (phonetic). The officer is named Captain Yergen Watenburg (phonetic) of the Nazi Navy. 2. Another former Graf Spee officer was taken prisoner by the Allies when a German submarine was sunk. 3. Allied intelligence knows and Buenos Aires knows that several others are in command of German submarines right now. 4. The Argentine Government also knows that the German Naval Attache in 1942, Dietrich Niebuhr, since returned to Germany, arranged the escape system. He selected the most valuable men and threatened them with reprisals if they refused to break their word of honor not to escape; reprisals not only against them but against their families in Germany. He also assumed the right of secret court martial of German war prisoners on Argentina soil.

Ladies and Gentlemen these facts are absolutely correct. I defy anyone to prove otherwise.

Our country should be a friend to its friend and an enemy to its enemy. If we continue a good neighbor policy with Argentina we are worse than the world's biggest fools. We would be disloyal to the millions of Americans who are fighting the enemy on the battlefield. We cannot shake the hands of men who are helping to send our flag to the bottom of the sea while our fellow Americans are dying to keep it flying. What can our Ambassador Armour be saying to President Ramirez one half so eloquent as the Argentine Government allowing enemy assassins to slip out free right under our Ambassador's nose? What can our Ambassador to Argentina offer in friendship to a man who is an accessory to an act which may cost the lives of your fathers, husbands and sons? Nazi agents in Buenos Aires are attacking the American fleet as certainly as the Nazi stukor bombers which killed the gun crew of the USS Savannah at Salerno. These German spy headquarters all over

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Argentina are as much a part of the Nazi military machine as the Rommel rear guard which is machine gunning Americans on the road to Rome tonight, and President Ramirez knows it. We all know that war is a dirty business, full of dirty jobs. The boys who fought at Guadalcanal can tell you that, but the dirtiest job in this war, in my opinion, belongs to our Ambassador Armour. It is his duty to shake the hands of the men who are trying to stab our country in the back. I do not believe that Ambassador Armour should be asked to do it. The next message to the Government of Argentina should be delivered by the United States Air Force. In any event, unless Washington sends a stiff note to Buenos Aires, our Government is going to be sending sad telegrams and letters to some mothers waiting on Maine Street, USA."

Approximately 1000 German sailors were interned in Argentina after the German ship Graf Spee was scuttled in 1940. According to SIS information these men have been loosely handled by the Argentina Government and as a result some of the technicians and officers have escaped. The last figure available showed that around 150 of these men had been successful in escaping. In one instance these men were escaping to Chile by using false passports provided by the German Consul at Valparaiso, Chile. No recent information concerning these escapes has come to the attention of the Bureau, and there is no information indicating that the Argentina Government is actually conniving to release these sailors although they are loosely handled as mentioned above.

Niebuhr you will recall was expelled from Argentina in the latter part of 1942 as a direct result of information compiled by SIS concerning his heading the espionage system in Latin America. This information was given to the Argentina Government through diplomatic channels and was subsequently published by the Emergency Advisory Committee for Political Defense of Montevideo, Uruguay. SIS has also compiled information with respect to Niebuhr's helping officers of the Graf Spee to escape from Argentina. Full details relative to this matter have been furnished the State Department, Navy Department and the Military Intelligence Service.

7. Matters of general interest to the Bureau.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Fourteen convicts many of them long timers escaped today from the State Prison Camp near Douglas, Georgia. They are still at large and heavily armed."

Respectfully,

E. P. Brown  
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October 30, 1943.

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

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Attn: Miss Rose Bigman, Secretary.

Dear Madam:

This is in regard to telegrams to you, and your answer, in regard to [redacted]

A report is enclosed. I hope it is useful. It is on a separate sheet so that whether it was obtained in confidence, or not, need not be considered.

I may be able to send you a photostat of a paper in my keep, after it is examined by the proper authorities. Sorry that the enclosure is not more complete, but this whole thing came to a head too fast for my comfort, to say nothing of threats.

Kindly do not mention my name, nor business.

Yours very sincerely,

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Re: [redacted]

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Kindly keep my name in confidence. Data obtained by [redacted]

[redacted] is residing at the residence of [redacted] in Long Beach, a nearby town to Michigan City, Indiana. Telephone there is [redacted]. This is used as a hang out for those who may go along with [redacted].

[redacted] claims to have been with [redacted] for several years, and that he left them about the time [redacted] had to leave. [redacted] is forming a nucleus of certain ones from [redacted] and, if not elsewhere, for the alleged purpose of making a survey. Sometimes the bait used is a saving in taxes. Should the tax phase be brought to a head, then these two will contact unsuspecting tax men or accountants, by telephone only, implying [redacted] has a personal tax matter. The subterfuge can only be suspected after [redacted] is at [redacted] home, several miles from the railroad station. Then comes the talk, and perhaps even threats, should one refuse to along with their plans.

According to [redacted] must use at least 75 gallons of gasoline per week. Territory covered last week embraced South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana, and St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and Plainfield, all three in Michigan. The last three were covered last Friday, and 15 gallons of gas were purchased. When in Benton Harbor [redacted] used the Vincent Hotel as a base that day.

This coming week [redacted] are to visit factories engaged in war production in Plainfield, Elkhart, St. Joseph, and two at least in Benton Harbor. One there is a steel company.

The factory in Plainfield was a corporation until lately, but is now a proprietorship. It is strictly engaged in some special work for the Government. Although any visitor must wait in the ante room, after filling in a card, pass in to a receptionist through a slide in the door, the door being locked at all times, it is strange how [redacted] obtained access to the premises at least three times the last two weeks. The bait here was the need of an audit, although the bait of a tax saving was also resorted to.

[redacted] is rather bitter against the government, which I believe was caused by additional taxes assessed by the Treasury Department. This may account for the transition from a corporation to a proprietorship. Very secretive work, so I was told.

The factory in St. Joseph in a proprietorship owned by one Nylan. The rest of the name was not noticed in the short time. This is engaged in making parts for airplane engines. The sub-contract may come through General Motors. The bait here was partly a saving through engineering, but mainly through some strange tax saving ideas. The tax angle took effect, and as [redacted] were out on a limb, and hence contacted an accountant with another misleading

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD  
RE: WALTER WINCHELL'S BROADCAST  
November 14, 1943

In view of Mr. Winchell's comment to the effect that there was an unconfirmed rumor that Rudolph Hess would appear as a witness in the Winrod case, SA J. A. Sizoo called Mr. Rogge and indicated that undoubtedly he would receive some inquiry during the day as to whether or not Hess was intended to appear as a witness and therefore would appreciate any information which Mr. Rogge could furnish concerning Mr. Winchell's comment.

Mr. Rogge advised that some weeks ago Sam Harris of his staff suggested to him the possibility of using Hess, but Mr. Rogge did not seriously consider the matter. He stated that he and Harris recently talked with Major H. Montgomery Hyde of British Securities Coordination in New York concerning other matters and during the conversation asked if British Intelligence had developed any information of value from Hess. Mr. Rogge advised that Hyde stated he did not believe that British Intelligence had ever learned the results of the questioning of Hess inasmuch as the Hess matter was entirely handled by Anthony Eden. He advised further that it was his opinion that Hess had left his mind and therefore could not appear as a witness. Mr. Rogge indicated that Mr. Hyde had advised, however, that one of his men was going to London shortly in connection with other matters, and Mr. Rogge therefore requested that this man obtain, if possible, the substance of Hess' story in order that he might determine whether or not there would be any possibility that Hess would be of value as a witness.

Mr. Rogge also stated that apparently, separate and apart from his discussion with a representative of British Intelligence, Mr. Winchell had also thought of the possibility of using Hess as a witness; that on Saturday, November 13th, Winchell's attorney appeared at his, Mr. Rogge's, office to ostensibly discuss other matters. However, during the conversation he asked if Mr. Rogge had considered using Hess as a witness in this matter and according to Mr. Rogge, he told Mr. Winchell's attorney that the matter had been thought of but not seriously considered. After Mr. Winchell's attorney left his office he stated that he and Sam Harris discussed this call and both reached the conclusion that Mr. Winchell's attorney had called to "plant the seed" for a release concerning this matter by Winchell. Accordingly, Mr. Rogge instructed Sam Harris to call Mr. Winchell's attorney and ask him not to use this information either on the radio or in his column. Mr. Rogge commented that apparently the telephone call served the purpose of having Winchell insert the word "unconfirmed" in the release.



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## A Jest and a Laugh Emerge As a Red-Hot Winchell 'Scoop'

Capital newspapermen yesterday exposed a Walter Winchell "scoop."

Sunday night Winchell excitedly told his radio audience that Washington was buzzing with a report that Rudolph Hess, Hitler's former right-hand man who mysteriously flew to England, would be brought here to testify before the Federal Grand Jury investigating sedition.

The newspaper men disclosed that Winchell's rumor originated in this way: They were lunching with some Justice Department officials last Friday in the departmental dining room when O. John Rogge, special assistant to the Attorney General, entered. Rogge is conducting the sedition investigation.

"Well, John, have you succeeded in persuading Goebbels (Nazi propaganda Minister) to come over and testify?" wisecracked one official.

"No, we can't get Goebbels, but we've got the No. 1 Nazi," Rogge answered in the same jocular vein. "We're bringing Hess."

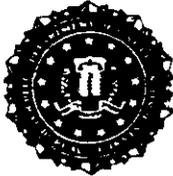
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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
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The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Escaped German Prisoner of War - His name is Wolfgang Hermann Hellfritsch.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The following man is wanted by the FBI. He is Captain Wolfgang Hermann Hellfritsch, a German prisoner of war. He escaped from the Internment Camp at Crossville, Tennessee, last October 23rd. This Nazi officer is 28 years of age, 6' tall, weighs about 166. He has gray eyes, pale skin and his hair is blond. He speaks very good English. Please notify the nearest FBI."

Mr. Winchell's statements relative to the escape of Hellfritsch are correct. Wanted notices were recently put out on this individual and a memorandum has been submitted to the Attorney General advising him of this escape. An active investigation is being pursued for the purpose of locating this individual. You will, of course, be advised of all significant developments in connection with this matter.

2. Book, "Betrayal From The East" written by Alan Hynd.

Mr. Winchell stated: "The book recommendation of the week. Alan Hynd's latest thriller is "Betrayal From The East. It exposes the Japanese spies and their American helpers over here before Pearl Harbor. Watch "Betrayal From the East" climb high on the best selling list of books. The best expose since "Under Cover."

Mr. Hynd's book, which is due for official release on November 15, 1943, deals with Japanese espionage in the United States. His book has apparently been built around well-known espionage cases with which the Bureau is familiar. The greater part of Hynd's information was taken from public records in this country and from information he was able to dig up on these well-known cases. It is to be recalled that Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of October 17, 1943, mentioned his tip-off that Japan was planning war against us which appeared in his column thirteen days before Pearl Harbor. Mr. Winchell then commented that the November issue of "Real Detective" magazine should be seen.



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Mr. Winchell was believed at the time to be referring to an article which subsequently appeared in "Real Detective" magazine entitled "Tip-Off To Danger" by Alan Hynd. It was ascertained in connection with Mr. Winchell's comments that Hynd was writing a book and that the above mentioned magazine article consisted of one chapter from the book which he was writing. The Director was advised that this article would appear in a memorandum.

The Director, of course has been completely advised of "Under Cover" which Mr. Winchell has referred to on numerous broadcasts in the past.

3. ~~X~~ International Workers Order; Internal Security - C

Mr. Winchell stated: "Warning to members of the clergy. A subversive organization is pulling a neat trick on gullible clergymen. They inquire for lists of persons in the community who are believed to be radicals. When these names are furnished the subversive group puts these so-called radicals on their own mailing list or sucker list for contributions and to send their seditious propaganda."

It was recently ascertained during the course of a Bureau investigation conducted by the Indianapolis Office that the International Workers Order is employing a new tactic in recruiting new members. Organizing committees are sent by this group to unions, clergymen, and politicians. These committees ask the persons contacted for the names and addresses of men who are radical. Ordinarily the persons contacted are said to readily furnish the names of the individuals whom they believe to be radical and thereafter the International Workers Order writes to the persons whose names were obtained in the foregoing manner and recruits them if possible into the International Workers Order. Information relative to this and another new tactic which is being employed by the International Workers Order was recently called to the attention of Bureau officials.

4. Selective Service - Comments Relative to the Use of Benzidine Sulphate Tablets by Draftees.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention all doctors and draft dodgers. The G-Men are on the trails of a very big group of persons in the East who are distributing benzidine sulphate tablets to draftees to produce abnormal blood pressure. Draft dodgers resorting to this trick face a sentence in prison and any doctor who aids and abets this sort of thing will get double the penalty."

Mr. Winchell was apparently referring to the Bureau's case which is presently being conducted by the Washington Field Division. The investigation of this matter was instituted when an inductee at Ft. Meyers, Virginia, became ill and confessed that he had been furnished benzidine sulphate tablets. This ca

is known as the ~~Bradley~~ case and involves fourteen suspects who were rejected for hypertension when they appeared for the first time at Ft. Meyers for induction. Plans are now underway to have these men called again for induction. In the meantime spot checks are being made on individuals who are rejected because of hypertension. These individuals are being hospitalized for twenty-four hours. Seven of such individuals have been found to have benzidine sulphate in their blood. A very active investigation is being conducted in this matter and all significant facts will be furnished the Director.

5. Comments Relative to the Argentine Situation.

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Behind the International Front. Washington. Secretary of State Hull and Assistant Secretary of State Berle, Jr., are fully backing the firm policy of our Ambassador Armour at Buenos Aires. If anything, our State Department will get tougher. Argentina has started withdrawing her gold from Federal Reserve banks in New York City; at least 200 million dollars in gold which may eventually be used against us. Congressman Schiffler of West Virginia has already protested to the United States Treasury urging that Argentina's gold here be frozen."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell spoke at length in his broadcast on November 7, 1943, of the situation in Argentina, particularly in reference to the interned sailors from the Graf Spee. According to the public press there was a rumor that the United States Treasury would freeze Argentina's gold in the United States. However, this has been denied by the State Department.

- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Buenos Aires. Argentina's greatest newspaper and most independent, fearless, is ~~La~~ Prensa". I am informed that the Argentine Government this week ordered its editors to report to President Ramirez. The courageous editor of "La Prensa" however refused to comply and stated that if he is interfered with "La Prensa would move to Uruguay and never return to Argentina."

According to information available to SIS, the newspapers in Argentina are under close control and several papers already have been ordered to cease operations by the Government. It is also known to SIS that the editor of "La Prensa" had made the statement that he would move to Uruguay if he was interfered with.

- C. Mr. Winchell stated: "Rio. Following the Nazi patent the Government of Argentina is putting out the lights of learning in the great universities. Dr. Alfredo ~~Palacios~~, one of the great scholars in Argentina, resigned as President of La Plata University this week in protest."

Information available to SIS reveals that a group of approximately 200 persons petitioned the Argentine Government to break off relations with the Axis. Several of the individuals who signed the petition were professors in La Plata University. Dr. Alfredo Palacios refused to discharge the professors and resign from the University in protest.

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D. Mr. Winchell stated: "Following last Sunday night's exclusive expose about Nazi war prisoners being released by Argentina, A Buenos Aires correspondent for the New York Times reported the Argentine Government's official denial. The report added that there had been some escapes during the regime of Ortiz, but not of Ramirez. That is another Argentinista or Nazi lie, because Admiral Benito Suero recently allowed 88 more Nazi prisoners from the Graf Spee to work in Buenos Aires. They are presently employed by the firm of Siemens Halske. These 88 Nazi prisoners make a total of 150 Nazis allowed freedom. Of these 88 at least 25% tried to escape once before. Many of the others mentioned by me last Sunday night are now manning Nazi submarines against our ships. When the present Argentine Government tells the New York Times that the Ortiz regime allowed those escapes, this is to tell the Times and everyone concerned that the Ramirez regime also gave freedom to war prisoners very recently. As recent for instance as September, 1943. What do they have to say about that? The attempts of President Ramirez to point elsewhere for his crimes against us are as transparent as his new minister of education, Gustavo Duberio whose pen name is Ugo Vast, a Nazi propagandist. My facts are now on the desks of the proper Government authorities in Washington, D. C."

The practice of allowing the interned German sailors from the Graf Spee to work in Buenos Aires is not at all new. They have been so employed since shortly after the Graf Spee was scuttled. It is known that the interned sailors from the Graf Spee have been loosely handled by the Argentine Government and as a result some of the technicians and officers have escaped. The last figure available showed that around 150 of these men had been successful in escaping. No recent escapes are known. On November 8, 1943, following Mr. Winchell's broadcast of November 7th, a memorandum was furnished the Director regarding the Argentine situation and the remarks made by Mr. Winchell in his broadcast of November 7th.

6. Sedition Matter - United States vs. Gerald B. Winrod, et al.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington, D. C. The capital tonight is buzzing with this unconfirmed report that Prosecutor John Rogge of the Department of Justice has induced an important new witness to testify for our Government in the forthcoming trial for Sedition. He was once the #3 man for Adolph Hitler; Rudolph Hess."

In this connection, this matter was discussed with Mr. Rogge and Mr. Rogge advised that Sam Harris of his staff had thought of the possibility of using Hess and suggested it to Mr. Rogge. Mr. Rogge stated that he and Harris turned it over in their minds and did not seriously consider the matter. However, they were recently in New York and discussed certain other matters with

Major H. Montgomery Hyde of the British Securities Coordination and during the conversation mentioned the possibility of using Hess. Hyde stated that it was his opinion that Hess had lost his mind and could not be used as a witness. Mr. Rogge stated that he asked Hyde what information had been developed by British Intelligence from Hess and Hyde indicated that he was of the opinion that British Intelligence did not know of the results of the questioning of Hess, inasmuch as the Hess matter was handled entirely by Anthony Eden. However, one of Hyde's men was contemplating returning to London at that time and Rogge suggested that this man determine, if possible, what Hess' story was, inasmuch as the vague possibility existed that he might be of value as a witness.

Mr. Rogge also advised that on Saturday, November 13, 1943, Mr. Winchell's lawyer came into his office, ostensibly to discuss other matters, but during the conversation suggested the possibility of using Hess as a witness in the trial. He advised Rogge that the possibility of Hess' appearance had been discussed in international circles. Rogge stated that he told Mr. Winchell's lawyer that while the matter had been suggested, it was not seriously being considered. Mr. Rogge stated that after Mr. Winchell's lawyer left his office, he discussed the matter with Sam Harris and they both reached the conclusion that the purpose of the visit of this lawyer was to "plant the seed" for the use of a release with reference to this matter by Winchell. Mr. Rogge, therefore, instructed Sam Harris to call Mr. Winchell's attorney and ask him not to use this information on his radio program or in his column. Mr. Rogge commented that it appeared that Mr. Winchell inserted the term "unconfirmed" as a result of Mr. Harris' telephone call.

Respectfully,

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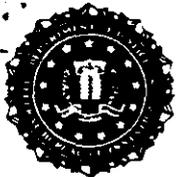
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The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. Denaturalization Matter - Fritz Kuhn.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention, Mr. and Mrs. United States. This week brings Thanksgiving. Our thanks should be as much for what we have been spared as for what we have given. We can be thankful that a Nazi Army is running away across the plains of Russia instead of marching again up the aisles of Madison Square Garden in New York City. We can be thankful that Fort Dix, in New Jersey, is turning out tens of thousands of soldiers to defend our country, instead of Camp Nordland, New Jersey, sending out hundreds of German-American Bund members and spies to destroy us. We can be thankful, too, that Bund leader Fritz Kuhn was thrown behind jail bars instead of Americans standing in front of his firing squad. This country can be thankful that it took only two years of unbroken effort for it to out-produce the enemy in machinery but our country should never forget to produce its Colin Kelly's, it took three hundred years of toleration and justice."

You will recall that Fritz Kuhn, former leader of the German-American Bund in the United States, was convicted by New York State authorities in 1939 on an embezzlement charge. Kuhn was released from imprisonment in 1942 and shortly thereafter he was denaturalized and placed in an internment camp in Texas where he is at the present time.

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2. Registration Act Matter - George Zamfir, Glicerio Moraru, Stefan Opranu.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Ladies and gentlemen. In spite of the fact that I am engaged currently in exposing the dictator of Argentina, I have prepared for my newspaper column a few days hence, a far more dangerous one and am too close for comfort to the United States. I refer to Carol of Rumania, now in Mexico City. High-powered publicity cannot fall for Carol's record nor conceal his present plot. You may hear this flabby Fascist personall protest his love for democracy but please do not be fooled. It is bunk. Pure bunk. King Carol of Rumania has given aid and comfort to the enemy."

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His immediate concern is \$80,000,000 of Rumanian money now frozen by our Government and our country. King Carol is now hoping to stop a revolution of the anti-Nazi democrats in Rumania. So is Adolf Hitler because if these heroic people succeed, both Hitler and King Carol will be out of business forever. Do not be concerned by King Carol's false concern for your boys, your sons, and your fathers and brothers in the armed forces. Their success may depend on Carol's failure. For complete details, read my column in the New York "Daily News" Wednesday and in over eight hundred newspapers later in the week."

The three above mentioned individuals, who are leaders of the pro-King Carol Free Rumanian Movement in the United States, were arrested by the Bureau as unregistered agents of King Carol. These men were distributing propaganda favorable to Carol and in general, "plugging" him in this country. They had attempted to get the State Department to issue King Carol a visa so he could visit the United States. According to Moraru, if a Free Rumanian government in exile was set up in the United States, they would attempt to secure the \$80,000,000 of Rumanian money now frozen by the United States Government. King Carol is alleged to have stated that if he was made head of a Free Rumanian government in exile, he would invest this money in the war effort.

Prosecution against Zamfir, Moraru and Opreanu is presently pending in Detroit, Michigan. Trial has been set several times but on each occasion it has been postponed because of the efforts of the defense to bring Carol to the United States as a witness in this trial. Complete information relative to this matter has, of course, been made available to you.

3. Sedition Matter - United States versus Gerald B. Winrod, et al.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Washington. Last Sunday night I related a rumor buzzing in the capitol that the Department of Justice was trying to get Rudolph Hess, Hitler's former #3 man, to come here to testify in the trial for the alleged seditionists. This rumor was laughed at by a Washington Zeitung which claimed that it was just a joke made by Prosecutor Rogge of the Department of Justice during a luncheon of reporters in Washington and that Winchell fell for it. Well, I repeat, the Department of Justice did sound out London on Hess coming here as a government witness; that it was not a lunchroom joke even if Prosecutor Rogge cannot make comment."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell, in his broadcast on November 14, 1943, mentioned the fact that the Department of Justice was trying to get Rudolph Hess to appear as a witness in the case popularly known as "United States versus Gerald B. Winrod, et al.". You were advised in that connection that Mr. Rogge of the Department had discussed the possibility of using Hess as a witness with Major H. Montgomery Hyde of the British Securities Coordination. Later Mr. Winchell's attorney had suggested to Mr. Rogge that Hess be used as a witness in the sedition case. Apparently Mr. Rogge at the time told Mr. Winchell's attorney that he had discussed the matter with Hyde inasmuch as Mr. Winchell now states that the Department of Justice sounded out London on Hess coming here as a government witness.

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4. Civil Rights and Domestic Violence Matter - John L. Lewis.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Mrs. Milton Barber of Los Angeles. I think the best observation about John L. Lewis getting a raise for his men by having their luncheon hour cut fifteen minutes is made by Fred Perkins, the newspaperman. Mr. Perkins is quoted in saying 'meanwhile, John L. Lewis may be found every day lunching at the Carlton Hotel in Washington where it takes fifteen minutes to look at the menu.'"

The Bureau instituted an investigation in this matter, as you will recall approximately three months ago under the Civil Rights Statute. This investigation was instituted at the request of the Department.

complete details of this case have, of course, been made available to the Director.

5. Comments Relative to the Argentine Situation.

A. Mr. Winchell stated: "Argentina is marching toward complete dictatorship. Colonel Peron, the Fascist supporter of the Argentina president, has ordered the internment of forty-eight labor leaders. Seventy-eight prominent educators have been discharged and some have fled from Argentina."

You will recall that Mr. Winchell, in his broadcast on November 14, 1943, commented at length on the Argentine situation. According to information available to SIS, a group of approximately two hundred persons petitioned the Argentine Government to break off relations with the Axis. Several of the individuals who petitioned the government were professors. Many of these individuals were later discharged as a result of their signing the petition. It is also known to SIS that a number of labor leaders in Argentina have been arrested. Allegedly, these arrested labor leaders were Communists. No information is available relative to any recent arrests of labor leaders in Argentina.

B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Attention, the Argentine Embassy in Washington, D. C. The Associated Press this week from Buenos Aires reported that President Ramirez of Argentina had signed a new decree to tighten the restrictions on Nazi internees of the Graf Spee because, said the report, of several escapes. These measures, continued the story, were announced last Monday following charges made in the United States by a radio commentator. The radio commentator, of course, was your reporter whose facts were denounced by the Argentine Embassy in Washington as barbaric, impossible and absurd."

Mr. Winchell has in several previous broadcasts discussed the Nazi internees of the Graf Spee. It is known that the interned sailors from the Graf Spee have

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loosely handled by the Argentine Government and as a result some of the technicians and officers have escaped. The last figure available showed that around one hundred fifty of these men had been successful in escaping; however, no information is available regarding any recent escapes. On November 8, 1943, following Mr. Winchell's broadcast the previous night, a memorandum was furnished to the Director regarding the Argentine situation.

6. Matters of General Interest to the Bureau.

- A. Mr. Winchell stated: "New York. The newspaper "PM" this week dug up a very exciting slap in the face. It interviewed Frank Waldrop, the Washington editor who had specialized in attacking the war records of many men serving at desk jobs, on orders by the way, in various Government war agencies. "PM" reminded Frank Waldrop that he had had West Point training that he is under thirty-eight and that he is, by his own admission, physically fit and that he, Frank Waldrop, has never offered his services in the war except, that is, to call other men draft dodgers. Congratulations to "PM" for calling Frank Waldrop's bluff."
- B. Mr. Winchell stated: "Congressman Clare Hoffman of Michigan has been very bitter in his many criticisms of one naval officer who had some chair duty assignments. I learned the other day that Congressman Hoffman's own son, Leo (phonetic), a lieutenant in the Navy, has had such a naval desk job along."

Respectfully,

*E. P. Brown*

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Re: Letter to Walter Winchell, Radio  
Commentator, New York, N.Y., mailed  
October 15, 1943.

The following evidence was received from the Security Division on  
October 30, 1943 for appropriate Laboratory examination.

Q1 Envelope postmarked "Washington, D. C., Oct 15, 1943, 7 PM"  
bearing typewritten address to "Mr. Walter Winchell, Radio  
Commentator, New York, N.Y.", letter beginning, "Have enjoyed  
hearing your condemnation of all.....", signed "A CHRISTIAN".



Specimen Q1 was also compared with the typewriting appearing on the  
enclosures contained in the case entitled [redacted] Internal  
Security - G, Bureau File #100-69655, without effecting an identification.

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on Q1 was prepared  
a machine equipped with Woodstock Elite Type, which has a spacing of twelve letters  
per inch.

The evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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*T. Henry* *D 8366*

I have enjoyed hearing your condemnation of all the known racketeers. You will admit there are some things which people deliberately blind themselves to and I want to mention one of them. Having been a Roman Catholic I know that the Vatican is the greatest polluted political bunch of racketeers in all the ages of history. This is no secret. The Pope himself has openly confessed that it is his desire to re-establish the former "Holy Roman Empire". He is not interested in religion. His priests and jesuits are the best-informed politicians in the world from Tahiti to Timbuktu. They gather this information from the confessionals. I myself know a former F.B.I man who has accepted the "Holy Orders" because the Vatican pays him for the federal secrets he knows and he is working now as an Army chaplain to discover military secrets and is forwarding them to the Vatican by the underground! So that's Christianity. Traitors should be shot. This information is forwarded to Hitler because he has signed a Concordat with the Pope. I could go into detail but you can find out the rest with a little effort.

It may interest you to know that the so-called "piano boxes" which are being stored in the underground vaults of the large cathedrals of this country really contain guns and ammunition. Father Coughlin is the head of this bunch of racketeers and some day they hope to stage a revolution for "His Excellency". They have everything timed and no one suspects a thing. Some say: How could this gentle little-bittie "Lamb of God" Pope Pius think of such a thing. That's what everybody thinks but I have seen too much to believe that trash.

It's about time to start cleaning house. Why don't you reprove those yellow belly commentators to say about the Vatican what they say about all the other racketeers of this world. Their stooges pledge allegiance to a foreign power, the Vatican, and not to the U.S. You have heard Coughlin enough to know that. They deliberately fight Democracy and hide under the mask of religion. What a bunch of suckers we have in our government to fall for a line like that.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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RE: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST  
 NOVEMBER 28, 1943

The following comments concerning matters apparently of interest to the Bureau were made by Mr. Winchell during the course of his broadcast on this date:

1. [REDACTED] was, et al; Espionage - G.

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Mr. Winchell stated: "Newark. Six men accused by the F.B.I. as acting as German spies will go on trial at Newark, New Jersey tomorrow. One of the accused is a Private in the U. S. Army. Another was a leader of a German American Bund at Newark."

The subjects in the above case, concerning whom little was known at the time of the Ducase and the Ludwig case, are now being charged with conspiracy to violate the Peacetime Espionage Statute. There were seven individuals in this case until recently when two were dismissed from the indictment, leaving only five to stand trial. This case, as stated by Mr. Winchell, is due to begin in Newark, New Jersey on November 29, 1943. Complete information relative to this case has been made available to your office over a period of time. All significant developments in connection with the trial will, of course, be called to your attention.

2. Alleged Anti-Semitic Outbreaks, Boston Area; Internal Security.

Mr. Winchell stated: "Boston and Melrose, Mass. Thanks to Joseph Deneen (Phonetic), a Boston newspaperman, I learned this heart-warming news. News that restores and revives confidence in human nature. Following the disgraceful incident there when hoodlums beat up children of another faith, other vandals desecrated the cemetery at Melrose, turning over monuments and tombstones after the manner of Nazi Germany. Thanks to Mayor Carl Raymond of Melrose, he has banded together the Protestants and the Catholics there who have raised a fund to replace these cemetery damages. I wish also now to publicly thank another human being, His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell of Boston."



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