

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN
FROM : A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 8, 1954

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- Nichols
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- Glavin
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In his broadcast of Sunday, February 28, 1954, Walter Winchell stated: "Attention J. Edgar Hoover: I have just turned over to your Agents in Los Angeles the biggest scoop in my thirty-two years on newspapers. Hundreds of names of Americans who have given money to the Communists here." On the same day the SAC in Los Angeles advised the Bureau that Mr. Winchell had turned over to an Agent of that Office, twelve names which Winchell stated were on cards furnished by a confidential source who obtained them surreptitiously from [redacted] is on the Security Index and is the subject of a closed Bureau Security Matter - C investigation [redacted]

On a memorandum dated March 1, 1954, recording a telephone call from the SAC, Los Angeles concerning the receipt of the twelve names from Walter Winchell, the Director stated "See that we get all the cards & promptly analyze them. H." The SAC, Los Angeles has secured the cards from Walter Winchell and they have been photographed and copies have been received at the Bureau.

A review of [redacted] main file reflects that he was employed from [redacted]

[redacted] were the subject of a security-type investigation by the Bureau which was initiated in March, 1945, which investigation showed that many of the leaders of these organizations had been active in Communist front groups. The investigation was closed in August, 1947. During the investigation the Bureau received from confidential sources information concerning members of the organization, which was practically identical with the information appearing on the cards furnished by Walter Winchell.

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From a review of the cards furnished by Walter Winchell, some 350 in number, it appears that they are cards which were used by: [REDACTED] They contain a name, address and business connection in most instances and in many cases had an amount of money listed on the card such as \$25, \$100, \$250 and so forth. In some instances the cards contain names only. With only this information it would be difficult to identify any of these individuals with information in Bureau files.

After analyzing these cards it is believed that they are cards of members of or contributors to [REDACTED] and have no particular value to the Bureau nor do they contain any pertinent information which we might use.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that these cards be placed in the files of [REDACTED] and that no further action be taken.

OK
[Handwritten signatures]

March 15, 1954

Q Broadcast
Mr. Walter Winchell
New York Daily Mirror
235 East 45th Street
New York, New York

Dear Walter:

I thought your broadcast last evening was one of the most effective which you have made for some time.

You certainly hit some high notes and I did appreciate so much the references which you made to the FBI.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

John

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~~cc - New York~~

cc - Mr. Jones

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DIRECTOR

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ACTOR JOHN IRELAND, INFORMATION CONCERNING. AT THREE PM ON MARCH THREE INSTANT, IRELAND CALLED FROM PHOENIX, ARIZ., AND STATED THAT A STORY CONCERNING HIM BROKE IN NEWSPAPERS TODAY. IRELAND FILED SUIT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AND SLANDER DAMAGES, COMPLAINING THAT HE WAS FALSELY IDENTIFIED AS A COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER. I ADVISED IRELAND I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER. IRELAND ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE ME AT THREE PM ON MONDAY, MARCH EIGHT NEXT, WHEN HE RETURNED TO LA. AT FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, SAME DATE, WALTER WINCHELL CALLED AND STATED THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM JOHN IRELAND IN REGARD TO ABOVE-MENTIONED MATTER. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IRELAND A FAVORABLE PLUG. HE ADDED THAT IRELAND TOLD HIM THAT HE /IRELAND/ WAS IN CONTACT WITH ME AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO HAVE THE FBI INVESTIGATE HIS CASE. WINCHELL COMMENTED THAT IT SHOWED GOOD INTENT ON IRELAND'S PART WHEN HE WENT TO THE FBI, AND THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY SAY SOMETHING TO THIS EFFECT IN HIS SUNDAY NIGHT PROGRAM UPON WHICH HE ASKED IRELAND TO APPEAR. MR. WINCHELL WAS ADVISED THAT IRELAND CALLED ME, ASKED FOR AND WAS GRANTED AN APPOINTMENT JUST AS ANY OTHER CITIZEN.

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AND THAT BEYOND THAT IT WOULD BE PURE SPECULATION AS TO THE PURPOSE OF MR. IRELAND'S REQUESTED APPOINTMENT. MR. WINCHELL THEN STATED THAT PROBABLY IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO MENTION THE FBI AT ALL IN CONNECTION WITH IRELAND. TENNY REPORT SETS OUT THE NOV. THREE, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN ISSUE BY THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER WHICH CARRIES A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT QUOTE CONTRIBUTED BY THE ACTORS DIVISION OF THE PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA UNQUOTE. THE AD IS CAPTIONED QUOTE THE RANKIN COMMITTEE MUST GO UNQUOTE. THE NAME OF JOHN IRELAND IS ONE OF SIGNER. IRELAND WILL BE DEALT WITH MOST CIRCUMSPECTLY AT INTERVIEW.

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March 3, 1954

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)
WALTER WINCHELL
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Remytel March 3, 1954 and mylet dated March 2,
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There is being enclosed with this letter via
Air Mail Parcel Post Registered 71 pages of photographs of
the 3 x 5 index cards furnished by WALTER WINCHELL to the
Los Angeles Office on February 28, and March 1, 1954.

AIR MAIL PARCEL POST
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cc: NEW YORK (Encl.)

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3-15-54, 1953

TO: Director *per [unclear]*
Mr. Tolson, 5744
Mr. Ladd, 5636
Mr. Belmont, 1742
Mr. Clegg, 5256
Mr. Glavin, 5517
Mr. Harbo, 7625
Mr. Rosen, 5706
Mr. Tracy, 4130 IB
Mr. Sizoo, 1742
Mr. Mohr, 5744
Miss Gandy, 5633
Mr. Holloman, 5633

Records Section
Pers. Records, 6631
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Supply Room, B-118
Tour Room, 5626

Mr. Nichols, 5640
Mr. McGuire, 5642
Mr. Wick, 5634
Mr. Crosby, 5636
Mr. Morgan, 5625

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mrs. Boardman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓
Miss [unclear]
Miss [unclear]
Miss [unclear]
Miss [unclear]
Miss [unclear]
Mrs. [unclear]
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy
Note & Reference
For appropriate
action

Mr. Jones, 4236
Mr. Leonard, 6222IB
Mr. Walkart, 7204
Mr. Eames
Mr. Wherry, 5537

See Me
For your info

The Director inquired regarding the Winchell item about the FBI comes after Murrow. On Wednesday nights Murrow is on CBS from 7:45 to 8:00 p. m. i. e. radio. The old radio program, "The FBI in Peace and War" comes on Friday 8:00 to 8:30.

LBN
L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext. 691

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 15, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
MARCH 14, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Top Military Brass are meeting very quietly, discussing mass resignations as a result of the McCarthy-Cohn-Schine Fight.

COMMENT:

We have received no information from the Armed Forces concerning this. The March 15, 1954, column, "The Washington Merry-Go-Round" by Drew Pearson, indicates that Brigadier General Ralph Zwicker recently threatened to resign because of the insults he said he had received from the McCarthy Committee.

WINCHELL SAID:

George Sokolsky, Hearst columnist, made a radio speech on Senator McCarthy on 3-14-54. The girls on the network telephone switchboard received more than 500 telephone calls, nearly all of which were pro-McCarthy.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

When the hearings on alleged Communism in the Armed Services start next Thursday, insiders say that Senator Saltonstall, Chairman of the Committee, may wish to disqualify himself, because a very close relative is said to be embarrassingly involved.

COMMENT:

Senator Leverett Saltonstall is Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee which was recently reported to be starting investigations into the procedures of the Army concerning discharges of security risks.

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[REDACTED] a week ago, Roy Cohn of the McCarthy Committee, told Mr. Nichols that Cohn told Mr. Adams of the Department of the Army last fall that he had heard that

WINCHELL SAID:

Last month he proposed a boycott on all products from Red Dominated Guatemala. The State Department said it would not be good for our Good-will Policy. Last Friday, Guatemala made it a crime to import American food into Guatemala.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

D.C.
Roy Cohn, the Chief Counsel of the McCarthy Committee, gave a convincing and lucid account of himself on tonight's "Meet the Press." Secretary of the Army Stevens, was invited, refused to appear.

COMMENT:

Cohn, on the "Meet the Press" telecast on 3/14/54, reiterated his previous denials that he had attempted to exert pressure on the Army to obtain special favors for Private G. David Schine, who was formerly a Consultant on the staff of the McCarthy Committee.

WINCHELL SAID:

J. W. Nichols
Nothing could be more destructive to the security of this nation than Senator Fulbright's statement that he will no longer furnish information to the FBI because he suspects that G-man Hoover has leaked inside information to the McCarthy Committee. Since the Senator says he suspects it, but really doesn't know it, I wonder?

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention, Postmaster General - - The ~~Guatemalan~~ Embassy at Washington, D. C., is using our mail, at the taxpayers' expense, under diplomatic immunity, to attack United States Senators. This is the worst diplomatic outrage since FDR closed the Nazi and Italian Consulates for doing the same thing.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The argument about Senator McCarthy appears to be only on the way he allegedly conducts his investigations. Truman said there are only a few Communists in the country. That's Truman's way of saying it is still a "Red Herring." Of course, there were only a few Communists in the Truman Administration, but look at the big jobs they had. To name two: Harry Dexter White, a Red spy, who controlled the Treasury; Alger Hiss, by indirection, controlled the Department of State. Beware of the phony cry now being raised that there are too many Congressional Committees.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

A very secret session of a Congressional Committee has named an official of United States Customs as a "Red." His initials are I. K.

COMMENT:

On 3/15/54, Chester A. Enrich, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Washington, D. C., advised that the Bureau of Customs had received no information concerning this matter. He said that the Bureau of Customs has no officials with the initials "I. K." and only 4 employees with those initials: [REDACTED]

Mr. Enrich said there is no disloyal data known to Customs on any of those four individuals, but is of the opinion that Winchell is referring to [REDACTED] since there is disloyal data on another person by that name.

In October, 1950, a Loyalty of Government Employees Investigation was conducted on [redacted]

[redacted] at Washington, D. C., on the basis of an allegation that a person by that name had been a member of the International Workers Order. The investigation was discontinued the same month when it was ascertained that the disloyal data referred to another individual by the same name. [redacted]

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Walter Winchell Of New York

Hottest Scandal In Town

Zsa-Zsa deserted her escort (on the dance floor) and cornered us for a Heart-to-Heart talk.

"Voltr," she cooed, "you know I luff you. I not only luff you, Voltr, but I like you. Vy you put soch a ting in da paypa? Dot I am Fordee. No voman Voltr likes you should put her sitch in da paypa. Vott I did to you Voltr? Didn't I vunce make for da Bunyon Phunt vid you? Voltr I luff George. He's mad. Insane. He doesn't luff me. Please go easy vid Bubrosa. He's a mixed up liddle boy. He's also insane. So who am I not to be insane?"

Chums fear Rita and Dick will have Had It shortly.

Amy Vanderbilt Mexicancelled fotographer Hans Knopf.

Mrs. Lolita Lebron, the Puerto Rican who led the shooting in Congress, was keeping more than one secret. He's a Spanish language teacher at a swank Fifth Avenue school.

The Keefe (Eddie Cantor Story) Brasselles have decided to confirm the months and months' old rumors. Joining the Rift-Raft.

Shellah Bond (lead of "Wish You Were Here") and her husband have intimates unhappy. Probably abrogation, they say.

Pietro Mele (Brenda Frazier's ex) has a suppress-agent to keep him out of the papers, the most comical item we've ever published.

McCarthy's Roy Cohn's phones have been tapped for a year.

From the headlines you'd think Cohn's theme song is: "Bei Mir Bist Du Schine." (Newspaper Elements, eh? Elements Never Forget!)

Wm. R. Hearst got his news beat on the Messrs. Murchison & Richardson (here seeking a deal with Wm. White of the NY Central in the Robert Young brawl) at 21. They didn't know he was a newspaperman! What the Texans still don't know is that the reported deal for their 800,000 shares (of Central) was made by radio phone to the Isle of Pines.

Laura Neville is saying Neville, Neville again! It'll be her 2nd divorce. Once wed to polo ace Pete Bostwick.

To the St. Patrick Day Marchers: An Orchid to the Shamrock! Joy Sklyar (Capt. of the Chorines at the Riviera and Latin Q.) married Anthony Canino, a Desert Inn (Vegas) roulette chip man.

The N.Y. Central Board objects to a partner of Robert Young (Joining the RB) for a reason they are Holding Over Young's Head.

One Very Lucky cop-fighter may be charged with sniffing.

Orders at the Federal Detention Pen (here) to go easy with Red prisoners have guards incensed.

Howard Hughes was told some folks claim his 25 1/2 million \$ offer (for EKO) "wasn't enough." That "it is worth lots more, etc." "Then," sniffed Hughes, "why don't they buy it?"

Geo. H. Combs' Freudian slip on ABC-TV: "I would like to wish you a very pleasant afternoon but I would rather you stay tuned to the Maggi McNellis show."

Ad Agency Row is tch-tching about a graying agency chief who ordered staffers to dye their gray hair. To appear young.

Will yez look who's after Edward R. Murrow on CBS (at 7:45) Wedzdee Even. "The F.B.I." which comes on at 8. (Ah, hah!)

From page 296 of "McCarthy and His Enemies," due in your book shops Mar. 30: "McCarthy told editor Wechsler, once a leader of the Young Communist League: 'I feel that you have not broken with Communist ideals. I feel that you are serving them very, very actively... Your purported reformation does not convince me at all.'"

Some people say there's a wrong way to fight Communism. I say it's only wrong when you don't fight it. There's no wrong way of fighting a fire.

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Gov. Dewey and several legislators at Albany have reached the "This-can-only-be-settled-in-an-alley" stage.

You have to get Marty Mills (son of the music publisher) to sing you his parody on "That's Amore." Dedicated to Jerry Scirewis. Title: "That's A Moron!"

Pals of exiled Pres. of Venezuela (here) "know" the new Gov't has "formed a coalition with Peru. Equipping Peru with arms and coin to put the squeeze on rich Colombia," which lies between them.

Att'n Edgar Sherwood, who sent us that letter about Unions hiring only Puerto Ricans and others over United Staters: The Dist. Atty's office would appreciate your seeing them about the matter. (Howzat for action, mister?)

The Police Subversive Squad will expose a Commentator's phone-claque, arranged by the network without his knowledge.

News unpublished in New York City (via the AP) out of Tucson, Arizona: "James A. Farley resigned from the National Foundation for Asthmatic Children." The dispatch said Morris Ernst (former treasurer of the foundation) told the hearing he pledged \$5,000 to the foundation "only as window dressing." Ernst said he was asked for the pledge "just for publicity." He said he was told there would never be an effort to collect. Ernst explained: "It is a common practice among charitable organizations."

We know. But not over at the Bunyon Cancer Fund (which never deducts a penny for expenses of any kind) so include us out!

The new ditty, "When My Love Comes Back To Me" is prackilly the very old "When The Saints Go Marching In." (Oofly close.)

Clifford Forster resigns today from the American Civil Liberties Union. Chums say he could no longer "stomach the lofty pretenses to which pinko members gave only lip service battling Reds."

The first week's winner of a top prize in our Bunyon Fund Contest: "Why I Could Never Be A Communist!" Under 50 words ... Please enclose \$1 in each letter you enter ... Send as many letters as you wish to Winchell, Box 80, NY (zone 36) ... First winner is Gertrude M. Prescott, R.D. 2, Madison, Lake County, Ohio ... She will also be in the finals for 1st Prize: A \$7,000 Cadillac Eldorado convertible ... Runners-up of 1st week's mail: Master Sgt. Irving H. Fuller, U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Barracks, Washington, D.C. ... And Chas. E. Sotire, 54 Hinckley Ave., Stamford, Conn. ... Contest closes midnight May 3rd ... Winners announced weekly until May 16th ... First 2 weeks mail brought over \$40,000 to fight cancer ... Thankxx! ... Get your children to enter ... Your Kiddy may win the Caddy. Or one of Look Magazine's best cameras ... Or a shetland pony with saddle, etc. (valued at \$750). Donation by Gene Harris, Chicago, Ill. ... Trips to Las Vegas, Florida, Hollywood, N.Y., Washington ... Seats to the best B'way shows, the Derby, the World Series, the Big Fight, etc. ... 2nd prize: A \$3,750 Kaiser Willys sports car ... beauty. We also have \$4,200 worth of Sortilege perfume from Sherman Billingsley for various runners-up ... The U in Lucky May Be U!

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TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: March 22, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

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March 21, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

This week's issue of "News-Week" magazine says "Don't be surprised if McCarthy calls a well-known columnist and a Washington correspondent, both McCarthy supporters, to support charges against Army Secretary Stevens. To counter this the Army may charge that the columnist tried three times to wangle a commission for David Schine."

P. S. The columnist mentioned by "News-Week" cannot possibly be Walter Winchell.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

A new book due in the stores on March 30, entitled "McCarthy and His Enemies," by William Buckley, Jr., and Brent Mozell (phonetic) is a wonderful documentation of all arguments both for and against McCarthy.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Communists think they have us on the ropes with the two major parties fighting over how to fight Communism and whether a Junior Senator got a "Buck Private," a week-end pass.

cc - 1 - A. Rosen

cc - 1 - L. B. Nichols

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Let us stick to the facts:

Who got a "5th Amendment" Army Major an honorable discharge and a promotion? McCarthy and Cohn may have been wrong on Sohine, but the real issue is Communism.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Revolution is expected any day in British Honduras.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The President will name a Negro jurist to the Federal Bench in Manhattan very soon. Probably New York City Court Judge, Francis E. Rivers.

COMMENT:

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Bureau files reflect that no request has been received to investigate Francis E. Rivers for the position of Federal Judge.

WINCHELL SAID:

Rhoda Miller, deported back to the United States from Ceylon, is the wife of a Red leader in India. This woman was the alleged boss of the Red cell for all Henry Luce publications when she worked for "Time" magazine.

COMMENT:

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Rhoda Miller, who arrived in the United States on March 19, 1954, [REDACTED] She was employed by the Life - Time - Fortune Corporation as a staff writer from 1937 to 1943 and was alleged to be the leader of the Communist cell there. She resigned in 1943 and was sent abroad by the Office of War

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Information. She married John Vincent Hall ^{MRS} Desilva, a journalist who is a native of Ceylon. According to a press report on January 16, 1954, she was ousted from the Communist Party in Ceylon on ideological grounds. She was blamed for a split in the Communist Party there and was accused of being a United States agent.

WINCHELL SAID:

Sometime ago a Government witness named Matusow testified before a Congressional Committee that the "New York Times" had "the largest Communist cell of all American newspapers."

That Government witness has now recanted his sworn testimony. He did it in a letter to Gladwin Hill of that newspaper.

COMMENT:

Matusow made the above-mentioned statements concerning the "New York Times" during a series of speeches he made in the election campaign in the Fall of 1952.

(100-400370, entitled "Alleged Communist Infiltration of the 'New York Times'")

WINCHELL SAID:

Portland, Oregon.

The main suspect in the attempted kidnapping of an eight year old boy has escaped after the police had him surrounded at his hideout in the woods.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

In New Orleans yesterday, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's star witness, Paul Crouch, a former "Red,"

named Joe Lash as a Communist. He said that Lash had worked to the White House between 1934 and 1942. He also stated that Lash was a Communist. Joe Lash is one of the top opinion molders, and has been for many years, for the "New York Post."

COMMENT:

Joseph P. Lash was formerly the National Secretary of the American Student Union (ASU). The Special Committee on Un-American Activities, as well as other committees, has cited ASU as a Communist front. Lash was a close acquaintance of Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt and lived for a time at the White House. Lash was recently employed as the United Nations correspondent for the "New York Post."

According to a Washington City News Service release dated March 20, 1954, Croucher was formerly the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at New Orleans on March 20, 1954, that one of the persons who had operated an espionage ring at the White House was Joseph Lash. The files concerning this matter are being reviewed in the Espionage Section to determine if this information has been previously furnished to the Bureau.

WINCHELL SAID:

One of the biggest islands in the Pacific Ocean, which we recently tested the "H-Bomb," has completely disappeared.

COMMENT:

Information regarding the disappearance of a Pacific island as a result of "H-Bomb" tests has been publicly announced by Mr. Sterling Cole, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman *LVB*

DATE: March 29, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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On March 28, 1954, the Winchell broadcast was carried on radio only in Washington, D. C., because all television channels carried the General Foods Show at 9 P.M.

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator Goldwater of Arizona will get up in the U. S. Senate tomorrow and expose the record of a man allegedly behind the latest smear against the FBI. This man is now employed on a Washington, D. C., newspaper.

COMMENT:

Winchell is probably referring to Alan Barth of the "Washington Post," who wrote an article entitled, "How Good is an FBI Report?" The article appeared in the March issue of Harper's magazine.

WINCHELL SAID:

The principal military effect of the H-bomb is that the radiation which follows contaminates the territory so that occupation by troops is neither necessary nor possible.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Income Tax Fraud Division is looking into defense contracts.

COMMENT:

None.

cc - 1 - A. Rosen

cc - 1 - L. B. Nichols

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WINCHELL SAID:

A secret move by Army Secretary Stevens to promote his Counsel, John Adams, was blocked by key Senators who threatened to blast it in the open.

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COMMENT:

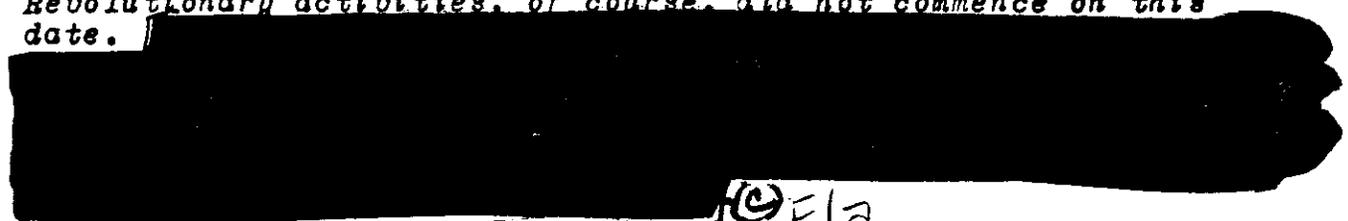
Adams is one of the principal figures in the current dispute between the McCarthy Committee and the Department of the Army.

WINCHELL SAID:

A new revolution may break out in Cuba any night.

COMMENT:

In early March, 1954, confidential informants of the Miami office had advised that March 20, 1954, was the date frequently mentioned as the beginning of a revolution in Cuba. Revolutionary activities, of course, did not commence on this date.



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WINCHELL SAID:

Roy Cohn, Counsel for the McCarthy Committee, plans a libel suit against the Alsop brothers, syndicated Washington writers.

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COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Red China has ordered \$30,000,000 worth of penicillin through two Tokyo companies. Although penicillin is a strategic material, Washington does not have the heart to turn down these wounded enemies.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

There is no law adequate to deal with Communism. Under the Constitution, Congress cannot indict, it can only expose. The Department of Justice cannot expose, it can only recommend indictment. To not allow wire taps on Red agents is ridiculous. Congress alone can remedy this by legislation.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

D.C. WISE
The Department of Justice will be hit by a bombshell. At the Army hearings, McCarthy will allege corruption and dishonesty against a top Defense executive. The man concerned allegedly is masterminding the attack against the Senator. The Senator will produce careful documentation to back up his charges, said to be of a criminal nature. A \$56,000 deal.

COMMENT:

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D.C.
The Bribery and Fraud Unit has no pending cases against top military personnel. The individual referred to is doubtless Struve Hensel, Department of Defense Counselor. Details concerning this matter are set forth in a memorandum to Mr. Tolson from Mr. Nichols dated March 24, 1954. [redacted] of the McCarthy Committee confidentially advised Mr. Nichols that the committee is in a good position to discredit Hensel, who is now masterminding the Army's attack on McCarthy. According to [redacted] the committee has located a report of the old Truman Committee, which indicates that, during World War II, Hensel was involved in cornering the market on corned beef hash and as a result made a profit of \$64,000 in one year. He indicated that both fraud and an income tax violation may be involved in this matter.

WINCHELL SAID:

The only concrete results of the shooting of the five Congressmen is that they have changed the color of the passes to get into the House of Representatives.

COMMENT:

None.

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New York, N. Y.
April 1, 1954

Mr. Hoover

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[redacted] recently advised this office, in confidence, that Judge Jonah Goldstein, Court of General Sessions, New York, has a copy of a book on Walter Winchell published by the Bull's Head Press, entitled "The Private Life of Walter Winchell"; that this book contains statements about Winchell which ordinarily couldn't be printed; and it is being privately circulated and it "lays it right on the line".

An examination of the New York classified telephone directory fails to reflect any publishing company utilizing the name "Bull's Head Press".

JAMES J. KELLY

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Mr. Walter Winchell,

Dear Sir,

Walter Winchell The Gas
conversion furnace in the
Zakewood Ohio Women

Atrocities Victim's house is
a plant!

{ Gas Conversion Burner from }
Fireman Serial No. 10816
Gas approval 87887

Six years the Victim
has lived in Zakewood Ohio
because her health is
ruined, she has to stay
there.

False Medical Reports
False Charges, it sounds
like a make believe
story, but it is the Truth
Investigate the Accusers

signers, etc.

Local and State
prisons too good for
those nobody will
know killers!

The only thing
the victim asked (by phone)
Reporter Alex Groner is
What is a open
indictment?

No one insulted
a priest Rabbi Rev.!

What a list of
persons involved

What a list of atrocities!

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Giulano (Tom) Troiano
have in this?

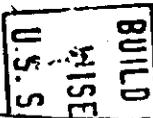
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HOTEL ASTOR
BROADWAY AND 44TH STREET
Room 158
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.



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Mr. Walter Winchell
~~Mr. Winchell~~ - ABC-TV,
New York City, N.Y.

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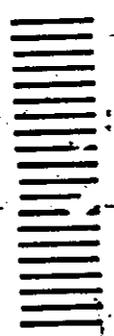
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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 6, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE PRIVATE LIFE OF WALTER WINCHELL"
BY LYLE STUART

SAC Kelly, New York Office, sent an informal note to the Director under dated April 1, 1954, which reads:

[redacted] recently advised this office, in confidence, that Judge Jonah Goldstein, Court of General Sessions, New York, has a copy of a book on Walter Winchell published by the Bull's Head Press, entitled 'The Private Life of Walter Winchell'; that this book contains statements about Winchell which ordinarily couldn't be printed; that it is being privately circulated and it 'lays it right on the line.'

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"An examination of the New York classified telephone directory fails to reflect any publishing company utilizing the name 'Bull's Head Press!'" **A**

A copy of this book is being maintained in the Bureau Library and Attached is a review of the Book prepared last November.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *lv*

DATE: April 5, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ahb*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
APRIL 4, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Baltimore -- the FBI has broken a \$30,000 bank robbery in East Baltimore - 4 arrests - \$22,000 of the loot recovered.

COMMENT:

This robbery occurred April 1, 1954, and Baltimore Office and Baltimore Police Department cooperated in investigation and arrests. The U. S. Attorney and State District Attorney were very complimentary in their remarks concerning the investigation. The U. S. Attorney declined prosecution in favor of state prosecution, noting that in the past District Judge William C. Coleman has favored trying robbery of banks insured under Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in state court rather than Federal court.

WINCHELL SAID:

Detroit -- the gunman who took a shot at Walter Reuther of the CIO is now known. The initials of his Italian name are S.P.

COMMENT:

[Redacted] who fled from Detroit, Michigan, to Canada to avoid testifying in the Reuther case, named Santo (Sam) Perrone as a suspect in the Reuther case. An indictment has been returned against Perrone and a warrant issued for his arrest.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- the House Un-American Activities Committee had a full meeting last Friday. It plans a shake-up of the entire staff

COMMENT:

Recently, *[Redacted]* former investigator for the Committee, was accused informally of borrowing money from individuals under inquiry

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
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by the Committee. Public sources of information have indicated dissatisfaction with Chairman Velde on the part of some Committee members.

Hinfold D.C.

WINCHELL SAID:

New York City -- all top officials in the New York Office of U. S. Immigration will be investigated, not by the McCarthy, Jenner or Velde Committees.

COMMENT:

Under Executive Order 10450, all individuals occupying a sensitive position have to be investigated. Since 1947, the Bureau has been conducting this type investigation, but prior to that time there were individuals in sensitive positions on whom no investigation was conducted. The Bureau is now conducting investigations on these individuals.

WINCHELL SAID:

Tokyo -- Russian patrol boats are now openly operating in Soya and Nanmura Straits, the contact point of the Japanese spy couriers. Forty-four Japanese fishing schooners vanished without a trace within these waters last year.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Bangkok -- General Wild Bill Donovan just turned over the first squadron of American jet fighters to the Thailand Army.

Thailand

COMMENT:

General Wild Bill Donovan, former head of OSS, is presently the U. S. Ambassador to Thailand.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- the hottest document in the Pentagon right now is a letter by Senator McCarthy demanding that Defense Secretary Wilson disclose the full details of a secret staff. This alleged

secret staff handles all requests for special treatment of special men in the U. S. Armed Forces, special friends and special relatives of special Senators, special Congressmen, and special Administration giants.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Win DC
Senator ~~McCarthy~~'s reply to commentator ~~Ed~~ *NY D.C.* Murrow will consume all of Mr. Murrow's Tuesday night program. The U. S. Senator will also deliver a two-hour speech on the floor of the Senate one week from next Wednesday, with alleged documented facts concerning Mr. Murrow.

COMMENT:

DC NY
Recently, Edward ~~B.~~ *NY* Murrow devoted his entire Tuesday evening program to an attack on Senator McCarthy and his methods in holding Congressional hearings.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN
FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
APRIL 11, 1954

DATE: April 12, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- The fanatics from Puerto Rico who shot the
Congressmen will go to trial on June 2. The government expects a plea of insanity.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

New York City -- The New York abortion ring indictments will be filed by
next Wednesday. Top law enforcement people will be involved before the case ends.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Honolulu -- U. S. Immigration will issue deportation warrants for several
newspaper people on a Japanese-language newspaper at Honolulu.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

San Francisco -- Commie couriers from Red China are now using the bay
area in San Francisco as their base for operations.

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- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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COMMENT:

While allegations have been received to this effect for some time, nothing of a tangible nature has been developed through our confidential sources.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- Last week in a television broadcast, Senator McCarthy stated that the H-bomb was delayed for eighteen months. McCarthy's charge was rejected by many experts in and out of Washington. I'm now told that the McCarthy Committee has conducted a secret investigation of the alleged delay since April, one year ago. McCarthy Committee, I'm also informed, found out that a key atomic figure urged the H-bomb delay. McCarthy will eventually reveal that this key atomic figure had urged that the H-bomb not be built at all. McCarthy will say that he, the key atomic figure, is an important government advisor also. The McCarthy Committee claims to have sworn statements that this famous key figure, this atomic scientist, has been an active Communist Party member, the leader of a Red cell including other noted atomic scientists. Tremendous pressure has been brought to stop this investigation.

COMMENT:

Winchell is in all probability referring to J. Robert ~~Oppenheimer~~. ^{11.5}

WINCHELL SAID:

Harry ~~Bridges~~ ^{called} goes to trial in about three weeks. The Department of Justice will try to revoke his citizenship. The government will spring several surprise witnesses.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has been cooperating with Immigration and Naturalization Service and has furnished to this agency the criminal records of individuals the Immigration Service may subpoena to testify in this case.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- A Congressional probe of Red cells in the District of Columbia will start within two weeks, involving about twenty Reds.

COMMENT: None.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 13, 1954

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Walter Winchell.

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	Mr. Nichols	_____
	Mr. Belmont	_____
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	Mr. Harbo	_____
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	Miss Gandy	_____

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B. B. Quinn

Walter Winchell

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Note--the source on these items has been correct in the past.

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Vienna bussing with the rumor that the Russian Army officer who asked asylum in the American Zone of Austria, brought with him many valuable documents. He is supposed to have been a top Beria agent.

*(Probably DERjabin who defected in Feb. 1954)
ETT*

European diplomats are bussing about a reliable rumor that Russia has developed an atomic rifle and small-atomic bullets. The rumor has it that the rifle was tested on deer and one shot blew the animal to pieces.

South American politicians believe that Cuba is headed for a Military Council Control, with Batista at its head...This will give Batista more power, with no restraint of power from the Constitution.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
March 30, 1954

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BTJ/GCL
ON 9/12/84

Re: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
Sunday Evening, March 28, 1954,
6:00 PM PST

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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DATE 10/2/84 BY

During the above-indicated broadcast, WALTER WINCHELL mentioned that JOAN CRAWFORD now goes with one CHARLES BARON, to whom he referred as one of the richest Ford dealers in Chicago.

I thought perhaps you would be interested to know that the CHARLES BARON mentioned by Mr. WINCHELL is identical with one BABE BARON, mentioned on page 137 of the book entitled "Chicago Confidential" by JACK LAIT and LEE MORTIMER. In this book the authors refer to the premises at 215 North La Salle Street, Chicago, where, they maintain, is operated one of the biggest betting clubs in the midwest. Its owners, according to the book, are associated with BABE BARON, a friend of Democratic leader JAKE ARVEY. BARON, a former athlete and one-time Lieutenant Colonel, killed JIMMY WALSH in front of Henrici's Restaurant on December 3, 1929. In 1934, when arrested as a suspect in the GUS WINKLER murder, he was carrying a loaded gun. He also owns an auto agency and has a contract to repair Chicago police cars. He is also reputed to be head of a syndicate which in January 1950 purchased the Chez Paree in Chicago.

The above information is all taken from "Chicago Confidential." It may be of further interest to know that during the past year, when JACK LAIT substituted for WALTER WINCHELL's column, he mentioned the above information on the occasion of one of BARON's visits to Los Angeles.

In 1953, BARON made an unsuccessful bid to handle the repairs on Bureau cars in Chicago. The Bureau was advised of his background at that time.

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Respectfully yours,

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John F. Malone

JOHN F. MALONE
Special Agent in Charge

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Fred Lightner of vaude his took his troubles to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

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Archibald Palmer told intimates that Judith Coplon his former client will beat the wire tapping rap. He claims that there is no evidence to warrant conviction.

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Miami Beach's lavish edifice under construction (the Fontainbleau) needs another 10 million bucks to keep going. New partners have been contacted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *JL*

DATE: April 19, 1954

Tolson	✓
Boardman	✓
Nichols	✓
Belmont	✓
Glavin	✓
Harbo	✓
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Mohr	✓
Winterrowd	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
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APRIL 18, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- The Justice Department will seek the indictment of a clergyman, alleging perjury during a Congressional probe on ~~June~~ ^{July} 30, 1953.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has investigated and referred to the Department a Security Matter - C perjury case concerning Revered [redacted] a Methodist minister in California. The Department has referred this matter to the U. S. Attorney in the District of Columbia for his opinion relative to prosecution.

WINCHELL SAID:

Last week I told you that Senator McCarthy's charges about the H-bomb delay would involve a leading atomic scientist and alleged Red cell member, I said, Dr. Oppenheimer decided to publicize almost everything following last week's Winchell broadcast.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

A key witness against Dr. Oppenheimer has requested a Congressional Committee to hold open hearings if the loyalty board clears Dr. Oppenheimer.

COMMENT:

[redacted], has requested the Atomic Energy Commission to either hold open hearings or, if closed hearings be held, that a transcript be made available to him in order that he could furnish it to the press.

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1 - Mr. Nichols
1 - Mr. Rosen

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WINCHELL SAID:

Newark -- Communists are behind the New Jersey Conference for Jobs, Trade and Peace to be held at a Baptist Church in Newark.

COMMENT:

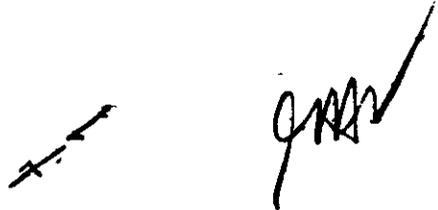
The Newark Office advised the Bureau of this conference early last week.

WINCHELL SAID:

The government has great evidence about an alleged fraud implicating some very high government people, one from Pennsylvania, and some members of the Stock Exchange.

COMMENT:

In all probability, this concerns a matter within the Securities Exchange Commission and one not within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *SP8*

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DATE: April 26, 1954

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AMB*

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
APRIL 25, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- Senator Joseph McCarthy will drop his very first atomic bomb on Army Secretary Stevens tomorrow -- the testimony of three of Secretary Stevens' top generals.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- The White House will make an example of a very high official charged with leaking news bits to a certain newspaperman. The leak is high in Armed Services circles.

COMMENT:

No information concerning the identity of this official has as yet come to the attention of the Bureau.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. -- Senate investigators have a new target, an Army Reserve officer with access to military secrets. This man allegedly has a criminal record.

COMMENT:

The New York Office on April 22, 1954, advised that [redacted] a writer for the "New York Journal-American," had furnished information to the New York Office that Colonel Raymond S. Fanning had served a prison sentence

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1 - Mr. Nichols

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in 1918 for his connection with the ^{Justice} International Workers of the World. Fanning has admitted membership in the ^{Justice} International Workers of the World and in 1917 was one of the defendants in the case entitled "U. S. Vs. William D. Haywood, Et Al." He was found guilty on four counts of an indictment and sentenced to five years' imprisonment on each of three counts, which sentence was commuted in 1920, and a full pardon granted in 1922. He received a reserve commission in the U. S. Air Force in 1923 and was on active duty as an Air Force officer during World War II. He has been active in Republican politics in New York City.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Commies have ordered all their members to shift the attack from Joe McCarthy to John Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED] (c)

WINCHELL SAID:

Next month, a Congressional committee will reveal the Communist record of a very popular radio comedian. He was last seen in the big hit, "South Pacific." The committee's bombshell will be the stub of this actor's Communist Party card.

COMMENT:

Winchell could be referring to [REDACTED] who, although not considered a radio comedian, has a reputation as a radio actor. [REDACTED] is and has been affiliated with several Communist front organizations over the years.

WINCHELL SAID:

The parents of Mrs. J. Robert Oppenheimer suddenly left New York for Germany shortly after the Oppenheimer scandal broke.

COMMENT: The Bureau is aware of this and has advised the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department. The duration of their stay abroad and reason for going are not known at this time. Investigation is, however, continuing.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

DATE: May 3, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *ah*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
MAY 2, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

Senator Joseph E. McCarthy will ignore demands to speed things up. He will keep Secretary Stevens on the stand for three more days to explain an allegedly embarrassing document.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The White House and some Republican Senators held three meetings to keep the McCarthy-Army hearings behind closed doors.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Private David Schine may accept the offer from a Republican Senator, not connected with the hearings, to be his counsel, if he needs one. This Senator is from the great Northwest.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

General Kirke Lawton testified at a very secret session in Senator Mundt's office for two hours and will be a star witness for McCarthy.

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols

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COMMENT:

General Lawton is Commanding Officer at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and according to press comments, has favored the position taken by Senator McCarthy with respect to the investigation at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

WINCHELL SAID:

N.C.
A sordid letter-writing campaign will be conducted against Ray Jenkins - - directed by Reds and some members of a democratic action outfit aided and abetted by a notoriously pink New York newspaper. Their plan is to interrupt at the hearings by applause. Jenkins is Special Committee Counsel in current McCarthy-Army hearings.

COMMENT:

The democratic action outfit referred to is probably the Americans for Democratic Action, and the newspaper, no doubt, refers to the "New York Post."

WINCHELL SAID:

N.Y. Calif.
Gregory Peck, movie star, has received threatening letters which he has turned over to the FBI.

COMMENT:

No information has been received at the Bureau regarding this, and the New York Office has advised that no information has been received by that office concerning this matter.

WINCHELL SAID:

My 4/27/54 Calif.
Harry Bridges, the union leader, and his wife will get a legal separation.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Dr. Condon's connection with the Oppenheimer case will take a very serious turn. Five atomic scientists linked with subversive

activities were virtually sheltered at Condon's Washington home and coached on the Fifth Amendment.

COMMENT:

When Oppenheimer testified before a Congressional Committee in 1949, he stated that Bernard Peters had been a member of the Communist Party in Germany. Peters is another atomic scientist. Oppenheimer's testimony was later published and Condon wrote two letters, one to Oppenheimer and the other to his (Condon's) wife, in which Condon indicated he was astounded that Oppenheimer would do such a thing to his (Oppenheimer's) friend, Peters. Oppenheimer later publicly retracted his statement regarding Peters. Copies of the Condon letters came into our possession in 1952 through Congressional Committees. The identities of the five atomic scientists referred to by Winchell are not known at this time.

WINCHELL SAID:

Samuel Roth, publisher of obscene magazine and books, has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in New York. He used the mails. He once served three years at Lewisburg Penitentiary for the very same thing. If convicted again, he faced 40 years plus \$40,000 fine. His photograph appears on page 26 of the next issue of "Confidential" magazine. One of its authors, Lyle Stewart, whose real name is Lyle Simon, also has a criminal record - extortion.

COMMENT:

This is a violation of postal regulations and is handled by the United States Post Office Inspectors.

WINCHELL SAID:

The "New York Post" newspaper building was the object of vandalism. Five bottles of red paint were smashed against its walls.

COMMENT:

The "New York Post" newspaper is edited by James Wechsler, an admitted member of the Young Communist League in the 1930s.

WINCHELL SAID:

Westbrook Pegler has requested permission to speak at West Point, New York, to answer Edward R. Murrow's speech at West Point. Pegler's request may be granted in the Fall.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Communists are assured of the cooperation of a well known columnist in another smear campaign against J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

COMMENT:

It is not known to what newspaper columnist Winchell is referring.

WINCHELL SAID:

Harrison, New Jersey - - Benedicto Macri, wanted for murder a few years ago who gave himself up to me and was later acquitted. His brother, Vincent, was murdered this week. Benny didn't show up at brother's funeral - - Is he alive? His car stained with blood was found near here one hundred feet from a river. The police have a new tip on the murder of Macri - a garment union in and near Wilkes-Barre, Pa. It may be vengeance for the murder of Lurye, the New York union organizer, a few years ago.

COMMENT:

William Lurye, who was an American Federation of Labor union organizer in New York, New York, was murdered on May 9, 1949, in New York City. [redacted] was tried for this murder and was acquitted. The Criminal Section advised that there has been no active investigation regarding the murder of Vincent Macri as there is no indication of a violation within our investigative jurisdiction.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN
FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT
SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
MAY 9, 1954

DATE: May 10, 1954

- Tele. Room
- Boardman
- Nichols
- Belmont
- Glavin
- Harbo
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Tracy
- Mohr
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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WINCHELL SAID:

D.C. WISC
Joseph R. McCarthy will call two more Generals as witnesses besides General Lawton - - General Howard and General Young.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

NY
Frank Costello's income tax case, now five weeks old, may wind up with the accused Costello getting a very big tax refund.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Post" - - A clergyman who has denied he was a Communist Party member many times faces an indictment for perjury very soon. The Department of Justice has three witnesses who will testify that the clergyman was a top Red official. One of his initials is "M."

COMMENT:

NY DC
The Bureau has investigated and referred to the Department a Security Matter - C Perjury case concerning Reverend [redacted] a Methodist minister in California. The Department has referred this matter to the United States Attorney in the District of Columbia for his opinion relative to prosecution. Investigation is pending.

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols
cc - 1 - Mr. Rosen

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WINCHELL SAID:

Tomorrow marks the 30th year John Edgar Hoover has been head man of the FBI, but he actually started thirty-seven years ago on next July 26. He has not amassed any monetary awards to show for three decades of public service; in fact, Mr. Hoover is practically poor. Not long ago, he paid for the mortgage on his home, the one his mother gave him. That mortgage is the badge of John Edgar Hoover's integrity - - More so than the gold badge he carries in his pocket. John Edgar Hoover has amassed no loot for his thirty-seven years of public service, but he does have the nation's admiration and respect and the President's handshake and salute. So I'm sure I speak for all Americans and say, "Here, John Edgar Hoover, is our affectionate embrace."

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

Last week I said the Army-McCarthy hearings should be continued out in the open - - but since the President has begged for unity because our country is in deadly peril, I believe the hearings should be brought to a prompt conclusion.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The FBI has just captured the five men wanted for the Detroit bank job of last Friday. Half of the \$30,000 loot has been recovered.

COMMENT:

The American Savings and Loan Association, Detroit, Michigan, was held up on May 7, 1954, and approximately \$30,000 was stolen. Bureau Agents and the Detroit Police Department have

the following five men in custody:

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Federal proceedings have been filed at Detroit, Michigan, against these five subjects. A sixth man named [REDACTED] is being sought for possible violation of receiving part of the stolen loot. Investigation is pending.

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator McCarthy is deeply disturbed about some of his colleagues on his own Committee - - those who demand to know the identities of his informants on Communists. He has instructed his staff to refuse access to files which give the names of informants and withhold this information from Senators Symington, McClellan, and Jackson.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

NY DC
Private G. David Schine did not know until last week that the hotel chain owned by his father buys all its costly linens from the textile firm of the Secretary of the Army Stevens family. This company will lose this contract tomorrow - - a half million dollar contract.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. - - The anonymous intelligence officer who gave the 2 1/2-page memorandum to Senator McCarthy is not liable to court martial. I am told by legal experts that the officer's oath is to uphold the United States Constitution

and not necessarily his superior officers. Therefore, if, in this man's sole judgment, his conscience required him to furnish Senator McCarthy information involving the security of our country, under the Constitution, he commits no crime. The precedent was set in the fight over Navy Captain John Cronelin, a great hero in the last war. He gave Congressmen data marked "Confidential" by the Secretary of the Navy. He was reprimanded and then later promoted to Rear Admiral.

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The 2½-page memorandum referred to is the letter introduced by Senator McCarthy in the current McCarthy-Army hearings. It purported to be a copy of a letter from the FBI to Major General Bolling, G-2, United States Army. This memorandum, of unknown origin, is a summarization of a fifteen-page letter dated January 26, 1951, from the FBI to Major General Bolling, G-2, United States Army, in the [REDACTED] case involving Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

WINCHELL SAID:

A Brooklyn judge might be involved in the Vincent Macri murder. Headlines will soon confirm.

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COMMENT:

No information has been received at the Bureau regarding this.

WINCHELL SAID:

The United States Secret Service has announced there is nothing to the report of a plot to assassinate the President in Virginia today.

COMMENT:

None. (SEPARATE MEMO SUBMITTED)

WINCHELL SAID:

Boston, Massachusetts - - A state legislative committee may expose a Red functionary - - a class relative of Max Lowenthal

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

May 12 1954

Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General

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Newspaper Article Appearing in "New York Times",
Thursday, May 6, 1954.

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Miss Gandy	_____

Your attention is called to the attached article by John D. Morris, which appeared in the "New York Times", under date of May 6, 1954, and in which newspaper columnist Walter Winchell is reported as having told you that he had managed to obtain a copy of the 2 1/2 page document that Senator McCarthy had been unsuccessfully attempting to introduce into evidence at the recent Committee hearings.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me whether Winchell did in fact make any statement to the effect that he was in possession of a copy of the document referred to and whether you have any information as to whether he still has it.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olneylll

May 13, 1954

Director, FBI

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARING IN
"NEW YORK TIMES," THURSDAY,
MAY 6, 1954

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Jim

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 12, 1954, your reference WO:mms, in which you called attention to an article by John D. Morris which appeared in the "New York Times," under date of May 6, 1954. The article by John D. Morris reflected that columnist Walter Winchell told me that he had a copy of the 2½ page document that Senator McCarthy had been unsuccessfully attempting to introduce into evidence at recent Committee hearings.

For your information, Walter Winchell did state he had a copy of the 2½ page document, and I have no way of knowing whether he still has it.

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NOTE: The yellow copy of this reply to the inquiry from the Department to gether with the incoming dated May 12, 1954, should be filed in Bureau file 65-61685 captioned "Suspected Espionage, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey", Extra ticklers of the reply to Mr. Olney's inquiry are being designated for Mr. Boardman and Mr. Nichols.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: May 17, 1954

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Belmont
Glavin
Harbo
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Tracy
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Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Holloman
Miss Gandy

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
MAY 16, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

The White House is reported split about seeking an indictment of Senator McCarthy for possession of that 2 1/2 page security memo. - One group at the White House fears that it will make Senator McCarthy a martyr.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

If the McCarthy Committee refuses to subpoena White House aides, the Democratic members of the Committee may appeal on the floor of the U. S. Senate.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Police will quiz a sister-in-law of millionaire Tommy Manville who allegedly dated Benedicto Macri, believed slain in a gang war in New York City.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

San Juan, Puerto Rico - Lolita Lebron, leader of the Puerto Ricans who shot up Congress, lost her thirteen year old son by drowning.

COMMENT:

None.

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen
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WINCHELL SAID:

Havana, Cuba: The number one alert is for a mysterious submarine openly operating in Caribbean waters. It was last spotted near Nicaragua.

COMMENT:

According to press reports of the past week, the Nicaragua Government announced there had been discovered buried on the Nicaragua coast a small cache of arms which allegedly bore the hammer and sickle trademark. The arms consisted of approximately forty rifles, two or three automatic weapons and several dozen hand grenades. The rifles and the automatic weapons were manufactured in 1936-1937, but the grenades are of more recent manufacture. Photographs of these arms have been sent to appropriate U. S. officials for examination. Nicaragua officials have surmised that since a Soviet submarine has been reported seen off the coast of Nicaragua, it is assumed that the arms were brought by this submarine in order to assist Nicaragua Communists.

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator McCarthy, legal experts tell me, did not have to take the stand and waive immunity. Section 6, paragraph 1, of the U. S. Constitution prohibits any quizzing of a U. S. Senator any place except in the U. S. Senate.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Thanking Pulitzer Prize winner Don Whitehead and the A.P. for quoting John Edgar Hoover's statement about me. Mr. Hoover said: "I just don't think anyone could ever buy off Walter Winchell. I've seen them try it and fail." Thank you John, Don Whitehead, and the A.P.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

If the Democrats carry the Senate in the fall elections, Senator McCarthy will have to abdicate his chairmanship of the Investigating Committee to Senator McClellan.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Army will call a few more witnesses before resting its case. On McCarthy's side, Senator McCarthy will be called first and his last witness will be General Lawton of Fort Monmouth.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

A Red-front outfit on the Government's subversive list will stage a rally at the Statue of Liberty next Saturday. The Government says it can't stop it. Why not?

COMMENT:

Winchell is undoubtedly referring to the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Club which was part of the International Workers Order until late 1951, though it is not cited. Emma Lazarus wrote a poem, part of which is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty. Every year this organization makes a trip to the Statue of Liberty to celebrate her birth.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
DIRECTOR F.B.I.

5/17/54

Sir:
In that interview which you gave last week about whether you gave information to Mr. Walter Winchell, you spoke of saying "but that, sure, Mr. Winchell is a good friend of yours. He is the best press agent you have, and the many nights you spent at Mr. Winchell's table in the Club Room of the Stork Club proves that you are a friend of his. But Mr. Winchell also is a friend of Frank Costello and Albert Anastasia, gangsters whom he has praised constantly in his column. And Mr. Winchell has never voted in his life."

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(New York, NY)

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover
Director F. B. I.

Sir:

In that interview which you gave last week about whether you gave information to Mr. Walter Winchell, you spoke of everything but that. Sure Mr. Winchell is a good friend of yours. He is the best press agent you have, and the many nights you spent at Mr. Winchell's table in the Cub Room of the Stork Club proves that you are a friend of his. But Mr. Winchell also is a friend of Frank Costello and Albert Anastasia, gangsters whom he has praised constantly in his column. And Mr. Winchell has never voted in his life. NY

(Anonymous)

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover

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DIRECTOR-F.B.I.

Sir:

In an interview you gave recently concerning whether you were giving information to Mr. Walter Winchell, you said that Mr. Winchell was a good friend of yours. We know that he is, because we read in Mr. Winchell's column, through the years, of the many nights you spent in the Club Room of the Hook Club. Mr. Winchell also has seen fit to praise gangster Frank Costello and Albert Anastasia, etc. Many, many times he has praised them and other mobsters. His columns show this. And Mr. Winchell has never voted in his life. You can verify this if you wish, Sir. It is a fact.

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Mr. Edger J. Hoover
Director - FBI

Sir:

In an interview you gave recently concerning whether you were giving information to Mr. Walter Winchell, you said that Mr. Winchell was a good friend of yours. We know that he is, because we read in Mr. Winchell's column, through the years, of the many nights you spent in the Cub Room of the Stork Club. Mr. Winchell also has seen fit to praise gangster Frank Costello and Albert Anastasia, etc. Many, many times he has praised them and other mobsters. His columns show this, and Mr. Winchell has never voted in his life. You can verify this if you wish, sir. It is a fact.

Anonymous - Postmarked New York, NY,
May 21, 1954.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
May 23, 1954

DATE: May 24, 1954

- Tolson
- Boardman
- Mohr
- Belmont
- Glavin
- Ladd
- Nichols
- Tamm
- Tracy
- Harbo
- Winterrowd
- Tele. Room
- Holloman
- Miss Gandy

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WINCHELL SAID:

Senator ~~McCarthy~~ will present Chairman Mundt with five subpoenas Monday for the five White House aides who attended the meeting on January 21, last.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

Attention Jim Haggerty of the White House, Moscow intelligence is helping the Red Guatemala Government to stage a frame-up of our Embassy there, and all American companies in Central America. They will charge they discovered an American arsenal there. That is why they got Russian arms. This will debunk this before it breaks.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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The United States Government will open hearings Tuesday on the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Counterspys will testify how Soviet Embassy officials control this group.

COMMENT:

These hearings before the Subversive Activities Control Board, Washington, D. C., started on May 10, 1954. The hearings are being brought under the Internal Security Act of 1950.

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols

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WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C. - - Thanks to Congressman Fred Busby, the case against George Shaw Wheeler was finally documented in the Congressional Record of May 17, last. Wheeler was taken into the Foreign Economic Administration by Max Lowenthal and David Wahl. Wahl later pleaded the Fifth Amendment. Max Lowenthal, a Truman adviser, has often denounced John Edgar Hoover and the FBI in books and articles. The loyalty record at Civil Service reveals that Wheeler, despite FBI warnings of his Red affiliations, was cleared and kept on that high Government job until, that is, he defected to a Russian satellite nation.

COMMENT:

^{E. in D.S.P.}
George Shaw Wheeler, a native-born American citizen, [redacted] was last employed by the Manpower Division of the Office of the Military Government, U.S., in Germany. In April, 1950, he requested asylum in Czechoslovakia in protest against United States foreign policy. Wheeler was dropped from Government employment prior to his defection to the Czechoslovakians. Wheeler was associated with David Wahl in Washington, D. C., while Wheeler was employed by the United States Government in the middle 1930s. [redacted]

WINCHELL SAID:

^{C.P.}
Attention, all Government agencies: The Communists have changed their method of transferring Party members from one district to another. Instead of using the serial numbers on one dollar bills to identify these Reds, they will use the names of well known Americans. Now how did Walter Winchell know that?

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Washington Post": Senator McCarthy and Roy Cohn, according to some newspapers, are very worried about the monitored telephone recordings held by the Army. Well, these men heard them last week and there is nothing to worry about. In fact, the October 21 recording will rock the nation as well as the caucus room. It allegedly reveals that Schine was offered a job in the Pentagon by Stevens with the O.K. and consent of Defense Chief, Charles Wilson.

COMMENT:

None.

WINCHELL SAID:

To all college and university newspaper editors: The pamphlet you are getting on Senator McCarthy is being distributed by the Labor Youth League - listed by the United States Attorney General as subversive.

COMMENT:

Due to the tremendous number of publications reflecting anti-McCarthy sentiment, it is not known to which pamphlet Winchell is referring. It could be possibly the pamphlet published by the Civil Rights Congress entitled "The People versus McCarthyism" by John Abt.

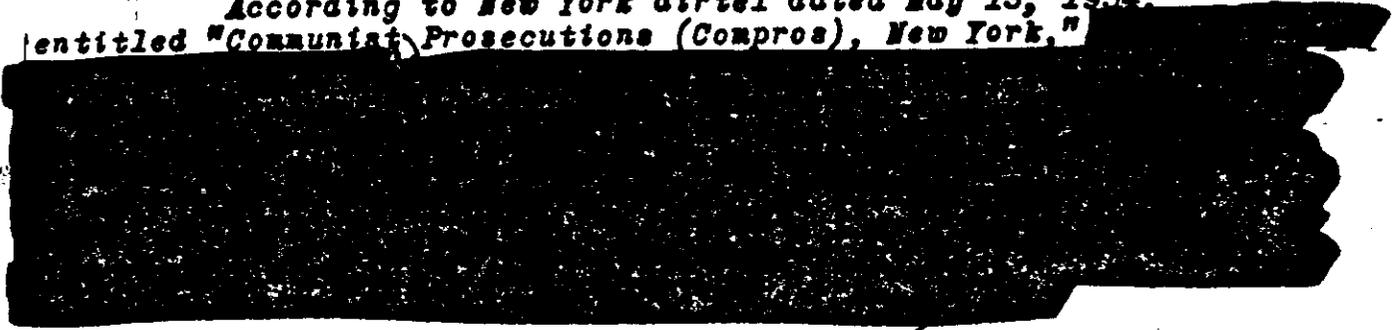
WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Daily News": The Comites in New York held a very big meeting at the Manhattan Towers Hotel the other day. As usual, John Edgar Hoover was denounced as enemy number one - - and Joe McCarthy thought he was.

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COMMENT:

According to New York airtel dated May 13, 1954,
entitled "Communist Prosecutions (Compros), New York,"



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

FROM : Mr. Price *JPB*

SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL BROADCAST
MAY 30, 1954

DATE: June 1, 1954

Tolson ✓
Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Glavin ✓
Harbo ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
Tracy ✓
Mohr ✓
Winterrowd ✓
Tele. Room ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

It is noted that the Walter Winchell broadcast of May 30, 1954, indicated that international society, especially in Florida, would be astonished when the FBI and New York Police arrested an individual long suspected of fingering jewel and fur robberies over the entire United States involving millions of dollars. Winchell did not name the individual in question.

ASAC McCabe of the New York Office, in response to the Bureau's inquiry, has advised that the New York Office is unable to identify any individual with the information in the Winchell broadcast and has no knowledge of any such matter. SA [redacted] of the Miami Office, during the course of a telephone conversation on other matters, was also questioned regarding this item in Winchell's broadcast and stated that no information regarding it was known to the Miami Division.

No such incident is known to the Investigative Division and the above is set out solely for your additional information and for record purposes.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"Chicago American": The Reds just arrested by the FBI in New York were at a Red meeting in Connecticut which was tipped over by these mikes. A similar secret Red meeting will be held next week in Chicago - some secret.

COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

WINCHELL SAID:

Long Island Newspapers: A training school for Reds will soon open on the Island. The G-men know everything - - their names, their families, and their girlfriends. For example, "Hey, Louise, how's Dolly? Does she still suck her thumb, huh?"

COMMENT:

[REDACTED]

WINCHELL SAID:

Attorney General Brownell wants the National Lawyers Guild cited as a subversive Red front. He must wait, however, for the Federal Court's green light. Mr. Brownell has very good reason to be impatient. The National Lawyers Guild was so charged by

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 1, 1954

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: **DREW PEARSON TELECAST
MAY 30, 1954**

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Walter Winchell

ITEM:

The majority of Pearson's program was devoted to what he termed a most important story of 133 racketeers and leaders of the underworld who were listed a year and a half ago for deportation but who have not yet been deported. He said they were listed for deportation by Attorney General James McGranery and when Pearson checked last week only six had been sent back to Europe. Pearson observed that there was legitimate reason for delay in some cases but on the other hand many of these persons have powerful friends.

Pearson said one of the racketeers listed for deportation is Frankie Costello who he said was not being favored as he was convicted last week of income tax evasion. Pearson said, however, it took seven years in Costello's case and that his case illustrates the political pull and facility of the underworld to escape punishment. Pearson said he was rather acquainted with the Costello case and felt he may have had a part in sending Costello to jail.

Pearson related that as far as he was concerned the case began in 1946 when he met Jimmy Regan, "Crown Prince" of the gambling world. Pearson said Regan told him all the secrets of the underworld and urged him to tell the Justice Department. Pearson said he gave the information to Attorney General Tom Clark who sent 12 FBI men to Chicago and they brought back an astonishing report of bars, taverns, hotels, restaurants, etc., all controlled by the underworld. Pearson said that about that time an attempt was made on Regan's life which was unsuccessful but later someone slipped into the hospital and placed a tube of mercury in Regan's stomach, killing him. Pearson said that Regan's death caused him to write a series of articles exposing the underworld and Frankie Costello.

Pearson said Regan told him Costello was one of the most powerful leaders of the underworld. Pearson said that he (Pearson) eventually dug out the fact that when Costello took out his citizenship papers in 1925 he had perjured himself by concealing the fact he had once served a term in jail.

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Pearson said that on July 21, 1947, he wrote an article showing that Costello, having committed perjury could be deported. Pearson noted that this was seven years ago and that as yet Costello has not been deported for he has friends in very high places. Pearson said one of his friends was Jimmy Hines, former head of Tammany Hall, New York, who was later jailed as part of Dutch Schultz's police racket. Another friend Pearson said was Walter Winchell who always seemed to write nice things about Costello and according to Pearson because Costello contributed to Winchell's cancer fund. Another mentioned was Charlie Fischetti, cousin of Al Capone and ruler of the mob in Chicago.

Pearson said he had several conversations with Attorney General Clark and Commissioner of Narcotics Anslinger, both of whom he said were sincerely out to get Costello. However, he said there were others in high places who were apparently dragging their feet. Pearson related that the most important phase of the underworld empire was the teamwork between the gang leaders in different cities. He said Costello was largely responsible for this and invited the gang leaders to a racketeers convention in Atlantic City where they agreed to divide the United States between them and not infringe on each others territory. Pearson said thus, Joe Adonis ruled New Jersey, Jack Dragna was a ruler of this same Mafia underworld in Los Angeles and that the ruler in Chicago is Jake Gousic (phonetic) who replaced Capone and Charlie Fischetti. Pearson said that persons mentioned above represented the Mafia and that that was how the Mafia operated.

Pearson said that four years ago he wrote a series of columns about this great underworld network and showed them to Senator Keafauer and it was about that time that Senator Keafauer together with his committee became active and according to Pearson did more than any one single person or group of persons to send its king to jail. Pearson said that Costello has served one term for contempt, faces another long sentence for income tax evasion and that after that he hoped would face deportation as a result of the charges brought by Pearson seven years ago.

COMMENT:

None. This is for information.

ITEM:

Predictions of things to come. Pearson said that in the past President Eisenhower has tended to appease Senator McCarthy on the theory that he would be a good campaigner for the Republicans and for this reason Attorney General Brownell may have left the Senate report on McCarthy's finances gather dust. Pearson predicted that since McCarthy in effect called President Eisenhower a "fifth amendment president" and has castigated the army where Eisenhower spent 40 years of his life that at long last the Justice Department will dust off the Senate report regarding McCarthy's finances and will review it in dead earnest.

COMMENT:

None. This is for information.

ITEM:

Pearson said that while Attorney General Brownell has been wasting his time worrying about the deportation of Dick Haymes only six members of the Mafia have been deported in a year and a half. He predicted that if the Justice Department does not speed up and send these individuals back to the country from which they came, Senator Keafauver will start a new investigation to find out why the delay.

COMMENT:

None. This is for information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. BOARDMAN *LB*

FROM : A. H. BELMONT *AHB*

SUBJECT: **WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
May 30, 1954**

DATE: June 1, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

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Victor Lasky, author and well known anti-Communist, will bring a \$500,000 libel suit against the "New York Post."

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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Frank Carr, Executive Director of McCarthy Committee Staff, is talking to a lawyer, too, regarding a libel suit against the same newspaper.

COMMENT:

For your information.

WINCHELL SAID:

To all Religious Publications: The newest orders from the Red underground is for all members to get at least one of their children into a parochial school - to throw off suspicions against the parents.

COMMENT:

The Communists are being exhorted to join all types of right wing groups but no information has come to the Bureau's attention regarding placing of their children in parochial schools. *ca*

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Earl Browder in 1939 when Browder was head man in the Communist Party here. Browder, under oath, testified that it was a Communist transmission belt. A Congressional group cited it as a Communist front in 1944. Another Congressional committee, in 1950, reported that the "National Lawyers Guild is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party." To the Federal judge concerned, may I respectfully remind the court that every time Moscow coughs, the National Lawyers Guild sneezes.

COMMENT:

The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) on November 30, 1953, filed a complaint before the U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C., asking for a permanent injunction and for a declaration that Executive Order 10450 be declared unconstitutional. On December 4, 1953, the NLG filed a petition for a temporary injunction to restrain the Attorney General from proceeding under Executive Order 10450. On December 30, 1953, the District Court denied the NLG motion for a temporary injunction. On May 4, 1954, the Court of Appeals reversed the order of the District Court denying the temporary injunction and ordered that the Attorney General's administrative action be stayed until such time as the U. S. District Court passes on the NLG petition for permanent injunction.

WINCHELL SAID:

A witness has informed the Subcommittee that on May 12, last, at Albany at a very private luncheon of men of the industry and business, Governor Dewey made very big unrecorded news. He was heard to say that he had selected lawyer Welsh for the Army. He was reported to have master-minded the now famous Presidential Directive which came soon after.

COMMENT:

None.

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WINCHELL SAID:

"New York Mirror": "Top Secret" magazine reports that Europe's most dangerous anti-American spy is on the loose again. His name is Rudy Roessler. He stole 160 American secrets for Russia.

COMMENT:

Winchell is probably referring to Rudolph Roessler, German-born individual, age 56, who went by the name of "Lucy" and was one of the principal Soviet agents in the Rote Kapelle network (a Soviet military intelligence operation in Western Europe) during World War II. He was arrested in Switzerland on March 9, 1953, and charged with espionage on behalf of Czechoslovakia. He testified at the trial that he used Switzerland as a base for sending secret information on British and U. S. occupation forces and fortifications in Western Germany and Allied Forces in Denmark to the Czechoslovakian Secret Service. He was found guilty by the court and sentenced on November 5, 1953, to one year in prison, the eight months already served to be counted in the year sentence. Bureau investigation of case is still pending. (X) UI

WINCHELL SAID:

Washington, D. C.: International society, especially in Florida, will be astonished when the FBI and New York Police arrest a long suspected fingerman in many gem and fur robberies all over the United States, involving millions of dollars. He has an alleged title.

COMMENT:

The Criminal Section does not know to whom Winchell is referring. Inquiry has been made of the New York Office, and [redacted] supervisor at the New York Office, will check on this and advise the Bureau.

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

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DATE: June 7, 1954

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO - TELEVISION)
JUNE 6, 1954

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WINCHELL SAID:

One of America's mightiest carriers is now in the ready off the coast of Indo-China.

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

Unidentified submarines have been sighted in the Java Sea. Enemy gun running operations are in full swing in the Bali-hi area.

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director to G-Man Hoover of the FBI, is recovering from surgery at Doctors Hospital in Washington.

COMMENT:

For your information.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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The Stevens' phone call to Private Schine will blow the hearings sky high tomorrow morning. Stevens allegedly offered Schine a place in the Pentagon.

COMMENT:

None

1 - Mr. Nichols
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Memo to Mr. L. V. Boardman
from Mr. A. H. Belmont

RE: WALTER WINCHELL
SIMULCAST (RADIO-TELEVISION)
June 6, 1954

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator McCarthy's team will drop another baby Atomic bomb in the Senate room tomorrow morning. It will astonish a second Democratic Senator.

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

None
Frank Costello will seek his freedom on bail pending appeal tomorrow morning.

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

ASST. 7. 1954
Roy M. Cohn has received more mail and telegrams of praise than any other personality at the hearing for his remarkable ability as a lawyer considering his age, being 27.

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

The McCarthy - Army hearings have at least 22,000,000 people watching it every day. This may be very exciting news to the cast of characters in the Senate Caucus Room, but it is very depressing news over at the White House. Never in our history has a man so desperately requested that every citizen play his part as an American, instead of endangering the nation by taking sides in this political brawl. "Most of you are so engrossed in the hearings and in arguing about McCarthy - Cohn, Schine's feelings and Symington's that your presence is practically reduced to a man crying in the wilderness. If you

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could see the dispatches from the Ambassadors on Mr. Eisenhower's desk, you would realize his grave concern. The President knows that from Casablanca to Cairo, North Africa faces civil war. He also knows that we can no more afford to lose North Africa to Malenkou than we could to Rommel. The President, who is watching a more terrible drama in the code room, also knows that unless we stop Red aggression diplomatically, it will have to be stopped militarily by your boys. The President is more alarmed by Guatemala's offer of a non-aggression ^{treaty} to Honduras than by an outright attack -- because that's how Russia took over all satellite nations by so-called non-aggression treaties. What the President is trying to tell you all is this. You are apparently so fascinated by the hearings in Washington, you do not realize that the Congress is not passing the Administration's legislation, the vital laws necessary for this nation's safety."

COMMENT:

None

WINCHELL SAID:

Senator Welker's Investigating Committee will start hearings this week in southern defense plants concerning the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union, allegedly controlled by Reds.

COMMENT:

Winchell is probably referring to the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, which is the subject of a current security-Communist infiltration investigation. This union was expelled from the CIO in 1949 on the basis of Communist domination.

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WINCHELL SAID:

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Dick Contino, now at the Chicago Theater, has received a Presidential pardon, following honorable overseas service in the army. Contino's \$10,000 fine was also remitted.

COMMENT:

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On August 7, 1951, Contino was sentenced by the U. S. District Court, San Francisco, California, to serve a term of six months in prison and to pay a fine of \$10,000 on the charges of failing to submit for induction on April 13, 1951, at Fort Ord, California, in violation of the Selective Service Act of 1948 [REDACTED]

WINCHELL SAID:

A Red-controlled outfit on the Attorney General's subversive list will stage a meeting in Detroit on June 8th, 1951, in the Metropolitan Building, Detroit, Michigan.

COMMENT:

Contact with appropriate supervisors in the Internal Security Section failed to identify above organization and its scheduled meeting. An examination of incoming teletypes and air-tels from the Detroit Division for the past month also met with negative results. Inquiry is being made of the Detroit Office.

WINCHELL SAID:

The Jenner Investigating Committee has subpoenaed Gilbert Parks, one-time magazine executive. He will testify against former Red comrades.

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Memo to Mr. L. V. Harbo
from Mr. A. H. Belmont

RE: WALTER WINCHELL
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JUNE 6, 1954

WINCHELL SAID:

The "New York Times," this week reported that Dr. P. A. Dirac was refused entry to the United States. Dr. Dirac is a Polish physicist and an intimate friend of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer. The reason for Dirac's visit here was to discuss with Oppenheimer an invitation from Cambridge University, England to accept an offer as a professor. Dr. Oppenheimer, bitter over the 3-1 vote against him, will accept that British offer whether or not he is cleared by the Atomic Energy Commission.

COMMENT:

The Bureau has conducted no investigation concerning Dr. Paul Adrian Maurice Dirac, Physicist and Nobel Prize winner. On 9-5-51, [REDACTED]

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