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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : *ce* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (62-0)
SUBJECT: HANK GREENSPUN
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For the information of the Bureau, HERMAN "HANK" GREENSPUN, Publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, Daily Newspaper, is presently being sued by WILLIAM (BILL) PECCOLE, Incumbent City Commissioner, up for re-election, for libel. The libel action, in the amount of \$900.00, was filed against GREENSPUN on or about April 12, 1953, in which PECCOLE charges GREENSPUN with four counts of libel.

GREENSPUN allegedly printed charges in his newspaper on four different occasions that PECCOLE was dishonest and had used his public office for personal gain. The suit will be tried in the Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas, Nevada, in Judge FRANK McNAMEE's department.

The attorneys for the plaintiff made statements published in the newspapers that they would attempt to have the case tried before the May 5, 1953, city elections.

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FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (74-36)

SUBJECT: HERMAN M. (HANK) GREENSPUN
Publisher, Las Vegas, Nevada, "Morning Sun"
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Sizoo
Miss Gandy

Remylet 11/15/52, reflecting subject contacted agent at Las Vegas 11/14/52, and stated that every newspaper in the State of Nevada except his own "has an F. B. I. file on me," and requested he be furnished with a copy of such file.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a seven-page document entitled, "Memorandum", "Re: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN", which contains information under the section headings:

- I - Background Information
- II - Investigation of GREENSPUN under Neutrality Act
- III - Associates and Acquaintances
- IV - Financial Background

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The document furnished this office is a carbon copy, indicating the existence of other copies, and was loaned an Agent at Las Vegas by WILLIAM "BILL" PECCOLE, City Commissioner, Las Vegas, Nevada, for review. It is believed this document was furnished PECCOLE by Senator MC CARRAN'S office since the Senator is backing PECCOLE in the current city elections at Las Vegas, and GREENSPUN is opposing PECCOLE'S re-election. This document is being returned to PECCOLE as requested by him.

For the Bureau's information, according to a newspaper item in the Las Vegas "Review Journal", PECCOLE filed a \$900,000 civil libel suit against GREENSPUN for publication of alleged "false, malicious, and defamatory" statements. It was alleged that GREENSPUN editorially asserted PECCOLE was a dishonest public official guilty of corruption in his official duties during the past four years.

Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau's information is a copy of Los Angeles letter to Indianapolis, April 20, 1953, entitled, "Cominfil International Typographical Union, AF of L International Security - C", which letter contains information regarding GREENSPUN and the Las Vegas "Sun".

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MEMORANDUM

RE: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Greenspun was born August 27, 1909, at Brooklyn, New York, the son of Samuel and Anna Greenspun. He has a brother, David Greenspun, and two married sisters, Mildred Taub and Alice Querze. He attended St. Johns College from 1930 to 1932 and St. Johns School of Law, Brooklyn, New York, receiving an LLB degree in 1934.

He was employed by Alfred Friedman Co., NYC 1924-29; LeBlang-Grays Theatre Ticket Agency, NYC, 1930-36; Pinto and Marcantonio, 20 Besey St., NYC, law clerk, 1933-36; United Steel Co., NYC, 1936-38; Vulcan Steel Co., NYC, 1938-41. He was inducted into the US Army 3-13-41 and transferred to ERC 10-24-41 as over 28 years of age; 1-22-42 recalled to active duty and appointed 2nd Lt. He was reported AWOL from 12-31-44 to 1-1-45 and accepted punishment under Article of War 104. b6
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Greenspun and Barbara Joan Ritchie, born 2-17-22 at Essex, London, were married in Ireland during 1944. They had two children,

After his discharge from the Army he was employed in the law office of Benjamin C. Ribman, NYC, now deceased. Even though he is a lawyer, he has never been known to practice law.

Greenspun moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1946, where he subsequently published a social news sheet, "Las Vegas Life", and at the same time worked as a publicity man at the Flamingo Hotel which was being constructed by the late underworld king, "Bugsy" Siegel. He later worked as promoter of radio station KRAM, in which he held stock, and in 1949 he was engaged in the construction and promotion of the Desert Inn, a resort hotel, both of Las Vegas, Nevada. He reportedly received no salary for the latter job, but was to receive stock in the corporation when the resort was completed.

Greenspun was employed at the Desert Inn until about July 1, 1950, when he resigned and purchased the Las Vegas Free Press, a semi-weekly Las Vegas paper. He immediately changed the name to Las Vegas Morning Sun and published this paper as a daily.

The Editor and Publisher, International Yearbook, 1951, which lists daily and Sunday newspapers, contains no listing for the Las Vegas Morning Sun or Greenspun.

The current telephone directory covering Las Vegas, Nevada, reflects the following listing: H. M. Greenspun, 315 N. Eighth Street.

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Greenspun is the subject of a record which reflects his arrests in the Neutrality Act cases mentioned below as well as his registration at Las Vegas, Nevada, as an ex-convict.

Reynold Selk, who was involved in the Neutrality Act case mentioned below, is believed to be Greenspun's cousin. Greenspun's parents, Samuel and Anna were born in Poland and Russia, respectively, and both were naturalized in New Haven, Conn.

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II. INVESTIGATION OF GREENSPUN UNDER NEUTRALITY ACT.

Herman Greenspun has been subject of two investigations under the Neutrality Act.

- A. Foundry Associates, Inc., Adolph W. Schwimmer, Reynold Selk; Leon Gardner; William Sosnow; Abraham J. Levin [redacted] Rudnick; J. Leonard; Herman Milton Greenspun; [redacted] Service Airways.

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This case arose out of the efforts of the above-mentioned individuals to procure airplanes and airplane parts and accessories for shipment to the Israeli fighting forces in Palestine. Adolph Schwimmer was contacted in September, 1947, by one [redacted] assertedly a representative of the Jewish Agency. [redacted] furnished large sums of money to Schwimmer for the purpose of procuring airplanes to fly freight to Palestine.

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This particular case cited above, in which prosecutive action was carried out at Los Angeles, Calif., was divided into four phases. Greenspun's activities were prominent in only one phase, that one concerning the attempted export of forty-two airplane engines from Los Angeles, Calif. to Panama.

Greenspun and a companion named Willie (assumed to be Willie Sosnow) came to [redacted] of Universal Airplane Salvage Corporation, Oahu, T. H., in Honolulu, T. H. in March 1948, and identified themselves as representing HAGANAH, the Jewish organization for aid to Palestine. Greenspun desired to purchase airplane engines and parts for shipment to Palestine. [redacted] desirous of assisting HAGANAH in every way, gave forty-two airplane engines to Greenspun. These engines and parts were packed in cases under the supervision of Greenspun, and [redacted] employees.

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Greenspun paid \$4,000 in case for labor and freight charges for the shipment to Los Angeles, Calif. On March 25, 1948, 95 crates containing 42 Pratt and Whitney R2800-10W airplane engines, arrived in Los Angeles consigned to the Universal Airplane Salvage Corporation, Los Angeles, which address was nonexistent. When an attempt was made to move this shipment of airplane engines to Panama, the shipment was signed by United States Customs Service at Los Angeles on April 14, 1948, inasmuch as it was illegal to export this type aircraft engine.

Indictments were returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Los Angeles on April 6, 1949, charging Schwimmer, Selk, Levin, Greenspun, [redacted] Sosnow, Gardner and the corporation, Service Airways, with conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control Laws. Subjects were charged with violation of Title 22, Sections 452 and 453, 2776, dated March 26, 1948. //

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Greenspun submitted himself for arrest, entered a plea of not guilty and was released on bond of \$1,000. On February 6, 1950, in Federal Court in Los Angeles, Greenspun and [redacted] and Sosnow were acquitted. Subjects Schwimmer, Selk and Gardner were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act and Export Control laws.

Information was received that a juror in this trial had been contacted by the defendants during the trial. It had been reported that all of the jurors except this one voted for a guilty verdict of all subjects, and a compromised verdict had been reached as a result of pressure by this juror on the rest of the jury. Subsequently, it was determined that this juror had received mental treatment in an institution prior to the beginning of the case and that he was of Semitic origin. Accordingly, no investigation was made.

B. [redacted] with aliases; Herman Milton Greenspun, with aliases, et al.

In March, 1948, Greenspun and one William Sosnow approached [redacted] of the Universal Aircraft Salvage Corporation in Oahu, Hawaii. Greenspun represented Haganah, the Jewish organization and wanted to buy airplane engines and engine parts for use in Palestine. [redacted] had been recommended to Greenspun as a person who was interested in assisting Haganah in furnishing military aid. [redacted] gave Greenspun forty-two airplane engines and also permission to take airplane engine parts. Greenspun, assisted by employees of [redacted] did the packing. It was reported [redacted] had quantities of machine guns and machine gun parts on his premises, reportedly removed by the Navy from deactivated airplanes and left there; and that [redacted] made some of these available to Greenspun.

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An employee of the Universal Aircraft Salvage Corporation, advised in January, 1949, that early in 1948 he had helped Greenspun and Sosnow pack airplane machine guns on instructions [redacted]. He said the guns had been left on the premises by the Navy. He also said he saw Greenspun and Sosnow "steal at least 500" machine gun barrels from a Navy dump adjacent to Universal, and that these together with the machine guns from [redacted] were packed in airplane engine boxes, and hauled by a trucker to the docks for shipment to the Los Angeles harbor.

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At Wilmington, Calif., Greenspun chartered a boat, the Idalia, property of [redacted] to take the machine guns to Mexico. [redacted] claimed Greenspun forced him to accept the cargo and that when he refused, Greenspun threatened him with a revolver. The arms were unloaded in Mexico in the presence of several Mexican officers. Greenspun was part of the crew on the voyage. Information was received, however, that [redacted] apparently receptive to the deal; was paid for the use of his boat; and that there was no evidence that force was used to gain his assistance.

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No export license for the armament was obtained from the United States State Department. Although not specifically traced, the machine guns were reportedly reshipped from Mexico to Israel.

On September 28, 1949, Greenspun and six individuals associated in the shipping of the machine guns were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Los Angeles, Calif. for conspiring to violate the Neutrality Act and the Export Control Law, Title 50, USC, Section 701 as amended, and Title 22, USC, Section 452, and Presidential Proclamation 2776, Categories One and Three, which became effective April 15, 1948. This count listed thirteen overt acts in furtherance of conspiracy. Count two charged Greenspun and three others of the defendants with unlawfully exporting the armaments in violation of Section 452, Title 22, USC, and Section 701, Title 50, USC. The remaining defendants were charged with aiding and abetting.

On October 4, 1949, Greenspun surrendered himself in Los Angeles and was released on bond. He entered a plea of not guilty on February 20, 1950.

On April 12, 1950, and April 19th 1950, the facts were re-presented to the Grand Jury and Greenspun was re-indicted, Criminal Docket number 21266. This indictment eliminated one defendant and also eliminated the charges of violating the Export Control Act.

On April 25, 1950, on motion of the Government, the indictments were dismissed as to all except Greenspun, Lawrence C. Ives, and Lloyd I. Rosenblum.

Trial of the case began July 6, 1950, at Los Angeles. On July 10, 1950, Greenspun changed his plea and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiring to violate the Neutrality Act. On July 17, 1950, he was sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine which was paid by him July 24, 1950. The Substantive charge was dismissed, and all charges against the remaining defendants were also dismissed.

The Los Angeles Daily News, issue of October 27, 1949, contained a picture of Herman Greenspun, the accompanying article reporting his being free on bail following charges that "he masterminded a two million dollar gun-smuggling ring for Israel during that country's war with the Arab states." Greenspun was quoted as stating, "I have done nothing I'm ashamed of and I am sure I can clear myself in a court trial".

It was reported that in July, 1948, three payments totaling \$1,300,000 were made to Herman Greenspun through the Banco del Ahorro Nacional, Mexico City, by cabled order of one Dr. Erwin Hayman, Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. Erwin Hayman of Geneva, Switzerland, was reportedly an officer of a firm which procured war materials for Israel.

It was further reported by a source of unknown reliability that in Mexico, Greenspun and an associate, reportedly involved on behalf of Haganah in the purchase and sale of arms, received a 10% "kick back" of the gross amount involved in an unidentified arms deal.

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In January, 1949, information was received that Greenspun and his immediate followers had become pretty well discredited with Haganah and were at that time working for and using funds of the Irgun faction of the Israelite state. The Irgun faction was reported by this source as an extreme Leftist group.

III. ASSOCIATES AND ACQUAINTANCES

Records of the Second Judicial Department, Appellate Division, New York Supreme Court, reflect that Greenspun was examined in Albany, New York, in October, 1936, for admission to the Bar. Admission at that time was denied Greenspun because the examiners charged there had been irregularities in the taking of the examination. More specifically, a notation bears the remarks that information was passed by Greenspun and others during the course of the examination. For this reason, the Board of Examiners refused his admission and denied his right of again taking the examination for a period of two years.

In October, 1936, at the request of Judge Pinto (believed to be Michael F. Pinto and Vito Marcantonio), the State Board permitted Greenspun ³⁷ to take a new examination. He was admitted to practice on November 17, 1947. These records also indicate Greenspun served his clerkship in the office of Pinto and Marcantonio.

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory for 1952, covering Albany and New York City, NY, fails to reflect any reference to Herman Greenspun.

Information was received in March, 1952, that Greenspun is presently operating the Las Vegas Morning Sun and is apparently the sole owner of this newspaper. There has been no indication that Greenspun has any gambler or hoodlum associates in connection with this newspaper nor is there any indication of financial backing from these sources.

Concerning Greenspun's activity in the Desert Inn, a Las Vegas hotel and gambling casino bearing Wilbur Clark's name, it has been reported that Greenspun was retained by Clark as a publicity man during the early construction of the hotel with a promise of becoming Publicity Director when the hotel was completed. Greenspun reportedly made some money available to Clark when Clark was short of funds and thereby Greenspun acquired ownership of part of the motel and twenty-two shares of hotel stock. Clark subsequently became associated with a group of Cleveland underworld characters headed by Morris Kleinman and Moe Dalitz, and this group later took over financial control of the hotel. Greenspun resigned as Publicity Director, but it is believed he retained his financial interest in the Desert Inn.

Part Ten, Page 55, of the Hearings before the Special Committee to Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, held in Nevada-Calif. in November, 1950, to March, 1951, reflects the testimony of Wilbur Ivern Clark, Las Vegas, Nevada. In response to questions concerning the Desert Inn Hotel, Las Vegas, Clark testified that he knew Greenspun that Greenspun owned one per cent of the Desert Inn Hotel, in addition to 30 per cent ownership of the motel part of this hotel.

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Moe Sedway, Vice President, Flamingo Hotel, also testified before the above committee. During his testimony, he stated he was acquainted with Greenspun and further revealed that he, Sedway, had been a long-time acquaintance of Frank Costello, Frank Erickson, and "Longie" Zwillman, all of whom are well known in underworld circles.

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In indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury in Miami, Florida, on November 16, 1948, charging nine individuals with the Foundry Associates, Inc. with conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act, by conspiring to illegally export three B-17 bomber-type airplanes from Miami, Florida, to Zatec, Czechoslovakia, on June 11, 1948. These nine individuals included Adolph W. Schwimmer, Abraham J. Levin, William Sosnow, Charles Winters, Irwin Schindler, Ervin L. Johnson, Michael Kane, Leon Gardner, and Leonard Burns. These indictments did not include Herman Greenspun inasmuch as he was not involved in this specific alleged violation. However, it is noted that Greenspun was associated with the members of Foundry Associates, Inc. as indicated in Part IIA above. A highly confidential source advised on November 24, 1948, that [redacted] and his associates were exerting pressure on a high political level to influence prosecution in this Miami case. Informant advised that on December 14, 1948, [redacted] conferred concerning efforts to influence this prosecution. In February, 1949, according to this informant, [redacted] conferred in this respect.

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The records of the United States District Court, Miami, Fla. under Docket #7280, reflects the disposition of these indictments. On February 4, 1949, Charles Winters was sentenced at Miami, Florida, to serve eighteen months and to pay a fine of \$2,500. On February 16, 1949, the case against Irwin Schindler was transferred to New York. On March 8, 1950, the cases against Abraham Levin and William Sosnow were transferred to Los Angeles, Calif. On July 17, 1950, Levin and Sosnow on pleas of guilty were sentenced at Los Angeles to pay a fine of \$10,000 each. The cases against Adolph W. Schwimmer and Leon Gardner were Nolle Prossed on July 2, 1950. On June 28, 1951, the capiases against Ervin L. Johnson, Michael Kane, and Leonard Burns were returned unexecuted inasmuch as these individuals were not located.

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Concerning [redacted] it is to be noted that he is a former employee [redacted]

Louis Weintraub in January, 1948, was the attorney for Leonard M. Weisman, Mount Vernon, NY, who in 1945 had set up Foundry Associates, Inc.

The 1948 report of the Senate Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities in Calif. cited [redacted] as a "Practical Communist for all practical purposes".

FINANCIAL BACKGROUND

In connection with Greenspun's receiving from the RFC certain buildings which had been constructed under an RFC loan, inquiry was made into his financial status. The Las Vegas Bank confirmed certain statements he had made as to his net worth, while at the same time frankly stating that he had on occasion borrowed money in amounts up to \$5,000 and presently owed a note. However, the RFC accepted the Dun and Bradstreet rating of "unclassified".

This is broken down into the following: Newspaper - \$160,000. A thirty percent interest (\$250,000) in the Desert Inn Annex. A small interest of \$40,000 in the Desert Inn. Rupert Plumbing and Heating Co. -- balance. At the present time, Greenspun owes the RFC \$58,880. This is the result of the transaction whereby Greenspun bought Rupert Plumbing and Heating Co. and assumed all obligations of that company. Rupert had borrowed \$100,000 from RFC to build a building in Las Vegas. Part or all of this building now houses the Las Vegas Sun newspaper plant. This loan is current and is being paid, as of March 1, 1952.

Re financial condition of newspaper - it appears that Greenspun may have for some time been losing approximately \$2,000 per month on the operation of the Las Vegas Sun. It has been through his income as part owner of the Desert Inn that he has managed to keep the paper alive. He is also supposed to be getting occasional hand-outs from "angels" or friends who became ingratiated to him by his arms-running activities, or are connections in New York.

It is understood that the International Typographical Union holds a mortgage of approximately \$60,000 on the newspaper.

Attempts have been made to buy the newspaper, but all indications are that Greenspun won't sell and that money is not his object.

SAC, Indianapolis

April 20, 1953

SAC, Los Angeles (100-32959)

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The information herein was furnished SA H. EDWARD WHITE of this Office on March 31, 1953, by Mr. ALFRED H. EDWARDS, auditor of the ITU. Mr. EDWARDS has previously furnished this Office with information which proved accurate. He is considered of known reliability and his identity should be concealed.

Concerning Las Vegas, Nevada:

HENRY GREENSPUN, owner of the Las Vegas Sun, has sold a part interest in that newspaper to one BROWN for \$30,000.00. GREENSPUN has never paid ITU anything for the paper and operates it as a Unitype newspaper, Unitype being a separate organization set up by ITU to operate newspapers. BROWN is now business manager of the Las Vegas Sun. The source of this money paid by BROWN is not known, but BROWN is not known to be wealthy or to have money of this amount available.

GREENSPUN has borrowed \$100,000.00 from gamblers in the Las Vegas area, according to information picked up by EDWARDS. One HENRY HINTON (phonetic), owner of the Horshoe night club in Las Vegas, is a friend of GREENSPUN.

WOODRUFF RANDOLPH, President of ITU, has recently canceled \$8,000.00 in past due interest due ITU from GREENSPUN on notes used to purchase the Sun. This was as of December, 1952.

EDWARDS furnished a copy of "Facts is Facts", which is published by one NICK BLOOM in Baltimore, Maryland. BLOOM is not known personally to EDWARDS, who describes him as anti-RANDOLPH and probably reliable. A photostatic copy of this leaflet is enclosed herewith for the Baltimore and Salt Lake City Offices. Information concerning GREENSPUN is set forth therein.

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Concerning Washington, D. C.:

The Superior Printing Company, in Washington, D.C., is owned by [redacted] Union Label #7. She is a widow and does the printing for the Swedish, Polish, and Russian Embassies in Washington. She also does the printing for the Progressive Party of the ITU, which party has been described by [redacted] as "leftist." [redacted] advised he obtained this information from [redacted] of ITU Local 101, Washington, D.C. [redacted] resides at [redacted] and is considered absolutely reliable by [redacted]. [redacted] has also told [redacted] that the official attorneys of the ITU, [redacted] are of questionable reliability since [redacted] is reportedly a Communist. [redacted] could furnish no further details on this but stated [redacted] might be able to do so when contacted. [redacted] identity need not be concealed if [redacted] is interviewed.

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Concerning Indianapolis and San Francisco:

[redacted] of the ITU in Indianapolis, residing at [redacted] telephone BU 3489. According to information obtained by [redacted] from [redacted] of the ITU in San Francisco, [redacted] was [redacted] for the California Labor School in 1939-1940 (sited under Executive Order 9835) and is a personal friend and admirer of [redacted] of the ITU.

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] telephone DE 3-3110. He may have more information concerning [redacted] identity need not be concealed should [redacted] be interviewed on this. [redacted] is considered reliable by [redacted].

Writups on [redacted] obtained by [redacted] from the 1946 edition of "Who's Who in Labor", enclosed herewith.

Concerning Cincinnati, Ohio:

On April 10, 1953, [redacted] advised SA WHITE that [redacted] residing at [redacted] telephone CH 4385, [redacted] of the ITU Local there and also [redacted] of the Independent Party, conservative group in the ITU, according to [redacted] [redacted] is completely reliable, according to [redacted] and served in Army Intelligence during World War II. This information is furnished your Office as a possible source of information on activities of the ITU in your area if desired.

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ENCLOSURES FROM LOS ANGELES TO:

BALTIMORE: "Facts is Facts", March, 1953.

INDIANAPOLIS: Writups on [redacted]

SALT LAKE CITY: "Facts is Facts", March, 1953.

SAN FRANCISCO: Writups on [redacted]

May 19, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

On May 12, 1953, Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin
and [] called to see me.

The Senator stated that he wanted to discuss confidentially
with me the matter of his Committee taking up for investigative purposes the
activities of [] the scientist. He stated he had been
giving this matter quite some thought and was wondering what my reaction would
be to his Committee looking into the activities of []

I told the Senator that I thought that he had a number of
problems to consider before embarking upon this project. I pointed out that
there were several other committees in Congress which probably might resent
his taking on this investigation unless he first cleared with them. I mentioned
particularly the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and the Jenner Committee.
He stated that he realized this problem would have to be one that should be
resolved before he would undertake the investigation if he went into it.

I also pointed out to him the fact that Oppenheimer has
been quite a controversial figure and has been one around whom the scientists
of the country have usually rallied whenever there has been any question raised
about the loyalty and integrity of scientists. I stated that I, of course, did not
share the view that most scientists seemed to have - that they are sacrosanct -
but I did think that in view of the character of work which []
has performed for the Government and his wide and extensive associations within
the United States and abroad that whatever the Senator's Committee did concerning
[] should be done with a great deal of preliminary spadework so that
if and when the Committee moved into the open it would have substantive facts
upon which to predicate its action. The Senator said he shared these views also.

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The Senator then stated there was ~~NOT~~ RECORDED which he
wanted to discuss with me and that was the action that he MAILED 12/1/53. Should
take incident to the activities of William Greenough, who publishes a newspaper
in Las Vegas and who has a rather unsavory reputation. The Senator stated that
some little time ago Greenough had printed in his Las Vegas paper very large

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allegations reflecting upon the moral character of Senator McCarthy. He stated that Greenspan had sent copies of this article to members of the Senate and to other persons outside of the Senate and he, Senator McCarthy, was undecided as to whether he should initiate a libel suit against Greenspan.

I suggested to the Senator that while the attack was vicious and libelous, any suit instituted would probably make the matter privileged and it would be carried throughout the country, whereas the original article by Greenspan has only had a very narrow circulation. I suggested that the Senator might wish to consider the desirability of having Senator Jenner's Committee call Greenspan before it to inquire into his activities because it is a fact that his past associations have not only been in the criminal field but to some extent in the subversive field and, incident to that appearance before the Jenner Committee, while Greenspan is under oath, he might be questioned concerning the basis for the allegations made in the libelous article printed about Senator McCarthy and whether it was part of a Communist plot to smear the personal character of the Senator. Senator McCarthy stated that this was an angle he had not considered but thought it was well worth while exploring.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 31, 1953

Director, FBI

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This is to advise that Senator Joseph McCarthy contacted the Bureau on July 28, 1953, and requested that he be furnished with any public information which could be made available concerning the editor of the newspaper in Las Vegas, Nevada, namely, Henry Greenspun.

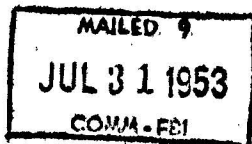
A check of the FBI Identification Division disclosed the attached fingerprint record, FBI Number 290474A. A copy of this fingerprint record was furnished to Senator McCarthy on July 29, 1953.

Attachment

1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General (With attachment)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BELMONT
 FROM : D. M. Ladd
 SUBJECT: HENRY GREENSPUN

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Senator Joseph McCarthy called and requested that he be furnished with any public information which could be made available concerning the editor of the newspaper in Las Vegas, Nevada, namely, Henry Greenspun. He stated he had been convicted of smuggling, as best he could find out.

A check with the Identification Division reflects the attached record, FBI #290474A. It is suggested a copy of this be furnished to Senator McCarthy and that a memorandum be prepared to the Attorney General, with a copy to Mr. Rogers, telling them of the request and of the action taken.

Attachment

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Memo to AG
 cc Rogers
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-97007)

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (74-36)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, Plaintiff
v. PATRICK A. MC CARRAN, et al,
Defendants;
CIVIL ACTION No. 1002, USDC,
Carson City, Nevada
PERJURY

DATE: 9/23/53

In the above entitled action a transcript of testimony and a transcript of hearing on Motion for a Preliminary Injunction were obtained and are presently being retained in the Salt Lake City Bulky Exhibit file.

The Bureau by letter dated 12/15/52 advised no further investigation had been requested by the Department of Justice and this case was closed.

UACB, within 30 days from the date of this letter the bulky exhibits will be destroyed.

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Sun, Plaintiff v. Patrick A. McCarran, etal
Defendants; CIVIL ACTION No. 1002, USDC,
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Date Property Acquired: 7/23/52

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1. Transcript of testimony in above civil action
2. Hearing on Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE September 24, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF
SENATOR McCARRAN IN REGARD TO
KICKBACKS FROM EMPLOYEES

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Belmont
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There is attached for your approval a memorandum to the Deputy Attorney General with copies to Assistant Attorney General Olney requesting that the Bureau be informed as to the action desired in connection with this matter.

This is the matter which was brought to the Bureau's attention by a July 31, 1953, memorandum from [redacted] to the Attorney General, in which was set forth information to the effect that on July 28, [redacted] advised [redacted] that Herman Greenspun, owner of the Las Vegas "Sun" had in his possession documentary proof that Senator McCarran was receiving kickbacks from two of his employees. According to [redacted] July 31st memorandum, [redacted] was reluctant to furnish this information to the Bureau. [redacted] suggested to [redacted] that he telephone Greenspun concerning this matter. [redacted] in his memorandum, stated he had no intention of calling Greenspun. Copies of [redacted] July 31, 1953, memorandum were furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and to Assistant Attorney General Olney by memorandum dated July 31, 1953, with the request that the Bureau be advised if the Department desired investigation be conducted concerning this matter.

By memorandum dated August 7, 1953, the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Olney were furnished with a summary of the information of our files concerning [redacted]. Our files revealed that Flock had an unsavory reputation and has been described by informants as a "stool pigeon" and "a fixer, political leech and a fellow who will do anything for a buck." By memorandum dated August 27, 1953, [redacted] were followed for advice as to whether or not investigation was desired in this case. To date, the Department has not replied to our July 31 and August 27 memoranda.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney be followed for advice as to the action desired in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI, SALT LAKE CITY 12/19/53

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DIRECTOR, FBI

HERMAN GREENSPUN, AKA. HANK; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

GREENSPUN, PUBLISHER, LAS VEGAS SUN, DAILY NEWSPAPER, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,

PRINTED IN HIS EDITORIAL ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER NINETEENTH INSTANT, THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "WESTBROOK PEGLER IS A COMMUNIST".. HE STATED HE

COULD NOT ESTABLISH THESE CHARGES BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE BUT HE COULD

SUBSTANTIATE IT BY THE SAME METHODS EMPLOYED BY PEGLER IN PROVING ALL THE

"LYING SMEARS" HE MAKES AGAINST THE CHARACTER HE IS ORDERED TO BLACKEN.

HE USES THE TECHNIQUE WHICH "IS UNIQUE TO ALL LYING DEMAGOGUES KNOWN AS

GUILT DASH BY DASH ASSOCIATION". PEGLER IS "EVIDENTLY TRYING TO PUT THE

INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT AND THE FBI ON MY TRAIL BY PRINTING THESE WILD

ACCUSATIONS". IT IS NOTED PEGLER RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN HIS

COLUMN REGARDING GREENSPUN, ACCUSING THE LATTER OF POCKETING ONE HUNDRED

THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ONE INSTANCE AND HAVING RECEIVED PAYMENT OF ONE MILLION

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS THROUGH A BANK IN SWITZERLAND IN ANOTHER

TRANSACTION. "IF THIS BE HIS PURPOSE, THEN I AM SORRY TO DISAPPOINT THIS

DRUNKEN BUM". "ANY MAN WHO HAS PRINTED THE STORIES I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT

POWERFUL GOVERNMENT FIGURES LIKE MC CARTHY AND MC CARRAN, HAS BEEN CHECKED

AND DOUBLE CHECKED AND GUMSHOED AND SPIED UPON AND PUT TO THE INQUISITORIAL

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
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RACK MORE THAN ONCE. NO RUSSIAN SPY HAS RUN THE GAMUT OR BEEN SCREENED MORE THAN I AND THE WORST THAT COULD BE FOUND IS THAT I PULLED THE HAIR OF A CUTE LITTLE BLONDE WHO SAT IN FRONT OF ME IN THE THIRD GRADE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN NEW HAVEN. AND I'M NOT BEING FACETIOUS. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE MC CARTHY AND MC CARRAN COMMITTEES HAVE CHECKED ME SINCE THE DAY I WAS BORN AND MY FATHER AND MY GRANDFATHER BEFORE ME. I COULD HAVE SAVED THE GOVERNMENT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN INVESTIGATIVE WORK. ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS ASK ME AND ANYTHING I' WOULD HAVE TOLD THEM WOULDN'T HAVE DEVIATED ONE IOTA FROM WHAT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS SHOW, WHICH IS EXACTLY NOTHING." "BY EMPLOYING THE SAME TECHNIQUE AS PEGLER USES, I CAN INCONTROVERTIBLY PROVE THAT PEGLER IS AS RED AS STALIN AND AS TRAITEROUS AS THE SPIES WHO GAVE OUR ATOMIC SECRETS TO THE RUSSIANS. AND THE STRANGEST PART OF THIS GUILT DASH BY DASH ASSOCIATION TECHNIQUE IS THAT PEGLER CAN BE PROVEN BAD THROUGH HIS ASSOCIATION WITH J. EDGAR HOOVER. AMAZING, ISN'T IT, BUT THAT IS HOW THIS GUILT DASH BY DASH ASSOCIATION OPERATES." "THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT INFORMATION FOR PEGLER'S RANTINGS AND RAVINGS ARE SUPPLIED TO HIM FROM THE RAW FILES OF THE FBI. THE TAXES WHICH DECENT AMERICANS PAY TO DEFRAY THE COST OF GOVERNMENT AND THE UPKEEP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS SUBVERTED BY THE LEADERS OF THESE AGENCIES TO FEED POISON UNVERIFIED, UNSUBSTANTIATED INFORMATION TO THE MC CARTHYS, MC CARRANS, AND PEGLIERS TO BE INJECTED INTO THE

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~~INTO THE~~ CAMPAIGNS OF FEAR, HATRED, AND CONFUSION WHICH IS NOW SWEEPING THE COUNTRY." "I DO NOT HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THOSE WHO FALL ON THEIR KNEES AND FACE EAST EVERY TIME THE NAME OF J. EDGAR HOOVER IS MENTIONED. I DID HAVE RESPECT FOR THE MAN UNTIL HE CHOSE TO ENTER THE POLITICAL ARENA. IN SO DOING, HE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO CRITICISM WHICH IS NORMALLY THE LOT OF ANYONE POLITICALLY CONTROVERSIAL." "HOOVER NOW APPEARS TO BE VERY BUDDY DASH BUDDY WITH JOE MC CARTHY. AFTER VISITING WITH EACH OTHER IN A HOTEL AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA, FOR A FEW DAYS, J. EDGAR EMERGED AND ISSUED A STATEMENT QUOTE MC CARTHY IS A SINCERE, HONEST, AND CONSCIENTIOUS AMERICAN UNQUOTE. I MAY BE MISTAKEN AS TO ONE OF THE ADJECTIVES BUT THE TENOR OF HIS STATEMENT IS EXPRESSED HERE." "IF HOOVER DID THE INVESTIGATIVE WORK WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO SUCH A CONCLUSION, HE BELONGS WITH THE QUOTE KEYSTONE COPS UNQUOTE OF A MACK SENNETT COMEDY FAME INSTEAD OF HEAD OF THE NATION'S SECURITY." "A GUMSHOE WITH HALF A BRAIN SHOULD KNOW THAT MC CARTHY IS A FRAUD, CHEAT, LYER, AND CROOK. THE FULL ACCOUNT OF MC CARTHY'S CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES IS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTED REPORT OF THE SENATE SUB COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS WHICH TOOK OVER A YEAR TO COMPILE, AND WHICH WAS TURNED OVER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BY THE COMMITTEE FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. AND, WHILE THE EVIDENCE WAS SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, ITS CHIEF, J. EDGAR HOOVER, VOUCHES FOR MC CARTHY'S HONESTY AND LOYALTY." "HOOVER HAD THE

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INFORMATION OF HARRY DEXTER WHITE'S DISLOYALTY AS FAR BACK AS NINETEEN THIRTY NINE. IF HE KNEW THAT PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS CODDLING COMMUNISTS AND PLACING RUSSIAN SPIES IN HIGH GOVERNMENT SENSITIVE POSITIONS, WHY DIDN'T HE NOTIFY THE COUNTRY THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS DISLOYAL AND WAS PLAYING RUSSIA'S GAME? WHY DID HOOVER WAIT UNTIL THE RUSSIANS GOT THE A BOMB AND OTHER MILITARY SECRETS BEFORE NOTIFYING THE COUNTRY OF THE DANGER. THE COUNTRY IS ON FIRE AND THE HEAD OF THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY WAITS EIGHT YEARS BEFORE CALLING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. WHAT KIND OF PATRIOTISM DOES THIS MAN HAVE?"

"EDITOR'S NOTE: HANK RUNS ON FOR QUITE A WHILE LONGER ON THIS SUBJECT, AND DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, WE MUST PULL THE BRAKES AND CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL MONDAY." THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED TO MR. L. B. NICHOLS BY TELEPHONE NINETEENTH INSTANT. I DOUBT THE ADVISABILITY OF DIGNIFYING THE DIATRIBE OF GREENSPUN IN A SMALL NEWSPAPER OWNED BY HIM WITH PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. ANY ADDITIONAL ARTICLES WILL BE SENT IN PROMPTLY. NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN UACB.

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*I agree. Greenspun is so
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cc: Mr. Nichols*

*K-*Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: January 25, 1954

FROM : F. L. Price

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN;
JOHN MITCHELL HENSHAW
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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A memorandum from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated December 31, 1953, reflects that John Henshaw (a former "leg man" for columnist Drew Pearson, whose reliability heretofore has been questioned, and who was arrested on December 7, 1932, charged with false pretenses and was released on bond the same date at the Washington, D. C., Jail--no disposition shown) came to Mr. Nichols' office on December 29, 1953, and furnished information to the effect that Benny Binion (who was convicted of a Federal Income Tax violation and sentenced December 14, 1953, to serve five years and pay a \$20,000 fine; also sentenced December 17, 1953, State Court, Texas, to serve four years on exhibiting of gambling paraphernalia in Texas, sentence to run concurrently with Federal sentence) paid the law firm of Bill Roberts in Washington, D. C., \$10,000. This, however, was a blind and was a means of interesting Roberts and McInnis in handling the Herman Greenspun case against Senator Pat McCarran.

Henshaw also reported that [] is presently working on another book on Senator McCarthy. He also informed that [] who works for Greenspun, told Henshaw that [] (former Bureau agent) is now teaming up with Greenspun and [] and Greenspun is arranging for [] to make a series of speaking engagements throughout the State of Nevada.

Henshaw stated that [] has a deep hatred for Senator McCarran and that [] has some grievance against the Bureau.

On January 18, 1954, [] Health, Education and Welfare Department, and former FBI National Academy graduate, informed that Henshaw visited him in his room three weeks ago and related that he, Henshaw, had worked for Greenspun at Las Vegas. Henshaw stated that Greenspun was "after" Senators McCarthy and McCarran and that the Director (FBI) was "next on the list." [] said that Henshaw did not elaborate on the proposed attack on the Director by Greenspun, but [] received the impression that Henshaw and [] would "work it up" provided that Greenspun furnished the funds.

Attachment *part 1-26-54*
cc: Mr. Nichols

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[] said Henshaw commented that [] had arranged for an interview with Senator Jenner in behalf of [] (the movie star) when the latter was under deportation proceedings. However, Henshaw had previously told Mr. Nichols that the interview was with Senator Langer.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum, if approved, be forwarded to the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General summarizing the information furnished by Henshaw and []

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: PAT MCCARRAN

DATE: Dec. 31, 1953

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John Henshaw came in to see me on December 29, 1953. He rambled somewhat; however, the following items would be of interest.

Benny Binion paid a law firm of Bill Roberts here in Washington ten thousand dollars. This, however, was a blind and was a means of interesting [redacted] in handling the Herman Greenspun case against Senator Pat McCarran. [redacted] got a fee of twenty-five thousand dollars for handling the anti-trust case against McCarran. Henshaw stated that [redacted] is money mad and has really been raking in the money. As an illustration, Henshaw stated that he got two thousand dollars merely for going down with [redacted] when [redacted] appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] also represented Lieutenant Roth in the Amerasia case. [redacted] and various other individuals associated with Drew Pearson promoted [redacted] as [redacted] and [redacted] as [redacted] although Henshaw states that they will wake up some day and find that [redacted] owns the whole outfit.

[redacted] is presently working on another book on Senator McCarthy. Henshaw stated they have a very novel means of raising money. Contributions are being sought for an anti-McCarthy campaign. Contributions go to the Unitarian Association in Boston as a tax-exempt foundation, and the contributions are then earmarked by the donor for specific projects. [redacted] is hoping to get a grant of money to carry on investigation for his new book on McCarthy as a part of the anti-McCarthy campaign.

[redacted] is doing a lot of work in Washington for Herman Greenspun. He is now with Judge Mayock, formerly was with the Democratic National Committee. [redacted] told Henshaw that [redacted] is now teaming up with Greenspun and [redacted] and Greenspun is arranging for [redacted] to make a series of speaking engagements throughout the State of Nevada before various Kiwanis Clubs and the like. [redacted] is also going to have his oil drilling rig in Oklahoma moved out to Nevada and start drilling on land acquired by Greenspun. Greenspun's oil company is known as Intermountain Associates.

Morgan also has a client who is seeking to buy a motel in Las Vegas, who claimed he was going to put some \$800,000 in this motel.

cc: Mr. [redacted]
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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

Henshaw stated that in a recent conversation with [redacted] Henshaw told [redacted] that it was too bad that Stevenson was not elected, as [redacted] under Stevenson. [redacted] would not admit or deny this, but did say that Stevenson had called [redacted] and arranged for [redacted] to go out to Wisconsin and speak against McCarthy as [redacted] had tried to get someone to answer McCarthy with negative results.

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Henshaw stated that he talked to [redacted] before going out to Las Vegas recently to work for Greenspun and [redacted] told him to do it. Henshaw asked [redacted] about Greenspun's conviction and [redacted] laughed this down and stated Greenspun was a national hero in Israeli.

Henshaw stated that [redacted] has a deep hatred on for Senator Pat McGarran and also Henshaw stated there is some grievance which [redacted] has against the Bureau, that the people in the Bureau will be very pleasant to him on a face-to-face basis but then knife him in the back. I told Henshaw, knowing full well anything I said would go right back to [redacted] that one of our greatest disappointments has been the manner in which [redacted] let the Bureau down; that, after all, the Director had groomed [redacted] for years, had given him breaks and thought well of [redacted] personally, and apparently some place along the line, [redacted] had completely forgotten his Bureau training; that he sought to trade on the Bureau and that he did not do it on an up-and-up basis.

Henshaw is very bitter toward [redacted] in the Department primarily because he claims [redacted] projected himself into the [redacted] case as Bienvu testified that Henshaw had come to him, [redacted] and inquired about [redacted] representing the Dutch government as well as Polish missions. He had written about a fifteen page letter to the Attorney General which [redacted] told him not to send as it would only get him in trouble. He offered to give me the letter and not wanting it on our doorstep, I told him this was a matter not within our jurisdiction and that I did not know of anything we could do on this.

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The Attorney General

January 25, 1954

Director, FBI

HENRY MILTON GREENSPAN;
JOHN MITCHELL HENSHAW
INFORMATION CONTINUING

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I wanted to furnish you with the following information which has come to my attention which may be of interest to you.

On December 29, 1953, John Henshaw (a former "leg man" for columnist Drew Pearson, whose reliability heretofore has been questioned, and who was arrested on December 7, 1952, charged with false pretenses and was released on bond the same date at the Washington, D. C., Jail--no disposition shown) voluntarily appeared at this Bureau and furnished the following information:

Benny Binion paid the law firm of Roberts and Melnick the sum of \$10,000. This, however, was a blind and was a means of interesting Roberts and Melnick in handling the Herman Greenspan case against Senator Pat McCarran. (Benny Binion, whose true name is Benjamin L. Binion, was a former gambler from Dallas, Texas, who operated in Las Vegas, Nevada. Binion was convicted of a Federal income tax violation and sentenced on December 14, 1953, in the United States District Court, San Antonio, Texas, to serve five years and pay a \$20,000 fine and was placed on probation for three years after completion of sentence. He was also sentenced in Dallas County, Texas, State District Court No. 2, on December 17, 1953, to serve four years, which sentence was to be served concurrently with the previous Federal sentence. The state charge against Binion was the owning and exhibiting of gambling paraphernalia in Dallas, Texas.) (62-97749)

[redacted] got a fee of \$25,000 for handling the anti-trust case against McCarran. Henshaw stated that [redacted] is money mad and has really been raking in the money. As an illustration, Henshaw stated that he got \$2,000 merely for going down with

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[redacted] when [redacted] appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] also represented Lieutenant Roth in the Larcenia case. [redacted] and various other individuals associated with Drew Pearson promoted [redacted] and [redacted] although Henshaw states that they will wake up some day and find that Roberts owns the whole outfit.

In addition, Henshaw furnished the following information:

[redacted] is presently working on another book on Senator McCarthy. Henshaw stated that they have a very novel way of raising money. Contributions are being sought for an anti-McCarthy campaign. Contributions go to the Unitarian Association in Boston as a tax-exempt foundation, and the contributions are then earmarked by the donor for specific projects. [redacted] is hoping to get a grant of money to carry on an investigation for his new book on McCarthy as a part of the anti-McCarthy campaign.

[redacted] is doing a lot of work in Washington for Herman Greenspan. He is now with Judge Keyock, formerly with the Democratic National Committee. [redacted] told Henshaw that Ed Morgan (Edward P. Morgan, a former special agent of this Bureau) is now teaming up with Greenspan and Block, and Greenspan is arranging for Morgan to make a series of speaking engagements throughout the State of Nevada before various Elmanis Clubs and the like. Morgan is also going to have his oil drilling rig in Oklahoma moved out to Nevada and start drilling on land acquired by Greenspan. Greenspan's oil company is known as the Intermountain Associates. [redacted] of the Department forwarded a memorandum dated July 31, 1953, to me. In this memorandum [redacted] informed that [redacted] came to his office to initiate action to investigate Senator McCarthy in regard to receiving kickbacks from two of his employees. [redacted] stated that documentary proof of this allegation in the form of affidavits is in the possession of H. Greenspan, owner and editor of the "Las Vegas Sun." On August 7, 1953, we furnished Mr. William F. Rogers a memorandum setting forth the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding [redacted]. We forwarded a memorandum to Mr. William F. Rogers on August 27, 1953.

requesting that we be advised as to what action the Department desired in connection with this matter. By memorandum dated September 25, 1953, Mr. William F. Rogers advised that no investigation of this matter be made in that [redacted] refused to furnish the alleged documentary proof of his charges against Senator McCarran, and that a review of [redacted] past personal activity indicates that he is an individual with a bad reputation and of doubtful credibility.) (62-100063)

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Henshaw stated that in a recent conversation with Morgan, [redacted] told Morgan that it was too bad that Stevenson was not elected as Morgan would have been the Attorney General under Stevenson. Morgan would not admit or deny this, but did say that Stevenson had called Morgan and arranged for Morgan to go out to Wisconsin and speak against McCarthy, as Mitchell had tried to get someone to counter McCarthy with negative results. Henshaw stated that he talked to Morgan before going out to Las Vegas recently to work for Greenspan, and Morgan told him to do it. Henshaw asked Morgan about Greenspan's conviction and Morgan laughed this down and stated Greenspan was a national hero in Israel.

Henshaw stated that Morgan has a deep hatred for Senator Pat McCarran, and also Henshaw related that there is some grievance that Morgan has against this Bureau.

Henshaw is very bitter toward Leonard Bienvanu in the Department primarily because he claims Bienvanu projected himself into the [redacted] case as [redacted] testified that Henshaw had come to him, [redacted] and inquired about [redacted] representing the Dutch Government as well as Polish Missions. [redacted] was a former Assistant Attorney General in the Department assigned to the Lands Division from 1939 until November 30, 1944, when he was removed from office on the basis of insubordination and disloyalty to the Attorney General. On March 25, 1949, the Department requested that we conduct an investigation to determine if [redacted] acted as an agent of the Dutch Government within the meaning of the Foreign Agents' Registration Act. A copy of the report of the results of our investigation was furnished to the Department on August 4, 1949.) (97-2954)

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On January 18, 1954, a confidential informant of unknown reliability, who is an investigator for another Federal agency, furnished the following information to our Washington Field Office:

About three weeks ago Randow related to this informant that he had recently returned from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he had worked for one Greenbaum whom he described as the owner of a newspaper in the Vegas (believed identical with Herman Allen Greenbaum, editor and publisher of the "Las Vegas Sun," Las Vegas, Nevada). Randow stated on this occasion that Greenbaum was "a poor" Senator McCarthy and Senator Stevenson, and that the Greenbaum (PML) was "next on the list." Randow advised the informant that he had returned to Washington, D. C., in order to obtain some material for Greenbaum concerning Senator McCarthy. The informant related that on this occasion Randow said that he had been working for [redacted] when Randow described as having been placed in the office of an attorney by the name of [redacted]. Randow further asserted [redacted] as an attorney who had recently been the subject of a tax fraud investigation, and who allegedly turned over fees to the National Democratic Party. Randow testified by innuendo that he obtained information for Black who thereafter transmitted it to Greenbaum. The informant stated that Randow did not elaborate concerning the proposed attack on the Director by Greenbaum. Randow did not mention the manner in which the attack would be made; however, the informant received the impression that Randow and [redacted] would "work it up" provided that Greenbaum furnished the funds.

Randow also told the informant that he, Randow, had recently examined a file at the Internal Revenue Service concerning a tax evasion matter that had appeared in the newspapers. Randow stated that the newspapers indicated the issue had been settled for one million dollars, but a review of the file indicated that it had been settled for considerably less. The informant inquired if the file was available to the public and Randow replied in the affirmative. Randow later indicated to the informant that occasionally information was picked up by newspapermen when it was left lying around. It is the informant's impression that Randow surreptitiously obtained the file.

The informant stated that Henshaw commented that [redacted] had arranged for an interview with Senator William F. Jenner on behalf of [redacted] (the movie star) when the latter was under deportation proceedings. According to Henshaw, a reservation at Union Station Plaza Hotel was made for [redacted] (the movie actress) by [redacted]. It is to be noted that Henshaw had previously told this Bureau that the arranged interview in behalf of [redacted] was with Senator Langer.

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The informant stated that Henshaw is being sued for divorce by his wife, and in his opinion, is an opportunist who would do anything for money.

cc: (2) Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

NOTE: The informant in this case is [redacted]
[redacted] Health, Education and Welfare Department,
a former police officer and a 1940 graduate of the FBI
National Academy.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 18, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
(Las Vegas, Nevada)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(WFO 62-)

JOHN M. HENSHAW
(Washington, D. C.)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(WFO 62-)

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
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Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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(Las Vegas, Nevada)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(WFO 62-)

RE: JOHN M. HENSHAW
(Washington, D. C.)
INFORMATION CONCERNING
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January 14, 1954

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Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of
January 13, 1954, enclosing the Las Vegas Sun
column of January 8 by Hank Greenspun.

In order to get a ruling on this column
as to whether or not it contains any facts which
might be a violation of Federal law, I have referred
it to the attention of the Department. I frankly do
not see any violation within our preliminary juris-
diction. It certainly was a scurrilous attack.

With best wishes and kind regards,

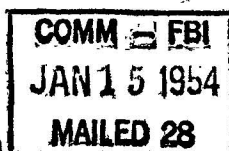
Sincerely,

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CC - Mr. Ladd

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January 13, 1954

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 Miss Gandy

PATRICK (PAT) MCCARTHY

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Enclosed is a copy of an article by Hank Greenspun
 of Las Vegas, Nevada.

You will note that he is either threatening murder
 or advising murder. Whether this violates any federal law,
 I frankly offhand don't know. It is merely being submitted
 to you for what it is worth.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

JOE MCCARTHY

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WHERE I STAND

By HANK GREENSPUN

I've never been one to make predictions but when a thing is inevitable, even I can foresee the future.

Sen. Joe McCarthy has to come to a violent end. Huey Long's death will be serene and peaceful compared with the demise of the sadistic bum from Wisconsin.

Live by the sword and you die by the sword! Destroy people and they in turn must destroy you! The chances are that McCarthy will eventually be laid to rest at the hands of some poor innocent slob whose reputation and life he has destroyed through his well-established smear technique.

The poor victim will feel he has little left to live for, so he'll get a gun and blast Joe to Hades. It might be a bit messy but Joe is used to messiness. He has created enough of it.

Really, I'm against Joe getting his head blown off, not because I do not believe in capital punishment or because he does not have it coming, but I would hate to see some simpleton get the chair for such a public service as getting rid of McCarthy.

It would be more befitting the dignity of Joe's position in society if he leaped from a 29-story building as one of his predecessors, Marion A. Zionchek, did two decades ago. The insane congressman from the state of Washington, and the Mad senator from the state of Wisconsin had a great deal in common—namely, softening of the brain.

Joe's Republican buddies plus some Democratic opponents have decided to cut his appropriations off if he doesn't get out of the Red-hunting racket. They object to his stealing the headlines at the expense of other investigating phonies in the congress.

Even his comrade in pilfering the United States treasury, Sen. Pat McCarran thinks it's time Joe was cut down to size. Most likely, the McCarran statement will earn a retort from McCarthy, and if I can add any fuel to the fire, I would like to suggest that the ideal situation would be for McCarran and McCarthy to investigate each other. The results must end in a dead heat. Both must wind up in the penitentiary.

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from a source very close to McCarthy—in fact one of his investigators—has tipped me off to a possible investigation that McCarthy intends to conduct and in which he thinks I can be involved.

I would like to save the senator from Wisconsin some effort and money, purely in the interests of the taxpayer who must foot the bills for these personal investigations.

I am as innocent as a new born lamb; and if I were not, I would be the first to admit it, because there is nothing bad he can say about me that others haven't already said and more forcefully. I'm ready to plead guilty to anything, but does this excuse the disreputable pervert from answering for his crimes against society?

I would like to refer McCarthy to his colleague, Sen. Pat McCarran, for advice before he starts his probe. McCarran investigated me until his senile old brain turned to jelly, and he couldn't come up with anything. I've been interrogated by the Post Office department, Internal Revenue bureau, F.B.I., P.D.Q., O.G.P.U., and all the other alphabetical agencies of government, and they all left talking to themselves.

Even Westbrook (I see snakes in my typewriter) Pegler, thinks I am a model citizen; that is, compared to some of the other figures he writes about; like Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Ike Eisenhower.

Westbrook was supposed to do a job on me on orders from McCarran. In fact, Pat had one of his senatorial colleagues insert one of Pegler's columns in the Congressional Record, telling what a snake I am and what a fine man McCarran is.

In senate circles, the Pegler column about McCarran is known as Pegler's fable. The Pegler strategy backfired because my column on him was also inserted in the Congressional Record and if I admit it myself, I out-Peglered "Poison Pen" himself.

McCarran, also fared badly, because his efforts to link me with the underworld only showed up his own affiliations with the criminal element; and his deposition, taken in connection with The Sun's anti-trust suit, forever on file with the Federal court, tells the whole sordid story.

Save your strength, McCarthy, for someone much more vulnerable than I. Nevertheless, summons from any of your committees will bring me posthaste to Washington. I wouldn't mind traveling at government expense every time I visit friends, the way the McCarrans and McCarthys do.

The only condition I make is that the hearings be televised so the world can know the type of immoral scoundrel who represents the state of Wisconsin. I have the facts to expose you, which is more than the McCarthy investigators can boast they have against me.

You even can dispense with serving a subpoena, Joe! Just send airplane fare. I'd even pay my own expenses, if I had a crack at the federal treasury for as many years as you have had. This challenge is being mailed to you today!

DIRECTOR, FBI

January 18, 1954

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HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
(Las Vegas, Nevada)
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(WFO 62-)

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Mr. Warren Olney III
Assistant Attorney General
Director, FBI

January 14, 1954

HANK GREENSPUN

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Senator Joseph McCarthy dated January 13, 1954, transmitting a column written by Hank Greenspun which appeared in the Las Vegas Sun on January 8, 1954. Senator McCarthy inquires as to whether the column violates a Federal law. I have advised the Senator that I was referring the column to the Department for a legal ruling, although I did not think that there was any violation within the FBI's basic jurisdiction.

A copy of this memorandum is being directed to Mr. Daniel Lyons, the Pardon Attorney, inasmuch as Mr. Greenspun was a recent applicant for a Restoration of Civil Rights which I understand is now pending in Mr. Lyons' office.

Attachment

cc - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc - Mr. Daniel M. Lyons
Pardon Attorney

cc - Mr. Ladd

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
JOHN MITCHELL HENSHAW -
Information Concerning

February 2, 1954

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SI-017-46

Your memorandum of January 25, 1954, directed to the Attorney General, has been forwarded to this office. We note that it contains information given to the Bureau at Washington on December 29, 1953, by John Henshaw relative to Herman Milton Greenspun.

Your memorandum contains interesting data, and we thank you for calling the matter to our attention.

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February 2, 1954

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Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

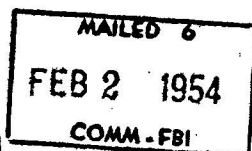
^{2/11/54} With further reference to your letter of January 13th and my reply of January 14th regarding the Hank Greenspun column which appeared in the Las Vegas Sun of January 8, 1954, as I advised you, I referred the matter to the Criminal Division of the Department for a ruling.

^{2/11/54} I am now in receipt of an opinion of Mr. Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, that the article does not constitute a violation of a Federal statute. Mr. Olney concluded, "It is difficult to interpret this article so as to read a threat to murder or advice to murder into it. It seems to be more in the nature of prophecy."

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

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cc - Mr. Ladd

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: January 12, 1954

FROM : Warren Olney III
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal DivisionSUBJECT: HANK GREENSPUN

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 11, 1954, with which you enclosed a copy of an article from the Las Vegas Sun under the byline of this subject. This was referred to you by Senator McCarthy, and you now request advice as to whether the contents of this column constitute a violation of Federal law.

It is difficult to interpret this article so as to read a threat to murder or advice to murder into it. It seems to be more in the nature of prophecy.

However, threats generally are not covered by Federal criminal statutes, and punishment therefor is within the jurisdiction of the States. Threats to injure the person of another, and transmitted in interstate commerce, are covered by 18 U.S.C. 875. The mailing of a threatening communication is an offense under 18 U.S.C. 876, and when mailed from a foreign country it becomes an offense under 18 U.S.C. 877.

We do not believe this article will come within any of these Federal statutes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *W. B. D.*DATE: February 4, 1954 *or*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *Senator J. R. McCarthy*
Joseph McCarthy *UC*

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While in Senator McCarran's office today, Eva Adams gave me the attached columns of Hank Greenspun appearing in the Las Vegas Sun for February 1 and 2, 1954. Your particular attention is directed to the references to Senator McCarthy charging him with being a secret Communist and a sex deviate. Miss Adams informed me that Senator McCarthy had referred one column to the Post Office Department. The Post Office Department had advised McCarthy that they were referring the matter to the United States Attorney as there appeared to be a violation of the postal laws and regulations. She gave me a copy of the letter to McCarthy from P. H. Stephens, Chief Post Office Inspector, which is attached.

You will recall we referred the same column by Greenspun to Olney who replied this did not constitute a violation of the Federal law. We so advised McCarthy. I have no doubt that there may be some repercussions on this at some future date; however, I do not see any obligation on our part to call this to the attention of the Department.

Attachments

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont

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P. O. Dept. Chief P. O. Inspector 1/29/54

Hon. J. R. McCarthy

Dear Sen:

This has reference to my letter of 1/26/54 regarding an article by Hank Greenspun in the L. V. Sun , L. V. Nev. which you submitted to the P.M. General on 1/13/54.

The acting solicitor for this Department has expressed the opinion that the article is considered a violation of Sec. 36.2, Postal Laws and Regulations, 1948 (18 U.S.C. 1461). Therefore, the matter will be presented to the U. S. Attorney at Reno, Nevada, for consideration of instituting criminal action. Attention will also be given to whether the second-class mail privilege enjoyed by the Las Vegas Sun should be revoked.

I shall be pleased to keep you informed of the developments.

Sincerely,

S/ P. H. Stephens
Chief Post Office Inspector.

ENCLOSURE

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WHERE I STAND

by HANK GREENSPUN

Is McCarthy really a secret Communist?

It cannot be denied that McCarthy has been shouting louder than anyone else against the Communists. Yet for all his shouting, he has not uncovered a single Communist who wasn't already known to the FBI.

McCarthy has been showered with greenbacks from well-wishers; he has collected fabulous contributions from right-wing millionaires; he extorted from the taxpayers the largest appropriation ever spent on a Congressional investigation. All this money was supposedly invested to help him hunt Communists. He was armed with subpoena power, deluged with tips and leads. Yet, after four years of investigating, he hasn't come up with a single new Communist.

But if McCarthy has done the Communists no real harm, has he helped their cause? He has been undermining the democratic processes and subverting American values. Does this help Communism? He has been stirring neighbor against neighbor, sowing seeds of suspicion, spreading confusion and hysteria.

Has he played into Communist hands? The Communist strategy, as any expert can tell you, is to divide and conquer. They hope to inflame labor against capital, Jew against Gentile, Protestant against Catholic, white against black. They preach hate and fear and suspicion. Their blueprint for revolution is to disorganize the populace, paralyze the government; then take over with a strong-disciplined minority.

The Communists do a lot of shouting, just like McCarthy. They shout about civil rights, about the down-trodden Negro, about slum clearance. But there are no civil rights in Russia; they don't care about the Negro except to use him; and they secretly delight in slums, which are the cesspools of Communism. Likewise the Communists shout against McCarthy, but they are no more sincerely anti-McCarthy than they are sincerely pro-civil rights.

Herbert Philbrick, the FBI counter-spy who rose higher in the Communist party than did Whitaker Chambers, Louis Budenz, Elizabeth Bentley, among other, has this to say about McCarthy: "According to leaders of the Communist Party, McCarthy has helped them a great deal. The kind of attacks he has made do three things the comrades like. They add greatly to the confusion, putting up a smoke screen for the party and making it more difficult than ever for people to discern just who is a Communist and who is not; they make the Party appear a lot stronger than it is; and they do considerable damage to some of the stupid liberals whom the party hates."

Who has benefitted more than the Communists from McCarthy's attacks on the State Department? on the Army? the Voice of America? Is it only coincidence that McCarthy has heaped his strongest abuse upon the same men the Kremlin wished to discredit? — such leaders as General George Marshall, who bolstered Western Europe against Communism; ex-Secretary of State Dean Acheson, whom diplomats regarded as the greatest anti-Communist brain; Phillip Jessup, who made such a fool of Andrei Vishinsky at the United Nations that the Kremlin called him back to Moscow until McCarthy blocked Jessup's re-appointment in the Senate. McCarthy also organized a smear campaign against General Douglas MacArthur and General Dwight Eisenhower until it became politically unpopular to keep it up.

Eric Sevareid, brilliant commentator and reporter for the Columbia Broadcasting System in a speech before the School of Journalism of the University of Minnesota, said: "For the uninitiated, let me give a couple of small but typical examples of how the McCarthys can use even the best of the daily press to do their work."

When, during McCarthy's assault of innuendo against Ambassador Charles Bohlen, the press play began to go against him, he reached into his bag of tricks. He demanded — the headline word is always, "demanded," somehow — that Bohlen be subjected to a lie-detector test. Now, it was preposterously impossible that the administration, having nominated Bohlen, would subject its distinguished diplomat to any such indignity or that Bohlen would accept the indignity.

Every sensible reporter and editor in town knew this was just a McCarthy straw man, for headline purposes. Yet, as sober a paper as the Washington Star gave an eight-column banner line to this so-called "demand," which of course spread the notion among those who "read as they run" that Charles Bohlen

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might be a liar.

Again in difficulties, McCarthy and his office carefully leaked out the news that he was on his way to consult with Whitaker Chambers. This was entirely a stunt, yet so responsible a paper as the Washington Post gave it an eight-column headline, which of course spread the notion among those who read as they run that somehow Bohlen was mixed up with Alger Hiss and the now famous "Pumpkin Patch" papers and treason. And McCarthy stayed in the headlines that much longer, prolonged the agony for Bohlen and the President that much more, and spread through innuendo an evil lie that much further."

When President Eisenhower appointed Bohlen to be Ambassador to Moscow, he knew that Bohlen was the best informed man in this country on Soviet technique. The Russians feared Bohlen because he knew too much about them. The Daily Worker heaped storms of abuse upon Bohlen and Eisenhower for appointing him, yet McCarthy was the man who tried to block the Bohlen appointment in the Senate. Whose game was McCarthy playing? Was he secretly following the Communist Party line.

LAS VEGAS SUN

FEBRUARY 2, 1954

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AS VEGAS SUN FEB 1, 1954
by HANK GREENSPUN

Is Senator McCarthy really a secret Communist?

The newspapers of the country are not playing fair with the American people. There is a great deal of information which many papers possess and which is not being printed so that the people might better be in a position to realize what is taking place in the country today.

I have just returned from the capital of the United States. Conditions in Washington, D. C. indicate a definite and hurried trend toward totalitarian principles. The city is blanketed by fear. People speak in soft tones. They peer over their shoulders before expressing an opinion and government officials both high and low nervously look around the room before giving expression to their thoughts for fear the room is bugged.

It is a mood of hysteria which now has the nation's capital in its grasp. The newspapers, with few exceptions, are woefully derelict in their plain duty to inform the citizens. The press is cowed. It, too, lives in fear.

The pall on freedom which has descended on the country can be traced to one man. The person who has done more to weaken the country's security against internal subversion by intimidation, blackmail and smears is the junior senator from the state of Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy.

What is the strange hold which McCarthy has on government officials? Why does the newspaper industry, almost to a man, fear him? Why does the Gallup poll show him to be steadily rising in popularity? Who is McCarthy?

Senator McCarthy is really a secret Communist!

From out of his past, the whisper has risen like a ghost to haunt him. When I first heard it in Washington, I thought it too incredible to be true. I knew he was a sadist and a pervert and if I had only stopped to think, the answer should have been, and why not a Communist?

McCarthy has been operating through a defense mechanism caused by a guilt complex. When McCarthy started on his first large publicity campaign, he uttered a charge that the State Department was honeycombed with homosexuals. According to the senator from Wisconsin, perverts were security risks because of their susceptibility to blackmail through fear of exposure.

I always thought that McCarthy "protesteth too much" and a search of his past disclosed that he, too, was a homosexual. His tactics became clear. By leading a supposed fight against perverts in government, he could avert suspicion from himself. For anyone to say that McCarthy is a sex deviate, would bring an instant retort: "ridiculous, he is the foremost fighter against perverts."

And yet, the plain unvarnished truth is that McCarthy, by his own admission is a security risk on the grounds of homosexuality.

His next big campaign was against Reds in Government. Another phase of a defense mechanism operating through a guilt complex. And yet, the hottest rumor in Washington is that McCarthy was a Red and for all we know, might still be a secret Communist. I got the story, the hottest story in the country and here it is:

On August 11, 1951, a mysterious witness was hustled behind closed doors of the Senate Internal Security Committee. His name was Albert Levitt. He was a confessed ex-Communist, who had come to squeal on his past associates. He talked all right, but he said much more than Chairman Pat McCarran had bargained for.

Albert Levitt, the ex-Communist, testified that he had seen Joe McCarthy at Communist meetings—the same Joe McCarthy who is now pretending to lead the fight against Communism. Levitt's testimony was never made public. The secret transcript has been mysteriously removed from the committee's files. Levitt himself has disappeared.

The records show that the Committee sat during the week when this testimony was brought out. All records of the committee were preserved except the transcript for the day when Levitt made the charges.

It is not too difficult to imagine what happened to this amazing testimony since Pat McCarran and Joe McCarthy are button-hole buddies. But the important question is not so much who hushed up the story, but is it true? Was Albert Levitt telling the truth under oath?

To find the answer, I have searched McCarthy's past. It is no secret that McCarthy as a youth, was a radical left-winger. For the record, he was a New Deal Democrat. He was in charge of ticket sales for President Roosevelt's Birthday Ball in Waupaca, Wisconsin, on January 30, 1936. Seven months later, he was elected president of the Young Democratic Clubs of Wisconsin's Seventh District. He also ran as the Democratic candidate for Shawano County prosecutor.

Behind this Democratic front, however, young McCarthy had the reputation of a pinko. He was quick to take the stump and deliver bitter speeches about the "Hoover-depression." He hung around with the radical element in Waupaca. When he accepted a job in the law office of a staunch Republican in nearby Shawano, the Waupaca County Post wrote jokingly on February 20, 1936: "Just to add a dash of zest in the life of Mike Eberlier's new hired man (McCarthy), we carefully padded his brief case with a couple of copies of the New Masses, a recent edition of the Daily Worker and a vest-pocket sized Das Kapital."

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Just a few months back, McCarthy unloosed upon the country the shocking news that Fort Monmouth was a hotbed of espionage and Soviet intrigue. His committee rushed to Monmouth and held hearings for over a week. Employees were suspended indiscriminately. Some of the nation's top scientists resigned from this all-important signal corps research center because of McCarthy's smear against all who were engaged in the top-secret work.

McCarthy made the headlines of the nation, quickly dropped the investigation and went charging after some other sensitive nerve center of the government.

What are the true facts of the Fort Monmouth investigation?

After an intensive investigation by Army Intelligence, secretary of the Army Stevens, issued a statement that there was no evidence of espionage at Monmouth. It was too late, however. The place had been disorganized, scientists refused to go back to work because of the smears and innuendoes, and valuable research projects were impeded.

The truth of the McCarthy investigation of Monmouth has now been ascertained by no less an organization than the FBI. Senator McCarthy was led into making the shocking charges by a Communist agent.

He did a job for the Commies. As clever a case of sabotage by Russia as has ever been perpetrated in this country. The FBI knows the story but nothing will come of it because of possible embarrassment to McCarthy.

It was also Senator McCarthy who defended the German war criminals and accused the American Army of torturing them. The Nazi murderers who massacred American war prisoners at Malmédy were sentenced to death. On the floor of the Senate McCarthy screamed that the judges who convicted the Nazis were "morons." As for the United States officers who obtained the confessions, McCarthy demanded they be given the lie-detector test.

McCarthy's denunciations against the Americans who convicted the murderers of Malmédy kept up for several weeks, both on and off the Senate floor. The Communist press in Germany was echoing every word; mass meetings were held, and an inflamed Germany threatened riots if the convicted murderers were executed. The sentences were commuted. The murderers of American boys shot to death while their hands were tied behind their backs escaped with their lives. The victory belonged to Joe McCarthy and the German Communists.

But the amazing, little known fact is that the charges hurled by McCarthy on the Senate floor were sent to him in the first place by a German Communist.

one named Rudolf Aschenauer. McCarthy was caught red-handed in possession of a manila envelope with Aschenauer's address in the upper left corner.

The Communists needed a U.S. Senator to give the false charges respectability, so they would carry more weight in Germany. McCarthy carried out the Communist plan. He got away with it.

The Swiss police also caught a confessed Communist, by the name of Davis, working on McCarthy's payroll. When McCarthy denied any connection with Davis, the Swiss Court produced a letter from Davis to McCarthy and the records of trans-Atlantic phone conversations between the two.

So, despite McCarthy's efforts to shout it down, the whipsnail still persists: "Is Senator McCarthy really a secret Communist?"

LAS VEGAS SUN
FEBRUARY 2, 1954

(Hank Greenspun's column)

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This was a teasing reference to the fact that McCarthy's new boss didn't realize he had hired the neighboring town's leading pinko. Of course, McCarthy was able to change his political spots overnight, to adjust his policies to suit his purpose. In time, he ran the gamut from the far left to the far right. He has given voice to every philosophy under the political sun. But what are his true beliefs? Where does his allegiance lie?

Newspapers are charged with the duty of guarding the liberties and freedom of America. The United States is the haven of the free world. If a threat to our liberties is not challenged by the newspapers of the country, we, too, will join the inevitable march towards a totalitarian state. It destroyed Germany, it will prove the eventual downfall of Russia and if the present trend continues in this country, it is conceivable that we too may be in line to go the way of all dictatorships.

If other newspapers will remain silent because of fear of advertising and circulation boycotts, which has been McCarthy's methods of silencing opposition, this newspaper will do its duty.

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in the interests of freedom. Ours may be the only voice shouting in a wilderness.

I cannot expect some stupid, gullible people to believe me because there are none so blind as those who will not see. But I hope, that among the rest, if only a slight spark of understanding is kindled, the truth might nourish and grow until the flame becomes a conflagration which will consume this evil influence that has descended over our land and has caused a blight on the thinking, liberty and freedom of the people.

This series will continue daily until all the evidence I have gathered against McCarthy is brought out. His sadism, perversion and traitorous conduct will see the light of day.

I do not intend to be smart, facetious or crude because human weaknesses should not be exploited. Abnormalities of unfortunate should not be exposed to ridicule and though perversion might be tolerated among those whose lives do not affect the country's welfare, it does become a menace when these weaknesses imperil the strength of the nation.

LAS VEGAS SUN

FEBRUARY 1, 1954

(Hank Greenspun's column)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *1/10/54*

DATE: Feb. 4, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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SUBJECT:

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D.C. MCJ
 Jay Sourwine advised me that Hank Greenspun of the Las Vegas Sun in a recent column charged that [] had testified before the Internal Security Committee that Senator McCarthy was a Communist; that the record was destroyed and that [] file had disappeared. Sourwine stated that [] had never testified before the committee; that on August 10, 1951, he had written the committee stating he wanted to testify that McCarthy was a Communist; that Senator McCarran had replied the committee would listen to reliable testimony or subversive activities whenever presented but they needed to know more about the nature of his information. In September, 1951, [] showed up in Washington wanting to testify. The Senator sent a staff member over to interview [] and when the staff member got to the hotel, [] had checked out and left town. [] is a former Judge of the Virgin Islands, was a former Special Assistant to the Attorney General under a previous Republican administration and comes from Connecticut. Sourwine stated that the correspondence file on [] could not be located.

cc: Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Belmont

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Mr. S. H. Jensen
Post Office Inspector
Post Office Department
Las Vegas, Nevada

AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Jensen:

I have your letter dated February 12, 1954, concerning one Herman M. Greenspun of Las Vegas, Nevada, owner and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun newspaper, your case 10337-E.

In the absence of fingerprints, FBI number or police registry number, we are unable to effect positive identifications. On the basis of the information furnished, a search was conducted of our criminal fingerprint files and I am enclosing a copy of a record, including descriptive data, on one Herman Milton Greenspun, FBI number 290,474 A. This record may or may not pertain to the individual in whom you are interested.

Please be assured of my desire to co-operate with you in all matters of mutual interest whenever possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: Salt Lake City (with copy of incoming)
CC: Mr. Rosen (with copy of incoming)
CC: Mr. Nichols (with copy of incoming)

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Incoming letter from Post Office Inspector requesting the record on Herman M. Greenspun, Las Vegas, Nevada, owner and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun newspaper - case under investigation and will probably be given attention by the Office of the U. S. Attorney. Herman Milton Greenspun, FBI #290 474 A, USM, Los Angeles, 5/23/47, Neutrality Act, acquitted. USM, Los Angeles, 10/4/49, 18 USC 88 - fine \$10000. Record sent to Post Office Inspector included page 1, and the descriptive data, number page 2 - he did not receive the information rel to Bu flash.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER 290 474 A

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	Herman Milton Greenspun #32 148 131	5-13-41 Newark NJ		
Army	Herman Milton Greenspun #0-1548816	9-5-42 Aberdeen Proving Ground Md		
PD Las Vegas Nev	Herman M. Greenspun #A-2551	shill 12-20-47		
USM Los Angeles Calif	Herman Greenspun #21848	5-23-49	Neutrality Act	2-6-50 acquitted
USM Los Angeles Calif	Herman M. Greenspan #22291	10-4-49	18 USC 88	7-17-50 \$10000. fine
SO Las Vegas Nev	Herman Milton Greenspun #EC-242	reg Co Ord 8-7-50		
PD Las Vegas Nev	Herman M. Greenspun #F-426	reg as ex-con 8-8-50		
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	* As Herman Milton Greenspun wa, "Hank" Greenspun, any information coming to the attention of the Ident Division regarding the arrest of this individual should be referred to the Bureau, Div 6, Special Inquiry Section per inf rec BFD Los Angeles Calif their file #73-911.			

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>Description: Race: White Sex: Male Place of birth: Brooklyn, N.Y. Date of birth: August 27, 1909 Height: 6 feet Weight: 170 pounds Build: Medium Complexion: Ruddy Hair: Dark brown Eyes: Green Scars and marks: Appendectomy scar, burn scar on little finger of left hand, scar inside right thumb.</p> <p>Residence: In 1950, 315 N. 8th St., Las Vegas, Nevada Citizenship: US Company: In 1947, Las Vegas Club, city and state not given. (As on print #A-2551)</p> <p>In view of the fact that no fingerprints or identifying number, such as FBI number or police record number, accompanied your request, this Bureau cannot guarantee in any manner that this record is identical with the individual in whom you are interested.</p>			

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
INSPECTION SERVICE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR

CASE NO. 10337-E

Las Vegas, Nevada, February 12, 1954.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Identification Division,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A case presently being investigated by this Service concerns Herman M. Greenspun, of Las Vegas, Nevada, owner and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun newspaper. It is believed that Mr. Greenspun has a criminal record and inasmuch as the case under investigation will probably be given attention by the office of the United States Attorney, it is necessary to obtain information concerning Mr. Greenspun's past.

It will be appreciated if record of arrest on Herman M. Greenspun be furnished this office at the earliest practicable date.

Sincerely yours,

S. H. Jensen
S. H. Jensen,
Post Office Inspector.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. [REDACTED]
FROM : L. B. Nichols
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 22, 1954

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Eva Adams in Senator McCarran's office called to inquire whether we had seen in the paper the story about [REDACTED] having been beaten up and then calling attention to the fact that [REDACTED] with whom [REDACTED] was apparently with when attacked, was a friend of Herman Greenspun.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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Transmit the following ~~1614/1616~~ message to: BUREAU

FBI SALT LAKE CITY

4/9/54

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN, OWNER-PUBLISHER, LAS VEGAS DAILY SUN, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. INFORMATION CONCERNING: GREENSPUN INDICTED BY ^{Fed. Grand Jury} FGS, LAS VEGAS, 4/8/54 ON CHARGES OF VIOLATING SEC. 1461, TITLE 18, USC, IN THAT GREENSPUN IN A COLUMN WRITTEN BY HIM 1/8/54 SENT OUT INDECENT MATTER IN THE MAIL WHICH TENDED TO INCITE MURDER OR ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR JOSEPH McCARTHY. ^{ASS} INST ARTICLE IS QUOTED IN PART HEREIN: "LIVE BY THE SWORD AND YOU DIE BY THE SWORD! DESTROY PEOPLE AND THEY IN TURN MUST DESTROY YOU! THE CHANCES ARE THAT McCARTHY WILL EVENTUALLY BE LAID TO REST AT THE HAND OF SOME POOR INNOCENT SLOB WHOSE REPUTATION AND LIFE HE HAS DESTROYED THROUGH HIS WELL-ESTABLISHED SMEAR TECHNIQUE. THE POOR VICTIM WILL FEEL HE HAS LITTLE TO LIVE FOR, SO HE WILL GET A GUN AND BLAST JOE TO HADES. IT MIGHT BE A BIT MESSY BUT JOE IS USED TO MESSINESS. HE HAS CREATED ENOUGH OF IT".

IT IS NOTED THAT [REDACTED] ^{Fed. Grand Jury} OF THE FGS, LAS VEGAS, WHO INDICTED GREENSPUN, [REDACTED] TOGETHER WITH GREENSPUN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] GREENSPUN INFORMED FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AT LV HE WOULD APPEAR AT LV TO ANSWER THESE CHARGES ON 4/9/54.

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Special Agent in Charge
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *per DS*

DATE: April 17, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HENRY GREENSPUN

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Dan Lyons, Pardon Attorney, called. He stated an individual named [] who resides at [] had been in to see him about Henry Greenspun and the status of his application for pardon. Lyons told him that Senator Langer, who had filed Greenspun's application, had been advised that a pardon would not be granted. [] did not know this and did not think that Greenspun knew it. He characterized himself as a close personal friend of Greenspun.

I thanked Dan for letting us know.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: April 29, 1954

FROM : Mr. Price *JPB*SUBJECT: HENRY GREENSPUN
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By letter of 4/22/54, the Salt Lake City Office advised that criminal informant [redacted] on 4/15/54 advised that "Hank" Greenspun allegedly had said that he

[redacted] reported this information as originating with [redacted] in downtown Las Vegas. [redacted] told [redacted] that Greenspun made the above remarks during a conversation with [redacted]

Salt Lake City letter of 4/22/54, further advised that Greenspun has never made any request to see FBI files.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for your information.

cc: Mr. Nichols *ENC*CLG:tjp *CLG*

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The following letter was addressed to "To the Editor of the Las Vegas News, Las Vegas, Nevada" from [redacted] (Rm 708), Hotel Warrington, 161 Madison Ave., New York, 16, New York. The envelope is postmarked at New York 7, New York on March 31, 1954 at 8 PM.

The letter reflects as follows:

"Hotel Warrington, 161 Madison., NYCity, 16 NY (Room 708)
March 30, 1954

"To the Editor of the Las Vegas Sun:

"I trust it may not be too late, at this date, to congratulate your paper for the magnificent fight it is putting up against MC CARTHY and MC CARTHYISM in this country, as brought out in the series by HANK GREENSPUN, "Is Senator MC CARTHY really a secret Communist?"

"The copies which I received, Feb. 1/ Feb. 8, inclusive, are still circulating among friends; the general reaction is one of great satisfaction in learning that all courage has not entirely departed from the American people, and that free, undaunted criticism is again finding public expression and space in some part of the American Press.

"I feel that we, here in New York, owe BARRY GRAY, and the WMCA radio station (BILL STRAUSS) a vote of thanks for publicizing these articles; he appears to have been the first one to have called the attention of New Yorkers to your set of articles, and your courage in talking right out without any fear, against MC CARTHY.

"As for the content of the series, and the charges that MC CARTHY'S youth is tinged with "pink" associates, that was not entirely news to some of us, because, in August 1953, Dr. HOMER JACK, a Unitarian Minister from Evanston, Illinois, delivered a sermon in the Community Church (JOHN HAYNES HENNE'S Church) in New York City, entitled, "Is MC CARTHY A Hidden Communist?"

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"The sermon came as a thunderbolt from out of a clear sky; nobody, present at the service, had ever imagined such a thing; people crowded around the preacher after the service, challenging him; crowds gathered outside the church, much excited, denouncing the sermon as propaganda, and an unwarranted attack on MC CARTHY. But DR. JACK stood by the record which he had presented in his sermon. The audience left, simply flabbergasted.

"Now comes your series of articles confirming much of what is in that printed sermon, with one difference; DR. JACK could not disclose the "source" of his information, he told us, whereas in your articles, you mention "ALBERT LEVITT", a "confessed Ex-Communist", who, in "Aug. 1951, squealing on his former associates, incriminated JOE MC CARTHY as an associate of Pinks. You add further that "the secret transcript" has been mysteriously removed from the committees' files"-presumably "LEVITT'S testimony" - and that "LEVITT himself has disappeared".

"It is my own conviction that the "pink" tendencies of the young MC CARTHY are less important at this time, than are some of the real issues of the day which are being beclouded by the red herring of "Communism", which, periodically, gets drawn across the American horizon. And for which MC CARTHY is being used as a front, at the present juncture in American history.

"In all the excitement about the Communists and the good (?) that MC CARTHY is doing in ferreting out subversives, we lose sight of the fact that much of the money behind MC CARTHY is, largely isolationist and that one object of this group, is to destroy the United Nations. One has only got to make a visit to the U. N. in New York, and talk to the people one meets there, to realize how true this is. For instance, one woman I spoke to from St. Louis, told me the U. N. "belonged in Geneva"; another visitor from Texas, that the bldg., should be "turned into a Veterans' Hospital"; most of the visitors from the isolationist belt are obsessed with the idea that the United States is carrying the whole financial load for the U. N. When told, the per capita cost is 66¢ for the Americans, I generally got the reply, with a lift of the shoulders, "Its un-American" and "It will not succeed anyway". Generally, these people mentioned MC CARTHY as the person who is saving us from the Communists and eventually would save us from the U.N.

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"MC CARTHY must be exposed more and more to show up the elements behind him and what they are trying to do to sabotage the United Nations. Because of this fact, I want again to express my appreciation for your courage in attacking the Senior senator from Wisconsin, in your series of articles, "Is Senator MC CARTHY really A Secret Communist?". I do not want the United Nations to fail.

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Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Las Vegas, Nevada."

The above letter was furnished by United States Attorney MADISON B. GRAVES, District of Nevada who stated that it was opened by mistake by the Editor of the Las Vegas Review Journal, in whose box it was mistakenly placed.

The above is submitted for whatever interest it may have.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-47007) *to SA*
 FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (74-36) *low ch*
 SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: June 2, 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

G.I.R.
 [redacted] Clark County Sheriff's Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, confidentially furnished this office with a photostatic copy of the minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fifth Street Shopping Center, Inc., as of March 9, 1953. [redacted] advised he obtained this information from a confidential source a very short time ago. 4-1
 The minutes of this special meeting are quoted herein:

"MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD
 OF DIRECTORS OF FIFTH ST.
 SHOPPING CENTER, INC.

* *

"Pursuant to the foregoing call and waiver of notice, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Fifth St. Shopping Center, Inc. was held at the office of the company at Suite 105 Friedman Bldg., 300 Fremont St., Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 9th day of March, 1953, at the hour of 3:00 o'clock P. M. of said day.

"There were present at said meeting the following persons: Louis T. Davidson, Carol Delander and John Marshall, being all of the directors of the corporation.

"Louis T. Davidson, President, served as Chairman of the meeting, and John Marshall, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

"The President announced that an offer had been received from Mr. Herman Greenspun of Las Vegas, Nevada, to furnish finances for one-half of the construction costs of the shopping center to be constructed by the corporation at 5th & Oakley Sts., Las Vegas, Nevada, for which he desires capital stock of the corporation. Mr. Greenspun offered to advance the sum of \$20,000.00 immediately, and continue to advance moneys as they are required for construction, resulting in his advancing a total of 1/2 of all construction costs.

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SAC, BALTIMORE

HANK GREENSPUN
Editor, Las Vegas Sun
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 9/27/54, [redacted] of [redacted] furnished this office with a mimeographed copy of a series of articles on Senator JOSEPH R. MC CARTHY of Wisconsin, written by HANK GREENSPUN, Editor of the Las Vegas Sun. This series is allegedly copied word for word from the February 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8, 1954 issues of the Las Vegas Sun, Las Vegas, Nevada.

[redacted] of the Maryland Chapter of the Minute Women of America, Inc. The organization [redacted] placed a television ad during the Army - Mc Carthy Hearings in Washington, advising the public to get the whole Mc Carthy story and not the edited story that appeared on the TV screens locally.

A photostatic copy of this enclosed article is forwarded to the Bureau for information purposes. The original mimeographed article was returned to [redacted]

This office contemplates no further action in this matter.

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"Mr. John Marshall and Mr. Louis Davidson then offered to transfer one-half of the stock of each such person to the said Herman Greenspun, said stock not to be transferred until the entire construction had been finished, and Greenspun had paid in his entire contribution of 1/2 of all construction costs. Mr. Marshall reported to the meeting that Mr. Greenspun had indicated to him that such an arrangement would be agreeable with him.

"After due discussion and deliberation, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED: That the corporation accept from Mr. Herman Greenspun of Las Vegas, Nevada, cash in an amount to equal one-half of the entire cost of the construction of the shopping center contemplated to be constructed by the corporation at 5th & Oakey Streets, Las Vegas, Nevada, it being understood that Mr. Greenspun would advance \$50,000.00 forthwith and the balance of his one-half share of construction costs from time to time as required: and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the corporation accept said moneys on the basis of two of the stockholders, to wit, John Marshall and Louis T. Davidson, transferring to the said Herman Greenspun a total of 45 shares of the capital stock of the corporation, 22½ shares by John Marshall and 22½ shares by Louis T. Davidson, said stock to be transferred to the said Herman Greenspun upon completion of said construction and the payment in full by the said Greenspun of one-half of the entire cost of construction.

"Mr. John Marshall then reported to the meeting that negotiations were pending for finances from a lending institution, to be utilized as a building loan, for which the corporation would secure said loan by a mortgage on the leasehold held by the corporation on the real property at 5th & Oakey upon which construction is contemplated. It was then discussed as to the advisability of actually consummating such a loan, and at the

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"time of obtaining said moneys, they be paid out to the parties who had advanced the same, to wit, John Marshall, Herman Greenspun and Louis T. Davidson, in the proportion in which funds had been advanced by these respective persons. It was also brought out to the meeting that Mr. Greenspun had been advised of this arrangement and pending negotiations by Mr. Marshall, and had indicated his approval of the same; further, that Mr. Herman Silverman had been so advised, and indicated his approval of the same, it being understood that Mr. Silverman would not be called upon, as a stockholder or otherwise, to advance any moneys toward construction, since his stock was issued as consideration for the lease between him and the corporation.

"Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED: That the corporation continue its negotiations for a construction loan, for which the corporation would give, as security for re-payment of the same, a mortgage upon its leasehold interest on the real property at 5th & Oakley Sts., Las Vegas, Nevada; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That if the corporation is successful in obtaining such a loan, the moneys realized from same be paid to John Marshall, Herman Greenspun and Louis T. Davidson as partial repayment for the cash sums advanced by them for the purpose of construction costs, such moneys to be paid to said three persons proportionate to their cash contributions thereto.

"There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made, seconded and carried, the same was duly and regularly adjourned.

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"The above minutes are hereby approved:

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[redacted] has previously been identified as a promoter who works out of a "suitcase" and who has reportedly promoted large real estate deals in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Miami, Florida.

[redacted] is a secretary to the law firm of JONES, WIENER, and JONES. [redacted] of this law firm is presently Lieutenant Governor of the State of Nevada.

[redacted] has previously been identified as a well-known hoodlum from Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] has previously reported that [redacted] is in Las Vegas, Nevada, to represent the [redacted]

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN is presently owner and publisher of the "Las Vegas Sun" a daily newspaper. He is presently conducting a vigorous attack against the Clark County Sheriff's Office and especially Sheriff GLEN JONES who is running for re-election for Sheriff.

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Captain L. L. PEYTON advised that [redacted] confidentially informed his office that [redacted] a short time ago due to the fact that GREENSPUN, in his "Las Vegas Sun" newspaper had begun a crusade to run all the "hoodlums" out of Las Vegas, Nevada. It is noted this crusade stopped as suddenly as it began. [redacted] confidentially informed Captain PEYTON that he is now [redacted]

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NAME CHECK

March 22, 1955

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
alias: HANK GREENSPUN
#6 511 635
Born: August 27, 1909
Brooklyn, New York

Attached for your information is one copy each of two reports and one Photostat reflecting the results of an investigation of the captioned individual conducted by this Bureau in 1952.

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For your additional information, Seth S. Pope, who is mentioned in the report dated August 8, 1952, as having given information relative to Greenspun, has been the subject of three inquiries by this Bureau involving allegations of bribery, fraud, and theft of Government property.

(62-97007-87)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is for your use and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

I was advised today by an absolutely reliable source that former Assistant Attorney General James McInerney has been retained by counsel for [redacted] whose case is now before the Federal Communications Commission to check out all facts and conduct the investigation necessary in behalf of [redacted]. This same reliable source also advised me that former Special Agent Edward P. Morgan, now practicing law in Washington, has been retained by Hank Greenspun to come to Utah and to defend Greenspun in the case pending against him in Utah which resulted in some criminal action by the State of Utah against Greenspun for articles written by Greenspun in his paper which have been alleged to have tended to cite to riot. It was principally an attack upon Senator McCarthy.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director, FBI (94-43857)

JACK STREETER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
WASHOE COUNTY
RENO, NEVADA

Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Salt Lake City office regarding Jack Streeter, District Attorney, Washoe County, Reno, Nevada.

You have been advised previously that Jack Streeter is first vice-president of the Criminal Section of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys and that he has not been contacted under the Bureau's long-range program of contact with this association due to his past critical and immature attitude toward the Bureau.

Present Bureau instructions require that contacts with Streeter be circumspectly handled and no change in this policy is warranted by the attached information. It is not believed necessary that you discuss this information with Mr. Harold Kennedy, president of this association at this time. The letter is furnished for your personal information since you have been designated to attend the midwinter meeting of the Executive Board of this association to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. You are reminded that the Bureau should be advised as soon as you learn of the date set for this meeting.

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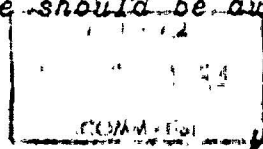
cc: SAC, Baltimore (attachment)
Salt Lake City (80-199) - See note page 2

Note: Bureau files reflect that Jack Streeter made allegations of FBI noncooperation at the New Orleans meeting of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys in 1953, when he was apparently referring to the Redfield Case involving robbery of an eccentric millionaire in which the Bureau investigated the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property angle. Streeter was "set straight on the facts" and later he advised the chairman of the liaison committee of this association that relations between his office and the FBI were good. It is noted that his term expires in December 1954 but he is immature, has indicated political ambition and it is believed SAC Malone should be aware of this latest

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contact in the event that Streeter may have discussed this with officers of this association or the liaison committee.

Mark Greenspun is Herman Milton Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, who has been the subject of two Neutrality Act investigations conducted by the Bureau. He was found guilty of conspiracy and fined \$10,000 in the first case. The second case resulted in his acquittal. Greenspun has also been involved in several litigations against the late Senator Pat McCarran. Ed Orcken is the city editor of the Las Vegas Sun. Ed Reid is a newspaper columnist who has written numerous articles on crime and a book on "The Mafia."

Streeter has been correctly advised on Bureau policy by Salt Lake City and no further action is necessary there. Baltimore being furnished copy since Anselm Sodaro, Prosecuting Attorney, Baltimore, is chairman of the FBI liaison committee of this association.

Attention Salt Lake City:

In the future you should be guided by instructions of Bulet 9-17-54 to the effect that copies of correspondence reflecting contacts with officers of the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys should be furnished to the SAC at Los Angeles.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (94-43857)

FROM : SAC SALT LAKE CITY (80-199)

SUBJECT: JACK STREETER, District Attorney,
Washoe County,
Reno, Nevada

DATE: 11/16/54

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

On November 4, 1954 JACK STREETER, District Attorney, Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, whose term expires December 31, 1954, contacted SA LORING J. MC GEE and advised as follows:

That he had just returned from a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, and that he is very upset over the control that HANK GREENSPUN has been able to develop not only in Las Vegas, but statewide. He mentioned that all politicians in the Las Vegas area, as well as statewide are "afraid" of GREENSPUN, and had Senator McCARRAN lived, there is little doubt that he would have been defeated in 1956 because of GREENSPUN's activities. He mentioned that he had been informed that with reference to the big hotel in Las Vegas being built now for guests of any color, that GREENSPUN told them he would be their publicity director for 2½ per cent of the club, and that they were afraid to incite his wrath by refusing, so they accepted his proposition. He called attention to the "Sun" for October 21, 1954 in which GREENSPUN virtually boasted of his conviction under the Neutrality Laws, and said "If hostilities should break out again in the Middle East, the FBI had better watch me far closer than they did in 1948 and 1949, because emotionalism sometimes overcomes good judgment." STREETER seemed to be quite incensed that GREENSPUN would have the temerity to "bait" the FBI in this regard.

STREETER advised that a number of people in Las Vegas think that something should be done with respect to GREENSPUN before he gains more control of the state than he already has; he did not identify these persons but constantly talked in the plural "we". He did indicate that to date there is no specific group organized along this line. He also said that he is desirous of doing everything he can to assist irrespective of personal cost to himself as he considers GREENSPUN a "menace".

STREETER stated that some very responsible persons in Las Vegas feel that to some extent, GREENSPUN may be sincere in his efforts to expose graft and poor government, but that on the other hand, many persons of good reputation hesitate to consider public office because of the vitriolic comments GREENSPUN is known to make.

STREETER stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] for GREENSPUN, and that [redacted] is another [redacted] that particularly with reference

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to [] none in Las Vegas apparently knows where he came from or what his background is.

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STREETER advised he was contacting the FBI thinking that possibly the FBI might desire to join forces with him and the persons in Las Vegas interested in this matter; he was then informed by SA McGEE that the matter appeared to be a local one and therefore we would not enter into it; he appeared to understand our position in that regard.

STREETER then said that he would appreciate having, on a confidential basis, information that the FBI has concerning GREENSPUN, and the above writers; particularly, he indicated, he was interested in details concerning the Neutrality Act violation, not so much the cold and official record facts of the conviction, but details of the violation. Further, any information indicating any subversive connections, STREETER pointing out that he considers GREENSPUN's comments as to his neutrality act conviction as indicting disloyalty to this country. STREETER stated that he was not trying to put us on the spot; but wanted the information in the interests of taking whatever action against GREENSPUN that could be taken, and that he would use the information as leads from which his own information would be developed through other sources.

STREETER was then informed by SA McGEE of the Departmental policy involved, namely that Attorney General clearance is required as to giving information from our files, and STREETER advised that he realized our position. He also indicated he would contact whatever high official necessary in an effort to obtain clearance if clearance were possible. He did not say this in a demanding fashion, but rather appeared to be genuinely interested in doing everything he could to get information concerning GREENSPUN. STREETER pointed out that at the District Attorney's national meeting an FBI representative had solicited cooperation and had indicated that District Attorney's requests for assistance would be considered.

It appeared to SA McGEE that STREETER would probably communicate with me or the Bureau in this matter, and so he informed STREETER that the matter would be referred to me.

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In accordance with my instructions, STREETER was re-contacted on November 12, 1954 by SA McGEE accompanied by SA [] and was informed that while we appreciate his interest in contacting us, we cannot become involved in any local politics or local controversial matters which are not within our jurisdiction. He was informed that requests for information from our files with respect to matters of an official nature involving the office and work of the District Attorney will receive every consideration, but

that his inquiry was not within that category and that we are precluded from furnishing any information from our files, as had been stated to him previously by SA McGEE. It was pointed out to him that the Bureau cannot become involved in a local controversy.

STREETER appeared to be understanding as to our position in the matter, but again indicated an intense desire to do something about GREENSPUN. He stated that he does not object to GREENSPUN's exposure of graft but is desirous of knowing whether GREENSPUN's motives are good, or whether his background would indicate something deeper than that. STREETER mentioned that the national District Attorneys' meeting is at Las Vegas in February, 1955, and that a Bureau representative usually attends; he suggested the possibility that that representative might check GREENSPUN's file and orally and off the record acquaint him and interested Las Vegas persons with GREENSPUN's background - that a mere statement that he was or was not sincere would suffice. STREETER was again informed that this would not be possible, and that as a matter of fact, the Bureau did not express opinions or conclusions to anyone, even to other government agencies for whom investigations are made.

It is SA McGEE's opinion that STREETER is not trying to embarrass the Bureau in this matter. STREETER has been a "crusader" type of District Attorney, and it is possible that he is sincere in his present efforts to do something about GREENSPUN.

The information herein is being furnished for the Bureau's information and no further action is being taken.

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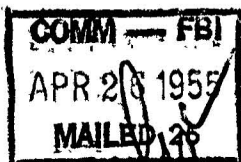


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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter postmarked April 15, 1955, with enclosure, has been received. Thank you very much for your interest. I am taking this opportunity to send you the 1954 annual bulletin of the Uniform Crime Reports which you requested in your letter of March 15, 1955.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

1954 annual UCR

NOTE: We have had previous correspondence with Mrs. Hanna. On 3-15-55 we acknowledged her letter to the Government Printing Office requesting annual UCR and advised her that we would send a copy as soon as it is available. (33-1-38-355; 94-5-38358)

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Herman Greenspan

April 13, 1955

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I thought the enclosed copy of the Pearson column might be of some interest to you.

Parts I consider of interest to you are marked in red.



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—Hopkins

...k over new assignments Tuesday. Employees who
Tom Lottinville, assistant secretary; W. W. Vance,
and William Froug, vice-president. Seated are Ohren
...-president, and M. E. Froug, re-elected president.

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...ing engineers to draw new
plans and specifications for the
grain elevators.

When Stassen testified last
Wednesday, he gave the sub-

cablegram to Karachi which
Stassen allowed him to examine
and which he "shall not insist be
made part of the record."

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WHEN LADY ASTOR WAS in New York last week she had a telephone conversation with Adlai Stevenson, whom she admires. It went like this:

Stevenson: "I'm leaving in a few days for South Africa to make my fortune."

Lady Astor: "I never heard of such a thing! The best way to get rich is to marry a wealthy widow, and I'm available."

Stevenson: "I'll be right over!"

Stevenson leaves Apr. 18 to spend about a month. He will visit Kenya, Uganda, the Belgian Congo, South Africa and the Gold Coast.

THE FIRING OF ED CORSI as assistant to Secretary Dulles on immigration shows two significant straws-in-the-wind in Washington. They are:

Straw No. 1—Tom Dewey, for 2 years the closest man to Ike, is no longer close. Dewey put his old campaign manager, Herb Brownell in the cabinet; his press relations man, Jim Hagerty, on the White House staff; another associate, Tom Stevens, on the White House staff; and a partner in his prospective law firm, John Harlan, on the Supreme court.

But Ed Corsi, who was in Dewey's cabinet as industrial commissioner for 10 years, got fired.

Straw No. 2—Dulles is still letting congressmen dictate his foreign policy. He doesn't call the tune himself.

During Dulles' first 2 years in the State department he listened attentively to the threats of Sen. McCarthy. If McCarthy even whispered, Dulles bowed. McCarthy is hoarse today and few people are listening, but Dulles is still bowing to congressmen.

In Corsi's case it was Cong. Francis Walter, Democrat of Easton, Pa., with an indirect assist from Sen. McCarthy's pal, Scott McLeod. To appease McCarthy, Dulles 2 years ago

put McLeod in charge of security and immigration. Three months ago Corsi was appointed over McLeod's head. And it was a neat double-play—a smear leak from McLeod to Walter—that got Corsi fired.

CORSI IS NO FLY-BY-NIGHT Republican. Coming to this country at the age of 10, he served as commissioner of immigration under Herbert Hoover, ran as GOP candidate for mayor of New York, is one of New York's leading citizens. He does not deserve to be sacrificed.

Much more important than Corsi, however, is the principle—the Dulles policy of bowing to congressmen. Every time a congressman crooks a little finger, Dulles puts on an appeasement somersault.

Far more important than Corsi is the peace of the world. And what John Foster Dulles is doing is letting congressmen dominate foreign policy in such a way as to upset the peace of the world.

For when Anthony Eden proposed that England would guarantee us in Formosa if the U. S. would not guarantee Quemoy-Matsu, provided a plebiscite were held on Formosa, Dulles immediately ran up to Capitol Hill to ask Sen. William Knowland of California if he had any objections.

Dulles did not decide the Eden proposal on the basis of what was good for the American people and the peace of the world. He decided it on the basis of whether Sen. Knowland would cause him trouble.

Sen. Knowland did threaten trouble. He told Foster Dulles that if the British plebiscite idea was adopted, he, Knowland, would make a speech on the senate floor denouncing it. He knew, as everyone in the Far East knows, that Formosans hate Chiang Kai-shek, that his executives shot 60,000 of them in one of the most bloody massacres since the war; and that any plebiscite would go over-

whelmingly against him.

So the Eden plan, aimed at getting the U. S. off a hot spot which might precipitate World War III, was vetoed—all because the Eisenhower administration bows to congressmen who threaten trouble.

If you publish a powerful magazine and are a noted author, you can afford to say what you want about Joe McCarthy. If you publish a small paper and are a minor author, you can't.

That's what Hank Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun and author of a column, "Where I Stand," found out when he wrote over a year ago that Sen. McCarthy's stormy course would lead to death by assassination. Greenspun was promptly indicted on the order of Attorney General Brownell for encouraging "assassination" and goes to trial this week.

In contrast, author Ernest Hemingway wrote in Look Magazine: "There is nothing wrong with Sen. McCarthy that a .577-gauge rifle won't cure."

This went much further than Greenspun in inciting to assassination. However, Hemingway wrote this in a magazine owned by one of Ike's best friends, Gardner Cowles, Jr., one of the early Ike-for-president boosters. Under the laws of criminal libel, the publisher of a magazine is just as liable as the man who writes in the magazine.

Cowles and Hemingway have not been prosecuted. Greenspun now goes to trial.

Note—what Greenspun wrote was: "Live by the sword and you die by the sword! Destroy people and they in turn must destroy you! The chances are that McCarthy will eventually be laid to rest at the hands of some poor innocent slob whose reputation and life he has destroyed through his well-established smear technique."

WASHINGTON PIPELINE—Bitter Gen. MacArthur refused to join in praising Sir Winston Churchill when he stepped down as British prime minister. He blames Churchill for persuading ex-President Truman not to bomb across the Yalu. . . . Secretary of State Dulles has withheld information on the Chinese-held American fliers from senate Republican leader Bill Knowland, who is clamoring for their release. Dulles received a note from UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in February, saying the Reds were ready again to negotiate an exchange. The note mentioned May as a possible release date. However, Dulles feared a Red propaganda trick and put off negotiations. Now he's withholding these facts from Knowland.

ments they demanded from him.

Stassen told newsmen that he and Sen. John L. McClellan, (Dem., Ark.) reached a "very thorough understanding" at a conference in the lawmaker's office Tuesday morning.

McClellan is chairman of the senate investigations subcommittee, which requested the documents as part of an inquiry into a Pakistan grain storage contract being negotiated by the Foreign Operations Administration.

The senator said Stassen's cooperation will "be a great help" in expediting hearings on the project, which may resume Wednesday. He said failure to obtain the documents was "the only problem" in the past.

Stassen said last week he has cancelled the negotiations because of the subcommittee's protest and is going to reopen bidding. He told reporters he is se-

committee 11 of the 22 documents Tuesday, McClellan said Stassen submitted nine more, leaving only two unproduced. However, McClellan said this was agreeable to him.

He explained that one was a

Cities Service Rates Probed by Bureau

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—The power commission is investigating rates of Cities Service Gas Producing Co., Oklahoma City, to see if they are "unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential."

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cities Service Gas Co., also of Oklahoma City. The parent company buys natural gas from the subsidiary.

A public hearing was ordered to start here May 16.

credit report in the Agricultural Construction Co., of Los Angeles, which Stassen said was obtained from a private firm on a "confidential" basis. McClellan said he would not press for it since his subcommittee can obtain it from the same source.

The investigation was requested by Sen. Stuart Symington (Dem., Mo.), because Stassen selected the Los Angeles firm for the contract even though it was the highest of five bidders, with two Kansas City, Mo., companies offering the two lowest bids.

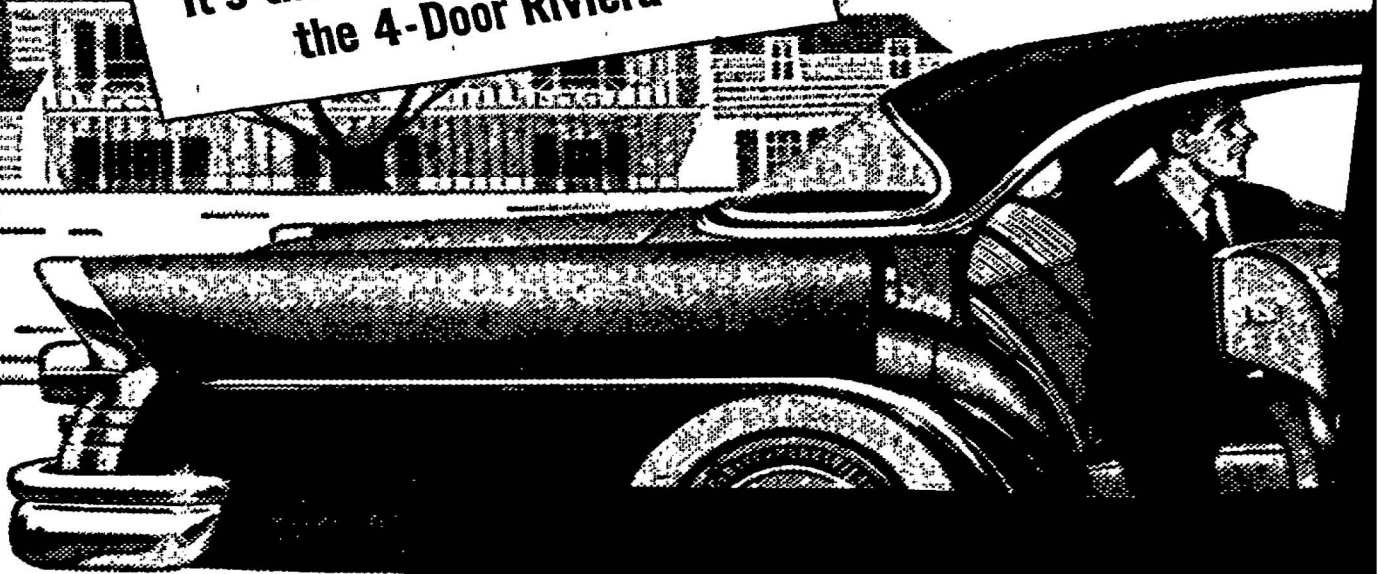
Auxiliary Elects

World's Own Service

SPRINGDALE, Ark., Apr. 12—Miss Eva Atwood was re-elected president and Miss Mary Sellers treasurer at the April meeting of Springdale Memorial hospital auxiliary.

Ladies

It's the new hit in hardtops—
the 4-Door Riviera



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NOTE: Greenspun was recently acquitted of charges that he wrote news items tending to incite the assassination of Senator McCarthy. Only Bureau interest in that case was the conducting of a Jury Panel Investigation (51-417) and the substantive case was investigated in its entirety by the Post Office Authorities.

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Herman Greenspan

This is "it". I think
I should go and hibernate...

Put this together with
the letters HM wrote to Dick,
and it might be interesting...
you may recall he says in
one which I saw that Mr. G
wanted to hire him.

Thanks for being a bit
interested - but I quite
realize it's my own little
problem and up to me.

Best, as always -

MEMO MR TO SON
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Just incidentally (in case you
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WHERE I STAND

By HANK GREENSPUN

The truth will out but what happens to the victims of the liars.

Harvey Matusow, a turnabout witness and self-confessed perjurer, was indicted yesterday on six counts of perjury by a federal grand jury in New York. The Grand Jury evidently believed that Matusow lied when he swore under oath that Roy Cohn coached him to bear false witness.

I don't know from any personal knowledge if Roy Cohn is a bigger liar than Harvey Matusow, or that Matusow has less consideration for the truth than Cohn, but I would hate to have my liberty depend on the veracity of either of these "fine" citizens. But if I were forced to choose between the devil and his disciple, I might have to take Matusow over Cohn. He has at least proven himself.

Harvey is the chap who worked as a paid informer for the government and the McCarthy Investigating Committee of the Senate and it was his testimony which sent many persons to jail. He has since recanted and admitted that he lied when he swore that certain persons were communists or had been seen at communist meetings. The victims of his perjured testimony are still in jail while the prosecutors who hired Matusow to lie, walk the streets as free men, and respected fighters against communism.

Roy Cohn, Senator McCarthy, and Harvey Matusow were not the only persons who saved our country from the threat of communism. Three men alone could not accomplish so herculean a task. They needed help and received it from two other upright, stalwart, 100 per cent Americans. The late senior senator from the state of Nevada, Patrick McCarran and his administrative assistant, Eva Adams were no slouches themselves when it came to fighting off the Red menace. In fact, in the book "False Witness" by Harvey Matusow, it tells of a request made by the Senator and Miss Adams upon their close colleague, Matusow, to go to Las Vegas and establish if pos-

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sible through Matusow's connections, the fact that Hank Greenspun was "a communist." This story was printed in newspapers around the country when Matusow was questioned by the United States Attorney in New York concerning a letter he wrote to the McCarthy Committee after visiting Las Vegas. In the letter, Matusow stated that he established contact with me under the pretense of attempting to go to work for the Las Vegas Sun. He also wrote that he couldn't get the job because "Greenspun, after talking to him, evidently did not trust him."

When Eva Adams, former assistant to McCarran and now administrative assistant to the present United States senator from Nevada, Alan Bible, learned that Matusow linked her with the plot to get me branded as a Red, she immediately came forth with a big denial. The Review-Journal printed that Miss Adams denied having any dealings with Matusow and faintly recalled meeting him once very casually.

In other words, Miss Adams stated that Harvey Matusow lied when he said he spoke to her and the senator about coming to Las Vegas to try to establish that I was "a communist."

It only took a year for me to establish that Harvey Matusow did not lie about this incident, but, to the contrary, Miss Adams is the one who committed some form of perjury. The written evidence is in my office and I am now quoting from photostatic copies.

The large envelope bears a postmark: "Reno, Nev., Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m., 1952. The envelope is addressed to Mr. Harvey Matusow, 141 W. 10th Street, New York, N.Y. The return address in the upper left hand corner is: "E. Adams, 1 Skyline Blvd., Reno, Nevada."

The letter repeats the name and address and then the salutation:

"Oct. 15, 1952.

"Dear Harvey:

"The enclosed information may be of assistance, but this guy is a strange character in that he manages to turn his past brushes with the law into a martyrdom.

"Joe McCarthy took him on the other night in Las Vegas. I will send you a clipping from last evening's paper regarding the tangle. It took place at a

Republican meeting, but very strangely it seems to have the effect of rallying to his defense those strange people who think it outrageous to attack this poor veteran."

"Time is of the essence, so anything you get please send to me here in Reno. I receive the office mail in care of Postmaster, Reno, Nevada. My home address is 1 Skyline Boulevard; my phone number is 3-6495. If you have to get me during the day, Reno 2-2502 usually can find me."

"Thanks again for everything.

"Sincerely,

Eva

Eva B. Adams
Administrative Assistant to Senator McCarran

The information file sent to Matusow by Miss Adams is very voluminous and very little concerns me. There seems to be some attempt to establish connections with many strange characters most of whom I do not know. There is a complete if not wholly accurate story of my life from almost the day I was born. Few details are skipped but the following significant fact disclosed by their investigation must have caused the senator and his lady great disappointment: "Information was received in March, 1952, that Greenspun is presently operating the Las Vegas Morning Sun and is apparently the sole owner of this newspaper. There has been no indication that Greenspun has any gambler or hoodlum associates in connection with this newspaper nor is there any indication of financial backing from these sources."

I suppose I should be indebted to the late Senator McCarran, Miss Adams and Senator McCarthy for spending so vast an amount of government funds to bring out a report which proves I do not have any hoodlum connections.

I am truly grateful but somehow, I cannot forgive Miss Adams for lying about so trivial a thing as sending a former Communist all the way to Las Vegas to frame me. It is extremely fortunate that I formed an immediate distrust of Miss Adams' associate, Harvey Matusow, or else I, too, might now be languishing in jail, the victim of a false witness.

I wonder what happens to all the unfortunate victims of self-confessed perjurers. Isn't it time for Eva Adams to confess?

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STAND

By HANK GREENSPAN

Eva—Eva Adams, the boss of Nevada's senators. (Should be sung to the tune of Davy Crockett) but where Davy was a king, Eva is a queen and she reigns supreme over the Nevada delegation to the United States senate.

The file on me, sent by Eva Adams to Harvey Matusow, self-confessed false witness for the government and aide to Senator Joe McCarthy, is typical of all information in the files of the permanent investigation subcommittee, is an astounding indictment of all Congressional probes and investigating committees.

Of course, a person like myself would never have been a subject for scrutiny by any investigating committee, except that I have been rather outspoken in my opinions on Senators McCarran and McCarthy. And as these two fourflushers were chairman of investigating committee; one during the Democratic Administration and the other during Republican tenure, naturally they spared no expense (government, that is) to try to prove anything derogatory against me.

I must be the purest man in the land to withstand five years of intensive probing by the master probes in the country, without the establishment of any derogatory material whatsoever, except that I went AWOL "for one night covering" New Year's eve in 1944-45. The report fails to mention that in addition to New Year's eve, the infraction of Army regulations occurred while I was a patient in an Army hospital in Wales, Great Britain, and that I left the hospital on crutches to be with my wife, who stayed at a farmhouse near the hospital.

The investigation disclosed that I entered the U.S. Army 3/13/41 and transferred to ERC 10/24/41. I was recalled to active duty 1/22/42 and appointed 2nd Lt. 9/5/42; relieved from active duty as Captain 12/31/45; Promoted to Major 7/3/47.

Some of this stuff is very interesting, and recalls many pleasant and unpleasant memories, none of them being subversive, however, must hasten to add I do appreciate the efforts of Eva Adams, Senators McCarran and McCarthy for briefing my past life in this fashion. Someday I might want to write an autobiography and the information now at hand, thanks to little Eva, will save me much research.

But let's get back to the supposed damaging file on me which McCarran or Eva sent to all newspapers in Nevada about three years ago.

There is a reference to one Jack Greenspan with the notation: The public records, files and publications of this committee do not contain anything concerning Herman Milton Greenspan, David Greenspan, Samuel or his wife Anna Greenspan. However, the following was found relative to Jack Greenspan.

It then goes into two or three pages about one Jack Greenspan who according to a "Daily Worker" report, once signed a statement sponsored by the New York Labor Conference for

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Peace. There is nothing in the complete report on Jack Greenspan to show any membership in the Communist party except that he did sign petitions for a few foolish things. Evidently this fellow was a signer. And because of the name Jack Greenspan, my file has at least 10 documents, all giving information about the organizations which purportedly have the signatures of Jack Greenspan. Long articles from the Daily Worker are enclosed to show some relationship between the Comrades and the organizations.

Anyone finding all this junk in a file under my name would think I was the most astounding spy and subversive the country had ever known, except for one small notation on a lone small piece of paper buried deep in the files:

"RE: Herman Milton Greenspan and possible identifying information in files of the UnAmerican Activities Committee.

"The attached are the reports from the House UnAmerican Activities Committee on the names mentioned in the memo of Herman Milton Greenspan.

"Jack Greenspan mentioned in the Matusow Hearing seems to have no identifying link or tie-in with the subject."

These people in Washington are busy little beavers digging up all this information. After an investigation which must have occupied days and even weeks to learn about one Jack Greenspan, they discover there are no links of any kind with me. And if the truth is known, I never heard of the guy. But still, all this silly stupid propaganda is in a file which McCarran, McCarthy and Eva Adams have ordered compiled on me.

Now I can understand where Westbrook Pegler gets all the misinformation he puts in his "poison pen" column.

During my trial in Los Angeles for violation of the Neutrality Act, the name of Sam Lewis is brought up as one of the defendants. The file sent to Matusow by Eva Adams contains two full pages about one Sam Lewis:

"The Daily Worker of May 15, 1947 (page 10) reported that Samuel Lewis signed a statement of the Civil Rights Congress opposing red-baiting and attacks on Communists. He was identified as being with the United Retail Wholesale Department Store Employees of America—Local 3, New York City.

The file then goes on for pages about Samuel Lewis and all the organizations for which he signed petitions. However, there is no accompanying memorandum to the effect that the person, Samuel Lewis, who is presently cluttering up my file is in no way known to me. I do know a Samuel Lewis who was born in California and not New York. The Samuel Lewis mentioned in the trial with me was not a clerk in the United Retail Wholesale Department, whatever that is. The Sam Lewis I know was a Constellation pilot with TWA for over 14 years and of all Constellation pilots in the employ of TWA, it was Sam Lewis who was chosen to pilot the special plane carrying all the American Cardinals to Rome for a special consistory many years ago.

Sam Lewis resigned from TWA to fly planes to Israel in 1948 to help in the war against the Arabs. The Sam Lewis I know is not a Red—he is Red, White and Blue among the best, and there isn't a bum on the entire Senate Committee that is half the man Sam Lewis is.

I said it and I'm glad.

There is enough stuff in this file to write a novel. Too bad a little more of it doesn't concern me but the majority of the information deals with characters and persons absolutely unknown to me, but whose background and affiliations nevertheless are a part of my file in the hopes of establishing some possible tie-in.

What an era the country has just passed through. To think that people could be indicted and sent to jail on the strength of unadulterated junk, and I sure would love to use a stronger word, such as is found in my file, coupled with the testimony of a false witness.

From the appearance of all the documents now in my possession, it would seem that Eva Adams and our late distinguished senator Pat McCarran had little else on their minds than the destruction of one Herman Milton Greenspan.

I am pleased and happy to report at this time that the feelings were entirely mutual.

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1. The entire matter took place in connection with the political campaign of 1952. One of the candidates was Thomas Weelink, whose campaign is alleged to have been directed by the Sun. EA forwarded material to McIntow in October as a result of specific instructions to do so.
2. It should be kept in mind that at the time this occurred, McIntow had testified for the Senate and House Committees; he was being used as a confidential consultant by the Department of Justice and as an informer for the FBI; his reputation was good so far as anyone knew; and he had aided Senator McCarran for the information sent to him, saying that he knew communist party members in New York whom he thought might know this individual. In view of the Sun's repeated attacks on certain individuals, those working in their behalf were seeking to offset those attacks and if necessary to expose the individual making those attacks as an unreliable person.
3. It might be interesting to note that, while in Las Vegas, McIntow wrote to individuals in D.C., indicating that
 - a. He had been entertained by the editors;
 - b. He had been offered a job by him.Incidentally, he returned subsequently to Las Vegas - circumstances not known.
4. McIntow is presently under indictment for perjury on several counts, and served time for contempt following action brought by a Texas Court; presently out on bail.
5. Early this year, while he was testifying in the Texas action, a former reporter from the Sun, evidently in the area, published in the Sun what purported to be an interview with McIntow. It is said to be similar to material taken from the book, much of which, it is said, has been demonstrated as being untrustworthy (see commentary taken by Senate Committee). It was at this time that the Review-Journal, the rival newspaper, called EA, asking if the material was accurate. She has never seen what was printed by the Review-Journal.
6. Significantly, the present attack is double-edged, involving EA, as well as the rival newspaper, the Review-Journal, with whom the Sun has continuously "done battle". The Review is edited by a native Texan, long a family friend of EA, formerly State Democratic Chairman, prominent in Legion, etc. Review is now owned by Southwest Publishing Company, who also own papers in Arkansas, and who have consistently been friendly with the Nevada Senatorial offices.

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6. (Cont'd): It should be kept in mind that a denial by EA of the accuracy of the Review's statement would implicate them (and create ill will there). It is true EA knows Litusow slightly, but she has had no "dealings" with him, and sending the material to him was on instructions from "the boss" (which cannot be proved now in any way). Her calling him by his first name is the result of having heard him so-called many times by the men who spoke of him...which also cannot be proved.
7. In his suit against Senator McCarran and EA, the editor of the Sun had as attorneys the firm which handles Drew Pearson, with [redacted] personally handling the case, [redacted] friend and former associate of Pearson, has long been known to be a personal friend of the Sun editor, who runs his column; and [redacted] has long been known NOT to have been friendly with Senator McCarran. There is no knowledge by EA or anyone else, so far as is known, of her being considered for any appointment in CAB. b6
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8. ANYTHING Senator Bible does or does not do will be used against him:
 - a. If he says nothing, the Sun will say "silence means consent".
 - b. If he defends, he will be accused of everything directed at EA.
 - c. If he continues to insist EA not resign, he will inherit her enemies and give them reason to shoot at him.
 - d. If EA resigns, except for an advancement or other unchallengeable reason, they can gloat publicly and say he would not defend her.

CONCLUSION:

Assuming that the Sun in some way ties the above-cited events to EA, or to those remaining of Senator McCarran's staff, it would seem that:

1. The proper thing, out of respect, loyalty, and appreciation to Senator Bible for having been so splendid throughout, would be to remove from him any possible handicaps or sources of criticism.
2. The proper answer to [redacted] is the truthful one, i.e., that the incidents referred to, and "reports" referred to, are not within the knowledge of Senator Bible. b6
b7C
3. Beyond this, individuals involved should work out their own problems without involving the vastly more important consideration of Senator Bible's reelection to the Senate.

THE NEVADA SCENE

SUNSPOTS IN POLITICS

By ED ONCKEN, Managing Editor

With just a year to go before the 1956 campaign for United State Senate reaches its climax in Nevada, some clear decisions have already been made, and advance plans are in the works — on one side.

Perhaps the most significant development is the word passed down from Washington; Miss Eva Adams will not leave the office of Senator Alan Bible as had been widely predicted. This is the signal to choose up sides.

After the death of Senator Pat McCarran last fall and his replacement by Bible, Nevada friends of Bible who were no friends of McCarran, were quietly given the word that Eva wasn't going to be around very long. They joyfully spread this word as evidence that their man was no McCarran lackey — the unrefuted assertion made by Tom Mechling in 1952 that beat Bible in the primaries for the Senate that year.

But the wheels in McCarran's office in the Senate never missed a turn after Bible arrived. They kept on grinding out the same old stuff. The only difference was that McCarran's fearful influence was missing, and Eva, rather than Bible, tried to make up for this.

Her well-known tactics can be recognized in many ways here at home. Weak, misplaced Keith Lee will resign as State Chairman of the Democrats. Already the pitch is on for Grant Sawyer of Elko to replace him at a meeting of the Central Committee in Fallon July 30. Sawyer is a fine upstanding young lawyer, but even more devoted to the creed of McCarran than was Lee, if possible. And the small county members of the Central Committee can be expected to rally around Sawyer.

Another straw in the wind is the bolstering of Bible's Las Vegas law office with Ralph Denton, also from Elko, another fine young lawyer, but equally dedicated to Eva and the memory of Senator Pat. Denton will shortly join Joe McDonald, Jr. here to help spread the word for Bible between now and next year's election.

All these are only preliminaries. The main event is still to come. The BIG EFFORT by Eva, Kingmaker Norman Biltz, Thunderbird Boss Marion Hicks and that rededicated Democrat, Al Cahlan, is to be the launching of a third daily newspaper in Las Vegas.

We at the Sun haven't yet seen the plans, but our crystal ball shows us competition coming in the morning field, amply financed and prepared to woo our advertisers with rates too low for a sound business venture.

This venture won't be solely aimed at helping Bible stay in the Senate next year. It will be carefully planned also to suck the life-blood from the Sun, and — its backers hope — restore the type of "safe thinking" in Clark County that made it easy to elect the men Al Cahlan supported before the Sun-rise.

SUDDEN THOUGHT: Last week, Sunspots reported the impending arrival of Ace Newsman Denver Dickerson to take over a key spot on the Review Journal. Could it be that our Reno information had the right town but the wrong newspaper?

Month repeating is a portion of a recent rundown on the successful effort of the Stardust Hotel to obtain a state gambling license from the Nevada Tax Commission. Quoting our friend, Bryn Armstrong, in his Reno Gazette political column:

"It has been learned on good authority that some Strip operators are not too happy about the Stardust development, for reasons other than competition.

"For the first time the state's gambling control agency will have a pretty good gauge as to the amount of revenue 20 gambling tables and 100 slot machines will produce.

"That \$500,000 a month flat rental provides the gauge and there is going to be some scrambling if the Stardust operators meet that figure."

We remember when race books suddenly became expendable in Nevada as soon as the government slapped its 10 per cent tax on all bets. It's possible some of the boys didn't want an accurate check available on how much business they could do. The crippling restrictions placed on the books that were left, prevented any kind of comparison.

Speaking of the Stardust, why do you suppose they hired three Reno attorneys for the gambling license battle with the Tax Commission? They could hardly have made a better selection. There were George Vargas, Bill Sanford and former Governor Ted Carville. The whole Clark County Bar Association couldn't match political connections of this trio. They're good lawyers, too.

Telev viewers the other night noted with interest the absence of Mayor Baker from the First Western Forum panel, discussing the economy of Las Vegas in view of the deluge of new resort hotels this year.

The mayor insists he had prior commitments, but political eyes around town scanned the panel to see who Baker might have wanted to avoid being seen with. There was one, Cliff Jones, who isn't a political asset these days.

We don't say the Mayor was ducking Cliff, but Cliff might have thought he was. As the program ended, the ex-Lt. Gov. took care of Baker by disclosing that the two of them, in partnership with others, are about to build an apartment house project in the Strip area.

CONT'D: Our item last week regarding the efforts of Assemblyman George Harmon to get himself a gambling license from the city has an interesting sequel.

When the City Dads informed Harmon that a police "undercover man" had purchased a drink in his Civic and Social Club without showing a membership card, Harmon demanded to know the identity of the secret agent. He was advised to check the list of city employees.

We can save him that trouble. The non-member who strolled in and was served a drink was — the present Chief of Police, Gen. Allen.

Regarding the Assembly, there's a guy who is seriously considering going on the ballot in 1956, who will give king-sized headaches to some of the incumbents if he does.

His name: Sun Newsman Ed Reid, who was thrown out of the Assembly last March by some of the stalwarts he would be running against.

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WHERE I STAND

By HANK GREENSPUN

With malice toward none.
On December 29, 1952, a deposition was taken in Washington, D.C. Senator Pat McCarran was being questioned under oath regarding his role in the boycott of the Las Vegas Sun.

Toward the end of the hearing, the following question was put to Senator McCarran by his own attorney, William Leahy:

"Mr. Leahy; Senator, I want to ask you one question.

"Witness: Yes.

"Question: Isn't Mr. Greenspun mistaken right this minute in thinking you have malice toward him?"

"Answer: He certainly is, Mr. Leahy."

I do not ordinarily question the veracity of a United States senator but the facts do not bear out the senator's sworn answer.

The following incident took place in October of 1952, two months before the deposition. Harvey Matusow was in Salt Lake City bearing false witness against one Clinton Jencks, who, I presume was some sort of an official of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Union. Pat McCarran was the Chairman of the Committee, which was conducting the hearings and listening to the lies of Mr. Matusow and, incidentally, believing them.

The following is taken from the book "False Witness" and doesn't bear out the statement of Pat McCarran that he bore me no malice:

"A few days before the hearings ended, I received a call from Eva Adams, Senator McCarran's administrative assistant. She asked me to come to the Senator's suite. I was puzzled. McCarran was a busy and important man. What did he want with me?"

"I knocked on his door. Eva Adams answered and ushered me in. There I saw, sitting erect in his chair, the graying, aging figure of Senator Pat McCarran. His voice showed intensity. He wanted something and apparently thought I could help him.

"He was cordial as he asked me to sit down. He then began to hedge a bit, peering into space as he groped for words. He asked me if I knew Hank Greenspun, the editor and publisher of the Las Vegas Sun of Las Vegas, Nevada. McCarran said he thought Greenspun was a Communist or a Communist-fronter. He wanted to

know if I, through my connections, could establish this fact.

"I was elated at the thought of McCarran's coming to me for help and was over-eager as I accepted his invitation.

"McCarran was out for Greenspun's scalp because he threatened to topple McCarran's political empire. Greenspun had supported Thomas B. Meuchling, an anti-McCarran senatorial candidate. Meuchling had defeated McCarran's candidate, Alan Bible, in the primary.

"Greenspun also had a lawsuit pending against Senator McCarran for conspiring with the gambling casinos in Las Vegas to withdraw all their advertising from Greenspun's paper.

McCarran asked me to check with my contacts in New York on the chance that I might dig up something on Greenspun. I suggested to the senator that he furnish me with a list of all the employees of Greenspun's paper. My plan was to try to pin the 'Communist label' on his staff.

"Greenspun was also having his difficulties with senator McCarthy. McCarthy attacked him in Las Vegas, calling him a Communist, based on false information contained in a dossier which I later received from Eva Adams. McCarthy told me that he attacked Greenspun because of Greenspun's outspoken anti-McCarthy and anti-McCarran editorial policy.

"My meeting with McCarran also resulted in plans for my work in Nevada. McCarran wanted me to go into Nevada on behalf of Senator George W. Malone, who was the Republican candidate. McCarran, a Democrat, was so embittered toward the Democratic candidate, Thomas Meuchling, that he supported Malone, the Republican.

"Eva Adams filled me in on the details. She told me whom to contact in Las Vegas and we discussed a general outline of work.

"I arrived in Las Vegas four days prior to the November election. My instructions included eavesdropping on the bartenders, card dealers and stickmen at the dice tables, to see if they were supporting McCarran's machine, which was supporting Malone. I also had a few rumors to spread. These jobs were not difficult for me, a professional investigator."

I guess I will have to stop here for fear of violating the Copyright laws which forbid reproduction in excess of 50 words.

I don't know how truthful Mr. Matusow has been in relating incidents in his book but I do know the material on Nevada is true because of documents now in my possession.

These papers definitely prove that Miss Eva Adams lied when she stated for publication in the afternoon paper that she only met Harvey Matusow casually and had no business with him.

On October 20, 1952 a letter from Eva Adams to Harvey Matusow which was received in the Reno postoffice at 5 P.M.

contained a list of Las Vegas Sun employees with a notation at the bottom: "There has never been a contract between the Guild and the Las Vegas Sun. I don't know if this is good or bad but it's nevertheless part of the information sought from Eva Adams by Harvey Matusow."

Little did I realize three and four years ago how close I came to flirting with disaster, either through character assassination on the part of false witnesses at the instigation of United States senators, or through financial collapse because of bucking the powerful control over the economy of the state by McCarran.

However, Ignorance is bliss and I went on my merry way. But it surely is interesting, reading about it years late.

But to get back to my original question. How about the poor unfortunates who did not own a newspaper and could not fight back against the accusations of false witnesses and corrupt government officials?

Shouldn't something be done for them?

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ENCLOSURE

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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM

It would be very helpful if you have any suggestions as to how Sen. Bible might best answer this. I hate to have him involved; I'm trying to tell him he knows nothing about any part of it.

Several things should be kept in mind: Don and the boys all had complete faith in Harvey, as did our Senator, at this time. The whole situation was, of course, for the purpose of Assisting Sen. Malone against Mechling - but who cares about that now, yes?

This is smart, involving the rival paper as it does.

And I'm VERY sure I should go prospecting promptly, right?

MEMO M R TOLSON
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Senator Alan Bible,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

ALAN BIBLE

Dear Senator:

The attached is a copy of Hank Greenspun's column in the July 15 issue of the Las Vegas Sun, which you doubtless have seen by now. I am sending this clipping to you in connection with an inquiry regarding Miss Adams.

This inquiry is about an authoritative report I have received that Miss Adams is leaving your office to take a job in a government agency; specifically, the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Will appreciate anything you can give me regarding this for publication.

Yours truly,



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson *V. per DS*

DATE: July 20, 1955

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *LM*

SUBJECT:

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AT *DL*
 Eva Adams told me that a couple years ago Senator McCarran had some material prepared pertaining to Herman Greenspun; that Harvey Matusow went out to Nevada to help Senator Malone and it was now obvious that Matusow had turned over material which McCarran had given him to Greenspun. She then sent me copies of Greenspun's column of July 15, 1955.

On July 19, 1955, Miss Adams called me to advise she was sending me some more material. She then sent me a photostat of a letter from [] addressed to Senator Bible making inquiry as to whether Miss Adams was leaving Senator Bible and taking a position with the Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) *b6 b7c*

Miss Adams then called me and asked how I thought this should be handled. She told me there was no truth to the story that she was going to the CAB. I told her that the Senator should so answer [] *X*

Miss Adams was very jittery about the whole matter and told me that she had strongly urged Senator McCarran not to furnish the information which was furnished to Harvey Matusow.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 29, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

HENRY M. GREENSPUN
PUBLISHER
LAS VEGAS SUN

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Jay Sourwine passed on the following information which might some day be of value should we ever investigate Greenspun:

NEV. - T.H.

A William Chamberlain, formerly Director of the Chamber of Commerce in Las Vegas, now in Honolulu, was reported to have told a Florence Murphy, President of Bonanza Airlines, that he had known Greenspun in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Herbert McDonald, presently Director of the Chamber of Commerce, did not know where Chamberlain was.

Raymond O. Lowery (spelling phonetic), former City Manager of Las Vegas now in Hawaii, reportedly has information on Greenspun being in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Frank Stout, of Reno, Nevada, joined the Abraham Lincoln Brigade to go to Spain and get killed. (Sourwine stated he did not know why) Stout reportedly knew Greenspun in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain.

The foregoing information reportedly came to Sourwine from George Franklin of Las Vegas but who is now having a fight with Greenspun. At one point Franklin reportedly made the statement that he got this information from [redacted] of the FBI. He was pinned down on this and then backed off explaining that what he meant to say was that he knew [redacted] but [redacted] did not give him any information.

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Resident Agent - Las Vegas

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Tolson *V. L. R.*DATE: October 8, 1955 *10/12/55*

FROM :

L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. Gandy	_____

matters:

While talking to Jay Sourwine he passed on the following

(1) He stated that Matt Cvetic had made the statement that at one time he attended a Communist Party meeting with Milton Eisenhower. Recently while Sourwine was in Nevada he sought to interview Cvetic to tie this down. Cvetic was drunk on the day he was looking for him. The next day when he was located and sobered up, he was interviewed and denied ever having stated that Milton had attended a meeting of the Communist Party. Cvetic stated that what he had said was that at a Socialist meeting some years ago he had seen Milton at this meeting that he had copious notes on this meeting in his home in Pittsburgh and that the next time he goes to Pittsburgh he will get the notes and call Jay and make them available. Jay stated that Cvetic insisted he was not ordinarily a drinking man and only drinks occasionally. This, of course, is not borne out by the facts. Sourwine further stated that he had been told by three people in Las Vegas that Cvetic had made the statement that he had been sent to Las Vegas for a purpose and that he was engaged in a highly important assignment which would eventually result in blowing the whistle on Herman Greenspun, Ed Reid and Ed Oaken, all three of whom are connected with the Las Vegas Star, Greenspun's paper. Cvetic inferred that Greenspun and Reid would be prosecuted under the Smith Act, while Oaken would be indicted for espionage. Sourwine, of course, places no credence on this.

(2) Bella Dodd has reviewed the Executive Session testimony given by the New York Times people recently and has pointed out wherein erroneous statements were made.

(3) Senator Eastland has been trying to reach Henry Morgenthau on the telephone. Morgenthau has not been taking the calls and Eastland was going to give Morgenthau a few more days before he put him a wire ordering him down. Sourwine stated that he, Eastland, was pretty much put out by the way Morgenthau has acted.

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

(4) Sourwine stated that

[redacted]
[redacted] is married [redacted]

[redacted] Senator

[redacted] Eastland has taken steps to have pressure brought to bear on [redacted] to testify in detail at an early date.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 18, 1955

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT: HERMAN GREENSPUN

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 Boardman ☒
 Nichols ☒
 Belmont ☒
 Harbo ☐
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 Parsons ☐
 Rosen ☒
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Jay Sourwine informed me that William Chamberlain, who is alleged to have information on Herman Greenspun's fighting with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, is now in Knoxville, Tennessee, and can be located through [redacted]

[redacted] I told Jay we would make a note of this, but at the present time we were not conducting any investigation.

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: October 5, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN

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SYNOPSIS:

Acting Assistant Attorney General Yeagley forwarded a copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) plus an enclosed seven-page memorandum which contains derogatory information concerning Greenspun. An application is pending for transfer of television station KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, Nevada, to Greenspun. Character qualifications of applicant being considered by FCC. FCC desires FBI to search files and corroborate or refute information in memorandum on Greenspun. Also desires FBI to furnish additional pertinent information. Yeagley requested FBI to furnish FCC this data. Information in enclosed FCC memorandum except for portion dealing with "Financial Background" is substantially same as that furnished Senator McCarran on 4/2/52 by Mr. Nichols with approval of Deputy Attorney General Vanech and also furnished to Vanech by Director on 7/22/52. Memorandum furnished by FCC is identical to memorandum circulated in Las Vegas in May, 1953. It is noted Greenspun contacted Agent, Las Vegas, 11/14/52 stating every newspaper in Nevada had an FBI file on him, and he demanded a copy. He was told this was not true, and the matter was dropped. Greenspun was subject of two Neutrality Act investigations by Bureau. He was acquitted in one trial and received \$10,000 fine for separate offense in second trial on 7/17/50 after plea of guilty. Details of these offenses and dispositions are included in FCC memorandum. (In 1952, limited investigations were conducted concerning bribery allegation against Greenspun and possible perjury in a civil antitrust case involving Greenspun and advertisers in Las Vegas. Department advised facts did not constitute violation Federal statute. Extensive investigation conducted by Bureau, 1953, after his application for pardon after completion of sentence.) Pertinent information developed is contained in blank memorandum to be given FCC. Greenspun was tried and acquitted in 1954 of charges that he sent indecent matter through the mail which tended to incite murder or assassination of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Investigation handled by postal authorities. Bufiles contain great deal of unverified (continued on next page)

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cc - Liaison SectionHEH:jfm
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Jones to Nichols Memorandum

October 5, 1956

information in Crime Surveys re Greenspun. He has unsavory background, including scurrilous attacks questioning the loyalty of the Director himself. Hearings by FCC can be expected with Greenspun utilizing any technique available to divert attention from his shortcomings. In view of apparent wide-spread dissemination of information furnished to McCarran, Greenspun will likely make public accusations that FBI has circulated information concerning him. Blank memorandum has been prepared containing only information which is result of actual investigation by FBI for FCC which will be furnished together with Greenspun's identification record. Yeagley is being advised that information in memorandum of FCC has been verified except for "Financial Background" portion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached memorandum be sent to Yeagley enclosing blank memorandum concerning Greenspun and his identification record for delivery to the FCC.

Ans. *[Signature]*
[Signature]

[Signature]

V.

October 5, 1956

DETAILSBACKGROUND:

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division, forwarded a copy of a letter dated September 10, 1956, with an enclosed seven-page memorandum concerning Greenspun which George C. McConnaughey, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) forwarded to the Attorney General. Mr. McConnaughey advised that an application is pending before the FCC for a transfer of television station KLAS-TV, Las Vegas, to Greenspun. Consideration is given to the character qualifications of such an applicant. McConnaughey points out the enclosed memorandum contains derogatory information, the source of which is not known. McConnaughey desires that the files of the FBI be searched to corroborate or refute the matters set forth in the memorandum and that additional pertinent information also be furnished.

Yeagley requested that the FBI furnish directly to McConnaughey whatever information was deemed appropriate concerning Greenspun.

A review of the memorandum furnished by the FCC reveals that up to the final portion dealing with financial background, it is substantially a copy of a memorandum dated April 2, 1952, furnished by Mr. Nichols to the late Senator McCarran with the approval of Deputy Attorney General A. Devitt Vanech. (62-97007-10X) Similar information was also furnished by a memorandum from the Director dated July 22, 1952, to Mr. Vanech. (62-97007-23)

The memorandum concerning Greenspun furnished by the FCC is identical to a copy of a memorandum forwarded to the Bureau by the Salt Lake City Office on May 7, 1953. (62-97007-105) The document furnished to the Salt Lake City Office is a carbon copy and was loaned to an Agent at Las Vegas by William Peccole, City Commissioner of Las Vegas, for review. Apparently wide circulation had been given that document. It is noted that on November 14, 1952, Greenspun contacted an Agent at Las Vegas and stated every newspaper in Nevada except his own had an FBI file on him and he demanded a copy. He was told this was not true and the matter was dropped. (62-97007-93)

October 5, 1956

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Greenspun was the subject of two Neutrality Act investigations by the Bureau. (2-875 and 2-1004) On February 6, 1950, in Federal Court in Los Angeles, Greenspun was acquitted of the first offense. On the second offense, after a change to a plea of guilty to the charge of conspiracy to violate the Neutrality Act, Greenspun was sentenced to pay a \$10,000 fine on July 17, 1950. The details of these offenses were included in the memorandum furnished by the FCC.

A limited investigation was conducted in 1952 concerning a bribery allegation against Greenspun that he offered \$25,000 to get a case against him fixed. An inquiry was also conducted concerning possible perjury in a civil antitrust case involving Greenspun and advertisers in the Las Vegas area. [redacted] advised the Bureau on March 25, 1953, that the perjury and bribery matters had been carefully studied in the Criminal Division, and it was determined that the facts and evidence did not disclose an offense violative of existing Federal criminal statutes. (62-97007-102)

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In 1953, the Bureau conducted an extensive investigation re Greenspun following his application for pardon after completion of sentence. The pertinent information developed has been set out for the information of the FCC.

It was reported that Greenspun in April, 1953, was being sued for libel by one [redacted] Las Vegas City Commissioner. Greenspun allegedly printed charges in his newspaper on four different occasions that Peccole was dishonest and had used his public office for personal gain. (62-97007-104)

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Greenspun was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Las Vegas, Nevada, on 4/8/54 on charges of violating Section 1461, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that Greenspun, in a column written by him on 1/8/54, sent out indecent matter in the mail which tended to incite murder or assassination of Senator Joseph McCarthy. This article read in part as follows: "Live by the sword and you die by the sword! Destroy people and they in turn must destroy you! The chances are that McCarthy will eventually be laid to rest at the hand of some poor slob whose life and reputation he has destroyed through his well-established smear technique. The poor victim will feel he has little to live for, so he will get a gun and blast Joe to Hades. It might be a bit messy but Joe is used to messiness."

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October 5, 1956

He has created enough of it." (62-97007-122) Greenspun, after trial, was acquitted of this charge. The only Bureau interest in that case was the conducting of a jury panel investigation, and the substantive case was investigated in its entirety by the Post Office Department. (51-417)

Bufiles contain numerous references to Greenspun in the Crime Survey reports. This data has not been verified by investigation. Also a portion has come from highly confidential sources.

OBSERVATIONS:

Greenspun has an extremely unsavory background, including scurrilous attacks questioning the loyalty of the Director himself. Undoubtedly, there will be a hearing by the FCC, and Greenspun will utilize any technique available to divert attention from his own shortcomings. It appears that there has been widespread dissemination of the information furnished McCarran. Greenspun will likely make public accusations that the FBI has circulated information concerning him.

It is felt that only that additional pertinent information contained in Bufiles which is the result of actual investigation by the FBI should be furnished to the FCC at this time. The attached memo to Assistant Attorney General Yeagley contains an enclosed blank memorandum setting forth such information plus a copy of Greenspun's Identification Record. The memo to Mr. Yeagley also advises that the memo forwarded by the FCC has been verified except for that portion dealing with "Financial Background." In view of the possible repercussions which may follow, it is felt best to reply to Yeagley rather than directly to the FCC.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1956

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mason
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to your instructions, I called SAC Cornelius, Salt Lake City, and advised him that you had received a call from [redacted] who had in turn received a call from Hank Greenspun regarding the investigation we conducted pertaining to the statements Pool was alleged to have made concerning investigating the Director. Mr. Cornelius was advised that you told [redacted] that we had received information to the effect that Chief Pool had made the statement that he had investigated the Director and that upon receiving this information, you had instructed the Salt Lake City Office to immediately contact Chief Pool to have him put up or shut up regarding this statement and that as far as we are concerned, there is no manhunt and no investigation by the Bureau; that when Pool was contacted, he denied making a statement that he had investigated the Director or that he had made an investigation regarding the Director, and as far as we were concerned, that ended the matter. I told Cornelius that you wanted him to have this information immediately as to what you told [redacted]

I also inquired of Cornelius regarding the statement that Greenspun had been requested by the Resident Agent in Las Vegas to hold up a story until he could make a check. Cornelius has checked with the Resident Agents in Las Vegas and advises there has been no such request made by the Resident Agent of Greenspun. The facts are that Greenspun called the Resident Agency in Las Vegas and his call was received by Agent [redacted]. Greenspun asked to speak to Senior Resident Agent Wheeler, who was not in at the time. Greenspun made an inquiry as to the investigation that we had made concerning the statements of Chief Pool having investigated the Director and Agent [redacted] made no request of Greenspun but merely told Greenspun he would have Agent [redacted] call him.

Pursuant to your instructions, Cornelius was advised that in answer to Greenspun's inquiry, he could be told that we had received information that Chief Pool had made a statement that he had investigated the Director and that

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Memorandum for the Director

July 2, 1956

we had gone to Pool concerning it, and Pool had denied making any such statement or making an investigation of the Director and as far as we were concerned, that ended the matter.

Also pursuant to your instructions, Cornelius was advised that the Resident Agents should be told that they should make no request of Greenspun as to holding up a story of any kind.

Mr. Rosen has been instructed to prepare a memorandum outlining the Civil Rights investigation that was made of Chief of Police Pool and the present status of the case and that the case should be vigorously pushed.

Respectfully,



F. C. Holloman

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 2, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CECIL POOL, et al;
 RAY LEWIS SAGE, JR., et al.
 VICTIMS - CIVIL RIGHTS
 BUFILE 44-10131

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SAC Cornelius, Salt Lake City, was referred to my office by Mr. Rosen when he called in at 6:35 p. m. tonight advising that in connection with the current investigation we are conducting into allegations that Chief of Police William Cecil Pool of North Las Vegas Police Department and others violated civil rights of certain prisoners by beating them up; that the Bureau had come on to information that Pool had called a narcotics agent, [redacted] in San Francisco and during the course of the conversation alleged that he had investigated the Director previously and that the investigation had been called off.

As a result of this, the Director instructed that both Pool and the narcotics agent be immediately interviewed in order to have them put up or shut up. In this connection, Heber Clegg, ASAC, Salt Lake City, saw Chief Pool, who denied making the statement and also denied ever having investigated the Director.

With this background, Cornelius advised that Hank Greenspun called the Resident Agency at Las Vegas advising that he had a tip that we were investigating the Chief of Police for having stated he investigated the Director and Greenspun wanted to know what this was all about and what the investigation of the Director was all about. Cornelius was told to have Greenspun recontacted and advised that we had heard a rumor that Chief Pool had made such a statement and when confronted, he denied making the statement and also denied ever having investigated the Director. Cornelius was instructed beyond that we should make no observation or comment as this appeared to answer Greenspun's inquiry. Cornelius stated he thought this was correct and that it was his opinion Greenspun undoubtedly got the information directly from Pool as Greenspun was instrumental in having Pool made Chief of Police at North Las Vegas.

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In any event, since Greenspun already has the story, our suggested statement for Cornelius to give back to Greenspun does not give him anything more than he already has and it knocks down the fact that there ever was any investigation of the Director. Mr. Holloman was advised by dictograph of the action taken.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Holloman

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Director's investigation:
 Had I not been for
 back all day yesterday
 afternoon I wouldn't have
 known about above until it
 was 9:25 AM

44-10131-11031
 Such matters involving me should be called to my attention & made

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 3, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CECIL POOL
CHIEF OF POLICE
NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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SAC Cornelius, Salt Lake City, called in this afternoon to advise that today's edition of the Las Vegas Sun reflected an article by Henry Greenspun, on the front page, lower portion, with the by-line, "J. Edgar Hoover Exonerated." Underneath that there was a second line which read, "Tall Tale in North Las Vegas, Nevada."

The article went on to state that a "Tall Tale" had been told about J. Edgar Hoover and FBI agents in Las Vegas and San Francisco had completely exonerated Mr. Hoover. The article reflected that Chief of Police Pool was quoted as making statements that "Pool had J. Edgar Hoover at the gray walls of prison; however, [] a narcotics agent interceded and the case was closed."

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The article went on to include that Pool and White had both advised reporters that the entire story was a fabrication of lies. The story was described as a "tempest in a teapot."

SAC Cornelius stated that Pool appears to be the source of information in the article.

ACTION:

Cornelius was instructed to send in the article AMSD.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

[] newspaperman, called to advise that he had just heard from Hank Greenspun who indicated he had a case which was about to break involving former Chief of Police Pool of Las Vegas. Pool was claiming that he had enough on me to take me to the bars of the penitentiary; that I had three FBI men, including the chief man in Salt Lake City, grill him, Pool, and [] a Federal narcotic agent, interceded and the case was dropped. [] stated that Pool is involved in some kind of an affair in which a member of the jury was bugged and Greenspun was indicted. [] stated that Greenspun was ready to break the story and wanted him, [] to find out why the FBI goes to this 'massive manhunt' on unfounded charges. Greenspun, according to [] had all the details and indicated that the FBI in Las Vegas had asked him to hold up everything until he could get an answer to his query.

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I told [] that as far as I knew someone came to our office at Salt Lake City and stated that Pool was going around making statements that he had enough on me to send me to the bars of the penitentiary and that [] had interceded and as soon as this was reported to me I instructed our office to contact Pool and tell him 'to put up or shut up' and Pool had denied making any such statement. I stated this ended the matter as far as we were concerned, that this information came through our Salt Lake City Office which covers the Las Vegas area; that I could check if necessary to find out the exact location from which this information did come. [] indicated this was not necessary.

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[] was advised that he could tell Greenspun that the allegation had been made against me that I had done something which could put me in the penitentiary and Pool had denied making such a statement; that in fact both White and Pool denied saying anything.

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cc-Mr. Holloman
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FBI
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1/27/56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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For record purposes, Westbrook Pegler called from Tucson, Arizona, on the afternoon of 1/26/56, advising that he understands that "that gunrunner who was convicted some years ago and who publishes a paper in Las Vegas", meaning Hank Greenspun, was, he believed, the subject of some interest by a Grand Jury and he does not know whether it is a Federal Grand Jury or a local one. In any event, Pegler advised he understands Greenspun is to make a speech at Tucson next Monday night and was also going to speak in Phoenix probably on Sunday and he wondered if we were going to cover him in order to know what he was talking on. Pegler was asked what group Greenspun was addressing and he stated it would be the United Jewish Appeal.

Pegler was advised that we could not answer his question one way or the other directly but as he knew we had people in those areas and if anything of interest did come up we would undoubtedly learn about it. Pegler stated that he thought he would tip us off any way so that if we did want to know where he was and what he was talking about, we might want to have someone listen. He was thanked for his call.

It is our understanding that he is working up a series of articles to go after Greenspun.

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 16, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN
EDITOR
LAS VEGAS SUN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
EDITORIAL

Tolson
Belmont
DeLoach
McGuire
Mohr
Parsons
Rosen
Tamm
Trotter
W.C. Sullivan
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BACKGROUND:

We have received a very favorable editorial "A Tribute To the FBI" which appeared in the June 26, 1959, issue of the captioned newspaper. The editorial is quite laudatory concerning the swift manner in which we "cracked" the robbery of a \$250,000 diamond owned by Mrs. Vera Krupp.

DATA RE HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN:

A memorandum from Mr. Jones to Mr. Nichols dated October 5, 1956, reflects briefly that Greenspun has an unsavory background, including scurrilous attacks questioning the loyalty of the Director. In 1956 the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), in connection with an application pending for transfer of a television station to Greenspun, furnished a seven page memorandum to the department containing derogatory information concerning Greenspun. In November, 1952, Greenspun contacted an Agent of this Bureau in Las Vegas and stated that every newspaper in Nevada had an FBI file on him and he demanded a copy. He was told this was not true and the matter was dropped. Greenspun was the subject of two Neutrality Act investigations by this Bureau. He was acquitted in one trial and received a \$10,000 fine for a separate offense in another trial on July 17, 1950, after a plea of guilty. In 1952 limited investigations were conducted concerning a bribery allegation against Greenspun and possible perjury in a civil antitrust case involving and advertisers in Las Vegas. The department advised that the facts did not constitute a violation of a Federal statute.

We also conducted an extensive investigation in 1953 after his application for pardon after completion of sentence. Greenspun was

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Jones to DeLoach
Herman M. Greenspun

tried and acquitted in 1954 of charges that he sent indecent matter through the mail which tended to incite murder or assassination of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy. This investigation was handled by the Postal authorities. Bufiles also contain a great deal of unverified information in crime surveys regarding him.

RECOMMENDATION:

That in view of the information set forth above reflecting such an unsavory background of Greenspun, we not acknowledge this editorial even though it is very laudatory of the Bureau. The possibility exists that he might use a letter from the Director to publicly enhance himself.

[Handwritten signature: H. Conrad]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NEASE *Ne*

DATE: 5-9-58

FROM : W. G. EAMES *E*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
H. M. GREENSPUN, ETC.
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the above-listed bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material contained therein.

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In view of controversial
nature of Greenspun and
recurrent publicity concerning
a activities, all available
info should be maintained
for the present -
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L. M. LINTON
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Nease
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

*He is Greenspun's
lawyer.*

WHERE I STAND

By Hank Greenspun

Distinguished Washington attorney Ed Morgan told of the present-day world-wide ideological war for the minds of men in his address on "A Free and Living Press" Saturday night at the banquet which climaxed the two-day 32nd annual Nevada State Press Association convention. The speech had tremendous impact upon his listeners, and because of its significance is being reprinted here, in condensed form, as a service to our readers.

A Free And Living Press

By ED MORGAN

It has been truly said that the greatest struggle of our generation is for the minds of men. Beyond all reasonable doubt, there has never been in the history of mankind a challenge to nations, and particularly to our nation, as that which exists today.

From time immemorial, it is believed fair to say, the ascendancy of peoples and nations has been related largely to the power, economic and military, of those nations. These



forces today, while still significant, have ceased to have the overriding considerations of paramount significance which once obtained. That this is true is the result of the simple fact that mankind, whether for good or evil, has at length tapped the well springs of creation and brought into being an ultimate weapon of warfare — the atomic and hydrogen bombs.

History will record, I believe, that the advent of this ultimate weapon marked the emergence of man as a truly intellectual being. Henceforth, his decisions and consummations of his aspirations and fears will not be resolved on the battlefields of the world, but through the effectiveness

of his appeals to and his control over his fellow men.

Indeed, it cannot be doubted that despite the ostensible confusion in the world today and the bellicose utterances from time to time, we realize, as must our most formidable adversary, the Soviet Union, that victory will be determined largely and essentially to the extent that the imagination and minds of the peoples of the world are influenced.

I make these prefatory observations tonight because you hold within your hands the most conclusive and effective instrument for mass communication in all the world — the press. In your hands rests the sacred duty of presenting and interpreting for our people the march of world events and the fundamental verities thereof. This is an obligation which no member of your profession may assume lightly. It is an obligation the implications of which go deep into the well springs of our national origin and fundamental tenets as a free people. It is an obligation which we may well explore in this hour of reflection in its development and significance.

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Las Vegas, Nevada
February 25, 1957

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We easily and lightly refer to a free press, and yet, how many of us this night, if called upon, could truly and definitely state what we mean by a free press? Moreover, how many of us are prepared to say that in our own area of endeavor we have presented truly a free and living press in the American tradition? Let us reflect for a moment upon the subject.

For several centuries after the invention of the printing press, printing was regarded as a privilege which could be pursued only by grant of the sovereign. Not only was publication made the subject of license, but also the number of printers was usually limited. Indeed, it was not always true that our own press could be characterized as free.

When, on March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect, there was not one word therein containing guarantees with respect to freedom of the press or any other of the fundamental rights which we cherish. It was not long however in coming. For the very first Congress framed and submitted for adoption the first ten amendments to the Bill of Rights, which were adopted in 1791. And the very first of these fundamental rights, as a companion to the freedom of religion, was the requirement that:

"Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech or of the press . . ."

And yet it must be recognized that our Constitution represents a compromise between highly divergent viewpoints and that at most it can be no more than a generalized framework within which the true incidents of our government and society evolve through the inexorable experiences of time and circumstance. Indeed, it is this very generalization which doubtless inspired England's Gladstone to say:

"... The American Constitution is, so far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

But does the guarantee of the First Amendment truly mean that we shall have in fact, or that we have in fact, a free press? Oh, certainly we can define freedom of the press as the right to publish without previous license or permission and without fear of punishment subject to such laws as those on libel, obscenity, sedition, and blasphemy. But does this insure a truly free and living press?

I submit that a free press is only partially the result of the legal protection accorded it. And that fundamentally a free press — a living spirit in our midst — can only be the result of the dedication of you men and women who administer the press. This sense of dedication to your calling will determine whether the American press can wield the great influence which it is called upon to exercise in the titanic struggle for the minds of men.

Just last week I had the good fortune to have dinner with the Bishop of Puerto Rico, a very learned Catholic churchman, who incidentally originally came from your neighboring state of Arizona. Recalling how Puerto Rico eight years ago was in a moribund state of economic collapse and despair, I inquired of the Bishop how it came to be today that Puerto

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Rico literally lift themselves by their own bootstraps and that by the sheer will of its inhabitants has coined the expression "operation bootstrap," by which the people of Puerto Rico literally lift themselves by their own bootstraps and are determined to build a better life. The reply of the Bishop was simple: "I believe it is all the result of a sense of dedication on the part of our officials and our people."

To me, in the ultimate analysis, that observation spells a criterion by which all of us can be judged in determining whether we are making the contribution which our country is properly entitled to expect of us at this critical stage of world events. I have not the slightest doubt that if all of us here tonight would experience a rededication to upholding the meaning and spirit of a free and living press, little short of a miracle would result.

The other evening I had occasion to read the words of William Blackstone, whose commentaries are today still the finest expression of the origins of our law. Here is what he said concerning liberty of the press:

"The liberty of the press is indeed essential to the nature of a free state; but this consists in laying no previous restraints upon publications, and not in freedom from censure for criminal matter when published. Every free man has an undoubted right to lay what sentiments he pleases before the public; to forbid this, is to destroy the freedom of the press; but if he publishes what is improper, mischievous, or illegal, he must take the consequences of his own temerity. To subject the press to the restrictive power of a licenser, as was formerly done, both before and since the revolution, is to subject all freedom of sentiment to the prejudices of one man, and make him the arbitrary and infallible judge of all controverted points in learning, religion, and government. But to punish (as the law does at present) any dangerous or offensive writings, which, when published, shall on a fair and improper trial be adjudged of a pernicious tendency, if necessary for the preservation of peace and good order, of government and religion, the only solid foundations of civil liberty. Thus the will of individuals is still left free; the abuse only of that free-will is the object of legal punishment. Neither is any restraint hereby laid upon freedom of thought or enquiry; liberty of private sentiments is still left; the disseminating, or making public, of bad sentiments, destructive of the ends of society, is the crime which society corrects. A man may be allowed to keep poisons in his closet, but not publicly vend them as cordials. And to this we may add, that the only plausible argument heretofore used for the restraining the just freedom of the press, 'that it was necessary to prevent the daily abuse of it,' will entirely lose its force, when it is shown (by a seasonable exertion of the laws) that the press cannot be abused to any bad purpose, without incurring a suitable punishment: whereas it never can be used to any good one, when under the control of an inspector. So true it will be found, that to censure the licentiousness, is to maintain the liberty of the press."

Reflecting upon the words of this learned sage of our law, two thoughts are paramount: (1) Liberty of the press is indeed essential to the nature of a free state; and (2) No restrictions shall be imposed upon the press save to prevent a destruction of the ends of society. It can thus be seen that historically the press is endowed with a duty to preserve free society.

In discharging this duty, we can have no surer guide than the well-worn adage — "The truth shall make us free." When the press departs from this single objective to present the truth, it has failed in its historic mission and has prostituted its excuse for being. When the press is used for personal, selfish, and ulterior purposes, it defiles the memories of the brave and courageous men who, at the expense of life, property, and reputation, stood firmly against oppression in order that the concept of a free and living press might see the light of day.

Yes, I believe we need a sense of dedication or perhaps more clearly stated, a sense of rededication, a rededication to the precepts and principles of freedom and truth. For the struggle for freedom and truth shall be an unending one as long as you and I shall live. And with the rise of each new morning's sun, we must again resolve to do each day the fundamental job of presenting and interpreting truth for our people. Perhaps this has never been better expressed than in the words of Goethe, who said:

"Yes! To this thought I hold with firm persistence;
The last result of wisdom stamps it true;
He only earns his freedom and existence;
Who daily conquers them anew."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 29, 1970

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
AKA "HANK"

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Remymemo 4-28-70 attached. While accompanying [redacted] during the late afternoon of 4-28-70, SA [redacted] was asked by [redacted] if he had determined any information concerning captioned individual. When told that it was being checked out and she would be advised when completed, she indicated that it would not be necessary to continue checking as she did not further need any information regarding Greenspun.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only. Attached for information are memo Jones to Wick, 10-7-66, and memo Jones to Bishop, 5-23-68, regarding background of Greenspun.

1 - Mr. Mohr

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: April 28, 1970

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
HANK GREENSPAN

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On 4-28-70 [redacted] telephonically requested SA [redacted] to determine what information the FBI had concerning captioned individual. She believed he was a newspaper man from Las Vegas and possibly owned a hotel in Las Vegas. She did not indicate why she desired this information.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Bureau files be reviewed and whatever public source information is available be furnished [redacted] and the Attorney General.

1 - Mr. Mohr

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Mr. Wick

10-7-66

M. A. Jones

HERMAN M. GREENSPUN
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER
LAS VEGAS SUN
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

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Greenspun, in a column in his newspaper dated 9-25-66, was most laudatory of the FBI and stated, in connection with the current wiretapping controversy in Las Vegas, that the FBI used these devices only at the order of the Department of Justice and possibly the Attorney General himself. He stated that the Las Vegas Office was acting under orders, that SAC Dean Elson of Las Vegas and other Agents are fine law enforcement officers but they must carry the burden because those in authority will not speak up.

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Mr. Tolson has instructed that we write Greenspun thanking him for his support, as evidenced in the above column, and setting forth in this letter information to attack Governor Grant Sawyer of Nevada. Governor Sawyer has, of course, called for state prosecution of FBI Agents in Las Vegas on wiretapping charges and has using his attacks on the FBI as an important political issue in his campaign for re-election.

BACKGROUND OF GREENSPUN:

Greenspun has an unsavory background which includes attacks questioning the loyalty of the Director. In 1956 the Federal Communications Commission, in connection with an application pending for transfer of a television station to Greenspun, furnished a 7-page memorandum to the Department containing derogatory information about Greenspun. Greenspun was the subject of two Neutrality Act investigations by the Bureau. He was acquitted in one trial and received a \$10,000 fine in a second trial on July 17, 1950, following a plea of guilty.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Tolson - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure
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1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
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M. A. Jones to Wick memo
RE: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN

We also conducted an extensive investigation in 1953 following his application for pardon after completion of sentence. In addition, he was tried and acquitted in 1954 on charges that he sent indecent material through the mail which tended to incite murder or assassination of the late Joseph McCarthy.

While data favorable to the FBI has appeared in the "Las Vegas Sun" infrequently in the past, Greenspun and his paper have generally been among our detractors and critics.

Greenspun in his newspaper on March 6, 1964, indicated that he had appeared on the "Open End" television show and had stated that there was no organized crime direction of Nevada gambling.

An editorial in the "Las Vegas Sun" on November 9, 1965, cited the investigation of wiretapping and other investigative techniques being conducted by Senator Edward Long's Subcommittee. The editorial stated, "Congress is properly concerned and must take the lead in calling a halt to illegal use of snooping devices by federal agencies. A Nevada law which prohibits similar actions by local agencies must be enforced as well." On December 17, 1965, Greenspun's paper editorialized, "Unsubstantiated charges of 'skimming' in the gambling industry don't accomplish anything except cast the state's reputation farther into shadow.... The danger is that the uninformed and misled may vote for something that will practically wipe out an industry that now supplies about 30 per cent of the state's general fund revenues." The February 1, 1966, issue of the "Las Vegas Sun" again commented on Senator Long's Subcommittee and reported that Subcommittee Counsel Fensterwald had said he was "prepared to go ahead with hearings on FBI bugging in Las Vegas as soon as Long approves." The paper editorialized, "Allowing agents to use indiscriminately all the massive advances made in scientific machinery to invade the lives of citizens who may be merely suspected of wrongdoing smacks too much of the police state."

M. A. Jones to Wick memo
RE: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN

SAWYER AND CAESAR'S PALACE:

Through a Los Angeles informant, information has been received this week reflecting that the manager of Caesar's Palace met with Sawyer and gave him an envelope containing \$50,000. While this clearly indicates Sawyer's linkup with Las Vegas hoodlums, it is not believed this information can be used directly in the letter to Greenspun since, not only did it come from a symbol informant of the Los Angeles Office, but it is hearsay information as far as the informant is concerned.

OBSERVATION:

Attached is a letter to Greenspun over the Director's signature. This letter confirms in writing information regarding our microphone surveillance at the Desert Inn and hoodlum ownership and skimming of funds of Nevada casinos--which confirmation is susceptible to possible misuses, particularly in view of Governor Sawyer's demands for prosecution of FBI Agents and the Government's earlier refusal to assist in connection with the hearings of the Nevada Gaming Commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

That consideration be given to the advisability of sending the attached letter in light of the above information.

SEE ADDENDUM NEXT PAGE

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Jones to Wick memorandum

RE: HERMAN M. GREENSPUN

Addendum 10/10/66 GWG:slr

You (Mr. Wick) telephoned SAC Elson at Las Vegas at 11:45 a.m., October 10, 1966, and read the attached proposed letter to him. He said that it is a good letter; that it is factually correct; that it will help clear the record and will no doubt cause considerable commotion in Governor Sawyer's camp. SAC Elson feels that Greenspun will publish the letter and that it will become the focal point of a great deal of public attention.

Summary
File
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Mr. Bishop

5-23-68

M. A. Jones

HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN
PUBLISHER, "LAS VEGAS SUN"
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
REQUEST FOR ARTICLE BY SAC, LAS VEGAS

BACKGROUND:

By letter of 5-17-68, Greenspun wrote Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Harold Campbell of the Las Vegas Office, requesting him to prepare a guest piece to appear in the "Here I Stand" column of the "Sun" during June. Greenspun, who normally writes this column, will be vacationing in June and normally invites prominent civic personalities to contribute an article during his absence from the city.

The article would be of any subject in about 800 to 1,000 words, and Greenspun notes that "editing will be kept at a minimum."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

During October, 1963, Greenspun made a similar request of SAC Elson, who was then assigned to the Las Vegas Office. It was then recommended and approved that we comply with that request and an appropriate article, prepared by the Crime Records Division, was furnished to the SAC in Las Vegas for this purpose. However, files disclose no evidence that the article appeared in the "Sun."

It will be recalled that Greenspun has a very unsavory background which includes newspaper attacks against the Director and the FBI. He has been the subject of a number of FBI investigations and in June, 1950, received a \$10,000 fine following his plea of guilty to a Neutrality Act violation. In 1953, when he applied for a pardon after completion of sentence, we conducted an extensive investigation which eventually resulted in his being granted a full and unconditional pardon. At this time the Director commented, "This rascal should never get a full pardon."

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

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Jones to Bishop memo
RE: HERMAN MILTON GREENSPUN

Although Greenspun and his newspaper were more frequently our detractors rather than our supporters, this situation has changed in recent years. During the wiretap controversy concerning organized criminal elements at Las Vegas, Greenspun published a letter from the Director in October, 1966, which clearly established that any utilization of electronic listening devices by the FBI had been done only with the full knowledge and authority of the Attorney General. Publication of this letter created considerable publicity throughout the country and spurred the then incumbent Governor Grant Sawyer to publicly attack the FBI for violating Nevada wiretap laws. It is said that Sawyer's position ultimately led to his defeat for reelection.

Since that time, Greenspun and the "Sun" have been very favorable in their comments concerning ^{and} their publicity of the FBI.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That, if approved, your office (Mr. Bishop's) inform SAC Campbell to advise Greenspun that he will prepare the requested article.

2. That the Crime Records Division prepare an appropriate article which will be submitted for approval for use by the SAC, Las Vegas, in connection with Greenspun's request.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. *Stavel*

FROM : J. W. Marshall

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
H. M. GREENSPUN, ETC.
PERJURY

DATE: 7-31-69

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RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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Signature of Reviewing Supervisor

*Charles T. Sullivan**Destroyed 8/2/69*

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June 5, 1963

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Mr. Charles V. Olson
1637 Arthur Street
North Las Vegas, Nevada

Dear Mr. Olson:

The letter of May 29th, with enclosure, from your wife and you has been received and I want you to know how much my associates and I appreciate your kind comments concerning our work. We hope our endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

1 - Las Vegas - Enclosures (2)

Attention SAC: For your information, the enclosure was written by Victor Lasky, North American Newspaper Alliance, New York, New York. We have had excellent relations with the North American Newspaper Alliance and in the original version Mr. Lasky went on to state that "I have long preached self-restraint in combatting communism" and quoted from one of my articles indicating that the fight against communism must be kept within the due process of law and that this is not the time for vigilante action.

See note and enclosures next page

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Mr. Charles V. Olson

Enclosures (5)

"An American's Challenge"

"The Faith to be Free"

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. Our relations with the "Las Vegas Sun" have not been cordial. This paper is run by Hank Greenspun whose background is well known to the Bureau. It would appear that by not printing the concluding paragraphs of this story, the paper has deliberately attempted to make the article derogatory concerning the Director. Copy of complete article attached.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

May 29, 1963

Dear Mr. Hoover,

0 Sun

Enclosed is an artical from a Las Vegas Newspaper, that we thought you'd like to have and read. We are two American people who dislike communism to the fullest degree. We are writing this letter to PRAISE you in your work against communism. Please keep up the excellant work. We free Americans are behind you 1,000%.

So many many Americans are 'brainwashed' to the fact that communism is penetrating right before our eyes. We were two brainwashed Americans up until 2 months ago when we were starting to read between the lines and decided to try and do something about it. However, we aren't quite sure on what to do.

I'm a painter and a member of the Painters Local Union. Even though [redacted] is a strong union man, and I am a union man, I'll always put my country before the union.

I also have 4 children & number 5 on the way, and certainly hope that they can enjoy the 'freedom' that we so long have enjoyed.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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from the Las Vegas Sun - Las Vegas, Nevada May 28, 1963

Reuther Seeks to Muzzle FBI Chief

NEW YORK (NANA)—A new book discloses that labor leader Walter Reuther had urged Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy to curb FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's crusade against Communism.

In a memorandum to the attorney general, Reuther accused the nation's number one G-man of having exaggerated the Red menace, thus contributing to the public frame of mind on which rightwing extremists feed.

Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers and a vice president of the AFL-CIO, did not call for Hoover's ouster, however. This has long been the target of ultra-liberals opposed to the FBI's investigations of Communist intrigues.

In effect, Reuther demanded the muzzling of Hoover and other FBI officials who view the Communist menace with alarm.

All this was reported in the just-published "The Far Right," by Donald Janson and Bernard Eisman, a book which purports to delve into the activities and background of rightwing groups in the United States.

24-Page Memo

According to the authors, Reuther and the attorney general met in the fall of 1961 to discuss what could be done to combat right wing extremism. Reuther promised to write a memorandum for Bob Kennedy.

A 24-page memo, prepared by Reuther's brother, Victor, was dispatched to the Justice Depart-

ment on Dec. 19, 1961. In a note accompanying the document, Walter Reuther wrote: "... This is not a problem that can be swept under a rug. The administration can no more combat the Radical Right by being 'tough on domestic communism' or appeasing Radical Right generals than the Republican administration was able to fight McCarthyism by its own excesses in this area."

The memorandum outlined five areas as needing immediate attention:

1. "The Radical Right inside the armed forces presents an immediate and special problem requiring immediate and special measures."
2. "The attorney general's list of subversive organizations is lending aid and comfort to the Radical Right. Although the Radical Right posed a far greater danger to this country in its battle against international Communism than does the domestic Communist movement, the latter has been branded subversive and the former not."
3. "The flow of big money to the Radical Right should be dammed to the extent possible."
4. "The administration should take steps to end the Minute-men."
5. "The domestic Communist problem should be put in proper perspective for the American people, thus exposing the basic fallacy of the Radical Right."

Hoover "Exaggerates"

"... The director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover, even though he made an admirable recent statement concerning the Radical Right, exaggerates the domestic Communist menace at every turn and then contributes to the public's frame of mind upon which the Radical Right feeds. Asst. Att. Gen. J. Walter Yeagley, who continues in charge of internal security matters, has always maximized the domestic Communist menace. There is no need of a further effort to dramatize the Communist issue. The need now is to rein in those who have created the unreasoned fear of the domestic Communist movement in the minds of American people and slowly to develop a more rational attitude towards the strength of this movement. Without forbidding dissenting officials from expressing a contrary viewpoint (and thus evoking charges of muzzling Hoover, etc.), and effort to take a more realistic view by leaders of this administration would probably cause most of the administration officials to fall into line and even some legislators might be affected thereby. Fifteen years of overstating a problem cannot be reversed overnight, but thoughtful handling can reduce tensions and misconceptions in this area too."

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Date: 9/11/73

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (62-797) (RUC)

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLANNED BURGLARY
OF THE OFFICE OF HENRY GREENSPUN,
A LAS VEGAS PUBLISHER, IN
EARLY 1972
(INTELLIGENCE DIVISION)

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Re Bureau routing slip to Las Vegas, dated
8/27/73.

Enclosed herewith is the original and five
copies of a LHM incorporating pertinent information
contained in FD-302's reflecting interviews of FRANK
WILLIAM GAY and RALPH F. WINTÉ by the Los Angeles
Division.

Letter to Archibald Cox, 9/25/73 RDH/mam

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1 - Mr. E. S. Miller
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
1 - Mr. R. D. Hampton

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Mr. Archibald Cox
Special Prosecutor

Director, FBI
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BY COURIER SERVICE

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OFFICE OF HENRY GREENSPUN, A
LAS VEGAS PUBLISHER, IN EARLY 1972

Reference is made to memoranda from James Vorenberg
of your staff, dated June 19, 1973, and July 3, 1973, and letter
from Director, FBI, to you dated July 24, 1973.

Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated
September 11, 1973, at Las Vegas, Nevada, which incorporates
interviews of Frank William Gay and Ralph F. Winte.

Enclosed also are two copies of Form FD-302 reflecting
an interview of Herman "Hank" Greenspun on August 3, 1973.

This completes our investigation in this matter.

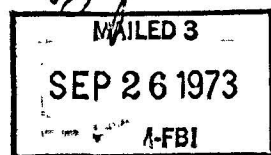
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NOTE:

Captioned matter is among those referred to FBI for
investigation by Special Prosecutor's Office in connection
with their interest in incidents allegedly committed by the
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Las Vegas, Nevada

September 11, 1973

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OFFICE OF HENRY GREENSPUN,
A LAS VEGAS PUBLISHER, IN EARLY 1972

RALPH H. WINTE

Ralph E. Winte, Director, Internal Systems and Services Audit, Summa Corporation, Post Office Box 309, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, who resides at 3654 Rosecrest Circle South, Las Vegas, was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI at the Summa Corporation offices, 17000 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, California on August 14, 1973.

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Winte was shown six black and white photographs, one of which depicted a photograph of E. Howard Hunt and another photograph depicted G. Gordon Liddy. Winte was asked to look over the photographs and to identify any photographs of individuals known to him.

Winte looked over the photographs and selected the photograph of E. Howard Hunt as the individual he met with in early February, 1972, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. Winte further stated that this was the same individual with whom he discussed plans for the breaking and entering the office of Henry Greenspun for the purpose of obtaining documents pertaining to Howard Hughes and other documents that were believed to be of value to the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

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Winte looked over the other photographs and stated that none of the individuals depicted in the photographs were known to him.

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ENCLOSURE

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Winte was shown six black and white photographs in which the photograph of James Walter McCord, among others, was displayed. Winte was asked to look over the photographs and to identify any photographs of individuals known to him.

Winte looked over the other photographs and stated that he did not recognize the photographs of anyone shown in the display.

Frank William Gay, who resides at 1800 Rancho Street, Encino, California, and who is the Executive Vice President of Summa Corporation, 17000 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, California, was interviewed at his place of business by Special Agents of the FBI on August 14, 1973.

In February 1972, Gay recalls that Ralph H. Winte, Director of Internal Systems and Services Audit, Post Office Box 309, Las Vegas, Nevada, who is directly responsible to Gay, telephonically contacted him at his Encino office. Gay recalls that Winte advised him that Winte had met with E. Howard Hunt and another unknown individual at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, 9500 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, in early February 1972. Hunt advised Winte that both he and the other individual were members of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, and consequently, were contacting Winte concerning a project that would be both beneficial to the Committee to Re-Elect the President and the Summa Corporation (formerly Hughes Tool Company). Gay went on to state that Winte related to him that Hunt proposed a plan wherein Hunt and others (unnamed) would "go into the Greenspun's safe" at Greenspun's office in Las Vegas, Nevada, and take papers and documents that were of interest to the Committee to Re-Elect the President and other documents relating to Howard Hughes.

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Gay advised that at this point Winte asked him if he was interested in the project. Gay stated that he was completely opposed to the plan that was proposed by Hunt to Winte and that Winte was relating to him. Gay instructed Winte to contact Hunt and advise him that they, the Summa Corporation, had no interest in the project.

Gay was asked if he discussed this proposal with any other individuals. Gay recalled that he may have contacted Corporate Counsel Chester Davis of the New York Law Firm of Davis and Cox. Gay further pointed out that the Cox of the firm Davis and Cox, is Maxwell Cox, brother of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox. Gay further went on to state that the west coast representative of the Davis and Cox firm is D. Martin Cook, who has offices at Century City, Los Angeles, California. Gay was asked if he had ever been contacted by Maurice Stans or Herbert W. Kalmbach, or any of their representatives on the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President. Gay stated that he has not been contacted by any of those individuals. Gay states that he has not made any contributions to the 1972 Presidential Campaign. He further advised that the Summa Corporation has a contribution committee which has as its chairman Nadine Henley, who decides where contributions go. Gay advised that he has never contributed to the contribution committee and he believes that the only contributor is Howard Hughes. Gay recalls that Summa Corporation retains a Washington, D. C. lobbyist by the name of Bob Bennett who handles delicate matters pertaining to contributions in the Washington, D. C. area. Gay states that Bennett is an "old Salt Lake boy" and believes that Bennett is completely honest. Gay recalls that Bennett may have contacted him pertaining to donations, however, he believes that he may have directed Bennett to Nadine Henley and the contributions committee.

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Gay advised that Ralph F. Winte reports directly to him and as such Winte's title is Director of Internal

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Systems and Service Audit. Gay states that Winte's responsibilities are to maintain hotel and casino security in the Las Vegas, Nevada, enterprises. By that, Gay said he meant Mafia activities and individuals who would cheat at the gambling operations. In addition, Winte was responsible for internal security of the Summa Corporation. Gay states that Winte has authority to hire and fire individuals in his security and service division.

Gay states that he has never met James McCord, nor does he have any information that McCord was ever offered employment by the Summa Corporation.

Gay states that he has never met nor has conducted any business whatsoever with E. Howard Hunt, G. Gordon Liddy, or James Walter McCord.

Gay was shown six black and white photographs in which the photograph depicting James Walter McCord, among others, was displayed. Gay was asked to look over the photographs and to select any photograph in which the individual pictured was known to him.

Gay looked over the photographs and stated that none of the individuals depicted in those photographs was known to him; however, Gay pointed to the photograph of McCord and stated that he believes that this is the individual whose picture he had seen in the news media.

Gay was shown six black and white photographs in which the photographs depicting E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy were displayed. Gay was asked to look over the photographs and to select any photograph in which the individual pictured was known to him.

Gay looked over the photographs and stated that none of the individuals depicted in those photographs was known to him.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Marshall

DATE: APR 2 1973

FROM : F. O'Connell

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; H. M. GREENSPUN VS
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Bulky Exhibit File Number: 62-97007-82

We are in the process of reviewing all bulky exhibits in order that we may dispose of those which serve no further purpose. Inasmuch as many of the bulky exhibits pertain to inactive cases and are occupying badly needed space, it is requested that the appropriate substantive supervisor review the above-listed bulky exhibit and render a decision as to its retention or disposition. A notation as to the decision reached may be placed on this memorandum. The memorandum should be returned to the Filing Unit of the Records Branch, Room 1116, Identification Building, for filing in the case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned bulky exhibit be reviewed and a decision rendered as to the retention or disposition of the material.

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Reason for Decision Case closed 3/53, Dept. advised no violation.
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Signature of Reviewing Supervisor

Wayne A. FrankenburgWest 4/5/73
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 12/9/70

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Reference is made to Las Vegas teletype to the Bureau dated 12/8/70. Concerning information set forth therein relative to Ed Morgan, Washington, D. C., attorney, SAC Campbell, Las Vegas, was telephonically advised today that he should be careful in his dealings with Morgan as he is no friend of the FBI.

SAC Campbell was most appreciative of the call and advised he had been careful in any dealings he has had with Morgan in the past. He added that Morgan has for some time been representing Hank Greenspun, publisher of "The Las Vegas Sun." He stated Greenspun has on a number of occasions been active in real estate matters where the Hughes' interests were involved. SAC Campbell also advised that Morgan, on occasion, has represented the Maheu faction of the Hughes' interests in several matters which have arisen. He stated he was not familiar with the ramifications or details of these transactions.

SAC Campbell said no new developments or information have come to the attention of the Las Vegas Office concerning Hughes.

Submitted for information.

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