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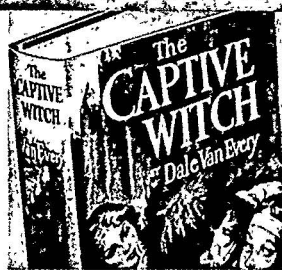
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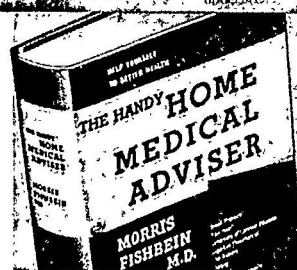


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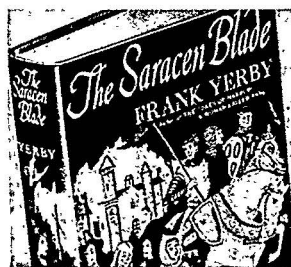
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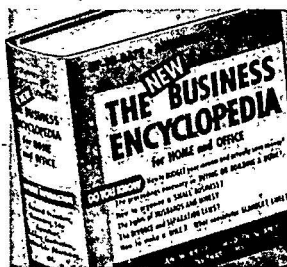
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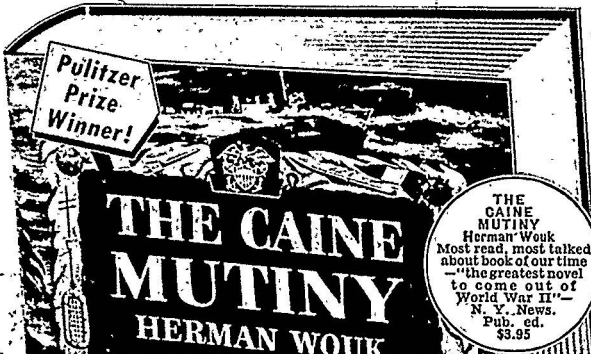
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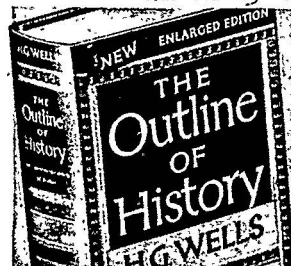
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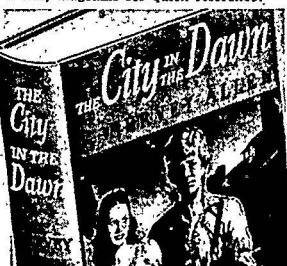
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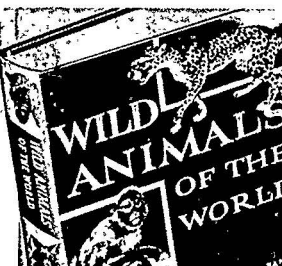
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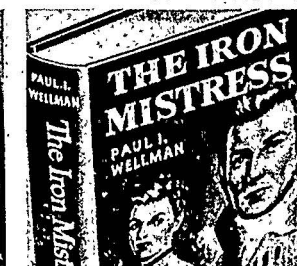
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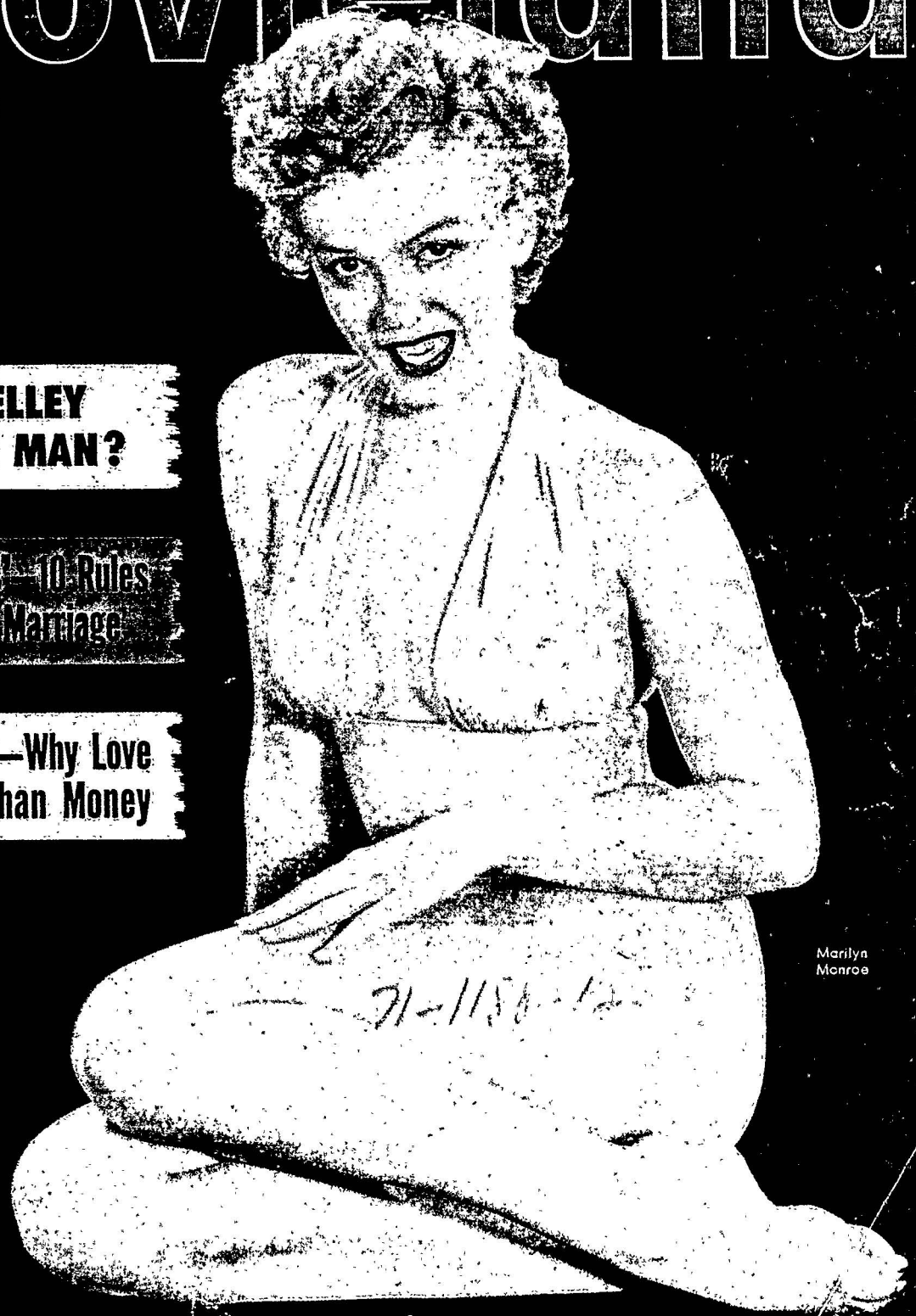
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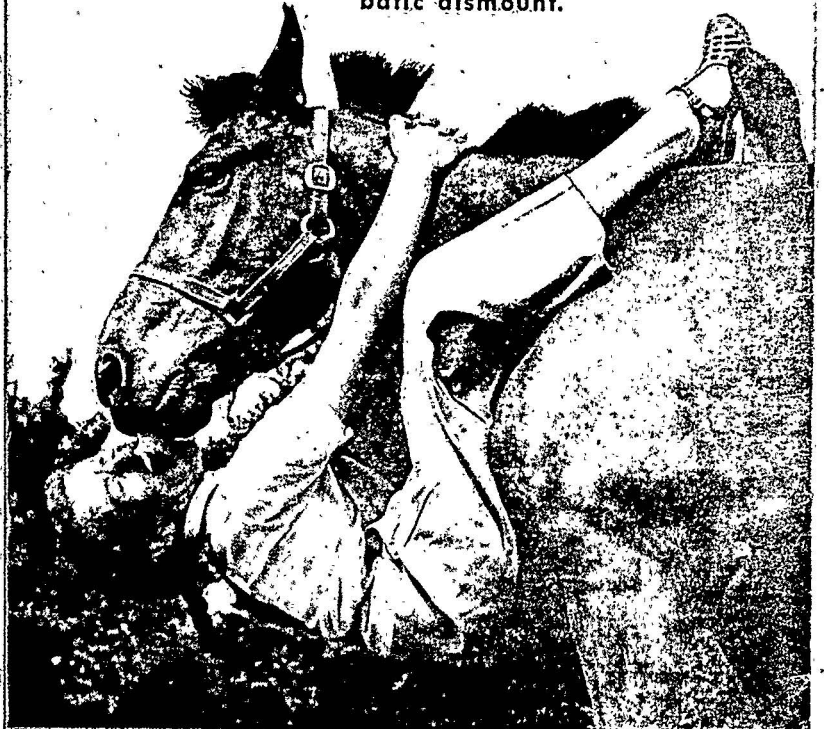
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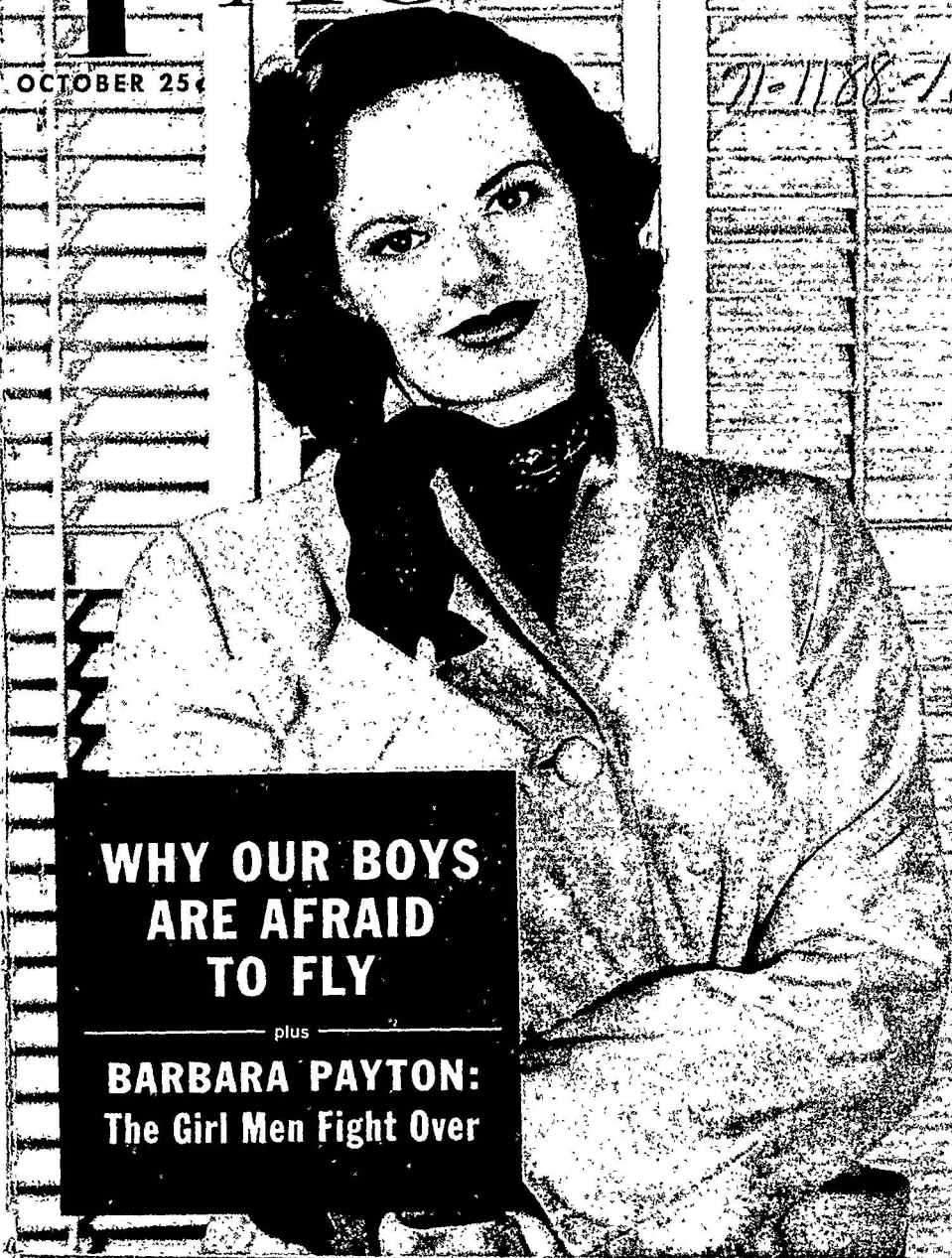
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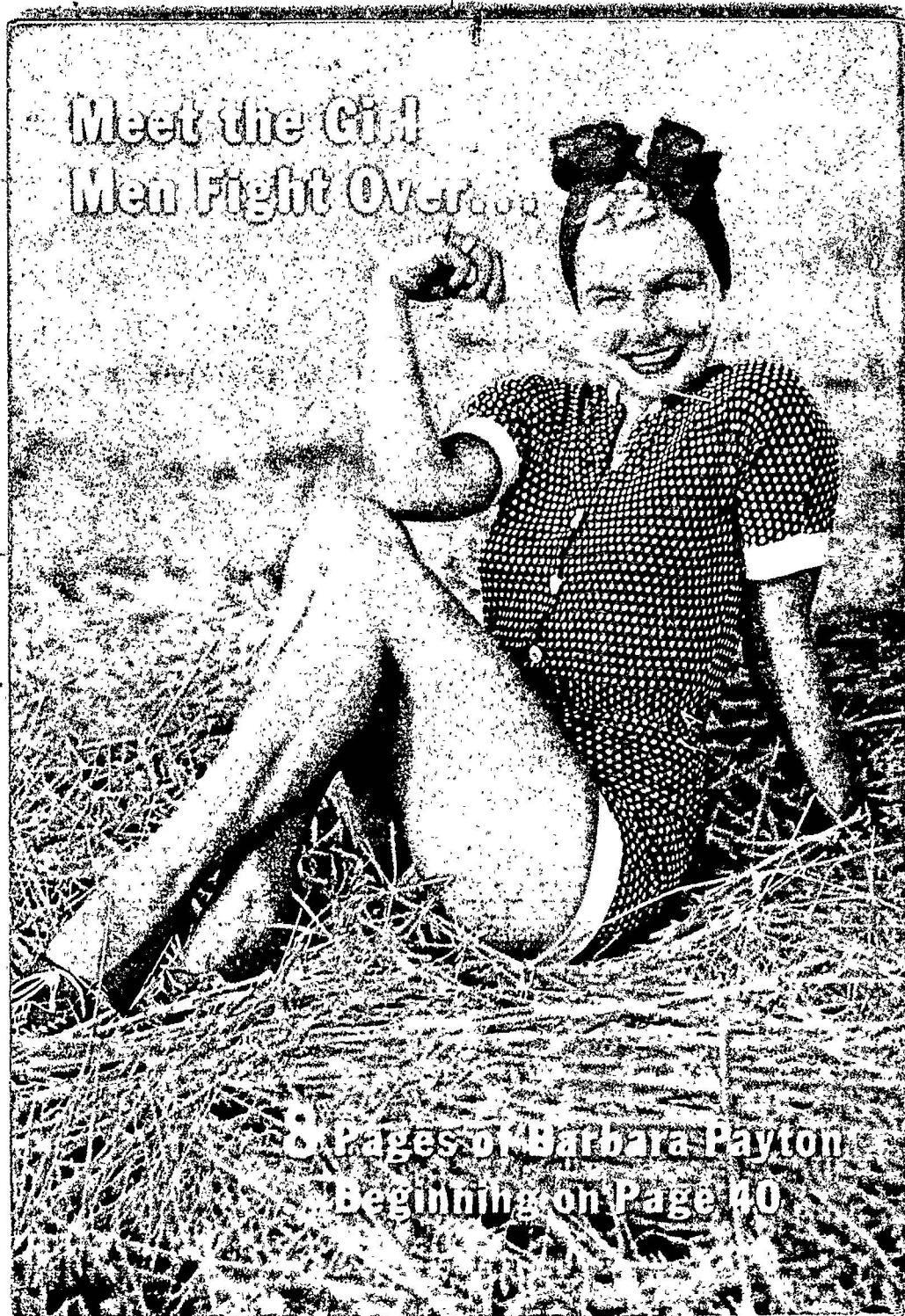
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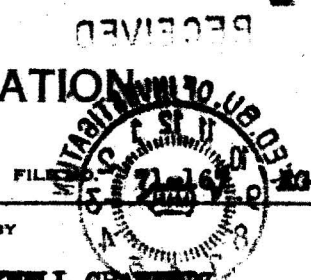


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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**



REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-15-38 & 1-11, 17, 24, 27-39	REPORT MADE BY MAXWELL C. GLEASON
TITLE HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.; AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY			CHARACTER OF CASE Interstate Transportation of Obscene Material

Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

7-2-42
1048 D.M. JAR
FOLIO 34676

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC. publish "Crime Detective" Magazine. February issue of which contains article entitled "Philadelphia Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities", apparently written by one DENNIS SPRAGUE, Special Investigator for "Crime Detective" Magazine. The article refers to the City of Philadelphia as being notorious for graft and corruption and attributes condition to alliance between the city and state officials and criminal element. Assistant U.S. Attorney G.A. Gleason referred instant matter to Philadelphia Office stating article considered obscene within the purview of Statute covering interstate transportation of obscene matter. Requests investigation as to identity of subject companies and method of delivery of "Crime Detective" Magazine.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished the Philadelphia Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney G.A. GLEASON.

Mr. GLEASON delivered to Special Agent in Charge A.B. LECKIE and the writer the February issue of "Crime Detective", a magazine apparently published by the HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC. at Dunellen, New Jersey.

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The magazine reflects that the executive and editorial offices for this concern are located at 11 East 44th Street, New York City, N.Y., and that this magazine is published bi-monthly.

The February issue of this magazine contained an article entitled "Philadelphia Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities", apparently written by one DENNIS SPRAGUE, Special Investigator for "Crime Detective."

This particular article relates information concerning the recent death of four persons in the Holmesburg County Prison at Philadelphia, which received a great deal of publicity. Several individual officials of the prison are presently under indictment for having caused the death of these persons by live steam as a means of punishment. The article further refers to Philadelphia as follows: "No city in America has contributed as much to graft, to scandal, to plain thievery, to the enrichment of scoundrels and buccaneers as the so-called City of Brotherly Love."

It further states "All of these cheap chiselers, grafters, murderers, drug peddlers and lamistering bookies, pay tribute to the bosses and the bosses protect them. On election day they're available for all manner of plain and fancy ballot stuffing, strong arm work and thuggery in return for which the police are required to smile at them when they pass."

The article further goes on with specific reference to the tie-up between various members of the so-called underworld and City and State officials.

The article very prominently displays photographs of former Governor George Earle of the State of Pennsylvania and Mike Duffy, these pictures appearing side by side and bear the caption "City Leaders." It might be interesting to note that MIKE DUFFY has been dead for several years.

On other pages of the article there are displayed photographs of other city officials, including the Honorable S. Davis Wilson, Mayor, intermingled with photographs of other well known members of the criminal element of this city.

Mr. GLEASON stated that in his opinion this article was of an obscene nature and came within the purview of the Statute prohibiting the interstate transportation of obscene matter, viz: Title 18, Section 396.

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Mr. GLEASON requested that an investigation be conducted as to the manner in which these magazines came into this city, after which he would make further decision as to prosecution.

Accordingly it was ascertained by the writer that the particular magazine delivered by Mr. GLEASON to the Philadelphia Office was purchased by Mr. JOHN F. RABOLD of 314 South 15th Street, who is an employee in the office of Mr. JAMES F. MASTERSON, local attorney-at-law.

It appears that Mr. MASTERSON is attorney for former Governor GEORGE EARLE.

The magazine was purchased by Mr. RABOLD at the news stand located at the Southeast corner of the Broad Street Pennsylvania Railroad Station and was purchased on Tuesday, December 13, 1938. This magazine has been appropriately marked for identification and is being retained in the Philadelphia Office file.

The writer ascertained from the attendant at the above news-stand that instant magazine was delivered to his stand by the Central News Company. The stand, itself, is operated by the Union News Company which, according to the attendant, whose name is JOSEPH FREEMAN, 7253 Clinton Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, is a subsidiary of the Central News Company, whose local office is located at 614 Locust Street. According to Mr. FREEMAN the Central News Company is the distributing agency for the magazines, which are sold on the stands of the Union News Company. He also advised that the Central News Company is a subsidiary in turn of the American News Company with headquarters in New York City.

At the Central News Company, the writer interviewed Mr. JOSEPH MAC AREE, Superintendent, who advised from a search of his records the instant magazine was one of three thousand copies of this particular issue, which were received by his company on 12-8-38. He stated they were received from the headquarters office of the American News Company at 131 Varick Street, New York City, and were delivered to Philadelphia by the Miller Transport Company with offices at 22nd and Spring Garden Sts., this city, which transport company is used by the American News Company to deliver its various magazines to Philadelphia.

The above information was submitted to Mr. GLEASON and discussed with him along with Mr. MASTERSON, who was also present at Mr. Gleason's request. Mr. GLEASON requested that the American News Company also be considered a subject in this case because if

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prosecution is authorized it might be necessary to charge that company along with the publishers of the instant magazine with violation of the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute.

Mr. GLEASON requested that an investigation be conducted as expeditiously as possible concerning the set-up of the publishing company, and the American News Company; that upon the completion of this investigation he would again take this matter under consideration as to prosecution.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEWARK OFFICE at Dunellen, N.J., will secure complete and detailed information concerning the identity of the HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC., of that city and its officials and also the identity of DENNIS SPRAGUE, who purportedly wrote the article referred to in the body of this report. Will also secure information as to whether "Crime Detective" magazine is actually published in New Jersey and the manner in which it is transmitted to the AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY at New York City.

NEW YORK OFFICE will secure complete and detailed information as to the identity of the HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC. at 11 East 44th Street, and its officials. Will also ascertain information concerning DENNIS SPRAGUE, who purportedly wrote the article in the body of this report. Will secure information as to where the instant magazine is published.

The New York Office at the American News Company, 131 Varick Street, will secure complete and detailed information concerning the identity of the said company and its officers. Will ascertain the relationship of this company to the HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC. and the manner in which the instant magazine is delivered to the offices of the AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE will ascertain if the MILLER TRANSPORT COMPANY, this city, is a common carrier. Will upon receipt of the results of the requested investigation by the Newark and New York Offices again discuss this matter with Assistant U.S. Attorney G.A. GLEASON as to his decision as to prosecution.

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February 27, 1939

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7-2-92 1048 D.M. JAN

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY -
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
OBSCENE MATTER

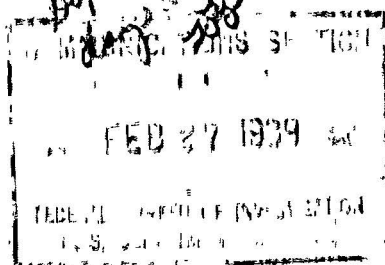
Dear Sir:

This will confirm telephonic instructions furnished you on February 7, 1939, at which time you were advised no further investigation should be conducted in the above captioned matter until an expression of opinion had been obtained from the Criminal Division of the Department as to whether the article contained in the February 1939 issue of "Crime Detective" magazine is obscene.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

EAT:JW
71-1188

February 7, 1939

Time - 5:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ^OHILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY;

Interstate Transportation of
Obscene Matter

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With reference to the attached report and personal and ~~confidential~~ letter written by the Philadelphia Office concerning the above entitled matter, I called Agent Welles at Philadelphia and instructed him to send to the Bureau a copy of the Crime Detective Magazine which is alleged to be obscene. I told Mr. Welles that no further investigation should be conducted in the case until an expression of opinion is received from the Department, explaining that this will be referred to the Department for its decision as to whether investigation should proceed.

I stated that although we have been investigating this since December 15, nevertheless, the Philadelphia Office should request each auxiliary office to hold all leads in abeyance until it is determined whether this is actually a Federal violation or merely a political affair inspired by the Assistant United States Attorney. Mr. Welles stated that he would advise the other interested offices by wire.

Respectfully,

EDWARD A. TAMM

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

February 4, 1939.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY;
Interstate Transportation of
Obscene Matter.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent MAXWELL CHAFFETZ dated February 2, 1939 at Philadelphia, Pa., in connection with the above entitled matter.

As the above report sets forth the investigation was instituted at the request of Assistant U.S. Attorney G.A. GLEASON. It appears to me that Mr. GLEASON was requested to have this matter referred to the Bureau by Mr. JAMES MASTERSON, who apparently is personal attorney for former Governor GEORGE A. EARLE of the State of Pennsylvania, who completed his term of office on January 17, 1939. It also appears that MASTERSON is very closely connected with the Democratic Party.

It is my opinion that the investigation requested of this Bureau was done primarily for the purpose of securing information concerning the subject concerns in view of the fact that if they are not prosecuted by the Federal Government a suit will in all probability be brought against them by the City, State, and possibly such individuals as former Governor EARLE.

I thought the Bureau might be interested in this version of the investigation.

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Very truly yours,

A. B. Leckie

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

February 7, 1939.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ⁵HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC;
O AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY;
Inter.Trans. Obscene Matter.

As requested telephonically on this date by Assistant Director E.A. Tamm of the Bureau there is being forwarded herewith copy of "Crime Detective" magazine, February edition, this being the magazine mentioned in the report of Special Agent MAXWELL CHAFFETZ dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1939.

The Newark and New York Offices were advised telegraphically to discontinue investigation until further advised.

No additional investigation will be conducted by the Philadelphia Field Division pending instructions from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

A.B. Leckie

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 17, 1939

DATE 7-2-92 BY 1048 DKM-JAR

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

There is transmitted herewith the February issue of "Crime Detective" magazine, apparently published by the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., at Dumellen, New Jersey.

You will note from a perusal of this magazine that on page 40 there is contained an article entitled "Philadelphia - Sick of Crime, Corruption of American Cities," apparently written by one Dennis Sprague, Special Investigator for "Crime Detective."

This particular article relates to information concerning the recent death of four persons in the Holmesburg County Prison at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which received a great deal of publicity. Several officials of the prison are presently under indictment for having caused the death of these persons by live steam as a means of punishment. The article further refers to Philadelphia as follows:

"No city in America has contributed as much to graft, to scandal, to plain thievery, to the enrichment of scoundrels and buccaneers as the so-called City of Brotherly Love."

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The article very prominently displays photographs of Governor George Earle of the State of Philadelphia and Mike Duffy, these pictures appearing side by side and bearing the caption "City Leaders." On other pages of the article there are disclosed photographs of other city officials including the Honorable S. Davis Wilson, Mayor, with photographs of other well known members of the criminal element of this city.

Assistant United States Attorney C. A. Gleason, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has requested appropriate investigation concerning the distribution of the magazine in question, stating that in his opinion the article referred to above was of such an obscene nature as to come within the purview of the Federal Statute prohibiting the interstate transportation of obscene matter, namely, Title 18, Section 396.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
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- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Memorandum for
Mr. McMahon

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February 17, 1939

It will be appreciated if you will advise whether, in your opinion, the article entitled "Philadelphia - Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities," appearing in the February issue of "Crime Detective" magazine is obscene within the meaning of the Federal Statute.

It is requested that the magazine in question be returned to me after it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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NEW YORK CITY NY

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March 28, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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DATE 7-2-92 BY 1048 DKN-JTC

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF OBSCENE MATTER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Maxwell Chaffetz, dated February 2, 1939, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the above captioned matter and to your letters dated February 4 and 7, 1939, in this matter.

Please be advised that the Bureau is in receipt of a memorandum from the Criminal Division of the Department in response to its request for an expression of opinion as to whether the article referred to in the February, 1939, issue of Crime Detective Magazine entitled "Philadelphia - Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities", comes within the purview of Title 18, Section 396, indicating that after careful consideration of the article mentioned it is of the opinion that same does not disclose a violation of the obscene statute as it apparently is an attempt to expose political corruption.

The Criminal Division of the Department, however, advised in this memorandum that it appears this publication is now being investigated at the special instance of the United States Attorney at Philadelphia, as he contends that because of other articles, stories and advertisements contained in this magazine, its transportation in interstate commerce is a violation of the statute hereinbefore referred to. In view of this, the Criminal Division advises it concurs in the conclusion of the United States Attorney.

You are instructed, therefore, to conduct appropriate investigation in this matter as requested by the United States Attorney and thereafter present the facts developed to him for the purpose of determining whether prosecution will be authorized.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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March 23, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF OBSCENE MATTER

You will recall no doubt the investigation requested by the United States Attorney at Philadelphia relative to the magazine entitled "Crime Detective", which is apparently published by the Hillman Periodicals, Incorporated, in view of the article appearing in the February, 1939, issue of that magazine entitled "Philadelphia - Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities".

This magazine was submitted to the Criminal Division of the Department with the request for an expression of opinion as to whether the article referred to above was obscene within the meaning of Section 396, Title 18, and the Bureau is now in receipt of a memorandum dated March 17, 1939, in which Mr. McMahon states that the article in question is not obscene within the purview of the statute, but it is apparently an attempt to expose political corruption. Mr. McMahon then goes on to state -

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"However, from the reports of your Bureau, it appears that this publication is now being investigated by the special instance of the United States Attorney at Philadelphia. He contends that because of other articles, stories and advertisements contained in the magazine, its transportation in interstate commerce is a violation of the statute hereinbefore referred to. This Division concurs in the conclusion of the United States Attorney

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In this connection, it might be stated that the only report submitted in this matter was that of Special Agent Maxwell Chaffetz dated February 2, 1939, and this report contains no information indicating that the United States Attorney at Philadelphia has ever contended that because of other articles, stories and advertisements contained in

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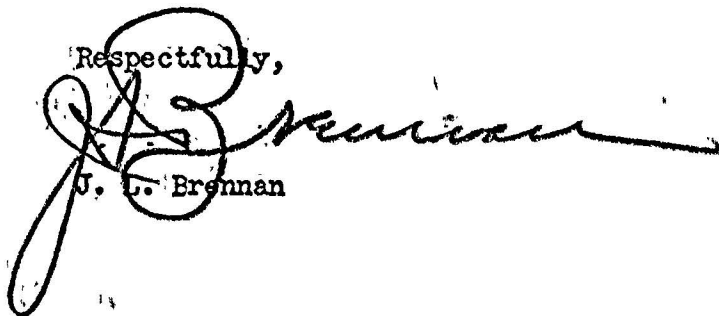
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this magazine, its transportation in interstate commerce is a violation. It appears from a review of this report that Assistant United States Attorney Gleason, who referred the case in the first instance to the Philadelphia Office, made reference only to the article entitled "Philadelphia Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities".

However, in view of the decision of the Criminal Division of the Department that other articles appearing in this magazine constitute a violation of Section 396, Title 18, the Philadelphia Office is being requested to conduct the necessary investigation as requested by the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,



J. L. Brennan

INCLOSURE

Nº 349227

FROM

Department of Justice

7-849

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Department of Justice
Washington

March 17, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. McIntire
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Referring to your memorandum of February 17, 1939, transmitting the February issue of "Crime Detective" magazine, apparently published by the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., Dunellen, New Jersey, in which you request an expression from this Division as to whether or not the article appearing on page 40 of the magazine entitled "Philadelphia - Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities," comes within the purview of Title 18, Section 396, please be advised that after careful consideration of the article mentioned, the same does not disclose a violation of the obscene statute as it apparently is an attempt to expose political corruption.

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This Division concurs in the conclusion of the United States Attorney and refers to a memorandum to you prepared on July 2, 1935, which expresses the views of this Division.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Brien McMahon

BRIEN McMAHON,
Assistant Attorney General.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Memo Mr. E. A. Tamm 3-23-39
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1300 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Special Agent in Charge,
New York City, N.Y.

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DATE 2-2-92 BY 1048 DKN-JAR

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
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of Obscene Matter.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Maxwell Chaffetz dated February 2, 1939 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in which leads were set out for your Division.

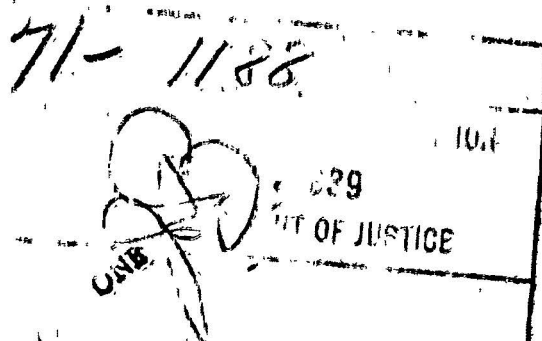
Your office was subsequently advised by wire from this office under date of February 7th to discontinue the investigation requested.

The Bureau has now instructed that the investigation requested in the above reference report should be conducted. Accordingly it is requested that you place the matter in line for investigative attention at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

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cc:Bureau
cc:Newark

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: **DETROIT, MICHIGAN**

FILE NO. **71-294**

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE: 4-28-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-14-42	REPORT MADE BY: I. W. DUFFY <div style="text-align: right;">IWD:GLK</div>
TITLE: <input type="radio"/> MIDWESTERN ENTERPRISES, Chicago, Illinois; <input type="radio"/> FALSTAFF PRODUCTIONS, Chicago, Illinois; <input type="radio"/> THE ALPHA COMPANY, Evansville, Indiana.			CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Midwestern Enterprises operated at 43 East Ohio Street, Chicago, from July 16, 1940 to about Sept., 1941. At that address they rented mailing service only from Ace Secretarial Service, whereabouts presently unknown.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Section Police Conducted See Top Serial Form 4-774</p> <p style="text-align: center;">—P—</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent I. W. Duffy dated January 3, 1942 at Chicago.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>SERGEANT FRANK O'SULLIVAN, Police Commissioners Office, City Hall, Chicago, reported to the Chicago Bureau office that the following investigation was conducted by Police Officers J. Sheehy and E. Hackett.</p> <p>"On January 10, 1942 the above officers went to the subject's address and found it to be the Ace Secretarial Service. We spoke to MISS STEIN of this organization and she gave us the following information about WM. BARKIN and the Midwestern Enterprises.</p> <p>"WM. BARKIN as President of the Midwestern Enterprises paid MISS STEIN a certain amount each month for the privilege of using this as a mailing address. He rented no office space. He started this service</p>			
<p>COPIES DESTROYED 85 AUG 15 1966</p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">71-1188-5</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">APR 30 1942</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECORDED INDEXED</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EX-12</p>			
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on July 16, 1940, and continued to about Sept. of 1941. They have not seen him since this time. His last known address was 222 - 9th St., Wilmette, Illinois, phone Wilmette 901. This phone is disconnected, but was issued to Clifton Keith, 222 - 9th St., Wilmette, Illinois. We have not checked this address as it is out of our jurisdiction. When MR. BARKIN started this service he gave the following list of names of the organization:

WM. BARKIN, President
C. HENKE
L. BOUCHER
E. REITZ
L. RUSKIN
H. SPAFFORD
D. WEST

"There was also a man named D. HICKMAN, who occasionally picked up the mail. The Ace Secretarial Service has no knowledge of the type of business he was in except that it had something to do with films. About 4 months ago MISS STEIN began to receive mail from a J. E. CONKLIN, 504 First National Bank Building, Hutchinson, Kansas, claiming that he had sent \$35. to the Midwestern Enterprises for certain films, which he never received up to the present time he has not located WM. BARKIN."

The writer made inquiries at 222 - 9th Street, Wilmette, Illinois, in an effort to locate WILLIAM BARKIN.

MRS. A. TAYLOR, who resides there, stated that she and her husband purchased that residence a year and a half previous from CLIFTON KEITH, who resided there for many years, that the negotiations were made through the Tye Realty Company of Evanston, Illinois. Inquiries were made at 218 - 9th Street where MR. REYNOLDS stated that CLIFTON KEITH has been known to him many years and that KEITH is a man of good character who has been city ticket agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railroad for many years.

CLIFTON KEITH was interviewed at the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul Railroad offices, Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago, at which time he stated that about two years ago while on summer vacation he rented his residence at 222 - 9th Street, Wilmette to a man whom he believed was named BARTON, that this man had no children, that he left, leaving no forwarding address, and that he did not know how to locate him.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

* Will at the Filmex Laboratories, 549 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, secure detailed information concerning this firm. Ascertain where the films were made or were taken and the names and addresses of the actors and actresses participating.

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April 4, 1939

DATE 7-2-92 BY 1048DKM-JAL

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.;
AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY.
Interstate Transportation of
Obscene Matter.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated
March 28, 1939, in which you are instructed to conduct
appropriate investigation in this matter.

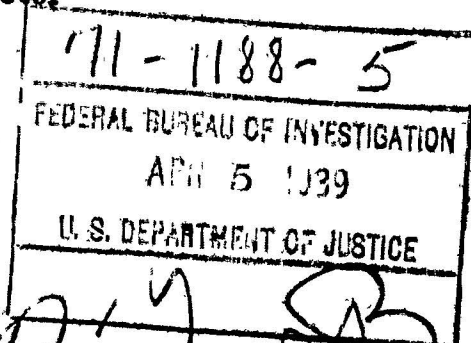
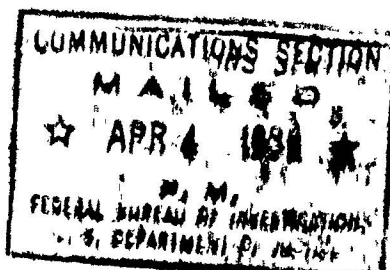
For your assistance in the proposed investi-
gation, there is transmitted herewith the February, 1939,
edition of the magazine entitled "Crime Detective," which
was forwarded to the Bureau by letter from your office
under date of February 7, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 9, 1939

Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Upon my return to Washington I received your letter of May 18, 1939, transmitting a letter directed to you by Mr. Bill Cooke, Jr., of Clarendon, Texas, together with the stories taken from "Crime Detective Magazine".

An effort has been made to secure copies of this magazine locally and in New York, but we have been advised that it has been banned at both points.

I am forwarding the articles which were submitted by you to the Criminal Division of the Department with the request that advice be furnished as to whether the interstate shipment of such articles constitutes a violation within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

I am returning herewith the letter from Mr. Bill Cooke, Jr., dated May 9th, which was transmitted with your letter.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1939

Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

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The article entitled "Lobby Mistress" is nauseating and certainly it would appear that such lewd literature should not be placed upon the newsstands where young people can secure it.

For your information, the transmission of obscene literature through the mails comes within the investigative jurisdiction of the Post Office Department. However, the interstate transportation of obscene literature by express is a matter investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in the event there is any recurrence, the Bureau will be very glad indeed to look into the matter if the transmission is by express.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

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DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Honorable Tom Connally
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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May 31, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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With reference to the attached letter from Senator Connally of Texas, transmitting a communication which was directed to him with a couple of salacious articles which appeared in the "Crime Detective" magazine, I would like to advise that I endeavored to secure copies of the magazine referred to but was informed locally that the magazine has been banned and withdrawn.

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I think we might well give consideration if this magazine persists and if future copies are transported in making a test case under the Interstate Transportation of lewd and lascivious literature Statutes.

A letter is attached to Senator Connally.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols
L. B. Nichols

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May 31, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS
 Washington, D. C.,
 May 18, 1939

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Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Herewith I hand you self explanatory letter from Mr. Bill Cooke, Jr., Box 1042, Clarendon, Texas, with enclosures for such attention as you may be able to give the matter of distribution of this material.

Sincerely,

Tom Connally

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STAFFORD-LONDON COMPANY

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

BILL COOKE, JR.

Box 1042

Clarendon, Texas

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Hon. Tom Connally
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I enclose herewith an apologize 2 stories printed and sold openly and I ask you to personally read them and acknowledge that fact.

Sincerely your friend

/s/ Bill Cooke, Jr.

P. S. I have marked a few hot spots and I'd ^(?)admire to know your reaction.

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June 9, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HOPKINS

There are being submitted herewith two articles entitled "I Sell Girls" and "Lobby Mistress" taken from an unknown issue of the "Crime Detective Magazine", which were referred to this Bureau from the office of Honorable Tom Connally of Texas because of the obscenity of the same.

An effort was made to secure copies of this magazine locally and also in New York but it has been determined that the same has been banned at both points. There is also being enclosed a copy of the June, 1939, issue of the "Crime Detective Magazine", which also contains similar articles.

It is desired that these articles be reviewed and advice furnished as to whether the transmission of the same interstate constitutes a violation coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 20, 1939

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DATE 7-2-92 BY 1048DCM-JAN

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a story entitled "I Sell
Girls", published in an issue of Crime Detective Magazine
and the June, 1939 issue of the said magazine, together with
copies of a memorandum dated June 19, 1939, from Mr. Nelly
K. Hopkins, Acting Assistant Attorney General.

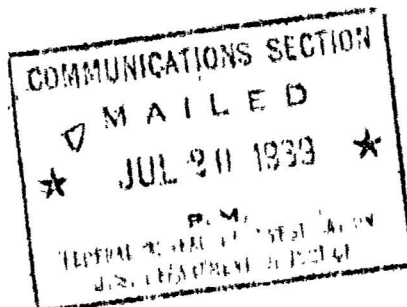
It is desired that investigation in this matter be
instituted at an early date and reports thereon submitted to
the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Sears _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

97-51-20

June 19, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Brennan

This refers to your memorandum of June 9, 1939, transmitting a story entitled "I Sell Girls" published in an issue of "Crime Detective" magazine, and the June, 1939 issue of said magazine, in which you request an expression from this Division as to whether or not interstate transportation of the magazine containing the story above referred to and the June publication is in violation of Section 396, Title 18, United States Code.

You are advised that on April 28, 1939, the Post Office Department submitted the March, April and May, 1939 issues of "Crime Detective" magazine, which issues had been ruled unmailable by the Solicitor of its Department, and requests advice as to whether or not the facts regarding these issues should be presented to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, with a view to having criminal proceedings instituted in that district.

On May 19, 1939, this Department advised the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department to the effect that the facts regarding the issues of said magazine should be presented to the United States Attorney with a view of having criminal proceedings instituted.

The story above referred to, "I Sell Girls", does not disclose in what issue of the magazine the same was published. However, it is believed that this story was published in one of the three magazines heretofore referred to. A full report dated June 5, 1939 was submitted to the United States Attorney at New York for consideration by H. E. Alford of the Post Office Department.

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The stories appearing in the June, 1939 edition of the "Crime Detective" magazine appear to be of the same tenor as those previously appearing in magazines submitted to this Division for consideration and it is believed that the interstate transportation of said magazine comes within the purview of the obscene statute and within investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau. In this connection, reference is made to

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our memorandum of March 17, 1939, concerning the transportation in interstate commerce of the February, 1939 edition of the same magazine, in which this Division concurs in the conclusion of the United States Attorney at Philadelphia to the effect that the interstate transportation of this magazine is a violation of the statute hereinbefore referred to.

Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Welly K. Hopkins
WELLY K. HOPKINS,
Acting Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure 372602.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

N.Y. FILE NO. **71-332** **RJA**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 9/5/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/11/39	REPORT MADE BY R. H. SIMONS
TITLE HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.; AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALEXANDER HILLMAN, President of Hillman Periodicals, Inc.,
 7 East 44th Street, publishers of "Crime Detective"
 "Mystery Novel of the Month" and "Crime Confessions"
 which are sold not on subscription basis. Printing
 done by contract printers. American News Company is
 \$125,000,000 corporation and reported as largest company
 of kind in world, subsidiaries of which are Union News
 Company, American Lending Library, Inc., the American
 News Company, Ltd., and others in United States, Can-
 ada, Cuba and England. Members of company are highly
 reputable. Company acts as wholesale distributors for
 magazines and periodicals and probably purchases maga-
 zines from Hillman Periodicals, Inc., New York City
 and distributes them not as agents.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent MAXWELL CHAFFETZ, dated at Phil-
 adelphia, Pa., 2/2/39.

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DETAILS:

At the office of Dun and Bradstreet, the files on the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., magazine publishers, 7 East 44th Street, New York City, were examined. The files reflected that the Hillman Company consisted of ALEXANDER HILLMAN, President, HAROLD N. BRASS, Secretary, MORRIS B. LEVINE, Treasurer. This company was incorporated 4/29/38 at New York City.

ALEXANDER HILLMAN was described as being 36 years of age in 1938, nativity, Chicago. In 1929, he was President and Treasurer of the Heron Press which position he discontinued in 1930. In 1930, he was Manager of the Raridy Press, New York City and in 1931, he resigned and organized William Godwin, Inc., New York City. He is still president and Treasurer of this corporation which is located at the same address. He is also President and Treasurer of Hillman Curl, Inc., incorporation date, 4/1/36, also at the same address. For a time he was President of the Hillman Bookshop, Inc., which he sold in 1932.

HAROLD N. BRASS was employed for a number of years by the Van Neet Bookbinding Company, as General Manager and is believed to have only a small interest in the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., MORRIS B. LEVINE, is a CPA and attorney and is employed by the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., as a bookkeeper and Assistant General Manager.

This corporation publishes the magazines "Crime Detective" which has a 130,000 per month circulation, the "Mystery Novel of the Month" which has 65,000 per month circulation and is now also publishing "Crime Confessions". The magazines are reported to cost 25¢ per copy and are not sold on subscription basis. The company has no printing plant and all printing is done on special printing contract basis and they only furnish the paper and cuts. There are approximately 17 employees in the Hillman Company and the company possesses a fair printing record although they are slow in paying their obligations. Hillman refused to make a financial statement but it was believed that the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., are worth about \$20,000 and William Godwin, Inc., about \$25,000.

The files of Dun and Bradstreet reflect that the American News Company is a Delaware Corporation engaged

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in "Wholesale newspaper periodicals, stationery and sundry supplies." They have their office located at 131 Varick Street, New York City and a notation was contained in the files to the effect that this corporation with its subsidiaries ranked as the largest organization of its kind in the world.

HAROLD GOULD is President of the Corporation and the credit of the company is good.

This company ^{be} came active in 1934 when it took over the assets and liabilities of the American News Company, a New York Corporation. At present, the American News Company acts as a holding company for six subsidiaries including the American News Company, Delaware Corporation, the Union News Company, the American News Company, Ltd., American Lending Library, Inc., International News Company, Ltd., and the Post Office News Company with business in the United States, Canada, Cuba, and England. This company is reported to be making excellent profits and besides MR. GOULD, the officers are MICHAEL A. MORRISSEY, HERBERT GREENWOOD, WILLIAM A. EICHBOHN, ^{and} MATHEW MCCRADDAN. The Board of Directors is comprised of an exceptionally reputable list of business men and this company commenced business with a surplus of \$125,000,000 and is reported to operate on a reputable and substantial business basis.

This company sells all kinds of printed matter, news magazines, periodicals, gift cards, and novels and its subsidiary, the Union News Company operates lunch rooms, etc.

It is believed that this company purchases the periodicals from Hillman Periodicals, Inc., outright and distributes them, not as agents.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

NEW FILE NO. **71-62**

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 11-20-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-24, 26-39	REPORT MADE BY DALE E. GOUBELEMAN (A)
TITLE HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC.; AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOSEPH V. SHEPHERD, Assistant Secretary, Art Color Printing Company, Dunellen, N. J. advises that this company printed February, 1939 issue of "Crime Detective" Magazine; advises company has contract to print issues of "Crime Detective" for period October, 1938 to September, 1939, both months inclusive for William Godwin, Inc., New York City which contract was signed by ALEX L. HILLMAN, Treasurer on 6-16-38. Resolution of all stockholders of William Godwin, Inc. of 12-13-38 causes all bills for that company to be directed to and paid by ALEX L. HILLMAN. SHEPHERD further advises only relationship between Art Color Printing Company and William Godwin, Inc. or Hillman Periodicals, Inc. is that of a buyer and seller. THOMAS H. WARWICK, President of the Warco Service Company, Plainfield, N. J. advises that this company during period 12-1-38 to 12-7-38 hauled 90,910 copies of February issue of "Crime Detective", 1939 from Dunellen, N. J. to American News Company, 131 Varick Street, New York City. Investigation reflects no information regarding DENNIS SPRAGUE, purported author of "Philadelphia Sink of Crime, Corruption of American Cities." No credit information regarding Hillman Periodicals, Inc., Dunellen, N. J.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent MAXWELL CHAFFETZ, dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2-2-39.

Undated letter from Philadelphia Field Division to New York Field Division, copy of which forwarded and received at Newark on April 7, 1939.

DETAILS: HELEN KLEINERT, Stenographer in the Office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., 671 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey advised that there was no information on file for Hillman Periodicals, Inc., Dunellen, New Jersey.

A. R. ADELMAN, Manager, Associated Credit Reporting Agency for New Jersey, Plainfield, New Jersey advised that there was no credit information in their files for either Hillman Periodicals, Inc., Dunellen, New Jersey for for DENNIS SPRAGUE, Dunellen, New Jersey.

EDWARD J. HANNON, Postmaster, Dunellen, New Jersey advised that there was no such company as Hillman Periodicals, Inc. in Dunellen, New Jersey. He stated that he believed that the Art Color Printing Company was the only printing company in Dunellen, New Jersey. He advised that DONALD J. LUTHER, Clerk in the Post Office, who had charge of the second-class mail was out of the building at the time but would return within a few hours and that LUTHER would check his records to determine whether or not the Art Color Printing Company had sent any copies of "Crime Detective" Magazine through the Dunellen, New Jersey Post Office.

HANNON stated that J. SHEPHERD was Business Manager of the Art Color Printing Company and believed that he would be willing to furnish Agent with whatever information he desired regarding "Crime Detective."

A check of the files of the post office revealed that there was no record of a DENNIS SPRAGUE in Dunellen, New Jersey.

JOSEPH V. SHEPHERD, residence, 614 North Washington Avenue, Dunellen, New Jersey and Assistant Secretary and Business Manager of the Art Color Printing Company advised that this company prints the issues of "Crime Detective" Magazine. He went on to say that the Art Color Printing Company was a subsidiary of the W. F. Hall Printing Company in Chicago, Illinois and he believed that none of the officials of the Art Color Printing Company or of the W. F. Hall Printing Company was in any way connected with the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., except in the capacity of a buyer and seller. He stated that all the printing for the Hillman Company was done on a contract basis, either sixty days or ninety days. He further advised that the Art Color Printing Company had nothing to do with the editing of the "Crime Detective" Magazine but merely did the printing for the Hillman Periodicals, Inc.

MR. SHEPHERD advised that the officers of the Art Color Print Company are as follows:

A. A. SCHWARTZ President
1159 Woodland Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

ERNEST LILIENTHAL Vice-President
1081 Rahway Road
Plainfield, New Jersey

O. MACHLIN Treasurer and Secretary
920 Belvidere Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

He further advised that the officers of the W. F. Hall Printing Company of 4600 Diversey Avenue, Chicago, Illinois are as follows:

FREDERICK SECORD	Chairman of the Board
ALFRED B. GEIGER	President
ERNEST LILIENTHAL	Vice-President
ERNEST O. MACHLIN	Vice-President
JOSEPH OLIFF	Vice-President
ADAM MOSES	Vice-President
CHARLES OLIFF	Treasurer
THOMAS W. O'SHAUGHNESSY	Secretary

SHERPHERD went on to say that all the editorial matter, advertising and illustrations are prepared by the Hillman Periodicals and that the composition is set from this matter and prepared for reproduction. He also advised that the International Circulation Company, Hearst Building, New York City furnishes the galleys of names and labels which indicate the companies to which "Crime Detective" Magazine is to be shipped. SHEPHERD stated that the books are bundled and shipped to various points either by truck, freight or by whatever method is determined to be the cheapest by their own Traffic Department.

SHEPHERD stated that their company, as all other companies, goes out after all the business available and that they do not pay particular attention to the subject matter, except where it is very questionable, on which occasions, it is turned down.

SHEPHERD advised that there were 175,300 copies of the February, 1939 issue of "Crime Detective" printed by their company. He stated that approximately 90,910 copies were trucked to the American News Company at New York City by Warco Service, Inc., 437 Somerset Street, Plainfield, New Jersey. He stated that a contract was entered into between the Art Color Printing Company and William Godwin, Inc., 7 East 44th Street, New York City, which contract was signed by ALEX L. HILLMAN, Treasurer on June 16, 1938. This contract provides for the printing of all issues of "Crime Detective" Magazine during the period, October, 1938 to September, 1939, both months inclusive, with an automatic renewal clause, unless notice is given by the Godwin Company. He stated that in a resolution dated December 13, 1938, in which all stockholders of the William Godwin Company entered, it was provided that all bills would be directed to and paid by ALEX L. HILLMAN. This resolution stated that the following was the entire list of stockholders of the William Godwin Company:

RITA HILLMAN	Secretary
MORRIS F. LEVIN	
ALEX L. HILLMAN	Treasurer

DONALD J. LUTHER, Clerk in the Dunellen, New Jersey Post Office who has charge of the second-class mail,

advised that on July 21, 1938 the Art Color Printing Company applied for second-class entry with the Post Office Department for mailing the October, 1938 issue of "Crime Detective." He stated, however, that this request was refused on August 15, 1938 by the Acting Solicitor of the Post Office Department who declared that this issue of the magazine was unmailable under Section 598, Postal Laws and Regulations. The letter addressed to the Dunellen Post Office was signed by RAMSEY S. BLACK, Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification.

MR. LUTHER advised that none of the February, 1939 issues of "Crime Detective" was mailed through the Post Office Department at Dunellen, New Jersey as he was informed when he was in Washington sometime ago that all of the magazines from the October, 1938 issue until the August, 1939 issue were declared unmailable. He further advised that the Art Color Printing Company made application on July 5, 1939 for the August, 1939 issue, which application was granted on August 28, 1939 by RAMSEY S. BLACK, Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Classification, Washington, D. C.

THOMAS H. WARWICK, President of the Warco Service Company, 437 Somerset Street, Plainfield, New Jersey advised that all shipping done for the Art Color Printing Company is done under contract.

A check of a copy of the "Daily Shipping Record", which form is made up by the Art Color Printing Company, Dunellen, New Jersey, the original of which is retained by the Art Color Printing Company and a copy furnished the Warco Service Company reveals the following shipments of the February, 1939 issue of "Crime Detective" Magazine made by Warco Service Company to the American News Company, New York City:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Receipt Number</u>	<u>Number of bundles</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>
12-1-38	11,817	200	10,000
12-1-38	11,822	140	7,000
12-1-38	11,837	160	8,000
12-2-38	11,874	228	11,400
12-6-38	11,906	340	17,000
12-7-38	11,909	400	20,000
12-7-38	11,919	100	5,000
12-7-38	11,929	251	12,510
		<u>1,819</u>	<u>90,910</u>

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MR. WARWICK advised that four receipts are made up for each shipment by the Art Color Printing Company and that the original goes with the shipment, to be signed by the receiver and returned to the Art Color Printing Company. The second copy goes to the customer; the third copy is the Art Color Printing Company copy, and the fourth copy is retained by the Warco Service Company. WARWICK added that the above "Daily Shipping Record" is a compilation of the aforementioned receipts.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

FILE NO. **71-167 VH**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-3-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-27-40	REPORT MADE BY A. J. QUINN
TITLE HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC: AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

United States Attorney at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania declines prosecution.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent MAXWELL CHAFFETZ dated at Philadelphia February 2, 1939.

DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The facts in instant case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney F. J. BRADLEY who stated that he would decline prosecution in instant case since, in his opinion, the article upon which this investigation was originally predicated in the Crime Detective Magazine was not obscene, and since the Crime Detective was, in his opinion, no more obscene than numerous other periodicals being published such as Liberty magazine and the New Yorker.

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Mr. Nichols

August 14, 1952

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"WHAT IS BEHIND THE SMEAR AGAINST FBI?"
ARTICLE WHICH APPEARS IN THE BIWEEKLY
PUBLICATION "PEOPLE TODAY" OF
AUGUST 27, 1952

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THE ARTICLE:

"What is Behind the Smear Against FBI?" appears on pages three through ten as the lead article in the August 27, 1952, issue of "People Today." The article bears no by-line. This issue has the Director's picture on its cover.

The article states that the FBI has been the subject of increasingly more criticism in recent years and says "The Federal Bureau of Investigation is the victim of its own publicity." According to the article, a few years ago the public considered FBI Agents to be "Supermen", but FBI failure to locate missing Communist leaders, subjects of two kidnaping cases, and the subjects of the Brinks, as well as criticisms of the Bureau by Judge Ryan (Coplon Case), Max Lowenthal, and John Crosby, have destroyed public reverence of the FBI. The article concludes that FBI publicity depicting the Bureau as infallible created a false picture. It infers that the Bureau is doing an outstanding job, but that the Bureau also makes mistakes.

REGARDING HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC., PUBLISHERS OF "PEOPLE TODAY":

On September 20, 1943, J. J. Starks submitted a memorandum to you indicating that Alex L. Hillman is the owner of Hillman Periodicals, Inc. He stated that that corporation publishes magazines of various types, most of them being of a sensational nature.

In 1939 and 1940 the Bureau conducted an investigation concerning Hillman Periodicals, Inc. upon a complaint that certain issues of "Crime Detective" magazine contained obscene matter and had been transported in interstate commerce. The United States Attorney at Philadelphia declined prosecution in this matter.

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols
Re: "What Is Behind the
Smear Against FBI?"

August 12, 1952

Hillman had an interest in "Tab" magazine which published in its August 28, 1942, edition an article concerning the Director. Although this article was not derogatory, it was unauthorized.

A confidential informant of the New York Office advised under the date August 29, 1942, that Hillman resided at 1070 Park Avenue, New York City, and was a successful publisher who had made much money from various enterprises, many of which were barely on the legitimate side. Hillman was stated to hide behind dummy corporations which made large sums of money by putting out smutty books disguised as classics. According to the informant, Hillman used national advertising to promote "spicy" literature which, when received, contained nothing more shocking than the word "love."

The New York informant further reported that Hillman had made considerable money through a racket of subsidizing books. This involved his publishing books provided the authors pay cash for the publication of the books, a procedure which is considered highly unethical. According to the informant, Hillman maintains a respectable standing in his private life.

At the conclusion of Starke's memorandum to you was a recommendation which stated, in part, "Hillman has an unsavory reputation.....It is recommended.....that the Bureau steer clear of any relations whatever with Hillman Periodicals, Inc." (94-3-4-1199)

Since September, 1943, no additional information of pertinence regarding the Hillman Periodicals, Inc. has come to the attention of the Bureau.

Memo to Mr. Nichols
Re: "What is Behind the
Smear Against FBI?"

August 14, 1952

REGARDING "PEOPLE TODAY":

In March, 1951, the Director received a letter from M. J. Clement of "People Today" enclosing an advanced copy of a feature article on the New York City Anti-Crime Committee, which appeared in the March 28, 1951, issue of that magazine. This article mentioned that Tom Donegan, "FBI Ace instrumental in the Hiss conviction," would direct the committee of investigators in New York City.

The September 12, 1951, edition of "People Today" contained an article entitled, "Who Is Mr. Big?", dealing with the man behind crime in New York City. "Mr. Big" was identified as William J. McCormack of New York City by the New York Office. This article in "People Today" received considerable comment.

On April 29, 1952, you wrote a memorandum to Mr. Tolson stating that Sam Shaeffer of "Newsweek" magazine had advised Mr. McGuire that "People Today," formerly owned by "Newsweek" and which had been sold to Hillman Publication, had requested Shaeffer to do a brief two-page biography on the Director. You said that Shaeffer had stated that he had a good deal of background from "Newsweek" from the time they ran the Director's picture on the cover. There were a few items regarding the Director's background which he did not have. You stated that Mr. McGuire furnished that information to Shaeffer.

Notations at the bottom of this memorandum indicate that "People Today" had been checked from the latter part of April, 1952, through the middle of July, 1952, and no article regarding the Director had appeared. (94-43468)

RECOMMENDATION:

Since Hillman bears a bad business reputation, and since publications of Hillman Periodicals, Inc., have gained a reputation for use of smutty, "spicy", and indecent pictures and articles, it is recommended that the New York and Newark Offices be directed to discreetly ascertain the names of all publications and business enterprises in which Hillman has an interest so that these publications can be closely reviewed for the purpose of gathering evidence for possible prosecution under the interstate transportation of indecent literature statute or for possible rescinding of mailing privileges of Hillman publications.

Photographs and "copy" in the August 27, 1952, issue of "People Today" indicate that this magazine follows the smutty character attributed to other Hillman publications.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols ☒ _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
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 NEW YORK, April 7 (N.Y. News).—William J. Spillane, 55, vice president of the American News Company since 1939 and a member of the board of directors since 1932, died today at Doctors' Hospital following two months' illness.
 A native of Kansas City, Mo., Spillane entered the employ of the news company there in 1902. After service in the Army in World War I, he resumed association in Chicago. He was one of the best-known men of the magazine and periodical business.
 In early life, Spillane was an amateur baseball player of note, and while in New York was active in affairs of the New York Athletic Club and the Winged Foot Golf Club. He was a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and of Archbishop Spellman's committee for Catholic charities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, New York (71-750)
 SUBJECT: ALEX L. HILLMAN
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

DATE: 9/23/52

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Re Bulet to N.Y., 8/26/52.

It will be noted that a review of the files of the NYO reflect that in the case "ALEX L. HILLMAN, was. - FUGITIVE, ET AL, NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT", Los Angeles origin, Los Angeles file 49-99, N.Y. file 49-415, it appeared that HILLMAN was indicted on 12/24/27 charged with conspiracy to defraud a bankrupt estate. A fugitive warrant was issued for HILLMAN on 5/24/29. HILLMAN was arrested by agents of this office on 5/24/29 and refused removal to Los Angeles, whereupon he was released on a \$1,000 bond for his appearance in Los Angeles on 10/1/29. The United States Attorney in Los Angeles finally dismissed the indictment on the authority of the Attorney General on 3/8/30.

The files further reflect that the Bureau requested the NYO to conduct an inquiry in the case of "GLOBE PHOTOS, INC., PUBLISHERS, TAB MAGAZINE; INFORMATION CONCERNING", Bufile 65-40261, N.Y. file 62-6986. In this case a report of Confidential Informant ROBERT M. concerning HILLMAN identified him and described his character which report was furnished to the Bureau on 9/2/42, and in which report the informant advised that HILLMAN was a successful publisher, who made a lot of money by both legitimate and shady means. The informant stated that HILLMAN specialized in the publication of spicy and rather smutty magazines. Other informants also stated that Hillman Periodicals ran a "cheap outfit with a lot of cheap magazines".

In the case of "HILLMAN PERIODICALS, INC., AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER", in which Philadelphia was the office of origin under their file 71-167, N.Y. file 71-332, the subject was investigated as the publisher of "Crime Detective Magazine" in 1939, which contained an article entitled "Philadelphia Sink of Crime", which article played public officials of the City of Philadelphia and alleged an alliance between them and the crime element in the city.

CSNY 1 furnished the following information concerning the subject and his company:

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Hillman Periodicals, Inc., Magazine Publishers, are located at 535 5th Avenue, New York 17, New York. ALEXANDER L. HILLMAN is president, MORRIS B. LEVINE, secretary and treasurer, PHILIP KEENAN, vice-president, and FRANKLIN FORSBERG, vice-president.

It will be noted at this point that a member of the board of directors of Hillman Periodicals, Inc. is Senator ~~STYLES BRIDGES~~.

CSNY 1 advised further that ALEXANDER L. HILLMAN, residing at 1070 Park Avenue, NYC, was born in 1900 in Chicago and is married, his wife's name being RITA HILLMAN. He attended the University of Chicago School of Commerce, and Law School at the same University. He completed his studies in 1923. He gained editorial and publishing experience as an employee and later as an executive of China Press, Shanghai, China from 1928 to 1929. He was an officer in Hillman-Bird, Ltd., book publishers, New York City, from 1929 to 1930. He was secretary and treasurer of Heron Press, Inc. in 1930. Also in 1930 he organized and became president of the Exotica Club, Inc., which name was changed by a charter amendment on 4/23/31 to the Rarity Press, Inc. This company was liquidated in 1931. From 1931 to 1941 he was president of William Godwin, Inc., book publishers. In the meantime, in 1935 he organized and became an officer in Hillman-Curl, Inc., book publishers, which was dissolved in 1941. During 1938 he organized and became president and treasurer of Hillman Periodicals, Inc., and in 1946 relinquished the title of treasurer. HILLMAN currently holds 100% of the outstanding capital stock and is active in all phases of the business.

MORRIS B. LEVINE, Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, was born in 1912 and is married. He has been associated with ~~ALEX HILLMAN~~ since 1931 and he graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1936, having previously obtained a BDA Degree from the City College of New York. He was admitted to the Bar in New York State in 1936, but has been associated with this corporation most of his commercial life. He was elected to the office of secretary in 1938 and in 1946 was elected to the office

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of treasurer in addition to his other office. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the armed forces and is presently the active general manager of the corporation.

PHILIP KEENAN, Vice-President of the company, was born in 1897 and is married. He was for many years employed by the McFadden Publications, NYC. He joined the present corporation in 1940 and shortly thereafter he was elected a vice-president and director. He is circulation manager at the present time.

FRANKLIN FORSBERG, Vice-President of the company, was elected to this office in 1950. He is reported to have had many years of publishing experience, having been associated with Street and Smith Publications in New York City, and during World War II was associated with the United States Army publication "Yank".

At this point it will be noted that the board of directors of Hillman Periodicals, Inc. is composed of the above officers and in addition thereto Senator STYLES BRIDGES from New Hampshire, who was elected to the board of directors in June, 1950.

CSNY I further advised that the Hillman Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York on 4/29/38. It was incorporated with an authorized capital stock of 500,000 common shares at \$1.00 a share. This amount was reduced subsequently by charter and amendment on 5/21/50 to 320,000 at \$1.00 a share.

It is noted that in 1948 the Federal Trade Commission under Order No. 5440, dated 4/21/48, against the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., ordered them to cease and desist from misrepresentation in the sale of reprints of books as original and unabridged editions, when in fact they were actually abridged and incomplete editions. A petition for a review was denied by the Federal Trade Commission on 5/31/51.

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The Hillman Periodicals, Inc. publish, according to CSNY 1, 14 monthly periodicals including comic books and magazines. CSNY 1 lists the following as publications being published by Hillman at this time:

1. Pageant
2. Crime Detective
3. Headquarters Detective
4. Real Detective
5. Western Novel Classic
6. People Today
7. Fighting Western Novel
8. Gunfire Western Novel
9. Screen Guide
10. Real Clue Crime Stories
11. Real Romances
12. Movieland

Pageant is a digest size monthly magazine carrying no advertising and devoted almost entirely to original material and photograph stories.

This company handles its own distribution, selling to jobbers located throughout the United States on a 100% returnable basis. The amount of subscription business done is small. The company has no plant of its own, the printing and binding done by contractors. The company's executive offices are located at 535 5th Avenue, New York City. At 636 1st Avenue, New York City, they maintain a place of business which handles their addressographing. They also maintain an advertising office in Chicago, Illinois. An editorial office for publication of the magazines "Movieland" and "Screen Guide" is also maintained in Los Angeles, California. In all, the corporation employs about 130 persons in the company including the subsidiaries, which are numbered about 13, all of which are usually named under the name of the particular magazine. This list was not

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listed by CSNY 1. The company owns all these subsidiaries wholly and directly. These companies are formed each time for a new magazine, mostly of the "one shot" variety.

The financial situation of the company is as follows:

CSNY 1 states that the tangible net worth in 1950 was approximately \$1,600,000. In May, 1951 it had a net worth of about \$1,000,000. In 1952 the volume is still holding and the net worth is in excess of \$1,000,000. The company is highly regarded in all banking quarters.

Mr. EDWARD MILES, former Special Agent of this Bureau, and presently advertising manager for "True Magazine", a man's magazine published by the Fawcett Publications, Inc., 67 West 44 Street, NYC, advised that he knew in a general way that Hillman and his company had a rather bad reputation in the magazine publishing field. He stated that his reputation did not do the field any good, and that they were active in publishing very cheap types of magazines. Mr. MILES obtained, through Mr. ALLAN ADAMS, vice-president of the Fawcett Company from Greenwich, Connecticut and in charge of distribution, a copy of each of the publications of the Hillman Periodicals, Inc., which are presently being published. They are being forwarded to the Bureau for their perusal and are enclosed herewith.

Mr. MILES advised that the following is a complete up-to-date list of the publications as of today:

- People Today
- Pageant
- Crime Detective
- Headquarters Detective
- Real Detective
- Real Romances
- Real Story
- Movieland
- Real Clue Comics
- Crime Detective Comics

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Mr. MILES also advised that he had learned from Mr. ADAMS that the Hillman Company discontinued the following publications:

Western Novel Classic
Fighting Western
Gun Fire
Screen Guide

Mr. MILES also stated that Mr. ALLAN ADAMS, who is vice-president of Fawcett Company in charge of distribution, and located in the Fawcett Building, Greenwich, Connecticut, had advised him that he knows HILLMAN and knows considerably about his background and his operations. His telephone number is GREENWICH 8-4680.

Consideration may be given by the Bureau to having the New Haven Office interview Mr. ADAMS at Greenwich, Connecticut. An extra copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau for the use of the New Haven Office in the event the Bureau desires to have New Haven interview Mr. ADAMS.

The enclosed magazines were reviewed by the writer as well as a representative number of back issues of some of these magazines, and it is felt that these magazines should be reviewed by the Bureau.

No further investigation will be conducted by this office UACB.