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Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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August 6, 1957.

[Redacted]

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Dear [Redacted]

I want to thank you for your letter dated August 5, 1957, transmitting letter of the same date addressed to you by John F. O'Connell, Secretary, Society of former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

It was the first information I had with reference to the organization of the Society and I, of course, am very much interested. I do not know whether the Bureau has received any previous information relative to the organization, but I am forwarding a copy of your letter and as soon as I receive a reply from the Bureau, I will communicate with you further.

I am returning herewith the letter which was addressed to you by the Secretary of the Society.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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August 3, 1937

Mr. Owen Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
1111 Court House,
222 1/2 Street,
New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Whitley:

I am enclosing herewith a letter which I received this morning from Mr. John W. Starnell, Secretary of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. which I thought you would be interested in reading, in the event that the above information has not already been referred to your attention.

This Society would appear to have sincerity of purpose and if it has the sanction of the Bureau, I would be interested in making an application for membership. If you can advise me whether or not the Bureau approves of the Society, I will be greatly obliged.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,





Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

One Park Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

October 7, 1937



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Dear Sir:

The Commission on Law-Enforcement has requested an advisory report on the proposed organization of a group of former special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The details of this organization are set forth in the following report and are as follows:

Since January of this year a group of former special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New York City, have been meeting informally. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss the idea of organizing, and in the general organization of, a society which would have as its purpose the preservation of the idea of good will and friendship among all those of everyone employed who had been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was felt that such a society would be a credit to the officers and other members both individually and collectively.

A Constitution and a set of By-Laws have been adopted and acting founders have been elected the following officers to serve until the first Annual Meeting which will be held on the last Friday of November, 1937:

CHARLES J. SCULLY - President, JOHN BRANN - Vice President, WAYNE MERRICK - Treasurer, and the undersigned - Secretary.

The purpose of the Society as expressed in the Constitution is "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members". Membership is open exclusively to those men who were formerly special agents of the Bureau and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein. The proposed member must be a man of good moral character and must have served with due fidelity to his path of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Dawson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Forwerth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

RW:PS

August 6, 1937

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to my telephone conversation of even date with Mr. Tolson, I am transmitting herewith photostatic copies of letter dated August 3, 1937 which was addressed to me by [redacted] former Special Agent. I am also enclosing photostatic copies of the enclosure which accompanied [redacted] letter, consisting of a letter dated August 3rd, addressed to him by John F. O'Connell, Secretary, Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

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Although [redacted] letter to me is dated August 3rd, it was written following his telephonic communication with this office today.

I will keep in touch with this situation and keep you advised with reference to any developments which might be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

R. WHITLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

HN:ps

August 11, 1937.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In a conversation with Mr. Tolson yesterday evening relative to a communication received, my recollection was recalled to an incident involving the so-called Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Several weeks ago, i.e., on the Saturday upon which the Bureau team went to Baltimore for a game there, I had lunch with former Agent John Brann. He called me at the hotel the evening before and wanted me to come to the Willard where he had some friends, but it was about 8:30 P.M., and too late and too hot. I therefore invited him to lunch with me the following day (Saturday).

During the conversation he stated that he wanted particularly to see you while in town, and that he wanted to convey to you an invitation to address an annual dinner of an organization composed of former Special Agents. It was then about 1:00 o'clock. I told him that I was not certain that you were in town, but that I did know that if you were and were not tied up, you would be glad to see him, and suggested that if he wanted to see you we had better expedite matters, inasmuch as it was then late on Saturday.

As I recall, he stated that he was the Vice President and Charlie Scully the President of this organization. The other conversation prior to that consisted of many inquiries from him relative to older Special Agents, the majority of whom were out of the service.

When we came to the building, he got off the elevator on the 5th floor and headed for your office. I recall definitely that neither the date nor the place of the annual dinner had been set, inasmuch as an invitation to attend a dinner at an unknown time and place struck me as rather funny.

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Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

It is significant that this movement was initiated & organization formed before any contact was had with Buford. It has all the earmarks of being certainly negatively friendly to say the least.

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"Society of Former Special Agents"

August 6, 1937

Mr. Whitley advised me this afternoon of the receipt of a letter addressed to former Special Agent [redacted] by Mr. J. F. O'Connell, a former agent of the Bureau, and who is now with [redacted] in which Mr. O'Connell signs himself as Secretary of a newly formed group known as the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated, with address at Room 1010, One Park Avenue, New York City. The officers of this group are indicated by the letter as:

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Charles J. Scully, President
John Brann, Vice President
Wayne Merrick, Treasurer
J. F. O'Connell, Secretary

It points out that a constitution and by-laws have been drafted which will be considered by the members at a meeting to be held in November, 1937; that the organization is formed for the "preservation of loyalty and friendship" and membership will be limited to those who have served at least one year in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent. The dues are \$5 a year.

Mr. Whitley will keep up advised concerning this club, and he will forward to us the letter which [redacted] left with him.

Clyde Tolson.

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August 20, 1937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Society of Former Special
Agents of the Bureau.

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[redacted] telephoned me from Philadelphia and read to me the following letter which he had received from John F. O'Connell, Secretary of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Bureau:

"Many thanks for your letter of August 18 in response to our invitation to join the society. I note with pleasure your interest in our organization and I am happy to give you the benefit of what I know concerning the specific aims and purposes of the society. As you are well aware there prevailed among the generality of Special Agents in the Bureau a friendship which was both genuine and sincere because of the system of exchanging reports officially from the field and the seat of government and among the various field offices, because of the somewhat numerous transfers and because of the travel from district to district on subpoenas and for other reasons it was almost always the rule that you could keep yourself advised of the activities of your friends both within and without the service. All of these conditions made for a good will which is worth preserving now that so many of us have terminated our connections with the Bureau. With the foregoing in mind several of us who happen to be located with some degree of permanency in the Metropolitan area at the present time felt that we should do something about providing a medium by virtue of which we could accomplish something tangible about both fostering and preserving that good will and friendship, and, well, the society is a result. It was the unanimous opinion of those interested in the formation of the society that its objects and purposes should be purely and solely fraternal in nature; that we personally were interested in forming no other kind of organization; that there probably was no need or general desire for any other type of organization which would restrict membership to former Special Agents of the Bureau. The Constitution provides that the purpose of the Society is the "preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members". We have incorporated under the laws of the State of New York for the same purpose and we intend to carry on with that as our sole objective.

As regards the attitude of the Department of Justice to the society, I can only say that no contact has been made officially by anyone representing the society and that none has been made

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unofficially as far as I am aware with the Department. We feel that the society should have the approval not expressly, of course, of the Department, but we also felt that only those eligible to join should be consulted about the formation, qualifications, policies and so forth of the society. For that reason we have as a matter of fact consulted no one but those whom we considered eligible for membership. It is our earnest hope and firm intention that the society will reflect the greatest credit upon its members and thereby be a source of pride to the service and to the Department.

Trusting that you will find the foregoing the information which you desired and with my best personal regards, I remain,

Cordially yours,

/s/ John F. O'Connell,
Secretary."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



August 20, 1937

Mr Nathan	✓
Mr Tolson	✓
Mr Clegg	
Mr Glavin	
Mr Ladd	
Mr Nichols	
Mr Rosen	
Mr Tracy	
Mr Carson	
Mr Egan	
Mr Gurnea	
Mr Hendon	
Mr Jones	
Mr Quinn	
Mr Nease	
Mr Gurnea	
Mr O'Connell	✓
Mr Quinn	
Mr Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from John F. O'Connell, Secretary of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., 1 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y., soliciting me as a member of the society.

I am not personally acquainted with Mr. O'Connell or any of the other officers mentioned in the letter, and therefore before replying to it I write to ask if this society is known to the Bureau and is approved by the Director.

Very truly yours



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
August 19, 1937

Mr Nathan	
Mr Tolson	✓
Mr Baughman	
Mr Clegg	
Mr Coffey	
Mr Dawsey	
Mr Egan	
Mr Forwerth	
Mr Glavin	
Mr Harbo	
Mr Hottel	
Mr McIntire	
Mr Lester	
Mr Nichols	
Mr Pennington	
Mr Quinn	
Mr Schilder	
Mr Tamm	
Mr Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] former special agent of this Bureau, informed me today that he had received a letter from John F. O'Connell, Room 1010 No. One Park Avenue, New York, New York, advising him of the formation of an organization known as "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation". [redacted] stated that the letter was written on a letterhead of the above named Society and listed Mr. Charles J. Scully as President, Mr. John Bramm, Vice President, Mr. Wayne Marriok, Treasurer and Mr. John F. O'Connell, Secretary. The offices are at Room 1010, No. One Park Avenue, New York City. The subscription fee requested was \$5.00.

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The above is submitted for the information of the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,


E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

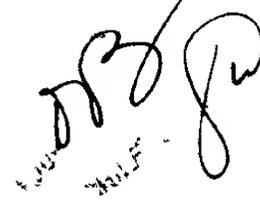
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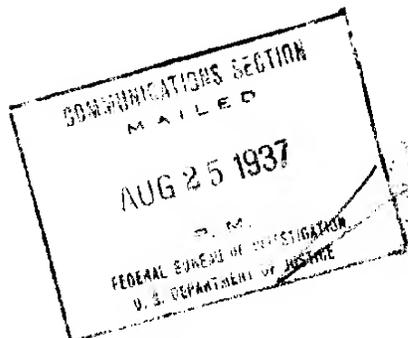
Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter dated August 20th, concerning the receipt by you of a communication from an organization in New York City entitled "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc."

In response to your inquiry, please be advised that the group in question has not communicated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the organization of this society. Consequently, I am unable to recommend this group to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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- Mr Nathan
- Mr Tolson
- Mr Baughman
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August 24, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

[redacted] a former special agent in this Bureau, who is presently [redacted] brought me a letter addressed to him by Mr. John F. O'Connell, also a former special agent, who is now secretary of the "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc." I am attaching hereto a copy of this letter.

I feel sure that the "Society" has already been called to your attention. However [redacted] reaction to the letter may be of some interest to you. It was his opinion that the success of the Bureau did not depend on a society of former special agents and he was unable to see how this society could be of any real value to the Bureau and stated that he did not care to belong to a society of "has-beens". [redacted] further stated that such a society might be a source of embarrassment to the Bureau, if it took in some of the disgruntled individuals who are no longer in the service. He does not intend to become associated with the society and turned the letter over to me for such informative value as it may serve.

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I do not know your attitude toward the formation of this society. Neither am I aware of its purpose other than as stated in the letter to [redacted] I may be pessimistic but I would be inclined to view it with some suspicion if it is to include some of the former agents who are personally known to me.

If you feel free to express your views on this organization, I would be very glad to have the benefit of them.

Very truly yours,
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R. H. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge

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September 10, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated September 3, 1937, with which you forwarded a circular letter turned over to you by former Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] addressed to him by the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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The members of this organization have not as yet communicated with me and as a result thereof, it is not known by the Bureau what the aims of the organization are.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
914 Johnston Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

September 3, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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[redacted] who was formerly a Special Agent of this Bureau, in a conversation with the writer mentioned an Organization which has been formed by former Special Agents, which is known as the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., and I suggested he later send me the letter received by him from this organization.

While I presume that the organization in question is a legitimate one, I do not know that such is the case, and therefore felt that I should advise you.

The letter received by [redacted] is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt

EDWARD SCHEIDT
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

One Park Avenue, New York, N Y

August 3, 1937

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Dear Sir:

The Committee on Membership has instructed me to extend to you a cordial invitation to join this Society and I am very happy to do so. So that you may understand the purpose of the Society and may know some of the details of its organization the following facts are noted.

Since February of this year a group of former special agents who are located in the metropolitan New York area have applied themselves to a consideration of the idea of organizing, and to the actual organization of, a society such as has now been formed. The response to the idea was so positive and so enthusiastic in the case of everyone consulted that it was felt that there was a general desire for such society and on this premise we have proceeded to build the framework of an organization which we hope and expect will be a credit to its officers and other members both individually and collectively.

A Constitution and a set of By-Laws have been adopted and acting thereunder we have elected the following officers to serve until the first Annual Meeting which will be held on the last Friday of November, 1937:

CHARLES J. SCULLY - President, JOHN BRANN - Vice President, WAYNE MERRICK - Treasurer, and the undersigned - Secretary.

The purpose of the Society as expressed in the Constitution is "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members". Membership is open exclusively to those men who were formerly special agents of the Bureau and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein. The proposed member must be a man of good moral character and must have served with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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The dues have been fixed at five dollars per annum and assessments can be levied only upon the proposal of the Executive Committee and vote of the general membership. You have been proposed for membership and have been considered favorably by the Committee on Membership and you may, therefore, become a member by communicating to the undersigned your wish to become such and by remitting your dues. Those who join and pay their dues before August 31, 1937 will be charter members. Checks, money orders, etc. should be drawn payable to the order of Wayne Marrick, Treasurer, and they may be forwarded either to him directly or to the undersigned, in either case in care of the Society at Room 1010, One Park Avenue, New York.

Since we intend to compile and keep on file the names and addresses (residence and business) of former special agents we shall be pleased to have you send yours to us even though you do not join at this time. If there is any additional information which you desire please feel free to call upon us at any time as we shall be glad to furnish you with all available data.

With the greetings of the Society and my own best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


JOHN F. O'CONNELL,
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.
Kansas City, Missouri
August 28, 1937

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

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Dear Sir:

On August 28, 1937

[redacted] came by the Kansas City Office and had in his possession a letter addressed to [redacted] former Special Agent of this Bureau. the address of which reads as follows:

[redacted] This bears a post-mark of City Hall Annex, N.Y. 5, August 20, 7:30 P.M., 1937, and bears return address: "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., One Park Avenue, New York, N.Y." It is marked "Personal - Please forward".

[redacted] wished to know whether this office has any record of the address of [redacted] and he was told that we have not but that perhaps the Bureau in Washington may have his address. The letter in question is enclosed herewith, and it is requested that the same be forwarded to [redacted] if his address is known. If not, it is suggested that the Department of the Interior may have the address of this man.

Very truly yours,

(S) DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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August 30, 1937

Mr. R. L. Shivers,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Mr. Shivers:

Receipt is acknowledged of your personal and confidential communication dated August 24, 1937, with which you forwarded a copy of a communication received by former Special Agent [redacted] from the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated. b6

I desire to advise you that the members of this society have not communicated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the organization of this association. Consequently, I am unable to give you any information concerning its aims.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Edgar Hoover

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 903 Pacific Commerce Building
 437 South Hill Street
 Los Angeles, California
 August 25, 1937.**

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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

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Dear Sir:-

I desire to advise that Special Agent [redacted] today informed me that he had accidentally run into former Special Agent [redacted] on the street in Los Angeles, and that [redacted] exhibited to him a letter which he had received from New York on a letterhead purporting to be of an organization of ex-Agents of the F. B. I. [redacted] was not able to obtain the exact name of this alleged organization, and upon inquiry of [redacted] stated that he did not know the purpose or aims of this organization, but understood that it was composed solely of "ex-G-Men", and that all former Special Agents of this Bureau were receiving similar letters. The only information he was able to furnish with respect to this particular organization was that membership dues were five dollars.

The above information is in line with previous information I had furnished you as obtained from former Special Agent [redacted] and I thought that you would be interested in learning of these later developments.

Very truly yours,

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 D. M. LADD,
 Inspector.

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September 9, 1937

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Society of Former SA's of F. B. I.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Hoover;

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I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received by me which is self-explanatory. It is in reply to a letter sent this corporation, a copy of which was sent you. It is, as you will notice, very carefully and diplomatically written but I feel one can read between the lines. I feel you would want to see this letter. No answer has been sent, and I am not sure that I shall answer it.

Hoping this may be of interest to you, I am

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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ENCLOSURE

Society of Former Special Agents
of the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
On Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

August 16, 1937



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Dear 

I wish to thank you for your letter of inquiry of August 12 replying to our invitation to join the Society. We did not realize that you were located so close to us although we did know that you had retired from the service of the Bureau.

For your information I may note that a representative group of former Special Agents of the Bureau who are located principally in the metropolitan area and whose aggregate period of service covers the almost entire history of the Bureau have taken upon themselves to form the Society solely to give a medium of expression to their desire and to the desire a the generality of others who served with them in the Bureau and who have severed their connections therewith to preserve and foster the many friendships which came into being during Bureau service. Most of those consulted, particularly the older men, see the Society as the answer to their wish to keep up with the locations, the occupations, etc., of their former comrades.

With regard to your inquiry as to whether Director Hoover has approved the Society I can only reply that I do not know. No one has at any time suggested that he does not approve of our organization and I can think of no reason why he should not do so. It is our earnest hope and firm intention that the Society shall reflect the greatest credit upon its members many of whom served under Mr. Hoover. In this same connection I should like to point out that the only persons consulted about the formation of the Society, about its policies and personnel, are those who have been considered eligible for membership.

Trusting that the foregoing answers your inquiries (and if you have any other questions I shall be pleased to have you submit them) and with our best wishes, I remain

Cordially yours,

Signed: John F. O'Connell, Secretary

Rochester (N.Y.)
Times-Union

9-5-'37

TROOPER HEAD ASSAILS FBI IN HIS DISMISSAL

G-Men Foolhardy In Methods, Says Indiana Aide

Indianapolis—(AP)—Matt Leach, dismissed yesterday as captain of the Indiana state police on charges which state officials said were instigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, blasted back, accusing the federal officers with employing "foolhardy methods" in their fight on crime.

Leach, who had charge of the state police force when it was engaged in the hunt for the notorious John Dillinger gangsters and the more recent search for the desperate Al Brady mob, said he would demand an investigation by the United States Senate of methods employed by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI.

Don F Stiver, state safety director, who announced dismissal of Leach, said the FBI accused the officer of failure to co-operate with it in the search for the Brady gangsters—Al Brady, Clarence Dalhove and Clarence Lee Shaffer. This trio is accused of killing two police officers in Indiana and a Piqua, Ohio, grocery clerk during a crime foray that included bank robberies and jewelry store holdups in Ohio and Indiana.

Refused To Resign

Leach, who has been head of the state police since 1933, refused to resign.

He issued a prepared statement in which he said:

"I ask the United States Senate to proceed with an investigation of J. Edgar Hoover's methods and activities and expect accordingly to amplify my statement."

After reviewing the search for the Dillinger gangsters Leach said the federal officers acting independently of the state police once started to Mooresville, Ind., the outlaw's home town and by their actions caused a citizen to report that the outlaw and his gang were in the vicinity in two machines.

"These machines were found loaded with armed members of the Department of Justice," Leach said. "The fact that I answered calls and ascertained facts before acting and communicated same to local authorities prevented federal officers from being mistaken for bandits."

Lodged Formal Complaint

"These foolhardy methods of J. Edgar Hoover made it necessary for me to lodge formal complaint with Gov. Paul V. McNutt against the policies of the Department of Justice as now operated, such being in the interest of the safety of the citizens of Indiana, the law enforcement authorities of this state, and the subordinates of Mr. Hoover assigned to Indiana."

To the accusation that he had failed to co-operate with the federal officers Leach made the counter charge that Hoover "has in the past failed to co-operate" with the Indiana state police.

Hoover could not be reached in Washington for comment on Leach's statement.

Stiver said a representative of Hoover had threatened "to sever relations" with Indiana state police if Leach continued as head of the department.

Stiver in a list of 12 charges that Leach had "publicly slandered officials and members of the FBI," and had directed his officers against co-operating with the federal department in the Brady gang search.

~~From the (AP) News -~~
Ousted Officer
Raps FBI Chief 7/4/37

Indianapolis—(AP)—Matt Leach, discharged today as captain of state police, issued a statement in which he demanded a congressional investigation of the "method and motives" of J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Leach charged the Department of Justice with failure to cooperate with the state police and said "the attitude of the Department of Justice now becomes definite antagonism." Donald F. Stiver, superintendent of state police, said formal charges would be filed against Leach later, one of which he said would be ~~failure to~~ co-operate with federal agents.

FEDERAL OFFICERS STAGE RAIDS ON VICE CENTERS IN SEVERAL EAST COAST CITIES

Montana (Daily) Staff
8-30-37
More Than 120 Men and
Women Arrested on White
Slave Charges; Ring
Leader Aide of Luciano.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug 29 — (AP) — Led by J. Edgar Hoover, federal agents swept through this gay convention city and two others in Pennsylvania and Delaware today in 16 simultaneous "white slavery" raids, arresting more than 120 men and women.

The raids were worked on a zero hour basis, Hoover said, and in less than an hour halted operations in 10 major and three minor Atlantic City spots, two others in Philadelphia and one in Wilmington.

It all came suddenly, at midnight, when the famous shore resort's streets were filled with frolicking visitors, and was all over within two hours as bus loads of prisoners were taken to Trenton.

Assistant United States District Attorney William N. Smith said the prisoners would be arraigned before United States Commissioner Marvin Spaulding and removed from the federal building at Trenton to Mercer county jail. He said from \$5,000 to \$25,000 bail would be asked.

He named as the principal defendant Harry L. Roth who, he said, was arrested in New York, where no raids were staged.

Hoover, who checked in at a beach front hotel last night, stayed five hours and personally led two of the raids, told reporters that Roth was "reputed to be a member of the Lucky Luciano gang."

CT:ACS

April 27, 1937

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

11 Society of former Spec. Agents

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Whitley at New York advised me recently that Agent [redacted] has ascertained that there was another meeting recently at the Lincoln Hotel of former Agents of the Bureau in connection with their plan to form an association of former agents. [redacted] advised Mr. Whitley that former Agent [redacted] and former Agent [redacted] had been designated to draw up a constitution and by-laws. No officers have as yet been selected. They apparently have the names of some 200 former agents, between 30 and 50 of them being located in New York City.

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Respectfully,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California.
August 31, 1937.

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

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Society of Former SAs of F.B.I.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, when Inspector D. M. Ladd was at the Los Angeles office he mentioned to me that he had recently learned of an organization being formed by former Special Agents in this Bureau. While Inspector Ladd was in Los Angeles he learned from Special Agent [redacted] that former Special Agent [redacted] had received one of the circular letters inviting him to join this group.

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Since Inspector Ladd's departure from Los Angeles, Special Agent [redacted] has advised me that he learned this organization was apparently founded by former Special Agent Wayne Merrick and former Special Agents McConnell and Skelly. Special Agent [redacted] was not able to secure the initials of the latter two Agents, nor do I know them myself.

Very truly yours,

J. E. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California,
September 11, 1937.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Society of Former Special
Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

Reference is made to my letter of August 31st,
1937, concerning the above-mentioned organization.

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For your further information, there is attached
hereto the original letter written by this organization under
date of August 3, 1937, to former Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] of Los Angeles. The envelope in which this letter was
mailed is also attached. The Bureau will note that the letter
is signed by John F. O'Connell, secretary of the organization;
further, that its other officers, according to the letter,
are Charles J. Scully, President, John Brann, Vice President
and Wayne Merrick, Treasurer.

The above letter and envelope were obtained
by Special Agent [redacted] from former Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] advising me that in a recent conversa-
tion with [redacted] he asked if he could have the letter to
send to a friend of his. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the
letter and did not indicate he wanted it returned to him, for
which reason it is being forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

One Park Avenue, New York, N Y

August 3, 1937



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Dear Sir:

The Committee on Membership has instructed me to extend to you a cordial invitation to join this Society and I am very happy to do so. So that you may understand the purpose of the Society and may know some of the details of its organization the following facts are noted.

Since February of this year a group of former special agents who are located in the metropolitan New York area have applied themselves to a consideration of the idea of organizing, and to the actual organization of, a society such as has now been formed. The response to the idea was so positive and so enthusiastic in the case of everyone consulted that it was felt that there was a general desire for such society and on this premise we have proceeded to build the framework of an organization which we hope and expect will be a credit to its officers and other members both individually and collectively.

A Constitution and a set of By-Laws have been adopted and acting thereunder we have elected the following officers to serve until the first Annual Meeting which will be held on the last Friday of November, 1937:

CHARLES J. SCULLY - President, JOHN BRANN - Vice President, WAYNE MERRICK - Treasurer, and the undersigned - Secretary.

The purpose of the Society as expressed in the Constitution is "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members". Membership is open exclusively to those men who were formerly special agents of the Bureau and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein. The proposed member must be a man of good moral character and must have served with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents.

The dues have been fixed at five dollars per annum and assessments can be levied only upon the proposal of the Executive Committee and vote of the general membership. You have been proposed for membership and have been considered favorably by the Committee on Membership and you may, therefore, become a member by communicating to the undersigned your wish to become such and by remitting your dues. Those who join and pay their dues before August 31, 1937 will be charter members. Checks, money orders, etc. should be drawn payable to the order of Wayne Merrick, Treasurer, and they may be forwarded either to him directly or to the undersigned, in either case in care of the Society at Room 1010, One Park Avenue, New York.

Since we intend to compile and keep on file the names and addresses (residence and business) of former special agents we shall be pleased to have you send yours to us even though you do not join at this time. If there is any additional information which you desire please feel free to call upon us at any time as we shall be glad to furnish you with all available data.

With the greetings of the Society and my own best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,


JOHN F. O'CONNELL,
S e c r e t a r y

Best regards from Wayne, Huber & I.


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September 18, 1937.



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Sept 18 1937

Dear



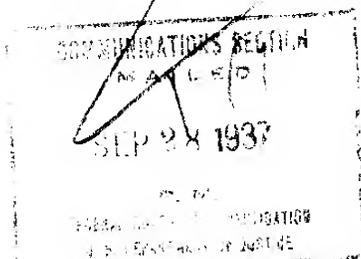
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Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated September 9, 1937, with which you transmitted a copy of a further communication you have received from Mr. John F. O'Connell, Secretary of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated.

I think that the communication in question is very carefully and diplomatically written. However, as I mentioned to you heretofore that none of the officers of this organization have deemed it necessary to get in touch with the Bureau or myself regarding the formation of this Society and as a result thereof, I have absolutely no knowledge of the aims of the society in question.

I appreciate your interest in keeping me advised relative to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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August 31, 1957

67-172-220

[Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1105 Mills Tower Building,
San Francisco, California.

Dear [Redacted]

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I want to thank you for your communication of August 22, 1957, wherein you advise me that the retraining school proved to be very instructive, most interesting, and of great value to you. It is indeed pleased to know that you have found that by attendance at the retraining schools afforded the Special Agents of this service much of value can be secured. I am always very pleased to see the various Agents from the field, and if possible, discuss their personal problems with them during their periods of attendance at these schools.

With reference to your inquiry concerning the ~~Society of Former Special Agents~~ of Federal Bureau of Investigation, I desire to advise you that the members of this society have not communicated with me concerning this organization. Consequently, I am unable to give you any information concerning its aims.

I appreciate your advising me of the comments of [Redacted]

[Redacted]

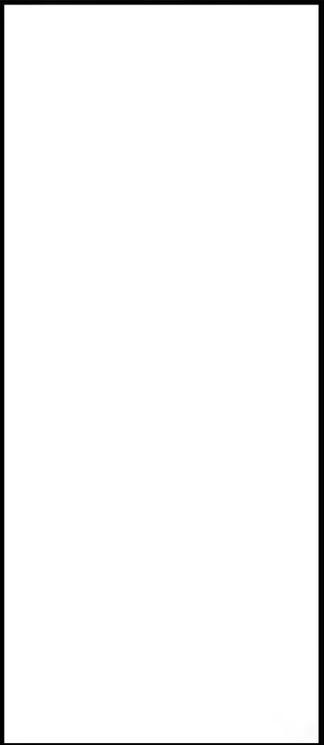
Sincerely yours,
John Edgar Hoover,
Director

cc SAC San Francisco

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SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
ONE PARK AVENUE. NEW YORK, N. Y.

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BUY U. S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR POSTMASTER

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San Francisco, Calif.
August 22, 1957

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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~~Personal and Confidential~~

Dear Sir:

I wish to tender you my sincere thanks for the privilege of attending the Retraining school for Special Agents held during the period July 26th to August 7th, 1957. I found the retraining to be very instructive and most interesting and of great value to every Agent attending and the Bureau, I feel sure, will benefit because of the increased efficiency and renewed enthusiasm of the attending Agents. Every comment heard from the Agents was commendatory of you and of the manner in which the school was conducted.

I also wish to thank you with all my heart for the personal interview granted me and your friendliness and encouragement; it was as manna from Heaven.

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For such, if any information it may have, I met [redacted] now on leave of absence because of sickness, and he told me that he received a letter from a Wayne Merrick of New York City asking him to join a newly formed "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation" and forward \$5 for dues. The Society has no particular purpose as far as I could gather, except to bask in the reflected glory of Director Hoover and the Bureau that he developed. Charles Scully is President, John Brann is vice-president and Wayne Merrick is secretary of the Society. [redacted] is a very good friend of yours, praised you highly and proudly showed me a letter from you he lately received.

Again thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Special Agent.

67-172-220

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
936 Raymond-Commerce Building
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

October 9, 1937

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

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ON 4/27/82
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Dear Mr. Hoover;

Society of former SA's of the FBI

John Brann, who you will recall is a former Special Agent of the Bureau, dropped in at the Newark office yesterday afternoon. I met Mr. Brann while working in New York City, and he evidently just stopped by to pay a friendly visit. However, while talking to him he did inform me that some of the former agents of the Bureau had formed an association.

According to Mr. Brann, there are 110 former agents who are charter members of this association, which has been incorporated, and whose by-laws are at this time being prepared for publication. According to Mr. Brann, a Mr. Scully (?) who is connected with the National Association of Credit Men, is the president of their association. Brann is the vice-president, and Wayne Merrick, who is now connected with [redacted] is [redacted]

Mr. Brann states that it is their idea to hold about four meetings each year, and one annual dinner; that as soon as they perfect their organization they intend to extend to you an invitation to address their annual meeting.

Mr. Brann went on to relate that they also have in mind the creation of certain districts or divisions throughout the United States, each of which will be governed by one of the vice-presidents.

I thought you might be interested in this information, inasmuch as I recall, while making an inspection of the New York office, you had requested information from that office concerning this proposed association.

I am sure that if contact is maintained with John Brann it will be possible to secure a copy of the by-laws of the association, which he informed me would be in a booklet form, together with the members' names, addresses, and their present businesses.

Very truly yours

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Special Agent in Charge

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September 27, 1937.

Personal Attention

[REDACTED]
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 Tower Petroleum Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Upon my return to the city I am in receipt of your letter of September 6, and appreciate your writing in regard to the ~~Society of Former Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation~~. Some of the former agents who are interested in the Bureau have advised of the receipt of letters soliciting membership in this organization, and while I know little of its aims and purposes, I do not feel that it will contribute anything to the interest and prestige of the Bureau.

I am glad to hear that you are now settled in your new home. I would like nothing better than to make another trip to your section of the country, and especially to visit you in your new quarters.

With expression of my very best regards and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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September 6, 1937.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been told that in New York City there has been incorporated an organization composed of former Bureau employees and that the ostensible purpose of the organization is strictly fraternal but that as they gain strength and at the propitious moment they expect to use the influence of the organization against you. It is highly probable such ulterior purpose is in view that some of the men connected therewith do not know it. I do not know that such is the purpose but that is what has come to me and I feel very definitely that you should know about it.

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We have moved into our new home "down on the farm" and there is a room allotted to you when you again visit this section. There is no freight elevator in the immediate vicinity of "your room" and even the roosters crowing will not disturb your slumbers. I hope you will come real soon and see for yourself that is is just as described. I have been experimenting with a Recomar and when the handiwork is developed I will send you a scene or two.

With best personal wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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WRG:A

September 20, 1937.

[Redacted]

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
903 Pacific Commerce Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Re: Society of Former Special
Agents of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation, Inc.

Dear

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated September 11, 1937, relative to the above-mentioned Society.

This Society has been brought to the Bureau's attention on numerous occasions within the last several months, it appearing that the Society is having a country-wide circularization made of former Special Agents of the FBI.

The Bureau has not been contacted regarding the aims of this Society, and as a result thereof the Bureau has no official knowledge of the purpose of this organization.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Letter from [redacted] advises of visit to Newark Office of former SA John Brann, who advises that 110 former Bureau agts. are charter members of association of former agts. Brann is vice-president; advises they will hold 4 meetings each year, 1 annual dinner and intend to invite Director to address their annual meeting, after organization perfected. It is believed possible obtain copy of by-laws and names of members through Brann.

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JOHN A. BRANN
New York City

Oct. 4 - 1937

Dear Harold:

Society of Former SA's of FBI

Your very welcome letter to hand. Needless to say, I was very glad to hear from you. In reference to [redacted] I had already presented his name for membership in the association and it was favorably acted upon and a letter was to be sent to him but we did not have his address.

I judge that the man must be a strong character, because both those advocating him and the one or two opposing were strong in their arguments, but the ayes had it. I never knew him personally, but [redacted] and some other friends of mine who worked with him spoke in the highest terms of him, hence my reason for presenting his name.

After getting your letter I immediately spoke to several in his behalf and while at the present time no job seems to be in the offing, yet they have promised to bear him in mind.

You will be interested to know that we have 100 charter members, some of the best and most influential boys who were in the service. Of course, we have been handicapped by lack of present addresses of several hundred of the old men, but that is gradually being eliminated. On a separate sheet I am sending you are the names of a number whom I feel you can give me the present addresses of. I shall appreciate it very much.

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Everyone who has communicated with us so far is very enthusiastic, as they indicate a desire to meet, talk over old times, and help one another in their present avocations when and if possible. No one who was in bad with the Bureau or who went sour later has been or will be taken in.

Both my sister and I are in excellent health and I have been very busy. Please give my regards to the Director, Miss Gandy and all my old friends in the D. of J. To [redacted] and your good wife and yourself the best wishes of

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Yours sincerely,

(s) JOHN A. BRANN

Suite 1148,
25 Broadway,
New York City.

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Tommy Donaldson	Accountant	1919 - 1927? Field
Horace Boling	Agent	1919 - Phila.
Bradley	" Lawyer	1917 - NY etc
John M. Gardner	Acct	1916 - Wash
Fred C. Kelly	Agent	1918 - Field
Endicott	"	1918 - Boston
Woods	"	1918 - Anti-Trust
Carl or Jens Jensen	"	1918 - NY and Florida
Merwin Taylor	"	1918 - NY - NO, etc
Walter Dubreine (one of the Dupont family)	"	1918 - NY
Knickerbocker	"	1920 - Wash
Chas. Mendenhall	Acct	1917 - Wash & Fla.
Chas. Brenniman	Agt	1918 - Texas, etc
Earl Van Wagoner	Agt	
Wm. W. Wright	"	1918 - Anti-Trust
Matt Horne	"	1918 - Wash
Jones Parker	Acct	Field - 1919 - 1927
Pierre Wallmo	Agt	1918 - NY
Mallory	"	1917-8 Camp Merritt
Ramsdell	"	1917-8 - Newark
Grandiski	"	Pittsburgh 1920
Ford (of Georgia)		Phila Office 1919
Forbes		NY Office 1920
John Wrenn		El Paso Texas recent years

Holcomb		NY 1917-1919
C. Jacqueline Smith		NY 1917-1919
Walter Robesen	Atty, Wash	NY 1917-1919
Milton D. Campbell	" "	Anti-Trust 1922-6
Rudolph Alt		
Sam Bennets		
W. D. Boling		
Robert Burge		
Larry M. Olney		
Joseph T. Towler		
Duval	Agent	NY 1917-1918
Stuart Pilcher	"	NY 1917-1919

Was Senator Alben Barkley ever an Agent?

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744

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- To: Director
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Tamm
- Mr. Glavin
- Chief Clerk
- Miss Gandy
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Foxworth
- [Redacted]
- Mr. Nichols
- Personnel Files Section
- Files Section
- [Redacted]

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See Me For Appropriate Action

Send File Note and Return

*This is a thoroughly dangerous group
 league. It is absolutely hostile to the best
 interests of the Bureau.*

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Clyde Tolson

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

WJM:ML

New York, N. Y.,
November 23, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR:
SAC R. E. VETTERLI

~~Personal and Confidential~~

In reference to our conversation this morning, regarding the organization, the members of which consist of only former Special Agents of the FBI, the writer wishes to advise that while in conversation with former Special Agent [redacted] on 11/19/37 the latter advised that the instant organization had held its annual dinner on the previous evening, November 18, 1937 at the New York Athletic Club, this city, and all in attendance - some 45 former Agents - had more or less expressed themselves as being confident as to the success of the new organization, basing this opinion on the large attendance at the dinner, the interest the members are taking in the affairs of the organization, the number of telegrams received during the dinner from members wishing the organization success, and the further fact that several agents in attendance had traveled some distance to be there; namely, [redacted] from Chicago, [redacted] from Dallas, Texas, and he, [redacted] from Davenport, Iowa.

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[redacted] stated that the membership consists of some 150 former agents and they expect the membership to number 300 in the near future.

In connection with the instant conversation with [redacted] it was gathered that when the membership of [redacted] was solicited sometime back, [redacted] declined to join the organization, claiming it was his intention at the time to start a similar organization with other former agents on the coast.

[redacted] made no reference as to who the speakers were at the dinner, nor as to any one making any detrimental remarks about the Bureau or any one connected with same.

[redacted] in the course of his conversation expressed himself as being very friendly towards the Bureau, and advised that sometime back he had been called on as a reference for an applicant, and he declined to recommend this individual, as he

did not think he was a proper person to become connected with the Bureau in any capacity.

Respectfully submitted,



Special Agent.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

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November 29, 1937.

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

Society of Former SA's of F.B.I.
Re: ASSOCIATION OF EX-BUREAU AGENTS,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Sir:

I am quoting herein a memorandum submitted by Special Agent
 in the above matter:

"In order that it may be made a matter of record, this memorandum is submitted to indicate that on November 4, 1937, called and stated that he had received an invitation to speak at a school meeting at Bronxville, N. Y., and that he had told the people who approached him that he thought that more up to date information might be secured from someone now employed in the Bureau, and that he would see about getting invitations through to the Bureau for Mr. Vetterli or someone else to speak in the near future.

During the conversation with which took place by telephone, he made some inquiry as to the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. He stated that he had seen a letter sent by this organization to one of his friends, who is an ex-agent, and that his recollection was that he had heard from former Special Agent in this regard. He also indicated that he thought had joined this organization and remarked that he had gathered that is 'not the Director's best friend in New York'. appeared to be desirous of obtaining an expression from the Bureau as to whether the Bureau sanctioned the organization referred to. He stated that he did not wish to get in on anything of an unwholesome nature and would like to get an unofficial slant on the proposition. He was informed that the writer had no previous information relative to this organization and that no comment therefore of an official or unofficial nature could be made.

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seemed entirely friendly to the Bureau during his conversation."

Very truly yours,
R. E. Vetterli
R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge

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Society of Former Special Agents
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

Dear Member:

Pursuant to Article Two, Section Six, of the By-laws of this Society, there is enclosed herewith a ballot which I will ask you kindly to use in nominating candidates for election to the offices referred to in Sections One and Two of Article Four of the Constitution.

Attention is respectfully invited to that part of Section One of Article Two of the By-laws which provides as follows:

"In order to be counted a ballot must be returned to, and be received by, the Secretary before twelve o'clock, noon, of the day fifteen days after the date of the sending out of the ballots by him and the voter must be in good standing on the date of the counting of the ballots."

Accordingly All ballots must be received by the Secretary not later than twelve o'clock noon Tuesday, October 26, 1937.

Enclosed herewith is a current list of the membership of the Society.

Fraternally yours,

Secretary.

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NOMINATION BALLOT

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INC.

One Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

PRESIDENT: _____

VICE PRESIDENT: _____

SECRETARY: _____

TREASURER: _____

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Two members to hold office for a period of one year each:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Two members to hold office for a period of two years each:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Two members to hold office for a period of three years each:

Name: _____

Name: _____

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF
INVESTIGATION, INC.

Submitted below is a summary of the Treasurer's Report reflecting Cash Receipts and Disbursements covering the period from July 1st, 1937 to December 31, 1937.

CASH RECEIPTS - Bank		\$ 502.00
CASH PAYMENTS		
Certificate of Incorporation	60.00	
Printing Public	1.00	
Books, Postage, etc.	11.00	
Mail and Postage Stamps	.28	
Stationery and Record Books	24.44	
Check Cash Printed	2.00	
Materiality Cards	6.19	
Office Expenses	5.12	
Total Cash Payments	122.03	379.97
CASH BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1937		\$ 122.03

Wm. J. ...
Treasurer

CT:ACS

December 18, 1937.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
One Eleven Sutter, Room 1729,
San Francisco, California.

Society of Former SA's of FBI

Dear [Redacted]

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The Bureau recently received information in connection with the Association of Former Bureau Agents, which has been formed in New York City, to the effect that former Special Agent in Charge [Redacted] declined to join this organization stating at that time that it was his intention to formulate a similar organization of former Special Agents on the West Coast.

The Bureau is passing this information on to you in order that you may be on the alert in connection with the possibility of the formation of such an organization.

Sincerely yours,

~~Personal & Confidential.~~

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Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
One Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

November 3, 1937

Dear Member:

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Society will be held on

November 18th, 1937, 8:00 P.M.
in the
New York Athletic Club,
59th St. & 7th Ave.,
New York, N. Y.
(10th Floor)

Preceding the meeting, the first annual dinner of the Society will be held at 6:00 P. M. in a private dining room on the tenth floor of the New York Athletic Club. All members are cordially invited to the dinner. The cost of the dinner is Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) per person and attendance is limited to members of the Society.

It is desirable that reservations for the dinner be made immediately by returning the enclosed card together with your remittance.

Whether or not you are able to attend the dinner, we urge your attendance at the meeting. Dress will be informal.

We are enclosing herewith an election ballot bearing the names of those who have been nominated for the several offices. You will indicate your choices thereon and return the same in the enclosed self-addressed envelope which will not be opened until November 18, 1937, fifteen days after the date of mailing as provided in Section One of Article Two of the By-Laws of the Society.

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Fraternally yours,

Secretary.

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ELECTION BALLOT

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

PRESIDENT: (Vote for one) Indicate your choice by marking
"x" within parenthesis

- Charles J. Scully (✓)
- Charles A. Silveus ()

VICE PRESIDENT: (Vote for one)

- John A. Brann (✓)
- Hinton G. Clabaugh ()

SECRETARY: (Vote for one)

- John F. O'Connell (✓)
- ()

TREASURER: (Vote for one)

- Wayne Merrick (✓)
- ()

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: (Vote for six)

- Francis X. Fay (✓)
- John J. Manning (✓)
- Francis J. Kilmartin (✓)
- Michael F. Glynn (✓)
- Robert G. Reed () (2)
- Charles J. Noblo ()
- Mortimer J. Davis ()
- Albert G. Adams ()
- A. Bruce Bielaski (✓)
- Leslie O. Carver ()

M E M O R A N D U M

RE: DINNER OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS GIVEN AT NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB November 18, 1937.

Attached hereto is a membership list of the Society of the Former Special Agents as of October 1st. The check marks indicate ^{some of the} members who were in attendance at the dinner. You will note that this does not cover the complete list, as there were many in attendance there whom I had never heard of. About 45 attended and practically all were from the vicinity of New York.

Attached hereto also is notice of the dinner and copy of the election ballot with the marks indicating the names of those elected for office for the next year. Mr. Scully presided at the meeting following the dinner and he particularly indicated that he felt the organization should be one for friendship and good-will and should not, in any way, be commercialized. There was no set program and many of those in attendance were called for short remarks. Particular attention was stressed upon the fact that the members should co-operate to assist fellow members if at all possible. Many words of commendation were made concerning the fine personnel with which the Bureau is comprised and no criticism was directed at the Bureau. In fact the meeting was particularly harmonious. I left shortly before the motion was made to adjourn, but was told that after I left, [] [] made a few remarks and that he mentioned seeing Mr. Hoover alight from an airplane in Newark recently, at which time [] was supposed to pick up and shadow an individual who happened to be on the same plane. As far as I know, this was the only time that the Director's name was mentioned.

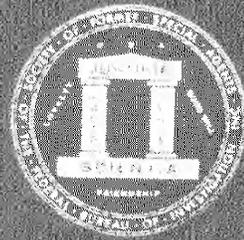
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Many new names were suggested for membership and Mr. Scully ~~announced that the membership committee had already turned down about~~ 60 proposed members. Also learned that many ex-agents had been approved for membership, but had not accepted the invitation to join the Society.

MEMBERSHIP LIST



SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Inc.



October 1st, 1937

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**

President

C. J. SCULLY

**

Vice-President

JOHN A. BRANN

**

Treasurer

WAYNE MERRICK

**

Secretary

JOHN P. O'CONNELL

**

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ROBERT G. BEED

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November 30, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

~~EXCEPT ALL NAMES~~

The following memorandum is prepared to briefly set out the records of former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who are now listed as members of the above mentioned organization in a membership list dated October 1, 1937.

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ADAMS, ALBERT C.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 1-19-10
RESIGNED 3-15-19

Resigned voluntarily with a clear record. Was later endorsed by Honorable C. B. Miller, Secretary, Republican National Committee, for the position of "Superintendent of the New York Office" during the regime of William J. Burns. He was not reappointed.

ALLEGRA, GASPARE J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 5-21-20
RESIGNED 8-31-29

Resignation voluntary. It was recommended in an inspection report shortly before his resignation that if he did not show improvement he should be separated from the service. He was not an attorney and was principally described as being fit only for the police type of investigation.

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BAKHANSEN, L. J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 12-16-19
RESIGNED 6-29-27.

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Was considered a good employee and resigned after being transferred from Denver, Colorado, to Seattle, Washington. Afterwards made two efforts to be reinstated. In 1931, while connected with the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain Division of Credit Men, made derogatory statements about this Bureau and was censured by his superior, Superintendent Carl W. Hughes, who was also a former Special Agent.

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BIELASKI, A. BRUCE
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 5-1-12
RESIGNED 2-10-18.

Former Director of the Bureau during his tenure of service. Reported to be an official of the National Board of Underwriters. He was subpoenaed during the contempt cases involving [redacted] et al, and the file reflects the belief that he was to testify concerning matters which came to his attention during his official connection with the Bureau.

BLATCHFORD, E. K.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 9-27-17
RESIGNED 5-15-19.

Very little information in the file and nothing of a derogatory nature.

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BRASH, JOHN A.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 6-15-18
RESIGNED 12-31-29

He was in good standing when he voluntarily resigned. Apparently quite politically minded and while employed by the Bureau was engaged almost entirely in anti-trust work. He is Vice-President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

BRENNAN, EDWARD J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 6-29-08
RESIGNED 12-31-25.

Resignation was voluntary to accept a more lucrative position with a large corporation. File contains personal letters of the Director regretting the fact that he was resigning. At the time of his resignation he was SAC at Chicago, Illinois, and following the resignation, considerable unfavorable publicity appeared in the Chicago newspapers to the effect that

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BRENNAN, EDWARD J. (Cont'd.)

his resignation had been requested because of his failure to apprehend



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RETT, JAMES L.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 2-16-10
RESIGNED 2-1-18.

Resigned voluntarily to enter the Military Intelligence Section of the U. S. Army during the World War. Had a fair record.

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COVILLAND, J. WILLIAM
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 5-10-20
RESIGNED 9-25-25

Voluntarily resigned to make "a change that will probably be greatly to my advantage." Engaged principally on anti-trust work, no derogatory information in the file.

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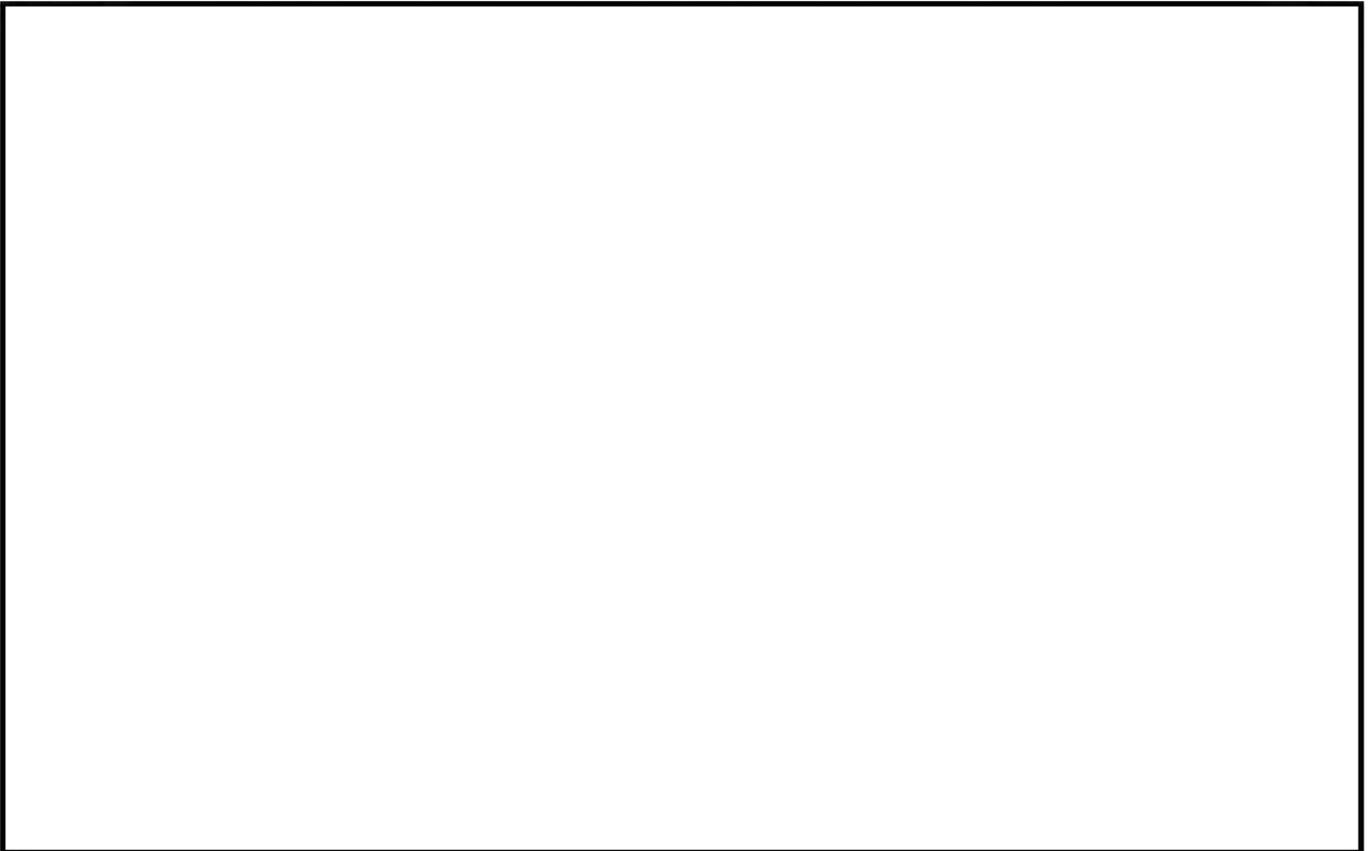
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CRAFT, GEORGE C.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 7-29-08
RESIGNED 6-6-14

Resignation was apparently voluntary; very little information in the file and none of a derogatory nature.



DANNENBURG, W. M.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 4-2-18
RESIGNED No record

No information concerning this individual in the files.

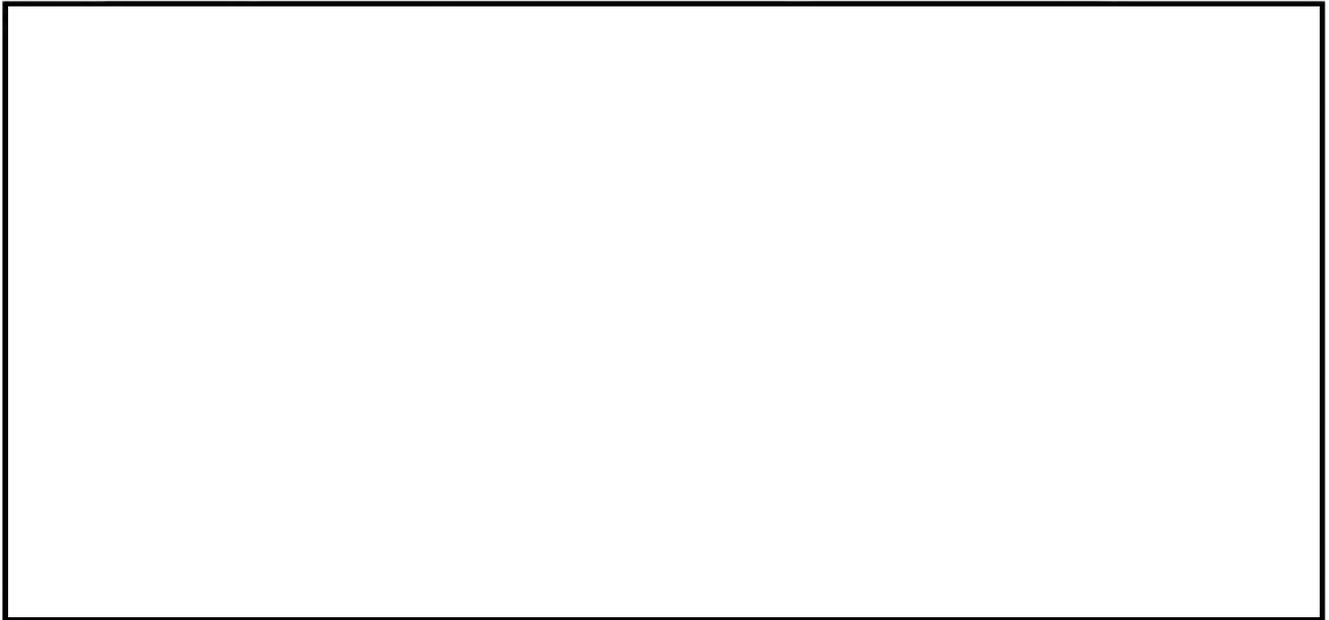
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DAVIS, MORTIMER J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 4-1-18
RESIGNED 7-21-25

Voluntarily resigned to go with the National Association of Credit Men. The file reflects that he was considered a good Agent.



DILLON, JAMES W.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-1-12
RESIGNED 2-12-18
REINSTATED 3-14-19
RESIGNED 12-13-24

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Resigned voluntarily upon being transferred from New York City to Omaha, Nebraska. The file contains nothing of a derogatory nature.

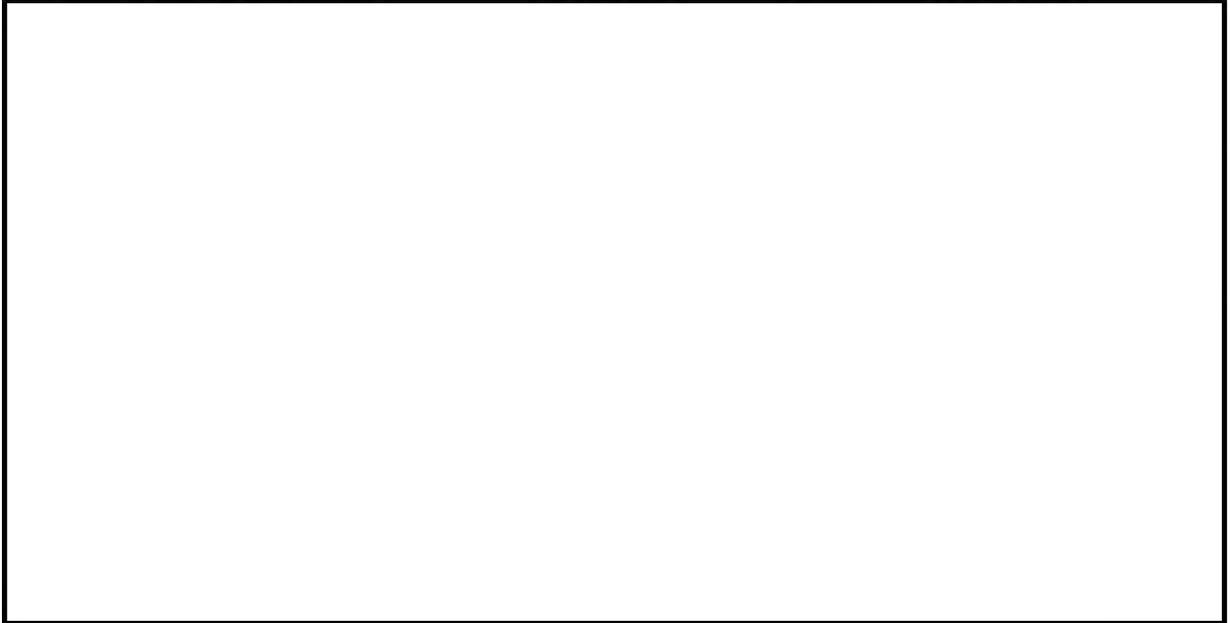


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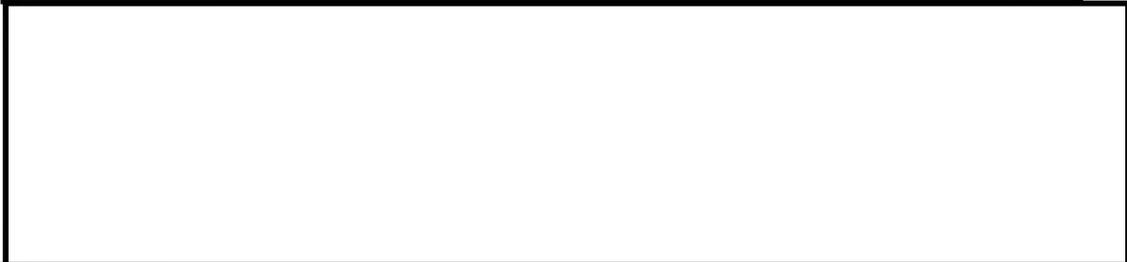
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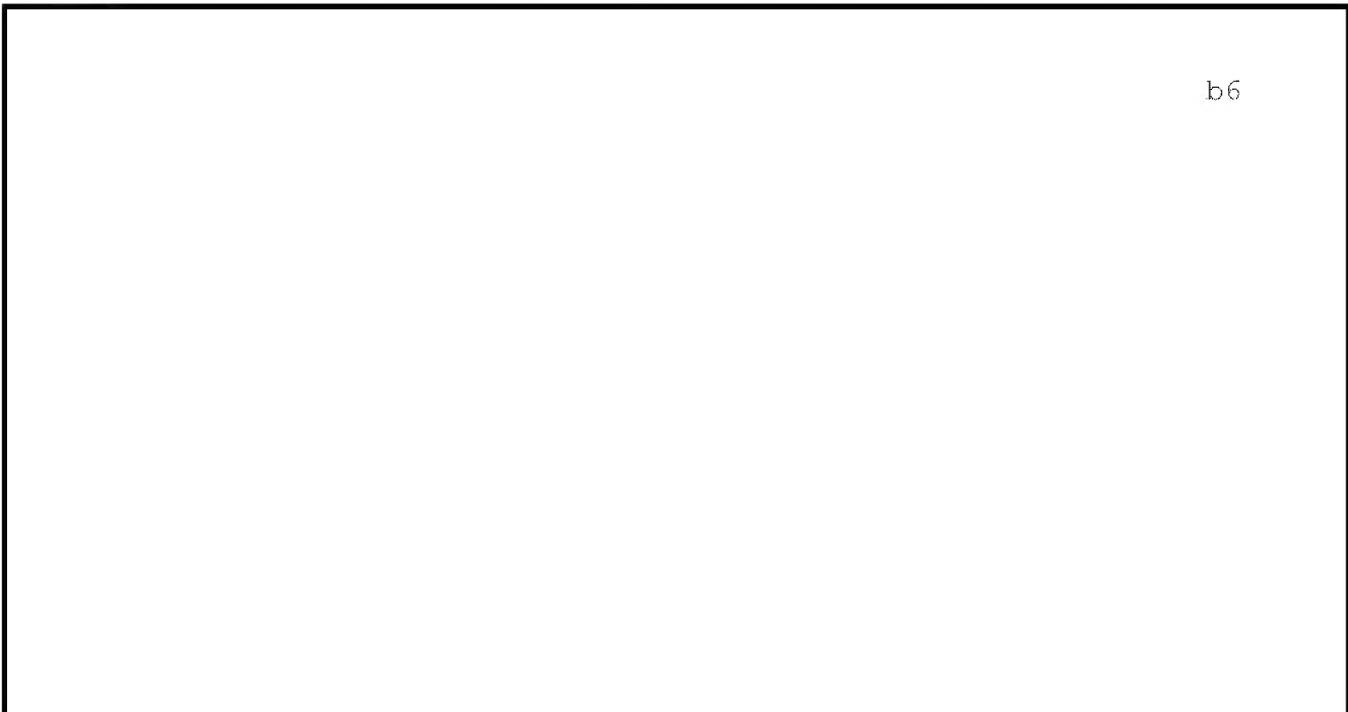
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ESOLA, FREDERICK
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 11-2-21
RESIGNED 3-1-24

Resigned to accept appointment as United States Marshal for the Northern District of California. At the time of his resignation he was Special Agent in Charge of the San Francisco Office. Nothing derogatory in the file and his present feelings toward this Bureau are not indicated.



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FURBERSHAN, WALTER L.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 7-26-11
RESIGNED 5-15-19

Voluntarily resigned to accept a position with the Illinois Steel Company. Had a good record with the Bureau.



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GESSFORD, J. DOUGLAS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-4-18
RESIGNED 4-13-19

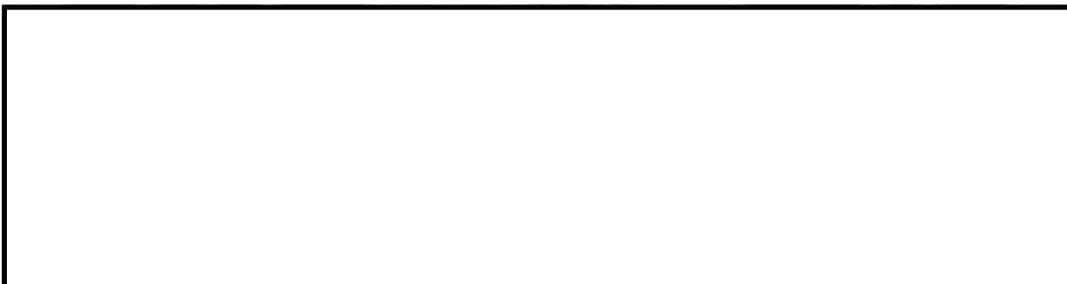
This individual was apparently an emergency employee during the World War. Nothing derogatory in his file. He is presently secretary of the advertising group of Newark, New Jersey, and it is believed he is friendly toward the Bureau.



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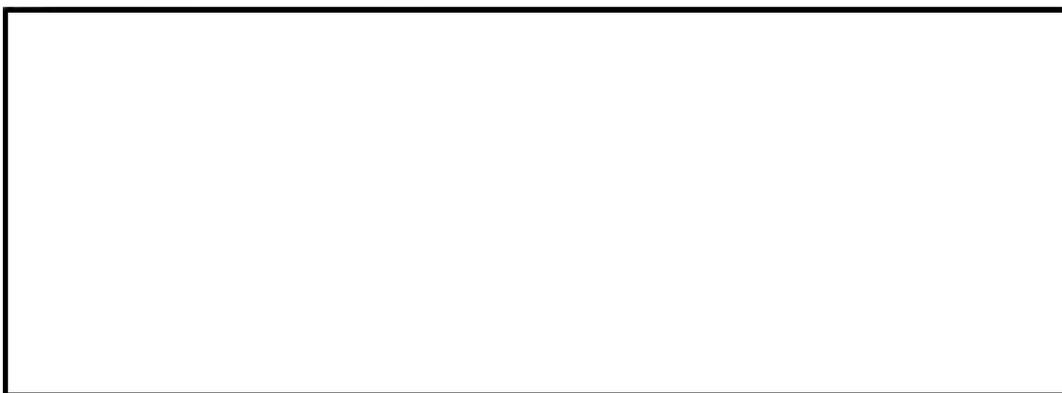
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GREGORIVICH, JOHN J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 11-20-11
RESIGNED No record

Resignation apparently voluntary, as there is nothing of a derogatory nature in his file. Under date of October 7, 1931, he wrote the Bureau, requesting his record in order that he could use same in applying for a license as a private detective in the State of New York.



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HUGHES, CARL WILLIAM
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 11-16-18
RESIGNED 4-24-26

Resigned voluntarily to accept a position with the National Association of Credit Men. Reported to have been considered for a position with the Department of the Interior but the file does not reflect whether or not he was ever so employed.

JENTZKE, HARRY J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-6-08
RESIGNED 8-31-19
REINSTATED 10-1-20
RESIGNED 3-24-26

Voluntarily resigned rather than accept a transfer from New York City to Cincinnati, Ohio. He was not a lawyer or accountant and after his resignation tried to use political pressure in order to effect a reinstatement. Reported to be presently associated with the National Association of Credit Men.

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JOHNSON, E. B.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 5-17-20 (As clerk)
APPOINTED SPECIAL AGENT 3-1-29
RESIGNED 5-18-31

Voluntarily resigned, ostensibly to enter the private practice of law in Chicago, Illinois. Subsequently applied for reinstatement. Had a good record with the Bureau.

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LARGE, WILLIAM J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 3-16-16
RESIGNED 6-1-20

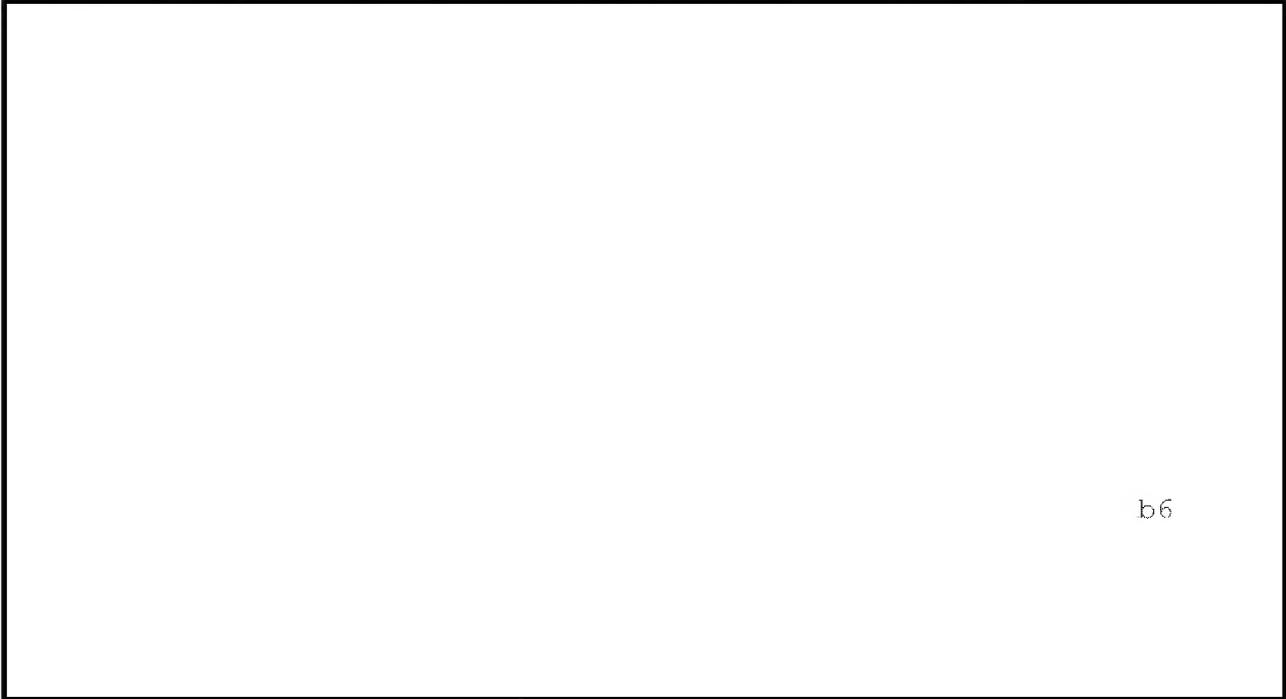
Voluntarily resigned to become cashier of some bank, name not given. No derogatory information in his file.

LINS, MARTIN J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 2-25-10
RESIGNED ~~No record~~

There is very little information concerning this former employee in the file. It is believed that he is presently chief special agent, Great Northern Railroad, and friendly towards the

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McGARVEY, G. P.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. JANUARY, 1918
RESIGNED 10-22-19

Very little information concerning this former employee is in his file and none of a derogatory nature. He was apparently a special employee during the World War.

McGRATH, JAMES H.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-18-27
RESIGNED 2-2-35

Voluntarily resigned to practice law with his brother in Omaha, Nebraska. Inquiries were received by the Bureau from the H.O.L.C. and the Anti-Trust Division of the Department concerning this former employee. His file reflects that he had a fair record.

McHENRY, ROY
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 6-1-18
RESIGNED 8-31-20

This former employee's file reflects that he was incompetent

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and unreliable, was principally engaged in radical activities, later became United States Commissioner at Binghamton, New York, and has written numerous letters to the Bureau which are in friendly tone, but have the general content of a "crackpot" letter.

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MERRICK, WAYNE
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 1-2-26
RESIGNED 5-29-34

Voluntarily resigned to accept a position with the Men's Clothing Code Authority during the N.R.A. He was later chief investigator for Thomas Dewey of the New York vice squad. Reported to be friendly towards the Director and the Bureau. It is noted that Merrick is treasurer of the Society of Former Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated.

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MILLER, ALBERT
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 12-27-27
RESIGNED 10-27-36

Resignation requested. He falsified administrative records and was discovered at home during office hours. Much pressure has been brought to bear on the Bureau to effect his reinstatement. He is presently reported to be associated with the Alcohol Tax Unit, United States Treasury Department.

INVARRO, RALPH
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 1-8-20
RESIGNED 4-25-25

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Voluntarily resigned while⁴ under transfer from New York City to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, stating he could not maintain his family in New York City and himself in Pittsburgh. He has engaged in making disparaging remarks concerning the Director, his file reflects he was a trouble-maker, and since his resignation he is known to have engaged in bootlegging activities and was a member of the Prohibition Unit.

NOBLE, CHARLES
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 9-12-18
RESIGNED 6-15-20

Voluntarily resigned. He was censored at one time for taking orders from the United States Attorney instead of following orders given him by the Bureau. This man was employed during the World War.

NOLAN, PETER J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 8-3-27
RESIGNED 10-30-34

Voluntarily resigned. Was later reported employed by the

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O'BLEESS, HENRY M.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 6-1-09
RESIGNED 11-27-12

The Bureau has no information in the files concerning this individual.

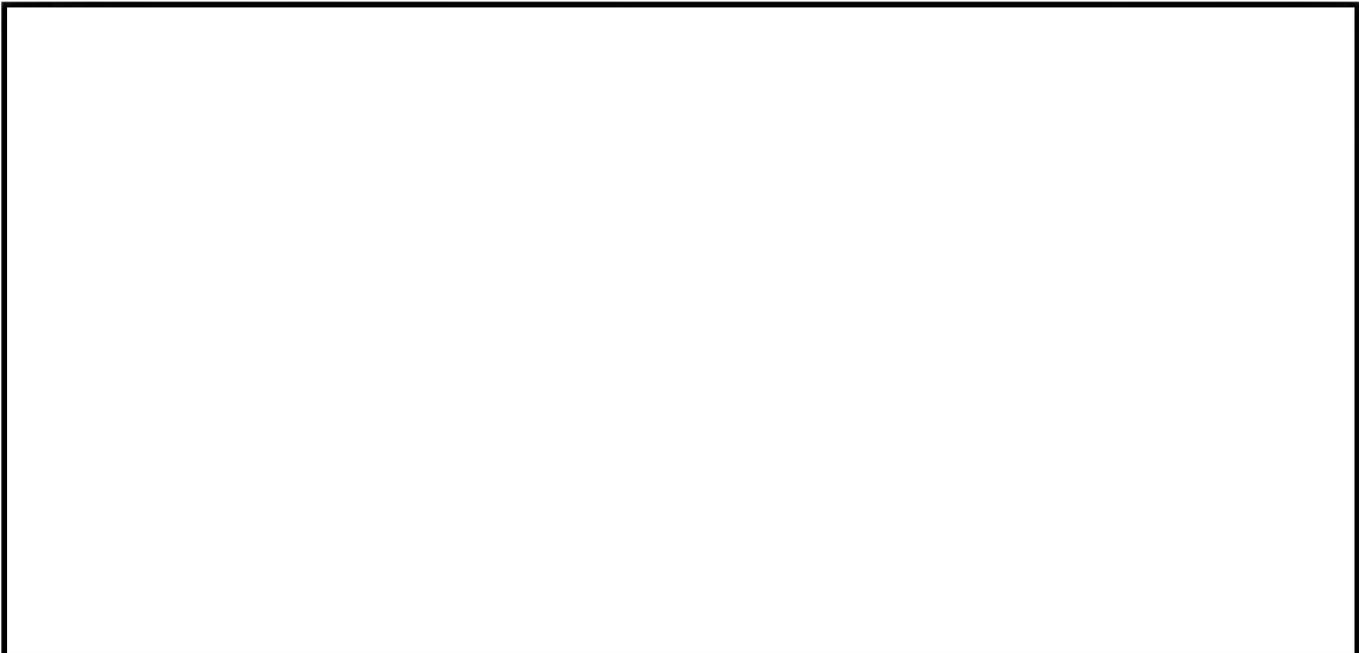
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OLNEY, J. M.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 4-4-27
RESIGNED 10-20-33

Resignation was requested, it being stated he was very slow and had attempted to use the influence of the United States Attorney in order to be assigned to his office of preference. Inspection reports reflect that he required considerable supervision and was below average. Reported to be associated with former Special Agent in Charge J. E. P. Dunn .

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PHILIPPS, E. E.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 2-1-18
RESIGNED 4-30-19

Voluntarily resigned to enter the private practice of law.
No further information in his file.

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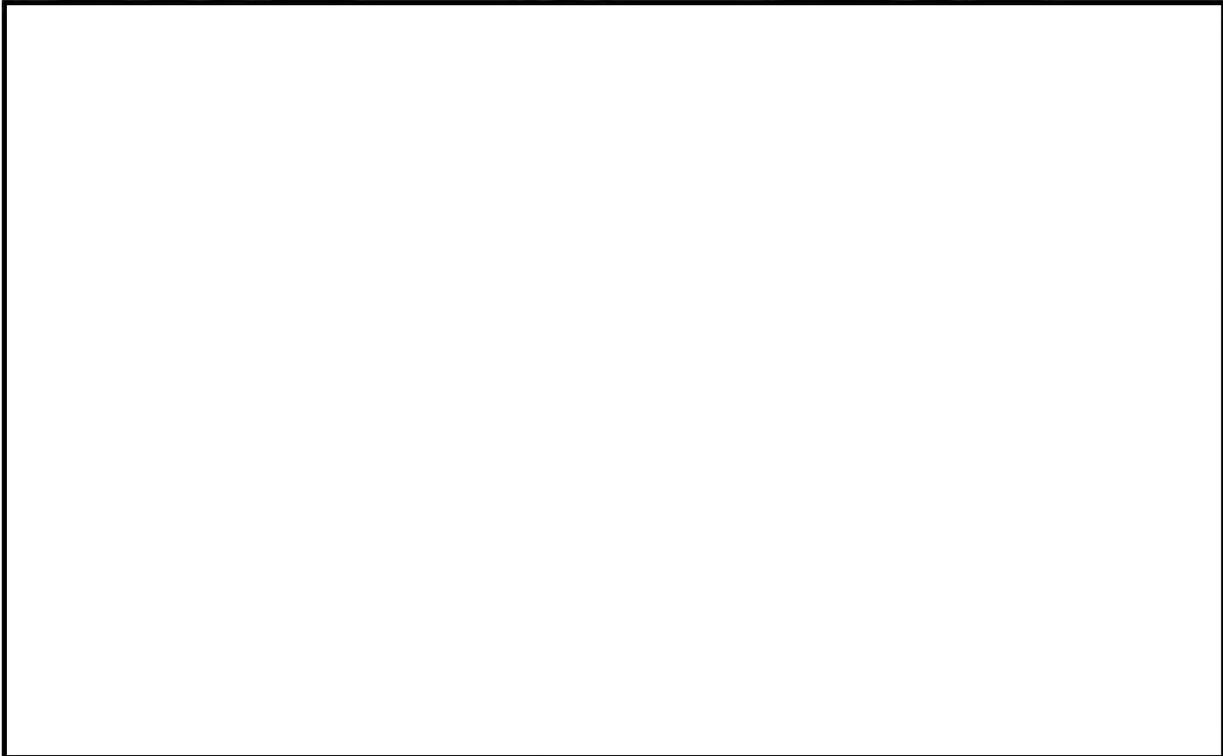


REDDY, THOMAS M.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 11-18-19
RESIGNED 7-5-21

Voluntarily resigned. He was Special Agent in Charge at
New York City and Acting Division Superintendent. Very little infor-
mation in his file and none of a derogatory nature.



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SCULLY, CHARLES J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 3-23-09
RESIGNED 3-23-26

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Voluntarily resigned to accept a position with the National Association of Credit Men. He had a good record while employed with the Bureau. It is noted he is president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Incorporated.

SEWARD, LEE H.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 11-18-19
RESIGNED 8-31-20

His resignation was requested in connection with a general reduction of personnel. No derogatory information in the file.

SILVEUS, CHARLES A.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 5-17-26
RESIGNED 2-15-30

Voluntarily resigned. He was principal accountant in New

York City and resigned upon being transferred to San Francisco. He is reported to have engaged in malicious gossip.



SMITH, THOMAS A.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 11-1-19
RESIGNED 6-21-26

Tendered his resignation upon being transferred from New York City to Detroit, Michigan. He was considered a fair employee.

STORCK, GEORGE W.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 10-5-10
RESIGNED 7-19-19
REINSTATED 4-7-20
RESIGNED 2-14-30

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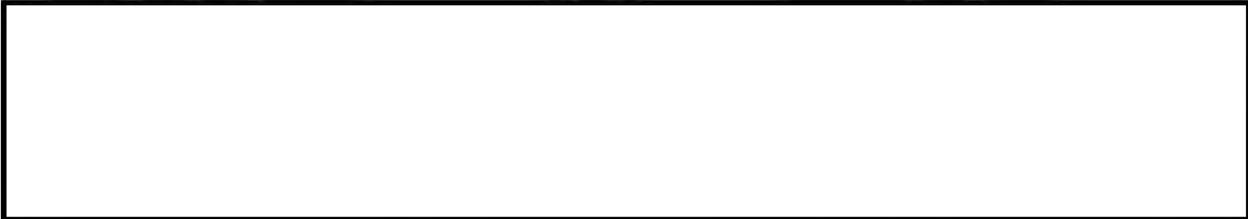
His resignation was requested when he refused to take an examination on the Bureau manuals during an inspection of the New York Office, which action on his part consisted of insubordination. He was reported to be very hard to get along with and a heavy drinker.

TATAM, DAN E.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 2-16-18
RESIGNED 11-24-21

His resignation was requested in connection with a general reduction of personnel. Very little information in the file and none of a derogatory nature. He later applied for reinstatement and was subpoenaed by the defense during the hearings in Washington, D. C., in connection with the matter.



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TOPOLESKI, ANTHONY
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 9-1-24
RESIGNED 12-31-29

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Resignation tendered upon being transferred from New York City to Detroit, Michigan. It was further determined that he was carrying on the business of undertaker while still employed as a Special Agent. Considered a below average Agent with a very poor education.

TRAUB, MORRIS
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 1-12-20 (As Special Agent)
RESIGNED 3-17-36

Voluntarily resigned when his headquarters were changed from Baltimore, Maryland, to Washington, D. C. Has applied for reinstatement and from his file appears to be mentally ill. During the Baltimore White Slave Investigation, it was indicated that possibly he had been furnishing information to 

TRADWELL, WALTER G.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 1-1-18
RESIGNED 3-31-27

Voluntarily resigned upon being transferred from San Francisco, California, to Phoenix, Arizona. Very critical of the administration of the Bureau at the time of his resignation. Later requested reinstatement.

VALJAVEC, V. J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 4-1-17
RESIGNED 4-17-30

Resignation was requested because he was inefficient, a poor investigator, lacked education, and was decidedly below the standard of an average Agent.

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VANDER POEL, S. OAKLEY
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 5-16-18
RESIGNED No record

A special employee serving without compensation during the World War. An anonymous letter dated May 14, 1918, refers to the association of this individual with one [redacted] who may have been the subject of an investigation and from the tone of the letter apparently had a poor reputation.

VANDER POEL, W. H.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-5-17
RESIGNED 12-31-18

A special employee serving without compensation during the World War. Reported to be very wealthy and a zealous patriot. A telegram in his file from the Special Agent in Charge of the New York City Office states he was "rapidly disrupting the entire work of office. [redacted] is worse than he."

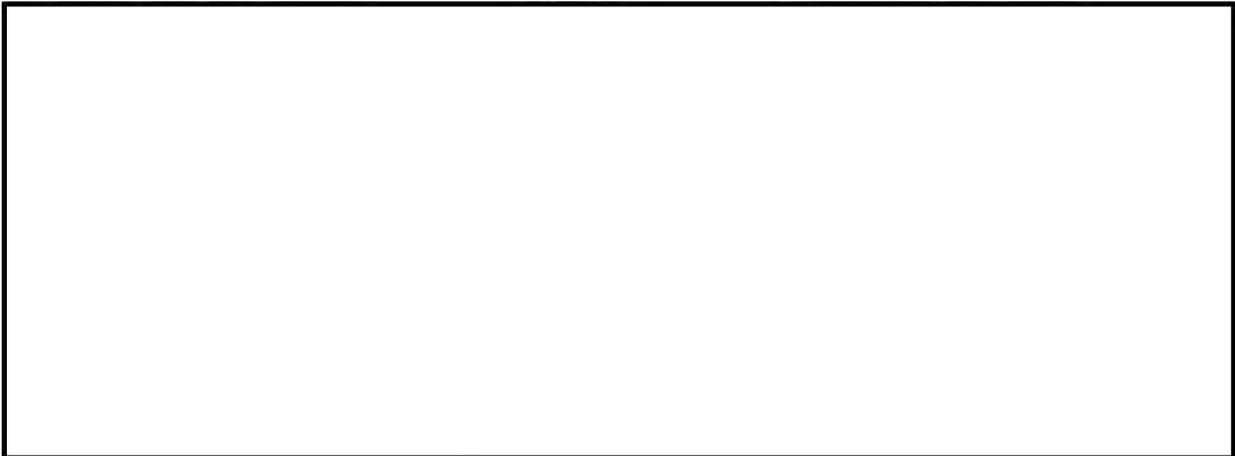
WADE, LOUIS J.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT (A)
E.O.D. 2-3-27
RESIGNED 9-16-29

Voluntarily resigned, stating that his wife's health depended upon his being home more frequently. He was considered a good accountant.

WATZMAN, PERRY
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 4-18-25
RESIGNED 7-6-34

Voluntarily resigned, supposedly to enter the private practice of law. Had a good record while employed with the Bureau, principally in connection with anti-trust work and was considered for a position in the Department of Justice. His file does not reflect this, but it is the writer's belief that he was and may be at present connected with some emergency Governmental agency.

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WHITE, H. S.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 10-28-18
RESIGNED 3-31-25

Voluntarily resigned. He had a fair record with the Bureau, was Agent in Charge at Norfolk, Virginia, although not considered to be a particularly good administrator. While still employed he violated the game laws, allegedly unintentionally.

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WHITE, T. B.
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. 8-13-17
RESIGNED 3-6-27

Voluntarily resigned. He was a former inspector and Special Agent in Charge. Was serving temporarily as the warden at Leavenworth Penitentiary and resigned to accept an appointment as such. He had a good record with the Bureau and there is nothing in the file to indicate an unfriendly attitude.

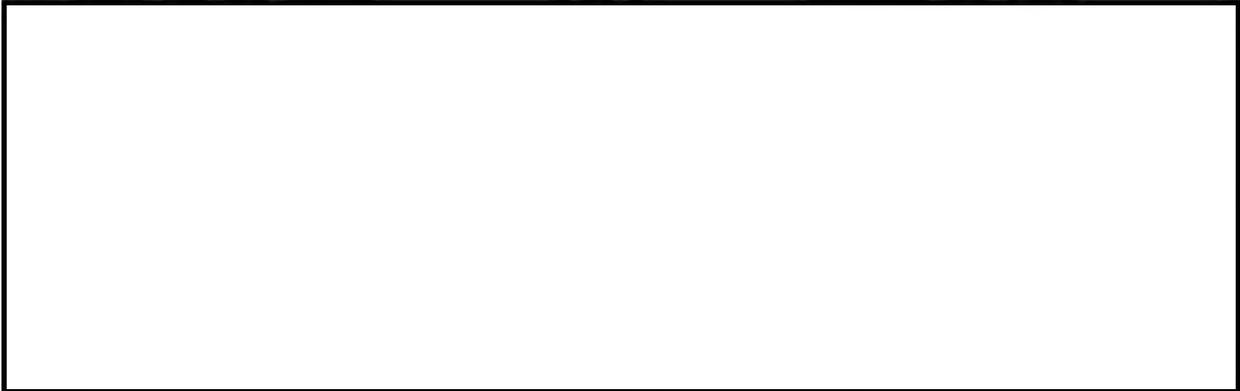
WILLIAMS, SHELBY
FORMER SPECIAL AGENT
E.O.D. July, 1919
RESIGNED 11-10-21

Very little information in this man's file. A memorandum dated February 14, 1922, signed [redacted] and addressed to [redacted] states, "If this is the Williams I think it is, I would not recommend him as referee at a dog fight."

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Respectfully,

R. H. Laughlin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, California
June 9, 1938

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I had an occasion to visit with [redacted] formerly a Special Agent in this Bureau, now attached to the [redacted] personnel in [redacted]. [redacted] told me that recently he had attended a meeting of the "Special Agents Association", which meeting was held at Warner Brothers Studio at Burbank, California, with [redacted] as the host. [redacted] said there were approximately forty former Special Agents in attendance at the meeting. He said most of them were elderly men whom he had never met before. He said that apparently Mr. J. E. P. Gunn is the president or head of the "Local Chapter" in Los Angeles. Others who were present and whom [redacted] could recall by name included Messrs. C. D. White, [redacted]

[redacted] an attorney in [redacted]

[redacted] said he attended the meeting for the sake of curiosity and that it seemed to him that the main purpose of the organization is apparently for some of the former Agents, who are now private detectives, to secure a roster of former Special Agents throughout the country so that they can utilize these Agents for correspondents if necessary. He mentioned that [redacted] in particular, made some reference to his being happy to have a list of the former Agents for this particular purpose. [redacted] also said that the attorney, [redacted] was very much concerned as to whether the "Los Angeles Chapter" was to be a separate organization or if it was to be a member of the "National Unit". [redacted] seemed to get a big "boot" out of the whole thing and regarded it all as a farce.

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[redacted] also told me that [redacted]

[redacted] was present at the meeting,

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stating [redacted] is reported to be under contract with Warner
Brothers Studio as [redacted]
[redacted] He stated that [redacted] on the even-
ing in question and [redacted] remarks were started with the state-
ment that it was a good thing the men in the audience were "X-
Special Agents" or Mr. Hoover would fire them for associating
with [redacted]

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I thought that you might be interested in know-
ing of the above.

Very truly yours,



J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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Society of Former Special Agents

OLD-TIME G-MEN TO GET TOGETHER AND SWAP YARNS

Wall Street Explosion Leads List of Topics at Dinner Friday

Charles J. (Eagle Eye) Scully admits that the unsolved Wall Street bomb explosion of the early twenties may be among the cases considered at the first big blowout of ex-G-men, Friday, May 20.

"The anarchists did it, I'm convinced," said the former chief of the Radical Department and now president of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which will be addressed by Federal Judge John Knox—perhaps their favorite judge—at a Hotel Commodore dinner next Friday.

Famous old Federal cases, solved and unsolved, will be the subject matter of table talk on this occasion. "Remember when—" will be the way to start a conversation.

Remembers Plenty

Scully himself, with details of the McNamara dynamiting plot at Indianapolis fixed in his mind, as well as the procedure leading to the deportation of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, and of the "Soviet Ambassador," Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, remembers enough to go on talking for hours and may be in a position to do so, on account of his occupying the chair as president.

There's even a chance that the assemblage of former Federal sleuths de luxe may develop some new theories over their, ah, coffee, and that some mystery which fretted them in years gone by at last may find solution.

"The suspects were anarchists and they disappeared," Scully remarked in explaining why he believes anarchists dropped the bomb that sprang death and made scars, still visible, on the thick walls of the House of Morgan. "One Italian died in Russia. The others were never seen again."

Has Quieter Job Now

Scully worked on that case. He used to run the Bomb Squad from 15 Park Row. Now he is director of fraud prevention work for the National Association of Credit Men. That job is typical of the jobs held by former members of the Federal bureau, although some of them do work far afield from their old sleuthing. Here are a few names and present occupations:

John A. Brann, attorney; Wayne Morrick, investigator for Casualty and Surety executives; John F. O'Connell, chief investigator for District Attorney Dewey; William B. Moran, attorney; A. B. Gielaski, head of arson squad of National Fire Underwriters; John F. Manning, a Standard Oil attorney.

Also Frank X. Fay, assistant general manager at R. H. Macy & Co.; M. J. Davis, assistant secretary, New York Credit Men's Association; Michael F. Flynn, on District Attorney Dewey's staff; Francis J. Kilmartin, assistant to Fay at Macy's; Frank Cole, with the National Board of Fire Underwriters; Ray C. McHenry, a referee at Binghamton, N. Y.; T. B. White, in charge of detention farm at La Tuna, Tex., and former warden at Leavenworth; Carl W. Hughes, in charge of WPA activities on the Pacific Coast; William Halstead Vander Pool, a National Carbon Company executive; and Robert Read, attorney with the Securities Exchange Commission, who first suggested the organization of former G-men.

The average age of the members is forty, but Scully, who joined the service in 1909, soon after it started, and didn't get out until 1926, so that he even served under J. Edgar Hoover, is considerably older. At one of the new society's first meetings he introduced the members, one by one, and was able to call the names of forty-three out of forty-five.

Tried Captain Boy-Ed

His liking for Judge Knox began when the present judge was an Assistant United States Attorney. His personal recollections of Federal sleuthing cases go back to the World War, when he was on the trail of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Papen.

"No, we don't discuss current cases, because our knowledge of them is limited to what we read in the papers," he said, when the question was raised. "But some of us do grow wistful for the old job. Technically methods have vastly improved, of course, but for real detective work..."

He said the new society's membership covers thirty-five States, the most active unit being in California. There are some sixty members in this metropolitan area and about 275 in the entire country, with "about 500 prospects," he added. The society was formed simply to preserve old friendships, to make it easier for old-time detectives to talk over old times, and to have an organization ready to co-operate with present Federal agencies if need arises.

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Washington Times

May 18, 1938

G-Men Plan N. Y. Banquet

NEW YORK, May 18 (I.N.S.)—“Get their prints—get their mugs—then get themselves and land ‘em in the jug!”

If old alma mater—the Department of Justice—has that or any other fight chant, Manhattan probably will hear it Friday night when 200 former G-Men, comprising “the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,” will hold a dinner meeting.

Federal Judge John Knox is scheduled to address the former Government agents, most of whom are now occupying executive industrial positions.

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FORMER G MEN TO MEET

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Clipping, Des Moines Tribune, 5/17/33

Des Moines Field Division.

Bureau

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

JSE:DM

June 1, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[Redacted] called at my office and handed me the attached three letters and envelope from the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc. It is noted in a letter attached, dated May 16th, that William B. Moran is now secretary of the Association in place of John F. O'Connell. This is submitted for your information.

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Respectfully,

J. S. Egan
J. S. EGAN.

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SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC

One Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

May 16, 1938

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Dear [Redacted]

The Membership Committee of the Society has accepted you for membership. If you are not sufficiently familiar with the purpose of this Society and desire additional information, same will be furnished upon request.

The Annual Dues are \$5.00. After receipt of same you will be furnished with a Membership Card and copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Very truly yours,

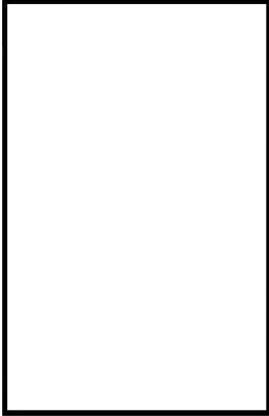
/s/WILLIAM B. MORAN

SECRETARY

Wm. B. Moran, Sec'y.
Rm. 1202, 60 John St., N.Y. City

(Orig. in Director's Office)

**SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC
ONE PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, N. Y.
W.M. B. MORAN, Sec'y.
Rm. 1202, 60 John St., N Y City**





Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

One Park Avenue, New York, N Y

February 8, 1938

[REDACTED]
c/o Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Your name has been recommended for membership in this Society by one of our members and in accordance with its regulations I forward herewith an application form with the request that you execute the same and return it to me. It will then be submitted promptly to the Committee on Membership for its consideration and action. So that you may understand the purpose of the Society and may know some of the details of its organization the following facts are noted.

Since February 1937 a group of former special agents who are located in the metropolitan New York area have applied themselves to a consideration of the idea of organizing, and to actual organization of, a society such as has now been formed. The response to the idea was so positive and so enthusiastic in the case of everyone consulted that it was felt that there was a general desire for such society and on this premise we have proceeded to build the framework of an organization which we hope and expect will be a credit to its officers and other members both individually and collectively.

A Constitution and a set of By-Laws have been adopted and acting thereunder we have elected the following officers to serve until the Second Annual Meeting which will be held on the last Friday of November, 1938.

CHARLES J. SCULLY - President, JOHN BRANN - Vice President,
WAYNE MERRICK - Treasurer, and the undersigned - Secretary.

The purpose of the Society as expressed in the Constitution is "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members". Membership is open exclusively to those men who were formerly special agents of the Bureau and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein. The proposed member must be a man of good moral character and must have served with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents.

The dues have been fixed at Five Dollars per annum payable upon enrollment and subsequently on April first. However, those who join

and pay dues between January first and April first will have the same applied to the year beginning April first and will, therefore, be in good standing in the matter of payment of dues from the date of payment until April first of the following year.

Since we intend to compile and keep on file the names, addresses (residence and business) and occupation of former Special Agents we shall be pleased to have you send yours to us even though you do not join at this time. If there is any other information which you desire please feel free to call upon us at any time as we shall be glad to furnish you with all available data.

With the greetings of the Society and my own best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. O'Connell". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

JOHN F. O'CONNELL
Secretary.

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS

of the

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

One Park Avenue

New York, N.Y.

Membership Application Form

NAME.....

RESIDENCE.....

BUSINESS ADDRESS.....

OCCUPATION.....

PERIOD OF SERVICE. From.....19 to19 .

REFERENCES-(At least three (3) former agents preferably).....

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REMARKS.....

New York City, N. Y.
September 7th, 1938.

MEMORANDUM:

On September 6th, 1938, I saw JOHN BRANN, a former Special Agent of the Bureau, at which time I had a conversation with him. The Association of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., was brought up during this conversation. I professed to know nothing whatever about the organization and proceeded to ask BRANN several questions concerning it. The substance of the information he gave me is as follows:

[redacted] the idea of such an organization. There are about three hundred and sixty members from all over the United States at this time. CHARLES SCULLY is President. BRANN said he is Vice-President. WAYNE MERRICK is Treasurer. There is a membership committee and BRANN says the only persons on it with whom I would be acquainted are [redacted] Meetings are held quarterly unless some emergency arises requiring that they be held more frequently.

Requirements for membership: An individual must have left the Bureau in good standing. He must have had at least one year of service in the Bureau. He must have been considered by Bureau Agents at the time he was in the service as "regular". His character and conduct since his separation from the service must have been good. The Association is considering one honorary member, i.e., U. S. District Judge KNOX, of New York City.

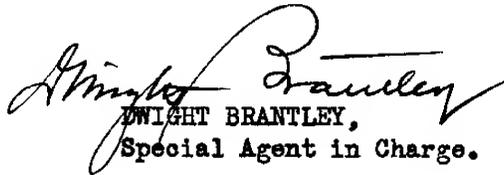
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BRANN said that all members of the Association have a friendly feeling for the Director and the Bureau?? He said that the Association is desirous of having the Director of our Bureau speak at one of its meetings.

BRANN said that some former Agents of the Bureau have applied for membership in the Association and have not been admitted. I asked him whether [redacted] is a member, to which he replied, "No indeed, and we would not, I am sure, admit him." He said [redacted] is a member, as well as [redacted]

I asked BRANN the purposes of the Association, to which he replied that they are to provide some medium through

which former Special Agents may get together and information as to them may be disseminated; to maintain a record of former Special Agents in order that those who may be interested in investigative positions and employment of any other nature may receive information concerning positions which may arise, and to provide social gatherings for former Special Agents. BRANN said that there absolutely are no politics of any kind or character in the association and political discussions are forbidden at the meetings.


Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

DB:VC
cc Bureau



Society of Former Special Agents
of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.
One Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

October 11, 1938

Dear Member:

Enclosed are:

1. Minutes of September 16, 1938 Quarterly Meeting.
2. Grapevine (second issue)
3. Nomination Ballot
4. Amendment Ballot
5. Briefs of proposed Amendments
6. Large stamped envelope, addressed to Secretary for mailing ballot.
7. Smaller envelope as container for secret ballot.
8. Application form (for your use in acquiring a member).
9. Addresses desired of prospective members.

Please exercise your right to vote. Please promptly complete the nomination ballot and the Amendment Ballot. First place ballots in the smaller enclosed envelope without indicating your identity. Then place the smaller envelope into the larger stamped envelope which is addressed to the Secretary. This is to provide for a "secret ballot." The larger returned envelope is to bear your name which will be checked to determine if you are in good standing and entitled to vote. Then mail the stamped addressed larger envelope (containing the smaller envelope with your two ballots) to the Secretary. The larger envelopes will be opened by the Secretary as received, and the smaller envelopes (with the secret ballots* will be kept separate and unopened, for delivery in a group to the Executive Committee on October 26, 1938 for tabulating. The Secretary will keep separate the larger envelopes (with enclosed ballots) which are received from members not in good standing. The Executive Committee has decided that members who have not paid dues by October 26 (date of counting the ballots) shall not be entitled to vote.

The larger envelopes may be used to forward any other mail matter you desire to submit, such as dues, items for the "Grapevine", the names of prospective new members, or suggestions for the good of the Society.

More instructions concerning the nominations are contained in the enclosed second issue of the "Grapevine."

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There are twelve members who have not paid their 1938 dues. Each was written to during the week of August 22, 1938 (23 letters were written but 11 have since paid) and requested to remit or to advise if it was desired to discontinue membership. Most of the responses received expressed regret for the oversight in not having previously remitted. The 12 who are still delinquent will not be entitled to vote unless their dues are received by October 20, 1938. The Secretary will be grateful to each of these 12 unpaid members if he will write signifying his intentions; i.e. to pay later or to resign. It is not fair to the prompt paying members that the delinquents should receive Society mail matter or other benefits of membership. If the delinquents have a good reason for not remitting their attention is referred to the proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 3, whereby the Executive Committee may provide for members in arrears "for good and sufficient reason."

As suggested by the Membership Committee, there is enclosed an application blank. It is desired that each member endeavor to secure a new member. Give the application blank to a prospective member for completion. A prospect may send it direct to the Secretary or, preferably, you mail it in indicating yourself as Sponsor or as one of the References. Encourage the candidate to list several present members as references, as an aid to the Membership Committee in considering the application.

All members are requested to lighten the work of the Committee on Membership. The Society is desirous of extending the privilege of membership to all worthy prospects. In your missionary work for new members, give the benefit of doubt to the prospect and encourage him to file an application. There is no objection to exhibiting to a prospect your Directory of Members so he may select members to list as references. Your endorsement on a candidate's application will save the Membership Committee from corresponding with you for an opinion as to the candidate's qualifications. If the Membership Committee writes to you for an opinion, please answer promptly. Some members have not given the courtesy of a reply, which might indicate that they did not care to express any opinion. The privileges of membership include duties. Information possessed by you as to the qualifications of proposed members should be promptly and willingly furnished to the Committee on Membership, particularly when specifically requested of you by letter.

While on the membership question, the following is indicative of our growth:

1-1-39	117 members
4-1-38	125 "
7-1-38	142 "
10-1-38	156 "

We have had only one formal resignation. We have lost one member by death (see "Grapevine" concerning death on September 25, 1938 of John L. Haas, who was a Charter Member).

Of the 30 candidates proposed and accepted at the September 16, 1938 Meeting the following have qualified by payment of dues:

Brawner, Joan C.
Armstrong, George L.
Birch, Tyler M.
Boyle, Robert E. A.
Conroy, J. Robert
Freeman, Wm. G.

Heiker, John H.
Lane, Charles H.
Lynch, George C.
McEnany, Michael J.
Meroney, Chas. A.
Morse, Edward P.
Pendleton, Forest C.

The Secretary's last circular letter was dated July 14, 1938 and was mailed (second class) in the envelope transmitting the first issue of the "Grapevine". There was also enclosed a form in the nature of an application which was to be executed by all members. As then stated, the Executive Committee at its Meeting of June 3, 1938 decided that there should be an "application on file from each member." An addressed envelope was also enclosed providing for the return of the form. It is with regret that comment must be again devoted to this item. Fifty-One members have failed to complete and return the form. This is not the whim of your Secretary as he has plenty of other Society work to do, but it is the decision of your Executive Committee. A few members with whom this oversight was personally discussed, answered that they thought it applied only to "new" members. It applies to all who had at no time submitted an application, particularly in the early stages of the Society formation when men were accepted as Charter Members, on the recommendations of others in good standing, etc., and did not file any formal application. It is awkward that nearly one-third of the members should fail to complete this form. As might be expected the 12 members delinquent in dues are among the 51. If you are among the 51, please complete and return the form, so further comment on this feature will not be necessary.

Some members may have a good reason for not having returned the form. The July 14 items were sent as second class mail. Addressograph stencils for the mailing were provided by member Morty Davis (of the Executive Committee).

Due to rush of time no provision was made on the envelopes for the return by the Post Office of such items as may have been incorrectly addressed. If any member failed to receive the "Grapevine" and "application" form, please promptly advise the Secretary, as it may mean an error exists in your addressograph stencil. Only a few copies of the first issue of the "Grapevine" are available, so if you did not receive them and will promptly advise, one will be forwarded, if there are any left. As long as copies remain they are being sent to newly admitted members.

Relative to the Chapters or Units, attention is referred to the second issue of the "Grapevine" which includes the decision of the Executive Committee at its Meeting of June 3, 1938. The Society Secretary will be glad to cooperate with members who may plan the formation of a group of ten or more.

The enclosed mimeographed list represents names acquired by the Secretary from numerous sources of possible candidates for membership. It is particularly desired that each member carefully examine this list and wherever possible indicate the complete name and mailing address of those listed thereon. It is intended to later send "invitations to join" to those on the list. Their addresses are particularly desired. Also please indicate on the list (or by separate communications) any reasons why you consider any of the persons mentioned thereon as not being qualified for membership. If several members furnish good reasons why any of the persons listed are not qualified, the Secretary will not send such objectionable persons an invitation to join. If there is a doubt, and the address is acquired, the Secretary will later furnish the Membership Committee

with the nature of the objections or remarks when and if the prospect completes and returns an application. The attached list is not to be confused with subsequent lists prepared by the Membership Committee on candidates who have filed applications and which the Membership Committee will submit to the general membership as provided in the Amendment to Article I, Section 6-C of the By-Laws. To repeat, the Secretary desires the return of the enclosed list with (1) complete names and addresses so an invitation may be extended; and (2) your comments as to their eligibility. Please do not wait for the other fellow to furnish this information. Help share the Secretary's duties. You may endorse what information you possess on the enclosed list and return it in the larger envelope which will contain your ballots. Separate communications will, of course, be preferable as aiding both the Membership Committee and the Secretary. Probably many other names will occur to you as prospects. Such names are urgently solicited. Add them to the list, or furnish them separately with their addresses, and the Secretary will mail them an invitation to join. Please be serious about this. Suggest names from time to time. It may be that invitations have been sent, but give the Society the benefit of the doubt and furnish all possible names and addresses.

From time to time the Membership Committee will submit to the general membership lists of prospective members on whom such Committee is inclined to act favorably. The purpose is to give the general membership an opportunity to express opinions on the eligibility of the candidates. If you have objections to any of the candidates please promptly advise the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Charles A. Silveus, 52 Broadway, New York City, or the Society Secretary. Reasons for your objections should be stated, as it is not felt that one man's personal animosity alone should cause doubt as to an applicant's eligibility.

Please promptly inform the Secretary of changes in address, or whether you prefer to have your mail sent to an address different from the present. If possible, select an address which will not change frequently.

The Annual Meeting will be held in November. The exact place and time will be decided later, and you will be so advised. Endeavor to attend as it will be our biggest and most important Meeting. We expect to have group photographs taken.

The Executive Committee, at its Meeting of August 30, 1938, decided that the publication of the Annual Directory should be delayed until after the November Meeting. This delay will permit the addition of many expected new members, particularly those passed on at the September 16th Meeting. It was also decided to postpone the preparation of the Treasurer's Annual Report until after the November Meeting.

To summarize:

1. Complete the two ballots and mail promptly.
2. Return the mimeographed list with such addresses as you can furnish of prospects.
3. Use the enclosed application for getting a new member (more forms will be promptly furnished upon request.)

4. From time to time send in names of prospects for membership.
5. Pay dues, if delinquent.
6. Complete and mail the application form, if you are among the 51.
7. Try to attend the Annual Meeting in November.

Very truly yours,

W. B. Moran

Wm. B. Moran

Secretary

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Wm. B. Moran, Secretary
Room 1202, 60 John St.,
New York City

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

One Park Avenue,
New York, N. Y.
October 11, 1938.

Briefs of Proposed Amendments to Constitution and By Laws.

As originally or presently reading:

CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE V. Section 1:

"Regular meetings shall be held on the third Fridays of February, May, September and November."

(EFFECT: The change eliminates "the third Friday" and permits the Executive Committee to fix the date (day of the month) in one of the four same months.)

Proposed Amendment:

"Regular meetings shall be held during the months of February, May, September and November on dates to be set by the Executive Committee."

BY LAWS: ARTICLE 1. Sec. 6. Subdivision C:

"It shall be the duty of the Committee on Membership:"

C - "To submit the names of prospective members at a regular or special meeting of the Society before accepting such candidates as members."

C - "To submit the names of prospective members to the general membership for their comment on the eligibility of those applicants before certifying them to the Executive Committee for election to membership."

(EFFECT: After Membership Committee approves, a list of approved candidates will be mailed to all members for their comments. Involves three steps: (1) Membership Committee (2) General Membership and (3) Executive Committee. Eliminates action on membership candidates at a regular or special Society meeting.)

BY LAWS: ARTICLE 11. Sec. 1. (THIRD Sentence)

"Nominations of candidates for election to the offices referred to in ARTICLE 1V of the Constitution and to the Executive Committee shall be voted by the general membership to whom proper ballots for that purpose shall be sent by the Secretary on the first business day after the tenth day of October of each year. In order to be counted a ballot must be returned to, and be received by, the Secretary before twelve o'clock, noon, of the day fifteen days after the date of the sending out of the ballots by him and the voter must be in good standing on the date of the counting of the ballots. ON THESE BALLOTS THE MEMBERS MAY DESIGNATE ONE CANDIDATE FOR EACH OFFICE REFERRED TO IN

(EFFECT: As originally worded, it covered the first or 1937 nominations when all SIX Executive Committee vacancies were to be filled. On subsequent nominations, as now, only TWO vacancies exist.)

(Third Sentence)

" * * * On those ballots the members may designate one candidate for each office referred to in ARTICLE

ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SIX CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Upon the receipt of these ballots by the Secretary from the general membership he shall place them immediately in a securely locked container where they shall be kept until after noon of the day fifteen days after the sending out of the ballots by the Secretary, at which time they shall be removed by the Secretary in the presence of at least a majority of the Executive Committee who shall immediately count and tabulate such ballots. THOSE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT THE TIME SUCH BALLOTS ARE COUNTED WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE HIGHEST AND SECOND HIGHEST NUMBERS OF VOTES FOR EACH OF THE OFFICES REFERRED TO SHALL BE NOMINATED FOR THOSE OFFICES, RESPECTIVELY, AND SUCH MEMBERS AS HAVE RECEIVED THE TEN HIGHEST NUMBERS OF VOTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE NOMINATED FOR THAT COMMITTEE."

IV of the Constitution and two candidates for the Executive Committee.

(Fifth Sentence)

" * * * * Those members in good standing at the time such ballots are counted who have received the highest and second highest numbers of votes for each of the offices referred to shall be nominated for those offices, respectively, and such members as have received the four highest numbers of votes for the Executive Committee shall be nominated for that Committee."

BY LAWS: ARTICLE 111. Sec. 3.

Proposed Amendment:

"Resignations from membership in the Society shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary. Members who are in arrears in the payment of dues, assessments or other financial obligations to the Society shall ipso facto forfeit membership."

"Resignations from membership in the Society shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary. Members who are in arrears in the payment of dues, assessments, or other financial obligations to the Society FOR THE PERIOD OF ONE YEAR shall ipso facto forfeit membership; HOWEVER, THAT THIS PERIOD MAY BE EXTENDED FOR GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASON BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ITS DISCRETION."

(The amended portions are indicated by CAPS. EFFECT: Now definitely states when a member may be dropped for non-payment of dues.)

The above four amendments were proposed by sixteen members, who are in good standing. All four amendments were approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting of August 30th, and were approved at the third quarterly Society meeting held on September 16, 1938.

Indicate your vote on each of the four amendments on the ballot provided.

Your ballot should be returned to the Secretary in the envelope

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in which you will return your other ballot nominating the four national officers and two members of the Executive Committee.

To be counted, the ballot must be received by noon on October 26, 1938, by the Society Secretary at New York City.

SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
of the
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
ONE PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: The name of this membership corporation will be the SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC. It will be referred to hereinafter as "the Society".

SECTION 2: The seal of the Society shall consist of a capstone, with the word JUSTICIA, on pillars bearing the words LEGES and FACTA, respectively, set upon a base with the word SCIENTIA. The words LOYALTY, GOOD WILL, and FRIENDSHIP shall also appear, as shall the letters U.S.A.

ARTICLE II

The purpose shall be the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1: There shall be but one class of membership which shall be open exclusively to those men who were formerly special agents of the bureau of investigation of the United States Department of Justice and who, in that capacity, served at least one year therein; provided, however, that the period of service required may be shortened to nine months upon exception should the Committee on Membership, all members being present, vote unanimously to do so.

SECTION 2: The proposed member shall be a man of good moral character and shall have served in the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: The officers of the Society shall be a PRESIDENT, a VICE-PRESIDENT, a SECRETARY and a TREASURER, each of whom shall be elected annually by the general membership and shall hold office until his successor is elected and assumes office.

SECTION 2: There shall be an Executive Committee which shall be composed of the President of the Society ex officio and six other members, two of whom shall be elected annually by the general membership and shall hold office for three years thereafter or until their successors are elected and assume office; provided, however, that the first group serving on this committee shall consist of two members serving terms of one year each, two members serving terms of two years each, and two members serving terms of three years each.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1: Regular meetings shall be held on the third Fridays of February, May, September and November.

SECTION 2: The Annual Meeting shall be the regular meeting in the month of November.

SECTION 3: A special meeting may be called at any time by the President on his own motion and initiative. On the written application of at least ten members in good standing, setting forth the objects and reasons therefor, the President must call a special meeting. Notice of the special meetings shall be sent to all members and shall indicate the purpose for which called.

SECTION 4: Ten members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI

Headquarters of the Society shall be located at New York City, N.Y. where the books, records, property and funds shall be kept.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing whose ballots are returned to, and received by, the Secretary within fifteen days from the date of the sending of the ballots to them. For this purpose a secret ballot shall be sent to each member.

SECTION 2: An amendment may be proposed in writing by fifteen members in good standing as of the date of the filing of the proposal each of whom shall sign it. The proposal shall then be filed with the Secretary and shall be considered at the next meeting of the Society, regular or special, and if two-thirds of the members present consider that it warrants submission to a vote of the general membership and vote to so submit it a proper ballot shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall be sent by him to all members. In order to be counted a ballot must be returned to, and be received by, the Secretary before twelve o'clock noon, of the day fifteen days after that sending out of the ballots by the Secretary. If two-thirds of those members whose ballots have been received by the Secretary in due time vote in favor of the amendment it shall become effective immediately; otherwise, it shall be of no effect. If two-thirds of the members present at the meeting referred to supra in this section do not vote in favor of the submission of the proposal to the vote of the general membership the proposal fails unless, within a period of thirty days from the date of the said meeting, a supplemental petition in writing, bearing signatures of fifteen other members in good standing and requesting a submission of the proposal as provided supra in this section, is filed with the Secretary. Upon such filing the Secretary shall prepare a proper ballot and shall forward the same to all members.

ARTICLE VIII

Officers of the Society and members of its Executive Committee shall be elected pro tempore upon the adoption of this Constitution and shall serve as such until their successors are elected at the first Annual Meeting and assume office.

SOCIETY OF
FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1938 QUARTERLY MEETING

Meeting was held at Schrafft's Restaurant, 220 West 57th Street.

A Dinner at a cost of \$2.00 preceded the Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 P.M. by President Charles J. Scully.

A telegram was read from Carl W. Hughes from San Francisco stating, "San Francisco members extend greetings and best wishes to members at Meeting September 16 Stop Regret that I cannot be there."

President Scully called attention to the approaching termination of his office as President and took the opportunity to express his sincere appreciation to his fellow officers and members of the Executive, Membership and Publicity Committees, as well as the general membership, for their support. He reported that the Constitution and By-Laws had been strictly followed; that no attempts have been made to commercialize the affairs of the Society; and, that no politics had been allowed to enter. The financial condition was much better than most had anticipated. Gave credit to Secretary Moran for work done, and particular praise to John F. O'Connell for past activities and work in making the first issue of "The Grapevine" a success. Hoped that members would be most careful in nominating desirable timber for the coming election. Mentioned the importance of the Annual November Meeting when a large gathering of members outside of New York are expected, as many have signified an intention of coming. In closing, called attention to the excellent work done by John A. Murphy in the editing and publishing of "The Grapevine."

Treasurer Merrick reported that the cash balance as of September 16, 1938 was \$851.77.

Charles A. Silveus, Chairman of the Membership Committee, read the following names as candidates for membership approved by his Committee, and asked the general meeting to promptly inform himself or members of his Committee of any information which might be considered derogatory of any of these candidates:

George L. Armstrong
Robert E. A. Boyle
Jean C. Brawner
Travis W. Bain
Harry Coonin
Socrates Busha
George C. Lynch
J. Robert Conroy
Victor R. Clary
William G. Freeman
Vincent W. Gillen
Thomas P. Gerahty
Charles H. Lane
Bertran C. Keefe
Edward P. Morse

Leroy H. Kemp, Jr.
Donald Loehl
Michael J. McEnany
Charles A. Meroney
Forrest C. Pendleton
James J. Rowley
Dan E. Tatom
Roy O. Samson
F. F. Yearsley
Tyler M. Birch
Seth Wiard
John H. Heilker
C. S. Duggan
Robert F. Wales
Robert E. Lawrence

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the above names be approved, insofar as this meeting was concerned.

Secretary Moran read the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. Briefly, such changes apply to Article V, Section I of the Constitution, which permits the Executive Committee to decide the day of the month on which the four Quarterly Meetings shall be held during February, May, September and November.

Three changes are proposed in the By-Laws. Article I, Section 6-C includes a change effecting acceptance of new members. If approved it will involve three steps: (1) membership; (2) general membership; and (3) Executive Committee. The change eliminates a regular or special Society Meeting taking action on candidates.

Article II, Section 1 refers to nominations for the Executive Committee. As originally worded it covered the first of 1937 nominations when all six Executive Committee vacancies were to be filled. On subsequent nominations, as now, only two vacancies exist.

Article III, Section 3 inserts "for the period of one year" as time a member may have to pay dues. If not paid within one year he shall be dropped. There was also being added "provided, however, that this period may be extended for good and sufficient reason by the Executive Committee in its discretion."

(The above four Amendments will be submitted to the general membership with appropriate ballot to record their individual votes. A change in the Constitution requires submission to a general meeting as well as to the general membership.)

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the proposed change in Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution be amended as read by the Secretary.

President Scully called upon the following to rise and make a few remarks, as they were new members, or had not attended recent Meetings:

Frank L. Garbarino
Henry P. Dolan
Addison W. Smith

H. A. Blomquist
Bryan Farrell

President Scully called upon John A. Murphy, Chairman of the Publicity Committee and Editor of "The Grapevine." Mr. Murphy's remarks were to the following effect: The first and only issue of "The Grapevine" was apparently a success from the replies received and remarks of members. The Executive Committee had appointed four members to serve on the Publication Committee - A. Bruce Bielaski, John F. O'Connell, John A. Brann and John A. Murphy. The primary purpose of "The Grapevine" is to include numerous worthwhile items of general interest to the membership. Before dissemination all matter is approved by the Executive Committee. The next issue will be ready around October 1, but as yet very few items have been submitted by the general membership. A few members around New York City have been responsible for what few items have been received. To improve the quality of "The Grapevine" and to insure its success, a better response is necessary from the general membership. Permission has been granted by the Executive Committee to examine the records and files of the Society Secretary in a search for possible interesting items. The next issue will contain information concerning the coming nomination and election of officers, and will designate persons eligible for office. It is planned to issue "The Grapevine" quarterly. Is appealing to all members to take a more serious interest in the publication and desires each and every member to make a serious effort to submit something of interest. Mr. Murphy enumerated the difficulties being experienced in endeavoring to have "The Grapevine" copyrighted in Washington, D.C. He remarked that it could not be copyrighted for less than \$50.00, and such endeavor required the services of a patent attorney.

Member Lewis G. Bernstein volunteered to cover this angle and to have "The Grapevine" copyrighted, and would charge the Society only actual costs, and no fee. His offer was accepted.

Mr. Murphy remarked that returns from patent contacts at Washington, D.C. had been complimentary as to the name, "The Grapevine", and that such name had not been copyrighted.

When President Scully called for suggestions for the good of the Society, M. J. Davis spoke about the present system of nominating officers for election. He admitted that it probably was too late for the Meeting to take action tonight, or in time for the coming 1938 nomination. He remarked that the out-of-town members possessed insufficient information as to eligible members and who would be best qualified as officers. He suggested that the Executive Committee give consideration to the appointment of a Nominating Committee.

Ralph G. McCallum commented on his experience last year when he was in a travel status and was without information or suggestions as for whom he should vote because of not being in touch with sufficient members to know who were the best candidates.

John A. Murphy moved that the Executive Committee be requested to consider and to submit at the next meeting the results of its study concerning the appointment of an Annual Nominating Committee which should submit to the general membership a list of members eligible for each office. The proposed Nominating Committee should name at least two members for each office.

John F. O'Connell remarked that it would be bad policy to have such a proposed Nominating Committee attempt to officiate for the coming 1938 nominations, and his expressions seemed to be the sentiment of the meeting.

Mr. Murphy's motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

M. J. Davis suggested that inasmuch as the treasury indicates an excellent condition, and that the Annual Meeting will be the most important and best attended, that consideration should be given to special entertainment. He suggested that the Executive Committee consider this feature for the coming November Meeting. He offered his services in the procurement of interesting talent, which he promised would not be too expensive.

Secretary Moran mentioned that it has been the general intention to keep each meeting on an actual cost basis to be paid for by the members attending and that the Society Treasury should not be charged for entertainment or other unusual costs.

James W. Dillon suggested that entertainment be had for the November Meeting and if necessary the cost of the Dinner be increased so as not to charge the Society Treasury with benefits accruing to members present, and which would not be shared by non-attending members.

R. G. McCallum spoke of one of our Officers who generally attends, is a good speaker, but seldom volunteers any remarks, and called upon Vice President John A. Brann.

John A. Brann described the Society members as being extremely modest; that he had been appointed Historian and sought the receipt of history information, and so far only 18 members had complied; that he finds it most difficult to author items for members and feels they should submit their own; that he still desires this information and reiterates his request for members to submit their own write-ups to him as Historian.

John J. Gregurevich brought up the question as to what was happening with respect to the Chapters or Units, particularly in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

John F. O'Connell and Secretary Moran discussed what had been considered and concluded by the Executive Committee in turning down the Unit or Chapter proposal. It was explained that considerable study had been accorded this feature but that it was not felt the proposition was practicable. Such a procedure would involve a Unit in New York City which would be on a similar or equal basis to other units, and would involve local and national officers; there would be numerous meetings of each unit and consequent expenses involved; and, that the entire subject was negatively decided on matters of policy.

Mr. O'Connell remarked that some of the Membership Committee felt that they had been censored because of an alleged delay in passing on applications. Mr. O'Connell emphasized that the delay involved was occasioned by the Constitution or By-Laws requiring submission of names to a general meeting, and, accordingly the Membership Committee could not have decisively passed on applicants between the May and September Meetings. Such delay as may have been occasioned was required by the Constitutional provisions, and the proposed Amendment (Section 6-C, Article I of the By-Laws) changes the mechanics to permit more prompt action on candidates.

Chairman Silveus of the Membership Committee suggested enclosing an application blank with the next issue of "The Grapevine" as an aid to each member acquiring at least one candidate for membership.

J. Douglas Gessford spoke at length on steps which might be taken to increase the membership. He also favored Units or Chapters throughout the country as an aid to increasing membership.

Secretary Moran expressed the belief that one of the major reasons why more eligibles do not join was because of the \$5.00 fee, which he believed should be reduced. He remarked that out of about 125 invitation letters only about 25 per cent had favorably responded.

Mr. O'Connell spoke favorably of "The Grapevine" and believed it would be the best medium for stimulating the interest of prospective members. He reiterated the necessity of all members taking a more active interest in the make-up of "The Grapevine" and the need for each member to contribute interesting material.

Mr. Gessford suggested sending a copy of "The Grapevine" to prospective members whose addresses are known. Also suggested encouraging groups in various sections of the country to submit reports of their meetings and other interesting items for inclusion in "The Grapevine."

John A. Murphy, who had arranged for the place of tonight's Meeting, desired an expression of opinion as to what the members thought of holding another Meeting at Schrafft's.

Several members spoke favorably and suggested that Schrafft's be favorably considered for a future Meeting. Mr. Murphy explained that the cost of tonight's dinner was \$2.00 for each member; that the dinner itself cost \$1.50, and the remaining \$.50 was used to cover tips, cigars and cigarettes.

Secretary Moran inquired whether all members had received "The Grapevine". If any had not, they should advise the Secretary as "The Grapevine" was mailed through addressograph plates courteously cut and made available by member Morty Davis. The failure to receive "The Grapevine" would indicate an incorrect address which should be promptly corrected. Only two members present claimed not to have received "The Grapevine."

The Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

The following members were present:

Adams, Al G.
Allegra, G. J.
Bernstein, L. G.
Bielaski, A. Bruce
Blatchford, Wm. W., Jr.
Bloomquist, H. A.
Brann, John A.
Cole, Frank
Connor, Thos. J.
Covella, Peter J.
Davis, M. J.
Dillon, James W.
Dolan, Henry P.
Farrell, Bryan
Fitzpatrick, Jas.
Garbarino, Frank L.
Gessford, J. Douglas
Gorsuch, Walter C.
Gregurevich, John J.

Haas, John L.
Harrigan, John L.
Moran, M. J.
Jentzer, Harry J.
McCallum, R. G.
Merrick, Wayne
Moran, Wm. B.
Murphy, John A.
O'Connell, John F.
Scully, Chas. J.
Seery, Wm. F.
Seward, Lee H.
Silveus, Chas. A.
Smith, Addison W.
Smith, Thos. A.
Tracy, T. H.
Wade, Louis J.
Watzman, Perry
Weitsman, Albert L.
Williams, Shelby

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READ THIS BEFORE VOTING

Nomination ballots should be in your hands by now; if not, they will be received shortly. Let us employ a little space here to help you, if we can, in the exercise of that inalienable prerogative of voting. Here are some facts to bear in mind:

1) Nomination ballots were mailed to the members on October 11th. In order that a ballot may be considered, it must be received by the Secretary, (Wm. B. Moran, Room 1202, 60 John St., New York City), by noon on October 26th. These dates aren't the whims of Roger Squeamish,--they are provided for in the By-Laws of the Society.

2) There are six vacancies for which nominees are sought, namely;-- President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two on the Executive Committee. The present officers are: Charles J. Scully, President; John Brann, Vice-President; Wayne Merrick, Treasurer; and William B. Moran, Secretary. The present members of the Executive Committee are: Francis X. Fay, Chairman, Francis J. Kilmartin, Michael F. Glynn, Mortimer J. Davis, A. Bruce Bielaski, John J. Manning and Charles J. Scully, ex-officio. The terms of Messrs. Glynn and Davis on the Executive Committee expire this Fall and it is these two vacancies which are to be filled. Therefore, if you exercise your complete nominating power, which you ought, six names should be inserted in the appropriate spaces on the nomination ballot.

3) Don't sign the ballot. Of course, if you insist - ! Follow instructions on the ballot, returning it

SOCIETY OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEES

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Vice-President. John A. Brann
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A. Bruce Bielaski Mortimer J. Davis
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Frank J. Kilmartin Louis J. Wade

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

John A. Murphy - Chairman
A. Bruce Bielaski Charles J. Scully
John A. Brann John F. O'Connell

in the envelope provided. Be sure your name is on the envelope. We need the names on the envelopes as our By-Laws state that only the votes of members in good standing, on the day the ballots are counted, can be considered.

4) That's not all the voting to be done. You have been provided with a ballot covering four proposed amendments. Read the explanations accompanying this ballot and then vote "yes" or "no" on each of the four proposals.

5) Return both ballots in the same envelope.

According to the Constitution, officers of the Society are to be elected annually and two members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually. It is further provided that the nominees shall be chosen by the members at large, which accounts for the present nominations ballot.

Upon receipt of the nomination ballot, and the counting thereof, those two eligible members receiving the two highest number of votes for each vacancy, shall be the nominees therefor. Section 2 of Article 2 of the By-Laws provides that ELECTION ballots shall be sent to the members 15 days prior to the date of the annual meeting and they must be returned to and be received by the Secretary before noon of the date of the annual meeting.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS: Commenting briefly upon the four proposed amendments,— the first one, namely Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution, is intended to permit the holding of meetings on a day other than Friday as is required at present; objections have been registered by many members to the piscivorous aspect of Friday dinners. The second proposal, viz; Section 6c of Article 1 of the By-Laws is intended to speed up the admission of new candidates and to afford each member an opportunity to proffer any comments he may desire on the eligibility of candidates. The third proposal, viz; Section 1 of Article 2 of the By-Laws has for its purpose merely the elimination of inconsistencies and the substitution of appropriate verbiage. The fourth proposal is intended to allow one year for payment of delinquent dues before a member shall forfeit membership,—

and to endow the Executive Committee with the power to extend the time for payment of dues when in its opinion, good and sufficient reasons exist therefor.

For your information, all of these proposed amendments were submitted to the forty members present at the Society meeting on September 16, 1938, and unanimous approval was given to them.

MEMBERSHIP LIST AND ELIGIBLES FOR OFFICE:

For the assistance of members in executing their nominating ballots, there is set out below a list of the members in the Society as of September 30, 1938. Those having an asterisk (*) before their names are eligible for any of the six vacancies. Section 4 of Article 2 of the By-Laws states that no one shall be eligible to hold office except charter members and those who have been members for at least one year; nor shall any member, charter or other, be eligible who, at the time of election, is not in good standing. Charter members are those who were elected to membership and who perfected the same by payment of dues on or before August 31, 1937.

The membership list which appears on the following page has been taken from the treasurer's books and it is believed to be correct. However, in the event any of our readers note the absence of the name of any person believed to be a member and who should be included in this list it will be appreciated if such information is furnished to the secretary. In connection with the requirement that a member be in the Society for at least one year before becoming eligible for election to office, the date of October 26, 1937 has been set in determining the year's membership.

- *Adams, Albert G., New York City
Adams, Sam J., San Francisco, Cal.
- *Allogra, Gaspare J., New York City
- *Allen, Bruce R., Arlington, Va.
Armstrong, Geo. L., Los Angeles, Cal.
Atherton, Edwin N., San Francisco, Cal.
- *Bailey, A.D., Jr., Hyattsville, Md.
- *Barbera, Joseph A., New York City
- *Barkhausen, L.J., Denver, Colo.
- *Barton, Lee Edward, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bonnetts, S.C., Oakland, Calif.
- *Bernstein, Lewis G., New York City
- *Bielaski, A. Bruce, New York City
Birch, Tyler M., Philadelphia, Pa.
- *Blatchford, Wm. W., Jr., New Rochelle, N.Y.
- *Blomquist, H.A., Washington, D.C.
Boyle, Robert E.A., New York City
- *Brann, John, New York City
Braun, W. C., St. Paul, Minn.
Bramer, Jean C., Washington, D.C.
- *Brennan, Edward J., Wilmette, Ill.
- *Bruff, James L., Mendham, N.J.
- *Carver, Loslie G., Washington, D.C.
- *Chapman, Robert C., Des Moines, Ia.
- *Clabaugh, Hinton G., Winnetka, Ill.
- *Cleveland, J. William, Garrett Pk. Md.
- *Cole, Frank, Bronxville, N.Y.
- *Connor, Thomas J. New York City
Conroy, J. Robert New York City
- *Conway, William I., Riverside, Ill.
- *Covella, Peter J., New York City
- *Cox, Felix O., Knoxville, Tenn.
- *Craft, G. C., New York City
Craven, James L., North Adams, Mass.
- *Cullen, Thomas F., Washington, D.C.
- *Cuttino, Charles L., Jr., Sumter, S.C.
Dale, George W., New York City
- *Dannenbergh, W.C., Chicago, Ill.
- *Davis, Mortimer J., Forest Hills, L.I.
Dick, Robert W., Washington, D.C.
- *Dickson, N. Lee Clarksdale, Miss.
- *Dietz, Henry A., Oakland, Calif.
- *Dillon, James W., Jersey City, N.J.
- *Dodd, Thomas J., New Haven, Conn.
Dolan, Henry P., New York City
- *Dulco, L. Charles Brattleboro, Vt.
- *Dunn, Joseph E.P. San Marino, Cal.
- *Dunn, William E., Jr., New York City
- *Dwyer, Daniel F., Tarrytown, N.Y.
- *Esola, Frederick L., San Francisco, Cal.
- *Espinosa, J.R. Brooklyn, N.Y.
Farrell, Bryan, New York City
Farrell, Ray Brooklyn, N.Y.
- *Fay, Francis X. Riverside, Conn.
- *Ficklen, C.A., Washington, D.C.
- *Fink, Herbert, Baltimore, Md.
Fitzpatrick, James, Charlestown, Mass.
- *Flim, L. H., Houston, Texas
Freeman, Wm. G., East Orange, N.J.
- *Furbershaw, Walter L., Evanston, Ill.
- *Garbarino, Frank L., Atlantic City, N.J.
- Geehan, Edmund J., Los Angeles, Cal.
- *Gessford, J. Douglas, Newark, N.J.
- *Glynn, Michael F., New York City
Gmerek, William F., Lakewood, Ohio
- *Gorsuch, Walter C., Jackson Hts., L.I.
- *Gregurevich, John F., Freeport, L.I.
Griffen, Charles, Los Angeles, Cal.
- *Grunewald, Henry W., Washington, D.C.
- *Gurvich, Samuel C., New Orleans, La.
- *Hall, David E., Los Angeles, Cal.
- *Haney, Bert J., Big Rapids, Mich.
Hansen, Paul, Washington, D.C.
- *Harrigan, John L., Elmhurst, L.I.
Heilker, J.H., New York City
- *Horan, Matthew J., New York City
- *Hughes, Carl W., San Francisco, Cal.
- *Jontzer, Harry J., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- *Kilmartin, Francis J., New York City
Kromer, Martin, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Lane, Charles H., New York City
- *Large, William J., Richmond Hill, L.I.
- *Larson, William, Royal Oak, Mich.
- *Lewis, Horace A., W. Somerville, Mass.
- *Lewis, Walter, Pottsville, Penn.
- *Lins, Martin J., Seattle, Wash.
- *Lockerman, Allen E., Chicago, Ill.
Lynch, George C., Washington, D.C.
- *Lanning, John J., New York City
Matney, William B., Dallas, Texas
Matthews, Blaney F., Hollywood, Cal.
- *Merrick, Wayne, New York City
- *Messner, Ernest J., Hibbing, Minn.
- *Metcalf, James J., Chicago, Ill.
- *Miller, Albert, New York City
Montgomery, E.B. San Francisco, Cal.
- *Moran, Wm. B., Jackson Heights, L.I.
- *Mowry, John L., Marshalltown, Iowa
Murphy, John A., Jackson Heights, L.I.
- *McCallum, Ralph G., Jackson Hts., L.I.

*McCarver, C.P., Washington, D.C.
 McEnany, Michael J., New York City
 *McGrath, James M., San Francisco, Cal.
 *McHenry, Roy C., Binghamton, N.Y.
 Nathan, R. Bruce, Dallas, Texas
 *Navarro, Ralph, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 *Noble, Charles, Princeton, N.J.
 *Nolan, Peter J., Toledo, Ohio
 Noonan, J.H., Salt Lake City, Utah
 *O'Brien, H.M., New York City
 *O'Connell, John F., New York City
 *Olney, L.M., Boston, Mass.
 Pendleton, Forrest C., New York City
 *Peters, W. Edmund, Salem, Ohio
 *Peterson, Erik, G., Washington, D.C.
 *Pfeifer, Sidney B., Buffalo, N.Y.
 *Pierson, William L., Hartford, Conn.
 *Pigniuolo, Pasquale, Yonkers, N.Y.
 Purvis, Melvin H., Timmonsville, S.C.
 Rauber, Louis J., San Francisco, Cal.
 *Reddy, Thomas M., Upper Montclair, N.J.
 *Reed, Robert G., New York City
 *Roberts, H. Eugene, Detroit, Mich.
 *Schoales, Joe, San Francisco, Cal.
 *Soully, Charles J., Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Seery, William F., New York City
 *Seward, Lee H., New Rochelle, N.Y.
 *Sherry, Michael J., Dallas, Texas
 *Silveus, Charles A., Orangeburg, N.Y.
 Smith, Addison W., New York City
 *Smith, Thomas A., New York City
 *Storck, George W., Watertown, S.D.
 *Tatom, Dan Evans, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Thomas, Lee, Chicago, Ill.
 *Tollett, R.L., Fort Worth, Texas
 *Topoleski, Anthony, New York City
 *Tracy, Thomas H., New York City
 *Traub, Morris, New York City
 *Treadwell, Walter G., Oakland, Cal.
 *Valjavec, Victor J., Rochelle Pk, N.J.
 *Vander Poel, S. Oakley, New York City
 *Vander Poel, Wm. H., New York City
 *Wade, Louis J., New York City
 *Watzman, Perry, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 *Weissman, Samuel, New York City
 Weitsman, Albert L., Brooklyn, N.Y.
 *White, Clarence D., Los Angeles, Cal.

*White, Hubert S., Norfolk, Va.
 *White, T. B. La Tuna, Texas
 *Williams, Shelby, New York City
 Woods, N. Morgan, New Orleans, La.
 *Zimmerman, Nelson D., Buffalo, N.Y.

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Note: In connection with the membership list it will be observed that an asterisk is placed before the name of William B. Moran indicating that he is eligible for nomination and election to one of the vacancies. This is true even though Bill Moran did not become a member of the Society until February 15, 1938. It was after the resignation of John O'Connell as secretary of the Society that Bill Moran was drafted by the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term and at that time the Committee declared him eligible for office. All of us will agree that Bill has performed the duties nobly. Your writer knows whereof he speaks in telling you that the Society's books and records are being maintained in meticulous fashion and that we owe him an expression of gratitude for those many extra evening hours he has devoted in our interest.

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Mike Glynn makes an annual trip to Old Erin. This year he stopped over first at Lourdes, France to see a miracle performed. Upon arriving in Dublin, he had to pass the customs officer. He stated he had nothing to declare but the customs officer noticed a bottle under his coat and asked what was in it. Mike said it contained holy water. The customs officer rather doubted his word so he made a little investigation for himself. Uncorking the bottle, he found it to be Three Star Hennessy. When Mike was asked to explain, he excitedly exclaimed, "Glory be to God, it's a miracle."

THE PRESIDENT'S
PENULTIMATE SPEECH

We were able to jot down some of the remarks made by our esteemed President, Charlie Scully, as he opened the quarterly meeting on September 16th. His message is genuine, read it. There is a wee bit of inkl-ing that Charlie's task as President has encompassed all types of work, but he grossly minimized the tremendous amount of time and effort he has devoted to our interest.

"With the near approach of the termination of my office as president of your Society, I want to take this opportunity to express to my fellow-officers, members of the Executive, Membership and Publication Committees as well as to the membership at large my sincere appreciation for their support during the past year and I am saying this in spite of the fact that two members of the Executive Committee ran off and got married.

"The membership at large has no idea what's ever the many hours that the Executive Committee has devoted in guiding the Society's affairs and it is indeed gratifying to report that the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Society have been strictly adhered to and that its purpose, 'Preservation of friendship and loyalty and promotion of good will' has been followed in every sense of the word.

"We have been fortunate in that no serious attempts have been made to commercialize the affairs of the Society nor has politics entered same.

"Mr. Bill Moran has done an excellent job as Secretary and a serious

mistake will be made were we to permit him to depart from this duty until he has at least served another term as Secretary.

"In the initial issue of 'The Grapevine' John O'Connell, our former Secretary, was loud in giving praise to the officers and members of the various committees for their part in making this Society possible, but modest John failed to make mention of his leading part in its creation and guidance and for which every member should give him a hearty vote of thanks.

"When I took over the job, I thought all I had to do was to sit tight and look like a wise owl, but little did I realize that besides being president I was also to act as printer, publisher, porter, mail delivery man and the Lord knows what. In spite of everything, I enjoyed it even if at times I did swear a little, but it is now time for me to sit down and have some other member of your choice, someone with more pep and ability to head our Society and this is my means of advising the membership at large that I will not be a candidate for re-election, although I will continue to serve as general utility man.

"The nominations will be shortly in order and extreme care should be exercised in making certain that our new officers will be the very best that we can obtain throughout the membership.

"With respect to our annual meeting, which is scheduled to take place during the month of November, we expect a large gathering as a number of

our members who are engaged outside of New York have announced their intention of joining with us and let us hope that all present here this evening, will be on hand for the November meeting."

The publications Committee is confident it can voice the sentiment of all our members in expressing to Charlie our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation of his guiding hand and unselfish sacrifices, but in no sense does it intend to convey the thought that Charlie should be permitted to stray where we will be unable to tap his reservoir of advice and assistance.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES
PLAN OF AUXILIARY MEETINGS
IN CITIES OTHER THAN NEW YORK

At the second quarterly meeting of the Society in May, 1938, there was considerable discussion as to the enthusiasm of former members of the FBI in sections of the country other than the East, especially in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. It was pointed out that the Society has for its members several former agents who have now located in or about San Francisco and Los Angeles and that something should be done to either provide for chapters or units of the Society or to arrange for auxiliary meetings in those localities in order that the members there could more fully partake of the benefits of their membership and keep in closer contact with the activities of the Society as a whole.

In the discussion it was pointed out that at this time the formation of

chapters or units would undoubtedly entail considerable technical renovation of the Society organization as it now stands, which would probably be too premature; that it would also involve possibly more expenses and work than was justified. Out of this discussion there was a motion made and seconded that the Executive Committee consider the feasibility and details of a plan for holding auxiliary meetings in various localities where the interest and number of members would justify such action.

The Executive Committee made a study as requested and reported that it is the consensus of opinion of the members of the Executive Committee "that in view of the general desire that members of the Society in the more populous areas of Society membership should have an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of assembling at general meetings at periodic intervals on the dates specified in Article Five, Section One of the Constitution, i.e., the third Fridays of February, May, September and November, it is hereby resolved that any group of ten members of the Society in good standing may petition the Executive Committee to approve a specific city as the site of an auxiliary meeting to be held on the same dates as heretofore specified and may incorporate in their petition the name of a member of their group who shall act as chairman of the said auxiliary meeting subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. This petition shall bear the signatures of at least ten members in good standing who live or work within a reasonable distance of the city specified as the site of the auxiliary meeting and it shall be forwarded directly to the Secretary

of the Society. Minutes of such meetings shall be kept and shall be forwarded promptly to the Secretary of the National Society for distribution to the general membership. Any member in good standing may attend any annual, regular or auxiliary meeting of the Society;

"Further, that based upon the experience of the Society in New York expenses not exceeding \$5 may be incurred in connection with any one meeting."

This action by the Executive Committee now paves the way for the holding of auxiliary meetings in those localities where there are ten or more members of the Society who will sign a petition in accordance with the ruling of the Executive Committee.

The President of the Society communicated with Carl W. Hughes, 904 Hewes Building, San Francisco, Calif., relative to activities of members on the West Coast and excerpts from Mr. Hughes' reply are quoted here as they contain pertinent information as to the zeal and interest of our members and prospective members on the West Coast:

"In San Francisco, we have had two organization meetings this year and as a result I believe eighteen former special agents have either been accepted as members of the Society, or have applications now pending before the membership committee.

"The meetings here have been very enjoyable, and we had a lot of fun recalling our experiences while special agents in the Bureau. At our last meeting, E. M. Blanford, now in charge of the Arson Bureau on the Pacific Coast for the National Board

of Fire Underwriters, gave us a very interesting discussion of the methods used by the modern arsonists, and furnished the highlights of several quite successful investigations by his Bureau.

"In Los Angeles, I collaborated with Joe Dunn in getting former special agents in that territory interested in the Society. Three organization meetings have been held in that city this year. At the first meeting, Lucien Wheeler was elected Chairman, and Joe Dunn Secretary of the group. The second meeting was held at the Warner Bros. studio in Burbank, and Blayne Matthews, Superintendent of Personnel and Safety for Warner Bros., was the host of the group at the dinner which preceded the business meeting. There were thirty-nine former agents present, and the guest of honor was former Chief Moran of the United States Secret Service who gave us a very delightful and interesting talk covering his long years of service for the Government. Following the adjournment of the meeting Mr. Matthews was our guide on a tour of the lot, and we were accorded an excellent opportunity to witness the making of pictures in their many ramifications and to gain some idea as to how this great industry functions.

"Due to pressure of my work I have not kept in touch with the Los Angeles group for the past three months, so I am unable to tell you how many applications for membership were sent in from Los Angeles. Last May, Joe Dunn and I estimated there were approximately sixty former special agents now residing in Los Angeles and vicinity.

"I suggest that the incoming officers of the Society maintain a contact with Joe Dunn and Lucien Wheeler, and in that way develop this membership field. I will do what I can, but between keeping the San Francisco group active and my official duties I certainly will be kept fully occupied."

Bill Conway, who has an office at 10 South La Salle Street, in Chicago, was sounded out as to the possibility of their being a sufficient number of members in that locality to justify meetings. He reported that he is unaware that there are sufficient members in that territory at the present time to warrant auxiliary meetings. However, this is a location which probably does or will have a sufficient number of members for this purpose.

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R U M B L E S

CHARLIE SCULLY, our President, and WAYNE MERRICK, Treasurer, want to make it known they are not candidates for reelection this Fall, but they promise their full cooperation in the activities of the Society. (They didn't say anything about the vacancies on the Executive Committee). Your editor wouldn't have mentioned this except for fear that these two gentleman would, by some high powered campaigning, lead our members astray. Messrs. Scully and Merrick have unselfishly given much of their time to the Society's organization and progress and unquestionably their duties have been arduous yet eminently performed, but whether their wishes will be fulfilled is something that properly should be left to the members to decide in the coming election. We do think however, that Mr. Scully must have some inherent

political ability as we understand he is supporting the candidacy of Bruce Bielaski for next President.

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HARRY JENTZER has come to the conclusion he is traveling in a vicious circle. He commenced his government career as an Immigration Officer and later served in other Departments in various capacities but now he has returned to his first love and is busily engaged in the deportation of undesirables.

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GEORGE C. CRAFT, one of the real oldtimers of the Bureau, is at present confined to the United States Veteran's Hospital (Ward 7 South) at Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, N. Y. C. George would be pleased to meet with any of the members who might be up in that section of New York City.

George, after leaving the Bureau, served in the Military Intelligence during the World War as a lieutenant.

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Those of us who know BILL LARGE of Richmond Hill, L. I., will be pleased to learn that he was recently appointed Vice-President of the Underwriter's Trust Company of New York City. Congratulations.

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SHELBY WILLIAMS is kept real busy during the Winter months as he is an active member of many organizations including the Adventurer's and the Saints and Sinners Clubs. Some people are so fond of adventure that they go half way to meet it.

WILLIAM E. DUNN, JR. is one of Charlie Scully's radical division who is still on Uncle Sam's payroll. But what is he doing now? Raising fancy fish and beautiful flowers, dear friends, and it's all part of his official duties. How happy this life unembarrassed by the cares of business.

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WALTER L. FURBERSHAW recently conveyed his best wishes from Chicago.

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CHARLIE SILVEUS, Chairman of the Membership Committee, was one of the Bureau's most efficient accountants but, paradoxical as it may seem, he now obtains equal success as one of New York's practicing attorneys. His conscientious and painstaking efforts in behalf of the Society have brought out some of those sterling qualities that go to make up a two-barrelled barrister.

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TONY TOPOLESKI, ace Investigator for the Division of Investigation of the PWA in New York City, remains the same irrespressible, active, shrewd and diligent "Topy" he was when serving under General Scully. He still has that fight and determination in him, and if you don't believe us, ask any one of his ten youngsters!

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"SUGAR" GORSUCH is now in New York City with the Division of Investigation of the WPA. He is the same old Walter,--quiet--affable--and helpful, as of old. To relieve any doubts, that name "Sugar" attaches

itself to Walter by reason of his extended proclivities and acquaintance with the famous Sugar case.

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SIDNEY PFEIFER, now a practicing attorney in Buffalo writes that he will surely take a trip to Manhattan Isle for the annual meeting in November. Friends of Sidney and New York Alumni of 1918-19 take notice. You may recall that the now President of the American Bar Association once had Sidney on the witness stand for three days but gave up in despair.

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PETE NOLAN'S sudden secession from Society doings has been due to a sprained ankle and a subsequent contraction of gout. Don't lose your kick, Pete,--we want to see you soon again completely mended.

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TOM SMITH, who used to be the financial expert of the New York Division when the FBI had division superintendents, is still associated with Charlie Scully. Tom changes very little from year to year, always maintaining that distinguished appearance and amiable personality which have won him so many friends.

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JOE BARBERA, now with the Alcohol Tax Unit, has been undergoing a seige of illness but we are glad to hear he is now recuperating and hope to see him at the November meeting.

When mentioning new members of the "Ball and Chain Gang" we forgot the recent wedding of JIM DILLON of Jersey City. He also claims absence from the meetings on account of diet. Go on my friend, and fear nothing; you carry Caesar and his fortunes in your boat.

WAYNE MERFICK recently made a business trip to the middle west and one night, realizing he had been away for two weeks and hadn't even written a line to his wife, decided to telephone her from his hotel room. Our informer says that Wayne asked the telephone company operator the cost of calling New York and she told him \$1.75. Then Wayne asked, "Can't you make a special rate for just listening? I want to call my wife."

JOHN MOWRY is busy as can be running for County Attorney out in Marshall County, Iowa. In between his politicking, we understand, he does a little farming. Bill Conway, who generally hibernates in Chicago, dropped in on John a while ago and found him running a steam roller over the potato field so he queried us to why. John replied, "I'm going to raise mashed potatoes this year."

BILL MORAN and his wife took a ten day cruise this summer from New York to Montreal and Quebec via the SS Duchess of Athol. Someone once said that being in a ship is being in a jail with a chance of being

drowned. Slightly turbulent seas tolled a nine count on some of the passengers and we hear that the Captain approached Bill at the rail one evening after dinner, asking, "Waiting for the moon to come up?" "Oh, ye gods!" groaned Bill, "Has that got to come up too?"

MARTIN J. LINS, of Seattle, Washington, has just retired as Chief Special Agent of the Great Northern Railway after serving 40 years in law enforcement work. Mr. Lins, who served in the Department of Justice from March 1910 to August 1916, was at one time Sheriff at Winona, Minnesota, and Chief of Detectives for the Panama Canal Zone police department.

Seismic disturbances have revealed there are some vacancies for experienced investigators in the Bureau of Investigation, Public Works, Department of Interior, with a range of salary from \$3200 to \$4000.

BRUCE BIELASKI'S article "Earliest Days" which appeared in the July issue of the Grapvine has been the subject of much favorable comment. We may mention that Bruce very modestly omitted telling us how efficiently he administered the Bureau's affairs during those hectic days prior to and during the World War

MELVIN PURVIS joined in wedlock with Rosamund Wilcox Taylor of Florence, South Carolina, on September 14th. The news editors were thus forced to change their accustomed headlines to "Purvis gets his woman". We wish you both a happy and successful voyage.

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PEL COVELLA has become air minded. He claims 500 hours in company with the clouds. He says that Carrigan went the wrong way only once. Carrigan is different than he, he never goes in the air with two feet on the ground.

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BILL BAILEY, one time Assistant Director of the PWA Bureau of Investigation, has recently connected with the HOLC and will probably be stationed in Washington or Baltimore. Bill found occasion to attend a Membership Committee meeting while in New York a short while ago.

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Back to normal health and hitting on all twelve (!) cylinders is the latest news we have on Ed Brennan.

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LOU WARD is looking as fit as a fiddle; apparently working for the SEC in New York City agrees with Lou.

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CHARLIE CUTTINO is practising law in Sumter, South Carolina. Many of your Yankee friends have been inquiring as to your whereabouts. May you have that same success as a bar-

rist as you had in selecting that charming young lady of Raleigh as your life partner.

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Those of us who worked with or under FRANK FAY, the Chairman of our Executive Committee, will recall his logical mind and executive ability. As head of the Protection Bureau of R. H. Macy & Co., one of the country's largest department stores, Frank still pervades the surroundings with that same innate executive rein. He was absent from the September quarterly meeting which is most unusual but he was actually vacationing which is an acceptable excuse.

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OVERHEARD AT THE SOCIETY DINNER
September 18, 1938

MATT HORAN apparently has been playing the horses or something lately. We understand he had \$1.75 although he needed \$2.00 for the dinner fee. In order to come out even he pawned the \$1.75 for \$1.25 and then sold the pawn ticket for \$.75. Maybe he'd like to be our Treasurer!

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FRANK GARBARINO came all the way from Atlantic City to attend the meeting. Frank is still engrossed in investigations and his stately appearance bespeaks wealth, health and success.

JACK HARRIGAN, now with the HOLC, is stationed here in New York but his

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associates dropped the remark that he is really working out of Washington. We wonder, if by any chance, that boy Jack has been getting per diem! Someone asked Jack at the dinner if he knew Tom Collins and Jack replies, "I don't know which one you're referring to but if you mean do I want another drink, boy--he's my best friend."

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AL WEITSMAN was the busiest man in the world, tagging his friends for the \$2.00 dinner charge. There's no doubt about it, Al should be the Sergeant at Arms.

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PERRY WATZMAN is still an Eagle--bald and single.

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MORTY DAVIS very ably addressed the meeting on the subject of considering a nominating committee for future elections, but it was amusing to hear his prefacing remarks, "Mr. President, I don't know whether I'm out of order... etc."--Such a thing to say Morty, especially right after that delicious dinner!!!

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Reminiscing at Schrafft's, after adjournment, - Scully, Williams and Garbarino. An interruption, - a member approaches Scully and hands him a large envelope stating it contained important Society records. Charlie clings to the envelope like grim death in departing for home via auto, -- wee hours of the morning.

A little "roping" some days later and Charlie confesses the envelope contained advertising matter, - pills, yeast, socks and what-not!

Who was the jokester?

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ADDISON SMITH was warmly received at the meeting. He remarked he was glad to see some old faces again but issue was quickly taken on the word "old" so he compromised by saying the "same old faces". Addison, by the way, is a two-time grandfather. We mean he has two grandchildren. Addison is now Assistant Administrator of the WPA in New York City. During the strenuous days of the NRA he worked closely with Gen. Hugh A. Johnson. We were glad to have him with us again.

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TOM TRACY and BILL SEERY are doing well in their new enterprise. They aim to command attention as New York's super-investigative firm. They have recently added Squire Wiard and Morris Traub to their staff. Guess they'll have to expand on their quarters in the Graybar Building -- Which reminds me that last week Tom and Bill made an investment in a quart of scotch and locked it up in the office safe under the agreement that it was to be used only if one of them was sick. Tom stood the strain for two days, then it was too much for him and going over to Bill, he said, "Gosh, I'm awfully sick." "You're too late, Tom," said Bill, "I was sick all day yesterday."

By the way--has anyone met Bill Seery's wife? Bill still dories matrimonial entanglements, but, like his pal Frank Kilmartin, he's still Cozy Bill to us.

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We were glad to see that H. A. Blomquist, Chief of the Anti-Monopoly Division of the SEC at Washington found the opportunity to attend our meeting.

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HELP THE GRAPEVINE TO VEGETATE

We received many enchanting comments on our first issue of The Grapevine. But that's just about the whole story, boys. Of course, it is assuring to know our efforts are not in vain, but let our hopes bear fruit that henceforth all the Society members, not a paltry few as now prevails, will indicate their interest and genuine cooperation in expending this neophyte organ by sending in items of news or peculiar interest. You won't have to rack your brain long to reveal some amusing or melodramatic episode that you encountered in your halcyon days. Just give us news,--we'll do the juggling; maybe you won't even recognize the facts in print. If it behooves you, dispatch your contributions anonymously. In localities where several members are living or working, we plan to have some one appointed as a news editor to insure a constant and complete roundup of news. As someone once said, "The only good histories are those that have been written by the persons themselves who commanded in the affairs whereof they write." At any rate, we urge all members to keep us posted on rumbles, etc., in other words, keep grapes on the grapevine. Send items to John A. Murphy, Room 1208, 60 John Street, New York City.

While speaking of the Grapevine, we want to let you know that proper precautions are being taken to protect the name of our publication by registering "The Grapevine" as a trade mark in the Patent Office in Washington. Brother member Lew Bernstein who is practicing law at 250 West 57th Street, New York City, has very

graciously offered to attend to this without attorney's fee. We have an opinion from a friend who made a preliminary search at the Patent Office that the name of our paper is an excellent one and that it was a surprise to find that no one had registered it before.

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EX-SURETÉ MEN FORM
SOCIETY ALONG OUR PATTERN

The Grapevine, through its reliable informants, has just learned that Armand Chautemps, a former agent of the Government Sureté, recently visited the United States and became apprised of the existence of our Society, its purposes and functions. When he returned to France, so we understand, he immediately set about to organize a similar type of organization as ours, composed of former members of the French Sureté and we hear that thus far there is an enthusiastic and substantial membership.

Since we were not directly in touch with Mr. Chautemps we have been unable to secure more details but by the next issue of The Grapevine we undoubtedly will have more information for you and possibly a letter from the new French Society outlining their organization and program.

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BOB REED continues to adorn the absentee roll at our meetings in New York. The pen being the tongue of the mind occasions our observation that the only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.

WHY JOIN THE SOCIETY?

Many of the eligible candidates for membership in the Society seem to voice as objection to joining, that the annual dues are too high for those not located in New York City where the meetings are always held; that since the object of the Society is strictly social, there would be no adequate return to them on the money invested. Undoubtedly these arguments seem reasonable but may we take issue with those of our brethren who lack the perspicacity and forethought which the founders of our Society so fortunately possessed when they undertook its organization. Virgil told us that it was a tremendous task to build Rome. It is similarly a slow and gradual task to form, mould and fructify a new Society such as ours. We have Pioneers, we need them--members who will devote some of their time and lend their good judgment and advice to continue constructing the organization. Possibly the dues will be reduced before another due date rolls around; possibly at the annual meeting in November. But any such action will hardly help in the gathering of sufficient financial increment to permit later progressive development of the Society. For instance, a plan has been discussed at one of our meetings to provide for sick or indigent members,-- or some form of fraternity or group insurance to lend aid in time of illness, distress or death. A substantial reserve should be stored away for such undertakings, if we are to have them.

As to the quid pro quo,--naturally, it is difficult for those outside the fold to visualize some of the tangible benefits of the Society membership.

The writer can onumerate about a dozen cases (there must be many more) where MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY SECURED POSITIONS OF THEIR CHOICE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OTHER MEMBERS AND I KNOW IT IS A FACT THAT THESE COURTESIES WERE EXTENDED PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE APPLICANTS WERE SOCIETY MEMBERS.

There has been and will continue to be mutual assistance rendered by members located in the same or distant cities. Many instances have come to my attention of pecuniary benefits received by this reference of business.

Now, with respect to the locus of Society meetings, to date all have been held in New York City. But, as will be observed elsewhere in this issue of The Grapevine, plans are now progressing for the holding of auxiliary meetings in other cities,-- in any city where the number and interest of members will justify it. Naturally, all the members won't be located in one of these key cities; however, we must do our best under the prevailing circumstances and the tolerance and support of our present and future members will be needed.

Far above all of these considerations is that bond of friendship and loyalty that exists from the days of Bureau service and it would seem to me that contact with former associates, if only through the medium of The Grapevine, would be invaluable in itself.

JOHN L. HAAS

John L. Haas, one of the Society's charter members, died of heart trouble at his home, 121 East 31st Street, New York City, on September 25th. He was 69 years old and leaves his mother and two brothers. John underwent a long siege of illness but he maintained that courage and stamina so well known to his associates right up to the last. It is not by afterthought that we point out to our members that John virtually broke away from a sick bed to attend our last Society dinner and meeting on September 16th. It was apparent that he had exerted his every ounce of determination and energy to be with us and well do we remember him saying, "I just couldn't miss this opportunity of meeting with my old friends,--I like to be here." May our departed member's understanding of friendship and loyalty to the Society serve as a beacon to our present and future membership.

John's career reads like the story of the soldier of fortune. Many will recall that as a commanding officer, Colonel Haas successfully resisted the siege of Tegucigalpa, the capitol of Honduras, for which he was decorated for bravery personally by General Vasquez of Honduras.

For several years John served as Chief of the Police Department of Ponce in Puerto Rico and accomplished such commendable results that he was appointed on April 4, 1904, Chief Deputy United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico, which position he held until April 30, 1917.

On May 1, 1917 he was appointed a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and served in that capacity

until February 15, 1930, devoting considerable of his time to espionage and radical activities investigations.

Following the Armistice in 1918 many of the ranking officials of the Allied Armies visited the United States and invariably John was assigned as a personal body guard. The late Marshal Foch of France was so appreciative of the services rendered by Mr. Haas that he made him a member of the French Military Police and subsequently bestowed upon him a medal of honor and a certificate of appreciation.

News items appeared in the New York City papers on September 26 telling of the death of John Haas and his former Government service. The Secretary took immediate steps to send flowers on behalf of the members of the Society. Services were held in the evening of September 27 and were attended by the following Society members, Albert G. Adams, G. P. Allegra, F. X. Fay, F. J. Kilmartin, J. J. Manning, W. B. Moran, Ralph Navarro, J. F. O'Connell, Pasquale Pigniuolo, Anthony Topoleski, and Al G. Weitsman. Burial on the following day was at the Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, N. Y., and the Society was represented at the funeral by G. P. Allegra, C. J. Scully, J. A. Murphy, J. F. O'Connell, Al G. Weitsman and P. J. Covella.

In the passing of John Haas, the Society loses a faithful member, one who served his country with distinguished valor, integrity and loyalty, and we pause to supplicate the Almighty that peace and eternal happiness will be his reward.

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Society of Friends SAS

November 22, 1938

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski
85 John Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Bielaski:-

Your letter of November 14th addressed to Mr. Hoover was received in his absence from the city. I shall be very glad to call it to his attention immediately upon his return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary.

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A. BRUCE BIELASKI
Attorney At Law
85 John Street
New York

November 14, 1938.

Personal.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hoover:

Sometime when I am in Washington, I want to drop in to see you about the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

Saturday last I was elected president, to succeed Charlie Scully. We had another very delightful dinner and evening with nearly fifty former agents present. I do not think my selection was a particularly good one. I would personally have preferred some one who came from the field service rather than from the Department at Washington and, also, some one who had more recently served in the Bureau, but having accepted the office I want to do all I can during the single year that I will serve.

I suppose you know all about the Society, which really has no purpose other than that of good-fellowship and the pleasant associations which come in thinking over and talking over experiences and in finding where every one, regardless of when they served or where or how, has a definite, common interest because of the service. You would be proud to see what a fine showing the boys make at dinner. As you know, most dinners are bores, but the average intelligence, ~~business~~, spontaneity, and interest at these dinners make them genuinely enjoyable occasions without any artificial stimulations of any kind. It is surprising how many of the boys ~~occupy~~ positions of considerable importance, and even prominence. It is equally surprising to find how desirous ~~everybody~~ is of extending a helping hand to every other former agent. Many of the members are in positions to be of very genuine help. Membership involves almost no expense and I would like to see that all former agents have a chance to join.

The purpose of this letter is to see how much help I can get from you or others of the department in recalling

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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names and last known addresses of former agents. I suppose the Appointment Clerk would have some sort of a record of every past agent, and there would seem to me no reason why the department could not let us have whatever information may be available.

The Society may well be quite a desirable thing from the standpoint of the Department, for I think you will find that no law enforcement officer would ever go to a member of the Society for assistance and come away empty-handed. Younger agents of the Bureau, working away from main headquarters in strange territory would find it very helpful to run into a Society member who could give him the local line-up and local facts in an understanding way which it might take the agent many days otherwise to find out. The Society's purpose, of course, is purely social and I think you would enjoy dropping in at one of the dinners or meetings sometime.

Anyway, I wish you would be thinking over any suggestions which you may be able to give as to how we can get in touch with all the former agents except those who did not leave the Department in good standing.

I will probably have occasion to be down in Washington before many weeks and I will ~~hope~~ to see you then.

Sincerely,

s/ A. Bruce Bielaski

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D. C.

LRP:MC

October 26, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

I received a telephone call from former Special Agent (A) [redacted] inquiring as to whether I knew the address of former Special Agent (A) [redacted]. I informed him that I had received a telephone call from [redacted] several days ago making inquiry concerning cases formerly worked by him, and that I understood from [redacted]

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Talking further with [redacted] I ascertained that he belongs to the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, and he proudly advised me that he had been made a charter member of the organization. He further stated the organization is going to have its first annual election in New York next month and that it was anticipated a large number of ex-Agents would be present. [redacted] stated that this is purely a social organization and during the time he has been a member there has been no indication of any attempt on any part to do anything inimical to the interests of the Bureau.

Respectrully,

[redacted]

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Crowl
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Foxworth
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

January 5, 1939

SOCIETY OF FORMER SAs

MEMORANDUM

[Redacted]

There appears to be growing antagonism between various groups of former special agents. On the West Coast former Agent [Redacted] has circulated a story to the effect that J. E. P. Dunn was commissioned by the Director

[Redacted] has a number of friends who believe this story and it is circulated quite generally with the result that a large number of the exagents who were formerly friendly with Mr. Dunn are distrustful of and antagonistic towards him. Dunn is reported to be circulating a story which not only denies [Redacted] accusations but belittles and discredits Berge and his ability, together with his drinking habits, to the extent that [Redacted] and his friends are mistrusted and distrusted by the Dunn group.

Former Agent [Redacted] is supposed to be circulating a story that [Redacted] to the point where [Redacted] was able to advance over better qualified men in that service to the extent where [Redacted]

Former Agent [Redacted] and a number of other agents are personally antagonistic towards those agents who worked for [Redacted] and although [Redacted] were very close friends, there is no communication or friendship between them at this time. [Redacted] is supposed to be criticizing most of the former bureau agents around New York City and former agent [Redacted] is likewise circulating critical comment in the vicinity of New York City about exagents to the point where everyone is becoming distrustful of and antagonistic towards most of the other agents.

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December 15, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Meeting of Ex-Agents
of the FBI.

Society of Former S.A.'s

While talking to SAC Brantley at New York City yesterday at 3:57 P.M., Mr. Brantley said he saw former agent [redacted] who is now with the [redacted]

[redacted] wanted information concerning one [redacted] who is supposed to have disappeared several years ago from [redacted] was given no information.

Agent [redacted] saw [redacted] as he was leaving the building and was told that the ex-agents of the FBI had a big supper several weeks ago, with about sixty members present. [redacted] said someone got up and made the statement that Bruce Bielaski was the best director the Bureau ever had. I asked Mr. Brantley to ascertain the person who made the statement.

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SAC Brantley called this morning with reference to the above situation. Mr. Brantley said he talked with Agent [redacted] who said that [redacted] doesn't know just who it was who made the statement, inasmuch as there was no orderly meeting. Agent [redacted] said there were two men present, [redacted] both of whom now work for Bielaski. Agent [redacted] said they are the only ones except Sculley, who were at the meeting and were in the Bureau under Bielaski. Mr. Brantley said Bielaski is supposed to have been elected present.

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York City, N. Y.
January 4, 1939

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As of possible interest to you, I am forwarding herewith "The Grapevine - Organ of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc."

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THE GRAPEVINE



To the members of the Society of Former Special Agents
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.,

Dear Members:

On behalf of all of the officers and the members of the Executive Committee, I am glad of the opportunity which The Grapevine offers to express to you our very sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and truly Happy New Year.

These holiday occasions to many of us are not only times of celebration, but times of reflection and planning, and I hope that you have found in your membership the same numerous revivals of exceedingly pleasant memories and the same assurance of pleasant days ahead which the meetings with so many former government

agents, both old and new friends have brought to me. The common service in a good cause, the common interest in the progress of the Bureau and its good name, the common desire to help each other and our former associates give to the greetings which we extend to each other a real sincerity. May you and yours have this year your best Christmas and next year your largest measure of real progress and happiness.

Sincerely,

A. Bruce Bielaski

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING - November 12, 1938

ELECTION RESULTS

At the annual meeting on November 12th, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Frank Fay, announced the following election results:

✓ President:		
	A. Bruce Bielaski	132*
Vice-President:		
	John Brann	70*
	John F. O'Connell	67
Secretary:		
	William B. Moran	121*
	Morris Traub	19
Treasurer:		
	R. G. McCallum	80*
	M. J. Davis	59
Executive Committee		
	Charles J. Scully	118*
	Wayne Merrick	113*
	T. H. Tracy	24
	M. F. Glynn	21

* Elected

Mr. Fay further announced that the election of Mr. Bielaski to the presidency created a vacancy on the Executive Committee and that at a meeting of the Executive Committee on the afternoon of November 12th, Mr. John F. O'Connell was selected to serve a period of one year, or until the next election, as an Executive Committee member.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee further announced that

each of the four proposed amendments, which were voted on at the time of the nominations, was passed. For the benefit of those members who are not acquainted with the new amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, a brief resume of same is as follows:

The first, namely, Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution, now permits the holding of meetings on a day other than Friday, as was required under the former regulation. The second amendment, Section 6c of Article 1 of the By-laws, now permits a speedy admission of new candidates after they have submitted their application and affords each member an opportunity to proffer any comments he may desire on the eligibility of candidates. The third amendment, Section 1 of Article 2 of the By-laws, was intended to and now does clear up certain inconsistencies by the substitute of appropriate verbiage. The fourth amendment allows one year for payment of delinquent dues before a member shall forfeit membership and also endows the Executive Committee with power to extend the time for payment of dues when, in its opinion, good and sufficient reasons exist therefor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Submitted below is a summary of the Treasurer's Report reflecting Cash Receipts and Disbursements covering the period from July 17, 1937 to November 12, 1938.

CASH RECEIVED

Dues	\$1420.00
Dinners	389.50
	<u>1809.50</u>

EXPENDITURES

Organization Expense \$	75.06
Printing, Stationery & Supplies	202.09
Postage	77.39
Grapevine (including Copyright)	81.04
Stenographic services Secretary	35.00
Dinners	389.50
Flowers, Books & Telegrams	29.47
Room Rent for Meetings	7.61
Miscellaneous	5.00
	<u>900.16</u>

Cash Balance, 11-12-38 \$ 909.34

WAYNE MERRICK
TREASURER

Membership as of 12-31-37	117
Additional members to 11-12-	
	<u>38 60</u>
	177
Members Resigned in 1938	2
Members Passed away in 1938	<u>1 174</u>
Members Reinstated in 1938	<u>1</u>

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF NOV. 12, 1938 175

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED

The Secretary of the Membership Committee read off the names of the following 17 candidates who were approved for membership at a meeting of the Committee on November 28th: (Those indicated with a * had qualified as members by Nov. 12, 1938 by having paid \$5 dues).

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| *Cleary, J. R. | *Murphy, John L. |
| *Conroy, Morse J. | O'Brien, Edward G. |
| *Jackson, Ben E. | *Parker, Fred L. |
| McDade, Thomas M. | Pray, Charles |

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| *Schroeder, Al S. | Voshell, Rovert E. |
| Sternberg, J.W. | *Warner, Lee F. |
| Stone, Remington | Watkins, Elton |
| *Stites, Richard M. | *Wolf, George |
| *Vetterli, Reed E. | |

MEMBERS PRESENT

The following members were present at the annual dinner and meetings:

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| Adams, Albert G. | McCallum, Ralph G. |
| Bernstein, L. G. | McEnany, M. J. |
| Bielaski, A. Bruce | Manning, John J. |
| Boyle, R.E.A. | Merrick, Wayne |
| Brann, John | Moran, Wm. B. |
| Bruff, James L. | Mowry, John L. |
| Carver, L. O. | Murphy, John A. |
| Cleveland, J. Wm. | Navarro, Ralph |
| Conroy, J. R. | O'Connell, John F. |
| Conroy, Morse, J. | Peterson, Erik G. |
| Davis, M. J. | Pfeifer, Sidney B. |
| Dick, R. W. | Reed, Robert G. |
| Dillon, J. W. | Schroeder, Al |
| Farrell, Bryan | Scully, Charles J. |
| Fay, F. X. | Seery, W. F. |
| Fitzpatrick, J.E. | Smith, Thomas A. |
| Gillen, V. W. | Seward, Lee |
| Gregurevich, J.J. | Stites, Richard M. |
| Harrigan, J. L. | Topoleski, Anthony |
| Horan, M. J. | Valjavec, V. J. |
| Jentzer, H. J. | Wade, Louis J. |
| Lane, Charles L. | Williams, Shelby |
| Lynch, Geo. C. | Wolf, George |
| Lewis, Walter | Zimmerman, N. D. |

DISCUSSION ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the September meeting of the Society a motion was made that the Executive Committee be requested to consider and report back the advisability of a Nominating Committee to be appointed in connection with the 1939 and subsequent elections.

At the annual meeting, John J. Manning, a member of the Executive Committee reported the following: The Nominating Committee might be provided for in either of two ways. First, by amending Sec. 5 of Article 1 (which enumerates the duties of the Executive Committee) so as to empower the Executive Committee to appoint a Nominating Committee. (If this course were followed apparently it would be necessary to add a new section to Article 1, which would specifically outline the powers and duties of the newly created Nominating Committee.) The second course would be to amend Sec. 1 of Art. 2 (which covers the procedure for nominating officers) to read that the candidates for election should be named by a Nominating Committee, which shall consist of not less than five nor more than seven members. Mr. Manning further reported that the Executive Committee favors the adoption of amendments to permit a Nominating Committee and it is chiefly concerned with insuring that the Nominating Committee will best express the will of the general membership. He personally considers the Executive Committee, which is elected by the members at large, as the proper body and competent to represent the general membership in appointing members to the Nominating Committee. It might be explained here that most, if not all, of the members of the Society who joined in its formation have been rather reluctant in the past to favor such a body as a Nominating Committee, feeling that there would be some belief on the part of our members not in New York City that the membership at large would not receive adequate voice in the election of officers. However, the cumbersome details involved in

the nominating of officers, et al., by the membership, plus the fact that many of the members outside of New York City actually indicated lack of knowledge of how to vote, led to the present study by the Executive Committee.

It should be pointed out that the suggestions made by the Executive Committee on a Nominating Committee will in no event be adopted unless and until the plan is submitted in the form of a proposed amendment to all of the members, and it will be necessary that the matter be voted on. It further appears that in no event will the right of any member to select his own candidate for office be abrogated.

Here are some of the comments made at the annual meeting by members present:

John Mowry stated that he did not favor a Nominating Committee, being of the opinion that it could not properly represent the will of the general membership. Issue was taken to this contention by Bob Reed who considers that such a Committee would select men best qualified for the various offices and committees, a Committee composed of men who would know who was available to accept an office and who was exhibiting interest in the Society's work.

John F. O'Connell expressed the opinion that a Nominating Committee is advisable and pointed out the fact that oft times a Nominating Committee, by selection of proper candidates, would eliminate the election of some member who did not wish the particular office.

M. J. Davis spoke in favor of a Nominating Committee, pointing out the fact that at one time the Executive Com-

mittee was engaged several hours in tabulating nomination ballots. He also brought out the fact that in the past two nominations several members were selected as officers of the Society who were far remote from the headquarters in New York City and could not, in a feasible way, carry on the duties of such office. He also stressed the fact that oft times one candidate would be nominated for several offices and it became a question for the Executive Committee to determine which office the membership intended for the particular candidate. He claimed that the use of the Nominating Committee would greatly simplify matters and iterated that the members of the Nominating Committee should not hold any office and that such a Committee should include representatives from the entire country in order that the will of the entire membership would be adequately represented.

Vincent W. Gillen spoke against the Nominating Committee plan, mentioning that there is a possibility of a clique obtaining control of the nominations and might unwittingly sponsor candidates who would not meet with the favor of the general membership.

John Manning at this point brought out that the proposed Nominating Committee of necessity would have to express the will of the members at large and that the Committee would name at least two men for each office; that the voting members would be at liberty to write in on the ballots the name of any candidate whether or not that name was contained on the election ballot.

Mr. Bielaski commented on the recent election results and brought out the fact that to his knowledge no person had been clamoring for any office and he had no knowledge of any active campaigning. He emphasized that whatever proposition was adopted no member would be prevented from inserting any name he chose on the election ballot.

Hon. Les Carver got the floor at this point and stated that he interpreted the remarks of Mr. Mowry as representing a minority opinion and that while he was inclined to string along with the minority he felt satisfied that any Nominating Committee that would be appointed by the Executive Committee would seriously endeavor to express the will of the majority and he questioned whether any better system could be devised for determining the will of the majority. He admitted that it might hamper the individual member in naming a candidate of his choice but considered that a Nominating Committee could indicate possible choices who would work for the best interests of the Society.

Charlie Lane stated that he feels that the roster of past and present officers definitely indicates that the future well-being of the Society is in excellent hands and accordingly would favor such a Nominating Committee as was under discussion. He suggested that there be definite provision made to permit each member to insert on a ballot the name of any candidate he might care to select, notwithstanding the nominations set forth by a Committee.

John Brann, after eulogizing the outgoing president and forecasting a successful year for our new president, commented briefly in favor of a

Nominating Committee, mentioning that great difficulty has been experienced by the Executive Committee in the past in tabulating nomination ballots and he concluded with the remarks that he was well satisfied that the Executive Committee had the best interests of all members of the Society in mind when proposing the use of a Nominating Committee.

Ralph McCallum favored a Nominating Committee but believes that the persons considered for nomination by such Committee should be afforded an opportunity to state whether they would desire the office in question or could perform the duties of the office if elected.

Secretary Moran also voiced his approbation of the plan for a Nominating Committee and stressed the fact that in his opinion the Society's Executive Committee had always evidenced the most serious intentions to act for the best interests of all of the members of the Society.

Frank Garbarino suggested that the matter of a Nominating Committee should be submitted to the general membership for determination and that care should be taken to obviate any impression that the members of the Society in New York City are trying to run the Society.

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If the editor may be allowed to express his personal opinions, may he say here that one of the first questions that came into his mind after being admitted as a member of the Society was how could a member living in Arizona, for example, adequately

and conscientiously vote for a suitable nominee for office if such member was not in touch with the actual meetings and activities of the Society during the preceding year. It just occurred to me that John Doe in Arizona would not know just who was most energetic and most sincere and active in furthering the aims and purposes of this Society. Likewise, how could John Doe know who was in a position to accept the duties incumbent upon an officer or member of some active committee. This seems to me to be a practical problem but the response I received to queries was that the Society would not under any circumstances take any action which would in anyway tend to concentrate the reins of control in New York City. Of course, since The Grapevine was inaugurated the members have had better opportunity to visualize those who are actively working in the interests of the Society and possibly who may be in a position to accept positions of trust, and this fact may obviate entirely the need for a Nominating Committee. However, it must be realized that the opinions given at the annual meeting were for the most part of members living in and about the vicinity of New York City and, therefore, as was pointed out by Mr. Manning we should have the reaction of members located elsewhere than New York. So your editor urgently suggests that our many members, wherever they may be located, express their views on the proposed plan of a Nominating Committee. There is no question of the sincerity of those who proffered and sponsored the plan of a Nominating Committee. However, we may sometimes be misguided and unintentionally be sold on a bad project. We want your ideas, criticisms and suggestions for the guidance of the Executive Committee. Remember that regardle

of what has been done thus far, no such plan as proposed could be adopted without the necessary vote of the membership.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Publications Committee, John A. Murphy reported that comments on past issues of The Grapevine had indicated that the general membership was interested in its continuance. He remarked that there is an apathetic attitude on the part of many of our members in the matter of contributing comments, news or criticisms. He felt that in order to mold The Grapevine along the lines desired by the general membership, the Committee should receive some suggestions or criticisms; that it is the earnest desire of the Committee to improve this little publication from time to time. He does not think that proper news and information can get to the many members throughout the country on the basis of contributions received from only a few here in New York. Mr. Murphy reported that the sum of \$21 has been expended to have The Grapevine copyrighted and that this minimum cost has been possible by the efforts of member Lewis Bernstein of New York City. Mr. Murphy also reported that the assistance of Carl Hughes on the West Coast and Bill Conway, at that time in Chicago, had been solicited in order that more diversified material could be obtained.

MEMORIAL FOR JOHN HAAS

John J. Manning offered for consideration that some form of memorial should be tendered by the Society toward

perpetuating the memory of our first deceased member, John L. Haas.

Ralph Navarro suggested that an appropriate form of memorial would be a resolution properly engrossed which would be presented to the mother of John Haas as it would be something appropriate for her to keep as a remembrance. This suggestion was made a motion, seconded and carried. Mr. Bielaski appointed John J. Manning, John Brann and John A. Murphy to serve on a committee to prepare a proper testimonial.

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Al Adams suggested that consideration be given to reimbursement of the secretary of the Society for the many extra hours he puts in on the Society's work. However, Secretary Moran immediately popped up and squelched any possible discussion on this point by remarking that he was perfectly willing and anxious to do what he could for the Society, that the Executive Committee had authorized reasonable expenses for clerical assistance, and that no compensation was desired by him.

SCULLY TURNS OVER THE REINS TO BIELASKI

With the enviable distinction of having served as the first president of our Society, Charlie Scully turned over the reins of control to Bruce Bielaski at the annual dinner with the following remarks:

"Gentlemen: Permit me to congratulate the members of our Society in their selection of Bruce Bielaski as president. You have shown excellent judgment in your choice of a man who I dare say was the most popular Chief

that we ever had. I can say this for I worked under them all.

"I know that under Mr. Bielask's guidance and leadership the Society will continue to grow to greater heights and I am positive that we will never have cause to regret his election, which, as you know, was unanimous.

"I had the good fortune to work under the Chief and no fairer departmental head was ever in command. He was and still remains a "square shooter" as all the old-timers know. Therefore, you can leave here tonight with the knowledge that your organization is in safe hands.

"Mr. Bielaski, I turn over to you the reins of the Society and you can depend on all of us to support you in every way possible.

"Again congratulations."

After expressing his appreciation of the sentiments of the Society members in electing him as president, Mr. Bielaski pointed out that the mainstay of our Society has been comradeship. While the following is not quoted word for word from Mr. Bielaski's remarks, it represents the principal points brought out by him in accepting the gavel of leadership:

I candidly believe that someone from the field should be elected president and not someone who has ridden along on the shoulders of the boys in the field. At any rate I firmly contend that the presidency should not be held for longer than one year by anyone and I think that Mr. Scully has established a fine precedent in this re-

spect, following the renowned policy of the first president of the United States who declined to serve any further terms in office. There is no place in the Society for those who have axes to grind. The members should appreciate the return that comes from meeting their former fellow workers. The spirit should be continued to avoid cliques, envy, etc., which might work to the detriment of the Society. All are on the same basis and each is entitled to the same privileges in the Society. I have not met anyone who has not had something good to say about the Society. I have just returned from a trip throughout the States where I met many members who are well pleased with what the Society has done and what they are getting from the Society, particularly in hearing about fellow members. Each member should strive to get new members. Names should be submitted of all prospects. I hope that the spirit of the Society will never change. It has had a good start. The Grapevine has done much in bringing the members together and keeping them informed of Society doings and of other members. I hope that everybody will feel that it is his own job to see that the Society continues making progress, and that each member will do his share as the officers are expected to do.

The meeting came to a close after John A. Murphy moved that a vote of approbation be given to the outgoing officers as a whole and to the two members of the Executive Committee (M.J. Davis and M.F. Glynn) who served for the past year. This motion was seconded and unanimously carried with accompanying acclamation.

A. BRUCE BIELASKI - PRESIDENT

Some of us, especially the younger members, would like to know more about our new President who guided and molded the Bureau of Investigation from 1912 to 1918 during its embryonic stages when it gained its first measure of success and prestige. To that end, your reporter obtained first hand information from Mr. Bielaski during a most interesting and pleasant interview. You are bound to be impressed with his humane and friendly characteristics, his keen logical mind and genuine sincerity.

Born in Boyds, Maryland, April 2, 1883, son of a Methodist Preacher, Bruce attended grade schools in Piedmont, West Virginia and Washington, D. C., Western High and Business High School in Washington and the George Washington Law School from which he received his LLB in 1904. During his law school training period, he worked in the Government Printing Office. At George Washington College, Bruce captained both the baseball and football teams, starring at shortstop and left half back.

In 1905 he was transferred to the Department of Justice as a laborer and played shortstop on the Department's baseball team. In 1907, after having served as a clerk in the office of the Chief Examiner of the Department of Justice, he was appointed a Special Examiner and sent out on the road to examine the offices of U. S. Clerk, Marshal, U. S. Attorney, etc.

Our first issue of the Grapevine (July, 1938) carries an article written

by Mr. Bielaski wherein he states that the Bureau of Investigation had its inception on March 16, 1909. Two months after that Bruce was appointed Assistant Chief of the Bureau under Stanley W. Finch. Shortly thereafter he became Acting Chief and in April, 1912, was made Chief, which office he held until his resignation in November, 1918.

During this period, the Bureau personnel was considerably greater than it is today. Over 2000 regular Special Agents were on the rolls. The White Slave Traffic Act was placed on the statute books and that required a tremendous amount of investigative work. Extensive bankruptcy frauds, nationwide in scope, were uncovered during this era. In 1914, the volume of work doubled when it became necessary to enforce the Neutrality Act. Many famous and illustrious cases were made under this Act, all testifying to the zealous and enthusiastic leadership of Bruce Bielaski. The older members of the Society can vividly recall those trying days when one sensational case after another was unfolded.

During his term as Chief of the Bureau, Mr. Bielaski also served as a Special Assistant Attorney General and at one time he headed a nationwide investigation resulting in the prosecution of bucket shop operators all over the country who had by this time formed three or four chains and were milking the public of millions of dollars annually. This investigation resulted in raids conducted simultaneously in various cities throughout the country. Nationwide publicity was given to the successful extinction of this line of business and innumerable convictions resulted. In the District of Columbia alone, a total of \$77,000

in fines was collected from these swindlers. Probably the most notorious of the group was George Graham Rice, who suffered his first conviction at this time.

Mr. Bielaski resigned as Chief of the Bureau of Investigation to become Vice-President of Richmond Levering & Co., dealing in oil speculations and royalties. He terminated his connection with this firm in 1922 to enter private practice of law in New York City. During his ensuing seven years of private practice, he was again called upon to serve his country, this time as Special Assistant to the Attorney General to delve into and prosecute liquor smuggling cases throughout the country.

In 1929 Bruce was appointed head of the Arson Department of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and today we find him still on the job, framing the policies and directing investigations of fraudulent and incendiary fires. He has a force of over 100 investigators with representatives and offices in practically every state. He is enthusiastic and intensely interested in his work. He has built up an organization, recognized and admired by his associates. Above all, Bruce is always available and ready to help when he can.

Let's reprint here what "Who's Who" says about Bruce, if we may bear the reproach of having incorporated some repetition:

"BIELASKI, Alexander Bruce, lawyer; b. Montgomery Co., Md., Apr. 2, 1883; s. Rev. Alexander (D.D.) and Roselle (Israel) B.; ed. pub. and high schs.; LLB, Columbian U., 1904; m. Amelia Dodson Benson of St. Michaels, Md., June 30, 1909; children-Alexander Bruce,

Amelia Dodson, Jane, Robert Cary. Be came connected with Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C., 1905; with Bur. of Investigation, Dept. of Justice, 1908-18; had charge of Investigation of German activities in U.S. during World War; admitted to practice before Supreme Court of U.S.; spl. asst. to atty. gen. of U.S. (aided in successful prosecution of liquor smuggling rings), 1925-26; in charge arson dept. Nat. Board of Fire Underwriters since 1929. Mem. Am. Bar Association, Bar District of Columbia and New York State, Columbian U. Alumni Assn. Delta Tau Delta (Nat. pres. 1919, 21 and 23; sec. Interfraternity Conf.; 1922-23, chmn. 1923-24), Phi Delta Phi. Pres. Great Neck Assn. 1929. Republican. Methodist. Clubs: Drug and Chemical, Delta Tau Delta (New York); North Hempstead Country, Oakland Golf. In June, 1922, kidnapped and held for ransom by Indian bandits in Mexico; escaped unaided during third night. Home: Great Neck, L.I., N.Y. Office: 85 John St., New York, N.Y."

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CARL W. HUGHES - WEST COAST EDITOR

Your Editor wrote to Carl Hughes of San Francisco (1404 Hewes Building) asking if he would act as our Editor on the West Coast in assembling and correlating news for The Grapevine. Mr. Hughes replied in part as follows:

"I will be pleased to accept at least temporarily the assignment and will do the best I can to forward you from time to time items that will be of sufficient interest to be published in The Grapevine.

"Personally, I enjoyed the two issues of The Grapevine and from comments made to me by other members of the Society in

"San Francisco, I know they also have enjoyed the publication, and we sincerely hope that it will continue to be a regular service of the Society."

The Publications Committee wants to express its appreciation of Mr. Hughes' acceptance of this assignment, and it realizes that he is a very busy man with heavy responsibilities. It is hoped that our members on the West Coast will cooperate with Mr. Hughes in providing items for publication.

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BILL CONWAY UNDER THE KLEIG LIGHTS.

Once a G-man; Now an A-man

We asked William I. Conway, the blond debonair Lochinvar from Chicago, if he would act as The Grapevine Editor in the Middle West and send us items for future publications. In a jecose vein we wrote "It will be all right to write about yourself if you think you are news." Little did we suspect that almost immediately thereafter our friend Bill would be headlines in the New York City newspapers, with photos, press interviews, etc.

The occasion for the publicity was Bill's appointment as Chief Investigator for John Harlan Amen, former Special Assistant to the U. S. Attorney General, in charge of anti-trust and anti-racketeering prosecutions in New York City. Mr. Amen was recently appointed by Gov. Lehman of New York as Special Prosecutor to investigate law enforcement agencies in Brooklyn, New York. It is estimated that the inquiry will consume about two years.

Mr. Amen announced that his entire investigating and accounting staff will be composed of men who have served

in the F.B.I. Thus far, The Grapevine has heard that Tony Popoleski, Jack Harrigan, John Heilker and Paul Trapani have been selected for the Investigative Staff.

Bill Conway told reporters that he is 38, was born and bred on a farm in Aledo, Illinois; received degrees of AB. from Columbia College in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1924 and LL.B. from Georgetown University Law School in 1929. He is a member of the Bars of Illinois and the District of Columbia and the Illinois and American Bar Associations.

Bill served in the F.B.I. from November 1928 until February 1933, when he resigned to become associated with the law firm of Oscar E. Carlstrom, former Attorney General of Illinois, with offices in Chicago. Since last March, Bill has been in charge of the Chicago office of the Claims Bureau of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives. This is the organization in which Wayne Merrick and nine other ex-F.B.I. men are associated.

A fitting tribute to our friend Conway is revealed in Mr. Amen's comment to the press, "The reason that the appointment has been delayed so long is that I wished to be sure I got the right man, and I believe I got him." He was "endorsed and recommended" by J. Edgar Hoover, Mr. Amen said. Mr. Amen's full staff will total between 80 and 90 men, not including a special police detail.

Your editor managed to get a brief interview with the famous Bill Conway soon after his appointment was announced but the only thing we could get out of

him was an old dry cigar that he had been carrying around since his political campaigning days in Riverside, Illinois. You know, that was something though, because Bill is one of those wise philanthropists who, in a time of famine, would vote for nothing but a supply of toothpicks.

That brings us back to where we started. Bill was asked to give us news for The Grapevine, and if I may be permitted to say so, he has surfeited his most fastidious critic.

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GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC IN RAGTIME

One of our astute members,--his name must remain undisclosed,--has furnished the following excerpts from letters received at a County Relief Headquarters, to point out how sadly the fundamentals of grammar are neglected by many of our populace. Maybe this isn't strictly Grapevine news,--nevertheless, it brings to light the forgotten man, and anyhow--you won't find it published in your local newspapers:

"This is my eighth child. What are you going to do about it?"

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"Mrs. Brown has had no clothing for a year, and has been regularly visited by the clergy."

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"I am glad to say that my husband, who was reported missing is now dead."

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"I have been co-habiting with several officers at headquarters but without results."

"Sirs, I am forwarding my marriage certificate and my two children one of which is a mistake, as you will see."

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"I am writing to say that my baby was born two years old. When do I get my money?"

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"I am sending my marriage certificate and six children. I had seven but one died which was baptized on a half sheet of paper by the Rev. Thomas."

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"Unless I get my husband's money soon, I will be forced to lead an immortal life."

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"My husband has been put in charge of a spittoon, so how do I get my money?"

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"Please find out for certain if my man is dead. The man I am living with now can't eat or do anything until he knows."

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"I am very much annoyed to find that you have branded my boy as illiterate. This is a derty lie, as I married his father a week before he was born."

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"I have no children yet. My husband is a bus driver and works day and night."

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"I want my money as quick as I can get it. I have been in bed with the doctor for two weeks, and he doesn't seem to be doing me much good."

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"My husband had his project cut off two weeks ago, and I haven't had any relief since."

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"In accordance with your instructions I have given birth to twins in the enclosed envelopes."

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GEORGE W. STORCK, who represents the Treasury Department in most of the important projects under way in South Dakota, was in Rapid City, South Dakota, in connection with a nearby project on September 29, 1938, when at about nine o'clock in the evening he was set upon by three thugs, one of whom was a former prizefighter. He was severely beaten, remaining unconscious for forty-five minutes, and lost his wallet, with his government credentials, money, return railroad ticket to Watertown, and his credentials showing his membership in the Society.

He spent a time in the hospital, but was able to pick out the pictures of his assailants in the rogues gallery, as a result of which they were promptly apprehended, pleaded guilty, and are each serving a long term in the penitentiary.

Our congratulations go to George on his quick recovery and completely effective action.

George's temperature, however, is not normal yet and probably never will be, because the Comptroller has charged against his account the price of the stolen return railroad ticket.

George is visiting in New York in connection with an official trip to Washington and looks as well as he did twenty years ago.

The accordionist serenaded our new treasurer, genial RALPH McCALLUM, at the annual dinner with several of Harry Lauder's Scotch tunes. One of them was entitled, "Much can be said of Scotchman if he be caught young." Ralph seemed to be well pleased with the Highland Fling, et al., and was the cynosure of all eyes while the accordion player was squeezing out Scotch swing music. It was not long after Ralph's election as treasurer that his services became unavailable. Poor Mac has been confined for the past three or four weeks to his home because of colds and last of all the mumps. Those of you who can picture McCallum telling a story, can visualize how he would put one across under the disability of the mumps.

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HORACE LEWIS, the old-time "Knight of the Sherman Act" who grew weary carrying the twelve cumbersome volumes of Anti-trust decisions all over the country, with the special pockets he had in his coat to hold the timetables of all the "standard" and "jerk water" railroads which he was compelled to patronize during the course of his official duties, has finally settled down in Somerville, in the good old Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While Horace found it impossible to attend our annual dinner we were glad to hear Charlie Scully read his telegram, "Greetings from New England the land of hurricanes and Republican landslides stop Sorry not to be with you tonight stop Get a kick reading The Grapevine stop It does bring back many fond recollections stop Morrell Woods ex-trust buster joins me in sending best wishes to all."

"Believe it or not" the National Board of Fire Underwriters reports that "MIKE" ALLEGRA, one of our old-timers, was slightly injured last spring by his automobile that was parked in front of his home. Figure it out.

"BILL BLATCHFORD, a "regular" at all our meetings, except the last, appears to grow younger each year. How does he do it? It is rather difficult for many of our younger members to realize that Bill was an active member of the Bureau over twenty years ago.

FRANK COLE, who resides on the street with the twisted name, is another old-timer who rarely fails to appear at the meetings. Frank, as many know, was secretary to one of the greatest Attorneys General of all time, George W. Wickersham.

BILL DANNENBERG of Chicago, who is a regular commuter between the "Windy City" and the "Big Town", will show up at one of our future meetings. Bet he was here for the World Series and was rooting for the Cubs.

At our first meeting TOM DODD of New Haven was the life of the party. We trust he repeats soon.

BRYAN FARRELL of New York City, a former Bureau Bankruptcy expert, is now on Jack O'Connell's staff in the office

of the N. Y. County District Attorney.

JIM FITZPATRICK, the popular member from Charlestown, Mass., honored our meeting with his presence. He was asked to tell one of his famous stories, but said that it was impossible as he had just given the last of them to the soda clerks.

HENRY GRUNEWALD of Washington has repeatedly promised attendance at our quarterly gatherings, but has yet to show up. Now says he will try and make the annual dinner some year.

CHARLIE SCULLY strongly endeavored to slip in The Grapevine a "Rumble" about the Editor's services but the latter successfully resisted with this quotation, "The author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as a mother who talks about her own children."--Disraeli.

SAM WEISSMAN, of New York, appeared very prominent in the photograph taken at the First Annual Dinner which was held at the New York Athletic Club during November 1937. Give us a chance to snap you again.

VIC VALJAVEC is one of the few successful farmers in our midst. He intends to exhibit his non-skid peas at the Trenton State Fair next year. Vic's initials are now on every five dollar

note in use in New Jersey. He was one of the noisiest at our last dinner.

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Rumor has it that our old friend, LEE SEWARD of New Rochelle, N.Y. is seriously considering entering the political arena of Westchester County next year. It's Mayor or nothing in-so far as we are concerned.

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Another old-timer to honor the annual meeting by his presence was MIKE McENANY now engaged as a City Marshal of New York City. Mac was always fond of badges and has been wearing them "nigh onto years." Mike's service in the Bureau extended from 1920 to 1932.

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According to newspaper accounts SAM GIRVICH of New Orleans recently purchased a modernized iron lung which he presented to the City of New Orleans to be used without any cost to any patient who might be suffering from an illness that requires the use of the lung. Up to the time of this presentation New Orleans never possessed this remarkable device. We learn, also, that the machine has been the means of saving several lives up to this time.

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S. OAKLEY VANDER POEL informs our inquiring reporter that should the Society ever consider placing a football team in the field he will play all back-field positions provided "Oscar" Pigniuolo plays both ends against the middle.

CHARLIE LANE, the handsome barrister, was also among those present at the annual dinner. His arrival set all of the old-timers on their feet to shake hands with the former A.C. of Connecticut.

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We find that BRUCE BIELASKI has eleven former Agents of the Bureau with him in the Arson Dept. of the National Bureau of Fire Underwriters: AL. H. PIKE, FRANK COLE, who have supervisory jobs at New York, AL. G. ADAMS, PASQUALE (OSCAR) PIGNIUOLO, MIKE ALLEGRA and AL WEITSMAN, who labor principally in metropolitan New York; WILLIAM GMERECK, in charge at Cleveland, BILL BRAUN, in charge at St. Paul, ROBERT NICKLES, in charge at Jackson, Miss., R. B. SPENCER, in charge at Baltimore, and E.M. BLANFORD at San Francisco, in charge of the work on the Coast.

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TONY TOPOLESKI has resigned from the Division of Investigation of the PWA to join the forces of John Harlan Amen in an effort to "purge" Kings County, New York (Brooklyn to you) of its alleged contaminated law enforcement agencies. "Topsy", with his knowledge of Russian and Polish, and his familiarity with the habits and failings of the Brooklynites, coupled with his innate investigative ability, should prove a valuable asset to the Amen organization.

No doubt most of our members knew Frank M. Parrish, John M. Keith and Henry Anderson Guiler, all of whom recently passed away. Frank Parrish served for 14 years as Special Assistant to the Attorney General at Washington, and during a great part of his service acted in charge of the Criminal Division. At the time of his death on November 2, 1938, he had just completed a year as General Solicitor of the Claims Bureau of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives. John M. Keith, according to newspaper dispatches, took his own life on November 20th after a long period of illness. Those of us who knew John can vividly recall his unbounded energy and determination to work. The Society's secretary sent a note of condolence to Mrs. Keith and mentioned therein that John's unselfish devotion to duty at the expense of his health undoubtedly contributed in a large measure to his death. Henry Anderson Guiler, many will recall, was Special Assistant to the Attorney General under Messrs. Gregory, Palmer and Dougherty, was first head of the N. Y. Anti-trust Division and also first head of the Western Anti-Trust Division at San Francisco. He was outstanding as a gentleman, modest and unassuming, brilliant and successful in his work. He passed away on Monday, November 28th. While none of the above was a member of our Society there were many who knew them and their good qualities and their loss is grieved by all of us.

Many of the members who attended the annual dinner at New York on November 12th made long trips from out-of-town and certainly we would be amiss in not mentioning that their interest and enthusiasm in the Society's affairs is commendable. We cannot recall them all off hand but JOHN MOWRY came from a little burg known as Marshalltown in Iowa. SID PFEIFER came from Buffalo, LES CARVER, GEORGE WOLF and ERIC PETERSON from Washington and WALTER LEWIS and FRANK GARBARINO from Atlantic City.

MORTY DAVIS was appointed manager of the Adjustment Bureau of the New York Credit Men's Association on October 20th. He is also assistant secretary of the Association and for several years had served as assistant manager of the Adjustment Bureau. Morty has gained for himself quite a reputation in credit circles having handled many important re-organizations and adjustments. Before joining the staff of the Adjustment Bureau in 1928, Morty served as assistant to the counsel of the Fraud Prevention Department of the National Association of Credit Men. He is to be congratulated upon his steady rise to fame.

We have been wondering why we did not see our old friend DAN DWYER at some of the meetings. We know that keeping his eagle-eye on the Pullman Company's rolling hotels and their staff requires lots of time and energy but we still hope to see or hear from DAN by the time our next meeting rolls around.

LES CARVER, our member from the volunteer state put in his first appearance at the annual meeting. He appeared jovial and plump and we found that he still has that knack of delivering the perfect speech in his customary suave and dignified manner. "His words, like so many nimble and airy servitors, trip about him on command."-Milton.

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We missed the two VANDER POELS, S. OAKLEY and W. HALSTEAD, at the annual meeting. Some of the old-timers, who had not attended previous meetings, were looking for them to exchange reminiscences of 1913 to 1921.

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HARRY JENTZER seemed to be having a good time at the annual dinner renewing acquaintances with some of the old boys he had not seen in a long time. Harry is still the same amiable chap that we knew when "Harry and Rosie" were active members of the New York Office during the regime of Charlie DeWoody.

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Some jokester, evidently a member of the Society, apparently tried to arouse some consternation among the officials of the Society by sending in a first page clipping from the Boston Post of November 14th, which bore headlines depicting that John J. Manning had arrested James Fitzpatrick on a charge of setting incendiary fires. Now it is true that we have two astute members bearing those names but alas, dear members, we found that the photo-

graphs of Manning and Fitzpatrick did not bear a 'semblance of justice to the two "Deau Brummels" of our Society who bear those names. We say, however, give a warning to Jim Fitzpatrick, since he comes from Boston, that he should be on guard in view of the prankster in our Society whose methods may eventually get him in trouble.

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NELSON ZIMMERMAN came down from Buffalo to attend the annual dinner. We noticed that he did not take along his charming little wife. Probably Zimmie and some of the other recent benedicts had a hard time getting away from their better halves since we held this dinner on a Saturday on which night, by custom or convenience, most of our younger couples want to be together.

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Very shortly the Society expects to have as one of its members CHARLES P. PRAY of Portland, Oregon, who served in the Bureau from August, 1910, to December, 1916, and is now Superintendent of the Department of State Police of the State of Oregon. He has held this office for the past seven years and we understand that he has established an enviable reputation in maintaining a non-partisan police force whose work has been the subject of much favorable comment.

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LOU WALE resigned as an accountant in the Securities Exchange Commission to take over new duties on November 1st in the Claims Bureau of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives. Lou likes his work and wants to go to

town on rounding up fraudulent and fake claimants.

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Among the new members attending the annual dinner in New York were ROBERT E. A. BOYLE, who served in the Bureau from January, 1935 to June, 1938, and is now assistant manager of the Protection Department of R. H. Macy & Co. in New York under FRANK FAY; J. ROBERT CONROY, who served from July, 1923 to October, 1924, and is now a Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, P.W.A., New York City; VINCENT W. GILLEN, who served from January, 1935 to October, 1937, and presently is an Inspector for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; CHARLES H. LANE, who served from April, 1917 to January, 1919, now practicing law at 80 Maiden Lane, New York City; GEORGE C. LYNCH, who served from June, 1927 to October, 1929, and is now Administrative Assistant in the R.F.C. at Washington, D.C.; AL SCHROEDER (that Al stands for Adelbert), who served in the Bureau from August, 1931, to November, 1936, and is attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad, 1617 Pennsylvania Boulevard, Philadelphia; RICHARD M. STITES, served from January, 1935 to July, 1936, and is now practicing law at 40 Somerset St., Plainfield, N. J.

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Just heard from JOE M. TOWLER, who retired from the Bureau in January, 1937, after serving twenty years. Joe is now handling confidential civil investigations, having established an office at 2528 Blair Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee, and we understand he

is doing very well in his new line of endeavor. As we get it, Joe took one look at The Grapevine, saw the names of some of his old associates and friends and this clinched his desire to join the Society. We expect to have him as a member very soon.

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From the West Coast we hear that our Los Angeles members held a dinner meeting on the evening of December 5th and one of the principal matters under consideration was the initiation of a drive for new eligible members. That meeting was arranged by JOE DUNN and ED HALL.

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On December 13th the San Francisco members held a similar type of dinner. We hope to be able to report more details as to the results of these meetings.

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ED ATHERTON, HOWARD PHILBRICK and ED HALL are associated together in private investigation work, under the firm name of Edwin N. Atherton Associates, with offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The firm frequently employs former special agents in its commitments.

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JOE DUNN is also engaged in private investigative work under the trade style of DUNN INVESTIGATIVE BUREAU, located in Los Angeles. It is our understanding that Joe is doing very nicely.

FRED L. PARKER, the Beau Brummel of the service, made every effort possible to come down from Boston, even going so far as to make reservations at the Hotel Commodore. However, Fred was forced through business to cancel his trip; nevertheless he wired his good wishes.

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The Publication Committee of The Grapevine wants to express its sincere regret that in the list of members contained on Pages 3 and 4 of the October issue of "The Grapevine", the names of E. M. BLANFORD of San Francisco, California, and E. J. JOHNSON of Dallas, Texas, were inadvertently omitted; also, that the address of FORREST C. PENDLETON was given as New York City instead of New Orleans, Louisiana.

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In the interest of economy and to save unnecessary work it has been decided that hereafter the minutes of the quarterly meetings, including the annual meeting, will not be mimeographed and sent out to the members but rather will be included in the various issues of The Grapevine.

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JOHN MOWRY just cannot keep out of the headlines. He came to the annual dinner fresh from a successful campaign in Marshall County, Iowa. We learned that he was elected County Attorney by a vote of over 4 to 1 over his Democratic opponent. Incidentally, John campaigned on behalf of the entire state ticket and it is not too remote to say that he may have had a very instrumental

hand in turning the state Republican in its final selections. John served as a Special Agent in the F.B.I. from 1930 to 1934 and then was attached for a period of two years to the investigative staff of Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey when the latter was breaking up rackets right and left in the "big city". The past two years the lean son of Iowa has been practicing law in his home town of Marshalltown and by now he must be burning the midnight oil preparing for his assumption of official duties as County Prosecutor on January 1, 1939. All of his friends and members of the Society join in extending to John heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a long, successful and distinguished term in office. And somehow we feel rather sure that John, his moustache and all, will rise to political stardom in the future.

It just so happened that at the annual dinner our friend Mowry was the target of all faithful Democrats and we have to admit that John more than held his own. Somehow or other the business of the meeting drifted into lively discussion of the respective merits of Iowa and Missouri with brother BOB REED holding forth on behalf of Missouri. Bob extolled the superiority of everything in his home state from mules to politicians, from farms to institutions of learning. It was finally decided that the two contestants had missed their avocation and they really should have been high-pressure real estate promoters in California or Florida. No matter what question came up at the meeting Mowry seemed to be on the wrong side and now he must realize that the tax of prominence is public censure.

LEON JONE has retired and now operates with his son an avocado ranch in San Diego, California, and is doing very well.

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DAVE GERSHON, former special agent in charge of Salt Lake City, is now Deputy Coroner at San Diego.

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Since leaving the Bureau, SAM BENNETTS has resided in Oakland, Cal. Sam has trouble occasionally as a result of the injury sustained on his round-the-world trip but still retains his cheerful disposition which made him so well liked when in the Bureau.

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EL MONTGOMERY, since his retirement from the Bureau office at San Francisco, has done some private work but is much more interested in watching his two grandchildren grow up.

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CARL ENDRES and TOM GERAGHTY are now with the Division of Investigations, Public Works Administration, at Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively.

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"SHORTY" SPEARS is the proprietor, and is operating in Portland, Oregon, one of the best equipped bowling alleys on the West Coast and is doing a fine business.

DURL G. HANCOCK, former special agent in charge at Omaha, San Francisco and Portland, is with the Division of Investigation, Public Works Administration, in charge of its office at Portland, Oregon.

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WALTER TREADWELL, for many years attached to the San Francisco office of the Bureau is now located with the State Board of Equalization in San Francisco in a responsible position.

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TY RAUBER and JIM McGRATH are with the Home Owners Loan Corporation with headquarters at San Francisco.

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At the annual dinner Charlie Scully asked Veterans Druff and Garbarino to accompany Bruce Bielaski as a guard of honor from among the members to the head-table. But when the zero hour rolled around Bruce proceeded to the chair without any accompanying guard. However, he detected that Messrs. Druff and Garbarino, who possibly had been snoozing, were vainly approaching from the rear, trying to get a vantage point to properly perform their duties, and turned to them asking, "you fellows with me?"

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The Grapevine committee had been seriously considering devoting a little space in this issue to sort of graphically depicting a memorial to the inactivity of most of our members in contributing items. However, as the publication gets to the typewriter, we feel rather encouraged in realizing that we have had many responses from members.

SOLILOQUY ON SILOS
Furnished by Seaman Explain
ing Overleave

Heded "Soliloquy on Silos," the following was printed in "The Observer," ship's paper of the U.S.S. Lexington, with an editor's note that the statement was turned in by a seaman to explain why he was overleave and that names and dates are changed for obvious reasons. Except for those deviations, the statement is repeated as it was submitted:

"U.S.S. LONG
10 Sept., 1938

"From: R.E. Wilson, A/c, U.S. Navy
To: Commanding Officer.
Via: Division Officer 1st Division
Subjects: Overleave, Reason for.

"On Sept. 7, 1937, I left the ship on ten days leave at my brother's farm in Coblerock, Ark.

"On Sept. 10 my brother's barn burned down, all except the brick silo which was damaged at the top by the bolt of lightning which started the fire.

"On Sept. 11 he decided to repair the silo right away because he had to get his corn in it. I was going to help him.

"I rigged a barrel hoist to the top of the silo so that the necessary bricks could be hoisted to the top of the silo where the repair work was going on. Then we hauled up several hundred brick. This later turned out to be too many bricks.

"After my brother got all the brick work repaired there was still a lot of brick at the top of the silo on a working platform we had built. I said I would take it all down below. So I climbed down the ladder and hauled the

barrel all the way up. Then I secured the line with sort of a slip knot so I could undo it easier later.

"Then I climbed back up the ladder and piled bricks into the barrel until it was full.

"I climbed back down the ladder. Then I untied the line to let the brick down. However, I found the barrel of brick heavier than I was and when the barrel started down, I started up. I thought of letting go, but by that time I was so far up I thought it would be safer to hang on.

"Half-way up, the barrel hit me on the shoulder pretty hard but I still hung on.

"I was going pretty fast at the top and bumped my head. My fingers also got pinched in the pulley block. However, at the same time the barrel hit the ground and the bottom fell out of it, letting all the brick out.

"I was then heavier than the barrel and started down again. I got burned on the leg by the other rope as I went down until I met the barrel again which went by faster than before and took the skin off my shins.

"I guess I landed pretty hard on the pile of bricks because at that time I lost my presence of mind and let go of the line and the barrel came down and hit me squarely on the head.

"The doctor wouldn't let me start back to the ship until Sept. 16, which made me two days overleave, which I don't think is too much under the circumstances."

A MEMBER'S IMPRESSIONS
OF THE ANNUAL LINNER

The publications Committee of The Grapevine is very happy to publish a letter dated December 7th which Sidney B. Pfeifer, who maintains offices at 504 Morgan Building, Buffalo, N. Y., wrote to Charlie Scully. It is believed that Sid's impressions are representative of those experienced by many other members.

"Dear Charlie,

"I think I know you well enough to suspect that you will be interested in some of my impressions in attending the annual dinner of the Society in New York last month. It was, as you know, not only the first meeting at which I have been able to be present but also the first time I have had an opportunity to meet again so many of the men with whom we used to work in the New York office of the Bureau during the War.

"My interest in the Society dates back to its founding - an interest which was enlivened by 'The Grapevine', but which was actually stimulated into activity by an itinerant visit to Buffalo of that ambulatory biographical encyclopedia of the Society - John Brenn. In fact, it was John's personal and official importunities which had most to do with bringing me down to the meeting. As I told you before I left that evening, I feel amply repaid for the trip. What a host of memories those faces around the table brought trooping out of the past. The Chief. Do you remember the time a Long Island socialite stated to me

that 'Dielski was in the pay of the Imperial German government'? And when I assiduously embodied the statement in my official report I got it back from Washington with the notation scrawled across it in red 'Investigate this -A.B.B.' That was an assignment! Al Adams - neat, careful, lovable, meticulous Al - to whom we younger men always went when we were stymied. It was he who determined I was to be the Bureau investigator of things Broadway and things feminine. And what a mess of problems and complications that combination brought to my official door! Harry Jentzer, never complete (for me) without his wife 'Rosie' - in those days the only 'lady agent' in the office - or in the Bureau either, for that matter. Victor Valjavec, my partner on my first New York assignment - now a far-flung Jersey farmer. And Morty Davis for whom I think we always had a warm spot because he was the one man who was always sure to give us an argument or an answer. Not the answer, perhaps - but at least an answer. You and I certainly knew him when - and by when I mean when his most notable activity was the successful acrobatic feat of taking shorthand notes while concealed beneath an otherwise occupied bed! I only wish that Pink McCarver and Dan Tatum could have been present to complete the gallery.

"I suppose it is a sign of hardening arteries that through the whole evening I couldn't help thinking over and over again of the men we knew who have gone on their final assignment - men, young and old - Capt. Offley, Dr. Belmund, Dr. Bischoff, Al Willet, John Olney, Joe Tucker, Billy Matthews. I worked with them all - their memory is as keen and poignant and nostalgic to me today as were their striking, diversified

personalities two decades ago. The Society might well consider doing something to perpetuate or at least to record their names and the names of all of those who served and who are now gone for good.

"One final thought and I'm finished. As I came to New York, I couldn't help thinking how strange a fate it is that brings us men together again after all these years. In the hectic days of the War, there was little enough we had in common, outside of the work. There should have been much more and there might have been, long before now - if someone had only thought of it. But the fact that no one did think of it is a strange commentary upon the diversity of our lives and interests. As I looked around the table, I was struck by the fact that there is distinctly a new generation in the service. To me, the outstanding thing about the meeting was the type of the younger men who were present. Certainly few organizations can boast a keener, more alert, more intelligent membership. I am strong for the social side of the Society's activities, because I am frankly suspicious of organizations which have 'isms' in their purposes. However, the thought struck me and persists that to waste the training and mental calibre of such men as these is almost too bad - particularly when, as someone there phrased it, there is so much muddling going on in the world and when there may be active need for men of intelligence and ideas to help us keep what we have.

"See you at the next meeting!

Cordially and sincerely,

SIDNEY B. PFEIFER

WHAT'S YOUR LINE BROTHER?

We want to tell a story about former agents Clyde Ambrose and Elton Watkins. Elton now lives in Portland, Oregon, and maintains his law offices in the Failing Building there. His application for membership in the Society has just been received and we hope to report him as a full-fledged member in the next issue. Clyde Ambrose for some time has been operating as a lone wolf. Clyde is one of those fellows who is investigating all the time - the most casual remark is subject to check and verification. Elton is a rapid-fire, many-worded talker.

About a year after Elton resigned from the service, he was elected to Congress and in his new capacity returned to the Capital City. He was having lunch in the Hotel Washington, accompanied by a lady, when Clyde Ambrose, who also had a lady with him, spied him and came over to join him at the table. Almost as soon as they were seated, Clyde, in his best questioning manner, asked Elton what he was doing at the time. Elton pondered a while and thought the most deceitful answer would be the truth, so he said, "I am a member of Congress." Clyde said nothing. Toward the end of the meal Elton thought to ask Clyde what he was doing. Clyde, without cracking a smile, answered, "I'm a member of the Senate." Whether Clyde ever found out that Elton really was a Congressman, we do not know.

COMMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

"Please advise the secretary of changes in address." Necessity requires this to be reiterated.

A "lost" member is L. Charles Duke, last heard of at Brattleboro, Vt. If any member can furnish his current address same will be appreciated. Several others are temporarily missing, but it is hoped to locate them through other channels. Improper addresses cause delay in receiving Society mail, a slight extra expense for remailing and time and inconvenience to the secretary.

The response to "Prospects for whom addresses desired" (mailed to all members on 10-11-38) was gratifying. Several used the form for suggesting names of additional prospects, which are always thankfully received. Many of the addresses furnished were obtained from telephone books--some were of persons of similar name but not "eligibles", as gathered from their replies. Please do not wait for another form to suggest prospects. Send them in frequently with as complete names and addresses as possible.

Revised invitation letters are now being mailed. All members should know the general contents of the invite letter, which are briefed herein:

Society idea originated in New York City area during February, 1937; was incorporated in New York State during July, 1937; had 175 members on 11-12-38; applicants must have served one year in the Bureau--shall be of

good moral character--and have served with loyalty to the service and to their fellow agents; may apply in person, by mail or through any member; prefer that all prospects complete an application form to be forwarded to the secretary for recording and delivery to the Membership Committee; do not send \$5 with application (may not be accepted and confuses treasurer's records); and that the purpose of the Society is for "the promotion of good will among members."

The preparation of the Annual Directory is being delayed because insufficient members have returned the special form sent to the membership.

On August 1st 28 members had not paid their dues. By repetition of announcements and by personal letters this number has been reduced to 8.

Don't blame the secretary for submitting forms to be completed. They are much more of a nuisance to the secretary in mailing, receipt, compilation, filing, etc.

Work by the secretary is done after office hours. Sympathy is not asked, but your cooperation is desired in lightening the tasks, keeping things working smoothly and in advancing the progress of the Society. So please be tolerant if your letters are not promptly answered and then sometimes by a postal card.

How about some names of Prospects?

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E. K. Merritt, of 212 Mayberry Road, Santa Monica, California, was in the Bureau from January 2, 1935, to August 17, 1937, and left to take a position with the Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica. He finished up his work on September 1, 1938, and we have not learned of his present work.

O'CONNELL REQUESTS
GRAPEVINE INVESTIGATION

During the past month John O'Connell dropped the reins at District Attorney Dewey's office in New York City long enough to take a 15 day cruise to Costa Rica and neighboring ports. We know he relished the deserved respite. The Detective Bureau of The Grapevine, however, received a communication from John that someone representing himself as "The Grapevine" had accused him of having a wife along on the trip and he asked that a discreet investigation be made to track down the culprit.

We are pleased to report at the present writing that through the efforts of one of our best operatives, who was adequately disguised, it has been found that John received a telegram just before the boat departed on November 19th within the honeymooners bon voyage. While the author hasn't been definitely established, serious suspicion is cast on a Society officer.

However, our Sherlock Holmes, we find, hasn't been devoting so much time in finding out who sent the telegram as he has in trying to verify the marital status of John O'Connell. He tells us that for some time now John has been partaking of the endearing elegance of female friendship which, if it has not already borne fruition, is imminent to say the least. And when you think of it,--whoever heard of a bachelor taking a 15 day cruise to the Tropics?

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

February 20, 1939

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10:30 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

SOCIETY OF FORMER SAs

While talking with SAC Brantley he informed that Agent [redacted] of the New York Office saw former Agent [redacted] on February 18 and [redacted] told him the Ex-Agents Association held their quarterly meeting a few days ago; that there were about sixty present; and that Federal Judge Caffey addressed them.

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E. A. Tamm.

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February 27, 1939

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Mr Tolson
Mr Nathan
Mr E A Tamm
Mr Clegg
Mr Coffey
Mr Crowl
Mr Egan
Mr Gurnea
Mr Harbo
Mr Hendon	.....
Mr Jones	.....
Mr Quinn	.....
Mr Nease	.....
Mr Gandy	.....

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Society of Former S. As.

Dear Sir:

[redacted] has advised me that on Monday, February 20, 1939, approximately thirty former Special Agents of the Bureau had a dinner at the Clark Hotel in Los Angeles.

[redacted] who, I understand, was formerly Special Agent in Charge [redacted] was the acting chairman. Other prominent personages at this meeting were J. E. R. DUNN, who apparently talked at some length about the Bureau, and especially concerning it since 1924. He pointed out how much more efficient the organization has been since that time and I understand that in general his talk was very favorable to the Bureau.

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[redacted] also an ex-Agent, and now in the insurance business, was also present. [redacted] who is associated with [redacted] was also active at the meeting.

I am advised that in general there was little to the meeting and nothing derogatory to you or to the Bureau was stated or intimated in any way. Some talk was given about each of these persons assisting one another in finding employment for any ex-Agent who might be known to any of them who is presently out of a position. I am advised that former Special Agent [redacted] was not present at this meeting.

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I thought you would be interested in the above information and I will keep you advised as to further meetings of former Agents in this territory.

MAR 7 1939 Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
R. B. HOOD, UC3
Special Agent in Charge.

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R. B. Hood
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Atlanta, Georgia
May 19, 1939

Mr Tolson.....
Mr Nathan
Mr E A Tamm
Mr Clegg
Mr Coffey
Mr Crowl
Mr Egan
Mr Foxworth
Mr Glavin
Mr Ladd
Mr Lester
Mr Nichols
Mr Quinn Tamm
Mr Tracy
Miss Gandy

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Society Former SAs

On May 18, 1939, [redacted]

[redacted] called at the Atlanta Office and inquired about an organization of ex-Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He informed that [redacted] of his company, whose office is in New York City, informed him of such an organization.

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[redacted] explained that he wanted to employ an investigator for the Mutual Life Insurance Company and that he felt that if he could contact an ex-Special Agent he would have the right man.

[redacted] was informed that this office did not have any knowledge of such an organization.

Very truly yours,

W. L. Listerman
W. L. LISTERMAN, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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March 30, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

[redacted] formerly a Special Agent of this Bureau, now employed under [redacted] dropped by my office this morning. He stated that he had been at Richmond, Virginia, and was on his way back to Detroit; that he was there on information received by [redacted] [redacted] would be kidnapped. He stated that this case was handled by the Bureau but that he was sent down and interviewed the private detective [redacted] of Lynchburg, Virginia, who reported the matter to [redacted] and in this interview got an admission from this detective that he had informed [redacted] relative to this simply to get a job protecting [redacted] and that there was no basis of fact in the complaint. He stated that our Agents had determined this before his arrival at Richmond.

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[redacted] called [redacted] yesterday by telephone and [redacted] told him to stop off in Washington and contact their lobbyists here, who are [redacted] registered at the Raleigh Hotel. They are working on the [redacted] Labor Act. He stated that they are both high pressure lobbyists. [redacted] further advised that there are seven former Special Agents working in and around Detroit, one of whom he could not remember the name of, who is with the [redacted]. The others are [redacted].

[redacted]

He stated that of all the Agents in Detroit, the only one he has ever heard that was continually damning the Bureau is [redacted] and that [redacted] the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. He stated that he has been approached on numerous occasions but has refused to join. [redacted] stated that in the last six months ninety per cent of his work has been the running down of crank letters received by [redacted].

This is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

JAMES S. EGAN

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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New York, N.Y.
September 28, 1939.

Mr Tolson
Mr Nathan
Mr E A Tamm
Mr Clegg
Mr Ladd
Mr Coffey
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Mr Glavin
Mr Crowl
Mr Harbo
Mr Lester
Mr Hendon
Mr Nichols
Mr Rosen
Mr Sears
Mr Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.~~

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Soc of Former SA's

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the September 1939 issue of "The Grapevine", which is a publication of the Society of Former Special Agents of this Bureau. I think you will be interested in the article which appears on the first page of this magazine.

Very truly yours,

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P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

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"THERE IS NOTHING SO POWERFUL AS TRUTH, - AND OFTEN NOTHING SO STRANGE."

It is distressing to occasionally learn of rumors which tend to question the purposes and practices of this Society and while we know of no adequate means of dispelling such distorted ideas, it is felt that all our members should be apprised and stand ready to rebut them. Whatever or whoever may be the source of these fabulous stories, those of us who comprise the membership body know that our principles and spirit preclude any feelings of "anti" of any type. The most assinine and injudicious remarks that could be made of our organization are the branding it as "anti-Hoover or "anti-Bureau." It would seem to be quite as ridiculous to consume space in denying such loose and idle talk but should you have occasion to refute or correct the impression of any "doubting Thomas", you need only to refer to Articles II and III of the Constitution which state:

... "The purpose (of the Society) shall be the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members."

... "The proposed member shall be a man of good moral character and shall have served in the Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice with due fidelity to his oath of office and with loyalty to the service and to his fellow agents."

And we might even add to the above the counseling words of Shakespeare: "Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

It just seems inconceivable that the purpose of our Society, numbering over 250 members steeped with courage, loyalty, and enviable tradition, could be adversely misinterpreted.

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Treasurer	Ralph G. McCullum
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John J. Manning	Wayne Merrick
Charles J. Scully	John F. O'Connell
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Charles A. Silveus - Chairman	
C. J. Scully,	John A. Brann
Frank J. Kilmartin	Louis J. Wade
<u>PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE</u>	
John A. Murphy - Chairman	
A. Bruce Bielski	John F. O'Connell
John A. Brann	

THE MODEL MAN

Here's to the four hinges of fellowship --lying, stealing, swearing and drinking.

When you lie, lie in defense of a woman; when you steal, steal away from bad company; when you swear, swear by your country; and when you drink, drink with me.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT SCHRAFFT'S RESTAURANT, 220 W. 57 St., N.Y.C. May 17, 1939

At the May 17, 1939 meeting a dinner was held prior thereto at 7:00 pm in the Florentine Room. Forty-eight members participated.

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm and was adjourned at 10:40 pm. Those in attendance were:

Adams, Albert G.	Kilmartin, Francis, J.
Allegra, Gaspare J.	Lane, Charles H.
Barbera, Joseph A.	McCallum, Ralph G.
Bornstein, Lewis G.	McDade, Thomas W.
Bielaski, A. Bruce	Manning, John J.
Blomquist, H. A.	Merrick, Wayne
Bocher, Frederick	Miller, Albert
Boyle, Robert E. A.	Murphy, John A.
Brown, Ralph D.	O'Connell, John F.
Carney, Jerome	Parrish, John D.
Cole, Frank	Peterson, Erik G.
Connell, Raymond C.	Pignuolo, Pasquale
Connor, Thomas J.	Rodau, Anatol L.
Cox, Felix O.	Scully, Charles J.
Davis, Mortimer J.	Seery, William F.
Dwyer, Daniel F.	Seward, Lee H.
Fitzpatrick, James E.	Silveus, Charles A.
Garbarino, Frank L.	Smith, Thomas A.
Gessford, J. Douglas	Tracy, Thomas H.
Gillen, Vincent W.	Vander Poel, W. H.
Gregurevich, John J.	Vetterli, Reed E.
Hartin, James T.	Wade, Louis J.
Horan, Matthew J.	Weitsman, Albert L.
Jentzer, Harry J.	Williams, Shelby

The meeting was opened with the remarks of President Bielaski who commented upon the very impressive increase in the Society membership and the apparent good fellowship and social benefits being derived by the members.

New members, or at least members of the Society attending the meeting for the first time, were introduced:

Frederick Bocher	Ralph D. Brown
Jerome Carney	Anatol Rodau
Raymond Connell	Reed Vetterli

James T. Hartin, a former Special Agent in the FBI now attached to the New York Office of the Alcoholic Tax Unit, attended the meeting as the guest of member James E. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Hartin was introduced to all the members attending. An application, by the way, has been filed by Mr. Hartin for membership in the Society. All of those introduced were asked to say a few words, and these were very happily received.

William B. Moran, our efficient and conscientious Secretary, was unable to attend the meeting due to business reasons requiring his presence in Omaha, Nebraska. However, Bill Moran sent a telegram expressing his regret for being unable to attend and this telegram was read by the President. Acting in his behalf, John A. Murphy read a list of members enrolled since the last Quarterly Meeting, namely:

Jerome F. Carney	W. Howard Hoffman
Albert H. Pike	John H. Kenney
William E. Hynam	John H. Hanson
Frederick Bocher	Robert E. Lawrence
Richard T. Saltsman	Ralph D. Brown
	Lewis E. Sawyer

Mr. Murphy also reported that according to the records of the Secretary there were 213 members (without reference to the payment of dues) as of May 17, 1939. He pointed out that on May 8, 1939 Conditional Membership letters were dispatched to 46 applicants who had been approved by the Membership Committee. Of these 46, ten have quali-

fied by paying dues. Providing the remainder qualify the estimated total membership would be about 250. It was further pointed out that in addition thereto there are eight applications recently approved by the Membership Committee, and also there are three applications presently pending before that Committee.

Mr. Murphy read a letter of Mr. Carl W. Hughes of San Francisco, dated March 22, 1939 which had reference to the action of the group in San Francisco to form a Chapter there. This letter also indicated that the group in San Francisco, at the meeting on December 17, 1938, adopted a motion approving the plan of a Nominating Committee.

A letter received from Mr. Chas. Griffen of Los Angeles dated April 18, 1939 was read to the members. This letter contained a report of a meeting held by the group in Los Angeles on April 17, 1939.

Treasurer R. G. McCallum read his reports of May 17, 1939. It is as follows:

Balance on Hand 12/31/38 \$839.38

RECEIPTS 1/1 to 5/17:

Old Members:		
Dues to 4/1/39	3	15.00
Dues to 4/1/40	80	400.00
New Members:		
Dues to 4/1/40	34	170.00
Profit from Dinner 2/15		<u>3.75</u>
		\$1,428.13

EXPENSES 1/1 to 5/17:

December Issue "Grapevine"	10.90
April Issue "Grapevine"	39.73
Membership Booklets	40.80
Memorial - John L. Haas, Dec.	25.00
Floral Wreath - Ralph Navarro, Dec.	7.00
Postage	42.03
Stenographic Service	29.00
Stationery & Printing	11.15
Treasurer's Bond	4.66
Check ret'd - Insufficient Funds	<u>5.50</u>
	\$215.77
Balance on Hand 5/17/39	<u>1,212.36</u>
	\$ 1,428.13

Mr. McCallum also gave a report on the membership status as of May 17, 1939 as follows:

Enrolled Members on 5/17/39	214
New Members since 1/1/39	<u>34</u>
Enrolled Members on 12/31/38	180
Dues paid to 4/1/40	<u>80</u>
Dues payable on 4/1/39 still due	100
Dues payable on 4/1/38 still due	5

Conditional Members Approved 2/10	27
Dues paid and qualified to date	<u>24</u>
Not yet qualified	3

Conditional Members Approved 5/8	45
Dues paid and qualified to date	<u>9</u>
Not yet qualified	36

Charles A. Silveus, Chairman of the Membership Committee, made a report of the activities of the Committee stating that efforts have been made to speed up the passing on new applicants and that he felt sure that in the future applicants would be enrolled in a much

speedier time than has been the case formerly.

John A. Murphy gave the results of the membership vote on the proposed Nominating Committee as follows:

Yes	86
No	3
Blanks	2
Yes & No	<u>1</u>
Total Vote	92

These figures were given to Mr. Murphy by Francis J. Kilmartin, Clerk of the Executive Committee. The ballots were opened and counted at 6:30 PM on May 17, 1939 by Messrs. Scully, Bielaski, Kilmartin, Merrick, Manning and O'Connell. This affirmative vote provides for an amendment to the By-Laws in accordance with the proposition submitted to the members for vote.

A report of the activities of the Grapevine Committee was submitted by John A. Murphy, who pointed out that the April issue cost \$39.73, which comprised clerical assistance amounting to \$25.00, stencils and paper amounting to \$9.23 and postage stamps totaling \$7.50. He reiterated contributions and material for the issue have been few and far between and that it was his belief that "The Grapevine" in order to be really a representative organ of the Society should have items as to members in the various sections of the country and not be the brain child of a few members in New York. He urged the cooperation of all those present, and thru this medium all other members of the Society to contribute whatever items of news or other character they believe of interest for future issues of "The Grapevine."

Charles J. Scully was called upon by the President to state his feelings on the possibility of having future meetings on Saturday evenings, inasmuch as Charlie has been continually "beefing" about Saturday night being a more convenient one for members to come from out of town and if we had meetings on that night there would be a greater attendance. The President remarked that probably Charlie's insistence upon a Saturday night was due to the fact that his wife wouldn't let him out on week days. At any rate, Mr. Scully pointed out the advantages of the Saturday night meetings, principally contending that we would get more out of town members. There was not much discussion of the point and no vote was taken as to the day of the week for future meetings, it being felt that this was something for the Executive Committee and the particular dinner committee to decide.

President Bielaski presented to Charles Scully a Longine pocket watch as a token of appreciation of members of the Society for the faithful and assiduous services rendered by Mr. Scully as first President of the Society. This watch was suitably inscribed on the reverse side in indicating that it was a token from the members. Mr. Scully expressed his profuse thanks for such outward manifestations of appreciation.

President Bielaski called the members' attention to the recent passing of Ralph Navarro, one of the first to join the Society, and he suggested that possibly the members might wish to discuss sending a testimonial letter to the family of Ralph Navarro. Motion was then made and seconded that the Secretary be directed to send a letter

of testimonial to Mrs. Navarro. This motion was carried. Subsequently, Mr. Horn made a motion which was seconded that an embossed resolution be sent to the relatives of Mr. Navarro. This motion was also carried. Mr. Garbarino made a motion which was passed, that hereafter upon the demise of a member the secretary should immediately communicate with each member notifying them of the death.

A suggestion was made by one of the members that an item be put in the next "Grapevine" concerning the "World's Fair," with the thought in mind that some of the members who had planned to come up to New York to attend the Fair on their vacation could so arrange it to also attend the Society's next Quarterly Meeting.

The above constituted the business of the Society at this meeting. Thereafter many of the members present either voluntarily stood up and spoke of some experience they had, while others were called upon to say their piece. John Manning, W. H. Vander Poel, Frank Garbarino, Charles Lane, Lee Seward, Shelby Williams, Harry Jentzer, Ralph Brown, Scotty McCallum, John Parrish, Ray Connell, Jerry Carney and others had something to say.

WAR VICTIMS

AS we go to press, we hear that the conflict across the Atlantic has constrained Bill Moran to cancel a cruise to the West Indies while Mike Glynn who returned to Old Erin recently on a vacation tour, is waiting for brighter skies before he attempts to recross the ocean.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AS will be noted in the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting held in New York May 17th, 1939, the membership at large voted for a Nominating Committee as submitted in the proposed amendment, which now becomes a part of the By-Laws. In preparation for the approaching annual election, the following members have been selected to comprise the Nominating Committee:

Michael F. Glynn, Chairman
Joseph E. F. Dunn
Albert G. Adams
Carl W. Hughes
Thomas A. Smith

Mike Glynn wishes to extend, thru the medium of the Grapevine, an invitation to all members, wherever located, to submit any suggestions they may care to make on nominations. The Committee realizes that its task is a difficult one and they will surely appreciate the suggestions and advices of others.

TWISTER NO. 1:

A trapper in the west meets 3 Indians and wants to ask directions. He knows that a Sioux will always lie and a Crow always tell the truth. He asks the first Indian, "what are you, a Crow or a Sioux?" and gets a fumble. So he says to the others, "what did he say?" The second said, "He says he's a Sioux." The third said, "He says he's a Crow." Who was telling the truth?

(see last page for answer)

RUMBLE S

JOHN MANNING, ESQUIRE, who still responds to the appellation, "Red", was the proud father of a daughter on June 4th weighing no less than 8½ lbs. While John didn't circulate that information very freely, probably because of his reluctance to pass around cigars, we did hear that several of his closest friends, bent upon their supposed ability to forecast results of conjugal relationships, placed side bets totalling \$6.97 that the offspring would be a boy. - - - - - Other family additions we heard of were a son to MR. AND MRS. R. E. A. BOYLE, and a daughter to MR. AND MRS. MORRIS TRAUB; all persons concerned came along fine and healthy.

JOHN MOWRY, County Attorney of Marshall County, Marshalltown, Iowa, wrote to John O'Connell May 16th to complain about some crack in the last Grapevine. Why he didn't communicate with the Editor, we don't know, except that he's an Attorney and from Iowa, which may be sufficient reason. "The Rippling Rythum publication", says John, "otherwise known as 'The Grapevine', needs a good proof reader, or else someone to acquaint the editors with truth as distinguished from fiction." "In the first place," he continues, "Iowa is not a potato state." "I thought I had educated all those foreigners that this is the Tall Corn State." To tell the truth, we have never taken John Mowry very seriously but we do like to give him a little tip or two now and then as, after all, he's a regular fellow and

tries to do what's right. So, if he'll accept this little bit of knowledge, the fact is, Iowa is commonly nicknamed the "Hawkeye" State.

BILL BAILEY, when we last heard from him, was with the HOLIDAY in the Equitable Building, Baltimore, Md. Bill queried as to whether members of the Society would furnish their business telephone numbers to include in the Membership Book issued annually, as this would render some convenience when desiring to get in touch with fellow members in passing thru the City. This seems to be a good suggestion and ought to have serious consideration before the next book is published.

LOUIS DE NETTE, 1101 W. Huisache St. San Antonio, Texas joined the Society on May 29th. He suggested as prospective members, Frank E. Powell, former Special Agent-accountant, at Mansfield, Louisiana where he is receiver for a bank, and Charles E. Brennan of Ft. Collins, Colo. Mr. De Nette is engaged in private investigative work in Texas and the South.

IRVIN B. BRUCE is an Inspector commanding the Detective Bureau of the City of Colorado Springs Police Dept. He joined the Society June 5th.

HARRY J. B. HUGHES is a public accountant and auditor with offices at 60 Wall St., New York. He joined the Society May 25th.

MYRON F. BLACKMAN, who became a member on June 5th, is a Deputy Clerk of Erie County, N. Y. with his office at 7 County Hall in Buffalo.

wonder if you all know that D. E. was a pioneer artichoke racket investigator in his heyday.

LEWIS BAWSER who was enrolled as a member on May 15th wrote from the Elks Club in Omaha, "My only regret is that I have not had the privilege of enjoying "The Grapevine" with its very interesting news items long before this. Thanks, Lewis.

FORREST C. PENDLETON, who operates the National Corporation Service, Inc. of Louisiana with offices in the Whitney Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, tells us that in addition to the twin boys referred to on page 8 of the last "Grapevine" he has two other boys, one 3 years and the other 20. Congratulations, Forrest, and we agree with you that the name of Pendleton gives promise of living on for some time to come. The Pendletons have a summer home in Northport, Maine, on the brim of Penobscot Bay and we hope they have enjoyed the past season in that wonderful country. Mr. Pendleton was reared in Cambridge, Mass. and received his education in the Athens of America. He would like to reunite with some of his former fellow Agents and sends his regards to John Gregurevich, Walter Lewis, George Storck and Charley Scully.

H. J. STICKEN in joining the Society on May 24th wrote that he was coming into the fold "for better or for worse." It's bound to be for the better, we can assure you. Mr. Sticken is a Special Agent in the PWA, 211 Federal Bldg., Omaha, Nebraska. His territory covers seven states and Iowa. My Gosh! !

ROY J. CUSICK, who joined on May 23d, is practising law at 2601 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, California.

JAMES T. ROONEY (joined May 23d) is Executive Vice President of the Chicago Coal Merchants' Association with offices at 130 North Wells St., Chicago, Illinois.

BOB CHAPMAN, has been busy as a bee recently working here and there. He left Bowes & Awtry in Little Rock, Arkansas to join the HOLC in Chicago. Lately, he became associated with the Claims Bureau of the Association of Casualty & Surety Executives and is stationed in Dallas, Texas.

D. E. HALL is associated with Edwin N. Atherton in private investigative work. They have offices at 215 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, and 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal. We

GEORGE C. LYNCH is now with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington, D. C.

LEE F. WARNER is connected with the McGill-Warner Company, printers, bookbinders, lithographers, mapmakers, St. Paul, Minn.

HORACE A. LEWIS operates a real estate and insurance agency under the name of H. A. Lewis & Son, 7 Holland St., West Somerville, Mass.

AL MILLER was bound to get into trouble with that congenial personality of his for he was married to Beatrice Jacobs of New York on Feb. 12th. They honeymooned in Miami and are now residing in Gotham where Al is with the Alcoholic Tax Unit.

With many thanks to CHARLIE GRIFFIN who furnished us with several items about our members in the Los Angeles area, we find that former Special Agents in the Bureau are thus engaged:

GEORGE L. ARMSTRONG AND THOMAS W. HARRIS have been handling all of the accounting cases in the office of District Attorney Byron Fitts of Los Angeles County since he went into office in 1928. GEORGE HOLMAN, R. C. SINGER, and JEFF E. WHEELER are on the D. A's investigative staff.

J. R. BURDGE, EMMETT DALY, CHARLES L. NICHOLS, FRANK M. STURGES, JOHN WHALEN, M. L. RABBITT, and ARTHUR C. WEBB, are engaged in the private practice of law.

In private investigations are JOSEPH E. P. DONN, D. E. HALL, CLARENCE A. PARKER, LUCIEN C. WHEELER, RUSSELL A. MAC TWIGGEN, WALTER A. WEYMOUTH, and JOHN L. MURPHY.

In the Division of Investigations of the PWA are EDMUND J. GELHAN, EDWARD K. MERRETT, and CARLTON J. ENDRES.

T. E. BILLINGS is employed by the law firm of Nourse, Betts & Jones. BLANEY F. MATTHEWS and WILLIAM GUTHRIE hold executive positions with Warner Bros. Studios.

JOHN HANSON is an Executive with the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation at Burbank.

JOHN DENNY is employed by the California State Sales Tax Division; ROBERT E. FERGUSON by the Pacific Indemnity Ins. Co., JAMES E. McGRATH by the HOLC; and L. D. NICHOLS, by the Braun Corporation.

LEON BONE, L. T. PLUMMER, and GEORGE MAYO, are retired.

JOSEPH P. McCARTHY is operating a cocktail lounge and cafe opposite to the entrance of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios.

C. D. WHITE owns a doughnut factory and restaurant. Why not send us a sample, C.D.?

BERT KEEFE, we regret to learn, entered the U. S. Veterans' Hospital at Sawtelle, December 29th last, on account of heart trouble complicated by stomach ulcers. He is now at the Convalescent Hospital, U. S. Veteran's Administration, West Los Angeles, California; we hope for his speedy recovery to normal good health.

We hear that ED HICKEY, formerly attached to the State's Atty's Office in Hartford, Conn. has just been appointed Commissioner of the Connecticut State Police. WILLIAM T. LYNCH has been named Probation Officer for the City Court in Hartford. L. B. REED has been appointed Chief of Police in Kansas City, Missouri.

TOM SMITH of One Park Avenue spent the month of July at Ogunquit, Maine, devoting most of his time to watching the other fellows fish. Tom just can't hear telling fish stories.

RAY CONNELL has changed his law office address from Orange, New Jersey to 516 Bloomfield Avenue, Montclair, N. J.

W. A. WINTERS is Assistant Chief of the Minnesota State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, stationed at St. Paul. Altho Mr. Winters is not a member of the Society, we hope to have him in the fold in the near future.

JOHN C. RIDER, who retired from the FBI on January 1, 1957 upon attaining the age limit of 62, recently inquired about membership in the Society. He is living at 457 Layton Ave. in Pittsburgh.

We deeply sympathize with CHARLES J. SCULLY whose brother William was a recent victim of an accidental death.

JOHN BRANN is now Chief of the guard section of the professional and service division of the WPA in N. Y. C.

HARRY A. DIETZ was recently appointed Deputy Attorney General for the State of California. Successes are coming his way as on August 15th he became the proud father of a baby girl, Cynthia Clyde, who topped almost 8 pounds.

GEORGE L. ARMSTRONG of Buron Fitt's staff in Los Angeles, is vacationing in New York this Sept., where he met his wife upon her return from a European visit.

LEE H. SEWARD spent part of his annual vacation attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars National encampment in Boston, Mass.

BOB REED sends his best wishes and regards to all his friends. Bob seems well set in Kansas City, Mo.

FRANK GARBARINO has returned to his old employer, Uncle Sam, in joining the Division of Investigations of the PWA in New York City.

MORRIS TRAUB was blessed with a brand new daughter, Rita Janice, 7 lbs. 2½ oz. on April 13th. Now, Adelle who is almost six, will have a playmate.

Here is a reprint of a news item in the Bronx Home News of May 28, 1939:

"Hardly Worth Waiting"

Mills of the probate courts, finds G-man James T. Hartin, grind slowly and grind exceedingly fine. Seems he's been waiting ten years for legacy from estate of his great grandaunt, Mrs. Rose McGonigle of Pasadena, Cal. For entire decade, research company investigated potential legatees. Then, last week, at long last, something happened.

From sister Celia in Boston, G-man Hartin, living in Providence, got his share. It was 92 cents (of which Uncle Same claims four)."

During the recent illness of our esteemed friend and member of the Executive Committee MR. J. FRANCIS O'CONNELL we had occasion to visit the office of the New York County District Attorney and were there met by a smiling individual wearing a gardenia. For an instant we thought he was the chap who

operates the World's Fair, but after due and diligent inquiry it was revealed that the wearer of this beautiful flower was none other than M. FRANCIS GLYNN who admitted after a lengthy interrogation that the gardenia was obtained either at a wedding or a christening or something.

While on the subject of the World's Fair, we have been confidentially informed by one of our trusty sleuths that an active member of our Society has been collecting souvenirs at Grover Whalen's big show and that at closing time on May 31st said member had in his collection thirty frankfurter rolls, two lady swimmers, one Indian and an ice box from an Eskimo Igloo. This member says he is in line to furnish our club house, when and if.

FLASH TO COAST MEMBERS !

Keep a sharp lookout for this member should he visit Treasure Island. Description furnished on request.

The following telegram is familiar to some of the oldtimers. "Two Negroes sailed today for Haiti Stop One is dark, but have no description of the other."

BOSS: How many men in New York?
A. C. Eleven
BOSS: Send half of them to Chicago.

Rumor has it that some of our Metropolitan members have joined a sewing circle, which confidentially, meets at the same time as does our Society and of course these knitters must complete their quilts before the cold weather sets in.

Some of our members when asked the reason for their failing to appear at the last dinner gave as an excuse that they were on a diet. Funny what changes take place in a few years time for it is a known fact that many of the same members could dunk horse shoes in stale beer without any after effects.

Meeting DAN DWYER again reminded some of the oldtimers of the days at 15 Park Row. A few new members gave Dan the once over and it might be possible that maybe he had them in the court at Tarrytown for speeding when Dan served as a Judge there.

When one speaker made mention of the Brooklyn baseball club, not a sound was heard and this is probably due to the fact that not one of Bill Conway's troupe was on hand from Borough Hall.

WANTED: Information regarding the whereabouts of JIM DILLON, TUBBY DUNN and VIC VALJAVEC of the old Radical Squad. Certainly, we have their addresses, but they do not seem

to be able to find their way to the meetings; consequently we will try to give them guides in the future.

CARL HUGHES of San Francisco missed our New York City meeting by just two hours. Carl was visiting the next day and this time when calling on CHARLIE SCULLY found him wide awake as he had just reported direct from the dinner meeting to his office.

JOHN O'CONNELL still makes the news. At the time of our last issue, he was suffering from Arthritis and only after a prolonged hospitalization and rest, did he recover his normal health and return to his work as Chief Investigator for District Attorney Dewey. The news this time is something we have been waiting for during the past few years. Yes sir-- John threw away the crutches and all pretense of disability on May 29th to take unto himself a wife, the former Ruth M. Cox, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John J. Cox of Dumont, N. J. John was as cagey as ever about the whole affair - in fact, only his most intimate friends even knew he relished the presence of female elegance. It was apparently a miscue that the newspapers learned of the betrothal and scheduled marriage. We do know that the ceremony was set for May 30th but that it actually took place on the 29th. Will John attempt to explain for his readers why he didn't wait that extra day? Do you have a dislike for memorial services? At any rate, the happy couple spent a

delightful honeymoon in Florida and have made their home in the Hudson View Gardens overlooking the Hudson River near the George Washington Bridge in New York. You both have our genuine good wishes for a most successful and happy married life.

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CHARLEY SCULLY - THE ALL*AMERICAN

Did anyone ever stop to wonder whether this Society was being ruled by a Dictator? If you were inclined to ponder along those lines, the net result would be Charley Scully. However, we know him too well and the fact is, Charley has been doing so much for the good and progress of the Society that we marvel at his ever present good nature and willingness to help. What has he been doing? Well, just to mention a few things, -- he was our first President and one of the organizers of the Society who devoted so much of their time to its formation. He is a member of the Executive Committee, the Membership Committee, co-editor of the Grapevine, manager of the stenciling and mimeographing departments,--and permanent member of all dinner and entertainment committees. He attends all wakes and funerals, listens to every complaint, tries his hardest to get jobs for members, drinks all the beer he can get and spends his vacation vainly trying to catch a fish. If you think he doesn't keep himself busy in the interests of our Society, you're wrong.

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NEIGHBOR: "And what is the reason for house cleaning so early this year?"

MRS. GRABIT: "My two sons are due to arrive home on Saturday."

NEIGHBOR: "On Saturday; why I thought both were sent to jail about six months ago for periods of a year each for bankruptcy rackets."

MRS. GRABIT: "That's right, but they both got time off for good behavior."

NEIGHBOR: "Now isn't that wonderful. You should be proud to be the mother of such fine behaving sons."

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER

At an Executive Committee meeting held in New York, April 14, 1939, the petition of the members in the San Francisco area for authority to form a chapter there, was unanimously approved. Thereafter the members in San Francisco chose CARL W. HUGHES and JOE E. SCHOALES to be their Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

The Executive Committee at a meeting on August 2, 1939, unanimously approved a petition of members in the Los Angeles area for authority to form a Chapter there. JOSEPH E. P. DUNN and CHARLES GRIFFEN were selected by the members as Chairman and Secretary respectively.

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IN MEMORIAMJOSEPH A. BARBERA

The passing of Joseph A. Barbera during the month of June was indeed a severe shock to his many friends in the Society, many of whom had the pleasure of greeting Joe at his first and last appearance at the quarterly meeting held during the month of May in New York City. At this meeting Joe appeared to be in excellent health and a number complimented him on his showing.

Joe Barbera was a friend to everyone and better still he was a sincere friend to those who knew him. Joe never failed to aid a distressed member and he was never known to say "no" when a favor was requested.

After his appointment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation he was assigned to the Radical Squad where he made an enviable reputation in ferreting out anarchists, reds and others of similar type and his advices were sought for on numerous occasions by State and Municipal authorities, as Joe's knowledge was so vast that it became known that he could locate a man more expeditiously than many of his associates. Joe's fame spread so far that it was his lot to be drafted from the D.J. to the Dept. of Internal Revenue with which branch of the Government he faithfully served until his untimely death.

Joe never had an enemy, even among those that it was his duty to apprehend and the only event in which he caused sorrow was leaving his host of friends at the call of his Maker.

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H. J. KNEEN

Regretfully do we announce the passing of another member, Mr. H. J. Kneen, on May 27, 1939 at Los Angeles. He was graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 1924, practised law for a short time at Red Oak, Iowa and entered the Bureau service in 1926. He served as a Special Agent and in an Administrative capacity in the Bureau until 1936 when he was forced to submit to hospital treatment at Sawtelle, California, due to a faulty heart condition. During his Bureau service, Mr. Kneen gained a legion of friends and was respected for his keen mind and congenial personality. His loss is sincerely grieved and it is our fervent hope that he will merit Eternal favor.

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HARRY LESLIE

The passing of Harry Leslie will occasion a great deal of sorrow among the membership of the Society generally because there are probably few members who have not been personally acquainted with Harry and certainly none who has not heard of him. I question seriously whether there ever was a Special Agent of the Bureau who was held in greater esteem or more affectionate regard than Harry, and if anyone ever had an unkind

word for him or a comment reflecting unfavorably on his character, ability or manhood it never reached my attention. In a type of work as highly competitive in many respects as was his, it seems inevitable that someone would sometime feel disposed to criticise but none of my acquaintance every heard a whisper of criticism of Harry. If that is not a most exceptional tribute to the character of the man then I can think of none better.

As one of the many rookies in the service who were assigned to the New York office without a knowledge of the myriad complexities that are New York I gratefully acknowledge the assistance that, drawing generously upon his knowledge of the city, its customs, its people, and of the Bureau's work, he gave to me. I marveled then, and do now, at the excellence of his ability and the innate fineness of his character which, always without ostentation, impelled him to help so many Special Agents - not all of them rookies - over the rough spots.

That he was not a member of the Society is due to the fact that, since he was on disability retirement from the Bureau due to the condition of his health and since he hoped to return to active duty status, he did not consider himself eligible for membership. He expressed a definite interest in the Society, admired its aims, and shared a friendly acquaintance with most of its members in the New York area. He regretted, as we did, that for the reason indicated he felt that he could

not join. We knew that in spirit he was one of us.

Therefore, as one who cherished the friendship of Harry and will always treasure its recollection, I feel that it is meet and proper to suggest that all of his friends in the Society and they are legion - say a prayer for the repose of his immortal soul.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

JOHN F. O'CONNELL

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FROM THE FAMILY OF OUR LATE MEMBER
JOHN L. HAAS

"37-59-84th Street
Jackson Heights,
Long Island

"To Members of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc.

"Gentlemen:-

"On behalf of Mrs. Marie S. Haas, Dr. Charles J. Haas and myself, we wish to acknowledge receipt of the book so thoughtfully compiled by members of your association, in memory of John L. Haas. Mrs. Haas, his mother, particularly appreciated your thoughtfulness and expressions of real good sincere friendship which we all know existed among his former associates in your splendid organization, and of which John was so proud.

"Therefore, we wish to extend to you all, our heartfelt appreciation and assurance, that this book will al-

ways remain one of our most cherished possessions."

"Most sincerely yours,

"Gallus M. A. Hoas

"May 22, 1939."

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GROUP INSURANCE?

The question of group insurance for the benefit of widows of deceased members has provoked some recent informal discussions, and on that point we can quote a pertinent portion of the minutes of the Los Angeles group meeting held on June 26, 1939:

"David E. Hall informed the group that one of our members, H. J. Kneen, passed away on May 27, 1939, and stated that he felt something ought to be done by the organization to take care of widows of the deceased members immediately after their deaths. He made a motion that a recommendation be made to the National Society that consideration be given to some plan, either on the basis of a prior assessment of \$1.00 per member, or an addition to the membership fee to take care of widows at such a time, the idea being that immediately upon notice of death, some sum, possibly based on the figure of \$1.00 per member, be sent to the widow, and that such assessment and payment be made retroactive to the date of the organization of the Society. Motion was seconded after considerable discussion, and was unanimously carried. There was also some discussion about the possibility that this situation might be taken

care of by a group insurance; however, no motion was made as to this matter. It was also suggested that it might be handled by voluntary payment in advance, so that there would continually be a fund on hand to take care of situations of this kind."

The question of group insurance or other method of providing for widows will be discussed at the meeting at New York on September 21st, 1939.

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QUARTERLY MEETING -- September 21, 1939

Don't forget the meeting and dinner scheduled for September 21st at the New England Room in the Lexington Hotel, 48th Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. The dinner is set for 6:30 PM and the meeting at the same place at 8:00 PM. The price of the dinner is \$2.25 per member. If you cannot get to the dinner, come to the meeting, if at all possible. Wayne Merrick had charge of making arrangements at this new location and your editor seems to have assumed the title of Propaganda Minister. Anyhow, that is getting to be a rather common title now-a-days. Let's have a big turnout.

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MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

On January 1, 1939 there were 180 duly enrolled members in the Society. On May 17th, the total enrollment was 214, an increase of 34. At the date of this writing, August 22nd, we have 247 members. Your editor gives these figures subject, of course, to the more meticulous calculations of Treasurer Ralph McCallum.

Those enrolled since January 1st include:

Robert E. Lawrance	San Francisco, Cal.	Byrd Douglas	Nashville, Tenn.
Remington Stone	Los Angeles, Cal.	Harry J. B. Hughes	New York, N. Y.
Anatol Rodau	Huntington, L. I.	Emmet Daly	Los Angeles, Cal.
Charles P. Pray	Portland, Oregon	Robert E. Ferguson	Los Angeles, Cal.
Elton Watkins	Portland, Oregon	T. Elton Billings	Los Angeles, Cal.
William L. Phinney	Manchester, N.H.	John H. Hanson	Los Angeles, Cal.
Lee S. Reed	San Francisco, Cal.	Robert E. Nickles	Jacksonville, Fla.
John D. Parrish	New York, N. Y.	Edward K. Merritt	Santa Monica, Cal.
Justin H. McCarthy	Chicago, Illinois	Joseph H. Bishop, Jr.	New York, N. Y.
Frank J. Brechenser	Salt Lake City, Utah	H. R. Philbrick	San Francisco, Cal.
H. J. Kneen (dcd)	Los Angeles, Cal.	Louis De Nette	San Antonio, Texas
Joseph M. Towler	Nashville, Tenn.	Claude P. Light	Markersburg, W. Va.
E. B. Hazlett	Nashville, Tenn.	Eugene W. Berry	Los Angeles, Cal.
Albert M. Reilly	Clifton, N. J.	Ray J. Cusick	Los Angeles, Cal.
Thomas J. McGee	New York, N. Y.	John L. Denny	Los Angeles, Cal.
Robert M. Austin	Washington, D. C.	George R. Mayo	Los Angeles, Cal.
Paul M. Trapani	New York, N. Y.	Robert C. Singer	Los Angeles, Cal.
Joseph E. Bayliss	Omaha, Nebraska	W. A. Weymouth	Los Angeles, Cal.
Ralph D. Brown	New York, N. Y.	John A. Whalen	Los Angeles, Cal.
Max F. Burger	Chicago, Ill.	Lucien C. Wheeler	Los Angeles, Cal.
Joseph M. Toliver	New Orleans, La.	H. J. Sticken	Omaha, Nebraska
Eugene M. Ward	Buffalo, N. Y.	Gerald Holdridge	Baltimore, Md.
Max H. Wesson	Spokane, Wash.	John H. Kenney	Bellevue, Wisc.
Max M. Schaumburger	New Orleans, La.	Myron F. Blackman	Buffalo, New York
Hugh M. Wilkinson	New Orleans, La.	Irvin B. Bruce	Colorado Sprgs. Col.
Carlton J. Endres	Los Angeles, Cal.	W. Howard Hoffman	Dayton, Texas
Raymond C. Connell	Orange, N. J.	Lewis E. Sawyer	Omaha, Nebraska
Robert S. Judge	New York, N. Y.	Richard T. Saltsman	Carrollton, Ohio
Roland P. Monson	Washington, D. C.	Frederick Bocher	White Plains, N. Y.
Thomas A. Donaldson	Cleveland, Ohio	William E. Hynan	Washington, D. C.
		James D. Rooney	Chicago, Ill.
		Albert H. Pike	New York, N. Y.
		Jerome F. Carney	New York, N. Y.
		Leslie J. Kunz	New York, N. Y.
		Clarence A. Parker	Los Angeles, Cal.
		La Verne M. Watson	Los Angeles, Cal.
		Edward B. Hubley	So. Pasadena, Cal.
		George T. Holman	Beverly Hills, Cal.
		E. M. Kreiger	Los Angeles, Cal.
		Frank M. Headley	New York, N. Y.

In addition, there are several applicants for membership who have been, or are being considered, but these will not become duly enrolled members until payment of dues is made.

There is no question but that the steady growth of the Society membership reflects the genuine and loyal interest which so many of our members take in the Society's welfare and progress. Passing along a word or two about the Society's existence, its purpose and function, has brought most of our members into the fold. However dubious some may feel about the matter, there are unquestionably scores of former Special Agents of the Bureau who are unaware of our Society's existence but would be eager to join, if shown the light.

Our President, Bruce Bielaski, has very clearly indicated his intense desire to see our membership grow; therefore, it must be gratifying to him and to the others who also put their shoulders to the wheel, to note the steady flow of new applications and enrollments. Particularly pleasing is it to point out the substantial increase in members on the West Coast; mere reference to the list of new members from that locality since the first of the year will prove this. The enthusiasm and "go-getting" qualities of our boys at the Golden Gate and vicinity demands the congratulations of the membership.

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DUES

The subject of dues inevitably comes up. Some of us, principally thru oversight, neglect to send along the annual five dollars dues. In fact, at the present writing, there are fifty-five delinquent members. Five of these have not paid their 1938 dues. While the Executive Committee is empowered

to take action with a view to dropping from membership those who are excessively delinquent, it has indicated a reluctance to do this. Therefore, it seems only fair to all concerned that members in arrears since April 1st should communicate with the Treasurer or the Executive Committee and make known their intentions.

JOE TOWLER of Nashville, Tenn. has been seriously ill and two major operations kept him in the hospital for some two months. However, he is recuperating now and appears to be well on the road to recovery. His associate, "Babe" Hazlett has just been appointed by Governor Prentiss of Tennessee to head a special alcohol tax unit in the State, operating directly out of the Governor's office. Best wishes "Babe" for a high degree of success.

BILL BAILEY, according to our latest information, has a special assignment in Atlanta and appears to be in the best of health and full of enthusiasm. FELIX COX is now stationed in Atlanta and hopes to be with us at our next meeting.

CAPTAIN SAM GURVICH

I wonder how many of us know that Sam Gurvich, in addition to performing his duties as Superintendent of the Gurvich System engaged in investigations, protection service and the like, with offices at 309 Pan-American Building in New Orleans, La., is also head of the New Orleans Private Patrol Service, Inc., and has devoted much of his time to saving the lives and boats of fisherman and pleasure-seekers on Lake Pontchartrain. We have learned of many of his recent daring rescues made with his patrol power cruiser. Mr. Gurvich inaugurated the lake patrol primarily as a service to the public but he hopes to develop it into a commercial patrol and tender system eventually. Yes sir; he is a full fledged Captain and our latest news is that he recently bought a new 30 foot cabin cruiser to augment his lake patrol facilities; and what's more, he plans to install a ship-to-shore telephone service to insure speedy contact with the shore and quick rescues.

You have our congratulations, Sam, on performing such a noble public service.

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A TRUE FISH STORY

Any person possessing sufficient patience can eventually land a fish. Consequently, when one makes a fair catch it should not be broadcast from the housetops; nevertheless, when a member of our Society brings out of the briny deep a number of articles that rightfully belong on land, it should not go unnoticed.

On a bright sunny day early in July, Anthony Topoleski, accompanied by two companions, (whose names for obvious reasons are hereby omitted; otherwise we would be without witnesses), set sail in a two-oar power boat and Tony on his first casting caught a bedspring, but led again and this time had a tussle in order to bring back his sweater, then to make things go a bit faster, he kicked over the bait trap and would have rescued his minnows, but lost the oar.

Tony next lit his pipe and after meditating for more than an hour opened up his fishing bag and brought forth what he claimed was a fried chicken, although we have, from a fairly reliable source, learned that it was a sea gull, but he, (Tony, not the sea gull) was really angry by this time so refused to share his bird with his companions, but used the breast for bait. Now, you erst-while fisherman listen to his tale of results. Twelve flounders, six Sea Bass, five Blue Fish, seventeen Crabs and a can of sardines. Tony reverted to his real liberal self and as soon as he landed on the shore only after slipping overboard twice; he immediately set out to share his spoils with his friends and in his gesture of good will he saw to it that Bill Conway of Borough Hall, Brooklyn received a bountiful share.

Should any of the members have an interest in fishing, deep sea, lake or otherwise, Tony has promised to instruct them in the art of catching. He uses a pole which was originally in the possession of one of his fore-fathers and it carries two coat hooks and a bottle opener.

CAREFUL SELECTION OF MEMBERS

During the formative period of the Society much time was devoted to a consideration of the advisability of rapid expansion in the size of the organization and it was very evident that all the organizers felt as one that the greatest degree of success would be achieved by being selective and discriminating in accepting new members. That the members generally feel a definite pride in the present size of the Society and in the rapidity of its growth is, obviously, a fact; that prestige usually varies in direct proportion to size, can not be denied; and that the Society should ever seek the greatest good for the greatest number of former Special Agents is too true to question. However, it must always be remembered that there are standards by which prospective members' qualifications must be measured and to which they must conform to entitle them to the honor of membership. The Constitution is definite on that point and rightly so. A few poor selections may well ruin the standing of the Society and it behooves every member to see to it that he takes seriously the duty of going on record where his failure to do so would or might result in the acceptance of some applicant unworthy of the Society and of its objectives. That the Committee on Membership should ascertain whether an applicant should be accepted is, of course, true - and that it should be painstaking, fair and firm is equally certain-but the duties of that Committee in no manner relieves individual members of their obligation in the matter. The reluctance of many members to go on record against former associates is not hard to understand if seen alone, but,

considered in the light and understanding of each member's obligations which are incidental to membership, it cannot be defended. It is axiomatic that no member can take out of the Society what is not put into it either by himself or some other member.

The point of this is that the Committee on Membership can perform its functions properly only if its members take pains to know whether applicants actually are qualified for membership, bearing in mind that the burden of proving his qualifications is on the applicant, and in order that the Committee members may have knowledge of all pertinent facts the individual members having such knowledge must realize and act upon their obligation to impart it to some member of the Committee. Only in this fashion may the objectives of the Society be attained.

JOHN F. O'CONNELL

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TWISTER NO. 2.

A man is at some point between a factory and a mountain. He sees the whistle blow and 2 seconds later hears it. 6 seconds after he sees the whistle blow he hears the echo from the mountain. Is he nearer the factory or the mountain?

(see last page for answer)

We get GRAPEVINE news by
hook or crook

For over a year now a guy by the name of Murphy has been hollering for news material for the Grapevine. He has begged for it, eked it out of the bashful, implored the correspondents in the remote sections, threatened the rabble in New York, and after the smoke has cleared he generally manufactures half of the news anyhow. So sedately yet sincerely he has regularly beseeched the members at each quarterly meeting to contribute to the news fund, but the response has been weak and dismal. He has threatened to resign but hasn't, although at the snail's pace he's going now in publishing the Grapevine, his days as Editor are numbered. However, he says he has struck upon a system which guarantees news. All that he does is to take a left jab at one of his friends or enemies in the "Rumble" section of the Grapevine, and pronto he gets a repercussion. He accused JOHN MOWRY of raising mashed potatoes in the "corn husking" State of Iowa and promptly came a vehement denial with all kinds of specifications from the Astute County Attorney. He queried in the last Grapevine issue as to whether W. EDMUND PETERS still cavorted with his famous wax mustache and "Pete" retorted thus: "if anyone gives a damn, I take pleasure in advising that I still have it, and, what's more, my present hobby is collecting moustache cups. And if anyone wants to make anything out of it, I'll meet them on the village green any morning at sunrise." Well now, about that last crack, Pete, we have our doubts. That's really too early for you to get up and risk your mustache and anyhow it has been raining

here for weeks. By the way, we learned that Pete formed a partnership on May 1st with JOEL H. SHARP in the practice of law with offices in the Gurney Building, Salem, Ohio. Hope you have lots of luck -
Quod erat demonstrandum -

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DENVER, COLORADO

"June 30, 1939

"I was very pleased to receive a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hubert S. White, former Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at my home early this month.

"Mr. White is at present Chief Investigator of the Investigative Service conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

"I had the good fortune of working under him for eight months while stationed in Philadelphia in 1920 and 1921.

"At the time of his visit I was bed-ridden and was unable to take them around and to show them the sites around Denver but they promised that they would pay another visit to Denver in either August or September at which time I hope to be able to take them around a bit.

"In reading the 'Grapevine' there is so much activity going around New York and Los Angeles that I welcome the opportunity to show that there is some activity around Denver and I hope you will see fit to give some note of

this in the next issue as Mr. White was well known and liked by members of the Department during the early 1920's. He followed the same route that I did in resigning from the Department and going with the National Association of Credit Men, and was in charge of the office at Richmond, Va.

"L. J. BARKHAUSEN"

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ELMER DEEN applies for
MEMBERSHIP

We are quoting a letter dated June 23, 1939 received by Charles Scully, President Emeritus, from E. Elmer Deen of Philadelphia who applies for membership in the Society.

"Dear Mr. Scully:

"I would like to join your Society at once. I am 68 years of age and would have been in the Army, but I am against all wars. I do not like the Navy either as I get seasick.

"I am married, but not now as my wife is away for the Summer, so I hereby make application for a membership certificate for your club which I read about in a South Bend newspaper which I found in a street car in Chicago.

"I do not look as old as 68 years and all my friends think I am only 40, but I take good care of myself. I have a nice voice and once sang in the Glee Club, so I can get a group of singers together and after

I train them, you will be surprised. I can have them ready in thirty days. I also do a little magic and can ride horses, but not every day.

"The reason I want to join your affair is that I am a good shot and fond of children, but never had any, although my wife said she did at one of her former marriages.

"I served with Child's Kitchen Police during the last war and held a record for shelling peas, but still I do not like fighting.

"A number of your members know me for at one time I was a bartender in a speakeasy near the Federal Bldg. It was on LaSalle Street and I think you went there. Remember the big good looking chap with the busted nose and the chopped ears. I was younger then than I am now.

"Now that I have given you my reference please send me one of your admission forms as I will make a good member.

"I am now employed in the old clothes business, but make a specialty of counting up stray cows in the stock yards and I am also very good in replacing broken window panes and besides that I am very handy.

"If you do not want me don't send me an application.

"Yours fraternally,

E. ELMER DEEN
P. O. Box 103
Philadelphia, Pa."

"OUR GO-GETTER"

When an organization runs on the rocks and someone comes along and gets it off and starts it functioning effectively again, he is reasonably sure to be proclaimed a hero. But when some fellow has a job with an organization and does it so thoroughly that no one is even prompted to inquire how it is done, he rarely hears his praises sung.

Possibly no feature of our Society has given more widespread satisfaction and more genuine pleasure to the membership than the Grapevine. To those who see it produced, the Grapevine is just another name for John A. Murphy. The labor involved is immense and no greenhorn at such work would have the skill which the finished product shows.

John came to the Bureau in 1930 and served until January 8, 1938. During this time he was in Chicago and St. Louis, but the greater part of his time was devoted to work out of the offices of Trenton, New York, and Boston. Before entering the Government service, he practiced law at Boston and holds an A. B. from Boston College and an L.L.B. from Boston University. As if in preparation for his present work, he was editor of the college publication and during the period (school days) when he worked as a purser on the Fall River Line he had charge of a publication for that outfit.

He loves tennis and must be pretty good, for he entered a tournament in Jackson Heights some days ago and his first opponent has not yet shown up for the match.

His days as a purser schooled him in the great American game of poker and his ability in this direction is well recognized by his friends.

He is very handy with tools and he made himself a number of articles of furniture, prominent among which is a folding poker table for eight.

He has just recently purchased and is about to move into a fine new home in Manhasset and any who are interested in helping him get it paid for are invited to come out to Manhasset for a little poker at any time. He is married and has one daughter. His associates in the Society enjoy working with him, particularly because he does practically all of the work on any job or committee on which he has a part. It is a great thing for the Society to have a man like John, able and willing to do the work which makes the Grapevine possible.

Incidentally, this is one feature of one Grapevine about which MR. MURPHY will first learn when he reads it.

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FRED PARKER GUIDES LIBERTY
MUTUAL'S PERSONNEL ACTIVITIES

So quiet and unassuming is our genial member FREDERICK L. PARKER, that we would hardly learn of his continued success in business, were it not for an account we read in a recent publication. "Down East", in the hub of the Universe, good old Boston, Fred heads the personnel staff of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. One of the largest of its group, having a staff

of more than 3,000 carefully selected men and women. Bearing in mind that a business organization no stronger than its component personnel, the management of the Company inaugurated a new plan and progress at the first of the year designed to improve the personnel system and ultimately assist the employees. It is gratifying to the membership to know that Fred is accomplishing excellent results in administering the program and we hope for his continued success.

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Take your age, multiply by 2, add 5, multiply by 50, subtract 365, add the loose change in your pockets under a dollar, add 115.

NEWS

The first two figures in the answer are your age and the last two, the change in your pocket.

FROM

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NON-CONTRIBUTING

ANSWER:

- 1 - If the first had been a Sioux he would have said "Crow" so the first must have said "Crow"; the second lied and the third told the truth.

MEMBERS

- 2 - Half-way

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
September 12, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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[redacted]
[redacted] a former Special Agent who, from a card, is apparently a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., called at the office on September 11, 1939 and inquired as to what possibility there might be in the future of obtaining work with the Bureau, at least during the period of national emergency.

He was informed that the usual requirements are still in effect and so far as is known there will be no change in them. He stated that during the World War he was stationed at Long Beach, California, in a very responsible position with the Bureau in connection with the control of the harbor and ship building there.

This is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 31, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

With further reference to my memorandum dated July 25, 1939 regarding the letter from [redacted] inquiring as to the Society of Former Agents. I desire to advise that I talked to Mr. Brantley about this and told him to contact [redacted] immediately upon his return to Kansas City, and confidentially inform him the character of the Society of Former Agents of the FBI. Brantley stated that he would do this.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Nathan
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Coffey
 Mr. Crowl
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Foxworth
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Lester
 Mr. Quinn
 Mr. Tracy
 Miss Gandy

PITTSBURGH, PA.

June 10, 1939.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During the course of an investigation in the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Special Agent [redacted] assigned to this office, met [redacted] who described himself as a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, now employed as [redacted]

[redacted] exhibited to Agent [redacted] a membership card with the name [redacted] typed thereon, indicating that he is a member of the "Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation". The card was countersigned by [redacted] along the lefthand side, and also bore the signatures of A. BELASKI as President, and WILLIAM B. MORAN as Secretary of the Society. [redacted] stated that Mr. Belaski and Mr. Moran were both former Acting Directors of the Bureau prior to its reorganization under Director J. EDGAR HOOVER.

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[redacted] further stated that the enrollment of this society is quite large although no figure was given and includes among the members the majority of former Special Agents of this Bureau. He advised also that there is a monthly publication or letter sent out to all the members, the name of which is "The Grape Vine".

Agent [redacted] casually asked [redacted] the object and purpose of this organization and [redacted] advised that it was merely in order that former Special Agents might maintain contact with each other.

This information is brought to your attention for its possible informative value only.

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS.
Special Agent in Charge.

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COMMANDANT'S OFFICE
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

1 November 1939

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Hendon
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sears
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Society of Former Agents

Referring to our conversation regarding our possible use of ex-F.B.I. agents in this locality, I have just come into the possession of the enclosed list.

Would you be kind enough to indicate alongside each name the length of time, to nearest year, that each was employed by your Bureau.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ellis M. Zacharias
Ellis M. Zacharias
Captain U.S. Navy,
District Intelligence Officer.

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**SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Inc.
Los Angeles Area
(October, 1939)**

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Officers of National Body:

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Vice-President: John A. Brann
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Membership Committee: Charles A. Silveus, Chairman
Publications Committee: John A. Murphy, Chairman

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Soc. of Former Agts., of the F.B.I.-Los Angeles Area--October 1939.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

HHC:WKB

June 3, 1940

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Former Special Agent [redacted] called personally. He had a list in his hand of applicants for enrollment in the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. I saw the names of [redacted] on the list which apparently contained about ten names.

He started off by telling me how loyal they are. I informed him of a conversation with one former Agent quite recently who stated he did not want to become a member of the organization because there were so many who were disloyal and he did not want to be a member of the same organization with them. I told him I had also heard that at a recent meeting of one of their groups in the east that there had been open attacks made against the Bureau and the Director; that while some of the members came to their defense there was considerable bickering and that this did not sound like loyalty and I was not particularly impressed with such a claim.

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He went into his own history and said he would fight and die for the FBI; that he had personally recommended to Congressman Dies that only former Special Agents be employed by him on his committee as they were trained. He stated he would be in New York soon and would come back and report to me any conclusion which he reached about the situation there. I told him that I had hoped that the rumor that I had heard was untrue but if he knew anything definite I would like to know about it.

He was referred to [redacted] as he had inquired about the former Agents.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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May 31, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Society of Friends - Special Agents

Dear Sir:

[redacted]
[redacted] who introduced himself as a former Special Agent of this Bureau during the time of the last World War, called at this office and stated that he desired to know whether or not the Bureau would sanction an organization which he had in mind to sift out preliminary complaints on espionage. Special Agent [redacted] of this office, who interviewed [redacted] [redacted] advised him emphatically that this Bureau would have nothing to do with any such organization and, as a matter of fact, in accordance with the recent proclamation of the President of the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was to have sole investigative jurisdiction with respect to those matters.

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It appears that [redacted] is a member of the ~~Former Special Agents Association~~ of which BRUCE PULASKI is president. [redacted] intimated that he had considerable financial backing as represented by sound businessmen throughout this State, and that it was his plan to put Agents into the field in the State of New Jersey and set up headquarters.

There can be no doubt but that [redacted] a suave, talkative individual, has as his aim in the project the securing of a little publicity for himself.

[redacted] intimated that he would write to Washington and confirm what Special Agent [redacted] told him.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

Little Rock, Arkansas,
May 6, 1940

*Society of
Former Special Agents*

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On the train last night coming to Little Rock, Arkansas, I met former Special Agent [redacted] retired. [redacted] stated he now lived in a little town north of San Diego and about eight miles from the Pacific ocean [redacted]. He and his wife and a grand-daughter are living together in this home [redacted]. He seemed to be in good health and advised that he was enroute to Memphis, Tennessee, at the moment to conduct some investigations for [redacted].

He does not work regularly for [redacted] but whenever [redacted] has a big case and requires additional personnel, and if it is something [redacted] is willing to work on he accepts emergency calls on occasions. He had worked for [redacted] during the past year. He did not disclose why he was going to Memphis. He indicated that he had invited the Director whenever the Director was in [redacted] to let him know and he would drive down and bring the Director to his home for a chicken dinner, as he lived only about thirty minutes from [redacted] and that he would like to take the Director to a big new observatory with 200 inch lens, which is within an hour's drive of [redacted] home. [redacted] seemed to be friendly and to have a proper attitude toward the Bureau except on occasions when he would refer to the Director as "Hoover", although there was no indication of disrespect. It was probably just a privilege which he assumed because of his retirement status. I learned from him the following additional information:

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In February, 1940, when Special Agent [redacted] and I were in Sacramento we saw a former Agent, whose name we were unable to recall at the time, as he entered a coffee shop at the Senator Hotel. The next morning the former Agent's name was called very conspicuously to our attention by newspaper headlines which indicated that former Special Agent Vogel had suddenly left the city of Sacramento after a microphone had been found concealed in the room of the Speaker of the House of Representatives at Sacramento and the connecting wires had gone to another room where the recording instrument was concealed in a padlocked close in a room assigned to Vogel and his wife. The Speaker of the House of Representatives was living with his wife at the hotel during the session of the legislature.

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stated that the matter was probably not ended although the legislature had adjourned.

Former Agent J. E. P. Dunn, who was described by [] as "his own worst enemy", has a private detective business in Los Angeles. He apparently is not making any money but [] stated, as if it were amazing, Dunn has not taken a drink of liquor in eight months, but he still is not attending to business very closely. If he tended to his business he would probably make a considerable amount of money, in [] opinion.

[] former Agent, has been appointed as [] (style) of the [] on the Pacific Coast. He has final word as to the [] in Pacific Coast football.

In addition to this, [] He handles many big cases and is making a great deal of money, according to [] Last year he investigated the extent of [] worked for a while on this case. He stated that [] of California was so radical and red that one almost had to be a Communist to get on the state relief rolls. [] expressed his personal disgust because of the smear campaign which had been waged against the Director by Communists.

[] former Special Agent, is associated with [] and, according to [] is considered quite a capable man.

[] asked me the Director's attitude toward the "Former Special Agents Association." I told him that, of course, I had not heard the Director express any opinion with reference to this association but that I had personally wondered what its purpose could be. My personal feeling was there were a good many former Special Agents members of the organization whom he would not desire to be connected with in the same organization regardless of the motives or purposes of the organization. [] stated he had felt the same way and there were a number of former Special Agents who had been fired from the Bureau and whose efficiency, et cetera, would prevent him from ever recommending them for a job. He stated that the principle purpose of the organization was to keep in touch with each other so that if opportunities for employment arose or any work could be thrown in the direction of these former Agents which would be beneficial, they could personally benefit because of their membership. [] stated that there were many whom he would be unable to recommend in the organization and he refused to join until [] had continued to beg him to join and since he, [] was given occasional jobs by [] he felt as a routine man he would join the organization so he paid his \$5.00 fee and is now a member. He felt the organization would be justified if they were a militant organization working in behalf of the F.B.I. but he doesn't believe they are.

[] appreciates, he stated, his monthly retirement check of \$100.00, and he asked that his personal regards be extended to the Director and that the invitation for the chicken dinner at his home whenever the Director was in that part of the state be renewed.

Respectfully,

H. H. CLEGG

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Sioux Falls, South Dakota
March 9, 1940

Security - Former Special Agent

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

~~Personal and Confidential~~

On March 8, 1940, Special Agent [redacted] of this office had occasion to interview GEORGE W. STORCK at Watertown, South Dakota, in connection with an official investigation. MR. STORCK is presently Accountant-in-Charge, State Accounts Office, United States Treasury Department, and resides at and has a suite of offices in the Hotel Lincoln at Watertown, South Dakota.

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MR. STORCK advised that he was a former Special Agent of this Bureau, having terminated his official connection with the Bureau in about 1930. He stated that his resignation was brought about by ill health, the doctor at that time having only given him "a week to live". He is presently, he stated, a member of the association of former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and in this connection displayed a small booklet setting forth the by-laws and constitution of this organization, as well as a list of the present members. He pointed out his name in this booklet and Special Agent [redacted] recognized the names of some of the parties mentioned therein as having formerly been Special Agents in the Bureau. STORCK stated that the purpose of this group was to preserve a feeling of fraternalism among the members and that, further, the membership felt that in the event of a national emergency their services might be utilized by the Government, inasmuch as the past training and experience they had had would be invaluable.

He also stated that in the past this organization had been reported as being opposed to yourself as Director, but that this was not the truth for this group recognized the ability which you possess and felt that the Bureau owed its outstanding position largely to your efforts.

MR. STORCK then stated that he was preparing a book, based on his experiences as an investigator for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The book was not finished in its entirety but was nearly so. He removed from a drawer in his desk a manuscript which was bound in a red stiff cardboard folder and which would

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contain approximately four hundred pages of double-spaced typewritten material. The title appearing on this was "The Evil That Men Do" and his name together with a statement of his former official connection also appeared thereon. MR. STORCK read excerpts from the foreword and in general this part dealt with the horrors of war and a warning to the reader to take a lesson from the past. He stated that there was a possibility that this book might be "blacklisted" but would not cite a reason for his statement. In this foreword he advised that he expected "reprisals" but he had no fear "as the truth is not libel". The foreword also stated that he had "taken no official records nor had used any other unjustifiable means" to secure the material for the book. He hastily thumbed through the chapters and following are some of the titles: "BOSCH MAGNETO CASE", "BEHNMEYER COMPANY, INC.", "GERMANN CASE", "VON IGLER CASE", "HOG ISLAND CASE" and others. He stated that all of the material for this book was secured from his knowledge and recollection of the investigations he had actually performed. His purpose in writing, he advised, was to point out the things that had happened during the last war so that the citizens might be warned against a repetition of those events.

He stated that HEARST had offered him ten thousand dollars for the manuscript but that "he would not sell HEARST anything" and that another publisher had offered him twenty-five thousand dollars for it. He did not indicate his reaction to this offer.

STORCK might well be considered an egoist as he displayed several well-worn copies of what appeared to be printed Congressional Reports in which his name figured prominently in connection with investigations he had conducted. It might also be mentioned that while he felt that the Director did not feel friendly toward him, yet he had nothing but admiration for the remarkable achievements enjoyed by the Bureau and stated that the Director was one of the greatest executives this age had known.

While possibly the above might have been brought to the attention of the Bureau, it is felt that it should be made a matter of further record.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI
Special Agent in Charge

MFC:jb

May 31, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Society of Former Special Agents

I thought you would be interested in knowing of a phase of the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Association of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which was held in New York City on Wednesday night, May 29, 1940. Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, former Director of the FBI, was the leader in the discussion at the meeting. A motion was offered by a member of the Association that the Association offer its services to the FBI during the present national emergency. Mr. Bielaski opposed this motion and bitterly denounced the present administration, not only of the FBI but also of the Department of Justice. Mr. Bielaski stated that he was firmly convinced that neither the present Attorney General, the former Attorney General, nor the Director of the FBI had any idea as to the complexity of the present international situation. Mr. Bielaski stated that he was convinced that neither your predecessors in office nor myself had the faintest conception of the potential functions, duties and responsibilities of the Department of Justice in the event of war. Mr. Bielaski discoursed at some length upon his personal opinion of the inadequacy of the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI to properly function in the present emergency.

Mr. Bielaski made the pronouncement that if the Association of Former Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was to take any action in the present situation, it should deal direct with the President and ignore the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During the course of this meeting, a member of the Association took the floor and advocated the initiation of a movement to "draft" Mr. Bielaski to head the intelligence services of the Federal Government during the present unrest. This advocate of Mr. Bielaski's induction into the

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service of the Federal Government claims that Mr. Bielaski was better qualified because of his experience during the World War to direct intelligence activities than was any other man in the United States. It is not unlikely as a result of this statement that some effort will be made to have Mr. Bielaski designated to some official position.

I am transmitting this information to you in the belief that you may on some future occasion have correspondence from Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski and feel that you would be interested in having this data concerning Mr. Bielaski's evaluation of the Department of Justice as it is presently organized.

Respectfully,

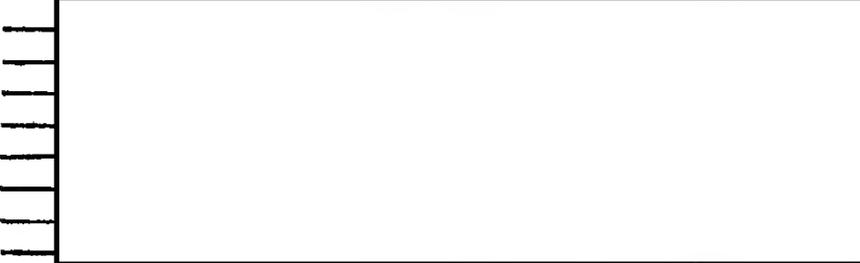
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*Secretary of
 Former Special Agents*
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The Executive Committee has directed the Secretary to send out ballots to the members, as a part of this special issue of the GRAPEVINE, on the proposed amendment to the By-Laws whereby ARTICLE IV Section 1 of the By-Laws would be amended so that the annual dues would be \$3.00 instead of \$5.00 per year.

For that purpose, there has been prepared the ballot which forms a part of this sheet. To vote, kindly enclose the ballot in the small envelope and mail IMMEDIATELY to the Secretary in the large envelope.

Matthew J. Horan,
Secretary

TEAR OFF HERE

I vote *For the proposed amendment to the By-Laws
 *Against
of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation, Inc., whereby ARTICLE IV Section 1 would
be amended so that the annual dues would be \$5.00 for
the first year and \$3.00 per year thereafter instead of
\$5.00 per year as at present.

* Strike out one.

The Grapevine

**ORGAN OF THE
SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INC.**



SPECIAL ISSUE
MARCH
1940

EDITOR'S FOREWORD

Undoubtedly most of our Society members will be slightly shocked upon receiving an issue of the "Grapevine" so soon after the last publication, especially when we were so dilatory in getting it out. However, there usually is a reason behind everything, and in this case we feel that only through the medium of this hurriedly prepared issue can we supply our members with information believed necessary to them to properly vote on the question of reduction of dues.

As you will observe from the minutes of the meeting held in New York on February 29, 1940, we had a very well conducted meeting in which some apparently controversial subjects were discussed. The principal topic under fire arose upon the reading by the Secretary of a petition, duly signed by fifteen members of the Society in good standing, that the By-Laws be amended to provide for payment of annual dues of \$5.00 by new members and \$3.00 by those who have been members for a period of one year or more. It was well that a discussion was provoked by the introduction of this petition, inasmuch as this idea of reduction of dues has been rather informally discussed from time to time for the past two years. I note that some of the charter members of the Society, and those having the benefit of many years of Government and business experience, were of the opinion that our little Society was too embryonic to permit any thought of reducing dues in that we could not really determine our proper function or our possibilities until we would have sufficient increment in the treasury.

At the meeting on the 29th of February, it seemed to be that more of the members favored retaining the present amount of dues. However, those supporting the petition, or the general idea of a reduction in dues, appeared to have sound arguments and voiced their sentiments clearly and effectively. However, one member pointed out that our next annual dues become payable on April 1, 1940 and that by the time the vote would be taken April 1 would have passed, and therefore we would have to pay \$5.00 for the year 1940 anyhow. Another member suggested that if the proposed Amendment was submitted to the membership at large immediately for vote undoubtedly most members would vote for a reduction. Probably the best way out of this would be to suspend payment of dues for the year 1940 until we find out just what the membership desires. However, we must admit that we have had sufficient opportunities to bring up this subject for discussion before, or to circulate a petition and to obtain an amendment to the By-Laws on the question of dues, so that the question of completing this by April 1, 1940 would not be an issue. Also, it does not seem fair to me that we ask our membership to vote on a cold proposition of reduction of dues without the membership knowing of some of the arguments pro and con submitted at our meeting on February 29, and it was with this thought in mind that a motion was made that the membership would not be asked to vote on the question of reduction of dues until they would have a fairly complete picture painted through the medium of the "Grapevine." Members were asked at the meeting to submit their oral arguments in writing, and those who desired to send their comments anonymously could do so and they would be pub-

lished.

Personally, your Editor doesn't have any definite feeling on the question of reducing dues or maintaining the present dues. My only concern is whether the membership at large, in voting upon this proposition, understands the arguments both pro and con, the possibilities that remain for the future welfare of the Society by building up a surplus in the treasury, or the possible stagnation or diminution of the Society membership through the requirement of relatively high dues when you consider the fact that the treasury has now a balance of about \$1600.00.

I must say at this time that of all the requests that the Publication Committee has made from time to time for contributions for the "Grapevine" there has never been such a spontaneous and well intended response as in this instance when we asked for written opinions as to the proposed reduction of dues. This very fact, therefore, should impress you with the gravity of the proposal when you vote. I want to personally thank all those who submitted their thoughts on this subject, and I only hope that our future issues of the "Grapevine" will have this same wholehearted support of these members and the others.

John A. Murphy, Chairman
Publications Committee

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MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
SOCIETY OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, INC.
HELD IN THE EAST VILLAGE ROOM OF THE
HOTEL TAFT, 50th STREET AND 7th AVENUE,
NEW YORK CITY, ON FEBRUARY 29, 1940.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner which was attended by 43 members. The dinner was served at 7:15 P.M. and the cost was \$2.00 per person. At 8:45 P. M. the Secretary convened the meeting and announced that the President of the Society was absent from the meeting because he was in Florida recuperating from an attack of pneumonia and that the Vice-President could not attend because he resides in California. The Secretary explained that the By-Laws made no provisions for a presiding officer under such circumstances and consequently, Robert's Rules of Order governed and in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order the Secretary had called the meeting to order for the purpose of electing a Chairman Pro Tem.

John A. Murphy nominated John F. O'Connell to act as Chairman Pro Tem and the meeting elected him to that office.

R. G. McCallum moved that the Secretary be directed to write to A. Bruce Bielaski, President of the Society, and express the regrets of those present that he could not be with them at the meeting and to also express their sincere hope that he will shortly regain

his health and be with us at the next meeting.

The Secretary explained that the minutes of the previous meeting had not been prepared as the member who acted as Secretary at that meeting because of the pressure of other work had not had an opportunity to write them.

Louis J. Wade, the Treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report which is as follows:

Cash Received (from R. G. McCallum, former Treasurer)	\$1,661.83
Dues received since November 18, 1939	130.00
Total Receipts	\$1,791.83

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	\$32.00
Stenographic Service	23.00
Stationery & Printing	15.13
Membership Booklets & Envelopes	85.68
Treasurer's Bond	7.50
Telegrams	.53
Balance of tip to Waiters-Nov. 18, 1939	5.50
Total Disbursements	169.34
	\$ 169.34
Balance 2/29/40	\$1,622.49

Mr. Wade also submitted a report on the Membership status which is as follows:

Members admitted as of November 18, 1939	259
Members admitted since November 18, 1939	18
	<u>277</u>
Dropped for non-payment of dues (Executive Committee Meeting 1/29/40)	1
Members as of 2/29/40	<u>276</u>
Members delinquent as of 2/29/40	9

A report of the Membership Committee was made by Charles A. Silveus, Chairman of the Committee, who reported that since the last meeting 18 new members had been admitted to the Society and 7 applicants are now waiting the approval of the Membership Committee.

John A. Murphy, Editor of the Grapevine and Chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that the Grapevine had been placed in the mails on the night preceding the meeting and that the members should expect to receive their copies within the near future. A motion was adopted that Mr. Murphy be authorized to incur the additional expense of having the next regular issue of the Grapevine printed instead of mimeographed as in the past.

The Secretary gave a detailed breakdown to the members present of the cost of publishing the 1940 issue of the Constitution and By-Laws and list of members. He explained that written estimates had been obtained from 3 printers for printing 350 booklets and that these were \$150, \$147.50 and \$77.

The printing was done by the firm which submitted the \$77. estimate and there was an additional charge of \$7, for printed envelopes in which the booklets were mailed. The sales tax on these two items was \$1.68. There was a \$10. charge for stenographic services in the preparation of the booklet and \$2.70 postage was incurred in mailing the booklets to the members, making a total of \$98.38.

On a motion made by John A. Murphy, the members present extended a rising vote of thanks to the Secretary for the work which had been accomplished in getting out the current issue of the Constitution and By-Laws and list of members.

The Secretary read the following communications:

A letter from John A. Brann explaining that he would be unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

A letter from the San Francisco Chapter stating that Carl W. Hughes who had organized and who had been Chairman of that Chapter had been transferred to Chicago where he is, at the present time, organizing a Chicago Chapter.

A letter dated 2/19/40 from Nelson D. Zimmerman in Chicago stated that as a result of the efforts put forth by a Committee consisting of Carl W. Hughes, H. Eugene Roberts, Allen E. Lockerman and Nelson D. Zimmerman, 25 former Special Agents of the F.B.I. attended a dinner in the Bismarck Hotel, Chicago on the evening of February 15 and that arrangements are being made at the present time for another dinner in Chicago on the evening of March 28, 1940. These meetings are for

the purpose of interesting former Special Agents residing in the Chicago area in the formation of a Chicago Chapter of the Society.

Those Agents who attended the dinner held in Chicago on February 15th are as follows:

R. G. Andrew
 Max F. Burger
 Harry N. Canaughton
 Orville C. Dewey
 John A. Dowd
 Bert J. Haney
 William J. B. Hays
 Joseph E. Henry
 Carl W. Hughes
 Alexander G. Jamie
 Charles Jenkins
 James E. King
 William Larson
 Allen E. Lockerman
 Justin H. McCarthy
 Daniel I. McCain
 Wayne Merrick
 William J. Miller
 James E. Murhane
 Leland A. Quindry
 Harold H. Reinecke
 H. Eugene Roberts
 James D. Rooney
 Maurice Wolff
 Nelson D. Zimmerman

The Secretary also informed the members present at the meeting that he had just received a petition duly signed by 15 members of the Society all of whom are in good standing proposing that Article IV, Section 1 of the By-Laws be amended. The petition is as follows:

"TO: Matthew J. Horan, Secretary
Society of Former Special Agents of
the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Inc.
60 John Street,
New York, N. Y.

Robert E. A. Boyle Albert G. Adams
John F. O'Connell Albert H. Pike
Peter J. Covella Albert J. Weitsman
R. G. McCallum F.J. Kilmartin
C. J. Scully

"Sir:

"The undersigned, all being members in good standing of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Inc., acting pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Article V of the By-Laws, hereby formally suggest that the By-Laws be amended in the following respect:

"Article IV, Section 1 now reads as follows:

'The annual dues shall be five dollars and shall be payable to the Treasurer immediately upon enrollment as a conditional member and subsequently on the first day of April of each year.'

"It is suggested that the By-Laws be amended so that Article IV, Section 1 read as follows:

'The annual dues shall be five dollars for the first year and three dollars for each subsequent year and shall be payable to the Treasurer immediately upon enrollment as a conditional member and subsequently on the first day of April of each year.'

The following signatures appeared thereon:

Louis J. Wade Frank B. Cole
T. A. Smith C.J. Allegra
Pasquale Pigniuolo F. X. Fay

Mr. Frank L. Garbarino questioned why the petition should have been read at the meeting in view of the fact that no action could be taken on it at the meeting because the Executive Committee has to decide whether it should be submitted to the members of the Society for a vote. The Secretary explained to Mr. Garbarino that the petition was not read for the purpose of having the members present act on it but for the purpose of having them discuss it so that the Executive Committee in considering it would know the various views on the matter. After considerable discussion on the proposed amendment in which almost everyone present took part, but in which Reed, Vetterli, Morse J. Conroy, Vincent Gillen, William G. Freeman, Tom Tracy, R. G. McCallum and Charles Silveus were particularly active, a motion was made by John A. Murphy that the meeting memorialize the Executive Committee to withhold action on the petition until such time as a special issue of the Grapevine could be published setting forth the arguments for and against the petition as advanced by the members above named. This motion was adopted.

The Chairman called on the new members who were present for the first time to say a few words and each of the following made a few remarks:

John T. Trimble Jacob Heffler
Daniel C. Betjeman Robert W. Dick

Anthony Topoleski explained to the members present that there is considerable work involved in turning out an issue of the Grapevine and that this work is done voluntarily by members who meet in Charles Scully's office for the purpose and that on every occasion when this work is done there is also one volunteer worker present who is not a member of the Society but who is associated in business with Charles Scully. Topoleski said that because of the work which he had done for the Society, the Society should show its appreciation by extending to him an invitation to be its guest at the next meeting. The man Topoleski referred to is Bill Devine and on the motion made by Topoleski, the Society voted to extend to Bill Devine an invitation to be its guest at the next quarterly meeting and the Secretary was instructed to act accordingly.

The following members were present at the meeting:

R. Boyle	D.C. Betjeman
Joseph H. Bishop, Jr.	L.G. Bernstein
J. Robert Conroy	M. J. Conroy
Portiner J. Davis	Robert W. Dick
James W. Dillon	Daniel F. Dwyer
William G. Freeman	J.E.Fitzpatrick
Frank L. Garbarino	J. Douglas Gessford
Vincent W. Gillen	Michael F. Glynn
John Gregurevich	John J. Harrigan
Jacob Heffler	John H. Heilker
Matthew J. Horan	Robert S. Judge
L. A. Kindell	A. B. Leckie
R. G. McCallum	Thos. M. McDade
John J. Manning	J. A. Murphy
John F. O'Connell	Albert M. Reilly
Anatol L. Rodau	James J. Rowley
F. Rogers	C. J. Scully
Lee H. Seward	Chas. A. Silveus
Thomas A. Smith	Delmas C. Stutler
Paul M. Trapani	A. Topoleski
Thomas Tracy	V. J. Valjavec
Robert Valkenburgh	Reed E. Vetterli
Louis J. Wade	

On Tony Topoleski's motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

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LETTER OF MORSE J. CONROY

In support of the proposition that the dues of the Society be reduced from \$5.00 a year to \$3.00 a year let me say in opening that I was not one of the fifteen members who signed the original petition which brought this resolution to the attention of the entire membership. A sentiment has been expressed by some of the older members of the Society and has come to my attention on several occasions, that the Society should make some kind of provision to support old members or at least to help aged, infirm or indigent members. My argument may sound as though I have no charitable feeling in my heart, which I trust you know is not a fact, but I am opposed to any such plan for three major reasons; first, because it is contrary to the constitution of the Society; second, the Society is purely a social organization and to add other purposes would be to change the entire structure and any members who join with a hope of material gain are not joining in the true spirit of a social society; and third, because at our present rate of dues or at any figure near that amount such a plan is actuarially unsound.

I am using all this preliminary argument because I feel that there must be some reason for the Society's wish to accumulate such a large surplus and the reason I have spoken of is the only one that has been advanced to me. Since I think it can be clearly seen that any plan of changing the spirit of

the Society is unsound let us look to the actual figures in deciding the issue as to the proposed change in dues. The Treasurer has told us that there is a balance in the treasury of \$1600.00 and on the first of April all dues are owing for the year of 1940 which means in effect that there is a surplus of at least \$1500.00 since the expenses between now and the first of April cannot possibly exceed \$100.00. I think for an organization of our size and one organized solely as a social society which has no certain reason for raising money that \$1500.00 is a very, very ample surplus. Our sole problem would seem to me is to arrive at a figure for our yearly dues which would meet our annual needs without touching our ample surplus of \$1500.00. Our Secretary tells us that we have a membership of 277 paid members and that in the entire life of the Society only two members have been dropped for non-payment of dues, so we can reasonably expect to collect dues from all those members on the roll. If we reduce the dues to \$3.00 a year the Treasurer will receive in dues for next year \$831. The only ordinary expenses of the Society are the printing of the "Grapevine" and the "Annual" and the expenditures of the Secretary's office. From an estimate already given by the Editor we have learned that it would cost \$85.00 an edition to print rather than to mimeograph the "Grapevine" so we will use that figure which for four editions published each year amounts to \$340.00. The "Annual" cost \$85.00 which included envelopes for mailing. The expenses of the Secretary's office have been obtained from the Treasurer and are as follows: postage \$160, stenographic services \$120.00 (this is the maximum figure since the secretary is limited to

an expenditure of \$10.00 a month), and stationery and printing not more than \$50.00. All these items which are the ordinary expense of the Society add up to \$755.00. I have been authoritatively informed by one of the officers who is in a position to know that \$25.00 would easily take care of all the miscellaneous expenses but to be sure and to give the opposition the benefit of the doubt let us add \$45.00 for such expenses which gives us a grand total of \$800.00. This still gives us a surplus of \$31.00 to add to our already large bank balance, and remember, this is on the assumption that in the year of 1940 we take in no new member which I feel is most unlikely.

I think I express the feeling of the entire membership of the Society when I say that we are surely a growing organization, one that will gain in membership with each ensuing year and that in fact we are only in our infancy. In the several years of the Society's existence, which were the struggling years of a beginning, when the heavy expenses of bringing the Society into being were carried by a very small group, a surplus of \$1500.00 was accumulated. We must remember that each new member is to mean added income and that although each new member does cost some small amount during the year he is definitely a financial asset.

In closing let me say that if the dues continue at the present rate the surplus in the treasury will reach a figure beyond the spirit and scope of the Society. If the dues remain at \$5.00 for next year and our 277 members pay as we have every reason to expect they will, our income will be \$1385.00 since

our expenses cannot be expected to be over \$800.00 we will add \$585.00 to our surplus. Remember again in these figures we assuming that the Society obtains no new members in 1940. If new members are obtained which I am sure every member of the Society feels will be the case, the financial status of the Society will soon reach a position where we may expect an investigation from the T. N. E. C. or the Anti-monopoly Division of the Department of Justice.

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LETTER OF R. G. McCALLUM

At the quarterly Meeting of the Society on February 29, in the discussion on the question of whether or not dues for membership in the Society should be reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00, I made certain remarks which I have been requested to put in writing. Knowing that whatever I say may be used against me, I hesitate to reiterate some of the things I might have said at the meeting. However, as one of the signers of the petition, I feel it is incumbent upon me to set out the reasons which prompted me to sign the petition in question.

My reason for feeling that the newly admitted members should pay \$5.00 per year is to avoid any feeling that the older members of the Society are being discriminated against, since that is the amount they were required to pay for the first year and each succeeding year. I personally feel very strongly that the practice which we have been following of accumulating a large sum of money in the treasury is wrong, but I would much prefer voting for a method of spending the

money for the good of the Society than to vote for a reduction in the dues.

At the time I was retired as Treasurer there was approximately \$1600 in the treasury. On April 1, 1940 dues will again be payable by the Society members, which will yield about \$875. at the present membership fee of \$5.00. I see no point in the AIMLESS accumulation of money in the Society treasury for future use. At the present time, however, there is no plan, and no intention of creating any plan, which would require the expenditure of funds in excess of the cost of printing the "Grapevine" and the other miscellaneous expenses which are now being paid. Obviously we do not need as much money as is being received in dues at the present time.

While I realize that any discussion as to the advisability of changing the By-Laws should be confined to the specific change under consideration, I feel that my position in this matter cannot be properly explained without digressing from the specific point at issue. I personally feel that it would be for the good of the Society to plan at some time in the future for the establishment of an unpretentious office and employ a young lady at a reasonably low salary to occupy the office and handle a large amount of the clerical work which now devolves upon the executive officers, who must devote a large portion of their personal time to handling the Society affairs. I think such an office could be maintained out of the membership fees as they stand at present, provided a sufficient number of additional members are obtained. This office would be the permanent mailing address for the Society

and the books, records and equipment could be kept in that office. The office telephone should, I think, be available for the use of members (for local calls only) who may come into New York City from other places for a few days. The permanent clerical employee of the Society could assist them in making contacts with other members of the Society, or write any letters or handle any other matters which would be helpful to the visiting Society member. I think the time will come when the Society will have three or four times as many members as it has today, and the need for such an office will become correspondingly greater than it is at this time.

If I had some cause for believing that some project similar to the one I have mentioned above would seriously be considered, I would oppose any reduction in dues at the present time. But since I have some serious doubts in my mind as to the attitude which the Executive Committee might take regarding the establishment of such an office, I believe that the dues should be reduced as an alternative.

I have one other brain storm which I should like to get off of my chest at this time. I think that a portion of the dues collected from members should be turned over to local Chapters for their use. It seems to me that the national Treasurer might well be authorized by an Amendment to the By-Laws to pay to the Treasurer of each local Chapter a suitable portion of the members' dues. For example, if the dues are \$5.00 the member would be required to pay that amount into the national treasury. If the member belongs to one of the local Chapters the national Treasurer might send \$2.00 of his dues to the Treasurer

of the Chapter in question. Those members who do not belong to local Chapters might pay either the regular \$5.00 dues or \$3.00 to the national Treasurer. I would much prefer to see this plan placed in operation that to reduce the dues now being paid.

Therefore, I say again that my feelings that the dues be reduced is an alternative. I do not believe we can build the Society into the organization we all hope it will be without sufficient finances, and I think the time has come when we should either plan a better future for the Society, or reduce the amount being collected from members as dues without any idea as to the use to which the cash resources of the Society will eventually be put.

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LETTER OF VINCENT J. GILLEN

The purpose of this organization is clearly stated in the Constitution "the preservation of friendship and loyalty and the promotion of good will among the members." That is its only purpose. Dues are collected to defray expenses incurred in carrying out that purpose. It is conservatively estimated that the expenses of the Society will be \$900. per year. There are or soon will be 300 members. We now have about \$1,600 in the treasury. Therefore dues should not be more than \$3.00 per year.

This is not a country club, membership in which is primarily dependent on ability to pay high membership dues.

We are a more exclusive group, basing qualifications on F.B.I. service and good character. We do not have to pay \$5.00 a year and create a large surplus to impress ourselves and our friends. We do not plan, nor have any use for, a National Headquarters building, with gilded dome and spacious bar. All we need is enough money in the treasury to make sure we can keep in touch with each other as we have so far.

This is income tax time and the analogy between income tax and our dues is clear. Who is anxious to pay more tax than he has to? The tax is needed to run the government and dues are needed to run the Society. Any government would be glad to receive enough to pay expenses, let alone build up a surplus. Of course, we need some reserve but not \$1,500.00 or \$3,000.00

If at any future time we wish to enlarge the scope of our Society, we can do it readily enough. If this costs more we can increase the dues. At the present time, aside from certain intangibles, all a member not in easy reach of New York or a chapter city gets out of his \$5.00 is THE GRAPEVINE and other correspondence. From these he

learns of the activities of his former associates. There is no reason why he should pay \$5.00 for that when it can be furnished him for \$3.00. We are anxious to get and keep all former F.B.I. men in the Society. We can not assume that a few dollars do not make a difference between joining and not joining for some men. To Joe Zilch in Aberdeen, S. D., \$5.00 may be a lot to pay for news of the gang, especially if Zilch #6 needs a new pair of shoes.

I feel so strongly that dues should be kept only high enough to cover all reasonable expenses, I suggest serious consideration of the following: The Society is now well organized and its expenses static. It cost \$525.00 to operate in 1939. Assume it cost \$1000 in 1940 and that we have 300 members. The cost would not be more than \$1,200 with 400 or 500 members because the major expense items are THE GRAPEVINE and postage. Now closely examine the following figures, remembering that new members pay \$5.00 under the proposed amendment, and also noting the expense items are very liberal:

YEAR	MEMBERS			DUES			EXPENSES
	Old	New	Total	At \$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	
1940	275	25	300	\$1500.00	\$ 950.00	\$675.00	\$1,000.00
1941	300	50	350	1750.00	1150.00	850.00	1,100.00
1942	350	50	400	2000.00	1300.00	950.00	1,200.00
1943	400	25	425	2125.00	1325.00	925.00	1,250.00
1944	425	25	450	2250.00	1400.00	975.00	1,250.00
				<u>\$9625.00</u>	<u>\$5185.00</u>	<u>\$4375.00</u>	<u>\$5,800.00</u>
Present Balance				1650.00	1650.00	1650.00	
Estimated 5 yr. income				\$11275.00	\$7775.00	\$5025.00	
" " " expense				5800.00	5800.00	5800.00	
Surplus				<u>\$ 5475.00</u>	<u>\$1975.00</u>	<u>\$ 225.00</u>	

Assume the figures are somewhere near what the future will reveal. Then they speak for themselves. If expense and income approximate those figures for the new few years, I'll be back with a campaign for \$2.00 dues. Meanwhile the machinery under the By-Laws is in motion for \$3.00 and let's at least reduce them that much.

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LETTER OF WILLIAM G. FREEMAN

Allow me to present my personal views on the recent discussion at the recent meeting of the Society regarding the proposed reduction in annual dues.

It is recalled that the society is an organization formed on a non pecuniary profit basis principally for the promotion of friendship and good will among former members of the bureau. In frequent statements by the treasurer it has been noted that large cash balances are consistently carried and at present is over \$1000 with another payment of dues on April 1st, 1940, which will bring the treasury balance well over \$2000. From past statements of the treasurer as to current expenses it is obvious that this is far in excess of the funds necessary to meet current expenses which leads to one conclusion, that the annual dues should be reduced commensurate with the annual needs of the Society.

It is understood by the writer that the annual expenses of the Society approximate \$800, therefore, certainly

a reduction in annual dues to about \$3.00 would more than meet the expenses necessary to run the Society.

LETTER OF JOHN F. O'CONNELL

As you are well aware, one of the most interesting meetings of the Society which have been held to date took place at the Taft Hotel in New York last Thursday evening. There was a comparatively small attendance, only forty-three members having attended the dinner, and there was no guest speaker. Our esteemed President was unfortunately prevented by illness from attendance and Lou Wade short-changed himself to the tune of three dollars. Despite all these misadventures the interest was kept at a high pitch, the reason for which may be found in the lengthy discussion and argument concerning the petition for amendment of the By-Laws providing for the lowering of the dues to three dollars per annum. The report of the Secretary will show specifically the action taken and so no mention of that will be undertaken here.

For many months such discussion and thought have been devoted to the proposition of lowering the dues and more particularly to the matter of sounding out the general membership for their reaction. At various meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee the subject has been brought up for discussion and the opinion which always prevailed has favored the belief that the amount of dues as fixed should stand permanently or at least until some future date

when circumstances may indicate the advisability of a change. From my own discussions and those of others of which I have knowledge I have deduced that while most of the members in the New York area favor no change there are some who do favor a reduction and who put forth good reasons for their belief. This same condition, at least so far as the fact that there is a difference of opinion is concerned, obviously exists throughout the country and, this being so, it is my personal belief that the proposed amendment should be submitted promptly for a vote of the general membership and it is for that reason that many of the signers of the petition, including your correspondent, underwrote the same.

I believe that it would be a mistake to lower the dues at this time and I feel that the proposed amendment should be defeated UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ADHERE TO A CONTRARY BELIEF and by their votes so express themselves. If a majority do hold a contrary opinion and vote the amendment then, of course, the dues will be lowered, without any consequent disastrous effect which I can visualize or otherwise anticipate.

The reasons on which I base my opinion are shared by many, some of whom are writing to you expressing these reasons in detail and I, therefore, forego repetition.

The question at issue should succeed in drawing from several members an expression of their views in writing on subjects of interest to the membership at large thus providing a little fodder (as Brother Mowry might say) for

thought regarding not only the proposed amendment but the Society as such. I recall having seen you on occasions blue in the face and have learned through consultation with Charley Scully that your condition was the result of exhorting the members of the Society every one of them - to give you something in writing from which to fashion an issue of the GRAPEVINE and telling them with all the vigor at your command that while you are able to render silk purses from sows' ears you cannot flaunt the principle taught you back at good old Boston Latin School that "Matter can neither be created nor destroyed." I might state in passing that I have a rather vague recollection that you said something to the effect that your importunities were addressed to every member save your correspondent and that henceforth any appearance of my name at the foot of a contribution would justify its immediate consignment to the wastebasket. Therefore, this contribution is meekly tendered with some misgivings and in the knowledge that unless you should have some vacant space in the issue of the GRAPEVINE which you will mail in the near future this article will die a natural death. Seriously, it does seem that here, again, the GRAPEVINE in undertaking to present to the members at large opinions, both pro and con, regarding a proposal to amend the By-Laws, is serving a most useful purpose. Its value should appeal particularly to those members whose opportunities to exchange ideas with other members are few and who would, otherwise, have to approach the matter of deciding how to vote solely on their own reactions. It is axiomatic

that the more the GRAPEVINE is used the more useful it will become.

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LETTER OF JAMES DILLON

I am writing you this note to express my views with regard to that much talked about dues situation. I frankly feel that \$2.00 is full and plenty to collect from the members, for two reasons: (1) The organization does not need more than this to operate without a loss, and (2) those members who never get to meetings because they live far from the scene of activities, get absolutely no benefit from the organization with the exception of the "Grapevine".

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LETTER OF REED VETTERLI AND THOMAS TRACY

We have \$1,600.00 in the Treasury. It is believed that our gross income from dues will bring in about \$1,500 a year. It is said we cannot accumulate all this money without devising a plan to spend it. The answer is that the creation of a reserve - the saving of money is in itself a plan - and a good one too.

Now \$1,600.00 is not an exorbitant amount of money. We are now levelling off in our membership. We will increase our membership in the future only in ratio to the extent our present membership bears to the number of now ex-agents. This means our membership will be about

300 or 350 as deaths, resignations, etc. will occur.

The administrative work necessary to operate the Society is becoming more arduous. The clerical work at present is voluminous. Members cannot devote any more of their time to inquiries, publications, mail and the like. Shortly, we will have to have a part time secretary, with pay. It may be necessary for an officer to travel to Chicago or San Francisco on Society business. Expenses of guest speakers at our three principal cities have to be paid. It is unpredictable just what the future holds as to expenses. Would it be amiss to have a representative attend the annual meeting of the International Association of Chiefs of Police? We can be an instrument for good there.

It has also been said we are not a charitable organization and cannot use the money to take care of the aged and infirm. Possibly not but loyalty and good will are broad terms and none of us would have any objection should the society contribute a few hundred dollars to an indigent member in need of medical attention or should otherwise require a helping hand. Some worthy member may want to borrow a few dollars to meet an emergency situation.

All members should bear in mind that the society is still in its infancy. Does anyone know what the future holds? We will expand and grow and hope that some day we will be in a position to contribute something worthwhile - in law enforcement to a national emergency, along legislative

linos or some other avenue, all of which would require working capital.

We cherish the companionship and friendship of our former co-workers. We hope also that our splended organization will continue to grow and flourish and not only be a major factor in cementing us together but also in leaving an imprint of substantial character on the minds of the American Public. This can never be done unless we are in a position to back our program with a concerted effort. It will require not only time and effort but sufficient funds. We are now marching forward. Let us not stultify progress by limiting our financial standing.

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THE IDEAL NEUTRAL

FRANK KILMARTIN was recently heard to remark during a discussion of the International Situation, "I am an ideal neutral...I haven't opened my mouth since I got married." Rumor has it that Frank was always somewhat uncommunicative and why should he try to reform after getting married particularly at this late stage of his life.

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A Wall Street Banker was heard to remark that he was becoming cross-eyed from trying to see eye to eye with our Government.

TOM DODD in recent months has become a resident of the State of Maryland. He has been doing some outstanding work as Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. Tom is very happily married. He has a charming wife and three beautiful children, none of whom, of course, look anything like him. Tom spends the greater part of his spare time nursing a would-be thorough bred Kerry Blue dog. Confidentially, he paid somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100.00 for this mongrel and received a beautiful bound pedigree. However, after glancing over the pedigree and then taking one look at the animal it is very evident the dog did not fit the pedigree.

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TOM CONNOR is back in the employ of Uncle Sam. This time the Navy Department was very fortunate to obtain his services. Tom is not much of a Sea Dog but fares mighty well on land. We assume his absence from our last dinner was due entirely to the fact that he was officially engaged on Government matters. This assumption may be entirely incorrect on our part since it has recently come to our ears that back of the United States Navy is a charming young lady. Tom, from what we can gather, when not engaged in Naval maneuvers, concentrates in building up his resourcefulness on land. When we learn of this young lady's name, we will send her a big hello.

"SOMEWHERE IN THE NORTH SEA"

The following conversation ensued after a collision between Hitler's and Chamberlain's "U" Boats in the North Sea.

Chamberlain - "Goodness me...you rude thing"

Hitler - "My O My"

Chamberlain - "Dear dear look what you have done...you made a horrid hole in the side of my new "Sub" and you have almost taken my toe off my foot. My, I am afraid I will have to report you to His Majesty.... you know you were going entirely too fast and you approached me from the wrong side"

Hitler - "O what a fib...isn't it a wonder you are not ashamed to say such a thing...I wasn't doing an inch over five miles an hour and it was you who was on the wrong side.... you horrid fellow"

Chamberlain - "Oh how you can stand there and tell such a fib...now 'fess up, tell the truth and shame the D-----
Oh dear, I almost said a bad word... cross your heart now, wasn't it all your fault"

Hitler - "O you meannie to say such a thing...you know I drive most carefully and yet you go on saying things like that. It is dreadfull to have one of my own beloved friends behaving in such an unworthy manner"
(breaks down and sobs)

Chamberlain - "Really Adolf old fellow... I am truly sorry...His Majesty will be fully informed of your genuine sympathy in this matter"

Hitler - "Neville, old dear..... you promise me you will never say things like that again.... you know it hurts me terribly"

Chamberlain - "I am sorry, really, I am sorry.....I will never do it again. I must surely learn to control my nasty horrid little temper" (they part friends??)

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THE CHIEF RIDES HIGH

To those of you who would like to read more of the praises heaped on our Chief A. BRUCE BIELASKI, of the admirably efficient manner in which he has built up the Arson Bureau of the National Bureau of Fire Underwriters we suggest that you get a copy of the March 9, 1940 issue of "Colliers." You will find a complete article on the Chief and his work and we assure you that it is well worth reading. Some of you undoubtedly will be surprised to find that our sedate-appearing president owes much of his recent successes to the Keyhole Movie Camera, Bloodhounds, and a lot of hokas pokas contraptions (thanks to John Gregurevich for the tip).

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

RALPH BROWN, The Manhasset flash, recently lost a pair of teeth down the drain-pipe?

'BUCK' BUCHANAN has gone to Florida for the Winter.

JOE CLEARY has opened up his Winter home at West Palm Beach.

GEORGE DALE is tired of the big city and is returning to Burlington, Vt. to practice law. All hail to our new U. S. Senator.

HERB FINK runs a credit bureau in Baltimore, Md.

JOHN J. FOGARTY was the Mayor of Yonkers, N. Y.

BOB AUSTIN rides around Washington, D.C. in the same Willys-Overland he had when he charged the U. S. Government 5¢ a mile therefor.

A. D. BAILEY has the flu. Can't get out of bed to answer the phone.

LOU (refill) BERNSTEIN found Manhattan too fast and is living in Forest Hills, L. I.

TOM WHITE'S two boys are doing well. One is in the F.B.I. and the other a lawyer in El Paso. Remember these two kids when Tom was a superintendent?

JAKE HEFFLER and FRANK HEADLEY are in the radio business.

BERNIE LECKE is chief investigator for the N.Y. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to children.

WAYNE MERRICK went away for a month or so and left a light burning in an upstairs room.

AL SCHROEDERS' Dobermann-Pinscher has had three bites.

CHARLIE DUKE has a "Grand Hotel" at Manchester, Vt., the garden spot of the Green Mountains. Dew Drop in. Cooking by Mrs. Duke.

BRYAN FARRELL is reinforcing the seats of his shorts in preparation for sculling on the Hudson this coming summer.

TOM McDADE is doing a swell job with the law firm that represents Lloyds of London.

MEL PURVIS is interested in a newspaper in Florence, S. C.

AL REILLY'S sinuses are bothering him. Three operations so far.

PHIL ROGERS is in the coat business. 'Seasonal' says Phil.

LOUIS (full weight) BILPERIN is in the coal business.

The boys in the New York City office of the S.E.C. want to know how BOB REED is doing. How about a letter.

MAURIE TRAUB has a new baby.

JOHN TRIMBLE is a recognized authority on municipal and state bond issues.

BILL MORAN is always finding excuses to visit his boss's home at Manhasset at nights and over week-ends. Seems he is trying to interest Mrs. Moran in moving to the country.

TOMMY CONNOR has a responsible job with the Naval Intelligence.

REED VETTERLI bought a new car. His cute wife 'Mickey' recently sold a series of articles to a newspaper syndicate on 'The life of a wife of a G-Man.'

LOU WADE has been 'acting' in place of his boss.

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JACK O'CONNELL is rather cheery as we go to press - a good reason - Mrs. Jack presented him with a fine big bouncing lady on March 11th. (Congratulations Pop.)

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Just received a post card from CHARLES NOBLE, who is on his way South, and says he is feeling fine. Claims he saw large flocks of robins flying North and heard the bullfrogs breaking the ice in Florida.

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Seen or heard at the New York Dinner **lecting** February 29th DAN DWYER, PHIL ROGERS and TONY TOPOLESKI in a serious conference. Shades of #15 Park Row, but how they have expanded.

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VIC VALJEVEC watched the clock while he bolted his turkey. Had to catch the 9:15 or sleep in Battery Park.

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BOB VALKENBURGH still smokes the same old pipe that once caused his old associates in the Radical Squad so much discomfort

The President's absence was no excuse for the firemen failing to show.

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TONY RODAU and JOHN J. GREGUREVICH in a deep secret session, probably discussing the woes of the Long Island commuters.

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LEE SEWARD on hand as usual. Never misses.

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DAN BETJEMAN who was with the Bureau in the days of 61 was present in his initial meeting.

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DOUG GESSFORD late in arriving and early to leave. Must be on a diet.

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TOM SMITH also on hand looking younger than ever.

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The roping* of the streets around the Empire State Building in New York City during the past week was not due to the falling of ice as many believed, but confidentially, the public were detoured so that GEORGE HARVEY of Wilmington, Delaware was not be interfered with in filing his application for membership.

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RALPH McCALLUM vows that he is in a position to say the last Society meeting officially broke up at 4:00 A.M. March 1, 1940. When asked to submit proof as to this late hour of adjournment, he said, "By gorry, I got to looking around the place and just couldn't find anyone else." It's funny, but those things do happen every so often.

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JOHN TRIMBLE attended our meeting on February 29, his first by the way, and was very busy renewing old acquaintances. We hear he is engaged in the practice of law in New York City and has built himself a home on the Shrewsbury River in Red Bank, New Jersey.

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Did you ever notice how a couple of highballs can change a Mr. Milquet to a lion? MORSE CONROY certainly delivered a fiery speech at the last meeting, mixing up admonitions and exhortation with his good common sense.

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We hear that Hon rable JAMES E. FITZPATRICK is considering sojourning in the city of Magnificent Distances for the next 4 or 5 weeks. Maybe he is planning to get in touch with his old side-kick Gyp Farland who recently retired from Bureau service. Gyp as we remember, was the Bureau's ambassador to the Federal Pen at Fort Leavenworth. Fitz's counselor or advisor, the irrepressible Red Martin, is dreaming about being a Naval officer. We suggest that Red train for the high office to which he aspires by soaking his feet in the bath tub every night before going to bed.

PAUL TRAPANI is beginning to show the strain of the many long hours he has been putting in on the Amen Investigation. Maybe, though, Paul's wife has resumed beating him up every day in the week instead of every other day.

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Someone was heard to remark that TONY TOPOLESKI was omnipresent at the meeting. "If we could put a box around him," someone said, "we would have the well-known jumping jack."

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Many thanks to Tappy, Matty Horan, Mike Glynn, and Charley Scully for the assistance in getting out the last "Grapevine."

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BOB DICK took a hint from the reference to him and his mansion in the last issue of the Grapevine. He has now come into line, is a good boy, helping out on the Grapevine, has discarded that flashy green suit and is contemplating installing an oil burner in his house. That's the least he should do, if he wants us to believe he gives his wife any consideration.

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LETTER OF SHELBY WILLIAMS

(Arrived late, but here it is.)

I am writing to record my opposition to the proposed amendment which has been placed before the Executive Committee for submission to the membership at large on the question of reduction of annual dues. This same proposition was up with in the past two years and as you will recall it was rejected at that time.

There seems to be considerable apprehension on the part of certain members over the accumulation of a surplus in our treasury. This to me seems absurd, because there are so many worthwhile and constructive things which can be accomplished by the Society with this surplus.

I believe that the Executive Committee should make a study and submit recommendations to the membership as to the disposition of such surplus. For instance, we could build toward a permanent National Headquarters for the Society; some benefit plan might be worked out for members in temporary financial distress, or the President of the Society would use a certain fund to visit the various chapters and coordinate the future activities of the Society throughout the country.

The foregoing are merely my personal thoughts in the matter. However, you will no doubt receive numerous and more constructive thoughts from other members.

In any event, I still think \$5.00 is a cheap price to pay for the privilege of being a member of this Society.

To bring the current Year Book up to date note the following changes:

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New York, N. Y.
March 12, 1940

Dear Member:

There are submitted below the names of applicants for Society membership. It is requested that, in the event you possess any information bearing adversely upon their character or otherwise which you deem would render them unfit for membership in the Society, you please communicate with me not later than three days after receipt of this letter.

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Very truly yours,
Charles A. Silveus, Chairman
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