IWC:ON

October 26, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Proposed change of procedure in furnishing laboratory reports to field offices where examiners indicate difference of opinion.

In an effort to expedite the furnishing of laboratory reports to the field where the laboratory examiners have reached somewhat different conclusions, thereby necessitating a rewrite of the outgoing laboratory report, the following procedure is being adopted by the laboratory:

The rewritten report will be typed up on the usual laboratory report forms and will be dictated in my office from a review of the worksheets submitted by the various examiners assigned to the case in question. The only difference between the original report prepared by the #1 examiner and the rewritten report will be that the rewritten report will embody the most conservative opinion rendered by the laboratory examiners and will further include under the space indicated for the name of the examiner, not only the name of the #1 examiner, but also the name of the examiner whose opinion is being incorporated in the report. The names of these examiners will be followed by numbers designating their assignment, as #1, #2, or #3 examiner.

You will recall that at the present time we are preparing the rewritten laboratory reports in letter form which in many cases necessitates a great deal of straight copy work. Use of the laboratory report forms will obviate much of this by permitting direct utilization in certain instances of portions of the original report.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 25, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Double and triple check system utilized in the laboratory.

I have discussed with the document examiners the problem which occasionally confronts us in connection with the application of the double and triple check system to cases in which several distinct items are submitted together for examination. As you know, under our present system if examiners fail to agree on the identification of two specimens, the most conservative report of the three examiners is forwarded to the field, it usually of course being a report that no conclusion can be reached on the basis of the available material. However, in situations where several such items are received in the same case, we are up against the possibility of submitting a no conclusion report, as for instance on one of them, whereas, the examiner assigned to the case may have been the person who identified that particular item. The problem arises when and if he is called into court to give testimony concerning his findings on some of the other items, all of which have been checked or verified, and should be asked as to his opinion on the #1 item which is in question. Of course, he is then in the position where he must give his own personal opinion, which would be that the item is an identical one and is then in the position of being in disagreement with the Bureau's report which showed no conclusion reached as to that item.

In discussing the proplem I made two recommendations to the examiners for partially handling, or at least improving to some extent, the present situation. My first proposal was that if the principal examiner assigned to the case makes an identification of an item which is not concurred in by an associate examiner, he be subsequently informed that some doubt has come up as to the conclusiveness of the identification so that he may consider whether this additional information, i.e., the doubt of another examiner influences in any way his own positive finding of identification. If he is so influenced by this new information to the point where he becomes a little doubtful of the conclusiveness of his identification, he would then of course be in accord with the outgoing laboratory report which would indicate that no final conclusion as to identity could be reached. The second part of my proposal was to the effect that if

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he was uninfluenced by the additional information and doubt which was routed to him on the case, he be displaced as principal examiner and the associate examiner who was in a more conservative position on that particular item would be appointed as principal examiner on the case and in this manner the man who made the identification which was not verified would never be in the position of being in court. It will be noted that this does not solve the possible situation where because of the multiplicity of items in the one case, no one of the three examiners is as conservative as the final laboratory report of the combined.

On my first meeting with the document examiners on this subject all appeared favorably impressed with both steps of the outlined procedure. The conference was adjourned, however, to await the return of Mr. Appel who was out West testifying. Upon reconvening, considerable objection had arisen to the proposals. In my opinion the objections to the first step of the proposal, namely that of acquainting the principal examiner with the findings of his associate for the purpose of determining whether they would influence him any, were sound objections and I was inclined to agree that that part could be eliminated. The remainder of the change then would merely be the displacement of the principal examiner and the substitution of the more conservative examiners on the case. This step met the approval of the majority of us present but was objected to by Messrs. Appel, Dingle, McClintock, and Pickering.

In my opinion the objections cited by those opposing have very little sound foundation. Mr. Appel, who led the opposition, was of the opinion that the fact an associate examiner knew that the opinion which he cited might be the cause of his being substituted for the principal examiner on the case, might tend to influence his findings and would certainly be an additional and outside influence in the examination of the case. I fail to see how such a factor would possibly influence any of our examiners. Incidentally, Mr. Appel was of the opinion that there was no solution to our present problem, he being of the opinion that the investigating agencies and the prosecuting attorney should in all cases be fully advised of the fact that the examination had been made by three technicians and the findings of each furnished him.

I recommend that the modified procedure as outlined above be adopted and subject to Bureau approval I will so instruct, namely, that where the findings of the principal examiner assigned to the case are not

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confirmed by his associate examiner, he be displaced as the principal examiner and the examiner whose findings are more nearly in accord with the combined outgoing laboratory report on the case be substituted for him as the principal examiner in charge of the case and the one who will go forward to testify.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Dawsey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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

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80-99

April 7, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Handwriting Discrepancies.

This morning while conversing with Inspector James C. Dixon of the Shanghai Municipal Police on general laboratory methods, I sought his opinion and experiences of his department with regard to the reliability of handwriting identification.

He advised me that they have had some difficulties with handwriting identifications, and at the same time told me that he himself had given considerable study to the subject and considered himself somewhat of an expert on handwriting analysis. He said that some time ago they had a case in Shanghai in which a Chinese office worker was convicted of a crime on the basis of handwriting and after conviction it was found that a Japanese was actually responsible for the handwriting, and they later found out that both the Chinese and the Japanese involved had received their education in English writing in the same school at about the same time. He said that as a result of this experience they have instituted a policy in the Shanghai Municipal Police Department not to institute prosecution in any case in which handwriting identification is the only evidence. He says that they continue to use handwriting identification as corroborative or secondary evidence. I told him this was in line with our present policy and I also explained to him our three examiner system of checking. He thought this was a very good idea. With regard to the general fallibility of handwriting identification he pointed out that Osborn is reported to frankly admit when questioned on the witness stand that he has made a number of errors in handwriting identification during his 50 years experience.

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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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DIRECTOR

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Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Lester	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Ramsey, of the Department, telephoned and inquired whether the Bureau's document examiners were available for or allowed to take private cases. I informed him that they were not.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Re: Handwriting Research Project.

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 20, 1937, outlining the proposed development of the above research. In accordance with the outline, work is proceeding first toward the objective (I, A) preparation of tables reflecting relative skill and achievement of examiners and (II, A) mathematical determination of present reliability and unreliability of handwriting identification. The following report is being submitted relative to progress made subsequent to preparation of the reference memorandum:

Preliminary review of the expert disagreement file (80-99) has been completed and a review of the investigative files of all cases in which disagreements have occurred has been begun. Analysis of the results of the 80-99 review is being held pending the completion of the investigative file review inasmuch as the latter review is necessary in order to properly weight certain angles of the former. For record purposes, it is noted that there are approximately five hundred disagreement memoranda contained in the 80-99 file, and inasmuch as several of the memoranda cover more than one disagreement, the total number of disagreements considered will be well above this number.

The review of the investigative files, you will recall, is being made to obtain any indication contained therein as to which of the disagreeing opinions is

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probably the correct one. In order to eliminate as completely as possible the personal element in the review of these files, I am having the first fifty files reviewed by both Mr. Conrad and Mr. Gasteiger, after which their results will be checked against each other in an effort to arrive at a satisfactory manner of indicating probable error. At the present time it appears that there will be approximately four hundred of these files to review, and to date Mr. Gasteiger has reviewed some forty-three files.

New handwriting tests for the examiners are being drawn up, and it is planned to give the first of these to the document examiners Monday, October 4, 1937.

Additional reports will be submitted as the work progresses.

Respectfully,

R. P. Coffey.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

WPE:ON

February 26, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Inspector's Recommendation #37.

Reference is made to the Inspector's recommendation #37 for the laboratory in which it was decided that where one examiner finds writings not identical and a second examiner reports that he reaches no conclusion, a third examiner will be assigned to the problem. As you will recall it was decided that the net results of these examinations should be furnished to the Investigative Division in memorandum form.

No mention is made in the recommendation of the policy to be pursued in a similar situation where the examination is requested by an outside agency. The policy of the laboratory is therefore remaining the same as heretofore in connection with such examinations conducted by contributors other than the Bureau Field Divisions. Instructions are being put into effect immediately in accordance with the recommendation as to Bureau contributed specimens.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey by WPE.

E. P. Coffey.

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May 9, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE LABORATORY

Hereafter in document examinations where the first two examiners reach a no conclusion and the conclusion of non-identity and a third examiner is assigned, it will not be necessary for the third examiner to make a comparison of all known and questioned specimens.

The specimens to be compared shall be underlined with a red pencil on the third examiner's worksheet and this will indicate to him specifically the examination desired. These instructions shall in no way interfere with the third examiner's right to examine all specimens in the case where such inspection will assist him in examining the specimens upon which the first two examiners disagreed. This ruling is intended to eliminate the examination by the third examiner of large numbers of specimens where disagreement exists only in regard to one or more.

A third examiner assigned to an examination because of the making of an identification by the first two examiners will, as heretofore, examine all specimens listed on the worksheet.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Coffey.

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cc-Mr. Nathan
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DIRECTOR

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

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March 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Quite frequently the Investigative Division is furnished with confidential reports in connection with examinations performed in the Technical Laboratory, wherein a disagreement of the examiners is reflected. In practically all instances the substance of these reports is included in a letter and transmitted to the field.

It is, therefore, suggested that this information be included in a letter prepared in the Technical Laboratory of the Bureau and then routed to the appropriate Supervisor in the Investigative Division for his observation. This matter has been discussed with Mr. E. P. Coffey of the Technical Laboratory, who is in agreement with the suggested form for this letter which is noted below:

"Reference is made to the examination of material received from your office on in the above entitled case.

"For your confidential information, the opinions of three document examiners in this matter are being set forth below. It will be noted that two of the examiners are of the opinion the questioned writings are not identical with the known, whereas the third examiner is unable to reach a conclusion. Therefore, unless some other reasons exist, it would not seem necessary to seek further handwriting specimens from this individual. This information is furnished for your investigative use only and is not to be incorporated in reports being furnished to others outside of the Bureau's service."

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It is felt by following the above outlined procedure, considerable time can be saved in both units, and if an exceptional occasion arises where it is not deemed advisable to transmit the information as mentioned above, said instance can be handled as a separate case.

Respectfully,

R. A. Guerin

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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April 7, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE LABORATORY

Effective immediately the memorandum addressed to Mr. Nathan prepared for the attention of the Investigative Unit in those instances where two document examiners are of the opinion questioned writings are not identical and a third examiner is unable to reach a conclusion, will no longer be prepared. Instead the principal examiner will prepare the necessary report directly to the field office contributing the case. This will be prepared in the form of a letter following the phraseology suggested below:

"Reference is made to the examination of material received from your office on in the above-entitled case.

"For your confidential information, the opinions of three document examiners in this matter are being set forth below. It will be noted that two of the examiners are of the opinion the questioned writings are not identical with the known, whereas the third examiner is unable to reach a conclusion. Therefore, unless some other reasons exist, it would not seem necessary to seek further handwriting specimens from this individual. This information is furnished for your investigative use only and is not to be incorporated in reports being furnished to others outside of the Bureau's service."

Following the above paragraphs the names and the opinions reached on the part of the examiners will be set forth.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey

cc - Mr. Nathan
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____Mr. Nathan	____Personnel Files
____Mr. Tolson	____Identification Division
____Mr. Clegg	____Technical Laboratory
____Mr. E. A. Tamm	____Mechanical Section
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____Mr. Cornelius	____Mr. Kimball	____Mr. Zimmer
____Mr Bellino	____Mr. Kramer	Mr Richmond

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____Miss Gandy	____Bring file up to date
____Mr. West	____Send File
____Mrs. Morton	____Correct
____Miss Coe	____Call me regarding this
____Mr. Albaugh	____Note and return
____Mr. Halter	____Search, serialize and route
____Miss Conlon	____Stenographers 5724
____Mr. Gauthier	____Stenographers 5730
____Typists 5724	____Stenographers 5706
____Typists 5236	
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P. E. FOXWORTH - 5734

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

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80-99

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM - 5734

DATE: 6/17/44

FROM : E. P. COFFEY

SUBJECT: Identification of Handwriting

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

At the present time it is required in the Laboratory that reports reflect that either the writings compared are identical or that they are not identical or that no conclusion can be reached thereon. Furthermore, before a report of identification is made, three examiners must make a study of the material and if they are not in agreement then the official Laboratory report is "no conclusion". It is not permitted in the Laboratory report to further modify these findings from the technical standpoint. Of course, comments on the inadequacy of the specimens, evidence of disguise, etc., are properly permitted. In the Gerson case last January, one of our examiners, F. M. Miller, reported the writings not identical. There was a disagreement among the examiners and the official Laboratory report to the field was "no conclusion". It subsequently turned out that the writings were identical. Our rule on the no conclusion report prevented any embarrassment.

Considerable study has been made of this incident in the Laboratory and as a result thereof Mr. Appel now proposes that we abandon the three restrictive categories of reports and permit, if not require, the examiner to furnish all the amplification and possibilities of his views during the technical examination. I fail to see where Appel's recommendation, if it were applicable to the Gerson case, could possibly have improved the situation. In fact, it would have really made it embarrassing because our no conclusion report would have probably been followed up with conflicting opinions to the field, the weight of which would have been that Gerson did not prepare the writings.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that no change be made in our present instructions. They were inaugurated a number of years ago and I quote a statement on this subject made by the Director at that time which I consider most apropos then and now:

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"I have been also quite concerned about the ambiguous letters containing the findings in various cases made by the Laboratory. In substance these letters have stated that the specimens of handwriting submitted were not similar with the original note but there were some similarities which might indicate that the original note might have been written by the person whose samples of handwriting had been submitted. Obviously, an Agent in Charge cannot be assisted by any such weasel-worded findings as this. My belief is that the Laboratory should make a definite finding one way or the other, or state that sufficient specimens have not been submitted which would enable a definite finding to be made. Either the notes were written by the person whose handwriting has been submitted or they weren't, or there have not been sufficient findings submitted to enable any definite conclusion. Henceforth I want this practice of submitting what I might term alibi findings to be discontinued."

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. [illegible]	
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Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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June 19, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The Conference on June 15, 1944, consisting of Messrs. E. A. Tamm, Acers, Carson, Coffey, Glavin, Hendon, Ladd, Rosen, Q. Tamm, and Tracy, considered the proposal of Mr. C. A. Appel of the Laboratory that the Bureau change its policy whereby a Laboratory report on comparisons must now indicate that the materials are (1) identical, or (2) are not identical, or (3) that no conclusion can be reached. He proposes that henceforth the Bureau require the examiner to set out his report in two parts: (1) for investigative purposes only; (2) irrevocable decisions; and permit him more choice of language. It is further his view that, in certain cases, instead of being urged to a final conclusion the examiner be induced to withhold final decision, announcing instead whether he wants more specimens or considers the possibility of identification unlikely.

Mr. Coffey advised that the examiner is presently permitted to and, in fact, encouraged to request additional specimens if needed. Furthermore, although the examiner is not now permitted to modify his findings in the report itself he is permitted, in any case where he feels special amplification is necessary, to prepare a separate memorandum setting forth any and all of his views at length.

The Conference recommends that there be no change in the policy. The Conference does not desire to take any step which would result in Laboratory reports of a vacillating nature or ones which would fail to convey a clear-cut picture to the Special Agent or investigating agency as to what the Laboratory finding is and how much the investigator can rely on it.

Respectfully,
For the Conference

Clyde Tolson, Chairman

W. R. Glavin, Secretary

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cc-Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. R. T. HARBO

DATE: July 23, 1946

FROM : MR. D. J. PARSONS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

SUBJECT: DISCREPANCIES IN HANDWRITING EXAMINATIONS

In May of this year the policy with regard to handwriting examinations was revised and we returned to the one examiner system. Prior to that time three examiners were required to report a handwriting identification. Pursuant to the recommendation that the one examiner system be instituted a statistical survey was made of the handwriting discrepancy file and IBM cards were punched in order to tabulate the work of the document examiners. In order that the file may show the comparative figures with reference to the work of the document examiners the tabulations are attached hereto.

No further study is contemplated at this time and the cards which were punched will be retained for 90 days after which if no further study is indicated they will be destroyed.

In devising the tabulation attached hereto, ten categories were set up which are identified as follows:

1. 1 ident, 1 no-conclusion
2. 2 idents, 1 no-conclusion
3. 1 non-ident, 1 no-conclusion
4. 2 non-idents, 1 no-conclusion
5. 1 ident, 1 non-ident
6. 1 ident, 2 no-conclusions
7. 3 idents, 1 no-conclusion
8. 2 idents, 2 no-conclusions
9. 1 ident, 2 non-idents
10. 1 non-ident, 2 no-conclusions

The attached tabulation covers the period from February, 1939 to April, 1946, serials 1154 to 2965 in File 80-99.

Attachment

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Code	Examiner	As #1 Examiner										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	TOTAL
63	Armstrong	1										
1	Appee	53	31	64	13	2	27	0	2	1	12	205
57	Arnold	1		3								4
2	Blackburn	16	7	56	6	0	7	2				
60	Baker	1		4								5
3	Blaine	33	11	64	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	114
4	Bradley	9	3	7								19
5	Bohn	6	4	13								23
6	Brittain	0	0	1								1
7	Cadigan	1	3	6								10
8	Conrad											
9	Dahlgren	3	2	10								15
10	Davis D.B.											
[redacted]	Davis H.P.	4	2	4								10
12	Davis W.E.	8	1	15								24
13	Dengler	24	24	104	13	0	10	1	0	0	6	182
58	Downing	6	4	7	1		4					22
14	English	2	0	1								3
15	Erickson	12	4	7								23
16	Feehan	46	76	84	1	0	3					150
17	Gormley	11	2	18								31
18	Gray	12	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
19	Grigsby											
20	Gastinger	27	27	73	13	0	12	0	1	0	10	163
61	Hilcken											
21	Halland	27	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
22	Huffman											
23	Kyle	4	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
24	Lemmons	10	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
25	Lovett											
26	Marshall	3	3	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24
27	Mayer											
28	Mesing	26	12	19	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	59
29	Miller	29	12	105	14	0	11	2	0	0	7	180
30	McVay	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				2
65	Naegle											
66	Payne	4	2									6
31	Pennington	4	5	3								12
32	Pickering	15	11	54	9	1	14				10	114
33	Rollins	11	6	6								23
34	Schmitz			1								1
35	Shayton	11	3	18	0	0	1					33
62	Swartz	2										2
36	Richardson	1	1	6								8
37	Thompson	1		1								2
38	Toomey	11	5	7	1							24

As #2 Examiner										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	TOTAL
4	0	2								6
14	14	74	5	0	3	1	2	0	4	117
5	0	13	1							19
16	4	39	2	3	2	3	0	1	1	71
0	0	2					1			3
50	32	121	16	0	20	2	1	0	10	252
11	7	1								19
10	4	21								35
1	2	1								4
13	3	12								28
5	8									13
1	2	1								4
3	6	1								10
4	4	10								18
21	12	51	6	0	3			1		94
		4								4
4	0	2								6
14	3	4	1							22
26	19	81	11	0	14			12		163
18	8	51						1		78
9	7	13								29
16	16	34	3	0	9			5		83
		2								2
35	10	51	2	0	3	0	1			102
2		2								4
11	3	12								26
7	3	4	0	0	1					15
11	3	6								20
31	4	49	0	2	0	2				88
52	12	100	8	0	10			4		186
2	1	1								4
1		1								2
3	0	5								8
2	2	1								5
10	5	20	7	1	10			5		58
11	0	10			1					22
2	1	1								4
9	2	8								19
		1								1
1		1								2
		1								1
2	3	1								6

As #3 Examiner										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	TOTAL
4	15		13		11	1	1		3	43
	1									
	4		5		6	1	1		3	20
					1					
	26		7		4	2		1	8	48
	2									2
	4									4
	4		1		1					6
	4									4
	2									2
	11		5		20		1		5	42
	1									
	2									
	4									4
	1				4					
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41	Crawford											
42	Cullen											
43	Crook											
44	Beckner											
45	Sunderburk											
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47	Hunnicutt											
48	Jackson											
49	Jones. E.											
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51	Jurd	1										
52	Martin											
53	Sheridan											
54	Shipkey											
55	Joy (Upton) Toomey											
56	Wenton.											
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6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
90	8	5	1	49	1747

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 3/17/60

FROM : Mr. Malone

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION #644-60
SUBMITTED BY [redacted]
FILES AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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SUGGESTION: That the file entitled "Discrepancies in Findings of Document Examiners" which contains slightly in excess of three thousand serials be reviewed and processed for destruction of all serials which are duplicates of serials filed in main files.

The file in question was originally opened in 1935 as a control file for a double and triple check system utilized in the Laboratory. In 1955, on the authority of the Laboratory, index cards were purged with regard to this file.

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[redacted] Files and Communications Division, is in favor of destroying the duplicate serials and advised that archival authority is not required to destroy this material. [redacted] Laboratory, Division, reviewed the files and agreed that the duplicate serials should be destroyed since the material has served its purpose.

This Division feels that it is undesirable to maintain duplicate copies of any communications if they are not serving a useful purpose because of the great need for file space and accordingly recommends that this suggestion be adopted. It is felt that the material should be reviewed by a responsible Special Agent Supervisor in the Files and Communications Division before it is destroyed to insure that only duplicate material is deleted from file.

[redacted] suggestion was acknowledged by letter dated 3/2/60.

RECOMMENDATION: That the suggestion be adopted and that the attached letter of appreciation be sent to [redacted]

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ALL COPIES DESTROYED 4/18/60 [redacted]

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Enclosure sent 3/18/60
1 - Personnel file of [redacted] (Sent direct)
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SEE ADDENDUM BY FILES & COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION PAGE 2.

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SUGGESTION #644-60
SUBMITTED BY [redacted]
FILES AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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ADDENDUM BY FILES AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION [redacted] *3-25-60*

File 80-99 entitled "Discrepancies in Findings of Document Examiners" which has been approved for purging by this memorandum contains 3,052 serials. It is noted that instructions from the Training and Inspection Division are "It is felt that the material should be reviewed by a responsible Special Agent Supervisor in the Files and Communications Division before it is destroyed to insure that only duplicate material is deleted from files."

Under present renovation programs of the Bureau's files, the Executives Conference has approved the processing of 310,000 Selective Service files for destruction as well as approving the destruction of copies of correspondence contained in Bureau files. Grade GS-5 employees are presently reviewing and destroying the files in the 25 classification and, when personnel are available, GS-4 employees are processing one-half million files in the 100 and 65 classifications for destruction of copies. Adequate safeguards have been established, such as 100 per cent check of work, to insure that this work is being completed correctly.

The file in question is no more important than the above-mentioned work which is handled by the clerical employees without a serial by serial review by a Special Agent Supervisor of the Files and Communications Division.

The above programs, of course, are closely followed and under the direct supervision of a Special Agent Supervisor in the Files and Communications Division.

Unless advised to the contrary, the above-mentioned file will be handled in this manner.

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OK. To handle this way. [illegible] 3/29/60

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10

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TO : MR. MC GUIRE

DATE: 2/29/60

FROM : W. G. EAMES

SUBJECT: SUGGESTION # 644-60
RECORDS BRANCH STREAMLINING COMMITTEE
Dis. Doc. Exam.

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SUGGESTION: [redacted] a GS-8 employee assigned to the Consolidation Unit, Records Branch, suggested through the Streamlining Committee that the file entitled, "Discrepancies in Findings of Document Examiners", (80-99), which contains 3,052 serials be reviewed and processed for destruction of all serials which are duplicates of serials filed in main case files.

CONCLUSIONS: The above-mentioned file was originally opened in 1935 as a control file for a double and triple check system utilized in the Laboratory. Under the use of this system, if the examiners failed to agree on the identification of the specimens, the most conservative report would be forwarded to the field. The use of the file was discontinued in 1946 at which time the policy with regard to handwriting examinations was revised and the Laboratory returned to the one examiner system. In 1955 on authority of the Laboratory, this file was purged of all index cards. The far majority of the serials in this file are duplicates with the original memorandum filed as a recorded piece of mail in the various case files concerned. Records Branch is of the opinion that this file has served its purpose and that the duplicate serials in this file could be destroyed. If permission is granted to destroy this material, original memoranda would not be destroyed. Since this matter directly concerns the Laboratory Division, this memorandum is being forwarded to them for their comments. If permission is granted to destroy this material, Archival authority is not required.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Favorable.

2. For referral to the Training and Inspection Division for acknowledgment and appropriate action.

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3. For referral to the Laboratory Division for their comments.

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[redacted] sent 3/2/60

SEE ADDENDUM BY TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION PAGE 2.

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1 - Personnel file of [redacted] (sent direct)

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ADDENDUM BY TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION [redacted] /1/60

This division feels that the Laboratory Division should review the serials in question before they are destroyed, since such communications pertain to matters of interest to that division. Certainly it is not desirable to maintain duplicate copies of communications if they are not serving a useful purpose because of the great need for file space. The material in question has been separately furnished to the Laboratory Division for appropriate action. Attached for approval is an interim acknowledgment letter to [redacted]

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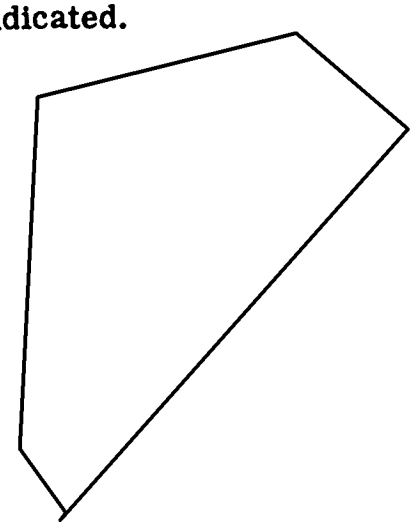
LABORATORY DIVISION COMMENTS: [redacted] 3/4/60

Laboratory Division has no objection to suggestion submitted by Records and Communications Division employee and recommends the action indicated.



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FOLLOWING SERIALS REMOVED FROM FILE AND DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN 66-3286-871

All mail except the following serials

218, 281, 404, 448, 561, 763, 860, 1191X, 1221, 2533, 2534, 3049.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 12/10/1998

To: Information Resources Div Attn: [redacted]

From: Laboratory Division (LD)
Questioned Documents Unit (QDU)
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 80-HQ-99

Title: DISCREPANCIES IN FINDINGS OF DOCUMENT EXAMINERS

Synopsis: The QDU requests that IRD place the captioned file in a closed status.

Details: The QDU has reviewed the above-captioned control file and has determined that this file can be closed. It has been determined that the information and subject matter are not current.

CC: 1 - [redacted]
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