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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater News APPROX MEL York contained information regarding a Barney Rosset whose address was given as Jericho Lane, East Hampton, New York, in 1955. His business was at that time, Grove Press, of 795 Broadway, New York City and it was stated he was of Anglo-Saxon decent, approximately thirty-five years of age.

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He was divorced and also had lived at 57 West 9th Street, New York City. The Credit Bureau file contained a clipping from the Long Island Star Journal of April 25, 1967 stating that Nassau County vicesquad detectives arrested Barney Rosset, editor, Richard Seaver, assistant editor, and George Hanalanpoudis, printer, for the issuance of the magazine, "Evergreen." Warrants had been issued and 20,000 copies of the magazine have been confiscated being considered lewd, obscene, and lacivious. Disposition of this case was not contained in Credit Bureau file.

No information was received concerning Grove Press or Barney Rosset from a check of the New York City Police Department.

The "New York Times" of January 5, 1967 contained an article reporting that Grove Press Incorporated, a publishing concern that has made a successful business, converting what used to be considered far-out literary material into books that are "in" with a growing public, had bought the Mid Century Book Society and the Cinema Sixteen Film Library Incorporated. The article reported that Barney Rosset, President of Grove Press, had declined

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to state the purchasing price, but publishing circles believed Mid Century cost about \$100,000.00 and Cinema Sixteen about \$50,000.00. The article reported that both concerns have a hold in the university market. to which Grove Press magazines appealed. The article further reported that Grove Press as of then, operated Evergreen Book Club, members of which subscribe to Evergreen Review, a spicy literary and political magazine. This club has fifty thousand members. The article further reported that Grove Press has a subsidiary, Evergreen Theatre Incorporated, which has the object of originating films by contemporary European: writers and playwrights. Another operation of Grove Press as set forth in "New York Times", has been a line of books: like, D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover", Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer", William S. Burrough's "Naked Lunch", Jean Genet's "Our Lady of the Flowers", and the Marquis de Sade's "Justine".

An examination of the bookshelves of Brentano's and Doubleday's Book Store in New York City on November 28, and 29, 1967, disclosed numerous copies of Grove Press publications both in soft cover and cloth-bound volumes, in Black Cat and Black Circle books, in addition to the regular Grove Press editions.





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Memorandum S. J. Papich to Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr. RE: GROVE PRESS INCORPORATED 105-173326

Ober stated that his Agency is officially requesting the Bureau to conduct an investigation of Grove Press in order to determine if the firm or any of its officers are engaged in activities prejudicial to national security. He advised that since material produced by Grove Press is appearing overseas and since some of the contributors reside in or travel in foreign countries, information developed by the Bureau will be useful to CIA.

ACTION:

The above information and enclosures are being directed to the attention of the Nationalities Intelligence Section.

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan RE: GROVE PRESS INCORPORATED

in 1956, when filing an application for a passport, having been a Communist Party member during the mid 1940s. Investigation by the U. S. Army determined he was an extreme radical from the late 1930s to the mid 1940s, while in school. Contributors of some articles and authors of some books published by captioned concern have pro-communist background and some of them are subjects of current security investigations by the FBI. We have furnished CIA information concerning captioned publication, its president and some of its literary contributors.

CIA has furnished no evidence indicating that captioned publication is supporting subversive groups or actively cooperating with any subversive elements. An anvestigation of this firm would be in the nature of a fishing expedition and without any specific basis. We therefore do not feel an investigation is warranted at this time. If information is subsequently received of a subversive nature concerning this firm, we will, of course, consider instituting investigation.

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1. It is recommended no investigation be undertaken of captioned firm at this time. Internal Security Section, which handled "new left" matters, concurs in this recommendation.

2. It is recommended CIA be advised through liaison that no investigation is contemplated by the FBI regarding captioned firm at this time. CIA should be advised that in the event it should develop any specific information of a subversive nature concerning subject firm, we would appreciate receiving the data.

CIA advised about . 3/15

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The Attorney General REC-47/05-17/73326-Director CHICAGO CONSPIRACY vs. ASHINGTON KANGAROOS

I thought you might be interested in seeing a copy of the above-captioned <u>brochure</u> which is attached. It is, of course, a "spoof" on the Chicago conspiracy trial. Grove Press, the publisher, is a company which puts out pornographic-type literature.

February 20, 1970

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The Bureau has received a copy of a brochure (attached) pertaining to the Chicago conspiracy trial. It is entitled "The Chicago Conspiracy vs. The Washington Kangaroos." Actually, it is a "spoof" brochure in the form of a professional football program (called "Official Pogrom").			
The brochure lists defendants of the Chicago trial (such as Jerry Rubin, Dave Dellinger, Rennie Davis and Abbie Hoffman) as members of the Chicago conspiracy team. The other team is called the Washington Kangaroos, Among its members are Vice-President Agnew, Mayor Richard Daley, Senator Strom Thurmond and Attorney General Mitchell. Mr. Hoover, who is mentioned several times, is identified as			
being a member of this team. On pages 8 and 9 appears a brief "background" sketch" of the Director which is critical. This sketch maintains, for example, that the Director keeps tabs on 200 million Americans and has 100 million fingerprints. On page 2 there is a reproduction of the Bureau's leaflet entitled "What You Can Do To Fight Communism And Preserve			

The brochure pokes fun at Judge Julius Hoffman and very favorably supports the Chicago defendants.

America."

This brochure is another example of New Leftists tripe circulating in the Nation. Its price is listed as \$1. Grove Press, which puts out pornographic-type literature, is listed as publisher.

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drowned in rivers of blood." —"The WRETCHED OF THE EARTH,"

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ESTRAGON: Yes, let's go. They do not move."

""WAITING FOR GODOT," by Samuel Beckett (Grove Press, 1954).

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GERALD JONAS is a staff writer for The New Yorker.

PUBLISHER — Grove's Barney Rosset at work on a manuscript. "A blend of courage and caution, conviction and commercialism."

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from scholarly works to what used to be called "dirty books." The result: both publishing and censorship have been left just a little shock up.

salacious printed materials, that have in overbearing emphasis on the carnal aspects of sex."

--Complaint sworn before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York by four Correction Officers in the employ of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Oct. 31, 1967).

""N the beginning, the word for ' Grove Press was anything but "salacious." No one-not even a Massachusetts Correction Officercould have found excessive carnality · in the first three titles on the Grove list: "The Confidence-Man" by Herman Melville, "The Verse in English of Richard Crashaw" and "Selected Writings of the Ingenious 'Irs. Aphra "Behn." These three very nearly became the last titles on the list as well. But that was before Barnet L. Rosset Jr. put up \$3,000 to buy the embryo firm in 1952 and began to publish some of the books that interested him. These happened to include two modern classics-"Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. Lawrence and "Tropic of Cancer" by Henry Miller-that had long been banned in this country.

Rosset fought the bans in court

with his own money and, by the time the legal fallout had settled, Lawrence and Miller had been accepted as serious writers by the duly constituted authorities, drugstores across America were displaying merchandise once restricted to 42d Street arcades and the Left Bank stalls of Paris, and Grove Press had acquired a reputation as a high-class, avant-garde publisher of "dirty books."

Barney Rosset resents this reputation-not because he has anything against what some people call "dirty books" (he prefers the term "erotic literature") but because such works account for only a tiny fraction of the total Grove Press output. Since 1952, more than 1,000 titles have appeared under the imprimatur of Grove or its various subdivisions-Evergreen, Black Cat, Black Circle and Zebra books-and nearly a third of all volumes sold have ended up as texts and "supplemental course materials" in high schools and colleges, "particularly in the fields of literature, drama, psychology and the social sciences." according to the publisher. The latest Grove cataloguelisting 394 { joks in print-is an engagingly eclectic document, with entries ranging from Bertolt Brecht (14 titles) and Alain Robbe-Grillet

(nine titles) to Alexander Trocchi, Andrei Voznesensky, Lita Grey Chaplin and St. John of the Cross (one each)...

Then there is Evergreen Review, a lively bimonthly edited by Rosset himself and now in its 11th year of publication. Evergreen (which goes monthly with its February, 1968, issue) is not above running a few fullcolor nudes—as "parodies" of the Playboy philosophy—or a puerile porno-strip called "Phoebe Zeit-Geist," but its list of contributors includes most of the important modern authors on both sides of the Atlantic.

Rosset also points with pride to Grove's newly organized film subsidiary, which has been distributing Frederick Wiseman's "Titicut Follies," a shattering expose of conditions at Massachusetts' Bridgewater State Hospital for the criminally insane. Although film distribution is a new venture for Rosset, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has done everything in its power to make him feel at home, banning the film in Boston and trying, in vain, to prevent its exhibition elsewhere.

"It's so foolish," Rosset says about his latest run-in with the censors. "There's clearly an overriding public good in showing what conditions are

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like in such institutions. The film doesn't even say it's anyone's fault. We thought the authorities would just say, 'You're right, conditions areterrible, but we don't have the money. to correct them'--which is probably true. Instead of fighting the exposure, they could have used it to get the money. Censorship is always foolish."

AT first glance, Rosset does not. look like a man who has built a. career out of making censors look foolish. Thin and wiry, with thinning ..., gray hair and tortoise-rimmed spectacles, he has an almost schoolboyish . /? manner that makes him appear younger than his 45 years. Talking with an interviewer in the basement living room of his four-story townhouse on West Houston Street, he has trouble sitting still; he squirms in his chair like a witness in the dock. The room is big and handsomely appointed but quite bare, ina kind of Son-of-Mies-van-der-Rohe way. No books or bookshelves are visible ("They're all in the bedrooms upstairs").

Rosset's taste in clothes, for both work and play, runs to turtlenecks, suede vests, cuffless slacks and English-style boots. On the table in (Continued on Page 47)

### The Story of Grove (Cont.)

#### (From Page 29)

front of him is a pitcher of . Tanqueray martinis. As he answers the questions, he puffs on a little Dutch cigar. When a question really interests him, he suddenly buries his face in the crook of his arm, as if trying to concentrate all his energies on coming up with the "right" answer. It comes as no great surprise when he reveals that the formative experience of his life was the "extremely progressive education" he received as a schoolboy in Chicago.

"I loved it. I was mad for it. It was my whole life." he says of the Francis Parker School, which he attended from the middle of the seventh grade until his graduation in 1940. "We had small informal classes; you were graded only in relation to your own capabilities. The idea was to let students progress at their own speed and to bring out their creativity.

"I couldn't wait to get to school in the morning. We read 'Man's Fate' in freshman English class. In psychology we studied 'Hamlet' in terms

of Freud and the Oedipus complex. This was in the nineteenthirties! And of course we were very aware of social events-we were great on unions and the Spanish Civil War. Every year we had a strike for peace, with antiwar, lectures by the teachers. And, I remember picketing 'Gone With the Wind' when it came to town for being anti-Negro." He also remembers playing

halfback on the school football team (he was co-captain his senior year), and getting his first taste of publishing with a mimeographed opinion sheet succinctly titled The Anti-Everything.

SOSSET, whose mother is Irish Catholic and whose father was a Russian Jew, says that he has never understood why his parents chose such an education for him ("Neither of them showed any particular progressive tendencies"). Barnet L. Rosset Sr. was a wealthy bank president.-"various banks at different times, all small ones"-and when he argued politics with

conservative side. But he did not seem to mind if his son disagreed with him.

According to Rosset, a follow-up study has shown that graduates of the Francis Parker School during this period got "above-average grades in college" and tended to be "strong individualists and troublemakers." Barney himself went on to Swarthmore College, which was a great disappointment; he found it "rigid and structured-for one thing, you had to go to class." The only good thing he remembers about Swarthmore was a paper he chose to write for freshman English called

"Henry Miller vs. 'Our Way of Life."". "I didn't really know much about. Miller. I was so naive I didn't even know 'Tropic of Cancer' was banned in this country. Somebody told me that the Gotham Book Mart in New York was a good place to buy it, so I took the train to New York and went in and asked for it. Frances Steloff asked me why I wanted it. I said I was a student and she

said 'Printed in Mexico' on the cover. I loved it. I've never felt 'Tropic of Cancer' was at all sexy, but I found it exciting because it was anti-American and anti-conformity."

6 6 1 HIS paper was dated May 9, 1941. In it, he carefully weighed the question of whether the American Way of Life was worth defending and came down, reluctantly, on the positive side: "I do not think that we should take Henry Miller's advice too seriously and bomb ourselves out of existence, but some of his criticisms are quite valid, I believe." One aspect of the world situation at the time seemed particularly distressing to the young freshman, who had literary ambitions of his own. "If we become completely Fascistized, the writer can give forth nothing creative. Writers must have a liberal society-that is, comparatively liberal-or they are stifled."

The paper got a B-minus, but the author, in search of a more liberal society for himself, transferred to the University of Chicago in the fall of 1941. He lasted only three his son, he always took the reached under the counter months there-"I must have backs his predecessors had is-"

and took out an edition that been very neurotic"-before moving on to the University of California at Los Angeles. A few months later he was in the Army. "Even the Army seemed preferable to U.C.L.A."

> He got as far as China with the Army Signal Corps. When the war was over, he returned to the University of Chicago and completed his work for a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1947, and then came to New York to study literature at the New School, where he got a B.A. in 1952.

"I hadn't made any con- " scious decision about going ." into publishing, but one day a girl I knew said to me, .... 'There's this company that's published three books and it's stopping. Are you interested? Well, I liked the three books they'd done and I had some money and it seemed like the natural thing to do-there I . was, studying literature at the New School, so I must have been preparing myself uncon- sciously."

The first thing the new pub- : lisher did was "exactly the wrong thing." Just as a new ... market for quality reprints in ... paperback form was opening . up, he took the three paper-

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sued and turned them into handsome hard-cover editions.

The next few years were The next few years were spent learning the facts of publishing life—including the fact that bigger sales and in-creasing recognition do not necessarily mean bigger prof-its (or, for that matter, any' profits at all). Even with a number of certified successes d'estime as well as de scandale -Grove Press lost money dale-Grove Press lost money steadily for TO years and was often on the brink of bank "uptcy." Fortunately, Rosset. had inherited enough money from his father ("over a mil-lion") to pay for his on-the-job training.

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The turning point was 1962. "We had found that imministrative work was strangling us. Ninety per cent of our business was coming from 10

But then you might miss out on all the fringe benefits, out on all the fringe benefits, such as discovering Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot" and introducing it to the American public in 1954, two years before its first Broadway production. Rosset, who is fluent in French, had come across the Paris edition of "En Attendant Godot" in 1953 and liked it. But before risking any money on it, he decided to ask Wallace Fowlie, a former teacher of his at the New School, if he was "right" in liking it. "Fowlie said abso-lutely, so I bought the Amer-ican rights through an agent of the French publisher. The advance we offered couldn't have been more than \$400."

Rosset was so excited about his new author that he arranged a meeting with him in



per cent of our accounts--und in those pre-computer days we couldn't keep track of all the small ones, and the smaller they were, the slower they were to pay . . . It was a dis-aster area. So we started ruthlessly chopping them away."

This meant that the smaller bookstores had to enlarge their orders or buy their Grove Press books through regional wholesalers. Gross sales went down temporarily, but returns of unsold books from bookstores went down even more. With greater administrative With greater administrative efficiency, a small profit ap-peared in 1963. Sales and profits have been going up ever since, while office costs have been held to a reason-able level. "I never thought about my cash position," Ros-set says with an embarrassed laugh, "so I really don't know how much money I had to put in during those first 10 years. in during those first 10 years. If you thought ahead in this kind of business, and really took a hard look at prospects, you wouldn't get into it in the first place."

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Paris later in the year. "We spent what I later came to realize was a typical Beckett evening. He met me at 7:30 and said that he had to be

and said that he had to be somewhere else in a half-hour. At 2 in the morning we were still together and he was buy-ing the drinks." The Grove hard-cover edi-tion of "Waiting for Godot" (translated from the original French text by the author): sold only 300 copies the first year. But the paperback ver-sion has been one of Grove's best-sellers, with 250,000 copies already in print and best-sellers, with 250,000 copies already in print and continuing sales of several thousand a month, mostly in college books ores.

HERE was certainly nothing "dirty" about "Waiting for Godot," except perhaps for Estragon's feet, but Rosset was already preparing his first major assault on the blue-stocking sensibility. "For me, the idea of pub-

lishing and anti-censorship go naturally together. We wanted to bring back important books (Continued on Page 52).

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tion." Aware that there were some people on earth who thought otherwise, Rosset and his as-sociates planned. their cam-paign with great care before seeking a test case. Although Lawrence's literary executor refused to sanction the proj-ect, they secured permission from Lawrence's widow, com-missioned Mark Schorer to write a scholarly introduction, solicited opinions on the book's literary merit from critics with unimpeachable credentials and announced that Grove would pay all court costs and fines incurred by any booksellers who had the courage to offer the Lawrence book to the public. When all this machinery was finally assembled, it was the United States Post Office that set it in motion by refus-ing-in its long-accustomed Aware that there were some

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Its distribution. But nearly everyone clse did. In fact, the ensuing mo-rality play might easily have been titled "Henry Miller vs. 'Our Way of Life.'" Hundreds of local communities tried to ban the book; six state supreme courts ruled on it (New York, Florida and Illinois found it obscene, while Wis-consin, California and—sur-prise!—Massachusetts let it ness) and the insue was not pass), and the issue was not resolved until the U.S. Supreme Court declared on June 22, 1964, that Miller's work was entitled to the full protection of the Constitution of his native land.

Rosset estimates that the Rosset estimates that the Miller victory cost him \$250,-000 in legal fees (five times the figure for the Lawrence case), but he acknowledges that Grove "did all right fi-nancially" on its editions of "Cancer," which have sold nearly three million copies in

both hard and soft covers. both hard and soft covers. If any single affair put Grove Press on the map, it was Lady Chatterley's. uproar over Henry Miller only confirmed the image. Perhaps confirmed the image. Pernaps Rosset simply had an idea whose time had come; his campaign against literary cen-sorship turned out to be in accord with the liberalizing trend in the courts and the unspace predilections of unspoken predilections readers.

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America have been virtually eliminated. Under pres-ent law, a book can be judged "obscene" only if it flunks all of the following tests: the dominant theme of the mate-rial taken as a whole must be rial taken as a whole must be shown to appeal to purient interests, and it must be patently offensive to the aver-age person applying contem-porary standards of the so-ciety at large, and it must be "utterly without redeeming social importance." Presumably. this leaves only

Presumably, this leaves only Presumably, this leaves only hard-core pornography, or "dirt for dirt's sake," outside the protection of the First Amendment. But the unpre-dictable effects of retaining even such a limited definition even such a limited definition of obscenity were demon-strated last year when the Su-preme Court upheld the con-viction of Ralph Ginzburg, publisher of Eros magazine, on the grounds that the adver-tising and promotional mate-rial for Eros was intended to excite the prurient interests of the potential reader, and was, in effect, a promise that the in effect, a promise that the magazine would contain genuinely obscene material.

Rosset's personal dissent from this position is total. He is not only anti-censorship but also pro-excitement. "What's wrong with exciting

people? Our whole society

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WHILE his competitors generally give him credit for "loosening up the whole trade publishing scene in America," his own particular brand of courage and caution, convic-tion and commercialism, has not been without its share of critics in the industry. He has a reputation among authors, and literary agents for paying small advances and driving a small advances and driving a hard bargain on contracts. As one agent put it: "If you're dealing with Grove Press, there's probably some good reason why your property is unsalable elsewhere — too. frank or far out in some way or other—and you know that, and Grove certainly knows it."

Grove is also famous for its unprofessionally slow responses to submitted manu-scripts. For example, Dr. Eric Berne waited two years to get a decision on "Games People Play," even though Grove had already published two other books by him. This is a failing which might have been forgivable in the kind of one-room Greenwich Village operation that Rosset ran in the carly fifties, but it is hardly, appropriate for a firm with 100 employes, four floors of čditorial offices at 80 University Place, its own 158-scat theater, burgeoning bookclub. and film divisions, an I.B.M. 360 computer for data proc-essing, net sales of \$4,462,295 for the first nine months of 1967 (up nearly \$2-million from the same period in 1966), and plans for expansion in all

directions. So far, a fairly constant balance has been maintained balance has been maintained among the various book divi-sions, with <u>Grove Press hard-cover</u> editions accounting for 25 per cent of total sales and profits; <u>Evergreen</u> quality pa-perbacks—now earmarked al-most exclusively for textbook

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use-accounting for another use—accounting for another 20 per cent, and the mass-market paperbacks providing the remainder. With a few exceptions—"Games People Play," Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer" and "Sexus" and Frank Harris's "My Life and Loves"—no single book has accounted for as much as 5 accounted for as much as 5 per cent of sales in any year since 1962.

The film and theater divisions will not show an imme-diate profit, but Rosset is convinced that other publishers will eventually follow his lead he says that his authors are becoming increasingly film-conscious themselves; and with all the talk about a bolder, freer American cinema, Grove offers an unsurpassed library of avant-garde stage plays for adaptation by ad-venturous film-makers. (At venturous film-makers. (At the moment, two properties that Rosset has high hopes for are the films "Passages From James Joyce's "Finnegans Wake," produced and direct-ed by Mary Ellen Bute, and a wide-cycd Swedish import, "I\_\_\_\_\_\_ Am Curious," directed by Vil-got Sjoman, whose most re-cent release here was the con-troversial "491.") To help provide a more solid

To help provide a more solid financial base for future operations, the company went public last summer. Although Rosset retained firm control, with 66 per cent of the total voting stock, the initial offer-ing of 240,000 shares at \$7 per share was snapped up by investors within a few hours.

N the tight little world of publishing in New York, Barney Rosset is known for being something of a swinger. He has been married three times, has been married three times, most recently to a 22-year-old former ballet dancer named Christina Agnini. (He and Christina have a 1-year-old daughter, Tansey; he also has a 12-year-old son, Peter, by a former marriage. Peter at-tends the progressive New Lincoln School and, according to his father, "loves it.") The Rossets spend as much

The Rossets spend as much time as possible at a two-acre time as possible at a two-acre pied-à-terre in East Hampton. L. I., that Barney bought in 1953. The main house, which was built just after the war by artist Robert Motherwell, is essentially a quonset hut, with improvements. "It's all curves. The first floor is be-low ground lowed and the see curves. The first floor is be-low ground level and the second floor, where the bedrooms are, rests on four posts." There (Continued on Page 59)

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(Continued from Page 54) are also two unusual guest houses, a tennis court and a swimming pool. Barney is especially proud of the land-scaping he has done. In place of the "sandpit with briar and poison ivy" that once surpoison ivy" that once sur-rounded the house, he has planted "evergreens, plane planted "evergreens, plane trees, willows, gum, ginkgos, rhododendron, holly"—and a gray nicket for gray picket fence to discourage sightseers. Once or twice a year, according to a friend, the entire compound blooms with "big Gatsby-like parties, filled with what we used to

and with what we used to call 'interesting' people." Barney himself talks with nostalgia about the Good Old Days in the Hamptons, when the summer crowd was 1 st. ly painters, especially mem-bers of the Abstract Expres-sionist school. He remembers in particular the time Franz Kline, Lud Sander and Wil-lem and Elaine de Kooning painted a grapefruit and a shaved a graperful and a shaved coconut to look like softballs, and Harold Rosen-berg pitched them in to Phillip Pavia, who fancied himself something of a slugger. The grapefruit went "Splat!" and came down in a shower of juice, and the coconut went "Thwack!" and exploded into edible fragments, and Leo Castelli laughed so hard he fell flat on his back in the outfield grass.

"I find painters more convivial as a group than writ-ers," Rosset says. "A couple of years ago someone organized a big softball game be-tween the painters and the writers out there. The painters played it for fun and had a wonderful time; for the writ-ers, it was all dead serious."

WITH his increasing responsibilities as president and chairman of the board of Grove Press, Inc., Rosset has been hard pressed to keep up his softball and tennis activities, and he has even tried to curtail some of his purely editorial functions. Just a few months ago, he farmed out his job as first reader of the Evergreen Review slush pile-which he had performed with great relish since the maga-zine was founded in 1957-and then took it back again when his successor's taste proved to be too "reaction-ary." Less than 1 per cent of the pile is unsolicited "erotica," but Rosset remains on the lookout for something exciting—politically, stylistic-ally and/or sexually. He also remains one of five editorsthe others are Richard Seaver. Fred Jordan, Marilynn Meeker Gil Sorrentino - who and share the readings of all booklength manuscripts submitted to Grove Press. (The firm uses some outside readers, mostly for specialized books in the sciences or manuscripts in the

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can be very valuable." In one sense, Grove Press itself has functioned as a kind of mind-expander, provoking a whole generation of Ameri-cans to take another look at long-repressed material from their cultural heritage-such as Lawrence, Miller, Frank Harris and the Marquis de Harris and the Marquis de Sade—and to consider such scarifying visions of contem-porary society as offered by William Burroughs, Jean Genet, John Rechy, Hubert Selby and Floyd Salas. And Grove's impact may have gone even deemer According to a even deeper. According to a young publisher who works for one of Rosset's competi-tors: "There is no question that more people are writing more candidly today because of what Grove has done."

Jean Genet.

Rosset's own estimation is that "there is probably less censorship in the United States than anywhere else in the world today." But he adds a cautionary note: "I think that publishers as a group in this country were incredibly back-ward in pushing for their own rights. To a degree, they acted like the movie producers, making a 'code' for them-sclves." He shakes his head "Self - censorincredulously. ship!" he says with a grimace, as if that were the Ultimate Obscenity. · 🖬

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The moment of truth has finally come. The day of reckoning is upon us. The Big One, the one they've all been pointing toward, the one after which "there's no tomorrow." The one that's like the World Series, the Olympics, the Super-Bowl, the Indy-500, the Derby, the Pilsbury Bake-Off, the La Grange (Ill.) Pet Parade and Christmas-all rolled up into a whole larger than the sum of its parts-is about to begin.

A long season-the most baffling one in this reporter's memory-has passed since these same two teams, the Chicago Conspiracy and the Washington Kangaroos, met last August in last year's "Big One." Many of the players who thrilled us last summer are back-"Dick" Daley, demoted from team manager but still a crucial cog in the Kangaroo machine; Jerry Rubin, his hair a little thinner than a year ago; and Rennie and Strom and J. Edgar and Dave; Johnny Froines and Bobby Seale. But, as happens in all sports, some arms and minds and legs have lost their zing and their zip, and new ones have moved in to take their respective places.

Gone from the Kangaroos are such favorites as Lyndon and Hubie, the former sent back to the Pedernales farm, the latter relegated to the involuntarily retired list. Gone, too, is John Lynch, unsung hero of the Kangaroos, who made the last Kangaroo-Conspiracy matches possible by refusing to grant parade permits. And Bill Campbell, the 'Roos' can-do Justice whose selection committee nailed down the Conspirators' starting lineup-he, too, is gone. (Both Lynch and Campbell have, by the way, stuck with the "taxi squad," and can be called up to the Big Kangaroo team any time their services are required.)

Replacing these operatives are a whole new breed of player-managers-men less colorful, perhaps, than the fading heroes whose roster spots they've won, but men whose aggressiveness and will-to-win have not been seen in the Kangaroos' lineup since the exciting Joe McCarthy-Roy Cohn squads of the fifties. Men like tightend Dick "Detention Camp" Kleindienst, player-GM Jack "Preventive Detention" Mitchell, Coach Will "I'd call-something-a-riot-maybe-soonerthan-other-people-might" Wilson and the player-prexy himself, Dick "Fed-Up-To-Here" Nixon. In short, the Kangaroos have accomplished what sports buffs have always said was impossible: they've rebuilt their club from top to bottom and come right back to challenge for a championship. On such miracles are sports dynasties built . . . .

And meanwhile, what of the Conspiracy, or the Albatrosses, as they've come to be known. Abbie's back, but where are the 250,000 Yippies he brought with him to last year's contest? Lee Weiner's on the roster, but there's no sign of the hundreds that snake-danced behind him in Lincoln Park, stomping their collective feet and shouting "Washoi." Sure, the loss of a few prized draft-choices to the Canadian League explains some of the dimunition in the Conspiracy ranks, but the real answer lies in the cleverness-and the unmitigated chutzpah-of the Kangaroo strategists. For this year, the Big One will be an all-star game, and for the first time in history, the all-stars have been selected not by the writers, not by the coaches or the players or the fans, but by the opposing team. And, what's more, the 'Roos have actually had the gall to warn these Dellinger Et-All Stars that they'd better show up!

There can be no doubt about it: Inning One belongs to the Kangaroos. But I wouldn't tear up my tickets and go skulking off hollering "gyp!"-not just yet. Maybe the Albatrosses haven't really played together as a team before, but then again, look what happened to those big, bad Kangaroos when they cruised into Boston, as confident as you please, certain of victory against an older, weaker team. They lost, 3-2, that's what happened. After all, there are a few question marks beneath that smooth aura of invincibility. How will all those Kangaroo rookies hold up in this, only their second "crucial" game? Can they avoid the careless errors of execution that ruined them against the Boston Five? And what of all those vague, ugly stories we've all been hearing about the Kangaroo starting eight and their mysterious involvement-both individually and as a team-with the Boy Scouts of America? Is that involvement as innocent as it's made out to be, or do we detect a hint of conspiracy on the Washington side of the court? If so, the result could be a scandal that blows the whole Kangaroo team higher than Mrs. O'Leary's cow blew Chicago!

So settle back in your seats, fans, and get ready for a contest to remember. Konrad Lorenz sees sports as "man's salvation"-a harmless way of assuaging those little aggressions that have a way of building up inside you sometimes. Well, who am I to disagree with Konrad Lorenz-the Big One is at hand and I'm ready to be saved!

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### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Chicago (145-25)

Date: May 28, 1959

Re: GROVE PRESS AND EVERGREEN BOOKS PUBLISHED BY BARNEY ROSCET, GROVE PRESS, INCORPORATED, 795 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK TTOM

John Edgar Hoover, Director FBI File No. 145-1731

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Request received 5/4/59

Opinion whether "Ledy Chatterley's Lovar" by D. H. LAWRENCE, in an unexpurgated edition, is obscene.

Remarks:

The Bureau's files disclose that copies of the book entitled "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. LAWRENCE have previously been forwarded to the Laboratory. However, no record was found where the Department of Justice has rendered an opinion as to whether this book would be considered obscene.

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It would be desirable to have a copy of this book that was published in an unexpurgated edition by Grove Press and Evergreen Books by BARNEY ROSSET?, Grove Press, Incorporated, 795 Broadway, New York, New York, in the event, this book can be discretely obtained without disclosing the Bureau's interest in this highly controversal book.

A Laboratory report is not being submitted.

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The Laboratory is requested to advise the Chicago Division whether "Lady Chatterley's Lover", by D. H. LAWRENCE, in an unexpurgated edition, is at the present time considered obscene and whether the Laboratory desires the Chicago Division to obtain a copy or copies of this book.

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By Wendell Bradley istar Reporter The Post Office Department charged yesterday that sex is before the reader "almost con-tinuously? from the beginning to the end of D. H. Law-rence's novel, <u>x</u>: Lady Chat Not only that, but the in-tensity of the sex acts de-Stitute a significant contribu-tion to American culture.<sup>2</sup> The briefs were filed with Charles D. Ablard, judicial the sex act, and frequently officer of the Post Office who must render a decision as to the novel's mallability in the that of the novel's 407 pages next five days. This decision only 38 describe sexual ac-tivity and that of its 155,000 tensity of the sex acts de Grove is the first to publish words, only 75 fall into what scribed by Lady Chatterley in an (unexpurgated version of the Post Office considers the Department argued in the English novel which "significant." seeking to ban the book from Lawrence wrote in 1928. Grove's attorneys, Charles the mails. The crescendo is The publisher relied on such Rembar. Morton E. Yohalem reached, according to its brief, eminent men of letters as and Sigmund Timberg, sug on page 297 of the novel. Archibald MacLeish and Mal gested that if the salaciously The brief, written by Rich colm: Cowley. Ininded reader were to ap ard S. Farr, assistant general MacLeish compared the ex. proach the book on the ba counsel of the Fraud and Mail purgated and unexpurgated sis of its earlier banning, its ability Division, and Saul J versions and stated that while new preface and introduction Mindel, chief, of the Mailabil, the abridged version might would disabuse him before he ity Section, states that the possibly be considered ob we book, taken as a whole, is an scene, the complete version it obscene and filthy work.

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Sex and Literature' ; I have read with astonishment of the selzure of a copy of the unexpurgated edition of D. H. Lawrence's Lady Chatterley's Lover by the postal authorities in an attempt to make a test case of this book's frank —but indeed no longer startling—treatment of adult love.

The Executive Committee of the American Center, P. E. N., an international organization of writers dedicated to defend, among other things, the freedom of literature, wishes to protest at this new move toward literary censorship on the American scene.

A substantial precedent was established by the courts as long ago as 1933 when they recognized that Joyce's Ulysses could in no manner corrupt the morals of the young. Since Ulysses, and since Lady Chatterley, which was first published in 1928, we have had such works as By Love Possessed, the novels of O'Hara and Caldwell and Mailer-not to speak of Peyton Place, Lolita; and also such widely disseminated nonfictional documents as the Kinsey Report-which far surpass in realism the frankness of D. H. Lawrence.

'I do not for a moment advocate action against these books: I am opposed to all book-banning. But I mention them to suggest that our civil servants seem to be rather considerably behind in their reading, and are compounding an ambiguity rather than clarifying an issue. The truth is that literary criticism can never be a function of government; that we cannot entrust to any department of government, however enlightened." the judgment of what is and is not good reading for young and old alike.

Only a few months ago, the American P. E. N. was among the first to protest against Russia's attempted suppression of Boris Pasternak's Doctor Zhivago. This summer we are sending delegates to the P. E. N. Congress in West Germany and there we will congratulate German writers on their emergence into freedom from the book-burnings of the Nazis. But any, remarks that we will come, with ill grace from us if it is known that a novel such as Lady Chatterley's Lover, which the world recognizes as literature, is being treated in the United States as if it were mere pornography. LEON EDEL, President. American Center. P.E.N. New York.

(The author is a Professor of English at New York University and an authority on Henry James, whose biography he is completing.)

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Next Thursday, May 14, there will be a hearing in a room at the new Post Office in Washington, to decide whether 24 parcels of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" will be released or held as unmallable -which would mean ending the distribution of the book. The letter to the Grove Press from Richard S. Farr, of the Fraud and Mail-ability Division of the Post Office, "alleges and avers" that "the shid book ...., is obscene, lewd, lascivlous, indecent and filthy in content and character," and that: "the dominant effect of the book appeals to prurient interest."

Well, the issue is finally joined. Ever since Lawrence finished Lady Chatterley in 1927, no one has dared publish the complete (or third) version in England or the U. S., and no one has had the courage to put it to a court test. Lawrence battled with the censors—the guardians of "the dirty little secret," as he called them—during his lifetime. But in the intervening 30 years, the book has become one of the classics of the literature of love and the love act.

In those 30 years, surely, we should have learned something

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IBy Judith Crist A 'Post Office Department indicial officer yesterday con-tinued the 'mailing' ban 'on "Lady Chatterley's Lover" pending a ruling by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summer-field on whether the unexpur gated edition is obscene. In a ruling issued in Wash-ington two weeks after he had presided at a hearing here on rulings of a co-ordinate execupresided at a hearing here on rulings of a co-ordinate execu-the "mailability" of the first the department. This proceed-unabridged American edition of ing is therefore referred to the the 1928 D. H. Lawrence novel, Postmaster General for Inal Charles D. Ablard declined to departmental "decision." purreverse "rulings of long stand- suant to departmental rules ing" that have held the book to which permits such referrals.

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New York Division should follow and advise the Bureau of the results of action pending in U. S. District Court in which the Grove Press and Readers Subscription, Inc., are endeavoring to upset the ban placed by the Postmaster General on the mailing of "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

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#### By HARRY BACAS Star Staff Writer

When Postmaster General Summerfield ruled a few days ago that "Lady Chatterley's Lover", could not be sent through the United States malls, he set off the latest Fround in an old debate over censorship vs. the freedom to read.

"Obscene, and filthy," said Mr. Summerfield of D./H. Lawrence's of the century," said the defense. The argument will continue. The Grove Press, publisher of the new edition of Lawrence's story about British gentlewoman's affair à with her gamekeeper, has asked the Federal District Court in New York for an injunction against Mr. Summerfield's ban. The case could eventually reach the Su-. preme Court, which in recent years has concerned itself increasingly with the laws against obscenity. obscenity,

Meanwhile, the book itself is selling at a far greater rate than it yould have if the censorship issue had never been raised. The Postmaster's General's ruling ap-plies only to its mailability. Book dealers have been getting large quantities by express. The United States has never:

had an official agency for the licensing of books. States, municipalities and private organizations have been the chief instruments of censorship. And in this country, censorship has almost always been based on sexual undesirability. 1 I am conta M

#### Some / Early Precedents

When the Roman Emperor Caligula tried to suppress Homer's "Odyssey,", it was because the feared the Greek ideals of freedom. When the Chinese Em-peror Chi Huang Ti, 200 years earlier, ordered the "Analects" of Confucius burned, it was because he believed only in practical books. The works of Dante Luther, translations of the Bible, Roger (Bacon, Erasmus, Calvin, Galileo, Descartes and Thomas Paine were banned on religious grounds. Shakespeare. Molière, Swift Goethe, Thomas Jefferson and Victor Hugo were banned for

political reasons. In English common law of which we are the inheritors, publishing obscenity is not a crime of very long standing. As late as 1708, an English Judge held that works against religion or the state were criminal but an ob-scene book was not. In the United States, the first permanent legal step against becenity was the passage of the Tariff Act of 1842.



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which forbade the importation of obscene literature. Thirty years later, in 1872, Anthony Comstock, the whirlwind New York vice crusader, waging what has been called "one of the most effective one - man lobbying campaigns known," brought about the enactment of (an omnibus Federal anti-obscenity law which prohibited, among other things, the sending of obscene literature through the mails. That law is the basis of the Postmaster General's "Lady Chatterley" ruling.

Several years later, a Federal judge established the definition of an obscene book as one which contained anything which tended to sexually corrupt "those whose minds are open to such immoral influences"-presumably, the feeblest mentalities in the community. Other courts, dissatisfied with the definition, sought to narrow its scope. Eventually, the definition was rejected outright, by Federal was rejected outright, by reactar Judge John Woolsey In the cele-brated 1933 decision allowing James Joyce's "Ulysses" to be imported after an 11-year ban. Since then most Judge have used as a standard, the effect of a book on the normal, average healthy person.

#### The "Esquire" Case

The Supreme Court first tackled the obscenity question head-on in 1948, in ruling that a New York law against "stories of bloodshed and lust" was unconstitutionally vague. Later, when the Post Office Department tried to bar Esquire Magazine from second-class mailing privileges, not because of ob-scenity but on the grounds fit lacked the informational or literary character to justify Govern-ment subsidy of its distribution,



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the court prohibited the action as arbitrary. Still later, however, the court affirmed a lower court ruling that "Memoirs of Hecate County," Edmund Wilson's book on the sexual adventures of New York suburbanites, was obscene. Its mailability was not in question and the court did not give an opinion.

The first Supreme Court opinion addressed squarely to the censor-ship of books came in February. 1957, when the court unanimously invalidated a Michigan law against works which might tend to the corruption of the moral of youth." The opinion said that the affect of the law was to "reduce the adult population of Michigan to hilreading only what is fit for dren," thus curtailing liberties guaranteed in the Fourteenth Amendment. In the Roth case, five months later, the court, while upholding the Federal statute against mailing obscene literature, emphasized that 'sex and obscenity are not synonymous."

More significantly, the court provided a new test for obscenity: "Whether to the average person, applying contemporary standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." The court thus made clear that a book had to be considered as a whole rather than lifting passages or single words from it, and that the book must trom it, and that the book must be judged for its effect (on the average adult, instead of the youngest or most \* susceptible reader. In subsequent rulings, the Su-preme Court has kept a watchful eye on obscenity cases, reve sing four lower court induces of obs-

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Over the country, courts have tended recently to restrict obscenity findings to what the Post Office's legal department calls "outright hard core pornography." Or, as an appellate court expostulated, a book can no longer be condemned as obscene if it is merely "bad"; it has to be "awful,"

#### Science and Obscenity

The Customs Bureau last year gave up a seven-year fight to bar the importation of certain materials, including Chinese paintings, books and "lavatory wall inscrip-tions," by Indiana University's Institute for Sex Research. The customs officials presumably ac-(cepted the Supreme Court's new, strict definition of obscenity in the Roth case and decided not to appeal a District Court ruling that "what is obscenity to one person "is but a subject of scientific in-quiry to another." On the same basis, the customs this year returned to a sociologist a copy of Henry Miller's "Tropic of Cancer" which it had selzed. It still bans general importation of the book, nowever.

The Post Office itself, after the Roth decision, set up new regulations which now insure a formal hearing for the senders of material considered non-mailable by the department. The new rules also prohibit local postmasters from taking it on themselves to bar material from the mails. It was after a hearing under the new regulations that Postmaster General Summerfield issued this ban on 'Lady Chatterley's Lover,"

One of the arguments made by critics of the Postmaster General's decision is that poor Tady Chatterley" is now somewhat oldhat. They point out that 'although the book does indeed contain a number of four-letter Anglo Saxon words, it contains none which have not appeared in spected novels of the last several decades." They cite such books is "Ulysses," "A Farewell to Arms," The Naked and the Dead," "From Here to Eternity," "By Love Possessed," 'From the Terrace" and "Peyton Place." Each of these, of course, has been a bestseller, no doubt in large measure because of its frankness about sex.

D. H. Lawrence did not even put in the four-letter words when he wrote the first two of his three complete versions of the novel. The third version, published in Italy in 1928, was barred from the United States by the Oustains Bureau the following year. The ruling has never been contested in court. In 1930, an expurgated edition of the third version was issued in this, country and widely reprinted. In 1944, the first version was published here as "The First Lady Chatterley." Neither is barred from the mails.

Even if the Postmaster General's ruling is overturned, "Lady Chatterley" undoubtedly will run up against some local censorship. Such suppression, both by local governments and by private groups, is widespread. The National Office for Decent Literature, for example, which circulates, a list of books prepared by the Chicago Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, is credited with keeping "more books off the drugstore racks than all of our police sergeants and public prosecutors." Its lists concentrate on magazines; comics and paperbacks.

Many State legislatures have sought recently to strengthen obscenity statutes. Their concern is obviously over the kind of materials available to youths. And, an increasing number of private community organizations has put pressure on newsstands and drugstores to "clean up" their offerings.

Watch and Ward Society

The most famous such organization, Boston's Watch and Ward Society, now the New England Citizens Crime Commission, probably holds the American record for setting books banned, beginning in 1873 with Whitman's "Leaves of Grass." These prohibitions have almost invariably had the effect of increasing sales elsewhere, so that publishers consider it auspicious for a new book's success to have it "banned in Boston." Local bans cannot take much credit for success, however, when they are invoked as, they have been, against such established favorites as "Tom Sawyer" or "Robin Hood."

The wave of censorship, if it is that, is directed chiefty at books and magazines. The motion picture industry, radio and television have developed systems of selfcensorship, as one observer says. "partly to forestall an official censorship, partly out of fear of offending audiences and sponsors. This self-regulation has been very effective. Only four States exercise censorship of movies, while every State except New Mexico has statutes against obseche publications.

How.well "Lady Chatterley" will fare in the many inspections she still must undergo, remains to be seen. (Her popularity is already assured. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_ McGuire \_\_\_\_\_ Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ Parsons \_\_\_\_\_ Parsons \_\_\_\_\_ Rosen \_\_\_\_\_ Tamm \_\_\_\_\_ Trotter \_\_\_\_\_ W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_ Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_ Holloman \_\_\_\_\_ Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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By Robert J. Donovan Is "an obscene and filthy work." WASHINGTON, June 20. With this decision he unloosed Has the American public's taste a wave of praise and applause In literature declined in the last from some groups and a cry of \* Censorship" from others, and Did the respected literary practically assured a lawsuit critics who acclaimed the merits that may be carried all the way of the unexpurgated edition of to the United States Supreme Court. .... A. T. A.L.

Meanwhile he is well aware that, on the old theory that "banning) a book in Boston" obilgation to keep such a book makes it a best-seller elsewhere. his ruling inevitably will boost 'Lady Chatterley's the sales of the very work he Lover," as well- as other books believes to be harmful. But he like it, contribute to juvenile de-an interview with the New York Herald Tribune, he could have Mlet this circumstance stand in Is D. W. Lawrence's novel in the way of what he considered 176 JUL 21 1959 the lewd photographs and por- "I make no claim of being a nographic movies that are ped-literary critic in the professional dled by seamy characters out sense," Mr. Summerfield said, to make a fast buck? "but I feel I have some sense as The answer to all these gues- to what is decent and what is

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By Luther P. Jackson Staff Reporter

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By Milton Lewis Challenges by at least four of the TV-quiz programs under investigation by a grand jury caused General Sessions Judge Mitchell D. Schweitzer to impound the panel's presentment it was learned yesterday. In (all, the grand jury, after numerous, allegations, of fix. concentrated on six such shows Lawyers for two of them The \$64,000 Question" and "The \$64,000 Challenge/" boh since off the air—readily admitted that they objected to Judge Schweit zer about having; the twenty-six - page 12,000 - word report made public. Others made representations on behalt of the defunct 217 and Tic Tac Dough, now on a daytime tele-cast Protests Made in Private It was on the basis of / such protests, lodged in private, that Judge/Schweitzer/said/in/open court Wednesday that he was keeping the presentment sealed On the face of it, he maintained, the document was "expunge-able "the refused to identify the challengers after first saying their identity was a matter of public record. He then discharged the Jury which thad slabored raince i Sep-tember and which made it plain t was shocked by the judge's action, unprecedented for a least ninety, years in New York County, according to official records. In those ninety years almost 500 presentments have been filed in General Sessions but never has such a finding been ordered impounded. Only one—in 1910—was ordered ex punged, but this was after it had een filed and opened for public view

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Judge Schweitzer ruled after Assistant District Attorney Joseph Stone asaid that the grand Jury had "uprooted is tawdry hoax on the American public; and the panel foreman, Louis M. Hacker, former dean of the School of General Studies at Columbia University pleaded that the report be made gations. if any, against ou available to the public. As IMr. Hacker continued to (The other two TV quiz pro-(Centinued from Days one) stans under Scutiny, were stick to hisiguns, yesterday, it "Dotto and."Name That Tune," was learned that the board of both defunct. available to the public. was learned that the board of both defunct, directors of the Grand Jury Association of New Vork that about ten days ago almost County headed by Lee Thomp. Son Smith discussed the case iury and two assistant district at its regularly monthly meet at its regularly monthly meet of the presentment matter, of the presentment matter, arguing for acceptance. In open The association arefused to arguing for acceptance. In open court Wednesday Mr. Hacker make any immediate comment, since the matter is still before to the judge that he had never since the matter is still belove to the judge that he had neve Judge Schweitzer, who! has told the panel it could not come ordered a hearing saying the in with a presentment. The burden of proof as to why he should open the presentment lection. The former is a presentment of the presentment is to why he should open the presentment lection. Trests with the District Attorney. Under law should Judge Schweitzer/maintain/his post-tion to expunse the report, his ruling is anot appealable. His feeling Wednesday was there report, that it mentioned no names or specific TV quiz shows. He result to reveal the presentment's con-to reveal the presentment's con-to reveal the presentment's conto reveal the presentment's conto reveal the presentment's con-tents ibased on the challenges, should be made public for pro-Both James P. Durante and found moral reasons. Society J. Norman Lewis of the law should be interested in charges firm of Lewis Durante, and of corruption. Only when the Bartel, 655 Madison Ave, tsaid facts are revealed can society that they had challenged the know the proper steps to take to that they had challenged the know the proper steps to take to legality of the filing of such a prevent repetition." presentment on behalf of "The heard at least 200 witnesses, it s64,000 Challenge." Mr. Durante did not hear from Dan Enright filed to brief two tmonths ago and Jack Barry, co-producers of with Judge Schweitzer Among other things both lawyers al leged yesterday that present-wolving public agencies or pub-lic officials. This was flatly denied by District Attorney Frank S. Hogan's Joffice Manuel Calling Technic Both lawyers maintained that to give them immunity. a presentment has been char ILegal historians recalled that a presentment, has been char-acterized by the courts as in the nature of hit and run situations. You can't answer them. If you are called a thief (under a spe-chic charge) you can vindicate yourself in court? but if you're named in a presentment you have 'no recourse' This is a name calling technique. 'Ar Lewis added 

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# **Diplomat Blick Ducks** Lady Chatterley Issue

Lady Chatterley's fling with England was his first stop-the Post Office is a a private Chief Blick borrowed a copy affair, Washington's vice squad from a Washington bookseller. chief said yesterday.

Mollified perhaps by a recent visit to the lady's homeland, Deputy Chief Roy Blick diplomatically washed his hands of D. H. Lawrence's heroine:

"We will cooperate, of course but we have no jurisdiction over the United States mails,"

Summerfield's Ban

Postmaster General Summerfield vesterday banned the 30-year-old classic from the mails. He said whatever literary and words."

"I understand the book contains some really great writing," was Chief Blick's comment.

"Just before he went on tour tion, not a mailman's holiday."

At the time he indicated he might come back with a raiding party if he deemed the book nasty. 1

#### Fast Reading

But yesterday Chief Blick said "the book wasn't in my hands for more than an hour.

After glancing at several pages. I turned it over to the United States 'attorney's office T wasn't for or against the book." the globe-trotting vice squad chief explained. His five-week itinerary in-

cluded stops at such pitfalls for the unwary as Paris and Rome, but Chief Blick wasn't looking for sin. I don't know the laws or

the lingo over there," he said. "Besides, this was a vaca-

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#### By TOM DONNELLY

THE POST OFFICE says "Lady Chatterley's Lover" should not be mailed because it is "obscene" and "offen-sive." A number of book reviewers, appraising the new Connie Chatterley drew up unexpurgated Grove Pressusharp. There he was again! edition, have called the novel quaint, Malcolm Cowley, the literary critic, testifying at a Post Office hearing as an expert witness for the defense, said 'I' do not find anything in (Lady Chatterley's Lover' which I don't find in The Ladies Home Journal."

Heavens to Betsy! Mr. Cowley is more than an ex-pert witness, he must be an X-ray-eyed breader fof lines between the lines. I am inclined to think the celebrated D. H. Lawrence work is a bit on the quaint side myself, but I must confess I never In The Ladies' Home Jour-'n The Ladies' Home Jour-'nal, not even in the "Can This Marriage Be Saved?". department, To be sure, Mr. Lawrence's Sweethearts ex. Lawrence's sweethearts ex-press their abandon in poetic terms. But nevertheless they use certain four letter words which have never turned up nal. except, possibly, in Mr. Cowley's copies.

It is my observation that a writer depicting untram-meled passion for Journal readers knows precisely where to stop

TADY CHATTERLEY ran out of the manor house in something very like de-spair. How impossible her husband was being! She was perfectly willing to make al-- lowances for him, considering that he was an invalid, but she really could not bear his constant coldness, his day to day bettishness. She day to day bettishness. She had herself overseen the preparation of his milk cus tard, she knew that it was as delicious as a milk cus-tard could possibly be, and yet Clifford had thrown it on the floor with a vicious snarl. It was scarcely/her fault it his physician had forbladen him curry!

"If only there had been a child," Connie Chatterley thought, looking up at the remote azure sky. "How dif-ferent it might all be."

Connie Chatterley drew up Mellors, the gamekeeper, standing there in all his rude, vibrant maleness. What was there about this man that made her blood tingle, her knees grow weak her, breath come short?

The gamekeeper, his expression: inscrutable, took her in his arms. After a kiss that melted her insteps, Connie removed herself from his crushing embrace, "You are afraid of me," he said in his deep, molten voice.

"No." Connie corrected gently. "Of myself."

"This is not some wild passing sinfatuation," Mel lors said. "Not on my side. This is something that could last. For you, I would defy convention Have you a cow-ard's heart? It is for you to decide."

Connie looked deep linto her heart. She was tempted, tempted as she had never been before. With this man she could indeed carve out a new life. But what kind of a life would it be, based on an abandonment of the man she had promised to cherish, in sickness and in health? Besides, what of Mellors' dowdy little wife and three chil-dren? He saw her answer in her eyes, and he paid her the her eyes, and he paid her the finest compliment a man can pay a woman. "Coward?" No. You are braver, than both of us. If you said yes, you would have my love. But I see now you would have lost my respect. You would inct the the woman it would not be the woman I worship."

There were tears in Connie's eyes when she went back to the manor house. But there was also a strange new lightness in her step. She would make Clifford another milk custard. This time she would double the vanilla

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## Dealing With Obscenity Involves Child's Privacy

#### By MARTIN TOLCHIN

HOW sacred is an adolescent's against parental infringement parent impose his literary judg- mother who is close to her chil-ment on his teen-age children? dren, the expert advised, will How may parents divert a not have to steam open letters youngster from objectionable or search a bedroom to learn books?

Department's recent appeal to their mail-and rooms-will be parents for help in stamping out respected by grown-ups. the \$500,000,000-a-year traffic in obscene and pornographic

cluding envelopes and enclosures were such that most children and report the matter immedi-reared here came in contact ately to the local postmaster. With objectionable material. Another source of official and Mrs. Stein said that this in-parental concern is the flood of cluded material that was re-stag magazines, which carry peated at third-hand. photographs of scantily clad Obscene material, she said, is models, breezy stories, bawdy designed primarily to arouse cartoons and royalty-free "ribald feelings that adolescents are classics." Teen-agers are said eternoving to control. classics." Teen agers are said struggling to control. to be an important factor in When a youngster shows an the spectacular growth in the interest in such material, Mrs.

Definition Is in Doubt The question of what con-stitutes obscenity has long been a subject of spirited contro-versy among lawyers, literary critics, the reading public, and even justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. The current dispute over "Lady Standing the analy adolescent per-standing." Court of the United States. The current dispute over "Lady sists in reading this material, but post Office Department is con-sidering banning from the mails, recognizes that parents are follows similar but unsuccessful attempts against Playboy publications. The Supreme Court has de-

publications. The Supreme Court has de-fined obscenity as "material fively little that parents can which deals with sex in a man-ner appealing to prurient inter-test," as measured by its impact the material is "trashy," Mrs. on "the average person," or, if Stein said. it is intended for a limited audi-ence, the impact of the material muth-

right to privacy? Should a of an adolescent's privacy. A what her youngsters are read-These are some of the family ing. Adolescents in particular issues involved in the Post Office need to feel that the privacy of

Frank Talk Is Advised

That is the opinion of Lucille In obscene and pointographic That is the opinion of Identic material. The department has estimated worker who is director of par-that between 700,000 and 1,000,-000 children will receive un-solicited "filth" through the mails. It asks parents to save all the material received, in-the conditions of city living cluding envelopes and enclosures were such that most children and report the matter immedia

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on "the average person," or, if it is intended for a limited audi-ence, the impact of the material on those who see it. How can a parent cut through the legal and literary contro-versies and apply common sense to specific situations? A family life expert, who noles that the law is what the juoges say it is, suggested re-tersily that for the purpose of a young reader obscenity was should not become upset by in what his parents found obscene. literation of a young reader obscenity was should not become upset by in what his parents found obscene. literation of the strongly counseled able material, Mrs. Stein noted.

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Reurlet dated July 9, 1959, transmitting to the Bureau one copy of the book entitled "Lady Chatterley's Lover."

This book will be maintained in the FBI Laboratory. No further investigative activity concerning possible interstate transportation is desired at this time. Any information in this regard which may be volunteered to you should, of course, be accepted.

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Grove Press and Readers Subscription, Inc., are endeavoring to upset the ban placed by the Postmaster General on the mailing of the book. The New York Office is following the results of that action.

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Re Bureau letter from the FBI Laboratory to Chicago dated May 28, 1959.

Enclosed herewith as per referenced letter is one copy of the book entitled "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. LAWRENCE, in an unexpurgated edition by Grove Press and Evergreen Books.

> This book, as instructed by the FBI Laboratory, was purchased by SA AUGUST C. KEMPFF of the Chicago Division from the Economy Book Store, North Clark Street, Chicago, without revealing his identity.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/24/59

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ReBulet dated 7/6/59.

The New York "Daily News" of 7/22/59, carried an article stating that Federal Judge FREDERICK VAN PELT BRYAN yesterday ruled that "Lady Chatterly's Lover" is not obscene. The article stated the Judge agreed with a US Supreme Court ruling last month ruling the movie version is also not obscene. BRYAN was to sign an order restraining the Government "from denying the mails to this book or to the circulars announcing it's availability."

In view of the above, no investigation is being conducted by the NYO and this case is being closed.

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**U.S. Judge Questions** 'Chatterley' Mail Ban

NEW YORK. July 1. (AP) .- three-hour court hearing yes-A Federal Judge has questioned terday when Judge Bryan comthe right of the Postmaster mented that he had "read the General to bar the unex-purgated edition of <u>"Lady</u> book with very considerable <u>Chatterley's Lover"</u> from the care; in fact, I re-read it. The

Judge Frederick Van Pelt ago" Bryan reserved decision yesterday on a plea to upset the ban, which was imposed June 11. Judge Bryan said he was

very seriously concerned" whether Postmaster General Arthur L. Summerfield had authority to impose the ban on the novel. The grove Press, which pub-lished the new American edi-

tion, claims the Summerfield decision deprived the publisher of the constitutional rights of freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

The edition, the first uncut version of D. H. Lawrence's novel to be circulated in America, was declared to be obscene in the Summerfield decision.

Challenged by Club

The ban is also being chal-The ban is also being chal- guarantees, and to be seen by lenged by Readers Subscription, the American public." Inc., a book club.

The book is selling briskly private shippers, who don't use the mails,

The novel deals with a love amar between an English gentewoman, Lady Constance Chatterley, and the gamekeeper on her husband's estate. Her husband is sexually impotent because of a war wound. Lou dlaughter interrupted

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States Attorney S. Hazard Gil-lespie, fr., said that Mr. Sum-merfield "considered all the facts in the case, and we believe that his decision should not be disturbed." N. 14.

Called Common (Tramp'

"The central theme of this book," (the Government lawyer added, "is illicit love outside of the bounds of matrimony. You have got here in this book a central theme revolving around a woman who is a common tramp." A 4

Charles Rembar, counsel for Grove, said that if the book has "any socially important ideas it has every right to the full protection of constitutional

Mr. Rembar described it as a book "just full of ideas," and through bookstores supplied by said that "whether or not you agree with D. H. Lawrence, he really had something to say to the public."

The attorney for the publisher added that Lawrence was "waving a banner against | emotional and sexual approach to love and arguing that such apporach should be healthy and not morbid."

The movie version of the story, also called 'Lady Chat-terley's (Lover,", figured in another court case this week. On Monday the United States. Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a section of New York State's movie censorship law. Specifically, the ruling in-validated a ban on the movie version of the book. er- 2's

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## By TOM DONNELLY

WHEN I saw the controversial film version of "Lady Chatterley's Lover" right here in town, a good many months ago, it never occurred to me that the movie was "teaching adultery." That just shows you how naive I am. I must take what, comfort I can from the fact that several hundred other Washingtonians who saw the movie here also didn't realize, apparently, what inflammable stuff was being unrecled before them. Practfeally nobody seened to get the ireal message.

But then "Lady Chatterley's Lover" got to that capital of respectability, New York City, horrified the New York (State, Board of Regents and the Court of Appeals, and the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court had to be called in As you know, the Supreme Court, after gravely weigh, ing the ins and outs of the matter, came to the conclusion that adultery is just an idea, like socialism or the single fax, and that advocacy of ideas comes under the heading of free speech and is protected by the First Amendment. As Justice Potter, Stewart put it, "What New York has done, therefore, is to prevent the exhibition of a motion picture because that picture advocates an idea—that adultery under certain circumstances may be proper behavior. ... The State, quite simply, has thus Struck at the very heart of constitutionally protected liberty."

> This decision didn't go down well with many people, especially David Lawrence, who (seems to feel that the Supreme Court, guilty in hisopinion of numerous recent sins, has really surpassed itself in this, saying, "in ef. fect, that it is lawful to teach adultery."

I personally feel sorry for the bieleaguered Court, which has to decide on so many thorny issues, and has been pushed by the crush of

events into rendering a decision which was bound to come out sounding rather silly, no matter how well worded. I suppose the Court couldn't have simply said that "Lady Chatterley's Lover" is nothing to get all hot and bothered about in 1959, and let it go at that. Justice Frankfurter intimated as much, but the pecular necessities of his office apparently prohibited him from keeping his pronouncement crisp. At all events, the Court has laid itself wide open to all sorts of charges, and prophecies, like "The next thing you know they'll be saying it's ok to iteach a course in a dultery in our public schools, right in between driver training and geography."

But does "Lady Chatterley's Lover" teach adultery? I will answer that with another question, evasive ifellow that I am. Does "Romeo and Juliet" teach suloide? "A literal-minded man might insist that "Lady Chatterley's Lover" only teaches that it is permissable for an English lady who happens to be married to an incapacitated gentleman to practice adultry with a gamekeeper of poetic temperament. It isn't every U.S. matron who could meet those qualifications, and few in England. And let us not forget Eugene O'Neill's "Strange Interlude" which was also made into a film, and covered roughy "the same ground. As I recall, nobody ever, claimed that "Strange Interlude", was te a ching adultery. I should say that there are two characteristics which marked the O'Neil era, and do not smark our own. In those happy golden days every piddling, issue didn't wind up im the Su preme Court, and inine out of ten novels didn't take place in the bedroom If public opinion today, is dead set against adultery, who's buying those tons of best sellers?



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#### AMERICAN LEGION CRUSADE AGAINST OBSCENE LITERATURE

10/30/59

The October 29, 1959 issue of the Memphis Press Scinitar reports that Post # 1 of the American Legion, Memphis, Tennessee, the largest Legics Post in Tennessee and one of the largest in the Nation, is conducting a crusade against obscene literature and has taken out after the newly released, unexpurgated edition of D. H. LAWRENCE'S LADY CHATTERLY'S LOVE

A Legion committee hopes to have banning of "Lady Chatterly's Lover" and books like it a major project of all Legion posts.

C. P. J. MOONEY, Attorney, drafted a resolution for a five-member committee, and copies will be sent to ARTHUR E. SUMMERFIELD, Postmaster General; Cummissioner CLAUDE ARMOUR, Sheriff M. A. HINDS, and to congressmen.

The resolution says numbership of Post No. 1 and other Legionnaires are "urged to express their resentment of the distribution of this observe, material and to do everything within their lawful power to eberroot the passage of such matter into the hands of the public, particularly the portion thereof designated as juvenile."

EURERT J. CURRY, real estate man, is committee chairman, Hembers are State Senator TCM P. MITCHELL, Rev. PORTER F. FLORENCE, Meeter of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; LEOMARD D. PIEROTTI, attorney and a past commander of the post, and JACK LITTLE, former chief of the Laion's National 15.1. init Public Relations Division, now public relations director for Post No. 1.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64 Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT (309,329) DATE: August 16, 1960 TO Director, FBI ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED FROM Iegat, London (64-941) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM DATE 4/27/89 BYSPIAG 4 SUBJECT: BRITISH OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION PC - FMOn August 16, 1960, from the Office of Public Prosecution, contacted Legat for information concerning b6 court case in the United States involving onited States Post Office b7c and the book by D. H. LAWRENCE entitled Lady Chatterley's Lover," In England the Office of Public Prosecution is the organization presenting cases before the government and is similar he to our office of the United States Attorney in the United States. b7C b7D 15% T. stated that in the very near future his office will be taking a case into the British courts which is concerned with whether this book will be able to be published and sent b6 through the mails in England. In this regard he has noted in the b7C British press that the issue regarding the book has been decided in United States courts and he guoted a United States District Court, Southern District of New York decision dated July 21, 1959 under Civil Docket 147-87. This case was between Grove Press, Inc., and Readers Subscription, Inc., vs. ROBERT K. CHRISTENBERRY, Postmaster, City of New York. believes that after the District Court's decision V this case was taken up with the United States Court of Appeals and he is most desirous of obtaining any information available concern- b6 ing this matter so that he can have guidance in presenting his case/ b7c here in England. As a matter of cooperation it is requested that the Liaison Section contact the Post Office for transcripts of the trial to at least include transcript of the opinions and decisions b6 so that they can be furnished to stated this b7C case comes into court in early September and expeditious handling of this request would be most approciated by his office. Jo London 8 24/60 9 - Bureau () Felical Lepartin (4) 1 - London (64-941) Sacond Serves but 5/30 **DEC-42** 12 AUG 19 1960 and The Distrect Court ACM: MAH 52 A 18 31 1600 Souther District of nur against Rolt. K Chartenberry Indevidually + as Pastin TA . A Yre man. Ast by 71 11412.4

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Remylet August 16, 1960.

The information furnished by the Bureau as requested was given to of the Office of in my reflet was given to Public Prosecutions, London, who contacted this office on September 23 and advised that in connection with the forthb7C coming case involving D. H. LAWRENCE's "Lady Chatterley's Lover", the Office of Public Prosecutions were interested Lover" in obtaining copies of "The First Lady Chatterly", which was published in the United States in 1944. He advised that it would be helpful if 12 copies of book could be obtained.

It is requested that the Bureau make inquiry to determine if copies of "The First Lady Chatterly" are available. If so, it is requested that 12 copies be obtained and furnished to this office. It is also requested that this office be advised whether any expense is involved, as the Office of Public Prosecutions will stand the cost.

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By Robert E. Baker European Bureau The Washington Post The

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 This matter is being handled as a matter of police cooperation with British authorities, who requested Legat to attempt to obtain 12 copies of "The First Lady Chatterly" published in the U.S. in 1944, in connection with their forthcoming case involving D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover," This cable being sent via State Department leased line at no cost to the Bureau.

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Copies being sent as matter of cooperation with British authorities who requested they be obtained in connection with forthcoming trial involving D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover" due to start October 20, 1960. Legat asked that he be advised of the cost. This cable being sent via State Department leased line at no cost to the Bureau.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 5010-104 UNITED STATES GOV NMENT 1emorandum TO DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 10 - 26 - 61ATTN: FBI LABORATORY SAC, CHARLOTTE' (145-NEW) 379755 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT. dba Grove b6 Press, Inc., New York, N. b7C dba' N. C. ITOM Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of a paperback edition of the book "Tropic of Cancer", written by HENRY MILLER. Chief L. F. WORRELL, Fayetteville, N. C., PD, advised on 10-20-61, his department had confiscated over 160 editions of the enclosed book from magazine retail outlets in the Fayetteville, N. C., area on 10-19-61, and he considers the contents of the book obscene. Although he has not read the book, a cursory examination revealed several passages of an obscene nature, and in particular, Page 5 seems extremely obscene. LAB The book was distributed in this area by b6 b7C & SPECMENS RETAINED IN FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT N. C., owned and operated by Chief WORRELL has determined these books arrived in Fayetteville by Railway Express; however, he has no further information concerning their distribution. The FBI Laboratory is requested to review the enclosed book to ascertain its obscene character. New York is requested to furnish Charlotte with available background information concerning the Grove Press, COPY Inc., New York, NY, and its publication and distribution of instant book. The enclosed book should be returned to Charlotte after examination, for return to Chief WORRELL, who will either hold this book with the others confiscated, as evidence, o destroy all copies as need dictates. REC 53 3 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM) o der 30 1961 2 - New York b7C 2 - Charlotte (145+New) EX. - 102 DMM: jho (7)Deleted Copy Sent Incl by Letter Por -



Re Charlotte letter 10/26/61.

For the information of both offices, in the past copies of the book, "Tropic of Cancer" by Henry Miller have come to the attention of the Eureau. However, to the Eureau's knowledge no prosecution has been initiated concerning the book as being transported in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 1462 and 1465.

You are further advised that this book has not been furnished to the Department in the past for an opinion as to its being a suitable vehicle for prosecution under the ITOW Statute.

For your information, the Department has furnished the following as a guide concerning the obscenity of books under investigation in ITON cases. In the U. S. Supreme Court decision in case of Roth vs. United States, 354 U. S. 476, the Court set out as a standard for judging obscenity whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appears to the prurient interest.

The Department has expressed the opinion that a United States Attorney as a representative of his community and familiar with his contemporary standards is the proper person to decide what may constitute obscenity within his district.

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In view of the above observations, the book "Tropic of Cancer" is not being furnished to the Constraint for review and decision as to its suitability as a vehicle for prosecution under the ITCM Statute.

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It is further called to your attention that this particular book has been the subject of much newspaper publicity in various areas throughout the country occasioned by the seizure of the book by local law enforcement agencies and/or its being banned by same.

In view of the above l'opertmontal elegevations, the Charlotte Office may desire to discuss the obscenity espects of "Tropic of Cancer" with the appropriate United States Attorney. Any opinion rendered from the United States Attorney should be brought to the Europu's attention.

The book submitted by relet is being returned to the Charlotte Office.

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On October 10, 1961, North Shore Distributors, Inc., 911 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois, a newspaper and magazine agency, commenced distribution of a paper-back <u>novel</u>, "Tropic of <u>Cancer</u>" by HENRY MILLER. This distribution was made throughout the suburbs north and northwest of Chicago. Chiefs of Police in the communities involved contacted the stores and shops in their areas and requested that the book not be made available to the public as it was of unquestioned obscenity.

Examination of the book disclosed it was copyrighted in 1961 by Grove Press, Inc. was published by the same firm at New York and was described as being manufactured in the United States of America.

The distribution of this book in the Chicago suburban area was brought to the attention of the Chicago Office by Chief MARVIN HORCHER, Wheeling, Illinois Police Department. Chief HORCHER contacted Chiefs of Police in surrounding communities relative to this publication and it was the opinion of all that the book is obscene.

One copy of this book is enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory. This copy may be destroyed by the Laboratory as there are sufficient additional copies available in the event of prosecution.

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The FBI Laboratory is requested to advise if this publication has been presented for prosecution in other divisions and if it may be considered a suitable vehicle for prosecution under the Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter Statute.

One newspaper in Chicago indicated "Tropic of Cancer" has been examined by the Department of Justice and it allegedly has been determined not obscene. The FBI Laboratory is requested to advise the Chicago Office if such a determination has been made

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GROVE PRESS, INC.; NORTH SHORE DISTRIBUTORS, INC. ITOM

Reurlet 10-18-61.

This is to advise that the book "Tropic of Cancer" by Henry Miller has not been furnished to the Department in the past for an opinion as to its being a suitable vehicle for prosecution under the ITOM Statute. In the past copies of this book have come to the attention of the Bureau; however, to the Bureau's knowledge no prosecution has been initiated concerning the book as being transported in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Sections 1462 and 1465.

For your information, the Department in the recent past has advised that based on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in the case of Roth versus United States, 354 US 476, the standard for judging obscenity is whether to the average person applying contemporary community standards the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interests.

The Department has expressed the opinion that a U. S. Attorney, as a representative of his community and familiar with its contemporary standards, is the proper person to decide what constitutes obscenity within his district.

In view of the above observations, the "Tropic of Cancer" is not being furnished to the Department for review and decision as to its suitability as a vehicle for prosecution under the ITOM Statute.

It is further called to your attention that this particular book has been the subject of much newspaper publicity not only in Chicago area but also in Montgomery County, Maryland, where seizures of the book have been made by the local authorities.

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Director, FBI (145-2426) то 12/12/61 DATE: SAC, Charlotte (145-219)(?) FROM UNSUB; dba Grove Press, Incorporated SUBJECT: <u>New York. New York:</u> .b6 dba b7C N. ITOM Re Charlotte letter to Bureau 10/26/61; New York letter to Bureau 11/15/61 and Bureau letter 11/21/61. On 12/5/61 SA discussed the obscenity aspects of the book, "Tropic of Cancer" with a Special Assistant to the United States Attorney , Western District of North Carolina. b6 noted that the book was printed by the Grove Press, Inc., b7C New York City and stated prosecution, if desired, should be initiated in New York City, possibly as a violation of the postal laws and declined prosecution in the Western District of North Carolina. decision has been confirmed by letter. The USA in EDNC is being contacted for his opinion and Bureau will be advised of results. 2- Bureau (145-2426) 1 - New York **1** - Charlotte (145-219) KSM/jnb (4) Bloke Car Jahn BEG-34 10 DEC 14 1961 301-108 Deleted Copy Sent by Letter

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In view of the information set forth in SAC letter 61-71 dated 12/19/61, Section H, "Tropic of Cancer"-ITOM, no further investigation should be conducted and the matter closed.

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Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 12/12/61.

The Fayetteville, N. C. PD confiscated over 160 editions of the paper back edition of the book Tropic of Cancer", by Henry Miller, from local news outlets. The book was distributed in this area by Carolina News Co., which company had received the copies from Grove Press, Inc., New York, N. Y.

The New York Div. advised this book was submitted to the Dept. of Justice for an opinion on its obscenity, by the Postal Dept. in New York, N. Y., and the department had advised AUSA \_\_\_\_\_, SDNY, it would not prosecute.

On 12/18/61, USA ROBERT COWEN, EDNC, Raleigh, N. C., advised SA he would not consider prosecution in this matter. He felt any desired prosecution should be initiated in New York, N. Y. for violation of postal laws.

In view of Mr. COWEN's declination, no further investigation will be conducted, and this case is closed.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 5010-107 MAY 1962 EDITION UNITED STATES GOMENNMENT lemoran7dum то DATE: 5/20/65 DIRECTOR, FBI FROM SAC, DETROIT (145-New) (P) SUBJECT: HENRY, MILLER, Author. -of Books, entitled The Rosy Crucifixion Sexus Book I and The Rosy-Crucifixion Sexus Book II, published by the Greenleaf Classic Publishing Company and They Rosy Crucifixion Sexus Book I and Book II in one Complete Volume, published b6 by the Grove Press b7C ITOM On 5/7/65, Inspector Officer and Detective Censor Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department Headquarters, stated that during the months of April and May, 1965, the City of Detroit has been receiving numerous pocketbook editions of the following books: The Rosy Crucifixion Sexus Book I The Rosy Crucifixion Sexus Book-I-I-The Rosy Crucifizion Sexus Book I and Book II complete in one volume) - 3,3,38-These books were written by HENRYAMILLER. The Greenleaf Classic Publishing Company has two books on The Rosy Crucifizion whereas the Grove Press has both books Evanston ILL All in one volume. The above police officers stated that they have carefully reviewed these books and, in their opinion, are considered to be obscene. They are presently being distributed and sold throughout bookstores, magizine stands and drugstores in the greater Detroit area. b6 b7C (2- Bureau (Enc.-3) 0-2 TER SON HETTER 24 1965 3 - Detroit 11 (1 - 80 - 517)CHK/pam AAG (5) 6 Deleted Copy Sent / 611 by Letter CASSIO Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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On 5/11/65, SA CHRISTOPHER H. KOKOLAKIS of the Detroit FBI Office purchased these books which are enclosed for the Bureau.

For the information of Inspector and the b6 b7C Detroit Office, it is requested that the Bureau advise if a Departmental opinion concerning the obscenity of these books has been given.  $b^{6}$ 

REC-9

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

June 1, 1965

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THE GREENLEAF PUBLISHING COMPANY: GROVE PRESS, INCORPORATED INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF OBSCENE MATTER

Enclosed herewith under obscene cover are two paperback books entitled "The Rosy Crucifixion, Sexus Book I" and "The Rosy Crucifixion, Sexus Book II" written by Henry Miller and published by the Greenleaf Publishing Company, Evanston, Illinois. Also enclosed is one paperback book published by Grove Press, Incorporated, New York, New York, entitled "The Rosy Crucifixion," which reportedly contains both the above-described books in one volume.

Books similar to those enclosed are presently being sold at various retail outlets in the Detroit, Michigan, area. It is requested these books be reviewed to determine if they are suitable vehicles for prosecution under Federal statutes prohibiting the interstate transportation of obscene matter. It is also requested that this Bureau be advised of the Department's opinion in this regard. Investigation of the interstate transportation of these books will be held in abeyance pending receipt of the Department's opinion.

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COMM-FBI Henry Miller is a highly controversial author who NOTE: has written several books highly critical of society containing obscene passages. His most publicized work was "Tropic of Cancer" which the Department previously reviewed and determined was not a suitable vehicle for Federal prosecution. The enclosed books, the Rosy Crucifixion, Sexus Book (I) and Sexus Book II, are similar to Miller's other works in that he

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continues to flaunt morals and convention. These books are replete with highly obscene passages wherein Miller describes various sexual activities including perversion in the most lewd terms possible. Inasmuch as these books will obviously become the center of public controversy in various parts of the country, they are being referred to the Department for review to determine if they fall within the guidelines presently used by the courts in determining obscenity. It appears the enclosed are the first American publications of these books. Distribution will probably be nationwide.

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For information of Chicogo and New York, with referenced letter, Detroit submitted copies of "The Rasy Cruicifizian Sexus Book I" and "The Rosy Grueifizian Sexus Ecol: II" written by Henry Hiller and publiched by the Greenleef Fublishing Company, Evensten, Illinois, and the book entitled "The Rosy Grueifizian" published by Grave Fress, Inc., New York, New York, which reportedly contains both the described books in one volume.

According to information furnished by Detroit, these books are currently being distributed and sold throughcut books are currently being distributed and sold throughcut books are currently being distributed and sold throughgreater New York area. Europu has no information that Department has previously furnished on opinion concerning the suitability of these backs for presecution under the ITEM statutes. Accordingly, the backs enclosed with referenced Detroit letter were furnished to the Department for an opinion in this regard.

Investigation concerning the interstate transpertation of these books should be held in abovance pending receipt of the Department's opinion.

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## Letter SAC, Detroit Re: GREENLEAF PUBLISHING COMPANY

NOTE: These books are by Henry Miller, the highly controversial author whose most publicized work "Tropic of Cancer" which the Department stated was not suitable vehicle for Federal prosecution. The books referred to above also by Miller contain highly obscene passages; therefore, they have been furnished to the Department for an opinion by letter dated 6/1/64. Investigation concerning interstate aspects will be held in abeyance pending the Department's opinion.

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GROVE PRESS, INCORPORATED

July 2, 1965

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ReDElet dated 5/20/65, captioned "Henry Miller, Author of Books, Entitled <u>The Rosy Crucifizion Sexus Book I</u> and <u>The Rosy Crucifizion Sexus Book II</u>, Published by the Greenleaf Classic Publishing Company and The Rosy Crucifizion <u>Sexus Book I and Book II</u> in one Complete Volume, Published by the Grove Press, ITOM, " and Bulet dated 6/3/65.

Enclosed herewith is a letter from the Department dated 6/29/65 in which the Department states that "The Rosy Crucifixion - Sexus" by Henry Miller is not a suitable vehicle for prosecutive action. It is noted that this opinion covers the dditions by the Greenleaf Publishing Company and the single edition by Grove Press, Incorporated,

In view of the Department's opinion, no investigation should be conducted concerning the interstate transportation of these books.

The books submitted with referenced Detroit letter are being retained in the Laboratory.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Baltimore (145-New)

Date: March 25, 1969

Re: GROVE PRESS, INC. NEW YORK POSSIBLE ITOM



Examination requested by: Baltimore

Letter 3-10-69

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For your information, Grove Press, Inc., New York, New York, was the publisher of such books "Tropic of Cancer" by Henry Miller, "Lady Chatterley's Lover" by D. H. Lawrence and "The Rosy Crucifixion - Sexus" by Henry Miller and as such became involved in an investigation relative to the interstate transportation of these books. These investigations were conducted in the latter part of the 1950's and the early part of the 1960's.

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Date: FBI File No. Lab. No.

March 25, 1969 145-4291 D-690312031 AV

Re: GROVE PRESS, INC. NEW YORK POSSIBLE ITOM

Specimens received 3-11-69

One paperback book further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	TITLE	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Ql	I Am Curious (Yellow)		Grove Press Inc.

Result of examination:

No record was found to indicate that additional copies of the book referred to above as specimen Ql have been received previously in the Laboratory.

Specimen Ql is returned herewith.

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SUBJECT:

DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

SAC, BALTIMORE (145-new)

GROVE PRESS, INC. NEW YORK POSSIBLE ITOM

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of paperback book entitled "I Am Curious (Yellow)", an Evergreen Black Cat Book published by captioned firm. The enclosure, marked obscene, was made available by Sheriff FRANCIS GARNER (NA), CHarles County Sheriff's Office, LaPlata, Maryland, who advises that the book is available on at least two newsstands in Charles County.

The Laboratory is requested to review the enclosed with regard to its character as an obscene exhibit and advise Baltimore as to whether or not captioned firm is currently the subject of any other ITOM investigation.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosure upon conclusion of examination so that it may be returned to contributor.

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Enclosed is a Xerox copy of the aforementioned film catalog consisting of 12 pages allegedly by captioned firm. Institute investigation to determine if captioned firm is in violation of any Federal law within the jurisdiction of the FBI and advise the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

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This concerns an Interstate Transportation of Obscene Matter (ITOM) case wherein on 9/5/72 Departmental Attorney, Criminal Division, furnished SA	
. He was advised this matter has been reviewed a	nd will
be forwarded to our New York Office for investigation.	

Referral/Direct



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> The following informants who are familiar with ITOM matters were contacted and all advised that Grove Press did business as a mail order firm:



was sexually oriented but felt that this material would not fall within the obscenity statute. also added that he would decline prosecution under ITOM statute since there was no indication that any material had been transported other than through the US Mail.

UACB, New York conducting no further investigation.

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S - ip UNITED STATES-GOVERNME 7/7/77 mem DATE: REPLY MIAMI (145-1436) (RUC) SAC GROVE PRESS, INC SUBJEC 53 East 11th Street 770712004 New York, New York ITOM b6 XX. b7C (00:NEW YORK) FILMS, INCORPORATED 733 Greenbay Road (Rear) Wilmette, Illinois ITOM (00:CHICAGO) TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY HARECORDED COPYFILED IN 145 Submitted to the attention of the FBI Laboratory, by separate package labeled OBSCENE, are the following two 400 foot reels of 16mm black and white motion picture films, C 12 2 FECHNENS RETAILED IN "Getting His Goat." Enclosed for Chicago and New York is one Xerox copy each of five related work sheets dated in February, 1977, of Reela Film Laboratories, 65 N.W. 3rd Street, Miami (part of Wometco Enterprises, Inc., Miami). In past years, Reela has processed at least Some obscene films, but is not known to have been particularly active in that regard since DE-59 about April, 1974. REC-1 W-36 The above-identified two very old obscene films were received through the U. S. Mails on June 16, 1977, in a package addressed to SA WILLIAM P. KELLY, and postmarked June 14, 1977, at Miami. The person who sent the films to b6 SA KELLY is anonymous, but is obviously a Wometco (Reela) b7C employee, possibly one (LNU). is not known to SA KELLY. 4)- Bureau JUL 15 1977 2 (1 - Package Copy) (RM) 2 - Chicago (Enc. 5) (RM) 2 - New York (Enc. 5) (RM) 1 - Miami WPK/bgj (9) <u>U.S.</u> Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan 6100 OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 (REV. 7-76) GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6 5010-112

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New York will note that one of Grove Press, Inc., is credited on one of the enclosures with making a telephone order for processing submitted obscene specimens by Reela.

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#### REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the submitted obscene films, comparing them with <u>previous sub-</u><u>missions.</u> Chicago, New York and Miami should be advised of results.

Thereafter, the FBI Laboratory should maintain the two films until advised by either Chicago or New York as to the desired ultimate disposition thereof.

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#### CHICAGO

## At Wilmette, Illinois

Will identify the operators of Films, Incorporated, 733 Greenbay Road (Rear).

Determine if Films, Incorporated is actively engaged in interstate ITOM film activities.

Advise Laboratory as to ultimate disposition of submitted two obscene specimens.

#### NEW YORK

### At New York, New York

Will conduct appropriate ITOM investigation re Grove Press, Inc., and

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FD-36 (Rev. 7-27-76) FBI TRANSMIT VIA: CLASSIFICATION: PRECEDENCE: Teletype Immediate TOP SECRET T Facsimile Priority □ SECRET 🖵 Airtel □ Routine CONFIDENTIAL TEFTO CLEAR 7/26/77 Date \_\_\_\_\_ TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATT: FBI LABORATORY) ADIC, NEW YORK (145-3859) (C) (#20) FROM: GROVE PRESS, INC. SUBJECT: 53 EAST 11 STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK ITOM (OO:NY) FILMS, INCORPORATED 733 GREENBAY ROAD (REAR) WILMETTE, ILLINOIS ITOM (00:CG) ReMMlet to the Bureau, 7/7/77. b6 Regarding Grove Press, Inc., New York Indices b7C make reference to NY file 145-3294, review of which indicates an ITOM investigation was instituted at the request of Departmental Attorney during 9/72. A 12 page film catalog of Grove Press appeared to advertise "hard core pornography" films and an investigation was conducted to determine if Grove Press was in violation of any federal statute with regard to the distribution of the films. 145-Bureau Cc detacher loins REC-26 (Att: FBI Laboratory) 2 - Chicago SI-120 JUL 27 12/7 2 - Miami (145 - 1436)b6 1 - New York b7C JHG:mlh (8)Approved: Transmitted . Per (Number) (Time) 70 AUG

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Subsequent investigation determined the films advertised in the above catalog were sexually oriented; however, produced and sold for study by educators and recognized educational institutions.

With regard to the above investigation Bureau refer to NY letter to the Bureau dated 11/27/72, captioned "GROVE PRESS FILM DIVISION, 53 EAST 11 STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ITOM, OO:NY".

New York Indices fail to reflect any information identifiable with

It should be noted that films "Smart Aleck" and "Getting His Goat" mentioned in referenced Miami letter and submitted to the FBI Laboratory are included in the above mentioned Grove Press Film Catalog. Referral/Direct

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In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted by the NYO regarding this matter.

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AT WILMETTE, ILLINOIS. Advise Laboratory as to disposition of two specimens submitted by Miami.

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To: SAC, Miami (145-1436)

November 1, 1977

GROVE PRESS, INC. 53 East 11th Street New York, New York ITOM

LAB. NO. D-770712004 MS

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FILMS, INCORPORATED 733 Greenbay Road (Rear) Wilmette, Illinois ITOM

Specimens received 7/11/77

Two reels of 16mm motion picture film further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	TITLE	MARKING ON LEADER
Ql	Getting His Goat	Grove Press - Getting His Goat
Q2	Smart Aleck	Smart Aleck

## Result of examination:

Numerous copies of the Ql motion picture film, in both 8mm and 16mm versions, have been received in the Laboratory since April, 1946, when the first copy was received, and of the Q2 motion picture film since January, 1954. However, no additional copies of those films have been received which bear the markings found on the leaders of Ql and Q2. The source of the original version of the Q2 motion picture film is well known to the Dallas Office.

Q1 and Q2 are retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RECORDED NO LAB FILE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE slg Laboratory Work Sheet To: SAC, Miami (145 - 1436)GROVE PRESS, INC. FBI FILE NO. 145-5811-2 53 East 11th Street New York, New York ITOM LAB. NO. D-770712004 MS 00: New York Re: YOUR NO. FILMS, INCORPORATED 733 Greenbay Road (Rear) Wilmette, Illinois b6 Examination by b7C ITOM 00: Chicago Examination requested by: Miami Reference: Letter 7/7/77 **Examination requested:** Document Specimens received: 7/11/77 Two reels of 16mm motion picutre film further described as follows: SPECIMEN TITLE MARKING ON LEADER ID 4/46 Q1 Getting His Goat 71-2015-Rul 7: 11 othnuluk Grove Press - Getting His Goat # ID 1/54 Q2 Smart Aleck 145-19-Q14 mony oth idents Smart Aleck - num. copies of the OI m -p file have been needin The Id since 4/46, when the first computers recid, and of the O2 m -p file since 1/54. Alewever, he add'l copies of those fileshame been reid which been the markings fund on the leaders of @1+02. The source of the original Mission of the Q2 m - of film is well known to the Dollar of fice. - Ketains - Ketains - On On ret d in dhe with advind of desind clispo. - Investassist. Q1 + & 2 appear to be here prints (copies) of very all per 2 - CG which have been copied + re- copie then 20 years, w/ degen of dip Ling been sub to fol. \* info Caril FBI/DOJ

