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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

March 17, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

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FOIPA Request No.: 1366169-000
Subject: DOUGLAS, WILLIAM O

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 26 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
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A REQUEST BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM DOUGLAS TO BE CLEARED FOR TRAVEL TO RED CHINA AS A NEWSPAPERMAN HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIALS SAID THEY DECIDED DOUGLAS DID NOT MEET THE CRITERIA OF OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO MAKE THE TRIP--NAMESLY THAT HE IS NOT A BONA FIDE FULL-TIME NEWS CORRESPONDENT.

THE REQUEST FOR DOUGLAS HAD BEEN PLACED BY THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE 30 NEWS ORGANIZATIONS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO COMMUNIST CHINA.

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Douglas Red China Trip Faces Policy Denial

By the Associated Press

Assistant Secretary of State Walter Robertson strongly hinted yesterday that the State Department will reject Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas' request for permission to visit Communist China as a newsman.

Mr. Robertson made it clear he did not believe Justice Douglas qualifies as a full-time professional newsman even though former New York Gov. Harriman got a go-ahead to undertake a similar trip.

In reply to questions after a speech at the National Press Club, Mr. Robertson reported he had many reservations about Mr. Harriman's qualifications but finally gave in.

Clever Operation

Mr. Harriman pressed his case through a "very clever lawyer" who was former Secretary of State Dean Acheson but Mr. Robertson did not mention him by name.

The lawyer argued, said Mr. Robertson, that Mr. Harriman was now employed full time as a working newsman and had no other job.

Mr. Robertson said the implication was that "this poor fellow (Mr. Harriman) might starve to death" unless the Department validated his passport for travel to Red China as a newsman.

In discussing Justice Douglas' plea for similar permission, Mr. Robertson said the Department's policy was:

"If a Supreme Court Justice, or a high official, can

qualify as a full-time news correspondent, I am sure Mr. Loy Henderson (Deputy Undersecretary of State) will give him a passport."

Passport Policy

But, Mr. Robertson stressed, the department's policy of allowing only full-time newsmen to visit Red China is not "a device to set up a facade behind which itinerant newsmen can visit Communist China."

Justice Douglas, reached by a reporter, declined specific comment about the passport matter.

But he said the National Geographic Magazine had requested him to do a picture story on the Chinese mainland this summer. The justice said that he had represented that magazine previously in doing picture stories abroad.

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Inside Washington

By Robert S. Allen

The list of U. S. notables who want to visit Red China in the next few months is growing.

In addition to Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, whose application for a passport validation is pending before the State Dept., others who propose making such a trip include Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Magnuson (D.Wash.), chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, Sen. Engle (D.Cal.), California's Gov. Brown and former Sen. William Benton (D.Conn.).

Justice Douglas plans to do a series of picture articles on Red China for the National Geographic magazine. Mrs. Roosevelt, Benton and Stevenson would also represent publications during

their tours of Red China.

Whether they get permission to go to Red China will be determined by Secretary Herter. The State Dept. chief personally made that decision in the case of Averell Harriman, who was recently given State Dept. clearance to Red China to do a series of syndicated articles.

Uncle Sam himself would be one of the biggest gainers from an increase in interest rates on government bonds.

Of the \$7,600,000,000 the Treasury paid out in interest on such securities last year, 50-odd "government investment accounts" received a total of \$1,500,000,000—equal to the second largest amount of nine different in-

vestor "classes" holding these bonds.

The other two top interest-receiving groups are: individuals, \$1,900,000,000; commercial banks, \$1,500,000,000.

Largest of the "government investment accounts" are the Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, the Disability Insurance Trust Fund, Railroad Retirement Fund, and the Highway Trust Fund.

Ways and Means Committee insiders are saying that the most likely decision on the Administration's two interest-rate proposals will be 3 1/4 per cent rate on savings bonds, but rejection of the move to abolish the 40-year-old 4 1/4 per cent limit on marketable government securities.

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Estes Criticizes Press Visit Ban

By Carroll Kilpatrick
Staff Reporter

CLEVELAND, Sept. 16.—Dem- ocratic Vice Presidential candi- date Estes Kefauver said today he was "sorry" the State De- partment, "backed by the Presi- dent himself," had refused to permit a dozen American news- papermen to visit Communist China.

"The world needs as much as it needs anything a free flow of ideas," Kefauver told a Cuya- hoga County Democratic steer- roast at Euclid Beach Park here in opening his campaign for the Buckeye State's 25 electoral votes.

Kefauver flew in here this morning from Orlando, Fla., to be met by the Democratic candi- date for Governor, Michael V. DiSalle, former director of the Office of Price Stabilization under the Truman Adminis- tration, and other party lead- ers.

Gov. Frank J. Lausche, Dem- ocratic nominee for the Senate seat held by Sen. George Ben- der (R) was not present. The state Democratic organization planned Kefauver's one-day visit here, and Lausche is not a regular organization support- er. After a trip to the North- west, Kefauver will campaign again in Ohio.

Stops at Church

Kefauver kept his campaign in low-gear today because it was Sunday. On the way into town from the airport, he stopped at the West Park Bap- tist Church. But services were ending as he drove up. He got out of his car and shook hands with the minister, the Rev. Ernest Dayka, who in turn in- troduced him to the congrega- tion as it left the church.

After a luncheon with more than 200 party leaders, Kefauver began a round of handshaking at the ox roast. One police of- ficer estimated 19,000 persons present and DiSalle said about \$45,000 was taken into party coffers.

Kefauver read from this morn- ing's Tampa Tribune report on his remarks last night in Or- lando endorsing the Supreme

Court decision on integration of the races in the public schools.

"All barriers to equality must be taken away," the Senator said.

He also emphasized the theme he developed in his 2-day Flori- da tour: that President Eisen- hower and the Republicans are working for big business and the Democrats for all the people.

The Republicans are having a mighty hard time explaining what happened in Maine," Kefauver added, "the only expla- nation is that the Republicans are on the downgrade and we are on the upgrade."

Earlier in the summer, Pei- ping offered to permit 12 Amer- ican correspondents to visit the country, but the State Depart- ment refused to grant permis- sion because the United States has no diplomatic relations with the Communist regime.

"Even when we cannot break down the barriers," Kefauver said, "we ought to seize every opportunity to open up win- dows—both ways. . . . It would be helpful if the Chinese who live under Communist rule knew what was going on here."

Somewhere in the last few years, he said, this country "took the wrong fork of the road" in dealing with other countries. Instead of relying more on the example of our democracy, on the promises of the Declaration of Independ- ence, on the moral force of our freedom to hold friends in the world, we turned again to the diplomacy of dollars and the pressure of force," he said.

Kefauver said he had been encouraged that "some good Americans took things in their own hand at the darkest point of our relations with Russia and its galaxy of nations and began the exchange of groups of farm experts, of doctors, of ministers, of builders, of musi- cians. These exchanges were officially disapproved at first. They have accomplished nothing but good."

"If we are to set our rela- tions with the rest of the world aright," Kefauver declared, "our purpose must be peace, our method friendship and good will. Our aim must never vary: A peaceful world in which there can be useful com- merce and a free flow of people and of ideas."

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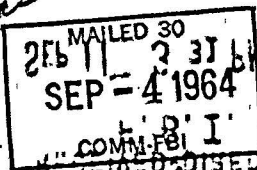
On Page 3, Paragraph 2, it is indicated that Deputy District Attorney Harry Woods is handling [redacted] appeal of his local conviction. It would appear that this may refer to the appeal of the manslaughter charges which were dismissed by a local judge. Los Angeles should clarify the nature of the appeal as well as Wood's connection with the appeal.

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Paragraph 3 on Page 3 indicates that Judge Schweitzer appealed [redacted] conviction to the State of California Supreme Court. It would seem that [redacted] attorney and not Judge Schweitzer appealed the conviction to the Supreme Court of California. Los Angeles should further clarify this. Page 4, Paragraph 3, Line one, fourth word should be "Communist" rather than "Community."

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By return airtel Los Angeles furnish the Bureau amended pages for insertion in re LHM clarifying the previous items. No further action is to be taken by Los Angeles in absence of specific instructions from the Bureau. Form errors should be charged responsible personnel in the Los Angeles Office.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memo.

Los Angeles is conducting no investigation in this matter pending advice of Bureau who may desire to discuss these allegations with the Department. The U. S. Attorney's Office at Los Angeles has not been contacted regarding information furnished by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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WIRIN is SI of Los Angeles Office, Bufile 100-17242, and Los Angeles file 100-4876.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

August 31, 1964

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[redacted]
ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN,
also known as A. L. Wirin;
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

[redacted] Bureau case
entitled, [redacted] FALSE CLAIMS - CIVIL."

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[redacted]
[redacted] He was indicted on local charges of
manslaughter and conspiracy to commit acts injurious to
public health. The manslaughter count was dismissed by a
local judge which dismissal is now on appeal by the Los
Angeles County District Attorney's Office in the California
Supreme Court. [redacted] was convicted on the conspiracy
charge and on August 31, 1963, was sentenced to serve one
to five years in State Prison by Superior Court Judge
HAROLD W. SCHWEITZER, Long Beach, California. [redacted] appealed
this conviction to the California Supreme Court, which denied
his appeal and [redacted] is presently appealing this conviction
to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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[redacted] was freed on an appeal bond by Judge
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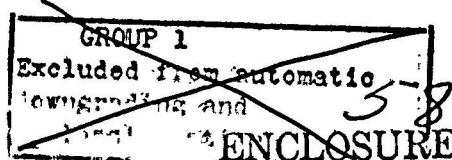
In the current Bureau case regarding [redacted]
allegations were made that [redacted]
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at the request of the Office of the United States Attorney,
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the U. S. Attorney's Office to file a civil action against [REDACTED] regarding these allegations.

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[REDACTED]
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On August 28, 1964, [REDACTED] of the Village Center, and [REDACTED] of Village Center, advised that since [REDACTED] conviction they have been attempting to cancel [REDACTED] lease on this [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] has not been paying his rent. [REDACTED] stated that on three separate occasions since his conviction [REDACTED] has told her that he was going to get his license back and that he did not want to cancel the lease as he wanted a place [REDACTED] after the recovery of his license. On each occasion, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he had retained the services of Attorney A. L. WIRIN to appeal his conviction and loss of his license to the U. S. Supreme Court. [REDACTED] told her that he had given \$7,500 to WIRIN who was going to pay \$5,000 of that money to Supreme Court Justice WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS who was going to set aside the order of Judge SCHWEITZER which suspended [REDACTED] license. [REDACTED] an attorney, advised that he was present on one of the occasions when [REDACTED] made these statements.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that they were shocked when they recently learned that Justice DOUGLAS did issue an order setting aside the order of Judge SCHWEITZER and reinstating [REDACTED] license. In addition, they have learned that [REDACTED] is once again [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a "loudmouthed braggart" and expressed disbelief that Justice DOUGLAS would accept money to assist [REDACTED]

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They noted, however, that [REDACTED] statements which they had discounted as "just talk" did become a reality.

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On August 31, 1964, Deputy District Attorney HARRY WOODS, Appellate Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, advised that he is representing the County of Los Angeles concerning [REDACTED] appeal of his local conviction, and also he is representing the County of Los Angeles in appealing the dismissal of the manslaughter count against [REDACTED]

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WOODS advised that at the time of sentencing, Judge SCHWEITZER remanded [REDACTED] to jail as Judge SCHWEITZER did not feel that it was safe to allow [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]. As a result, through his attorney, [REDACTED] voluntarily surrendered his license to the State [REDACTED] after which [REDACTED] appealed his conviction to the State of California Supreme Court, which appeal was denied.

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[REDACTED] then retained the services of A. L. WIRIN who filed an appeal with the U. S. Supreme Court. WOODS stated his office then received a notice from the Clerk of the U. S. Supreme Court that WIRIN had filed a request that all arguments in this matter be heard before Supreme Court Justice DOUGLAS at Santa Barbara, California.

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WOODS stated the next thing he heard was that on August 10, 1964, Justice DOUGLAS issued an order staying Judge SCHWEITZER's order regarding the suspension of [REDACTED] license. WOODS stated that his office was not given the opportunity to argue this matter prior to Justice DOUGLAS' taking this action.

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WOODS noted that Judge SCHWEITZER has been on vacation and that he discussed this matter with Judge SCHWEITZER on August 31, 1964, who issued an order ordering [REDACTED] to appear before Judge SCHWEITZER at 10:00 a.m., on September 2, 1964. WOODS advised that Judge SCHWEITZER told him that at that time he is going to remand [REDACTED] to the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office as it is his opinion that [REDACTED] is a menace to society.

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Sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have furnished the following information regarding ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN:

WIRIN is a member of the law firm of Wirin, Rissman, Okrand, and Posner, 257 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California.

WIRIN was a Communist Party (CP) member as early as 1935 and in 1936 was an Organizer of the CP in the Imperial Valley of California. WIRIN was a member of the CP Club of Los Angeles in 1940, but was dropped from the CP during that year. He was criticized by the CP for his legal defense of Japanese aliens in that he advocated their civil rights.

WIRIN has acted as defense attorney for leaders of the CP under trial for violation of the Smith Act. He has consistently defended the CP and CP members and has appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings as counsel for numerous CP members who had been subpoenaed as witnesses.

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The Deputy Attorney General

September 11, 1964

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGrath
1 - Mr. Kieffer

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, ALSO
KNOWN AS A. L. WIRIN
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS
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Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum dated August 31, 1964, at Los Angeles, California, which sets out information received by our Los Angeles Office concerning an alleged payment of \$5,000 to Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas by attorney Abraham Lincoln Wirin on behalf of his client [redacted]

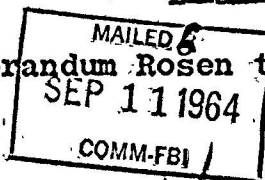
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NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to Belmont dated 9/10/64



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-564)
 RE: [REDACTED]

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, aka.,
 A. L. Wirin;
 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
 WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS
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Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 9/4/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are amended pages 3 and 4
 for Los Angeles letterhead memorandum dated 8/31/64.

The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~
 group I inasmuch as it contains information from [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] who furnishes information on a continuing basis
 and any disclosure of this information may tend to expose
 the informant. Informant related information to SA ROBERT
 H. CLAUDIUS of the Los Angeles Office on 8/31/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: September 10, 1964

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. Rosen
 1 - Mr. Malley
 1 - Mr. McGrath
 1 - Mr. Kieffer

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN
 SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS
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Two individuals, who described [REDACTED] as a "loudmouthed braggart," advised [REDACTED] claims to have given \$7,500 to his attorney, Abraham Lincoln Wirin, \$5,000 of which was to be paid by Wirin to Supreme Court Justice Douglas to set aside a California court order which suspended [REDACTED] license. This California court order reportedly was stayed by Justice Douglas 8/10/64 and [REDACTED] is said to again be [REDACTED]

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By way of background, [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] who was convicted in California court on charges of [REDACTED] and sentenced [REDACTED] to serve one to five years in State Prison by California Superior Court Judge Harold W. Schweitzer, Long Beach, California. [REDACTED] was freed on appeal by Judge Schweitzer. [REDACTED] voluntarily surrendering his license [REDACTED] This appeal was denied by California Supreme Court and [REDACTED] appealed to U. S. Supreme Court.

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According to Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice Douglas, on 8/10/64, issued an order staying Judge Schweitzer's order regarding suspension of [REDACTED] license. District Attorney's Office reportedly was not given an opportunity to argue the matter before Justice Douglas took this action.

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Above information was developed during civil investigation conducted at the request of U. S. Attorney (USA), Los Angeles, to determine extent of [REDACTED] Purpose of this investigation, which has been completed, was to determine whether it is economically feasible for USA to file civil action against [REDACTED] with respect to his alleged [REDACTED]

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Reliable sources have reported that attorney Wirin was a Communist Party (CP) member and organizer in the 1930's who was dropped from CP in 1940. However, he has defended CP and CP members since that time. Wirin is on the Security Index at the present time (100-17242).

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

RE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is a memorandum to the Deputy Attorney General furnishing him details of the foregoing. The Deputy Attorney General is being advised that no investigation concerning this matter will be conducted by this Bureau in the absence of a specific request from the Department.

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1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Belmont
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley

The Deputy Attorney General

September 15, 1964

Director, FBI

1-Mr. McGrath
1-Mr. Bunker
1-Mr. Kieffer

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, ALSO
KNOWN AS A. L. WIRIN;
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
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Reference is made to my memorandum of September 11,
1964, which furnished you information received from Mr. [redacted]
and Miss [redacted] Wilmington, California, con-
cerning statements which allegedly were made to them by [redacted]
a California [redacted]

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These individuals advised that [redacted] claimed to have
given \$7,500 to his attorney, Abraham Lincoln Wirin, who, in turn,
was to give \$5,000 to Justice Douglas to set aside the order of
California Superior Court Judge Harold W. Schweitzer, which suspended
[redacted] license [redacted]

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On September 14, 1964, Deputy District Attorney Harry
Woods, Los Angeles County, California, advised our Los Angeles
Office that a hearing would be held that morning in Judge
Schweitzer's court at which time Mr. [redacted] and Miss [redacted]
would testify in open court regarding the statements which
allegedly were made to them by [redacted] Mr. Woods requested
that the Special Agent of this Bureau to whom these individuals
had reported these statements be available to testify at this
hearing. Mr. Woods withdrew this request when he was informed
it would be necessary to obtain authority for the Special Agent's
appearance and testimony. Mr. Woods advised further that the
hearing concerned an attempt to have [redacted] appeal bond
exonerated and [redacted] remanded to the custody of the Los
Angeles County Sheriff's Office. The hearing was based on
affidavits of Mr. [redacted] and Miss [redacted] which were filed
with the California Superior Court on September 11, 1964.

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Mr. Woods also stated that reporters of the "Los Angeles
Times" and "Los Angeles Herald-Examiner" newspapers had written
articles regarding this matter but, as of that time, such articles
had not been printed in these newspapers.

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The Deputy Attorney General

Our Los Angeles Office ascertained that Mr. [redacted] testified at the hearing on September 14, 1964. On cross-examination by Attorney Virin, Mr. [redacted] testified that he had reported [redacted] remarks to a Special Agent of this Bureau.

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On the afternoon of September 14, 1964, Deputy District Attorney Harry Sunheim, Los Angeles County, advised that as a result of this hearing [redacted] was remanded to the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office. However, a stay until September 25, 1964, was granted in order to provide an opportunity for Justice Douglas to review this action. Mr. Sunheim stated no further testimony would be given and that the hearing was held for the purpose of creating a written record for the use of Justice Douglas in reviewing this matter as it related to the alleged statements of [redacted].

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As you were advised in my memorandum of September 11, 1964, no investigation concerning this matter will be conducted by this Bureau in the absence of a specific request from the Department. The Director, Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts, has not been advised of this matter.

NOTE: Information herein which was received by our Los Angeles Office on September 14, 1964, was furnished to the Bureau by Los Angeles by teletype dated September 14, 1964.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 14 1964

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM LOS ANGELES (58-564) 3P

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, AKA., A. L.

WIRIN; SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS. BRIBERY.

OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER FOUR, LAST, AND LOS
ANGELES LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM DATED AUGUST THIRTYONE, LAST.

DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HARRY WOODS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SPECIAL AGENT ACCOUNTANT
CONTACTED SAA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT EIGHT
FORTY A.M. TODAY AND ADVISED THAT THIS MORNING AT NINE A.M., A HEARING
WOULD BE HELD IN THE COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE SCHWEITZER, LOS
ANGELES COUNTY, LOS ANGELES, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WOULD TESTIFY IN OPEN COURT TO REMARKS MADE
TO THEM BY [REDACTED] THAT HE HAD GIVEN SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
DOLLARS TO ATTORNEY WIRIN WHO WAS TO PAY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS

OF THAT MONEY TO SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DOUGLAS. WOODS REQUESTED
TODAY THAT SAA HUSTEDT BE AVAILABLE TO TESTIFY AT THIS HEARING TODAY, THAT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY
MADE THEIR STATEMENTS TO SAA HUSTEDT. WOODS TOLD BY SAA [REDACTED]

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Memo to Deputy AG

6-LETTER

Mr. Tolson
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HUSTEDT HE COULD NOT APPEAR WITHOUT SECURING PROPER AUTHORITY AND WOODS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND APPEARANCE THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

WOODS SAID PURPOSE OF HEARING IS AN ATTEMPT TO HAVE [REDACTED] APPEAL BOND EXONERATED AND REMAND [REDACTED] TO CUSTODY LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. WOODS ADVISED HE FILED AFFIDAVITS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, LAST, SETTING FORTH THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AS BASIS FOR HEARING, AND THAT REPORTERS OF THE QUOTE "LOS ANGELES TIMES" UNQUOTE AND QUOTE "LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER" UNQUOTE WROTE STORIES REGARDING THIS MATTER. HOWEVER, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON TO WOODS THE STORIES DID NOT GET INTO THE PAPERS AS YET. WOODS STATED HE PERSONALLY KNOWS THAT STORIES WERE WRITTEN INASMUCH AS THE REPORTERS ALLOWED HIM TO READ THEIR STORIES BEFORE FILING SAME WITH THEIR PAPERS.

[REDACTED] TESTIFIED TODAY IN OPEN COURT AT THIS HEARING AND ON CROSS EXAMINATION BY ATTORNEY WIRIN RELATED HIS ADVISING SA HUSTEDT OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY [REDACTED] CONCERNING HIS PAYMENT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ATTORNEY WIRIN AND THAT FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR PAYMENT TO GO TO JUSTICE DOUGLAS.

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THIS AFTERNOON DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY HARRY SUNHEIM, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] HAS BEEN REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF, HOWEVER, HE WAS GRANTED A STAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE, NEXT, IN ORDER THAT JUSTICE DOUGLAS WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THIS ACTION. SUNHEIM ADVISED THAT NO FURTHER TESTIMONY WOULD BE GIVEN IN THIS MATTER AND THAT THE PURPOSE FOR THE HEARING WAS TO CREATE A WRITTEN RECORD FOR THE USE OF JUSTICE DOUGLAS IN REVIEWING THIS MATTER CONCERNING THE ALLEGED STATEMENTS MADE BY [REDACTED]

THE ABOVE IS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU SHOULD INQUIRY BE RECEIVED CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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CC - Mr. Rosen

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Re Los Angeles teletype 9/14/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a news article which appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" 9/14/64 and four copies of a letterhead memorandum with news article attached concerning the subject matter of referenced teletype.

The Bureau may wish to disseminate the letterhead memorandum to the Department.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California
September 15, 1964

[Redacted]

ABRAHAM LINCOLN WIRIN, also
known as A. L. Wirin;
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated August 31, 1964, captioned as above.

There is attached hereto for your information a copy of a news article which appeared in the "Los Angeles Herald Examiner" on page one of Section D of the eighth star edition September 14, 1964.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Bribe to Justice Claimed at Trial

Testimony that Wilmington Dr. Jerome Rehman had claimed he paid a \$5000 bribe to U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas for "favorable treatment" in the doctor's criminal case was given today before Los Angeles Superior Judge Harold O. Schweitzer.

But the witnesses who gave the testimony, one of them a lawyer, said they did not believe the statements of the osteopathic physician and considered them "ridiculous."

STAY ORDER

Dr. Rehman, convicted last year in Long Beach of conspiracy to perform unnecessary operations, has asked the Supreme Court to modify Judge Schweitzer's order that he stop practicing medicine while out on bail pending appeal.

Justice Douglas on Aug. 10 granted a temporary stay of the no-practice order until a hearing by the full court next month.

The lawyer-witness, Tobias Coskey, part owner of the medical building where Rehman has a clinic, testified the doctor informed him about the alleged bribe on Aug. 6 during an argument over unpaid rent.

"I paid \$7500 to Mr. Wirin (A. L. Wirin, his attorney), of which \$5000 was to be paid to Justice Douglas for a favorable decision," Coskey quoted Rehman as saying.

However, last Tuesday Rehman denied to Coskey he had made such statements, according to the testimony. Rehman said he had made no remarks about a "payoff," but only had said he paid Wirin \$7500.

Wirin has denied receiving \$7500 from Rehman for any purpose.

The other witness to the purported payoff remark was Miss Leona Van Lanigan, co-owner of the medical building with Goskey. She was present at the conversations, she said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

D-1 Herald-Examiner

Los Angeles, Calif.

Date: 9/14/64
Edition: 8th Star

Author:

Editor:

Title: William O. Douglas,
U.S. Supreme Court Justice

A.L. Wirin
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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

[redacted] and [redacted] advised our Los Angeles Office that [redacted] told them he gave \$7,500 to his attorney, Wirin, \$5,000 of which was to be paid to Supreme Court Justice Douglas to set aside order of California Superior Court Judge Schweitzer which suspended [redacted] medical license, following conviction and sentence 8/31/63 to serve time in California prison. [redacted] freed on appeal bond; appeal denied by California Supreme Court and [redacted] appealed to U.S. Supreme Court. On 8/10/64, Justice Douglas issued order staying California court order suspending [redacted] medical license. This information was furnished to Deputy Attorney General by our memorandum dated 9/11/64 with advice no investigation would be conducted in absence of request from him. No such request received to date.

Memorandum will be sent to Deputy Attorney General setting out information in attached teletype.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-5718)

DATE: 10/28/64

FROM : *WJH* SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-564)(C)SUBJECT: ET AL
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UACB, Los Angeles is taking no action in this matter and is considering the matter closed.

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