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PERSONAL

October 1, 1945

Honorable Leo T. Crowley  
The Mayflower  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Crowley:

I was very sorry to learn of your plans to retire from Government service for we of the FBI have been deeply appreciative of our many friendly and helpful contacts with you. The assistance you have rendered has been exceedingly valuable in our work during the past trying years of war. I do hope that in your future activities you will meet with every success and we, of course, stand ready at all times to be of service.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE:  
Address and salutation per route preview mailing list.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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### Crowley's Resignation Accepted by Truman

President Truman today accepted the resignation of Leo T. Crowley as foreign economic administrator and as a member of the board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The resignation, announced yesterday by Mr. Crowley is effective October 15. Mr. Crowley holds seven other Government offices and the White House said he also is giving them up.

Mr. Crowley came into Government service in the early days of the New Deal, when the FDIC was set up, and in resigning he told the President that there are now 60,000,000 insured accounts in the Nation's banks.

"The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. could liquidate today, reimburse the Government the money it invested plus a dividend of 22 per cent and return every penny of the assessments the banks paid the corporation," Mr. Crowley wrote the President. He said also that since the inception of FDIC "there has been virtually no loss to any depositor in an insured bank."

The President, accepting the resignation, told Mr. Crowley that he could only say, "Well done."

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Date: October 30, 1945

To: [Redacted] b7c  
Department of State

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [Redacted] b7c

There is attached a memorandum which is based on information [Redacted]

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This information is also being furnished to the Foreign Economic Administration.

Attachment

cc - Acting Chief of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

cc - Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
War Department, Washington, D. C.

Attention: Reading Panel  
Military Intelligence Service

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- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm

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November 25, 1947

Hon. T. Vincent Quinn  
Assistant Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Quinn:

During the course of the proceedings now pending before this Commission involving Standard Power and Light Corporation and Standard Gas and Electric Co., Mr. Leo T. Crowley, at present Chairman of the Board of Standard Gas and Electric Co., stated that attempts have been made to "tap" his telephone wires and that a number of private detectives have been put on his trail. Mr. Crowley indicated that the matter should be brought to the attention of the appropriate Government agency for investigation.

Since Mr. Crowley disavowed any inference that this Commission or any of its employees had anything to do with the practices complained of, the Commission does not consider that it lies within its duties or responsibilities to investigate Mr. Crowley's charges in this respect. We, therefore, are bringing this matter to your attention and are referring to you herewith the relevant portions of the transcript of the hearings bearing on this matter for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc Encl <sup>To</sup>  
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ENCLOSURE  
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To: Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn

January 14, 1948

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN PERSONS SUSPECTED OF TAPPING TELEPHONE WIRES OF LEO T. CROWLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

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In your memorandum of January 8, 1948, your reference TVE:AFD:HD, your file number 113-0, this Bureau is requested to interview Mr. Leo T. Crowley, Chairman of the Board of the Standard Gas and Electric Company, regarding statements which he made during a Securities Exchange Commission hearing to the effect that an attempt had been made to tap his telephone wires. You state in your memorandum that an attempt to tap Mr. Crowley's wires would not constitute a violation of a Federal statute but nevertheless request that this Bureau interview Mr. Crowley to ascertain whether there was any unauthorized interception of any telephone conversations, and subsequent use made of the intercepted conversations, such as would come within the prohibitions of Section 605 of the Communications Act (47 USC 605).

It is noted that you have enclosed a letter which you received from [redacted] dated November 25, 1947, to which pertinent testimony given by Mr. Crowley before the Securities Exchange Commission is set forth. It would appear that the statement of interest as made by Mr. Crowley reads as follows:

"I want the record and the Examiner to be on notice for whatever interest this Government agency may have of an attempt to — how successful, on the investigation will show — to tap my wires, to place four or five private detectives to follow my movements, to try to ascertain information about my telephone calls and about my conferences and things like that. I bring that to the attention of a Government Agency because, as I understand it, there is some violation of law for wire-tapping, and who is the Agency to investigate it? We will leave that to whoever has charge of it."

Subsequently, when Mr. Crowley was asked whether he felt the Securities Exchange Commission was responsible for the alleged wire tapping, he replied:

"Well, having experience in Government, as long as I have myself, I know that the Government does not go outside to employ private detectives, they do their own investigating. I don't believe that the staff employed those people to tap my wires and make an investigation of my activities."

For your information, this Bureau has no information regarding the alleged tapping of the wires of Mr. Crowley.

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Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn

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This Bureau has been advised in the past by the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice that violations of Section 405, Title 17, of the Communications Act and Section 605, Title 47, are within the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission and should be investigated by that agency. A recent case in point is that which was discussed with [redacted] then Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department, on August 27, 1947, when certain allegations were made to the effect that a tap had been placed on the telephone of [redacted]

The Department advised in this connection that this Bureau lacked jurisdiction and that the matter was being referred by the Criminal Division to the Federal Communications Commission.

Therefore, in view of your statement in reference memorandum to the effect that the attempt to tap Mr. Crowley's wires would not constitute a violation of a Federal statute, coupled with the Department's previous ruling that investigative jurisdiction over violations of the Communications Act is lodged with the Federal Communications Commission, this Bureau does not contemplate interviewing Mr. Leo T. Crowley regarding this matter. It is suggested that you may wish to refer this matter to the Federal Communications Commission, and I am accordingly returning to you the letter which you received from [redacted] dated November 25, 1947, together with the transcript of the pertinent Securities Exchange Commission hearings. No copy of this transcript is being retained by this Bureau. It is further suggested that since the authorities from the Securities Exchange Commission, as reflected in their activities in the aforementioned hearing, do not appear to know which Government agency would have investigative jurisdiction over alleged wire tapping matters, you might desire to address a letter to that agency advising them that such jurisdiction lies with the Federal Communications Commission.

Enclosures.

[redacted] handling technical surveillances, advised that Bureau records do not reflect that any such surveillance ever maintained by the Bureau on Mr. Crowley.)

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TO: MR. ROSEN

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FROM: [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN PERSONS SUSPECTED OF TAPPING TELEPHONE  
WIRES OF LEO T. CROWLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
OF STANDARD GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

The memorandum from the Criminal Division dated January 8, 1948, Departmental file TVQ:AFO:HD, 113-0, was discussed with Mr. Peter Brown, First Assistant in the Criminal Division, on January 17, 1948.

Mr. Brown after examining the Departmental memorandum of January 8, 1948 and the enclosures in this case advised that such memorandum had been directed to the Bureau in error and that the investigation should properly be handled by the Federal Communications Commission since it involved a wire tapping investigation. He requested that the original of the letter from the Department dated January 8, 1948 be returned to him and disregarded by this Bureau as he intended referring the matter to Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Brown's request was complied with and a copy of the original memorandum from the Department dated January 8, 1948 with a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] to Mr. Quinn dated November 25, 1947 is attached to this memorandum and being made a matter of record in the files.

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To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 8, 1948  
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FROM: T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Unknown Persons suspected of tapping telephone  
wires of Leo T. Crowley, Chairman of the Board  
of Standard Gas and Electric Company.

The attached copy of a letter dated November 25, 1947, from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, and the copy of portions of the transcript of a hearing before an Examiner of the Commission, indicate that Mr. Leo T. Crowley, Chairman of the Board of the Standard Gas and Electric Company, stated during the hearing that an attempt had been made to tap his telephone wires.

Although an attempt to tap Mr. Crowley's wires would not constitute a violation of a Federal Statute, it is requested that Mr. Crowley be interviewed to ascertain whether there was any unauthorized interception of any telephone conversations, and any use made of the intercepted conversations, such as would come within the prohibitions of Section 605 of the Communications Act, (47 USC 605.)

Enclosure No. 379818

Attached:  
Letter and Transcript

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ENCLOSURE

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Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company

UNION STATION BUILDING  
CHICAGO 6, ILLINOIS

LEO T. CROWLEY  
Chairman of the Board

November 19, 1953

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Personal & Confidential

Dear Edgar:-

I listened with great attention and much interest to your testimony before the Senate Committee last Tuesday and at its conclusion could not but feel how very fortunate the country is in having you as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

After many years of experience in Washington I can perhaps better appreciate than people that have not been associated with Government the excellence of your attestation, particularly with regard to its forthrightness and preciseness. To say that I was quite thrilled is perhaps putting it mildly.

I have always been one of your countless admirers and I feel it would be remiss on my part if in extending my felicitations on the great credit your testimony this week brought to the Bureau I did not add the personal sentiment and say that my admiration has increased a thousandfold. Our Government has little to fear while men of your sterling character are watching its interests.

My best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*Leo T. Crowley*  
Leo T. Crowley

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

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November 25, 1953

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Honorable Leo T. Crowley  
Chairman of the Board  
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and  
Pacific Railroad Company  
Union Station Building  
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Mr. Crowley:

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I  
am for your thoughtful letter of November 19, 1953,  
and the kind words it contained regarding my testimony  
on the Harry Dexter White case. Your favorable  
comments mean a great deal to me, and I am most  
appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

*Ed. J. [unclear]*

NOTE: Correspondent is a former Alien Property Custodian.

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Honorable Leo T. Crowley  
Chairman of the Board  
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and  
Pacific Railroad Company  
Union Station Building  
Chicago 6, Illinois

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Dear Leo: Leo Crowley

Your letter of the 15th has been received,  
and I want to thank you for your very kind comments  
concerning my speech at the National Convention of The  
American Legion. Your expression of support is deeply  
appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Edgar

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NOTE: A reference card maintained in the Crime Research Section  
indicates Mr. Crowley is addressed on a first-name basis. There has  
been previous correspondence with him.

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UNION STATION BUILDING  
CHICAGO 6, ILLINOIS

LEO T. CROWLEY  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Oct. 15, 1962

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	

My dear Edgar:

I just finished reading your address to the American Legion and I wish every American could read this talk. It is most inspiring and in keeping with your great record as a public servant and as a citizen.

I hope you will be able to continue to help us in our time of need.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Leo T. Crowley

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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LEO T. CROWLEY, CHAIRMAN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dec. 1, 1964

- Tolson ✓
- Belmont ✓
- Mohr ✓
- DeLoach ✓
- Casper ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. Evans ✓
- Mr. Gale ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Sullivan ✓
- Mr. Tavel ✓
- M. Trotter ✓
- Tele. Room ✓
- Miss Holmes ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

Personal

Dear Edgar:

I have followed the press and commentators very carefully the last three weeks and I hope that you do not let their comments disturb you too much.

A person who has been as courageous and as firm as you have been for so many years, naturally has some opposition to his policies. Knowing you for as many years as I have and knowing the great contribution you have made to the F.B.I. and to your country, and the contribution you have made to safeguard us from people who would like to destroy us, I sincerely hope you do not let this bother you and that you continue to be the same fine person you have been for the last forty years.

The country owes you a great deal of gratitude and I write you this letter after my years of experience in Washington, knowing the contribution you have made.

Good luck and with kindest regards.

Sincerely,

*Leo T. Crowley*  
Leo T. Crowley

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

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Honorable Leo T. Crowley  
Chairman of the Board  
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul  
and Pacific Railroad Company  
Union Station Building  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

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Dear Leo:

It was typically thoughtful of you to write on December 1st and to comment as you did concerning the statements I made at my recent press conference. Knowing that I have your support means a great deal to me and is a continuing source of inspiration.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Edgar

NOTE: Mr. Crowley is known to the Director on a first-name basis.

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April 18, 1972

*Leo Crowley*

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Dear [REDACTED]

I was indeed sorry to learn of Leo's passing and extend my heartfelt sympathy to your sisters, your brother and you. I know you will derive solace from the knowledge that his life, dedicated as it was to the service of mankind, will be a continuing source of inspiration to all who were privileged to know him.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Crowley was known to the Director on a **20 APR 19 1972** first-name basis and Bufiles show cordial relations over the years. The Milwaukee Office advises he lived with a sister [REDACTED] and is also survived by three other sisters and a brother.

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# Leo Crowley, Key Aide to FLEs

By Martin Weil

Washington Post Staff Writer

Leo T. Crowley, 82, one of the most influential federal executives in Washington during World War II when he held nine government posts and supervised all foreign economic dealings, died yesterday in Madison, Wis., where he resided.

Mr. Crowley died in St. Mary's Hospital where he had undergone abdominal surgery.

As head of the Foreign Economic Administration from 1943 to 1945, he presided over an agency that had at its disposal about \$35 billion, including authorizations for lend-lease.

In addition, as alien property custodian, from 1942 to 1943, the onetime grocery store delivery boy was in charge of seized enemy assets worth many millions.

A successful businessman who took no pay in his government jobs, Mr. Crowley also helped organize the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., and served as its chairman from 1934 to 1945. The corporation guarantees bank deposits.

"Leo Crowley is one of the best administrators in or out of government," said President Franklin D. Roosevelt on appointing him to one of his nine posts.

"Well done," said Presi-



LEO T. CROWLEY

dent Harry S. Truman in 1945 when Mr. Crowley resigned all his government jobs to return to private life.

According to some accounts, Mr. Crowley left the government after a dispute with Mr. Truman over the ending of lend-lease.

In the first volume of his memoirs, published in 1955, Mr. Truman charged that Mr. Crowley was guilty of policy-making in his termination of the aid program.

Some experts have sought to link the end of the pro-

gram to the activation of post-war Soviet suspicion of the U.S.

In his memoirs, Mr. Truman said Mr. Crowley and acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew had him sign a document on May 8, 1945, the day of Germany's surrender, ordering a cutback in lend-lease.

Mr. Truman said he was told that the document had been approved by President Roosevelt but not signed by him before his death on April 12.

Mr. Crowley denied the charge of policy-making, and asserted that he was acting on the intent of Congress to end lend-lease as soon as the war was over.

He also said, in a 1969 interview, that on March 30, when Mr. Roosevelt left Washington for Warm Springs, Ga., where he died, the President told him to be sure to stop lend-lease.

"We were getting down to the tail end of the war and he didn't want me to let a lot of contracts run four or five years and not have any way of paying for them except out of our own country's pocketbook," Mr. Crowley said.

After the war, Mr. Crowley served from 1945 to 1970 as chairman of the board of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad. At

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~~the time~~ of his death, he was chairman of the Wisconsin Public Service Corp. of Green Bay.

From 1939 to 1947, he was chairman of the Chicago-based Standard Gas and Electric Co., and for many years had been president of General Paper & Supply Co., a family enterprise.

He had also been chairman from 1942 to 1948 of the Philadelphia Co. and a director for many years of several other companies.

An active Roman Catholic layman, Mr. Crowley held the titles of Papal Knight of St. Gregory and Knight Commander of the Order of Pope Pius IX.

Born in Milton Junction, Wis., he delivered groceries as a boy to help support eight fatherless brothers and sisters, worked his way through the University of Wisconsin (Phi Beta Kappa), and became owner of the grocery.

Shortly after graduation, he had also become president of General Paper and Supply, and then moved into banking and insurance. As owner of several Wisconsin banks during the Depression, he organized and headed the Wisconsin Banking Review Board.

His work in restoring the health of Wisconsin's depression-struck banks brought

him to the attention of Mr. Roosevelt, who named him to head the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and who came increasingly to rely on him in financial matters.

In 1943, Mr. Roosevelt turned to Mr. Crowley to end one of the bitterest feuds of his wartime administration.

The feud, with conservative versus liberal overtones, pitted conservative Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones against liberal Vice President Henry A. Wallace, head of the Bureau of Economic Warfare, in a quarrel over stockpiling of strategic materials.

Mr. Roosevelt resolved it by abolishing Mr. Wallace's bureau, scolding both participants, and creating a new Office of Economic Warfare under Mr. Crowley.

Later, the office was merged with lend-lease and relief agencies to become the Foreign Economic Administration, also headed by Mr. Crowley.

A witty, white-haired bachelor, Mr. Crowley, who lived here at the Mayflower Hotel, used to take two compartments on his train trips to Wisconsin. One was for him, the other was filled with presents for 17 nieces and nephews.

Survivors include a brother and four sisters.

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December 14, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: LEO CROWLEY

This is to call your attention to information appearing in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 29, 1944, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, entitled "Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation; Internal Security - C," reflecting that the captioned individual who is Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration, [redacted]

There was nothing to indicate that Mr. Crowley was in any other way associating with these individuals and it merely appears that he was utilizing their aid in behalf of the candidacy of President Roosevelt.

Respectfully,



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NOTE: A check with General Indices of this Bureau has disclosed numerous references to the name but nothing to indicate the date and place of birth of the individual inquired about. It should be pointed out however that Leo Crowley was at one time Administrator of the Foreign Economic Administration Agency and later Chairman of the Board of Standard Gas and Electric Company.

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