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if both sides have rested, it might appear that the endeavoring to secure this information would be of no value. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he was personally willing to do anything and everything possible, but felt that if the information was not to be used, he did not care to spend the time in handling the matter as requested by Special Assistant Stewart.

I had, of course, informed [REDACTED] that I, personally, was unable to furnish him the information he desired.

Be [REDACTED]

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"Telegram received returning to New York. Please ask Senator Walsh to show you telegram just sent him." At three p.m. a telegram was shown to me by Senators Wheeler and Walsh from

to Walsh in which

This for your information as we noticed the senators are giving this matter publicity in the press. [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: Reference: Report of this agent dated 4/23/25

Pursuant to the above referred to report, reporting activities of this agent at Great Falls, Montana, during period 4/9 to 4/21, 1925, this report is submitted, as no further action in this district -- referred to OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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SHARP PRACTICE

At the trial of Senator Wheeler in Montana it was clearly not the intention of the Government lawyers to let the whole truth be known, as revealed in letters written by George B. Hayes, the prosecution's "surprise" witness, to E. S. Booth, former Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. They were balked in their attempt to suppress evidence of the first importance only by the order of Judge Dietrich that letters expressly withheld by them be placed before the court. His action, without other comment, was a very pointed rebuke to Government counsel.

Hayes, as a Government witness, under oath had made certain statements about business matters. Booth's testimony contradicted Hayes's statements in essential particulars. All the while Government counsel had in their possession and purposely kept under cover letters written by Hayes to Booth that corroborated Booth's assertions on the witness-stand. From obvious motives they were contriving to give false weight to Hayes's testimony and to save him from being discredited by letters of his of which they had full knowledge. They were caught and exposed in open court, and as officers of the court and representatives of the Department of Justice they can offer no justification for their sharp practices.

It is one thing for a prosecuting attorney to do his full duty in making the best of the case that he has in hand. Honest zeal in his position is demanded. But it is a shameful thing and a dishonest thing knowingly to distort evidence on any point by concealment and suppression of plain facts. No court of justice can tolerate it. Least of all can the Department of Justice, if it is worthy of the name, afford to countenance any such business by its agents.

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THE WHEELER ACQUITTAL

The verdict of the Montana jury in favor of Senator WHEELER is hardly an occasion for that universal rejoicing which Senator LA FOLLETTE detects, yet the country will be satisfied to have the case ended. It can no longer be charged, as susceptible of legal proof, that Mr. WHEELER violated the law by taking money for practicing before Government departments after he had been elected Senator. Although there was a suspicion of animus on the part of the then Attorney General when the original indictment of Senator WHEELER was secured, it cannot fairly be said that he was the victim of a "frame-up." There was a prima-facie case against him. A part of the evidence on which he was indicted was excluded from the trial for technical reasons. Otherwise, as even Senator WHEELER admitted, it would have been difficult to explain it away. But no one will now question the fact that he was fairly tried and acquitted. Not even his political enemies will begrudge him his vindication. The legal propriety of his action as a Senator cannot hereafter be impugned.

His indictment by a Washington Grand Jury was for an entirely different offense, as alleged. The charge was that he and others had entered into a conspiracy to obtain lands from the United States by fraud. Obviously,

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By this was a much more serious crime, if committed, than the one of which the Montana jury acquitted him. Some of his eager friends have asserted that the result in the Montana courts should convince the Attorney General of the necessity of quashing the Washington indictment of Senator WHEELER. But the Department of Justice does not see it in that way. It remains of the belief that the evidence warranted indictment and that the trial should take place. This

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other public men under charges. He
cannot really wish to have a
trial against him quashed
ground of mere legal scruples. He
ought to demand his day in court, so
that the charges could be established
or the purity of the administration
restored.

NY World April 27, 1925

SENATOR WHEELER'S ACCOUNT

...a Montana jury ten minutes and a ...
to dispose of charges pending against Sen-
tor Wheeler and to write him to the most famous
bit of political adventuring upon which the De-
partment of Justice has embarked in recent years.

The case in the United States Courts of Mon-
tana against Senator Wheeler was a political case
from the outset. It was a case worked up by Mr.
George Lockwood of the Republican National
Committee and Mr. Blair Coan, his hand-man, as-
sisted by some of Harry Daugherty's detectives,
with the stated purpose of "getting something" on
the man who first dared to drag Daugherty's re-
cord into the light of day. Wheeler was a danger-
ous man for Lockwood, Coan and Daugherty. They
set out deliberately to "frame" him. They have
had their answer in the courts.

And "no one here," said a news despatch from
Washington to the Herald Tribune yesterday, "ap-
parently was greatly surprised by the verdict."
Washington, we are told, expected some such out-
come. "Those connected with the Attorney Gen-
eral's office," this despatch relates, "have admit-
ted that the Montana case was comparatively weak."
Yet the Attorney General's office fought
that case and almost ludicrously lost it. A jury
which finds ten minutes all it needs to reach a
verdict of not guilty has sufficiently expressed its
opinion of the plaintiff's case and methods.

What are we to think of a Department of Jus-
tice which, if the Herald Tribune's news is right,
fights a case without believing in it? In the whole
story of the Wheeler case—the original indict-
ment, the Borah investigation, the Senate vote ex-
onerating Wheeler—there is no fact more extraor-
dinary than the willingness of Daugherty's suc-
cessors to fight Daugherty's battles for him after
Daugherty was ousted. Were the man who have
headed the Department of Justice since Daugh-
erty's dismissal such poor judges of evidence that
they could not foresee that verdict in ten minutes
which now seems in Washington to have been a
foregone conclusion and which, as the Herald
Tribune's correspondent puts it, causes "no one"
great surprise? Why was the prestige of the de-
partment put behind that District Attorney in
Montana, Mr. Slattery, who has been carrying the
burden of the counter-attack for Daugherty these
last eleven months—fighting a case with "surprise
witnesses" and kindred legal tricks?

To questions of this sort there is presumably
one answer only. We have in Washington a Gov-
ernment one of whose chief traits it is to be
afraid of a shift in policy from unreasonableness
to reasonableness because it is afraid of seeming
"weak." Mr. Hughes made up the State Depart-
ment's mind about a gag on Count Karolyi. When
Mr. Kellogg succeeded Mr. Hughes there was pro-
test everywhere, sharp protest in the columns of
the Administration press, against this muzzling of
an alien. Mr. Kellogg, however, could not revoke
his predecessor's order. That would have been in-
terpreted, as the phrase goes, as a slap at Mr.
Hughes. So Mr. Kellogg played the game. And
so, presumably, have Daugherty's successors in
the Department of Justice played it.

The degree to which it can be thought fatal in
Washington to admit an error, the degree to which
state policies can be fashioned out of shoulder-
shrugging, is one moral which is driven home, as
the first case against Mr. Wheeler ends and he
prepares to face a second trial in Washington.
There is another fact too obvious to miss. And
that fact deals with all. The Government

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shrugging, is one more which is driven home as the first case against Mr. Wheeler ends and he prepares to face a second trial in Washington. There is another fact too obvious to miss. And that fact deals with oil. The Government has found no difficulty in bringing Mr. Wheeler into court. It has made not the slightest progress, meantime toward bringing Messrs. Fall, Doheny and Sinclair before a Judge to face criminal prosecution for conspiracy against the Government. What will the Administration's practice be when a man who exposed corruption in official life is promptly brought to a second trial and then a second trial while men charged with a hand in the corruption laugh at Federal indictments?

WHEELER ON STAND IN SWEEPING DENIAL OF OIL FEE CHARGES

His Taking Up Matter Involving
Permit Did Not Constitute
an Appearance, He Declares

SENATOR DENIES MEETING
HAYES IN NEW YORK HOTEL

First Introduced to "Surprise
Witness" in Washington, He
Says, Despite Lawyer's Story

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 22
(Associated Press).—Senator Burton
K. Wheeler took the witness stand
in his own defense to-day and made
a sweeping denial of the charge that
he accepted fees for appearing before
officials of the Department of the In-
terior in oil land permit cases pend-
ing in 1923.

He flatly contradicted the testi-
mony of George B. Hayes that he
asked Hayes in March, 1923, to ap-
pear before the department in his
place. He admitted that he discussed
one oil permit with Edwin S. Booth,
then Solicitor of the department, but
said that this was in no sense an
appearance but something he would
have done for any of his constituents
on request.

Met Hayes in Capital

Wheeler swore he never met or
heard of Hayes until March, 1924,
while he was "prosecuting" the
Daugherty investigation in the Sen-
ate. A. B. Melner, an attorney con-
nected with the Daugherty case,
earlier testified that he introduced
Wheeler and Hayes in March, 1924,
and that neither showed any sign of
having known the other previously.

In telling the story of his connec-
tion as attorney with George Cam-
bell, Montana oil operator, who
was questioned about a reassignment
of the Levee permit, in which Cam-
bell and H. J. Campbell were in-
terested. He admitted that he
had seen Booth about the matter.

As Senator, Not Lawyer

"I did that for Campbell, not as an
attorney for him, but as a United
States Senator. I cannot see where
the mere fact that I was his lawyer
barred me from doing favors for

WHEELER ON IN SWEEPING DENIAL

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"I never heard of him until he ap-
peared before the Daugherty Inves-
tigating Committee. He was attorney
for a bootlegger by the name of
Gorini."

His statement was interrupted by
an objection by the Government,
which was sustained. Hayes, who
was the Government's star witness,
testified that he met Senator Wheeler
in New York in March, 1923, and
that Wheeler asked him to appear
before the Interior Department in
his place.

"I was introduced to Mr. Hayes in
Washington in March, 1924, by A. B.
Melner," said Senator Wheeler.
Senator Walsh asked Senator

Wheeler to explain why he had
spent so much time in New York
and Europe. He said he arrived
in New York on the 15th of March
1923, and that Mrs. Wheeler
there early the next morning.

"I spent the entire day shopping
with Mrs. Wheeler," said the accused
Senator. "We had to buy clothes
because we were sailing the next day.
We shopped until the stores closed
for the day, which was 5:30 or later.
We had to go to our hotel then and
dress for dinner."

"We were invited to dinner at 1:30
with Mrs. J. Borden Harriman. Then
we went to the opera with Mrs. Har-
riman, Col. E. M. House, and a Col.
Stone of the United States Army.
We returned to the hotel about 10
o'clock that night, made ready and
boarded the ship."

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the mere fact that I was his lawyer barred me from doing favors for him, the same as I would do for any member of the jury here, or any one in Montana. The reassignment of the permit was not protested."

His connection with Campbell, it had been testified, was as his attorney in a receivership suit in the Montana courts.

Previous testimony developed that Lincoln had sold the permit to the Standard Oil Company of California for \$250,000; that it had been assigned by the company and that former Congressman Thomas Stout, a stockholder in the Campbell company, held an interest in the reassignment. It was shown in the previous testimony that the Campbell

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April 22, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN.

I am attaching hereto for your information copies of telegrams which I sent yesterday and today upon the Wheeler case in Montana in accordance with your instructions.

Very truly yours,

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TIMORROW IF YOU APPROVE STOP IN ABSENCE OF REPLY TO MINE

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Mr. E. J. Brennan,
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Dear Sirs:-

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IN RE: U. S. vs. BURTON K. WHEELER.

Replying to your letter dated April 28th, to which you attached carbon copy of memorandum submitted to you by Special Agent Quigley, of the New York office, concerning one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] please be advised that this matter will be referred to the Attorneys handling this case, as it may be desired that the information have scope enough to serve a purpose in the contemplated trial in the District of Columbia. b7C

Meantime, it will not be necessary that you take further action, pending further instructions.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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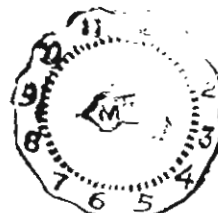
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Dear Hoover:

It would be well
to have the matter marked on
the enclosed paper - looked
into it once.

Yours

Stewart

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HAYES' INVESTIGATOR EN ROUTE TO FALLS

New York Assistant Attorney
Probed Three Complaints
Federal Witness

New York, April 23.—Assistant District Attorney Alexander Lehmann left here Thursday afternoon for Great Falls, Mont., where he will appear as a witness for the defense in the trial of United States Senator Burton K. Wheeler.

Permission for Mr. Lehman's trip to Montana was given by District Attorney Banton in response to a telegram from Senator Thomas J. Walsh, who is defending Senator Wheeler. Mr. Banton said Lehman had investigated three separate complaints made to the district attorney's office against George P. Hayes, one of the government's principal witnesses.

One of these, Mr. Banton said, was made on Oct. 24, 1923, by Joseph Hughes of Freeport, N. J., who complained that Hayes had withheld money from him. The complaint was referred to a magistrate's court, Mr. Banton said, and he does not know what became of it.

A second complaint concerned an alleged bad check given to his stenographer, and the third was made by Edwin J. Gould and Jacob Stein, attorneys of New York, and had to do with withholding money, Mr. Banton explained. The money was repaid, Mr. Banton said, adding that it was his impression that all the complaints had been settled out of court before actual prosecution was begun.

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the directory or phone book, it was necessary to look him up, he being found at [REDACTED] by me and given the message from the United States Attorney to proceed to Great Falls at once. He stated that he would communicate with the United States Attorney Slattery at once and arrange to go, putting in a long distance call on this matter at the time, 6:15 P. M. I sent the following telegram:

"Butte Mont April 30 1925

John L Slattery
United States Attorney
Great Falls Mont

Saw [REDACTED] delivering your request He will telephone you regarding same Says impossible him leave in morning Not anxious come

DICKASON"

On 5/1/25 request was made by the United States Attorney's office by telephone from Great Falls to ascertain if [REDACTED] was leaving for Great Falls to be there 5/2/25. [REDACTED] was located by phone at [REDACTED] Butte, Mont., by Agent Eberstein at this office, and she stated that she would leave for Great Falls at 3:30 P. M. this date. The following telegram was sent:

"BUTTE MONTANA MAY 1 1925

JOHN L SLATTERY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
GREAT FALLS MONTANA

[REDACTED] LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR GREAT FALLS

DICKASON"

Unless further request be made by the United States
Attorney's office, the matter at this time is again

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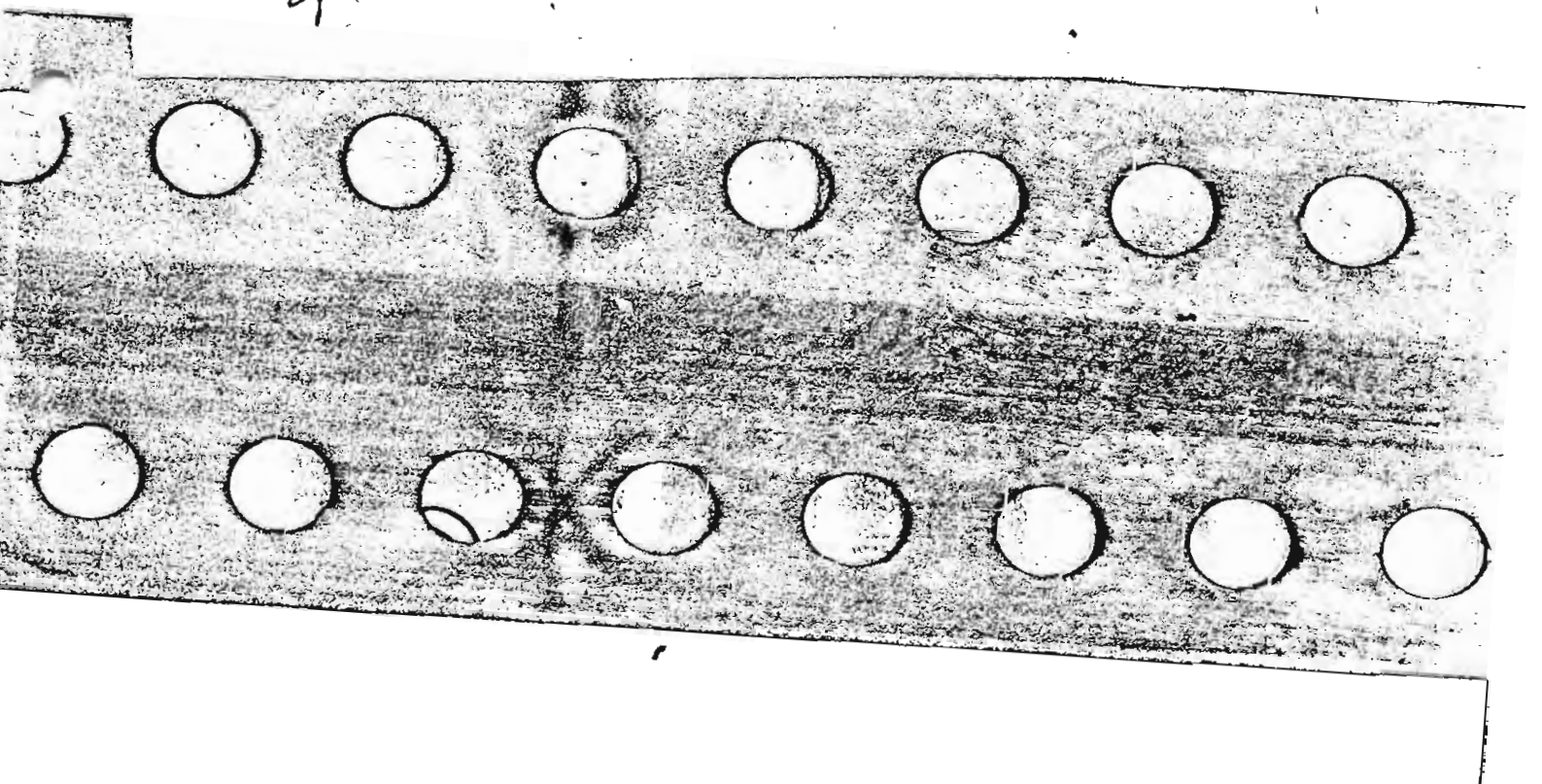
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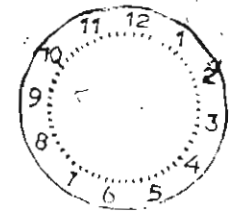
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Wheeler Persecution Addled, Says Hapgood

By NORMAN HAPGOOD.

THE Treasury Department allows the famous anti-Wheeler mystery witness, Hayes, until today to show cause why he should not be disbarred from practice before that department.

Meantime the Department of Justice goes right ahead with its plans to prosecute Wheeler, its attack being based on the testimony of this same Hayes.

It is an entertaining conflict of point of view presented by the two departments. Where did the Treasury Department get

its evidence of the methods of Hayes? Charges against this mystery witness were in the Department of Justice before March 16, the day when Donovan and Stewart talked matters over with Hayes and then shipped him, still concealing his name, off to Montana, where he dismissed his testimony as false without a single member even daring to discuss it, and without even having witnesses called to rebut it.

SIGNS OF WARNING OUT.

Times occasionally alter more rapidly than they seem to be altering. Signs are plenty that if the Department of Justice does not change its mind rather suddenly it will be in the midst of a celebrated case. Perhaps the procedure of the Treasury Department will give it an idea.

Look at the progress of this



NORMAN HAPGOOD

affair. When Wheeler was bearing the brunt of the exposure of Daugherty there were not many newspapers that were sympathetic with him. Most of them were busy, not in regretting the swamp into which the department had descended, but in telling how terrible it was that Daugherty's disreputable associates should be called to testify against him.

During the campaign an attempt was made to excite the voters over the Daugherty, Fall, and Denby cases.

PUBLIC DIDN'T CARE.

I was in the campaign but I could not find any excitement. When the Department of Justice decided to indict Wheeler nobody seemed to care. When the Borah committee and the whole Senate, with one exception, sweepingly exonerated him, nobody cared. The department went ahead co-operating with the Republican National Committee to get the young Senator and teach him something.

But lately the tide is visibly turning. The action of the Treasury Department is one indication of it. It is now evident that the story cannot end until the persecution of Wheeler is dropped, until Hayes is indicted for perjury, and until we know just what arrangement was made between him and the Department of Justice.

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Mr. Hoover. May 11th, 1925.

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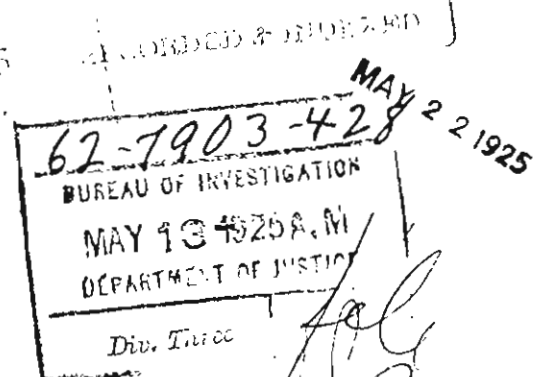
[REDACTED] in re: Wheeler case.

Will you please give him some kind of
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W.J.D.

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1215 North 15th St
Philadelphia, Pa.

William J. Donovan Esq.

Asst to the Attorney-General, 65990²

Sir:

No one has been to see me, nor did I have the courtesy of an acknowledgment of the wire I sent you yesterday. In addition to that a local newspaper publisher a story to the effect that the case against Senator Wheeler is to be dropped.

I should like to know whether the newspaper story is true and if it isn't true and Senator Wheeler is to be tried is my testimony wanted or not?

In writing you in the first place

I had two objects in mind. The first was to testify as to the conversation had with the newspaper correspondent mentioned. The second was to lay bare before a judge and jury in the city of Washington the condition of affairs that exists in the Department of Justice in this city - which is what I desired to bring to the attention of the senatorial committee long ago.

I shall not agree to testify in the Wheeler case unless I am afforded full latitude to tell why I wanted to go before the Brookhart committee, it being because of my desire to get before the committee that I got in touch with Thurston

The N.Y. World correspondent who told me
the things about Wheeler.

There are two things that - in
my opinion as a citizen (and a victim)
stand out as highly inimical to the
public interest -

1 The retention of Burton K. Wheeler
in the Senate of the United States.

2 The retention of George W. Coles
as U.S. District Attorney for this district
of Pennsylvania.

Yours etc. b7C



May 7, 1925.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE: May 11-1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 6-7&8, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: James H. Daly
TITLE: GORDON A. HEBBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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At Washington, D. C.:

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TITLE: CORDON ROBBIE et al. X		CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 C. C. Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Report of interview had with [REDACTED] Baltimore, Md., May 9, 1925, to develop whether [REDACTED] b7C Interview disclosed that [REDACTED] was not the [REDACTED] in question. Continued.			
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MAY 13 1925 S. T. C.			
DETAILS: At Baltimore, Md.: Reference is made to previous reports in the above entitled matter and particularly to memorandum of Agent Felix			
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Quigley, New York City, dated April 28, 1925, wherein he reports having interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

These interviews disclosed that none of the persons above named was [REDACTED] in question, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Agent accompanied Special Assistant to the Attorney General EUGENE V. BULLEIT to Baltimore, Md. on May 9, 1925, at which time [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He never knew SENATOR WHEELER and has no recollection of having seen [REDACTED] in conversation with anyone who might have been WHEELER.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE: May 14-1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 12 to 18, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: James H. Daly
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 47 C. C. Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Synopsis:

Interview had with [REDACTED] at Atlantic City, N. J., who in his letter of May 2, 1925, intimates that he has information which may prove of value in the prosecution of the above entitled case.

Interview with [REDACTED] discloses that his primary object is to complain against the U. S. District Attorney at Philadelphia, Pa., who had [REDACTED] indicted on the charge of sending obscene matter through the mail and that he has no information of value in connection with this case.

Agent Nathan, Washington, investigated concerning [REDACTED] complaint against the United States Attorney, Philadelphia, and found [REDACTED] to be irresponsible and apparently unbalanced mentally, with which opinion Agent concurs.

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DETAILS:

At Philadelphia, Pa.
Atlantic City, N. J.

Under date of May 2, 1925, one [REDACTED]

writing from 1215 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, to Honorable [REDACTED]

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WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, Assistant Attorney General, states in substance that he obtained certain information from ELLIOTT W. THURSTON, Washington correspondent of the New York World, which may prove of value in the trial of the SENATOR WHEELER case, and he tenders his service to aid the Government in any way he can do so.

In accordance with instructions, Agent proceeded to 1215 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, and found this to be a rooming and boarding house conducted by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] roomed there for a period of about three months and left on May 9th. She did not know where he had gone until this morning when she received a postal card from him at Atlantic City, N. J., telling her to forward his mail to him at General Delivery, Atlantic City. b7C

[REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] did no work during the time he roomed at her house but he claimed to be a short story writer. She knows very little about him, but says he is eccentric and very mysterious. He mentioned to her that he has had a good deal of domestic trouble and is divorced from his wife, but he told her no details. He writes and receives many letters and he told her that he was in correspondence with the Department of Justice at Washington. He also has had some correspondence recently with the Detective Bureau of the City of Philadelphia police. b7C

Agent proceeded to Atlantic City and located [REDACTED] at the General Delivery window of the post office on May 13, b7C

1925. He is staying at the Y. M. C. A. and Agent accompanied him to the Y. M. C. A., where he was interviewed. [REDACTED] began his recital by saying that he is primarily interested in putting before the Department the facts concerning MR. GEORGE W. COLES, United States Attorney at Philadelphia, who, he says, had him [REDACTED] unlawfully indicted on the charging of sending obscene matter through the mails, the matter in question being a letter (or letters) to his former wife, which he says was sharp but not scurrilous or obscene. He is now divorced from his wife and he says that OWEN J. ROBERTS, Special Counsellor for the Government in the oil cases, is responsible for his domestic troubles because it was he who secured his wife's divorce for her from [REDACTED]

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Some time after [REDACTED] wife had divorced him, CHARLES L. MCKEEHAN, of MR. ROBERTS' law firm, was appointed United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. [REDACTED] protested to the Judiciary Committee of the Senate against MR. MCKEEHAN'S appointment. In that way he got into correspondence with former SENATOR ARTHUR NELSON, then chairman of the Judiciary Committee. SENATOR NELSON invited [REDACTED] to appear before the Committee and [REDACTED] intended to appear but Secret Service agents working under the direction of UNITED STATES ATTORNEY COLES drugged him and he was unable to make his appearance."

Shortly afterward the BROOKHART COMMITTEE was appointed to investigate the Department of Justice. [REDACTED] wrote SENATOR WHEELER and requested that he be permitted to appear before the Committee and furnish the information he possesses con-

cerning the United States Attorney in Philadelphia. Senator WHEELER wrote back to the effect that he would place his letter before the Committee and let him know later whether or not they wanted him to appear. In about a week he again wrote SENATOR WHEELER and received the same sort of a letter in reply. The following week he wrote still another letter and again

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received a similar reply. He then wrote SENATOR WHEELER that he [REDACTED] was leaving for Washington and would be at the Raleigh Hotel, Washington, and to notify him there whether he wanted him as a witness before the BROOKHART COMMITTEE. He received no reply at the Raleigh Hotel to that letter and he then sought out ELLIOTT W. THURSTON, Washington correspondence of the New York World and asked him to print certain items for him having to do with the office of the U. S. Attorney in Philadelphia. While talking with THURSTON, [REDACTED] complained about SENATOR WHEELER'S not permitting him to go before the BROOKHART COMMITTEE and the conversation turned to the subject of Teapot Dome. In this connection THURSTON made this remark: "WHEELER'S hands are sticky, he has been dabbling in oil." THURSTON then went on to tell [REDACTED] that WHEELER represented an oil client in Montana and in doing so appeared before the Interior Department at Washington. He mentioned the name of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] As this conversation took place before WHEELER'S indictment in Montana, [REDACTED] thinks it is of value.

b7c Later SENATOR WHEELER wrote to [REDACTED] and asked him to send all papers in his possession and he would go over the matter, but [REDACTED] thought this was an effort on WHEELER'S part to get back his own letters that he had written [REDACTED] and he did not comply with the request.

[REDACTED] did not have with him the letters from SENATOR WHEELER. explaining that they are in storage in Philadelphia. He says he will get them at any time desired and bring them to Washington if requested to do so.

He was cordially thanked for his efforts to help the Department in this manner, but it was explained to him that the conversation he had with THURSTON would not make him a competent witness in the trial of the case. He was advised that unless he was communicated with he need not write the Department further in this matter. It is quite likely, however, that he will continue to write on any pretext with the view of getting an audience to lay before the Department his complaint against the U. S. Attorney at Philadelphia.

b7c Agent Nathan, Washington, made a comprehensive report covering [REDACTED] in June, 1924, in connection with the latter's complaints against the U. S. Attorney at Philadelphia. That report shows that [REDACTED] writes letters freely on any topic that is occupying his attention and his letters have got him into trouble in the past. That report shows [REDACTED] to be irresponsible and apparently mentally unbalanced. After talking with [REDACTED] Agent is of the same opinion. It is evident he has an obsession for writing letters on any matter which will afford

him an opportunity to revive his accusations against the United States Attorney at Philadelphia.

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MORNING, APRIL 23, 1925.

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GOVERNMENT'S CHARGES

HAYES' STORY OF N. Y. MEETING UNTRUE, SAYS SENATOR ON STAND

Witness Testifies He Introduced Attorney Who Accuses Solon of Fee Offer, After Latter's Return from Europe; Montanan Accounts for Time During Gotham Stay; Walsh May Ask Recess in Case Today to Permit Easterners Called for Testimony to Arrive in Great Falls

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Obviously eager to tell his story of his association with Gordon Campbell's oil interests, Senator Burton K. Wheeler took the witness stand in his own behalf Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Great Falls federal court. By mid-afternoon his direct examination by Senator T. J. Walsh, chief counsel for the defense, was concluded, but when court adjourned at 5 o'clock his testimony under the cross-examination of District Attorney J. L. Slattery was not completed.

Wheeler denied that he had ever appeared before the interior department in behalf of Campbell for a consideration; denied that he ever made a deal with Campbell by which he was to receive a share of Campbell's oil land proceeds; denied that former Solicitor E. S. Booth ever made an appointment for him with George B. Hayes, the government's surprise witness; denied that he ever met Hayes in New York; denied that he ever asked Hayes to appear before the interior department in his place; denied that he ever offered Hayes half the fee he was to receive from Campbell, or that he ever made an agreement with Campbell to interest anybody in financing the Campbell enterprises.

Characteristic Fashion.
Wheeler occupies the witness stand in characteristic fashion. His testimony is addressed directly to the jury and he speaks with his customary earnestness. His habits of speech and

**BOOTH DEMURRER IS
ENTERED AT CAPITAL**

gestures, too, are the same. Occasionally he picks up the gist of Senator Walsh's questions before they are completed and starts his answer while Walsh is still speaking. At intervals his testimony is in narrative form and with few exceptions objections interposed by the district attorney failed to break his continuity.

The senator's traits which caused one of the nationally known magazine writers to once say that Wheeler's foremost characteristics was his combativeness is easily apparent in his cross examination. A thrust from District Attorney Slattery is met with a return equally vigorous from the senator. Exchanges between the senator and the prosecutor, though always in moderate tones, occasionally hint of rising temperatures.

"On the occasion when you landed in Washington" once began the attorney.

"I did not land in Washington; I arrived there," retorted the senator.

"Perhaps I have that mixed with when you landed from Russia," suggested Slattery.

"I did not land from Russia,"

ment for Hayes and Wheeler to meet by declaring that there "wasn't a blessed thing to that at all. So far as I know Booth didn't know where I was stopping or where I was going. I saw Mr. Booth on the 13th of March and don't think I saw him again until I came back from Europe. I do not recall that Booth even mentioned Hayes' name to me."

Wheeler testified that on the day Hayes said he met him at the Waldorf, his time was completely taken up with Mrs. Wheeler, in whose company he was until they went to dinner. Around half past 6 he and Mrs. Wheeler left the hotel and were at dinner with Col. E. M. House, Melvin Stone, Mrs. J. Boren Harris and others. Hayes testified that he met Wheeler sometime between 4 and 7 o'clock.

The senator declared that he was employed by Tom Stout to represent Campbell in the receivership suit with the distinct understanding that he was to appear only in the Montana state courts.

"I told Stout," said Wheeler, "that if it was understood that it must be

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TITLE: GORDON-CAMPELL et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: Special Assignment.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Verbal instructions received from Mr. Cunningham to disregard memorandum dated May 1, 1925.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to Bureau memorandum initialed J.B.C., dated May 1, 1925, requesting that Agent endeavor to locate certain data and records in connection with above mentioned case at the Interior Department.

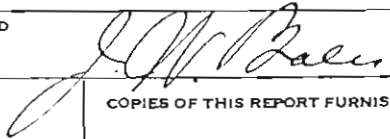
Agent received verbal instructions from Mr. Cunningham to consider this matter closed at this office, and stated that his reasons would be given in a memorandum to Mr. Bales, Agent in Charge. Up to the present time this memorandum has not been received.

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United States Marshal,
Helena, Montana

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Dear Sir:

For your information and appropriate attention
I am transmitting you herewith photostat copy of a
letter dated New York May 16th 1925, signed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York A.I.
which is self explanatory.

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Kindly communicate with [REDACTED] regarding
this matter direct.

Very truly yours,

Edward J. Brennan
Edward J. Brennan
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 16, 1925.

Mr. Edward J. Brennan,
Dept. of Justice,
15 Park Row,
N. Y. C.

My dear Sir:

April 23rd to accommodate the insistent
request of yourself, I started for Great Falls, Mon.

Yours very truly,

May 16, 1925.

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REOPENED CASE)

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Butte, Montana

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-14-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/1-13/25	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL CHARLES F. BLOOMHUFF EDWARD J. DAILEY			CHARACTER OF CASE: Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: #36-5822

CAMPBELL tried separate from BLOOMHUFF and DAILEY at Great Falls, Mont., before Judge BOURQUIN, May 1-6, 1925; after 29 hours deliberation, Jury found CAMPBELL guilty on first count; sentenced, 5-6-25, to two years in penitentiary, \$1,000. fine and costs, the latter amounting to about \$5,000. As to CAMPBELL - definitely CLOSED.

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DETAILS:

At Butte, Montana.

Reference made to my report hereon, dated 5-1-25, and other reports.

This case came up for trial at Great Falls on 5-1-25

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before Judge GEORGE M. BOURQUIN, sitting instead of Judge CHARLES N. PRAY, who disqualified himself for this case.

After the instructions of the Judge, the jury was out twenty-nine hours, finding CAMPBELL guilty of the first count of the indictment, being that, on the 21st day of June, 1924, he mailed, or caused to be mailed, a letter at Kevin, Montana, addressed to C. M. CURRY, Box 103, Alberton, Montana, being one of the prospectus of the GORDON CAMPBELL-KEVIN SYNDICATE NO. 2. Upon the finding of the jury, Judge BOURQUIN proceeded to sentence CAMPBELL, (5-6-25), and sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary; to pay a fine of \$1,000. and costs, the latter amounting to about \$5,000.

CAMPBELL has perfected papers for an appeal and has given bond required in the appeal matter. There are also being organized, principally by [REDACTED] "Defense Fund Committees" to raise money for CAMPBELL'S defense, as the announcement is made that he is absolutely without funds. b7c

Before this trial started, the attorneys for CAMPBELL asked for and received a separate trial for him from BLOOMHUFF and DAILEY. The term of court ended yesterday at Great Falls without this case being brought to trial and further action of the Attorney's office as to BLOOMHUFF and DAILEY is problematical.

The status of the case remains as in my last report (CLOSED), but as to GORDON CAMPBELL, it is definitely

CLOSED.

Instructions received from Special Agent in Charge L.W. Brennan
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D.C.

REPORT MADE AT: New York City	DATE WHEN MADE: May 27th, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: May 18 to 26th.	REPORT MADE BY: JAMES H. DALY
TITLE: IN RE: <u>GORDON CAMPBELL et al</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: Violation Section 32 USCC Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 62-7903 N.Y. File #62-102 Interviews had with [REDACTED] in an effort to [REDACTED] to the fact that Senator Wheeler [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Pending the return of [REDACTED] to New York, CASE CONTINUED. DETAILS: In accordance with instructions, Agent accompanied MR. E.V. BULLEITT, Special Assistant to the Attorney-General, from Washington to New York City, in order that further inquiry might be made to identify and locate the person who called to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]			
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information he might have of the incident in question. It was found, however,
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It was learned through Agent Quigley that

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Pending [REDACTED] return to New York, this matter is CONTINUED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR WHEELER CASE

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR OF THE UNITED STATES:

The enclosed statement of the Leading Facts in the Wheeler Case is of vital interest to every American lawyer concerned for the honor of his profession or the soundness of American jurisprudence.

The Department of Justice of the United States is the fountain-head of the law and the legal professson in America. At least it is supposed to be.

If Justice is prostituted there, through the instrumentality of lawyers on the inside, and the fact becomes notorious, and lawyers on the outside accept it without protest, no amount of legal oratory, or even judicial ermine, will vindicate the honor of Justice elsewhere. Venality there will vitiate the processes of the law everywhere and put a stigma upon the American Bar.

The ugly facts in this case strike at the good name of your profession. They strike even deeper. They strike at the root principles of our Republic. Give them the consideration they demand. Speak your mind. Suit the action to the word. "In such business action is eloquence".

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Secretary

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Circular Gives Wheeler Case

The Wheeler defense committee yesterday sent out 20,000 copies of a pamphlet to lawyers throughout the country giving "The leading facts in the Wheeler case," as prepared by Basil Manly, director of People's Legislative Service.

In that way the committee hopes to convince the legal fraternity that the Department of Justice has resorted to questionable methods to prosecute Wheeler.

The pamphlet sets out that the department started its fight against Wheeler before he began his crusade against former Attorney General Daugherty.

The presumption is that Daugherty in that way tried to forestall a probe of the Department of Justice by intimidating Wheeler.

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The Rewards Of Virtue

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THE Wheeler case continues to radiate its pungent dissecting-room stink. On April 24 last a jury at Great Falls, Mont., after listening to the liars of the Department of Justice for a week, acquitted the Hon. Mr. Wheeler without discussion and on the first ballot. But one hint it appears to not enough for the Daugherty campaign. On March 28 before the Montana case was called, the hon. gentleman was reindicted in the District of Columbia, and now he must face trial all over again. He is, for an American statesman, a poor man. The Department of Justice spent \$100,000 of your money and mine trying to railroad him to Montana; it cost him a great deal to make good his escape. Now he must submit to another shaking-down. His friends, in consequence, are passing the hat. If the Near East wiskinkis and their go-getting brethren have left you anything, send a contribution to the Wheeler Defense Committee, 506 Lenox Building, Washington, D. C.

I have spoken of the Daugherty camorra. The impression seems to be widespread that it has been thrown out of the Department of Justice—that moral Cal, the Christian Law Enforcer, somehow got rid of its boss. It is still on the job, and functioning magnificently. The prosecution of Dr. Wheeler at Great Falls was in charge of the Hon. John H. Slaterry, a perfect specimen of the Daughertian juriconsult, appointed on May 18, 1921, immediately after the Harding reign of mirth began at Washington. His chief assistant was the Hon. Mr. Bullock, an Assistant Attorney General, coming from November 1, 1922, five months before Daugherty resigned. His second assistant was the Hon. R. P. Howard, coming from the Attorney General's office, and dated back to the days of the Daugherty-Fallows connection. The chief clerk was the Hon. William H. Hays, the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, who had been in the Fallows office.

At the time great interest was taken in the
 the downfall of Daugherty. When
 The Hon. HARRY J. STONE was appointed

Abstract The purpose of this study was to determine the effect of a 12-week training program on the physical fitness of 10-year-old children. The study was conducted in a primary school in the city of Ankara, Turkey. The study group consisted of 20 children (10 boys and 10 girls) who were randomly selected from the 10-year-old children in the school. The children were divided into two groups: a control group and an experimental group. The control group did not participate in any physical activity during the 12-week period, while the experimental group participated in a 12-week training program. The physical fitness of the children was measured at the beginning and at the end of the 12-week period. The measurements included heart rate, blood pressure, and body mass index (BMI). The results of the study showed that the experimental group had significantly higher heart rates and blood pressures at the end of the 12-week period compared to the control group. Additionally, the experimental group had a significantly lower BMI at the end of the 12-week period compared to the control group. These findings suggest that a 12-week training program can improve the physical fitness of 10-year-old children.

other survivors of the Titanic, and among the group survive in the Department of the Interior, including the captain, the first mate, the assistant Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. Walker, William Hall, and others. The conference is the first of the kind since the Hon. Mr. Taft's return to the United States, and the admirers give a rousing reception to the Hon. Mr. Walker and the Hon. Mrs. Walker, who are the principal speakers. Many other speakers are spoken frequently before, moral and political, eloquently advocating law and order.

Thus the Hon. Mr. Wheeler has said that Daugherty goes, if not actually to jail, and before his troubles are over, I think he will be considerably less solvent than was when they began. Taking the situation there is the military arm of the government and the service of the military corps of "investigators," and the civilian manufacturers of evidence. A large part of these gentlemen attended the first trial when the Wheeler case was called in Washington; the force has since been greatly augmented.

As will be recalled, the witness unearthed by these investigations of Great Falls that was an attempt at a dubious New York "gravy" was refused to believe the first witness. If it appears, knowing that the Government had sworn him a minute, even the witness was ignorant of his name. When the expense they have incurred in other things, they should be that, at the very least, the Government should be able to afford him the same treatment.

the following is a list of the principal works of the author:

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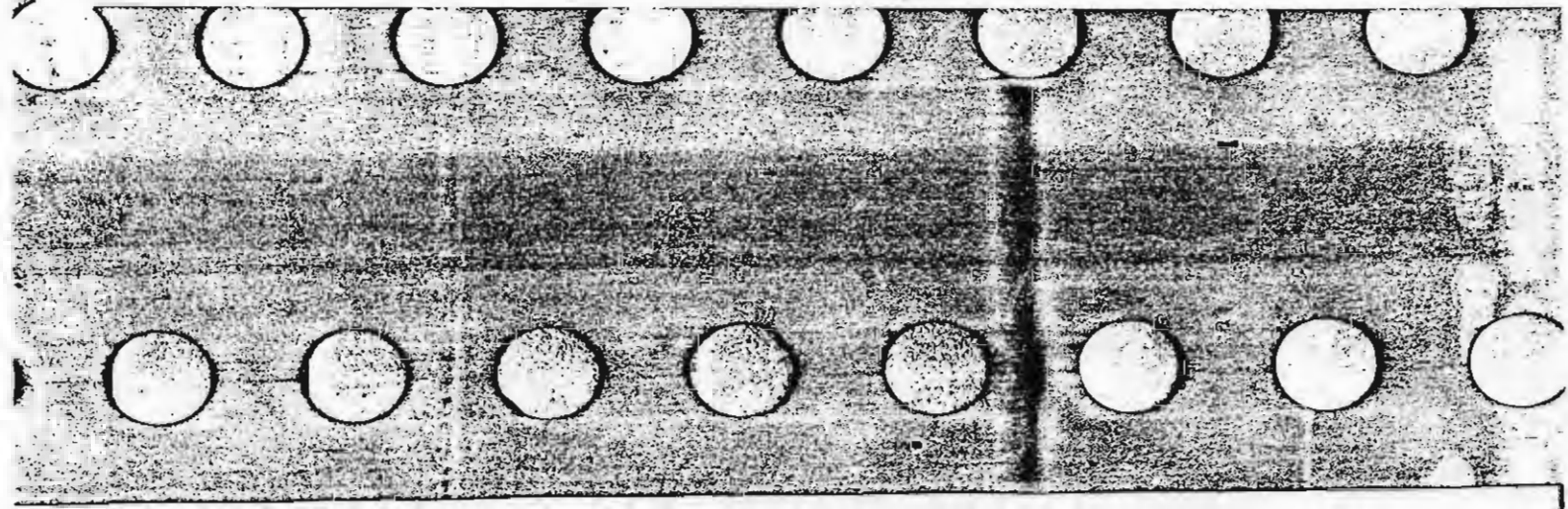
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Mr. John R. Slattery,
U. S. Attorney,
Great Falls, Montana.

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Mr. Max H. Wasson,

Federal Building,

Spokane, Washington.

See Swenson, Post Office Inspector and ascertain when new case
against Gordon Campbell can be presented to Grand Jury for Eastern
Division Washington Tell Swenson Stewart desires to have some
witnesses subpoenaed for purposes of interview by him at that time
and place wire reply at once

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INSPECTOR SWENSON AND MYSELF CALLED ON JUDGE WEBSTER HERE. HE
STATES WILL CALL GRAND JURY JUNE TWENTY NINTH AT SPOKANE. IF
FOR ANY REASON HE CHANGES HIS MIND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED."

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TITLE: United States VS Gordon Campbell et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio.Par.37 P.C.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: At Washington D. C. Confidential Investigation. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2/26/85 BY 9145ci/rfp 62-7903 ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.~~			
DETAILS: At Washington D. C. Arranging and filing papers, and assisting Special Assistant Attorney General Robert P. Stewart in the above titled matter.			
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WILL YOU PLEASE HAVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEWARD WIRE
POST OFFICE INSPECTOR SWENSON IF HE DESIRES HIM TO TAKE ANY
ACTION TOWARDS SUBPOENAEING WITNESSES GORDON CAMPBELL CASE TO
BE PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY SPOKANE

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TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 CC Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential investigation at New York, N. Y., Washington, D. C., Kenosha, Wis. and St. Paul, Minn. in above case.				
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DETAILS: At New York, N. Y., Washington, D. C., Kenosha, Wis. and St. Paul, Minn.: Pursuant to instructions, Agent conducted a confidential investigation in the above named cities in connection with the case as above entitled, May 28 to June 11, 1925.				
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

In the matter of the U. S. vs Burton K. Wheeler,
referring to your request to furnish you with the names of
the New York Agents who were engaged on this investigation,
please be advised that former Special Agent B. J. Kelleher
worked on this investigation and it was through his efforts
[REDACTED] b7C

The other Agents who worked on this investigation
are as follows:-

Special Agents Brown, Quigley, Moore, and Seipel.

Special Agent G. C. Reeve, Resident Agent at Miami,
was the Agent who interviewed [REDACTED] b7C

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Post Office Inspector Swenson,
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Spokane, Washington.

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Washington, D.C.

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Eberstein,

June 18, 1925

Seattle, Washington

Replying your telegram seventeenth advise Swenson
Stewart sent latter June thirteenth to him at Spokane
Washington giving full list of witnesses Stewart desires
to have subpoenaed Stop these witnesses are in addition
to witnesses that Swenson will desire to have subpoenaed
on this case Stop Advise Swenson Department in communi-
cation with Pratt and that Pratt will know whether he or
United States Attorney will present case to grand jury

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telegraphing
My address while in
Spokane will be care
of Western Union.

Mr. A. will be at the Davenport
Hotel but I'll be at some
other one. Will leave
my address at Western Union
as I may be moving around
some & changing addresses
account some of our witnesses
may be at my hotels & I
may have to move.

Will write you when leaving
here Wed. Sincerely
James M. Bruce
You can also reach me through
Mr. A. at the Davenport if need be.

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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

Saw Mr. A. today - and
as you know I'm going to
Spokane. Will leave here
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with instructions.

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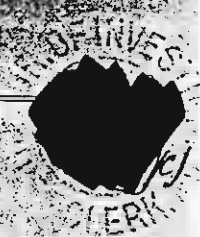
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JAMES M. BRUCE

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TO DIR: 11:30

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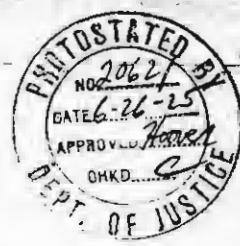
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Memo to Mr. Hoover.

Mr. R.K.Huston left the city last evening. He left in my possession all the original papers pertaining to the B.K.Wheeler case, requesting me to turn them over to Mr. R.P.Stewart.

Mr. Stewart left the city yesterday afternoon, but I could not so inform Mr. Huston. I am under instructions from Mr. Stewart to leave the city immediately, and am therefor coming to you, my immediate superior, for instructions as to the disposal of these papers. They are now in the safe in Mr. Boddis office.

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W.W.Spain.

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Mr. Spain instructed verbally to turn papers over to Col. Donovan since it was not a Bureau case & the Bureau has had no connection ~~with~~ directly with it. Mr. Cunningham was present when instructions were issued.

J. E. H.

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REPORT MADE AT: Spokane, Wash. James H. Daly	DATE WHEN MADE: July 1-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: June 11-1925 June 25, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: James H. Daly
TITLE: Gordon Campbell et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential investigation at St. Paul Minn and Spokane, Wash. in the above entitled matter.			
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JUL 7 - 1925 J. B. C.			
DETAILS: At St. Paul, Minn. and Spokane, Washington.			
Confidential investigation in the above named places in connection with the above entitled matter.			
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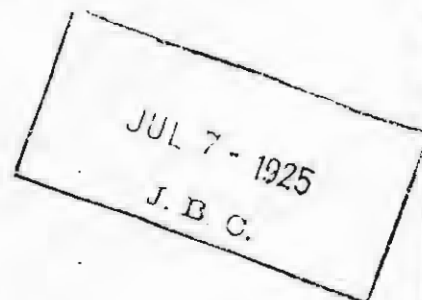
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington DC

REPORT MADE AT: Spokane, Wash.	DATE WHEN MADE: July 1, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: June 16 to June 30, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: W. W. Spain
TITLE: Gordon Campbell et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 Conspiracy to Defraud the Government

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Special assignment consisting of confidential investigation under the direction of Special Assistant to the Attorney General R. P. Stewart.

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DETAILS:

At Washington, D.C. and Spokane, Wash.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Spokane, Washington**

REPORT MADE AT: Spokane, Wash	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-30-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-29-25	REPORT MADE BY: T. P. Geraghty
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL			CHARACTER OF CASE: Alleged Vio. Postal Laws

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Locating witnesses for the purpose of interview
by Ass't Attorney General Stewart.

C L O S E D .

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DETAILS: At Spokane, Washington.

At the request of U. S. Attorney Kizer Agent assisted in locating
witnesses, so that said witnesses might be interviewed by U. S. Attorney General
Stewart.

This matter was presented to the Grand Jury at Spokane, Wash.,

June 29, 1925.

DETAILS:

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JEB:LMH

July 10, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN.

I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of the table of expenses incurred in the Senator Wheeler case up to and including May 31, 1925. These expenses refer, of course, only to the operations of the Bureau of Investigation.

Some little time ago you asked me to have such a statement prepared.

Very truly yours,

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TABLE OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN WHEELER CASE UP TO AND INCLUDING MAY 31, 1965

AGENT or ACCOUNTANT	NUMBER OF DAYS	PER DIEMS	EXPENSES	TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS	SALARY	TOT
J. H. Smart ✓	21	\$ 84.00	\$ 17.05	\$ 37.07	\$210.00	
L. J. Barkhausen ✓	23	92.00	14.20	142.20	159.73	
W. W. Grimes ✓	10	40.00	72.28	212.53	112.22	
W. A. Carroll	17	68.00	4.05	230.13	136.94	
J. B. Cunningham	11	44.00	20.10	251.09	150.00	
W. F. Seery	39	156.00	38.44	136.42	313.17	
E. E. Doherty	29	116.00	23.01	223.50	348.00	
P. H. Marcum	29	116.00	23.24	226.40	348.00	
C. J. Scully	36	144.00	14.27	231.70	330.00	
W. L. Buchanan	40	160.00	7.51	302.32	280.00	
E. W. Byrn, Jr. ✓	47	188.00	18.47	342.20	400.00	
F. A. Watt	48	192.00	15.84	332.55	488.00	
E. B. Hazlett ✓	205	820.00	54.83	768.25	1740.99	
W. W. Spain	299	1200.00	135.08	1003.07	2655.07	
R. M. Huston	437	1748.00	82.06	911.12	5083.30	
James H. Daly ✓	319	1276.00	137.21	1177.87	3329.67	
TOTAL	1610	\$6444.00	\$677.64	\$6528.42	\$16085.09	

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7/10/2015
[Signature]

HB.

HN:JL

Personal and
Confidential

July 16, 1925.

Mr. D. H. Dickason,
P. O. Box 1583,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Will you please institute a discreet
and comprehensive inquiry into the reputa-
tion for truth and veracity of the follow-
ing individuals:

[REDACTED] b7C

Your inquiry should develop the reputa-
tion of these individuals in the community
as law abiding citizens or otherwise. You
should also secure the names and addresses
of witnesses who might be able to testify
to either their good or bad reputation as
based upon specific actions or incidents.
In other words it may be desirable to prove
or attempt to prove by the use of witnesses
the character, good or bad, of the individ-
uals in question. As stated above this in-
vestigation should be discreetly conducted
and at the same time should be expedited.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice,
Bureau of Investigation.

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Los Angeles, Calif.
July 15, 1925.

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

Dear Sir:

b7C Mr. Stewart instructed that among others one [redacted] formerly of 6259 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, be interviewed. The foregoing was his business address and his former residence address was 6383 Yucca Apartments, Yucca Ave. Los Angeles.

The firm for which he worked at the address first given had moved and after considerable difficulty another former employe was located who knew [redacted] and this employe stated that [redacted] left Los Angeles about a year ago and was back here about three months ago for a few days' visit. He learned through others that [redacted] is now working for some oil company in Colorado or Wyoming but could get no definite address nor the name of the company. He located some undelivered mail for [redacted] and among it was a letter from his wife dated March 24, 1925, postmarked at Enterprise, Kansas, with the return address of [redacted]

There was also a registered letter notice from Denver, Colorado, dated February 24, 1925, Denver number 73965, addressed to [redacted] at 6259 Hollywood Boulevard, which letter was finally returned undelivered to Denver.

JUL 2 1925 Would you have the Kansas City office endeavor to locate [redacted] at Enterprise, Kansas, and secure his present address. Also, have the Denver office ascertain the sender of the registered letter referred to, as the sender may now know his address.

If you are able to get [redacted] address you will then be in position to instruct us whether Mr. Stewart still desires us to interview [redacted]

Very truly yours,

W. Spain
James H. Daly

WCH:GBD.

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July 23, 1925.

Mr. James H. Daly,

P. O. Box 1583,

Butte, Montana.

62-7903

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th inst., requesting that effort be made by the Kansas City and Denver, offices of the Bureau to locate [REDACTED] whom you desire to interview in connection with your present inquiry, and you are advised that both of these field offices have been notified to make the needed inquiries in their districts and to report promptly.

b7C

If any word is received as to the present address of [REDACTED] the matter will be taken up with Mr. Robert Stewart, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and if he then desires you to interview Mr. Smelts, you will be so advised.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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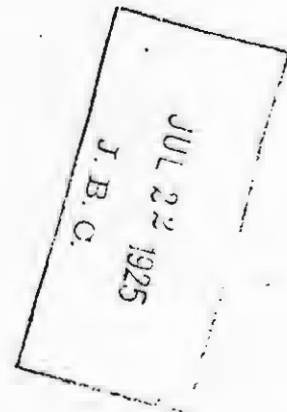
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D. U.

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif. July 15-25	DATE WHEN MADE: July 1-15, 1925.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY: W. W. Spain
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37. Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential investigation at Spokane, Wash., Oakland, San Pedro, Los Angeles, Taft and Riverside, California, in the above entitled matter.

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DETAILS:

Spokane, Wash.; Oakland, San Pedro, Los Angeles, Taft, Riverside, Calif.

Confidential investigation in the above entitled matter at the places above named.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-7903-464	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 22 1925
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July 23, 1925.

Mr. S. J. McAfee,

P.O. Box 806,

Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is desirous of ascertaining the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] formerly of 6259 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and 6383 Yucca Apartments, Yucca Avenue, Los Angeles, who, it is understood, has been absent from California for the past year. Inquiry at Los Angeles developed that [REDACTED] had, about three months past, visited that place for a few days and was then employed by some oil company in Colorado or Wyoming, but left no address. It was, however, learned that there was some undelivered mail for [REDACTED] at Los Angeles, among it being a registered letter notice which was from Denver, Colorado, dated February 24, 1925, Denver No. 73,965, addressed to [REDACTED] at 6259 Hollywood Boulevard, the letter being finally returned to the sender. It is desired that you endeavor to ascertain at Denver the name of the sender of this letter, interview him and, if possible, obtain the present address of [REDACTED].

Please give this matter your very prompt attention and advise.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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VWH:GBD.

62-7903.

July 23, 1925.

Mr. H.L. Scott,
Lathrop Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau is desirous of ascertaining the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] formerly of 6259 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, and 6383 Yucca Apartments, Yucca Avenue, Los Angeles. Inquiry at Los Angeles developed that [REDACTED] had left that place about a year ago but had recently paid a visit there at which time it was understood that he was working for some oil company in Colorado or Wyoming. It was found that a letter addressed [REDACTED] by his wife at the time he was there last, March 24, 1925, was postmarked at Enterprise, Kansas, with the return address of [REDACTED] and it is desired that you have inquiry made at Enterprise and secure from [REDACTED] the present address of her husband and advise me promptly.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P. O. Box 1583

([REDACTED])
Butte, Montana, July 20, 1925

Hon. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2/26/85 BY 91456/SPN

Dear Sir:

Referring to your Personal & Confidential
letter of the 16th inst. regarding the making of a discreet
and comprehensive inquiry into the reputation for truth
and veracity of -

X [REDACTED] b7C

I shall take up this work as rapidly as
it can be done. The first of this month, at Great Falls,
Mr. Stewart, Special Assistant to The Attorney General,
spoke to me about this matter and made a personal request
that I make the investigation myself. I shall do this
so far as possible, as it will take considerable time and
a number of persons will have to be seen to get the infor-
mation desired in any form that will be useful. I would
therefore request that I be given authority to leave
headquarters at such times as I find possible to work on
this matter without asking for specific authorization each
time. I shall, of course, if granted this authorization,
wire the Bureau when I am leaving and upon my return, as
usual, referring to your letter of authorization as the
case or matter upon which I am absent.

I expect to proceed to [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]
matter authorized by you, the investigation of which was
requested by the United States Attorney's office to be
made personally by me.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. DICKASON

Special Agent in Charge

DHD/mc

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July 25, 1925.

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Mr. D. H. Dickson,
P. O. Box 1583,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

b7C I am in receipt of your communication of
July 20, 1925, relative to inquiries to be made
by you into the reputation for truth and veracity
of [REDACTED] et al.

It will be appropriate for you to leave your
headquarters at such time as you find it conven-
ient in order to conduct this investigation.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Department of Justice

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THEN MAY HAVE ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] REQUEST YOU WIRE SEATTLE OFFICE TO INTER-

VIEW [REDACTED]

SEATTLE, AND OBTAIN PRESENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] OF HIS MOTHER NOW

LIVING NEAR CHICAGO. ADDRESS RAINBOW HOTEL, GREAT FALLS.

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Let to Mr. Stewart & wire to Seattle
MRS

V.HH:GBD.

July 30, 1925.

URGENT:

Mr. W. D. Bolling,
Douglas Building,
Seattle, Washington.

Ascertain from [REDACTED]
Apartment four Seattle present address of [REDACTED] and
of his mother now reported living near Chicago X

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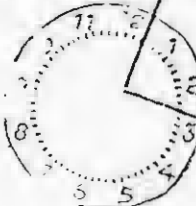
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BOOTH WITHDRAWS INDICTMENT PLEA

Disputed Appointment of
Prosecution Counsel—De-
murrer Still Pending.

Edwin S. Booth of Tulsa, Okla., former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, indicted with Burton K. Wheeler, Senator from Montana, on a charge of conspiracy, yesterday withdrew the plea in abatement filed by him last Wednesday against the indictment.

Booth had contended that William J. Donovan and the other assistants to the Attorney General who presented the case against him to the grand jury had not been specifically designated for that purpose. When United States Attorney Gordon showed his counsel, Jesse B. Roote of Butte, Mont., and former Assistant United States Attorney Emerson copies of the appointment of each of these assistants specially for the Wheeler case, the plea was withdrawn from the records.

Booth still has pending a demurrer to the indictment in which he asserts that if he committed any offense it was a malfeasance in office and should have been prosecuted under the statute forbidding such offense and should not have been joined in a conspiracy indictment with Senator Wheeler and Gordon Campbell, oil operator of Montana. Hearing on this demurrer will shortly be held, it is understood.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

Denver, Colorado,
July 28, 1925.

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

Dear Sir: (Attention Division No. 2.)

Replying to your letter of July 23, 1925,
initialed VWH:GBD, your file 62-7903, relative to
the location of [REDACTED] formerly of Holly-
wood, California, wish to state that we have checked
the Post Office records of registered letters and
found that Denver No. 73965 was addressed to the
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Agent attempted to learn something of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Respectfully,

S. J. McAfee
S. J. McAfee,
Agent in Charge,
Denver Office

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VHM:GBD.

August 1, 1925.

URGENT:

Mr. Roy A. Darling,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

Ascertain through [REDACTED] of Oconto Wisconsin present
address of [REDACTED] and mother

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BUREAU INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM FIRST INSTANT AGENT WISCONSIN TERRITORY

WIRES AS FOLLOWS QUOTE [REDACTED] AT FORTY SIX FORTY

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Washington, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Great Falls, Mont.	DATE WHEN MADE: July 31-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: July 16-31, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: James H. Daly
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al. X			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37. Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential investigation at Los Angeles,
Atascadero, Oakland, Calif; Salt Lake City, Utah;
Roundup, Lewistown, Great Falls, Shelby and Kevin,
Mont.

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DETAILS:

At Los Angeles, Atascadero, Oakland, Calif;
Salt Lake City, Utah; Roundup, Lewistown, Great
Falls, Shelby and Kevin, Mont.:

Confidential investigation in the above entitled matter
at the places above named.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-7903-473	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 4 1925
WASHINGTON REFERENCE: Mr. Cunningham (3)	COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: AUG 8 - 1925
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D.C.

REPORT MADE AT: Great Falls, Mont.	DATE WHEN MADE: July 31-1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: July 16-July 31	REPORT MADE BY: W. W. Spain
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37 Conspiracy to defraud the Government.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential investigation at Los Angeles, Atascadero, Oakland, Calif.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Roundup, Great Falls, Lewistown, Shelby and Kevin, Mont. in the above entitled matter.

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DETAILS:

At Los Angeles, Atascadero, Oakland, Calif.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Roundup, Great Falls, Lewistown, Shelby and Kevin, Mont.:

in

Confidential investigation the above entitled matter at the places named above.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-7903-474		RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 4 1925
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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation,

P. O. BOX 455,
CHICAGO, ILL.

August 3, 1925.

DIRECTOR:
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

ATTENTION #3

With reference to your file #62-120 regarding [REDACTED] reported in your telegram as [REDACTED] I am quoting herewith a letter received this morning from Agent Dole who made the investigation at Oconto and who is in the Wisconsin territory upon another matter:

"Referring to the investigation at Oconto, Wis. to locate certain persons. This evidently is in connection with the Wheeler-Gordon Campbell oil lease suit concerning oil leases in Montana to be tried shortly in Washington according to newspaper reports.

[REDACTED]

Am writing this as the telegram received apparently contains errors and this information may assist you in determining how it should have read."

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Darling
R. A. DARLING,
Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

Box 163 - Seattle, Wash.

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

Dear Sir: Attention: No. 3.

Reference is made to the following telegram:

"ASCERTAIN FROM [REDACTED] FOUR ELEVEN EAST THOMAS STREET APART-
MENT FOUR SEATTLE PRESENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] AND OF HIS
MOTHER NOW REPORTED LIVING NEAR CHICAGO"

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[REDACTED] is an elderly lady and is residing with
[REDACTED] at 5117 Willow St., Seattle, phone Rainier 4735.

Agent Chas. Terry could obtain only the telephone address
on the 30th, but nothing could be learned from [REDACTED] as she was
reluctant about giving any address.

This Agent, being well acquainted with [REDACTED] he
explained to her the situation and she then informed this Agent that
[REDACTED] was an old childhood friend and that she last met her
in Chicago where she lived on Indiana Avenue somewhere. That in
corresponding with some of the relatives, she learned that [REDACTED]
and his mother had moved to Wisconsin and that sometime
ago they had returned from Wisconsin and are again living in Chicago.
She states that [REDACTED] is an electrician and is probably employed
in that business. She also stated that [REDACTED] had a son,
[REDACTED] and that he,
no doubt, would be able to furnish the present address desired. I,
therefore, sent you the following wire:

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"PRESENT ADDRESS OF [REDACTED] MOTHER UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]
SUGGEST THAT [REDACTED] WISCONSIN KNOWS THEIR
PRESENT ADDRESS IN CHICAGO"

Not knowing the nature of the inquiry, no report is made and
it is anticipated that this letter will cover the matter in Seattle.

Yours very truly,

Chas. Petrovitsky

CHAS. PETROVITSKY,
Acting Agent in Charge.

CP:HT

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-7-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-31-25	REPORT MADE BY: H. L. NORCROSS
TITLE: [REDACTED] b7C			CHARACTER OF CASE: LOCATION OF SUBJECT.

K.C. 62-43.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] now living on a farm near Enterprise, Kansas, present P.O. Address being Route #2, Rural delivery, Enterprise, Kans. Has been living there since early last spring, wife living there also, both well known to Postmaster. R.U.C. b7C

Reference Bureau letter dated 7-23-25. VWH:GBD, 62-7903, requesting to locate one [REDACTED]

DETAILS.

AT ENTERPRISE, KANSAS.

Agent was informed by the Postmaster that [REDACTED] had lived in this locality for a number of years until he left about a year ago for California. [REDACTED] returned here the latter part of April this year and has been here ever since farming, this being his wife's property. His postoffice address being Route #2, Rural Delivery, Enterprise, Kansas. This farm is located about a mile and a half north west of this city. b7C

DETAILS:

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VWH:GBD.

August 1, 1925.

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Mr. Roy A. Darling,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

Ascertain through [REDACTED] of Oconto Wisconsin present
address of [REDACTED] and mother

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August 3, 1925.

JAMES H DALY
c/o WESTERN UNION
CASHTON WISCONSIN

[REDACTED] RESIDES FOUR SIX FOUR SEVEN MICHIGAN AVENUE
APARTMENT ONE CHICAGO MOTHER [REDACTED] RESIDES

OCOONTO WISCONSIN [REDACTED]

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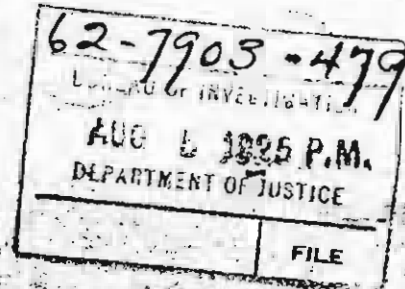
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OCOONTO ADDRESS NO WORD [REDACTED] ADDRESS

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Chicago file No. 62-120

[illegible]

Earl L. Dole

Aug. 3, 1925

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[REDACTED] advised that his mother had never been in Montana and therefore he believed he was the person desired as a witness by the Government instead of his mother. [REDACTED] also advised that although their name is pronounced as though it were spelled [REDACTED]

The following telegram was forwarded the Director Aug. 3, 1925, by Special Agent in Charge Darling:

[REDACTED] FORTY SIX FORTY SEVEN HIGHTMAN AVENUE APARTMENT ONE
CHICAGO STOP ADDRESS MOTHER [REDACTED] STOP [REDACTED]

In view of the developments at Oconto, Wis. the following letter was also sent the Director Aug. 3, 1925 by Special Agent in Charge Darling:

b7C "With reference to your file #62-120 regarding [REDACTED] reported in your telegram as [REDACTED] I am quoting herewith a letter received this morning from Agent Dole who made the investigation at Oconto and who is in the Wisconsin territory upon another matter:

"Referring to the investigation at Oconto, Wis. to locate certain persons. This evidently is in connection with the Wheeler-Gordon Campbell oil lease suit concerning oil leases in Montana to be tried shortly in Washington according to newspaper reports.

[REDACTED]

"Am writing this as the telegram received apparently contains errors and this information may assist you in determining how it should have read."

Case being closed upon instructions of Agent in Charge Roy A. Darling.

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INVESTMENT BLDG. 15th & K STS. N. W. WASHINGTON

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THREE STOP WILL FINISH HERE TODAY STOP NO OTHER INTERVIEWS

NOW EXCEPT ██████████ SCRANTON PENNSYLVANIA AND ██████████ STOP

NO DEFINITE INFORMATION RE ██████████ WHEREABOUTS STOP SHALL

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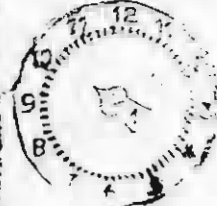
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J. H. Daly,
Care R.A. Darling,
Federal Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Your telegram Travel authorization granted you and Spain Scranton
and Washington

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BUTTE, mont.

DIRECTOR

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AM LEAVING HERE FOR MILE CITY TONIGHT AUTHORIZATION LETTER DIRECTOR

b1 [REDACTED] MATTER [REDACTED] AND OTHERS: (c)

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[REDACTED] (c) b1

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To Dir: 9:10

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REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/12/25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/1-12/25	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: [REDACTED] b7C			CHARACTER OF CASE: Standing, Reputation, etc., as Prospective Witness

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

62-18 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C

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At Butte, Montana.

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DETAILS:

Reference made to Director's Letters of July 16 and 25,

1925, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] was a frequent visitor to the B. K. Wheeler summer home in the Glacier National Park territory and that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited there also;

B. K. WHEELER when elected Senator had turned his Indian dealings over to [REDACTED]

(It will be noted above that [REDACTED] visited Senator Wheeler's summer home in the Indian country with [REDACTED])

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These items of information are incorporated into this report for information only, as only those portions which are set out herein as known to named witnesses are susceptible of proof. However, I considered them of sufficient value to present.

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b7D [REDACTED]

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On 8/3/25 I met [REDACTED] in Helena and he started the conversation by telling me that he had just been making a trip with "B. K." (Senator Wheeler) and went on to tell me that Senator Wheeler as a member of the Senate Indian Affairs committee put through the bill which allowed the Montana Indians to sue the Government, and that Senator Wheeler had said he did not know anything about the merits of their claims, but felt they ought to be allowed to present them, and that Congressman Leavitt of the House Indian Affairs Committee had told Senator Wheeler that the Department of the Interior opposed the bill, but Senator Wheeler told the Congressman it would be put through the Senate, and for the Congressman to try to kill it in the House if he dared. It passed.

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b7D [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Butte, Montana

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/10/25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/20-8/3/25	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: [REDACTED] b7C			CHARACTER OF CASE: Standing, Reputation, etc., as Prospective Witnesses.
62-16 [REDACTED] SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: These names originally entered so as to be made in one report; however, the preliminary investigation shows that none of the investigations run parallel, but are entirely separate and divergent, so that to make in one report would be confusing and cumbersome; therefore, three separate reports, one for each name, are being made, the caption otherwise remaining the same. The report in this form, for that reason, is CLOSED. ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 12/6/85 BY 9145 C/14pm Reference made to Director's Letters of July 16 and 25, 1925, directing discreet investigation as to the reputations for truth, veracity and the general standing of the above-named persons. DETAILS: For reasons outlined in Synopsis, CLOSED.			
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TITLE: [REDACTED] b7C			CHARACTER OF CASE: Standing, Reputation, etc., as Prospective Witness
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] 62-17 [REDACTED] b7C			
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At Lewistown, Montana.			
DETAILS: Reference made to Director's Letters of July 16 and 25, 1925, directing discreet investigation [REDACTED]			
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D. H. Diokason

8/11/25

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Unless further directions be given, the matter will be

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P. O. Box 1583

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Butte, Montana, Aug. 22, 1925.

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Hon. Harold Nathan,
Acting Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Fulfilling the requirements of Director
Hoover's letters of July 16 and 25, 1925, requesting
investigation [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have
the honor to submit herewith reports in these matters.

[REDACTED] b7C

However, I feel that these reports, as well
as the one [REDACTED] fulfill the conditions outlined by
Special Assistant United States Attorney Stewart at Great
Falls to me.

[REDACTED] b7C

That
of the suit of the Blackfeet and other Indian tribes for
over sixty-eight million dollars, having been at the Court
of Claims at Washington under the Act of March 13, 1924.
To my mind, it opens a very serious proposition. I do not
know how it should be handled and am leaving that entirely
to the Bureau.

As these reports are all confidential, and I
have made them with as much care as such investigations could
possibly be made, I would appreciate an expression of your
opinion or that of Director Hoover when he returns as to the
[REDACTED] as well as to the other reports as they stand.

W. J. [unclear]
sent to
Mr. [unclear]

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Some additional information may be secured in the
[REDACTED] and some will be secured in that of [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

DHD/FG

REPORT MADE AT: Washington, D.C. Sept. 1-25	DATE WHEN MADE: Aug. 1-31, 1925.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY: James H. Daly
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Vio. Sec. 37. Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential investigation at Great Falls, Montana, Cashton, Wis., Chicago, Ill. Washington, D. C., Enterprise, Kansas and Dover, Delaware, in the above entitled matter.			
62-7903			
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2/26/85 BY 9045 W/p/m			
At Great Falls, Mont., Cashton, Wis., Chicago, Ill.: Washington, D. C., Enterprise, Kansas, Scranton, Penna. and Dover, Delaware, ~~xxx~~			
DETAILS: Confidential investigation at the above named places in the above entitled matter, the results of which have have been reported to Mr. R. P. Stewart, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.			
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BUTTE, MONT. [REDACTED] (c) b1

DIRECTOR

AM LEAVING HERE FOR HELENA AND VICINITIES TODAY. AUTHORITY TO PROCEED

LETTER DIRECTOR [REDACTED] MATTER [REDACTED] (?) AND OTHERS. [c] b7C

CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION.

ONE DICKASON

RECD: 9:30

TO DIR: 9:35 [REDACTED] (c) b1

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Butte, Montana, September 16, 1925.

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

(PERSONAL & ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

Dear Sir:

I am sending herewith closing report
in the matter of [REDACTED] that of [REDACTED]
having preceded it.

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As outlined in my last report, [REDACTED]

This seems to be a very big matter and,
when I have secured the affidavit touching some stolen
bonds, which United States Attorney Slattery has promised
me, I shall close the investigation, as it seems to me
there are plenty of witnesses shown in my reports to
impeach him beyond question, if needed.

If there are any further instructions
in this matter, I shall gladly execute them if within
my power.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Wheeler Tornado Brewing Mystery Witness Its Centre Senate Leaders Furious

By NORMAN HAPGOOD.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—I dropped off here to see what is going on in the Department of Justice on Wheeler's case. It took me a little more than five minutes. Unless I guess badly, there is a tornado in the offing.

This tornado is made certain by one decision that the department has to make. It has already decided, and announced, that, in spite of the dramatic vindication of Wheeler in Montana it will go ahead and try to get him in Washington.

What it still had to decide is whether it will again put on the famous mystery witness, Hayes.

Around this decision the storm is brewing.

On March 16 a fateful conference was held in the department. Three persons took part. One was the mystery witness himself. One was Stewart, chief Daugherty prosecutor of Wheeler.

One was Donovan, a Daugherty appointee in Buffalo, later moved down here, whose war record is the whole publicity being given out by the department.

RECORD NOT PRETTY.

When this conference of March 16 was held the record of Hayes was in the department files. It was not a pretty record. In addition to other items it included a claim by the department for over \$300,000 in taxes which, according to the department, had been fraudulently withheld.

With a club around, Hayes was likely to give testimony agreeable to the department.

After this conference Hayes went to Montana, his name being carefully kept secret. But as soon as he got on the stand his name was published.



Norman Hapgood.

ing over the case told Wheeler's attorneys there was no need to bring witnesses from the East and he stopped the case.

JURY NEVER IN DOUBT.

The jury spent ten minutes electing a foreman and taking one ballot. It was announced that no single member had the slightest doubt. The evidence brought in amounted to exactly nothing.

Now, then, if the Government does not produce its star witness in the upcoming Washington case, it will be a rather terrible admission about that conference on March 16. If it does put him on, good night!

In either case can the Government hold out against the clamor that Hayes be indicted for perjury, that the bottom be found in the arrangements between him and the department.

If the department has not acted before the Senate meets there will be a fierce line-up. The Administration will be compelled to defend its department. The Democrats will go after it furiously, with this story I have just told, plus the story of how the Republican National Committee started the whole persecution.

FOR PROTECTION.

The Radical group will join. The moderate Liberal group will also join heartily, on the ground of protecting men in public life from despotic punishment by a Government department.

The Western Senators will lay stress on the ease with which the department can break them by dragging them across the country on the slightest technical foundation.

Mr. Sargent's appointment of another former employe of Daugherty, Marshall, of West Virginia, is not doing anything to quiet the Senators already raging at the unwillingness of two Attorneys-General to clean up.

I talked this morning with two of the ablest men in the Senate. Both were furious and both determined to see the matter through. One of them ventured the follow-

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CAMPBELL GUILTY, GETS 2-YEAR TERM

Montana Oil Man Who Hired
Wheeler Is Convicted by
Jury, Out 29 Hours

GREAT FALLS Mont., May 2.—Gordon Campbell, discoverer of the Kevin-Sunburst Oil Field, and the man who employed Senator Wheeler at \$10,000 a year as his attorney, following Wheeler's election to the Senate in 1922, to-day was found guilty in Federal Court here by a jury under charges of fraudulent oil promotion and using the mails to defraud. He was sentenced by Judge G. M. Bourquin to serve two years in Leavenworth Prison and was fined \$1,000.

The jury was out twenty-nine hours and returned a sealed verdict at 9.30 last night. The verdict was read this morning.

Campbell is under another indictment in the District of Columbia with Senator Wheeler and E. S. Booth, former solicitor of the Interior Department, charged with conspiracy to procure Federal land by fraud.

Campbell was indicted April 8, 1924, by the Grand Jury that indicted Senator Wheeler. The indictment was in connection with his promotion of the Gordon Campbell-Kevin syndicate No. 2. The Government charged that Campbell falsely advertised the value of oil lands contained in the syndicate's holdings and that he misappropriated the syndicate's capital in paying for advertising and promotion.

Charles F. Bloomhuff and E. J. Dalley, former associates of Campbell, also indicted, were the principal witnesses against him. Campbell was prosecuted by District Attorney F. L. Slattery and Special Assistant Attorney General J. S. Pratt. He was defended by B. C. Ford and W. F. O'Leary, Great Falls attorneys.

Senator Wheeler, who was found not guilty April 25 of a charge of unlawful use of his influence as a Senator before the Department of the

OIL PROMOTER Convicted in
Montana Faces Other Charges in
Washington



GORDON CAMPBELL
By KEystone VIEW, CO.

Interior, was a spectator at the Campbell trial. His indictment grew out of his employment by Campbell as an attorney to represent the oil man in a receivership proceeding in the State Courts.

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SARGENT LOOKS INTO CHARGES

Senator Walsh Says Sleuths
Used Improper Methods
To Obtain Indictments

DAUGHERTY MEN WATCHED

Last of Old Regime Marked
By Administration for
Investigation of Tactics

By JOHN T. LAMBERT,
Universal Service.

Attorney-General Sargent last night was considering the necessity of ousting the last-remaining appointees of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty from the Department of Justice as the result of the exoneration of Senator Burton K. Wheeler by a jury.

Such a consideration was forced upon him by the circumstances under which the indictments were obtained against Wheeler.

When Wheeler began the investigation of Daugherty's conduct in office, a force of Department of Justice sleuths was dispatched to Montana to pry into the records of Wheeler and of Senator Thomas J. Walsh, who was then conducting the Teapot Dome probe.

AGENTS ARE SENT

A crew of agents, headed by Blair Coan, who co-operated with the Government detectives, and who, according to evidence presented here, said to several people in Montana, "Walsh and Wheeler are going too fast and we've got to get something to smear them," were also sent out.

The detectives broke into the offices of Gordon Campbell and rifled the mail of other persons without warrant, according to charges. At about that time evidence was being produced here that Government detectives had broken into the offices of Senator Robert M. La Follette and other Senators.

During the recent grand jury session here, at which a second indictment was obtained against Wheeler, Senator Walsh complained that Government witnesses were being assembled in a Washington hotel where liquor was being supplied them.

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TRIED TO EMBARRASS HIM.

Senator Wheeler's friends have insisted that the Department of Justice knew the period of the expected arrival of the sixth Wheeler child and deliberately set the date of the Montana trial for that time, hoping he would ask for a postponement of the trial which would embarrass him. Senator Walsh charged that during the Montana trial the Department purposely withheld from the jury evidence which would have been helpful to Wheeler.

When Senator William M. Butler became chairman of the Republican national committee, some of the Old Guard who had been active in stirring up the matter against Wheeler were dropped from the payroll. Harlan Stone, during his short period as Attorney-General, dropped many of the officials who had been placed in office by Daugherty.

William J. Burns retired as chief of the detective forces. Rush L. Holland recently resigned as Assistant Attorney General. Warren Martin has made a similar resignation. Scores of other Daugherty appointees have been let out. Assistant Attorneys General Pratt, Stewart and Grimes have directed the legal end of the Wheeler cases.

Attorney General Sargent is known to have been advised by the Administration forces to investigate and ascertain for himself whether further changes should be made.

YORK, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1925.

Lawyer Swears Wheeler Dangled Fee of "Millions" To Have Oil Case Handled

**G. B. Hayes of New York
Testifies Senator Offered
to Split With Him for
Pushing Claim**

Special Despatch to The World
GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 20.—
The Government's surprise witness
in the Wheeler trial made his ap-
pearance in Federal Court here this
afternoon and furnished the sensa-
tion of the case against the junior
Senator from Montana, accused of
appearing illegally before a Govern-
ment department after his election.

The witness, George B. Hayes, a
New York attorney, testified that
Wheeler met him by appointment in
the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New
York in March, 1923, and offered to
"split" a huge fee if Hayes would
appear in his place before the De-
partment of the Interior in the in-
terest of Gordon Campbell, oil op-
erator and Wheeler's client.

Hayes said Wheeler had offered a
fifty-fifty split. He could not say
that any definite fee had been dis-
cussed, but on cross-examination he
said "millions" had been mentioned
in that connection.

With the introduction of Hayes's
testimony, United States Attorney
Slattery abruptly rested the Gov-
ernment's case.

Senator Walsh, chief counsel for
Wheeler, made an ineffectual effort
to block Hayes's testimony on the
ground that no preparation had been
made for it in the indictment.

Senator Wheeler seemed unmoved
while Hayes was testifying. He
smiled occasionally. He declined
afterward to make any comment ex-
cept to say "Wait until I get on the
stand."

According to Hayes and a tele-
gram submitted in evidence as hav-
ing passed between them, Edwin S.
Rooth, then Solicitor of the Depart-
ment of the Interior, was the person

**FIGHTS CHARGE He Took Pay
For Use of Influence**



United States Senator
BURTON K. WHEELER
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show that Wheeler
to accept a fee for practicing
the department.

Hayes said he had been practicing law twenty-five years, including practice in the Supreme Court; that he met Wheeler first in March, 1928. "I was asked to meet Wheeler at 2 P. M. on the day in question, but owing to legal work arranged to meet him in the evening," Hayes testified. "Judge Corbett accompanied me to the hotel, and after paging him, Wheeler and I seated ourselves in the lobby."

Said He Was Senator

"Wheeler told me he was leaving for Europe and that at least one matter of unusual importance affecting his client was due to come up before the Interior Department shortly. He asked if I would handle it and said I could discuss the matter freely with Booth. I think it was characterized as the Lincoln oil well or the Lincoln property. I said I did not particularly desire to take the matter up."

"I told Senator Wheeler that I thought it would be foolish to retain me, that it would be better to get some one who knew something about the nature of the business. In some way, or other he told me he could be of great assistance when he came back from Europe."

"He said he was a Senator, and I understood he meant a State Senator. Then he said he was a United States Senator, and I replied that I did not think I wanted to go into the matter at all. I was rather decided about it, but he asked me to see Booth again and said any arrangement Booth would make with me or had with me, would have his sanction."

Dramatic Appearance

Wheeler, he said, assured him that Booth would look after any difficulties he might encounter, and that I was to be only a figurehead," he added.

Asked if Wheeler mentioned what he was to receive for the part he was to play in the negotiations, Hayes said:

"Wheeler didn't mention this di-

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SWEARS WHEELER DANGLED BIG FEE

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rectly, but the conversation was based on the assumption that Booth and I had already agreed upon that."

Cross-examined by Senator Walsh, Hayes said he was appearing voluntarily for the Government. He said he was in Havana, Cuba, when Assistant Attorney General Donovan sent for him and he agreed to appear here without subpoena.

Hayes's appearance was dramatic. His name had not been mentioned before in the case because he arrived in the city a few hours before going on the stand and he did not come under subpoena because, he said, he made a promise to the Department of Justice to appear when he was called.

Hayes was preceded by Booth and William Spry, Commissioner of the Land Office in Washington. Booth related how Wheeler had come to him and advised him about Campbell's financial troubles and wanted to know if Booth could not suggest some one who could help him raise capital to develop his oil interests. Wheeler wanted to help, he said, and asked Booth to obtain a description of Campbell's oil properties, including permits. Booth said he introduced Wheeler to Peter Nyce, counsel for the Carter Oil Company.

"Fair Treatment"

Spry recalled a visit paid by Booth and Wheeler to the Land Office. Booth advised Spry that Wheeler was interested in oil permits issued to Gordon Campbell and would like to be taken care of, he said.

"Wheeler said he wanted to see Campbell got fair treatment," Spry testified. "I told him that we usually gave people calling on us fair treatment, and that was all there was to it."

Earlier in the day the names of Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, and of Tex Rickard were drawn into evidence when L. J. Wertheimer of Buffalo, stock salesman, who testified he was in a meeting in Great Falls in January, 1928, in which Wheeler agreed to take care of Government oil permits in Washington for Campbell.

He said he had made an affidavit while in New York at the request of the Department of Justice. Walsh tried to show that Wertheimer while in New York had been under the influence of Kearns and Rickard. Addressing the Court, Walsh said he intended showing that Wertheimer was coerced into making an affidavit by Rickard and Kearns because Wheeler was instrumental in bringing about the indictment and conviction of Rickard for violating Federal statutes relating to films.

Wertheimer described incidents of his New York visit. He admitted having accompanied Kearns from Los Angeles to New York but insisted he

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his New York visit. He admitted having accompanied Kearns from Los Angeles to New York but insisted he paid his own expenses. He said he went to New York to discuss a coal mining proposition with a New York broker.

Senator Wheeler will probably be the first to appear Tuesday in his own defense.

Judge Dietrich this morning upheld the objection of Senator Walsh against testimony having to do with the oil land permit granted to L. E. Lincoln. The indictment against Wheeler charges he took fees for promoting claims pending at the time the fees were arranged. The Lincoln claim, it appeared, arose later.

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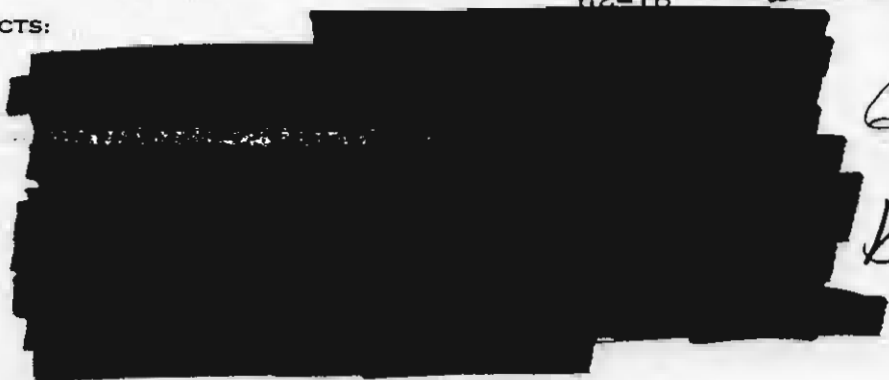
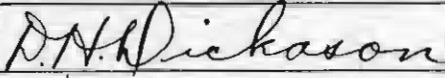
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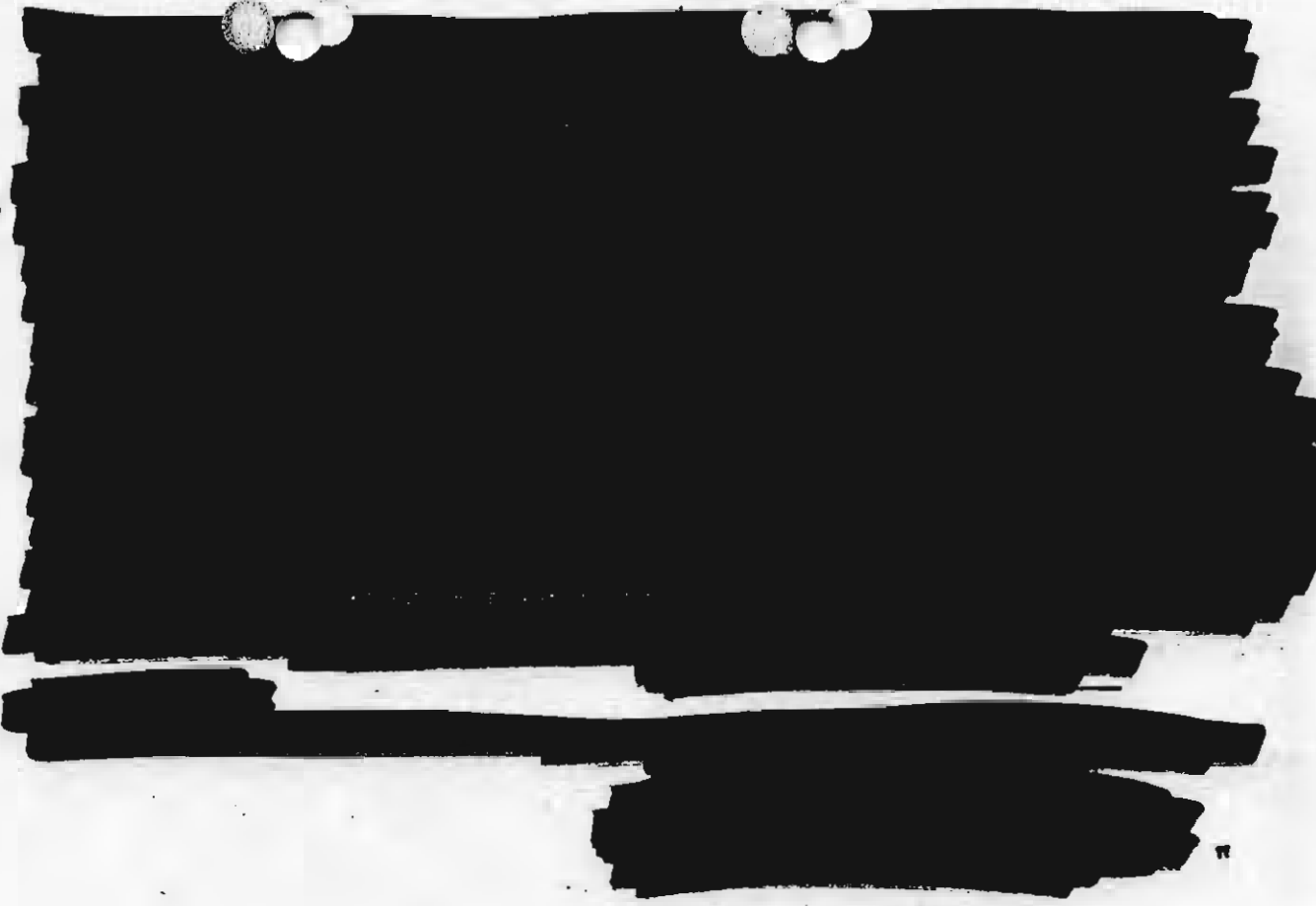
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U.S. vs BURTON K. WHEELER
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Dear Sir:-

During the progress of the trial of the case in the
above entitled action last Spring at Great Falls, Montana, it
was necessary for this office to arrange for the departure of
[REDACTED] for the scene of the trial.

[REDACTED] was available at the time and [REDACTED]
therefore, paid his expenses there personally to the extent of
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He called up this office yesterday and stated that
despite the fact that he had complied with all the instructions
given him by the United States Attorney at Great Falls, to the
extent of executing vouchers which had been forwarded to him,
he has not, up to the present time, been reimbursed for the money
expended as indicated above. I thought I had better refer the
matter to you in order that you might take whatever steps you
might deem appropriate under the situation described.

I would be pleased to have your advice in the premises.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Roy A. Darling,

P. O. Box 70, Wall St. Sta.,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to file 62-7903, U.S. vs. Burton K. Wheeler, New York file 62-102, referring to your letter of the 30th ult., which relates to the alleged failure to receive payment of expense voucher as rendered by [REDACTED] amounting to \$112.00., please be advised that this matter has been taken up with the Accounting Division today for the purpose of expediting payment. b7C

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Bureau of Investigation.

Oct. 5, 1925.

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

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Dear Sir:

Attention #3

I have your letter of the 3rd instant regarding
the account of [REDACTED] about
which we conversed while in your office in Washington.

I will immediately take this matter up with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and advise him as outlined.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Roy A. Darling
Special Agent in Charge.

RAD:DD

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wheeler,

c/o Baley,

Federal Building,

Atlanta, Ga.

reference your telegram Department approves expense for shipment of papers in
warehouse. Washington to Concord. Make such arrangements as may be necessary for
this. Advise me value to be placed on shipment and size of same.
to have it shipped just as soon as you can make arrangements for release from
warehouse. One.

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JOHN E HOOVER

DIRECTOR BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, DC

PARTY HERE WISHING TO HAVE ARTICLES STORED IN WAREHOUSE IN WASHINGTON SHIPPED BY FREIGHT TO CONCORD WHERE HIS WIFE WILL SEGREGATE PAPERS AND RESHIP TO HIM HERE STOP SAYS HIS FILES ARE MIXED UP IN BOXES CONTAINING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND THIS ONLY FEASIBLE UNLESS HE PERSONALLY COULD MAKE TRIP AGREES TO SEND EVERYTHING OF VALUE TO YOU AND WILLING HELP IN EVERY WAY

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REQUESTS WE PAY EXPENSES SHIPMENT WILL AWAIT YOUR REPLY CARE BUREAU
 HERE

WHEELER.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1925.

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62-7903

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DOWMAN.

With regard to the attached telegram from Agent Wheeler at Atlanta, the particular point I wanted to call to your attention was the question concerning the paying of the expenses of the shipment of the articles stored in the warehouse in Washington. I do not believe that this Bureau can pay for the shipment of these articles from its appropriation and irrespective of this fact, I doubt seriously the question of policy of authorizing such payment even though the charges could be legally paid.

This is the point upon which I would like to have your views and if you feel that such charges cannot be paid, I would like to receive your instructions as to what you desire me to wire Agent Wheeler.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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Encl.

The Attorney General and I
agree we ought to pay this.
How can it be done?

W. J. Dorman

Wire Wheeler
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J. Edgar Hoover

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November 17, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

Apropos of my trip to Atlanta to take Gaston Means to Concord, I talked with Colonel Donovan this morning and received from him a memorandum from the Attorney General to you authorizing the expenses of both Means and the guard. Colonel Donovan stated that he had brought to the attention of the Attorney General certain files of the Department which established a precedent for action of this sort and that the Attorney General finally agreed for him to act accordingly.

This is for your information before you talk with the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

L.C. Wheeler.

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Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

November 21, 1925.

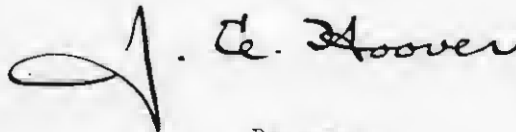
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

With reference to the two orders which you signed concerning the sending of Mr. Wheeler to Atlanta in connection with Gaston B. Means, you are advised that these orders are in the possession of Agent Wheeler, who is now at Chicago but who will return here the first part of next week. The orders were delivered to Agent Wheeler by Colonel Donovan and when Mr. Wheeler handed them to me I told him that they were not to be acted upon until I had received word from you and Mr. Wheeler understands that he is to take no action along the lines suggested until I specifically direct him to do so, which, of course, I will not do until you so order it.

Respectfully,



Director.

*That the orders are recalled
and cancelled, and direct
them to me for so necessary
as soon as Mr. Wheeler
returns.*

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*Papers Returned
Attorney*

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URGENT

Wheeler,

c/o Brennan,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Ill.

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Have you two orders signed by Attorney General relative your visiting
Atlanta in Means matter? If so forward them by special delivery as
Attorney General wishes to cancel them. One.

HOOVER.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIRECTOR



Pursuant to instructions I proceeded to Atlanta, Ga., and on the evening of my arrival interviewed GASTON MEANS at the Atlanta Federal Prison.

I advised MEANS that no legal way had been found whereby he might proceed to Concord and Washington, D. C., for the purpose of going through his records, part of which are in his home in the attic, in Concord, and the balance in a storage warehouse in Washington, D. C. MEANS was at first somewhat reluctant in giving up the idea of proceeding to Concord and Washington; but after considerable discussion in the presence of Warden Snook and myself he agreed to the following plan:

That he would immediately write Mrs. Means at Concord and request her to send to him the original warehouse receipt, which is in her name, to him at the Atlanta Prison; that he would then send the original papers to the Director at Washington with written authority for the Director's representatives to ship the goods in the warehouse to Concord to Mrs. Means; that on the receipt of same in Concord, Mrs. Means would open the boxes and take from them all papers and data and that she would also segregate all papers, books and data in her possession, which have for a considerable period of time, been packed and stored in the attic of her home; that she would then pack all of these papers in one box and ship same to MEANS in the Atlanta Prison; that he MEANS would then go through the papers very carefully, make a comprehensive report in writing and send all of the papers together with his report to the Director.

The agreement as above recited was made in the presence of Warden Snook and both he and I are of the opinion that MEANS intends to play fair and to render every assistance to the Department in the matter involved.

Pursuant to the above understanding I wired the Director at Washington, giving him the substance of the agreement and requesting that the Department pay the expenses of the shipment of the goods from Washington to Concord and from Concord to Atlanta.

In response to my wire I received a message from the Director authorizing the expense and approving of the general plan.

With particular reference to the case under investigation, in which it is hoped that MEANS may be of some assistance, it is suggested that Agent Toland be instructed to procure the transcripts of the hearings of the Wheeler Brookhart Committee which are in book form and send same to Warden Snook at

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Atlanta with instructions to turn over the books to MEANS who is desirous of having the books before him in order to fix certain times and dates with reference to the matter involved.

L. C. Wheeler

LCW:EP

L. C. WHEELER, Inspector

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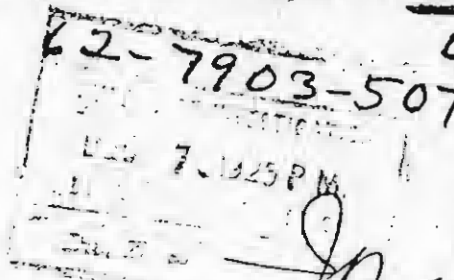
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GENERAL MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS [REDACTED]
DESIRED

THREE WHEELER.

to Director

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L W WHEELER
2310 FOURTH STREET
CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA

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ADVISE BY WIRE IF YOU INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] FOR STEWART

WHILE IN ATLANTA MATTER URGENT

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THESE HOOVER

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(Street address, city, and date)

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YOUR TELEGRAM DATED DEC 5 TO L WHEELER 2310 FOURTH ST
CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA IS UNDELIVERED.

REASON: THERE IS NO SUCH ADDRESS AS FURNISHED IN MESSAGE

If you desire to communicate with this office by telephone in regard to the above telegram,
call FR 7100 and ask for extension No. BR 2

Changes in the address will be charged for at the usual rates.

Rec'd 9:45 am
O.C.D.

RJH 1150 THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Wire Chicago
O.C.D.

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December 6, 1925.

E J Brennan
Federal Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

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Endeavor locate L C Wheeler anticipates visiting father Cedar Rapids Iowa
ascertain if he interviewed [REDACTED] while at Atlanta stop Stewart anxious
to know result said interview wire answer b7c

Three Hoover

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM.

0 counter K. Wheeler

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b7C Mr. R. P. Stewart handed the attached memorandum to me which was addressed to Colonel Donovan and drafted in your Division. Mr. Stewart stated that he had spoken about this matter to Agent Wheeler and that Agent Wheeler intended to see [redacted] while he was at Atlanta. Agent Wheeler did not mention the matter to me and I wish that you would immediately communicate with Agent Wheeler by telegraph and ascertain whether or not he took care of this matter. I am informed by Mr. Stewart that it is urgent so you will take action at once.

Agent Wheeler, I believe, is either in New York or at his home in Iowa, but you can definitely ascertain this from Mr. Boddie.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Encl.

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Handwritten initials and checkmark

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DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

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

December 7, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR WHEELER, DIRECTOR.

Referring to your memorandum dated December 4, to which you attached a memorandum from Attorney R. P. Stewart, and which relates to information received by Special Agent Wheeler from one [REDACTED], during his recent visit at Atlanta, please be advised that in answer to a telegram to Wheeler, at Cedar Rapids, he replied as follows:-

"Did not interview [REDACTED] because of ruling of Attorney General making it impossible to bring about arrangements [REDACTED] desire." Signed THREE WHEELER."

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J. Edgar Hoover

Dr. One

*I am returning Mr. Stewart's
memo to you
from Mr. Stewart
fals*

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Mr. R. A. Darling,

P. O. Box 70, Wall Street Station,

New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 8th instant, relative to an expense voucher submitted by [REDACTED] in the amount of \$112 for expenses incurred incident to his trip to Great Falls, Montana, last Spring, Bureau 62-7903, you are advised that this matter has again been referred to the Accounting Division of the Department and they have informed me that to date such an account has not been submitted to them. They are requesting the United States Marshal at Helena, Montana, under whose jurisdiction the matter would be, to submit the account at once for direct settlement. b7C

This office will keep the matter in mind and notify you as soon as the Marshal's report is received.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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for 62 7/03
Robert Stewart

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January 6, 1926.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. P. STEWART

In accordance with your instructions the attached letter to me from Gaston B. Means, from the Atlanta Penitentiary, dated November 30, 1925, has been held pending the outcome of Court proceedings in the Wheeler case.

I am transmitting same to you at this time for such action as you may desire in the premises.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Penitentiary,
P. O. Box 1703, Atlanta, Ga.,
Nov. 30th., 1925.

Hon. J. E. Hoover,
Bureau of Investigation,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Hoover:

Our conference here
on Tuesday night Nov. 24th and Wed.
night Nov. 25th, with Mr. L. C. Wheeler,
we reached an understanding, have
best to get my files, records, and
papers, that are stored in Washing.
D.C., to me here, for the purpose
of securing certain data, that is
among these files, records, and
papers, or among other such
files, records and papers at
Concord, N.C.

Briefly, our plan is, that Mrs.
Gaston B. Evans, in whose name
the files, records, and papers are
stored in Washington, D.C., in

boxes, containing in addition, household articles etc, with you an order, with the original storage receipt, attached thereto, with valuation designated on same, and you ship to her at Concord, N. C. boxes etc, as called for by the receipt, and on arrival at Concord, N. C. she will take from the boxes etc, as shipped, the files, record and papers and send them to me here. Now, Mr. John W. Swook, the Thardus here, was present at our conference, and this plan, of enabling me to get hold of the required data, met with his approval. Also I wrote this memo at Concord, N. C. in regard to the foregoing mentioned plan, and in addition, requested her to ship to me here, just as soon as possible, from Concord, N. C. such files, records, and papers as I have there now.

It has occurred to Mr. Swook and myself, that possible, I may find, in the expected delivery here, of the files, records and papers, that have been kept at Concord, N. C. the required data and that

it will not be necessary to make the shipment from Washington, D.C. as outlined above. Therefore we will first make an examination of the files, records and papers, we are now expecting from Concord, N.C., to ascertain whether it will be necessary to have shipped at all the files, records, and papers, that are in storage in Washington, D.C. Trusting that this explanation is satisfactory to you and Mrs. Wheeler, I am,

Yours respectfully,
Gaston B. Means

- P.S. Please have sent to me here, just as soon as possible, care of the Warden -
- 1 - Printed record of the Brookhart-Wheeler Committee.
 - 2 - Printed record of the Borah Committee which investigated Senator Wheeler's charges in Montana oil matter.
 - 3 - copy of Congressional record, containing Senator Wheeler's speech, before U.S. Senate, in defense of himself, soon after he was indicted.
 - 4 - Transcript of the evidence and trial of Senator Wheeler, in Montana, in case of U.S. vs Wheeler, Campbell, Booth, etc., or which grew out of Campbell Booth connections (over)

5- Printed (and Senate of) Investigating
Committee of which Senator Waller
was prosecutor.

The foregoing matter, of sending these
records to me, was taken up with
Mr. Wheeler, when here, and possible
he is now giving this attention.

G. B. M.

62-7903

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Col. William J. Donovan
Assistant to the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.



Telephone, M

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U. S. MENACED BY AUTOCRACY, WHEELER SAYS

Senator Asserts Man in White House With Courage of Mussolini Could Be Dictator

By Editorial Service

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—America's greatest danger lies in the trend toward centralization of government, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, declared today before the Baltimore Open Forum. This tendency is away from representative democracy toward government by executive order in defiance of the will of the people, he asserted.

Wheeler continued:

"If this country had a man in the White House with the courage of Mussolini, he might set himself up as a dictator and abolish Congress, and he would have the enthusiastic support of some of our great financiers, profiteers and industrial overlords.

AUTOCRACY MENACE

This tendency is not new. It is as old as the Republic itself, but during the last few years it has grown with such alarming rapidity that it threatens to render innocuous, if it does not eliminate, the legislative branch of our Government.

"The war between the legislative and executive branches of this Government is on. An autocratic executive has thrown down the gauntlet—and the fight must be to the finish."

Senator Wheeler, speaking of "radicals", declared that if the Declaration of Independence had been written and promulgated during the "reign of Daugherty," the authors and signers would have been deported as "dangerous reds." He added:

"Certainly they would never have been permitted to enter our gates as aliens under the watchful eye of Secretary Kellogg."

CHARGES INTIMIDATION

"We have Government by intimidation by which members of Congress and Government employees who have revealed fraud and inefficiency in their particular bureau or failed to join in the glorification anthems of the Administration are punished by ostracism or dismissal from the service.

"The actual governmental business of Washington is executed today through the departments and bureaus."

MEET A GREAT FIGHTER!

Sunday, January 17, at 3 p. m.

SENATOR WHEELER

of Montana

speaks at the

HIPPODROME THEATRE

on

**"GOVERNMENT
BY LAME DUCKS"**

You are invited to join in honoring this courageous Tribune of the People, who exposed the corruption of the Department of Justice, drove Attorney General Daugherty in disgrace from public life, and baffled the Official Federal Gangsters who tried to destroy him by foul means for daring to do his public duty.

"Battling Burt" fought this bitter fight through with a smile. He's smiling yet. It can't be "licked" off. Come and see it.

BALTIMORE OPEN FORUM

Seats free

Music at 2:30

Questions

Open Letter

To Colonel William J. Donovan

Assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States

From MERCER G. JOHNSTON
Director of the Baltimore Open Forum

Offering him an Opportunity to make an Amende Honorable for the Department of Justice to Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana.

Baltimore, Maryland,

January 12, 1926.

COLONEL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN,

Assistant to the Attorney-General,

U. S. Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, speaks at the Baltimore Open Forum, in the Hippodrome Theatre, next Sunday, January 17th, at 3 P. M.

A host of his friends and admirers will be present to do him honor for his public service in exposing the corruption of the Department of Justice. Also to congratulate him upon coming—not only with reputation unimpaired, but with increased renown—through the merciless official persecution which was the strange reward for his distinguished service. Strangely different, Sir, from the conspicuous tokens of valor you and I received for services in France not one whit more distinguished.

I have thought it would be fitting if the Department of Justice would take advantage of this occasion to make to Senator Wheeler, through you, an amende honorable for its dishonorable part in this abortive persecution: this "attempted blackmail by that department through the forms of law," as Senator Glass characterized it even before it descended to its lowest depths of shame.

There would be an especial appropriateness in having this amende honorable come through you.

On one hand, the Department has kept you before the scenes in this drama of persecution as its bright, particular star—its legal knight in shining armor.

On the other, a glimpse behind the scenes — afforded by your very own "surprise witness"—reveals you, sitting at the right hand of the Attorney-General, perfecting an "arrangement" (was it subornation of perjury?) by which an honorable Senator was to be sent to prison over the rotten bridge of the preposterous perjury of George B. Hayes, then under serious charges by your own Department.

It is poor civic sportsmanship to be governed by one's disgusts. I try not to be. I hope against hope that Honor and Justice have not departed in such outrage from our Department of Justice as never to return.

I therefore indulge the resurrected hope that this Department is now ready to act on the maxim "Better late than never," and make a sincere effort to come clean in this matter. The Baltimore Open Forum offers it, through you, this opportunity.

Conforming to the procedure established by the Department in its dealings with Senator Wheeler, this letter will be released for publication at once. Copies of it will be sent, among others, to President Coolidge, Attorney-General Sargent, and Justice (formerly Attorney-General) Stone, who have some real responsibility in this connection.

Yours very truly,

Mercer Johnston

Director of the Baltimore Open Forum.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1926.

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Memorandum for Mr. Robert Stewart.

Mr. Leahy called me by telephone a few days ago relative to some matter he stated Colonel Donovan desired the Bureau to make further investigation on, or endeavor to corroborate, that had relation to the case against United States Senator Wheeler. Mr. Leahy stated that you would be able to furnish me with the information which it was the desire of Colonel Donovan this Bureau corroborate.

If you will let me know what is wanted in this matter I will endeavor to take care of it.

Very truly yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Mr. Stewart said no action was necessary.

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March 23, 1926.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CUNNINGHAM

Several days ago I instructed Mr. Boddie to prepare a memorandum for me concerning certain figures which would afford full information as to the cost of investigation in the so-called Wheeler case. Mr. Boddie states that he requested from you at that time certain data in your possession which would enable him to make up the desired statement. He states that a day or so thereafter he inquired regarding the matter and you told him you would require a memorandum relative thereto.

I would be very glad to have you explain this situation to me; in the meantime I desire that you immediately transmit any and all information in your possession which would permit the memorandum I desire being prepared.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

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Referring to your memorandum of the 24th instant which relates to furnishing Special Assistant to the Attorney General Stewart information as to what source the request to locate one [REDACTED] was received from, it appears that on January 17, 1925, (File 62-7903-256) Colonel Donovan called Mr. W. W. Grimes instructing him to make every effort to locate [REDACTED] Mr. Grimes immediately telephoned the New York office in response to this request.

I am unable to state how [REDACTED] become involved in this matter. However, the thought runs through my mind that his name was obtained through some correspondence of former Special Assistant to the Attorney General Booth.

Concerning the attached statements of Inspector Swenson and Accountant Huston, which were handed to Mr. Hughes with the request that we advise if the Bureau had any information that the Wheeler investigation was inaugurated as a result of the request from the Post Office Department, please be advised that to the best of my recollection the Wheeler case was developed as a result of the Gordon Campbell interests at Great Falls, Montana. [REDACTED]

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J. Pratt
You will recall that Special Assistant to the Attorney General John S. Pratt was especially assigned to this case and after having received his commission he practically had full charge of all matters pertaining to this case and further Accountant Huston was assigned to work under his personal supervision and carry out his personal instructions.

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I am returning herewith the two statements of Inspector Swenson and Accountant Huston, which were handed to Mr. Hughes, inasmuch as Special Assitant to the Attorney General Stewart desires the return of same to him as they are the original statements and he has no copies. It may be possible that you will desire to have photostatic copies made of same for your files before returning them to Mr. Stewart.

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H. Cunningham

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ENCLOSURE

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WITNESSES EXCUSED

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of the United States Senate, said: "I wish you would have your offices send me a detailed report of the condition of your permit the discussed with the Standard Oil of California, in order that when I take it up with the Department of the Interior I will be able to intelligently discuss the matter.

"I have been extremely busy since arriv- ing here, trying to get located, and have an appointment this P. M. with some people from California who have signified a desire to hear what I have to say with reference our holdings and Kevin's.

Chinson and he seemed quite taken up with your propositions, but stated that he felt that a million dollars should be raised, and I thoroughly agreed with him. Within the next day or two I will also take up the mat- ter with some other parties here in the city, who I think will be interested."

"As I now recall the matter," Wheeler tes- tified, when questioned about this letter, "Mr. Campbell had sold to the Standard Oil some property, right to which he had ob- tained on a permit that had been granted by the government, and there had come up a dispute in regard to this land."

This matter, Senator Wheeler asserted, was a dispute between private individuals, and was not a matter pending before the land office, or one in which the land office was involved, as the permit had been granted and was out of the government's hands.

"It was purely a question between the Standard Oil and Campbell," he stated.

Senator Wheeler said his connection with this matter had to do with Mr. Campbell's financial embarrassments and nothing to do with a matter pending before the land office.

But that wasn't what the letter said. The letter said, "WHEN I TAKE IT UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR I will be able to intelligently discuss the matter."

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

A telegram from Wheeler to L. V. Beau- lieu, Campbell's counsel at Great Falls, dat- ed March 13, 1923, said:

"Secure and mail at once complete list of Gordon Campbell Syndicate and individ- ual holdings, giving each separate legal de- scription and character of title, dividing acreage in two classes, that in which title is absolute and unquestionable and that in which title may be in doubt. Am writing letter in full tomorrow."

The senator's explanation of this telegram was this:

"This telegram, if I recall it correctly, was sent at the request of and dictated by Mr. Booth. It had nothing to do with anything pending before the department. I spoke to Mr. Booth about the financial dilemma Campbell was in. He asked me to get the facts so that I could tell him intelligently."

The answer of Campbell to the telegram was:

"Received wire. Am forwarding map and list of all acreage, with explanation and con- dition of titles."

Next day Wheeler wired Campbell: "Am leaving Saturday for Europe. On tak- ing your matter up with parties. Writing Baldwin. Suggest see him."

Campbell's reply was: "Please advise when you expect to return. Believe matter of Lincoln permit vitally im- portant. Is it possible you can discuss mat- ter with solicitor and I can come Washington and discuss matter with him with view to satisfactory settlement even during your absence. Feel this permit should have prompt attention."

Whereupon Wheeler wired to Campbell: "Have already discussed permit with so- licitor, but did not have number. Wire num- ber to me and I will arrange to have you see him in person if you come here."

WHEELER SELF-CONVICTED

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the whole thing out, arrangements can be made to take care of this and Mr. Goodwin.

"My intention, after title was obtained, to assign you and Mr. Goodwin forty acres out of this lease. This is valuable ground and possibly the best half section in the field, as the big wells that have come in since my return are only half a mile away and this offset well is good and is a big well; they are drilling deeper in the Ellis sand, which will mean possibly a 1,000 or 1,500 barrel well; so you can see how important it is that we get our hooks on this half section, to which we thoroughly believe we are en- titled."

"The forty acres would make you and Mr. Goodwin more money than you would other- wise make in some time. We will appreciate it very much if this arrangement is satisfac- tory. We are all set to move in a rig and start a well immediately after we get the permit and guarantee from the Interior de- partment to protect this permit and offset well."

"This is strictly confidential. If a com- pany was formed in Spokane on this land, or part of it, if you would rather ride for an interest in the company, we can arrange that also."

BOOTH LOOKS WITH FAVOR

To this letter Booth replied:

"Your letter of May 4 reached me after being forwarded at Little Rock, Ark., where I had gone. I had answered most of your letters before leaving Washington. Mr. Goodwin is expected back in the course of a day or two and I will on Monday find out relative to Rhea assignment. I was trying to get the approval of the official assign- ment so that we could later take the mat- ter up."

"I note what you say about Assistant Sec- retary Goodwin. I will take this matter up to him on Monday and will then write you in detail in relation to everything, assuring you that I am more than pleased to be able to aid you."

When Assistant Attorney General Pratt appeared before the committee with these letters and telegrams and many more in substantiation and corroboration of them, he advised the committee there was other evi- dence in the possession of the Attorney Gen- eral having to do with Senator Wheeler, but that this evidence had no bearing "upon this particular case."

The correspondence between Campbell and Booth may be suggestive of the character of the evidence which remains undisclosed. Campbell's effort to bribe Booth and, if pos- sible, Goodwin is obvious; Booth seems not to have looked unkindly upon Campbell's offer; but Goodwin denies Booth ever broached the question to him and declares it was news to him when it came out in the evidence that Campbell had written such an offer to Booth to be relayed to Goodwin.

FRYING PAN OR FIRE

The efforts of Senator Wheeler in his own defense have all the perils of leaping from the frying pan into the fire. Will he be able to use a committee of the United States Senate to escape these perils? Judging from the use to which Senate committees have been put during recent months, with men of the Wheeler type controlling them by tac- tics of audacity, supported by clack, clamor and flannel-mouthings, a "complete vindica- tion" of the senator by the report of the Borah committee would not be all sur- prising.

Such a report, however, is in no danger of influencing either the Department of Jus- tice, the Postoffice department, the federal court or a Montana jury. Nor is it at all likely to arouse any particular public en- thusiasm outside the ranks of the noisy rad- ical minority which grows warm at the sight of red but has a peculiar distaste for that color associated with white and with blue.

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connection with the interests of his client,
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terized his activities before the Brookhart
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Glosser was present at this conference, but
both Glosser and Rhea assure me he was—
and that it was Glosser who "mixed the
drinks."

Now, the next man I talked with—and
from whom I obtained a duly attested affi-
davit—was Del Mar Bingham, of Casper,
Wyo., a creditor of Campbell, who, seeking
payment, was assured by Campbell he would
be paid as soon as his permits had been ad-
justed in Washington. Bingham's affidavit
was to the effect that Campbell's assurances
were backed up by the statement he had
employed Wheeler for the express purpose
of getting these claims fixed up.

EVIDENCE FITS TOGETHER

With these affidavits in my possession, I
consulted the editor of The National Re-
publican by long distance telephone and he
advised me the evidence should be shown
to the United States attorney at Great
Falls. In this I agreed, for it was my opinion
the affidavits unquestionably contained evi-
dence of Wheeler's guilt of the commission
of a crime against the government.

I went to United States District Attorney
John L. Slaterry, in Great Falls, and showed
him what I had. The district attorney threw
up his hands, uttered an exclamation, told
me the evidence I had obtained dovetailed
with documentary proofs which already had
been uncovered by inspectors for the Post-
office department in the course of their in-
vestigation of charges that Campbell had
been using the mails to promote a fraud.

Entirely unknown to me, the district at-
torney had already had the federal grand
jury recalled for further investigation of
the fraud case against Campbell. The Post-
office inspectors had discovered evidence
showing Wheeler's connections with Camp-
bell's efforts to get his permits through in
Washington. Upon examining the affidavits
I had obtained, Mr. Slaterry had the grand
jury adjourned for a week, wired the De-
partment of Justice of the developments
and asked for instructions. In reply, the
Department of Justice wired that John S.
Pratt, special assistant Attorney General,
would go to Great Falls to examine the
case to determine whether it was of suffi-
cient strength for presentation to a grand
jury.

A day or so later Attorney General Daugh-
erty resigned.

Mr. Pratt brought with him to Great Falls
records from the Department of the In-
terior bearing upon the Campbell permits.
These records, it was revealed, had been
rifled, evidently while the case was under
investigation, and 13 letters taken. But the
rifling of these records is something else
again. That's another case.

THE INDICTMENT

Also, the special Assistant Attorney Gen-
eral brought with him to Great Falls an
affidavit from Commissioner Spry, of the
Land office, of the Department of the In-
terior, in which the commissioner set forth
certain details of conferences between
Wheeler and himself concerning Campbell's
permits. An examination of all the evidence
by Mr. Pratt convinced him. The district
attorney had been convinced. There was a
case warranting presentation of the evi-
dence before the grand jury. This was done,
witnesses were heard, the documentary
proofs examined and the grand jury re-
turned the indictment which charges
Wheeler with having violated the following
federal statute:

"Whoever, being elected or appointed a
senator, member of or delegate to Congress,
or a resident commissioner, shall, after his
election or appointment, and either before

at Great Falls, than Senator. Heiler arose
on the floor of the Senate, delivered a speech
in defense of himself, branded the indict-
ment a "frame-up," shed a few tears, men-
tioned his wife and children in sob-sister
lament, said he didn't know anything about
any Campbell permits and demanded the
Senate immediately make an investigation.

A committee was appointed, with Senator
William E. Borah, of Idaho, as chairman.
It had only started upon its investigation
when it became apparent the committee was
packed with a majority which already had
reached the conclusion Wheeler had been
indicted without justification and that this
majority was determined to whitewash the
accused senator if at all possible to do so.
The investigation began with Wheeler's "de-
fense," and it was only after persistent de-
mands by Senator Sterling and others inter-
ested in getting at the facts in the case
that witnesses who testified before the
grand jury were heard and that document-
ary evidence upon which, in large measure,
the government's case rested, was admitted
to the record of the investigating commit-
tee.

The first witness called was James H.
Baldwin, Wheeler's law partner. Baldwin
said the law firm of Wheeler & Baldwin
had been employed by Campbell for no pur-
pose but to handle litigation in the Montana
state courts and that neither Senator
Wheeler nor the firm ever had anything to
do with matters pertaining to the Campbell
permits. The documentary proofs, finally
admitted by the committee, however, in-
cluded letters passing between Baldwin and
Booth, the Interior department solicitor, in
which the Campbell permits were the only
matters discussed, and included correspond-
ence between the firm of Wheeler & Bal-
dwin and Campbell in which Campbell was
advised to get A. B. Melzner to handle the
state court cases. (Melzner is now em-
ployed as clerk of the Brookhart commit-
tee, "investigating" former Attorney Gen-
eral Daugherty.)

Gordon Campbell, himself under indict-
ment, took the stand before the committee
to say he had never employed Wheeler to
get his disputed permits adjusted; that the
employment was for no other purpose than
to handle litigation in the state courts. The
documentary evidence, however, included
letters and telegrams between Campbell and
Wheeler which dealt with little, if any-
thing, other than adjustment of claims in
the General Land office.

THE STEVENSON CASE

L. V. Beaulieu, general counsel for Camp-
bell, testified he had never had any corre-
spondence or taken part in any discussion
of any permits except one held by Gordon
Campbell personally. He said he never had
heard of any others. The documentary
proofs, however, included letters from Beau-
lieu to Baldwin, to Booth and to Wheeler re-
lating to eight other permits. Beaulieu
admitted on the witness stand that he had
done all the work in connection with the
state court litigation, excepting the Ste-
venson case. This case was the suit in which
a receivership was sought by unit holders
who charged Campbell with fraud and who
alleged the various oil land permits had
been fraudulently obtained. It was this
case Beaulieu said Wheeler and his firm had
handled, and this case that Wheeler ad-
mitted having considerable to do with.

Now, the whole groundwork of Campbell's
side of this case—the Stevenson case—rested
upon the validity of the oil land permits
issued to Campbell's dummies by the Gen-
eral Land office at Washington. If Wheeler
& Baldwin were to handle this case, adjust-
ing the Campbell permits and preventing
them from being nullified and declared
fraudulent was perhaps the most important
thing to be done.

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reau, officer, or any civil, military, or naval
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after be incapable of holding any office of
honor, trust, or profit under the government
of the United States. (35 Stat. L. 1109; 7
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The documentary proof was a voluminous
exhibit before the grand jury. It consisted
of letters and telegrams passing among
Campbell, Wheeler, James H. Baldwin,
Wheeler's law partner; Edwin S. Booth, so-
licitor of the General Land office in Wash-
ington; L. V. Beaulieu, general counsel for
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Spry Wheeler was interested in "getting a
square deal" for "an old friend." He made
a number of equivocal statements on the
witness stand and indicated his conscious-
ness of the fact he was "in bad" whichever
side of the case he leaned to. The corre-
spondence between Booth and Campbell and
between Booth and other parties to the
case is self-explanatory and decidedly in-
criminating, as regards both Booth and
Wheeler.

SPRY'S TESTIMONY

Commissioner Spry was called to the stand
in Wheeler's behalf and amplified his affi-
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by saying Wheeler's "appearances" in his
office were "in behalf of a constituent." The
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HIGH SPOTS IN THE WHEELER CASE

By Blair Coan, in The National Republican
May 17, 1924.

The oil company with which Senator Wheeler identified himself as "attorney" after he had been elected to the Senate was a crooked oil company based on fraudulent government claims. This was known to Senator Wheeler, because the only important litigation of the company in which he appeared was in answer to charges by a member of the company that it was using the mails to defraud and held fraudulent oil permits,—facts which are now admitted. Despite his appearance in this case involving the fraudulent permits, Senator Wheeler denied on the witness stand that he knew anything about these permits.

Four men were present at the clandestine conference at which Wheeler's agreement to "fix" the company's fraudulent permits was discussed. These were Wheeler and Campbell, both now under indictment; Rhea, field superintendent of the company, and Glosser, secretary to Campbell. Both Glosser and Rhea, disinterested witnesses, testified that at this meeting Wheeler agreed as a part of his service to fix the challenged permits at Washington. Both would have testified, if permitted to do so, of conversations with Campbell on the nature of Wheeler's employment, and that Campbell had a brain storm in his office when he discovered that Wheeler was going to Moscow leaving his cases unsettled. This was competent testimony in impeachment of Campbell, but was ruled out by the Senate committee investigating the court for indicting Wheeler.

Senator Wheeler denied before the Senate that he had ever appeared in behalf of Campbell's claims. The solicitor and commissioner of the General Land office testified that he had conferred with them about these claims, a letter from the solicitor of the land office jointly to Wheeler's law firm and to the title lawyer of Campbell was produced, with a number of letters and telegrams from Wheeler asking for information about the permits and stating that he was pressing them before the land office.

The size of the annual retainer paid Wheeler was entirely out of proportion to the legal service it was possible for him as an absent senator to perform in the Montana courts. The claim persistently made that Wheeler appeared for Campbell in the permit matter "as he would for any other constituent" is completely destroyed by the fact, never brought out in the Senate committee hearing, that Campbell was not a constituent of Wheeler at all, but a resident of Seattle, Washington.

The witnesses in Wheeler's behalf were his close political and professional associates, and their testimony was contradicted by the documentary evidence introduced.

The permits being fraudulent, having admittedly been taken by Campbell after he had secured his full legal allotment, through dummies and assigned to him, the effort to put through the claims constituted a conspiracy to defraud the government, and correspondence introduced that in one instance Campbell tendered a bribe to a government official.

The indictment of Wheeler has been pronounced fully justifiable by a competent and conscientious district attorney, by an assistant Attorney General who went to Montana to examine the evidence before the case was presented, by a federal grand jury, and by the present Attorney General of the United States in a formal statement to the representatives of the morning telegraphic press.

H. C. Glosser, former private secretary of Gordon Campbell, the indicted client of Wheeler, had borrowed from Campbell, and repaid, \$500. While Glosser was on the stand, Wheeler, sitting next to the chairman and acting, for all intents and purposes, as a sort of assistant chairman, kept his eyes on Glosser in a menacing fashion and kept waving the Glosser note for \$500 before the witness in a palpable attempt to intimidate him. Glosser, however, declined to be affected by the accused senator's bold play.

Finally, however, the farcical appearance of the "investigation" became so pronounced, a change of policy in the committee proceedings became imperative, and again obliged rather than disposed to do so, the committee called for and obtained the documentary proofs which, upon being put into the record, so shook Senator Wheeler's famous Washington "fighting spirit" that he began to look and act more like the real Wheeler of Montana than the theatrical and heroic Wheeler so adored in the committee rooms of the United States Senate.

But let us go back to the beginning of this case and follow it through to the present.

GLOSSER AND WATSON

When I had obtained the Grieve, Squires and Glenn affidavits, which I told about in last week's article, I went to Great Falls, Mont., to investigate Senator Wheeler's oil connections. I had learned of H. C. Glosser's connection with Gordon Campbell, the Seattle, Wash., oil man who was reported to have had Senator Wheeler in his employ, and my trip to Great Falls was to see him. I learned that he was in Medicine Hat, so got in touch with him by long distance telephone, told him I wanted to talk to him about the Gordon Campbell matter, and he arranged to come back to Great Falls and have a talk with me.

Upon Glosser's return to Great Falls I saw him, and during our conversation he told me of his employment by Campbell as private secretary, of his presence on a number of occasions when Campbell and Wheeler had talked business, of Wheeler's employment by Campbell to fix up Campbell's disputed claims in the Land office in Washington. I told Glosser his information was important, but that I was obliged to have it in the form of an affidavit. He declined to make an affidavit until he had consulted his attorney, Judge Nichols, of Billings, so we went to Billings, saw Judge Nichols, and the lawyer advised Glosser to make an affidavit and tell the whole truth. In the presence of his attorney, Glosser then dictated an affidavit setting forth in detail that he had been Campbell's private secretary, had been present a number of times when Wheeler and Campbell had discussed the latter's employment of the senator, had heard Wheeler assure Campbell he would be able to fix up his oil permits, and that Campbell on a number of occasions had told him Wheeler's influence in Washington would prevent the disputed claims from being annulled.

I saw James D. Watson, a stockman, at the Rainbow hotel in Great Falls. Watson made an affidavit in which he set forth that Campbell had told him he had employed Wheeler for the specific purpose of getting his permits fixed up in the General Land office in Washington. Watson was on Campbell's bond in the Stevenson case, and Campbell's statements to Watson were made when Watson got anxious about the security given by Campbell to prevent loss to Watson as bondsman.

THE MCGOWAN CLAIM

W. W. Rhea, I learned, had been field superintendent for the Gordon Campbell-Kevin syndicate. Accompanied by Glosser.

states in a formal statement. Representatives of the morning telegraphic associations.

Nevertheless it is sought to commit the Senate of the United States to the precedent of trial by a committee dominated by Senator Wheeler's personal and partisan friends, as a substitute for legal trial by the courts, and an attempt is being made by such unprecedented procedure to break down and discredit the government's case against a senator in advance of a judicial hearing.

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FOR several weeks, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, of Montana, was having everything his own way before the Senate committee appointed, with Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, as chairman, to investigate the indictment of the Montana senator by a federal grand jury at Great Falls. The committee started operations by calling and questioning witnesses whose testimony was intended to constitute a "defense" of the accused senator. These witnesses were heard fully on matters having the appearance of being favorable to Wheeler, but questioning them to bring out evidence not

superintendent for the Gordon Kevin syndicate. Accompanied by Glosse I went to Denver to see Rhea. What I learned from Rhea also was put into the form of an affidavit.

The facts were these: As a part of his compensation as field superintendent, Rhea had been assigned what is known as the Phil McGowan claim, which was one of a number of claims procured by Campbell through employes acting as dummies. The McGowan claim, held by Rhea, was in dispute in the Land office in Washington. The employe dummy who originally obtained for Campbell having also assigned it to somebody else. Rhea was anxious to get the claim cleared up so that he could realize on it. He informed Campbell he had an offer of \$160,000 for it from E. G. Lewis, Denver, providing clear title to it could be obtained. He told Campbell Lewis had said he had enough political influence in Colorado to get it cleared up. To this Campbell replied he could get as much influence as Lewis, and said he would hire Senator Wheeler to get the permits adjusted in Washington, and Rhea would profit a good deal more than \$160,000.

Rhea subsequently got a call from Campbell to meet him and Wheeler at the R

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DOBSON.

Attention of Mr. R.P. Stewart.

I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a memorandum prepared for me by Mr. J.B. Cunningham of this Bureau, together with the statements of Inspector Swenson and Accountant Huston, which were furnished the Bureau by Special Assistant to the Attorney General Stewart. Mr. Cunningham's memorandum is self-explanatory. I am also attaching hereto for your information as requested by Mr. Stewart the names of the Special Agents and employees of the Bureau who performed work in connection with the so-called Senator Wheeler case, together with an itemized statement of the expenditures by month and the number of days devoted to the work by each employee.

I cannot assure you that these figures are entirely complete for the reason that you will recall that the Bureau of Investigation had no supervision over the Accountants and Agents working on the so-called Wheeler case. When I assumed the duties of Director of the Bureau of Investigation I found that the Accountants and Agents upon the case had been practically detached from the Bureau approximately a year previously and had been assigned to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Pratt. I, in fact, did not know even where the Accountants or Special Agents were and it was only after several months that I was able to have orders issued which would at least enable me to know where these men were in the event I desired to communicate with them concerning regular Bureau matters. I did not even then assume direction of their investigative work nor see any of their reports nor know what they were doing.

In talking with Special Assistant to the Attorney General Stewart a few days ago, he pointed out that the so-called Senator Wheeler case was but one of four or five cases upon which the Agents had worked in connection with this entire matter. However, as this Bureau had no supervision of the same, I have no way of differentiating between these various cases insofar as expenses are concerned, and the attached figures are the only figures I have been able to get and, as I have stated, I cannot vouch entirely for their completeness because of the reasons set forth above.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

For your immediate information I am attaching hereto copy of letter addressed to The Honorable, The Attorney General, dated March 15, 1924, from Postmaster General, Harry S. New, making request for the services of an Accountant in connection with the investigation of the Gordon Campbell Kevin Syndicate No. 2, of Great Falls and Kevin, Montana, and reply to said request, dated March 25th, addressed to the Postmaster General by Attorney General H. M. Daugherty, notifying him to the effect that Accountant Huston is assigned to investigate the financial end of the Gordon Campbell Kevin Syndicate No. 2.

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The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

This Department is in receipt of a telegram from Post Office Inspectors Swenson and Cooney concerning their investigation of an alleged use of the mails for fraudulent purposes by the Gordon Campbell Kevin Syndicate No. 2, of Great Falls and Kevin, Montana. The inspectors state that four or five companies are involved and that the promotion records are much tangled. Before it can be determined whether criminal proceedings should be instituted, it will be necessary to have the books audited. The inspectors requested that Accountant Matheny be assigned if possible.

This case is of more than usual importance and it will be appreciated if you will have Mr. Matheny, or some other experienced accountant assigned at the earliest date possible to audit the books of this concern. The accountant should report to Inspectors Swenson and Cooney at Great Falls, Montana. Will you kindly furnish me with the name of the accountant and the probable date of his arrival at Great Falls.

Very truly yours,

(sgd.) Harry S. New

Postmaster General.

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, D.C.

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March 25, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Postmaster General,

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, you are informed that on the 20th instant Accountant Huston of this Department was assigned to investigate the financial end of the Gordon Campbell Kevin Syndicate No. 2.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H.M. Daugherty,

Attorney General.

*Miss H. M. Daugherty
March 25, 1924*

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Attention Mr. R.P. Stewart.

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In compliance with your request, I have had a search made for the correspondence between the Post Office Department and the Department of Justice relative to the Wheeler case.

I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a letter addressed to the Attorney General by the Postmaster General under date of March 15, 1924, together with a copy of the reply of the Attorney General thereto dated March 25, 1924. I assume that it is upon this correspondence that Accountant Huston was detailed.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

As per your request I am attaching hereto copy of
report of Special Agent Rudolph B. Seipel, dated April 20th,
1925, In Re: U. S. v. ⁰Burton K. Wheeler, Endeavor to ascertain
standing, reliability and character of George B. Hayes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DODGSON.

Attention Mr. R.P. Stewart.

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As requested, I am attaching hereto a copy of the report of Special Agent Seipel of the New York office for April 20, 1925, containing the result of his inquiry concerning the character and standing of George B. Hayes.

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Special Agent Darling reported that as the result of an interview with [REDACTED] he stated that he had met Hayes in a business way, and has seen him in one of the clubs. He knows nothing about his integrity.

[REDACTED] stated that Hayes is a neighbor of his, but he has never associated with him. He can not offer anything as to his integrity or his standing.

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Inquiry at the office of District Supreme Court Judge Walsh developed that the Judge is now at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, and is not expected to return until Monday, April 12th.

[REDACTED] stated he has known Hayes for the past sixteen years, but has not seen him since the Wheeler matter came up, although he has noticed from the papers that Hayes has mentioned him as an associate. [REDACTED] stated he considers Hayes to be honest, truthful, and reliable, further, that he believes that Hayes is obligated to someone in Washington, which fact actuates his attitude in the Wheeler case. In answer to the question upon what did he base this statement, he replied that it was his own personal belief, and had nothing to base it on. Mr. [REDACTED] made a further statement that he is an admirer of Wheeler and that he would like to see him break the Democratic and Republican political bosses. It was learned from [REDACTED] that he will be in Washington, tomorrow, April 9th, and will register at the New Willard Hotel or the Shoreham Hotel; that he was making this trip to Washington pertaining to matters of his own affairs.

Immediately upon receipt of further information regarding the standing of Attorney Greene you will be advised.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN:-

In compliance with request of Mr. Stewart, I am transmitting herewith summary of expenses incurred on the investigation known as the WHEELER CASE. As stated to you in previous mem randa I am not able to vouch for the accuracy of the figures, inasmuch as it would be a physical impossibility to draw a line in demarcation between the different cases which emanated from the original investigation of U. S. vs. Gordon Campbell, et al.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

With further reference to one [redacted] Special Agent in Charge Darling called me on the phone at 3:05 P. M., today and conveyed the following information:-

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The real name of [redacted] is [redacted]. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, but never practiced law either in New Jersey or New York State. While residing in Newark, N. J., he worked with his brother who is engaged in selling real estate. His reputation in the community of Newark appears to be that of an honest man, and he pays his bills promptly. Both he and his wife are what might termed "social climbers". By this it is meant he endeavors to move in higher circles than his income would justify.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DOBSON.

Attention Mr. R.P. Stewart.

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a copy of a memorandum prepared in this Bureau upon
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nection with the Wheeler case.

Very truly yours,

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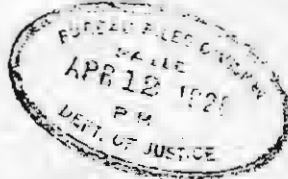
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DOHOVAN:

For your information I am enclosing herewith
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Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN:

As per the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. Robert Stewart, I am transmitting herewith copy telegram sent to Accountant Huston under date of March 19, 1924, and his reply thereto, under date of March 24, 1924.

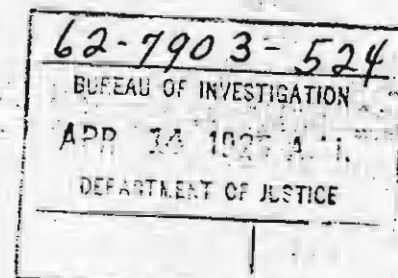
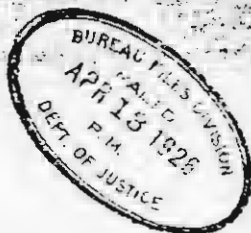
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The following is a brief synopsis of today's
testimony before the Brookhart Committee.

Senator Ashurst was absent.

Senator Jones of Washington was late.

The first witness was George L. Miller, one of
the famous "101 Ranch" in Oklahoma. He appeared voluntarily
to make a statement in his own defense and to overcome testimony
previously given by former United States Attorney Peck. Miller
did not have anything approaching fair treatment by the Com-
mittee, which first gave him permission to read a prepared
statement and which cut him short after he had read a couple of
pages, and Senator Wheeler launched into a fusillade of questions,
insisting upon a yes or no answer.

The great bone of contention before the Committee on
the Miller case is the fact that he was permitted to plead guilty
and was fined in the criminal case, and that no civil action
has been brought by the Government to recover the land for the
Indians, the Committee charging that Mr. Todd, former law partner
of Mr. Daugherty acted as a "fixer". Miller explained that he
entered a plea of guilty to the criminal charge because he found

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he had been guilty of a technical violation of the law in the two instances covered in the indictment, that he had expected that he would be fined about \$500, when as a matter of fact he was fined \$10,000; that he never knew Mr. Todd nor heard his name until he met a friend named McClaskey in Pittsburgh who suggested he employ Mr. Todd, who probably could get brought before the court detailed reports made by Department of Justice agents, which reports Miller had been unable to get considered; that McClaskey retained Todd and paid him \$2000 for this job; that Miller later reimbursed McClaskey; that Miller had never seen or talked to Mr. Daugherty; that Mr. Todd was not successful in having the reports introduced; that Miller had nothing to do with the civil cases but that if the Government does not enter suit civilly on these cases he, Miller, will do so, in order to quiet title.

Altogether Miller did not damage the Department in any way.

The second witness was Arthur Lambdin, Superintendent of Traffic of the G. & P. Telephone Company, who was called to testify as to a long distance telephone message put through yesterday by Mr. Lockwood, Chairman of the Republican Committee in Washington, D. C., to Blair Coan, his investigator, now working on Senator Wheeler in Montana. The purpose merely was to show that Coan was working in Montana under instructions from Lockwood.

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The third witness was Director W. J. Burns. He was asked with regard to his personal conversations with Mr. Daugherty in the latter's apartment concerning the Senatorial investigation, and with especial regard to the assignment of Agents in Montana, stating that the men were assigned upon the request of the Post Office Department.

The next witness was Mr. A. V. McLane, United States Attorney at Nashville, covering the Old Hickory Powder case (the duPont Engineering Company), and following up the testimony of Accountant George Storck yesterday. It had been expected that Mr. McLane would give testimony against the Department's policy on this case and against Mr. Holland. He made a very good impression and in no part of his testimony did he appear unfair, although he did flatly charge that the delay in the Old Hickory Powder case was due to the War Department, and especially to General Wilkins. He covered the various conferences held in Washington, especially the one in which duPont's attorney, Gregg, had obtained a copy of the confidential report made to the Department of Justice. He indicated that Major Cornduff, of the War Transactions Section of the Department of Justice, probably was responsible, because Cornduff and Cameron held a conference in Wilmington, Delaware, just prior to this conference, and the questionnaires drafted at Wilmington were based almost entirely upon the contents of Storck's memorandum. He was very specific in stating he did not believe Mr. Holland was either responsible for nor knew at the time that the duPonts had been given this paper, but he believed Mr. Holland was doing everything possible to determine who had been guilty of this indiscretion.

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He referred to the conference in Mr. Holland's office when he was called to Washington to explain the story which appeared in the Nashville "Banner", at which time Attorney Gregg for the duPonts, also was present and a rather heated session was held.

He explained in detail the Nashville "Banner" story. In particular he was asked whether Mr. Holland did not write him a letter later, and the letter was called for. Mr. McLane protested against its introduction, claiming that it had no bearing on the investigation and he, personally, would prefer not to see it go in. They finally overruled him and read the letter into the record. It contained nothing of interest or importance.

The next witness was Alfred J. Bates, a Chicago lawyer, who represented one of the moving picture houses mixed up in the Dempsey-Carpentier prize-fight film matter. Bates had the dealings with Quimby in New York and "Tex" Rickard, under which it was agreed that if the pictures could be shown at all Bates' client would get the exclusive exhibition rights for Illinois. He made several trips to New York and saw Quimby with regard to Chicago rights, and later with regard to the possibilities for Pennsylvania and Ohio rights. He received from his clients \$5000, which he states covered his expenses to New York, and later \$1500 out of a \$10,000 fee paid by his client to Attorney Weinfeldt of Chicago. The witness was put on to prove the connection with Quimby is supposed to have had with the Department here, in order to convey the impression of light fines rather than jail sentences for violations of the law against interstate traffic in prize fight films, and this was attempted to be shown from long distance

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telephone calls made in Bates' presence by Quimby from New York to Attorney Union in Washington, Mr. Union having been a former associate of Mr. Daugherty, and supposed to have been the go-between on the entire matter. The Committee was clearly disappointed in the testimony of Bates.

The last witness was Charles Feinfeldt of Chicago, called in the same connection (prize fight films). He testified that he represented the moving picture house merely with regard to the procurements of permits for exhibition, on which they had considerable difficulty, and that the fee of \$20,000 was so fixed because the Government was to receive half of it in taxes, while the \$1500 paid to Bates was the usual transfer fee paid by one lawyer to another for the procurement of business and was not out of the ordinary.

Altogether there was little or nothing in today's proceedings in any way seriously detrimental to the interests of the Department.

The Committee still is holding our men from the Mexican Border, and there is no indication of what they propose to do, the Committee claiming that they can't use these men until after they get the Mexican files. It is known, however, that the Committee has a considerable portion of the material which they are asking us to furnish.

Chairman Brookhart and Senator Wheeler leave this afternoon for Washington Court House, Ohio, to take up the matter of the accounts of the Midland National Bank, of which Mr. Hal Daugherty is President. The Committee probably will get as far as the front door, but no further. Attorneys Howland and Chamberlain will remain in Washington, and hearings will continue tomorrow before the balance of the Committee.

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Attorneys Montgomery and Tollman, of Chicago, employed in 1922 on the recommendation of the Chicago Bar Association, to investigate conditions in United States Attorney Cline's office and paid by the Department of Justice, have been subpoenaed, as has also the investigator employed by them, Mr. Hinton G. Glabaugh, former Agent in Charge of the Department of Justice, and they are in town today.

The Committee has called upon the Department for a copy of the report submitted. They intend to use this report in corroboration and further inquiry along the lines of the testimony given by Prohibition Agent Armstrong.

W. B. Brown

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

About eleven o'clock this morning, Special Assistant Attorney General Robert Stewart called at my office, accompanied by Special Assistant to the Attorney General Bullett, requesting that I make a check of the Wheeler file pertaining to the Department's activity in locating witness Hayes, who appeared for the Government at the trial of Wheeler in Montana.

I informed Mr. Stewart that I would be only too glad to assist him in collecting the information desired, but before doing so, the matter would have to have the approval of the Director. He further stated that he desired to have me take care of this matter inasmuch as I was familiar with all the details.

I have endeavored to communicate with you through Miss Gandy, but each time I was informed that you were engaged. In view of the apparent importance of furnishing this information to Mr. Stewart, I am calling this matter to your attention in memorandum form so that you may be familiar with the facts.

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I have just been advised by Mr. Nathan that you are desirous of having made available to you information concerning the summoning of various witnesses in the Wheeler trial, and to show the efforts on your part to intercept certain witnesses who were en route to Great Falls at the time word was received by you to the effect that their appearance would not be necessary inasmuch as the case was in the hands of the jury. In order that you may have all the facts of record, I have quoted excerpts of telegrams, etc., covering the situation:-

Section 5, File No. 62-7903

Serial #342

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Telegram to Agent Daly at Great Falls, Mont., from the Director, [redacted] advising [redacted]

[redacted] all New York City, are willing to proceed Great Falls testify behalf [redacted] provided requested telegraphically to do so. Have Slattery wire three persons above mentioned to this effect. [redacted] New York will testify against [redacted] if wired to this effect. b7c

Serial #346

Letter to Colonel Grayson M. P. Murphy from Wm. J. Donovan, dated April 22, 1925, advising [redacted]

[redacted] needed by Government as witnesses to support credibility of [redacted] b7c

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Serial #330

Telegram to Brennan from the Director, [redacted] asking [redacted] New York City, proceed Great Falls as witness. [redacted]

Serial #354

Telegram to Wm. J. Donovan from Slattery, [redacted] requesting Agents New York office interview [redacted] New York City, regarding [redacted]

Serial #364

Telegram to the Director from Blackmon, [redacted] advising [redacted] will leave here tomorrow morning arriving Great Falls Sunday. [redacted] and [redacted] unable to go. United States Attorney endeavoring to locate [redacted] Albany. Advises he will communicate with Colonel Donovan. [redacted]

Serial #370

Telegram to Agent Daly from the Director, dated April 23, 1925, advising [redacted] leaves today for Great Falls and will arrive there Sunday 6:15 P. M. by Great Northern. Will advise you when other parties previously mentioned leave. [redacted]

Serial #371

Wite letter to Agent Daly from the Director, dated April 23, 1925, advising among other things [redacted] leaving New York tonight for Great Falls arriving same time [redacted] is due tomorrow. [redacted] leaving New York 8:20 tonight, due Great Falls Sunday 6:15 P. M. [redacted] leaves New York on Lake Shore due to arrive Great Falls Sunday night 6:16. Also advising [redacted] correct name [redacted]

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advising [redacted] leaving New York on 8:20 PM tonight arriving Great Falls 6:15 Sunday night. [redacted] b7x

Serial #372

Telegram to Agent Daly from the Director, [redacted] b1
[redacted] stating [redacted] b1
Association, will leave Buffalo [redacted] arriving [c] b7c
Great Falls Sunday.

Serial #388

Telegram to the Director from Agent Daly, [redacted] b1
[redacted] reading as follows:- [c]
"One stop Slattery wired parties in New York
today but recalled telegrams when case closed
today."

Serial #392

Telegram to the Director from Daly, dated Great Falls,
April 24, 1925, reading:

"One stop Case went to Jury at five forty"

Serial #393

Telegram to the Director from Daly, dated Great Falls,
April 24, 1925, reading:-

"One stop Verdict of acquittal"

Serial #396

Telegram from Agent Daly to the Director, [redacted] b1
[redacted] reading:- [c]

"One. After case closed today Slattery immediately
wired [redacted] N. Y. and
[redacted] Buffalo telling them disregard request to
come Great Falls. [redacted] had left but telegram
sent to him at Fort Wayne enroute. Also requested
Chicago office to stop him, furnishing train number.
[redacted] wired at Buffalo direct and stopped there
Buffalo office. Suggest you stop [redacted]
and [redacted] at Chicago as we do not know

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train numbers. Also [redacted] and any others who may have started. Slattery said advise you that a list of witnesses you were sending responsible for defense deciding not to demand continuance." b7c

Serial #396

Telegram to Brennan from the Director, [redacted] reading:- b7c

"Advised by United States Attorney Montana Wheeler case closed today. Telegram sent by United States Attorney to [redacted] en route. Suggest you communicate by long distance with Chicago office, stopping [redacted] and any others who have left"

Serial #397

Telegram from the Director to Agent Daly, dated April 24, 1925, directing all Special Agents to be released earliest possible moment.

Serial #399

Telegram to the Director from Agent Daly, [redacted] reading:- [c] b7c

"One. Agent Scully and Seery have left. Carroll leaving tonight. Costello leaving for Butte. Will telegraph later about Spain and myself soon as Stewart and Slattery decide."

Serial #400

Letter to the Director from Brennan, dated New York, April 24, 1925, advising that he (Brennan) had talked with Special Agent in Charge Hamlin at Chicago instructing him to stop witness enroute. The following witnesses were enroute to Great Falls: [redacted] and [redacted]. This letter also contains the information that Acting Special Agent in Charge Rider, Pittsburgh, Pa., had located and stopped witness [redacted] at Pittsburgh this morning, and informed him that the Wheeler case has been closed today, and his presence will not be needed. b7c

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Serial #415

Telegram to the Director from Agent Daly, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] reading:--[C]

"One. For reasons you will understand Mr. Stewart urgently recommends that arrangement be made not to pay witness of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] through Department of Justice in Washington in order that their names be not known in Montana. Slattery has requested our Pittsburgh office to withhold account of [REDACTED] until you advise them."

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN.

Attention Mr. R.P. Stewart.

I am attaching hereto for your information
a copy of a memorandum prepared for me by Mr. J.B.
Cunningham of this Bureau relative to the witnesses
who were located for use by the government in the
Wheeler case in Montana and who were subsequently
stopped while en route. Mr. Cunningham's memorandum
is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

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General Willebrandt ☐

General Marshall ☐

Mr. Carusi ☐

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Mr. Stewart ☐

Mrs. Rishel ☐

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Mr Hoover

Says file in

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR:

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Referring to memorandum of Mr. R. P. Stewart to
Colonel Donovan, dated April 12th, which is attached hereto, please
be advised that Special Agent in Charge, R. A. Darling of the New
York office called me on the phone at 2:00 P. M. today giving the
following information concerning [REDACTED]

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Transmitted to
Mr. Boardman
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL DONOVAN.

Attention Mr. R.P. Stewart.

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I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Cunningham of this Bureau which has reference to the inquiry which you directed be made of [REDACTED]. You will note that apparently communication had already been had with [REDACTED] at New York, who made inquiry concerning the same matter.

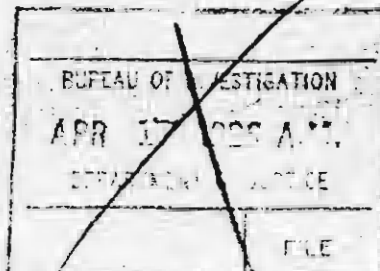
This development, in a way, precluded our obtaining the information desired. I would suggest that in the future when any request is made of the Bureau for information, the Bureau be advised as to whether or not the information is being sought through other channels for it will frequently avoid any embarrassment to our Agents in their efforts to procure the information.

Very truly yours,

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October 14th, 1926,

Mr. R. M. Huston,
Briggs Hotel,
Moline, Kansas.

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Dear Sir:-

On the 5th inst., I wired you as follows:

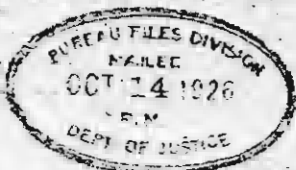
"Advise if and when summary report on Gordon Campbell
Clevens Syndicate Number Two was submitted Bureau"

I failed to receive a reply from you either by wire or letter, and would have followed the matter up by telegram, except for the fact that I learned through Mr. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, that a summary report had not been submitted on this particular aspect of that case. I wish that you would advise me immediately if you received my wire, which was addressed to you at the Briggs Hotel, Moline, Kansas. If you did not receive it, I wish that you would take immediate steps to ascertain what disposition was made by the Telegraph Company of the wire, as we have had no notice at this end that the telegram was not delivered.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

Dear Sir: ATTENTION MR. HUGHES.

In response to your letter of October 14th, relative to a telegram from your office addressed to me on October 5th, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter this day sent to the Western Union Telegraph Company at Moline, Kansas. Your letter was forwarded me here and just received so it becomes necessary for me to trace your wire by letter.

The telegram to which you refer has never been received by me but in answer to you inquiry regarding the Gordon Campbell report will state that all matters relating to that investigation were embodied in one report of seven volumes entitled "Gordon Campbell et al". Several copies of that report are on file in the Bureau and information relating to Gordon Campbell Kevin Syndicate Number Two will be found in that report.

Upon receipt of a reply from The Western Union agent at Moline further information regarding the disposition of that message will be forwarded you.

Respectfully,
R. M. Anston
Special Accountant.

*Recd
Mr.
D.W.*

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED

MANAGER'S OFFICE

Moline Kans. Oct 21 1926

Mr. R. M. Huston?
United States Attorney,
Newton Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Oct 20th, I have Looked through all my files here, and find no record of any Western Union Message sent to you here on Oct. 5th If such was ever sent it surely did not reach this office or it could have been delivered.

Further stating I did find one message to you which was dated Oct. 13th, but It was delivered for I delivered it to you Personally in the Moline National Bank, But as for any other Messages to you, I am unable to find any record of them.

If can be any to service ~~xxx~~ to you in the future as to this matter let me know.

Yours Truly,

Western Manager?
Moline Kans.

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Office of
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November 7th, 1926.

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

Dear S i r: ATTENTION MR. HUGHES.

With further reference to your undelivered telegram to me at Moline, Kansas, October 5th, 1926, I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Western Union office of that city, stating that no such telegram was ever received.

Yours very truly,

Robert M. Huston,
Special Accountant,
Department of Justice.

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Mr. D. H. Dickason,

P. O. Box 1583,

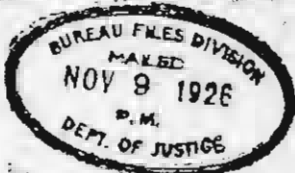
Butte, Montana.

Dear Mr. Dickason:-

I received your letter of October 10th, relative to the confidential matter to which you referred. I at once called the matter to the attention of the Attorney General and of Assistant Attorney General Donovan. I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Butte, Montana

REPORT MADE AT: Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-17-26	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-17-26	REPORT MADE BY: D. H. Dickason
TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL			CHARACTER OF CASE: Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Appeal of CAMPBELL to Circuit Court of Appeals; judgment of Lower Court sustained; appeal to United States Supreme Court not entertained, the judgment thus becoming affirmed; prisoner to be surrendered and taken to Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. PENDING

Reference:

My report captioned: "GORDON CAMPBELL, CHARLES F. BLOOMHUFF & EDWARD J. DAILEY - Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.," 4-14-24, and particularly 5-14-25, and other reports.

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TITLE: EDWARD J. DAILEY 0			CHARACTER OF CASE: Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Indictment in case of CAMPBELL, BLOOMHUFF
and DAILEY dismissed as to DAILEY 12-28-25.

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Reference: My report captioned "GORDON CAMPBELL, CHARLES F.
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TITLE: GORDON CAMPBELL			CHARACTER OF CASE: Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GORDON CAMPBELL surrendered himself and was taken to Leavenworth Penitentiary 11-22-26 by Deputy U. S. Marshal Curt Dennis and Sheriff Tom Norton, guard. Parole report will be made soon.

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TITLE: CHARLES F. BLOOMHUFF			CHARACTER OF CASE: Using Mails to Defraud - Conspiracy to Violate Sec. 215 P.C.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Indictment in case of CAMPBELL, BLOOMHUFF and
DAILEY dismissed as to BLOOMHUFF 12-28-25.

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Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, February 6, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Referring to a report captioned:

[REDACTED] dated August 1, 1925, I am
sending you herewith a clipping which will show that
the matters contained in my report are progressing
as I intimated they would at that time.

I thought you would like to have
this additional information.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Nathan.....
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Post-Dispatch
St. Louis, Mo.
July 7, 1933

The DAILY WASHINGTON

MERRY GO ROUND

WASHINGTON, July 7.—
THE Department of Justice's Bureau of Criminal Investigation itself may be subjected to some secret investigating. At least two members of the Senate's potent Judiciary Committee have indicated a desire to put this agency on the grill.

They want to know who gives orders, for example, for the compiling of dossiers on members of Congress and Washington newspaper men. These, they have been informed, are to be found in the files of the bureau.

J. Edgar Hoover is director of the organization. In progressive ranks Hoover and his bureau have long been suspected. Montana's crusading Senator Burton K. Wheeler, some years ago, openly charged that Hoover endeavored to "frame" him because of his attacks upon Attorney-General Harry M. Daugherty.

Recently information laid before several members of the Senate Judiciary Committee concerning the bureau's files aroused their intense indignation. Their own names were on the list of those under surveillance.

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TO : MR. NICHOLS
 FROM : R. F. CARTWRIGHT

DATE: October 31, 1945

SUBJECT: BURTON K. WHEELER
 Bureau File #62-7903

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The attached non-serialized enclosure consists of letters, telegrams, reports, and photostats relative to the above subject. Most of the items in this enclosure have an exact copy in file.

Since this case was closed in January, 1930, (see serial 539) and there is very little demand for this enclosure, it does not seem to be of value to the Bureau. This material pertains to Sections 1 and 2 of the main file which are non-serialized.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as this enclosure is occupying much needed space in the Records Section, it is requested that this file be reviewed by the Investigative Division for an expression as to the disposition of this material.

It is recommended that this enclosure be destroyed here at the Seat of Government.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: November 28, 1956

FROM : *M. A. Jones*

SUBJECT: Burton K. Wheeler

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There are attached excerpts concerning the above-captioned case taken from "The FBI Story, A Report to the People," by Don Whitehead published by Random House, 1956. These excerpts are from page(s) 64, 332 of the book.

The full text of the book may be found in the FBI Library.

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Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana was one of the outspoken leaders in the fight against Daugherty. The Republicans blocked several investigation efforts in Congress, but on March 1, 1924, on a resolution sponsored by Wheeler, the Senate voted to look into Daugherty's conduct in office. The only dissenting vote was cast by Senator Davis Elkins of West Virginia.

While the Senate was conducting its sensational investigation of the Attorney General, Wheeler himself was indicted by a Great Falls, Montana, grand jury. He was charged with taking money from a syndicate of oil prospectors with the understanding he would persuade the Department of the Interior to give the syndicate exclusive oil and gas prospecting leases. Wheeler immediately charged that he was the victim of a "frame-up" by the Department of Justice. The Raleigh, North Carolina, *News and Observer* called his indictment a concoction of William J. Burns, Harry Daugherty and the Republican National Committee.

Developments gave strong support to the newspaper's theory. A Senate committee and then a Montana jury found Wheeler innocent. The *Philadelphia Record* said the trial was "one of the most contemptible and vindictive political persecutions ever known in this country." Burns admitted in the Daugherty investigation that he sent three Bureau of Investigation accountants into Montana to help work on the Wheeler case. These accountants, Department of Justice records show, were on the payroll of the Bureau of Investigation, but they were assigned to John S. Pratt, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and they reported exclusively to Pratt.¹

Excerpt from page 64 of
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¹ It was a common practice in the Department in those early days to detach individual agents on special assignments where they were separated from the routine checks of the Bureau. Those in the Bureau simply had no means of knowing where they were or what they were doing. The Wheeler case brought to a head the issue of central control and supervision of Bureau agents. Hoover previously had complained of the practice of having agents assigned to either U. S. attorneys or Department officials. He outlined his views on the misuse of agents in the Wheeler case in a memorandum to Colonel William J. Donovan, then Assistant Attorney General, on April 8, 1928. He said, "When I assumed the duties of Director . . . I found that the Accountants and Agents upon the case had been . . . detached from the Bureau . . . and had been assigned to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Pratt. I didn't know even where the Accountants or Special Agents were. And it was only after several months that I was able to have orders issued which would at least enable me to know where these men were . . . I did not even then assume direction of their investigative work nor see any of their reports nor know what they were doing." Hoover gradually was able to establish the principle that agents on the Bureau's payroll were responsible to the Director.

Excerpt from page 332 of
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to the People" by Don Whitehead