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Supersed on account of contempt proceeding instituted by the U.S. attorney in the district.

Judge [Signature]

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
Mr. F. C. Wilson,
R. A. Fez, M7,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of affidavits forwarded to me by [redacted] of Detroit, which were recently in my possession and stated that this information concerning the alleged hearings with the [redacted] at [redacted], etc. I requested [redacted] to send me these affidavits and told him I would submit them to the Department for consideration and the necessary instructions. I did this and am in receipt of word from the Department that the Bureau would issue the order for the contempt proceedings instituted by the United States Attorney, at the direction of Judge Raymond, before undertaking an investigation. I have already spoken of this decision and am enclosing the enclosed copies to you for your information in this matter. C. 870.

I wished you a few days ago concerning the facts in this matter and asked if you would telegraph from your special assignment in the east, I wish that you could submit a full and detailed report of your

[Signature]
May 10, 1927.

Detroit, Michigan.

Dear [Name],

As I advised you, I transmitted the affidavit which you sent me to Assistant Attorney General [Name].

He requested information as to the action which the bureau should take. I am now in receipt of word from Mr. [Name], in which he stated that the bureau should await the outcome of the contempt proceedings instituted by the United States Attorney, at the direction of Judge [Name], before undertaking any investigation. It is, therefore, likely that you may desire to communicate with the United States Attorney at Detroit, or you may probably wish to communicate with Mr. [Name] direct.

Sincerely yours,

[Name]
May 30, 1929.

I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a communication which I have received from [Redacted] and which refers to the matter referred to in my memorandum addressed to you under date of May 16, 1929. [Redacted]

I advised [Redacted] of your views, in reply to my memorandum, and the attached letter is in answer to that communication. [Redacted]

I would appreciate receiving your instructions in this matter in order that the Bureau may be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

W.D.O.M.
May 23, 1927.

Personal:

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of May 19, 1927, concerning affidavits I sent you some time ago, received.

I am fearful that some of the evidence available in this matter may be lost unless your special investigator arrives here soon to take the matter up.

I talked with Mr. Baxter, Acting United States Attorney here, and also showed him your letter stating that Mr. Inhling advised you to await the outcome of the contempt proceedings. Mr. Baxter informs me that an investigation of the matter I took up with you would in no way interfere with the contempt proceedings; neither do I personally see how it would interfere. I wish, therefore, you would again take the matter up with Mr. Inhling showing him this letter and advising him of my suggestion to have an agent come here in the near future to make an investigation.

Sincerely yours,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear [Name],

I received a letter yesterday, and immediately called the same to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Leibing and requested him to act. He is now in possession of the action which this bureau should take. As soon as I receive word from him, I will advise you.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Request made by Honorable Judge Raymond that this Bureau investigate one man juror of panel trying above entitled case to determine whether or not perjury had been committed or any attempt had been made to influence this juror. Instructions received from Director and followed. Evidence shows husband of woman juror whiskey dealer and owner of building operated by brother as blind pig. Insufficient evidence to show perjury. Evidence at best insufficient to show jury tampering but possibility of more development along this line and securing competent evidence to prove same. Contempt proceedings against local newspaper ordered by Judge Raymond. Same now in preparation by Assistant U. S. Attorney Baxter.

REFERENCE:

Director's telegram under date of April 19th, instructing Agent in Charge to proceed with investigation of one juror in this case and to comply with the request of Judge Raymond and any of his instructions that he may issue to the writer in this matter.

DETAILS:

For some several weeks prior to April 19th, the above entitled civil suit for damages was in progress in the Federal Court in this district, being tried before Honorable Judge Ford Raymond, visiting judge from Grand Rapids. On the evening of April 19th, visit the Judge in his chambers in the Federal Building, complying with this request, Judge Raymond made the further request that this Bureau make an investigation to establish, if possible, the truth or falsity of certain allegations and statements made by one of the witnesses in the case, and the impartiality of several local agencies of Henry Ford. The JA is now in preparation by Assistant U. S. Attorney Baxter.
E. C. Miller, Agent in Charge, Detroit.

MARTIN v. FORD - CIVIL DIST. FOR RAILROAD
COMMISSIONER AND OTHER RESPONDENTS

May 14th, 1927.

Attached affidavits to this Agent on the morning of April 15th. These affidavits were furnished on the morning of April 15th by Judge Reynolds and immediately following their receipt, the following telegram was dispatched to the Director:

"Judge Reynolds settling in Ford-Japire case has requested investigation one woman juror in case concerning alleged attempt to corrupt stop there is some evidence of attempt having been made to secure woman jurors committed perjury under oath apparently to secure membership jury this case stop juror is wife of blind pig operator this city stop case continued this morning until Thursday morning to allow opportunity investigate matter stop there is possibility that mistrial may be declared any duty I know I cannot legally interview this jurors now stop please instruct us to making investigation requested by Judge."

On April 15th, telegraphic instructions were received from the Director, instructing this Agent to proceed with this investigation and to do so in a strictly confidential and discreet manner. Following the instructions of the Director, I reported to Judge Reynolds and advised him that I was at his service in this matter. The Judge instructed me to proceed and to interview any and all jurors on this case that I deemed necessary to interview. I also instructed me to first deal with the contempt angle of this matter, then the possible perjury and jury tampering. I drew my attention to an article appearing in the Detroit News, a local newspaper, in which the writer of this article appeared to quote the woman juror who was known as Mrs. Clara Ramey. It will be well to note at this time that no error was made in this woman's name, as her correct name is Mrs. Clara Ramey.

Agent was furnished with the original affidavits of the Ford representatives. Among these affidavits is noted the affidavit of J. E. DREXLER. Attention is directed to this affidavit, particularly as to its showing or apparently showing that the man of Jewish birth is supposed to be the man who handed a large box of candy to Mrs. William Ramey. A copy of this affidavit is attached and made a portion of this report.

The next affidavit to third of witness DREXLER, a copy of which affidavit is attached hereupon.

The next to the affidavit of J. E. DREXLER, copy attached hereto.

The next, an affidavit of WILLIAM RAMEY, which appears to show the place of business at 1216 - 14th Street, Detroit, in which place of business in a building owned by Mrs. and Mrs. Ramey, carried investigating fifteen articles had been purchased. Copy of this affidavit is attached.

Here is shown a copy of the affidavit of ARTHUR J. MILLER, showing the purchase of a piece of land 11 at the Michigan location on April 15th.
Next is shown copy of the affidavit of ARTHUR C. CANDLER.

Next is shown copy of the affidavit of RICH. COTT. Particular attention is invited to this affidavit because of the fact that it is shown herewith that on Sunday, February 7th, 1927, the affiant heard Mrs. William Rinehart say that she hoped to be selected for jury service in this case and if she was "it would not be very healthy for old man Ford as she did not like his methods or anything about him." Special attention is invited to the date on which this statement was heard as it will be noted that this date was prior to the commencement of this action in Federal Court and after this statement was made this same woman became a member of that jury.

Next is shown the affidavit of CARL BROOKS, with reference to the conversation overheard between Mrs. Rinehart and some Jewish gentlemen in the corridors of the Federal Building.

Next is shown the affidavit of MILTON JORDAN, showing the apparent acquaintance of some Jewish gentlemen who were about the corridors of the Federal Building, and Mr. Aaron Sapir, the complainant in the action on trial.

Next is shown copy of the affidavit of ALBERT F. HATCH, showing certain conversations this affiant overheard.

Next is shown second affidavit of ARTHUR C. CANDLER, with reference to conversation between Mrs. Rinehart and a Jewish gentleman in the corridors of the Federal Building.

Next is shown copy of the affidavit of R. COTT, with reference to a conversation he had on April 10th with William Rinehart, the implant of this woman's jury. Also is shown copy of additional affidavit of R. COTT, showing other conversations he had with Mr. Rinehart.

Following the instructions of Judge Fayans, Mr. Rinehart was requested by the Deputy Marshal on duty at Judge Fayans' court, to come to the Federal Building and be brought to this office where she was interrogated. Following the instructions of Judge Fayans, she the first interrogated with reference to the newspaper article which appeared in the morning newspaper which appeared in the Federal Times under date of April 19, 1927. In that is usually known as "THE TIMES" edition, this article appearing on the third page and in the eighth column, a copy of the affidavit of Mrs. Rinehart be attached to and made a part of this report.

Following the interrogations of Mrs. Rinehart, she was referred to the affidavits of Ford representatives to a certain Jewish gentleman" was identified as Mr. J. Miller, a real estate broker whose residence is 165 Westminster Street and whom telephone number is 1650 (FISHER). Mr. Miller was requested to call at this office which he did. Copies of the statements made by Mr. Miller, all of which were taken phonographically at the time he made them, are attached to and
made a portion of this report. For the proper safeguarding of any future action which might result in connection with the alleged perjury or jury tampering in this case, Agent in Charge believed it best to question Mr. Miller in the presence of other agents of this office and it will be noted from his statement that this was done. Agent Miller acted as stenographer, taking the notes in this interrogation.

It will be noted in the affidavit of Mrs. Hofmann that at the end of the said affidavit, she asked the question whether or not any person might attempt to reach her through her husband. After she had signed her affidavit she stated that her husband could explain all of this to the writer.

William C. Hofmann was next interviewed in this office and his complete statements taken in question and answer form; a copy of this affidavit is attached to and made a portion of this report.

Concerning the statement made by his wife about any person approaching her through him, questions and answers relative to this are shown on Page 5 and 6 of Mrs. Hofmann's affidavit.

Following the taking of the above sworn affidavits, Judge Raymond supplied to Agent a transcript of the testimony covering the examination of the jurors who were accepted and sitting as jurors in this case. Judge Raymond was of the opinion that perjury had undoubtedly been committed in connection with Mrs. Hofmann in that she had stated that her brother was a plumber when it was quite possible, at least from the information shown in affidavits, that her husband was engaged in the plumbing business.

Upon being supplied with the court reporter's transcript, it is noted that the only statement made by Mrs. Hofmann who was jurors No. 13, was to the effect that she lived in 420 E. 10th Street, Detroit, Michigan; that her husband was a plumbing and heating contractor and that her husband's place of business was at the same address. It is also shown in the report of testimony, that on Tuesday, March 15th, 1929, at 1:10 o'clock P.M., Mrs. Hofmann under the name of Clara Hofmann, upon being sworn in, was examined by counsel for defendant Ford, this counsel being Senator James Reed, and the following is a transcript of questions and answers:

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The jury is now open.

Q. Who is Mrs. Huffman?
A. Mrs. Huffman.

Q. You will have to pardon me for not knowing your name; they are all new to me. Mrs. Huffman, do you belong to any church?
A. Yes.

Q. What church?
A. Catholic Church.

Q. Have you ever read any of these articles about the Jewish people?
A. I have never read any of them.

Q. You have no knowledge then at all in regard to what might turn up to be the controversy in this case?
A. None.

Q. Have you any feeling either favorable or unfavorable toward Mr. Henry Ford?
A. No.

Q. That I mean would in any way sway your judgment in this case. Have you any feeling at all toward the NAACP Independent?
A. No.

Q. You know of no reason why you cannot sit here and be absolutely impartial in this case?
A. No reason.

Following is shown the answers made by Mr. Huffman to the questions of Attorney Gallagher:

Q. Mrs. Huffman, have your friends, in your presence, discussed the attitude of Mr. Ford toward the Jewish people?
A. No, sir.

Q. The matter is first brought to your attention at the present time that?
A. This morning.

Q. So that your mind is free now to pass upon the merit or lack of merit of these charges?
A. Yes, sir.

Attention is particularly invited to the answer made by Mrs. Huffman to the question of whether she had or to have having any feeling either favorable or unfavorable toward Mr. Henry Ford. It will be noted that the same is a statement as made 10th and finally printed that she harbored no feeling of any kind toward Mr. Ford. In the affidavit of J. H. Davis it is noted that as far back as
February 17th, 1927, she had made statements in his presence that apparently during that time, harbored a bitter feeling toward Mr. Ford and was that time prejudiced against him. Attention is invited to the statement taken from Mrs. Hoffman on April 25th, 1927. This would apparently show that Mr. Hoffman was harboring some ill feeling on Saturday, April 17th, 1927 when she held the conversation as seems with

In reference to the allegation that the Jewish gentlemen now identified as Mr. J. Miller, gave Mrs. Hoffman a box of candy, attention is invited to a statement taken under date of April 1st by the writer from juror [redacted], a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this record.

Attention is invited to the statement taken under date of April 25th, 1927, a copy of which is attached, b7c

Attention is invited to the statement of [redacted], a copy of which is attached, 67c

Attention is invited to the statement of [redacted], who was interviewed by the writer on April 25th, relating to his knowledge of the juror Hoffman and the place at which she resides. Copy attached, 67c

Attention is also invited to the additional statement of [redacted] with reference to the sale of liquor at Mr. Hoffman's place. 67c

Since the beginning of this investigation, Hoffman has closed his blind place at 3236 - 34th Street. 67c

There is a prospect possibility of Mrs. Hoffman appearing voluntarily at this
At 11:15 A. M. on April 31st, Judge Raymond, sitting in this case, declared a mistrial and discharged the jury. He stated in open court, that because of the desire for sensationalism of some of the members of the local press and because of their interviewing a juror and publishing certain statements, there would be no justice to either side if trial was continued. Following the above ruling given in open court, the Judge was elevated with counsel for both sides of the case for the purpose of considering a date to again take up the trial of this matter. A date has been set for July 1st for further conference between the Judge and attorneys in this connection.

With further reference to this matter and the status of the same, the writer acknowledges letter of the Director under date of May 18th and in compliance with the instructions as contain therein, this matter will be at this time held in this office as

PENDING
STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

Joseph C. Clemens, being duly sworn, depoese

and says:

That on March 23rd, 1927 at about 11:00 A.M.
on the third floor of the Federal Building, he saw Mrs. William Hoffman,
a juror in the case of Sapiro vs. Ford, now in progress, talking names
with a man of Jewish birth. He was unable to learn his name, but the man
is about five feet seven inches tall, weighs about 195 pounds, has dark
complexion and a square jaw. That this was the same man he saw conversing
with Mr. Aaron Sapiro in the corridor about a half hour previous.

That at about 3:00 P.M. as jury were passing out,
said Mrs. William Hoffman was handed a large box which apparently was candy.

That on the following day, the same Jewish person
as above described had another conversation with Mr. Aaron Sapiro, and
almost immediately after was seen to shake hands with and held another
conversation with said Mrs. William Hoffman.

That all of such conversations took place on the
third floor of the Federal Building where the Sapiro vs. Ford case is
in progress.

(End.) Joseph C. Clemens

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 15th day of April, 1927, A.D.

(End.) J. Russell Scott

Notary Public

Wayne County Supreme Court House
By Supreme Court House June 16, 1927
State of MICHIGAN

COURT OF MICH

Chamuy Graham, being duly sworn, deposto

and says:

THIS on March 31st, 1937, at about 10:00 a'clock
A.M. he saw Mr. Aaron Epstein (plaintiff in the case of Epstein vs. Ford),
come out of the Court Room, meet and converse with a certain man of Jewish
birth, who was pointed out to him as the man who has been so sought in this
case.

THAT later on in the afternoon, he saw this same
Jewish man meet, shake hands and converse with Mrs. William Hoffinan,
a woman on the jury in the above mentioned case.

[Sign.] Chamuy Graham

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 16th day of April, 1937, A.D.

[Sign.] J. Russell . . . .
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
By Commission Expires June 16, 1939
STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

Joseph L. Oldani, being duly sworn, depose and say:

THAT on April 9th, 1929, while on the third floor of the Federal Building, where the Empire vs. Ford Suit is in progress he saw a certain Jewish man walk over to, and converse with Mr. Aaron Empire, and that a short time after this, the same man accosted and talked with Mrs. William Hoffman, a juror in said case.

THAT they appeared very friendly, but talked so quietly that affiant was unable to hear their conversation. That they continued with this quiet conversation until the approach of the Deputy U. S. Marshal, when they separated.

[Signature: Joseph L. Oldani]

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 16th day of April, 1929, A.D.

[Signature: J. Powell Sepp]
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
My Commission Expires June 24, 1929
STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

LENARD BUCKING, being duly sworn deposes

and says:

THAT on Wednesday, April 12th, 1927, he purchased at a residence at 6510 Fourteenth Avenue, Detroit, three glasses of whiskey and two glasses of beer, for which he paid the sum of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2.25).

THAT said residence is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman who operate it as a saloon.

THAT Mrs. William Hoffman is now acting as a juror in the case of Empire vs. Ford, now in progress in the U. S. Federal Court.


Lenard Bucking

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 14th day of April 1927, A.D.

(Let.) J. Russell Davis
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County, Mich.
by Commission Expires June 16, 1929
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  

Arnold Miller, being duly sworn deposes and says:

THAT on Wednesday, April 19th, 1927, he purchased at a residence at 6129 Fourteenth Avenue, Detroit, one pint of whiskey for which he paid the sum of three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50).

THAT said residence is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman who operate it as a saloon.

THAT Mrs. William Hoffman is now acting as a juror in the case of Empire vs. Ford, now in progress in the U. S. Federal Court.

(Sgd) ARNOLD J. MILLER

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 14th day of April 1927, A. D.

(Sgd) J. HAMBLET CLAY \Notary Public\  
Rotary Public Wayne County Ohio  
By Commission Expires June 15, 1929.
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

Arthur O. Candler, being duly sworn, deposes

and says:

THAT on the 19th day of April, 1937, at about
11:00 AM, while in the corridor of the Federal Building, he saw one Rose
Gold talking to several Jewish men, and one woman. He saw Rose Gold follow
Mrs. William Hoffman, a jury woman in the Sapiro-Ferd Salt, to the Ladies'
Room, where they remained for about five minutes, and came out together.

THAT the said Rose Gold was conversing with Mr.
Aaron Sapiro.

THAT he learned the name and address of Rose Gold
by following her to Crowley Minkers, where she made a purchase and had it
sent to her address at 996 E. Warren Avenue, near Hastings.

(Sgd) ARTHUR O. CANDLER

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 19th day of April, 1937, A. D.

(Sgd) J. HENRIFF WAT
Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
By Commission Expires June 30, 1929.
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

Henry Orth, being duly sworn deposes and says:

THAT on Sunday, February 27th, 1927, while visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. Hoffman, he met Mrs. William Hoffman who talked over the possibility of being selected for jury service in the Ford-Sapien lawsuit;

THAT Mrs. William Hoffman said, she hoped that she would be selected for such jury service and that if she was it would not be very healthy for old man Ford as she did not like his methods or anything about him.

(Sgd) HENRY ORTH

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 12th day of April, 1927. A. D.

(Sgd) J. RUSSELL CHAP
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
My Commission Expires June 14, 1929.
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE

Sworn to, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That on Wednesday, March 26th, 1927, while on the third floor of the Post Office Building, waiting for Judge Raymond's Court to adjourn at noon, and that during such adjournment he followed a woman juror by the name of Mrs. William Hoffman from court room door down the corridor and saw her stop and talk to a Jewish man about the age of 40 to 50 years old, weight between 175 to 190 pounds, and about 5 feet 7-1/2 or 8 inches tall, and heard their conversation, he asking her to go to lunch and she declined, saying, "I haven't got time", and he said, "If you will go to lunch with me where we can talk, it will be worth several thousand dollars to you". She again refused, saying she had no time, but would see him later. He then followed her to the Jury Room and out of Federal Building to Fort Street and cast on Fort to Cafeteria in basement of Mass Bank Building, where she met two other jury women, but he did not know their names, but had seen them sitting in the jury box.

(Signed) CARL BROOKS

Subscribed and sworn to before me,

this 27th day of April, 1927, A.D.

(Signed) J. ROBERT COBB

Notary Public Wayne County, Mich.
STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WAYNE

Hilton Johnson, being duly sworn, deposes

and says:

THAT on March 26th, 1937, at about 10:30 AM of said day and while on the third floor of the Federal Building, he saw a certain Jewish man (who had been pointed out to him by Mr. Albert Bates) stop Mr. Aaron Saxito as he came out of the Court Room, put his arm around his waist and talked very earnestly for several minutes, and then walked down the corridor toward the elevator. They were very friendly and walked arm in arm. He does not know the name of this man but he was about 6 feet 7 inches tall and would weigh nearly two hundred pounds, had a very pallid complexion and a heavy jaw.

THAT on the 29th day of March, and at the adjournment of court, he saw this same man stop Mrs. William Hoffman, a juror in the case of Aaron Saxito vs. Ford, in the corridor, shake hands with her and talk for several minutes.

(Sgd) HILTON S. JOHNSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 19th day of April, 1937, A. D.

(Sgd) J. RUSSELL BLAY
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
By Commission Expires June 16, 1939.
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF ERIE

ALBERT P. HATOS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

THAT on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1927, he noticed Mrs. Hoffman, a jury woman, and as he spoke to three men, she, to all appearances were Jewish, on two occasions, once at recess around 11:00 A.M., and when court adjourned for noon hour at 12:30 P.M. One of these three men, name not known, but being a man about 60 or 70 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 190 pounds, bald-headed, wearing a dark gray overcoat; dark green hat, tried to draw her attention as though he wanted to speak to her.

THAT on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1927, he saw same three Jewish men hanging around corridor on third floor of Post Office Building, near Judge Raymond’s Court Room, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M., when court adjourned for noon hour. This certain man, name not known, but description given above, accosted Mrs. Hoffman, spoke to her by name, tipped his hat, and they shook hands and started to hold a conversation, he asking her to go to dinner with him, she refusing, and he remarking, “You can make several thousand dollars, if you will do that.” She shook her head and walked away. He grabbed her by the arm and holding her kept on talking. She tried to go away from him and he kept blocking her way by setting in front of her. She finally looked all around cautiously, and both seemed to hold a confidential talk in very low tones, parting by shaking hands, and smiling, she remarking “I’ll see you later.” He said “All right.” He left the building in company of his two friends.

THAT on Thursday, March 24th, 1927, at 10:25 A.M. this same Jewish man accosted Judge and walked away with him. They seemed very friendly to each other, looking arms, laughing, and general actions.

THAT on Monday, March 29th, 1927, this same man came into Court Building at 2:00 P.M. and stayed till 5:00 P.M., shook hands and talked for about two minutes with Mrs. Hoffman.

THAT on Tuesday, March 30th, 1927, same man entered Court Building at 9:00 A.M. and spoke to Mrs. Hoffman. He looked around until 10:30 A.M., then entered Court Room, stayed until noon adjournment.

THAT on Thursday, April 7th, 1927, this same Jewish man came to Post Office Building and entered Court Room at 12:00 noon.

(Appl.) ALBERT P. HATOS

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
this 16th day of April 1927 A.D.

[Signature]
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

[Signature]
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

State of Michigan
County of Erie

Notary Public

Commission Expires June 16, 1927.
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASTEN

A. J. Chandler, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

THAT on the 7th day of April, 1927, while on the third floor of the Federal Building, where the appeal and record case is in progress, he saw a certain Jewish man approach and talk with Mr. A. Saper, that this man walked into the corridor and followed Mrs. William Hoffman (a juror in said case), down the corridor, where he accosted her and then talked fast and low and he was unable to hear what they were saying. During this conversation the man had his hand on her arm all the time, and the talk seemed very confidential. They talked until the Court Deputy approached, and the Deputy said something to her, and appeared quite angry. She then went into the Ladies' dressing room.

THAT he followed the Jewish man to Room 1115 Lafayette Building which is occupied by Henry W. Gettleman, H. L. Fried and H. Schenberger and one.

(Sgd) A. J. CHANDLER

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of April, 1927, A. B.

(Sgd) J. RUSSELL WELT
Notary Public

Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
My Commission Expires June 16, 1929.
On Thursday, Aug. 16, '27, at 10.30 A.M. I went to Mr. Hoffman 6120-34th and told him the Ford Service don't know of every move his wife made while on jury service. I knew of her being approached by a man connected with Empire who talked of money and that he better have her tell the judge and clear herself as I believe the Ford Co. intends to.

Hoffman denied all this, and very abusive about Mr. Ford stating the old Dastard ought to be hung with his 3 men slow foot organization following her around, and stated he would tell her to go to the judge and say the Ford Motor Co. is trying to prejudice the jury.

(Sgd.) J. Orth.

(Sgd.) J. Russell Crow
Rotary Public Wayne County Mich.
My Commission Expires June 16, 1928
Apr. 15, 1927 while talking to Mr. Wm. Buffett
he stated his wife came home and told him she was approached by a
Jewish gentleman while she was on jury service who asked her to go
to dinner with him.

This man whose name is J. Miller is a real estate
dealer and is in an apartment house deal with Mr. Buffett at the
present time.

(Sgd.) Henry Orth

(Sgd.) J. Russell Green
Notary Public Wayne County Mich.
Commission Expires June 16, 1939
While she had been sitting as a member of the jury in the Ford-Empire case, she has talked to me for professional work a few times. Last Saturday about 10:30 a.m. she came for work, and got to talking about the detectives following her. She seemed very much worried about it, and made the remark: "Henry Ford, with all his millions, can twist everybody around his fingers". She had on previous occasions mentioned the total, but simply remarked about the length of the case, the pictures being taken, and about one of the jurors giving her a box of candy. She has never commented on the evidence, or how she was going to vote on the case. Saturday she said the detectives were trying to make something out of nothing, and mentioned they were trying to get a mortgage from a Mr. Miller, and the box of candy incident, and said Ford detectives were misrepresenting these things. She never indicated to me that she would vote against Ford. Yesterday she said she had been sent for by the judge and that someone had told the judge about the remarks of her seeing a man in the lobby, and that the judge was very nice to her. I do not know her husband, and never saw him. She said he was a plumbing contractor. She said the place underneath them was being run by two other men who rent it of her husband. She comes to me because she likes my work only. She is not friendly to me because she takes issue with people who are not of her faith. We are of different religious faiths. She made the statement to me that when the jury was selected the judge quizzed all the Protestants, but not the Catholics, saying that to prove me. I think she is a strong Catholic, and she knows I am a Protestant. She has said to me she would never come to Detroit if the situation were the same.
Edward, Michigan, April 21, 1927.

Referring to the interrogations of Javer, Mrs. Hoffman, today in the presence of the undersigned and Agent [redacted] Javer [redacted] was interrogated in the Department of Justice offices relative to the giving of a box of candy to Javer Hoffman.

[redacted] stated that he did personally hand to Mrs. Hoffman a box of candy which was given as a favor because of his having lost at a time when he and other jurors were engaged in the jury room in a case of Five Hundred.

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April 19, 1927, I went to 8188 Fourteenth St., and went into the street room, front, first floor, which is used as a bar, and over which is the sign "Hofmann." The other fellow was there at the time. They were throwing dices on the bar.

Two men were behind the bar, one short, dark complexion, black hair, clean shaven, neat, 180-190 lbs., and the other a big man. The smaller man had on an apron, and apparently was bar-tender; the other man I supposed was Hofmann's brother. He poured a few drinks while I was there. I had not been there at any other time. I was not introduced to the man behind the bar. Mr. C. Hofmann went behind the bar while I was there, but I did not see him sell anything. I did not see Mrs. Hofmann there. The man I took for Hofmann's brother did not wear an apron.
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I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a communication I have received from the
and which has reference to the matter referred to in my memorandum addressed to you under
date of May 16, 1927. bec b70.

I advised [redacted] of your views,
in reply to my memorandum, and the attached
letter is in answer to that communication. bec b70

I would appreciate receiving your
instructions in this matter in order that the
Bureau may be guided accordingly.

Yours truly yours,

[Signature]
May 3, 1927.

Mr. J. Dear sir,

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

Your letter of May 1, 1927, concerning affidavits
was carefully received.

I am fearful that some of the evidence available
in this matter may be lost unless your special investigator
arrives here soon to take the witness I talked with Mr.
Baxter, acting United States Attorney here, and who showed
him your letter stating that Mr. Lahring advised you to await
the outcome of the contempt proceedings. Mr. Baxter informs
me that an investigation of the matter I took up with you
would in no way interfere with the contempt proceedings;
neither do I personally see how it would interfere. I wish,
therefore, you would again take the matter up with Mr. Lahring
showing him this letter and advising him of my suggestion to
have an agent come here in the near future to make an inves-
tigation.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Redacted] 670, 670
Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

May 27, 1927.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to my headquarters, I found your personal letter, together with many photostats, concerning the Ford-Fenno case. I note that these were forwarded by Mr. of Detroit, 67C, 67B.

I have your instructions relative to this matter and they will be followed implicitly. A full report in this case was given yesterday afternoon and will be in your hands shortly.

I conferred with assistant U. S. attorney John Barter and he advised me that he is preparing the contempt proceedings ordered by Hon. John Englund. It is my personal impression from evidence as shown in ------ Report that the juror, Mrs. M. Hoffman, did falsely testify upon being examined as a prospective juror in this case, not particularly with reference to the business of her husband but more particularly as to her statement that she has no interest in the pending case as she appears to be sufficient evidence to show that she did have and had publicly expressed an opinion identical to defendant early prior to her examination last Tuesday.

In accordance with your instructions, this letter will be held in suspense until the outcome of the contempt proceedings in this matter.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Handwritten note]

Special Agent in Charge
June 2, 1927.

Mr. T. C. Wilson,
P. O. Box 851,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

This letter will be presented by Mr. Daly who has been assigned by me to the "P. O. Postage Investigation" certain phases of the P.O.G. Empire case. Mr. Daly will explain to you exactly what his functions are and it is my desire that you extend to him every assistance and cooperation during the course of this investigation.

Mr. Daly will be directly responsible for the investigation and any orders which he may issue to you or any members of your office should be complied with.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

Detroit, Michigan,
June 6, 1927.

[Stamp: BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1927]

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

Dear Sir:

Attention Division No. 1

In the matter of SABATO vs. FORD. Alleged Perjury and Jury Tampering. I today had a conference with Mr. John Baxter, Acting United States Attorney, and, as a result, Mr. Baxter told me that he has drawn an information in the content matter in this case which charges the Detroit Times and reporter Frank Rogat with contempt, but when this case submitted to Judge Raymond he expressed himself to the effect that it should be ascertained who, if anyone, directed or instructed reporter Rogat to have the interview with Beror Hoffman, which interview is the basis of the contempt proceeding. In accordance with Judge Raymond's wishes, Mr. Baxter instructed me to interview Rogat and the City Editor, Mr. John C. Winding.

It appears that the conducting of such interviews in the only practical way in which the desired information could be secured, and I shall make such interviews unless you direct me to the contrary. It is not unlikely that publicity may result, but I will endeavor to avoid it by assuring that action to publicity might prevent the securing of all available information to the possible detriment of all concerned.

I shall now remain there until I hear from you. Will you let me know approximately the kind of Bureau office here I shall occupy on my return?

[Stamp: F ED 1927]

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

[Stamp: BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 6 1927]

[Signature]
It is Mr. Baxter's idea that each of these jurors should be interviewed by me or some representative of the Bureau to verify their respective statements and to ascertain whether they can furnish additional information or amplify their statements in any way.

It would appear that this entirely proper and necessary, if all of the facts are to be obtained.

In addition there will be some investigation concerning the real estate transaction referred to by Juror Hoffman all the individual named Miller, to verify that there was such a real estate transaction or to establish that no such transaction occurred.

If [REDACTED] has additional information, I will acquaint you with the general nature of it at the earliest time possible. 672.

Awaiting your written instructions with regard to the above as the matter requires, I am

[Signature]

John A. A. C.  
23. July  
1947

P. 3.

My hotel address while in Detroit is the Fort Shelby Hotel.
June 6, 1928

J. H. Daly
Fort Shelby Hotel
Detroit Michigan

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM UNITED STATES ATTORNEY BAXTER
IN MATTER OF INTERVIEW

[Signature]
June 6, 1927.

Mr. F. C. Flessner,
P. O. Box 931,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

A review of the papers submitted by you in connection with your investigation into the alleged contempt of court, improper influence of jury, etc., in the McC. - Sapiro case, indicated that you used one or more of the Bureau's agents as stenographers in the taking of testimony. This procedure is undesirable. All Bureau agents should be used for investigative purposes only. It is assumed that in matters of this kind each office possesses a stenographic staff sufficiently competent to function properly.

It is also noted that in some of the statements there is attached the following: "F. C. Flessner, Secretary Public, Wayne County, Michigan. My commission expires November 31, 1926".

The Bureau does not desire any of its agents in charge to hold commissions as notaries public.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

5-9, 87-16
Reported to Acting U. S. Attorney John Baxter, Detroit, informing him of Agent's instructions to work upon the above captioned matter in accordance with his directions. Discussed the matter with Mr. Baxter, who outlined the facts and made known his desires with respect to further detailed investigatory work to be performed. Interviewed with City Editor John E. Minchak and Managing Editor William L. Bright of the DETROIT TIMES. Harold H. METZNER assumes responsibility for the detailing of REPORTER FRANK BOGART to conduct the interview in question with JUROR HERMANN. REPORTER BOGART to be interviewed upon his return and other investigatory work to be performed.

NOTICE

Reference is made to report of Agent in Charge T. J. T Scock for May 14, 1927, in the above entitled matter.

Pursuant to instructions, Agent reported to Acting U. S. Attorney John Baxter at Detroit, Michigan, on June 3, 1927, advising him that Agent had been assigned to this matter, with instructions from the Bureau to work under his guidance and subject to his instructions. After a preliminary discussion, arrangements were made to meet Mr. Baxter the following day, at which time Mr. H. Baxter discussed the matter at some length and indicated the nature of the investigatory work to be performed. He explained that he had been covering the matters involved in the case, which concerns the Detroit Times and REPORTER FRANK BOGART of that paper with Comment of Court, but that U. S. District Judge Fred Raymond has instructed that an investigation should be undertaken to ascertain who, if anyone, directed or instructed REPORTER BOGART to conduct the interview with JUROR CLIFF (or DRA) KEMPFF, and, accordingly, Mr. Baxter instructed Agent to attempt an interview with CITY EDITOR JOHN E. MINCHAK and REPORTER BOGART at the earliest time, in an effort to obtain the desired information.
Mr. Baxter already had copies of these two affidavits and Mr. S. formulated no additional information this date, but he arranged with Mr. S. for a conference with Mr. S. before further investigation. He informed Mr. S. that Judge Raymond had already requested him to have such investigative work done and it is therefore unnecessary to have Mr. S. investigate in the matter.

In accordance with Mr. S.'s instructions, Agent investigated Mr. S.'s situation on the basis of the facts provided. He informed Mr. S. that the matter had been referred to the FBI. On April 12, 1955, the investigation was considered complete and the file was closed. The case was submitted to the District Attorney for possible prosecution. No additional investigation was conducted.
the warden at the end of his statement by Mr. T高手, the warden suggested that in the absence of evidence, the charge of favoritism was unfounded. He pointed out that in such cases, the warden has the right to rely on the evidence presented to him by the prisoner. He also emphasized that the warden's decision is based on the evidence presented to him, and not on personal bias.

Mr. T高手, the warden, stated that the prisoner had been given a fair hearing and had the opportunity to present his case. He also noted that the prisoner had been given a fair chance to appeal his case, and that the decision was made in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the institution.

In conclusion, Mr. T高手, the warden, reiterated that the decision was made in good faith and that the prisoner had the opportunity to present his case. He also noted that the decision was made in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the institution.
MR. JOHN G. MUNFORD, City Editor, was present during the entire interview had with MR. MONTGOMERY.

Inquiry disclosed that REPORTER FRANK ROBERT is absent from the city temporarily. He is expected to return the latter part of this week, at which time an interview with him will be sought.
June 14, 1937.

EMERGENCY FOR MR. LEHRER.

I am transmitting, attached hereto,
preliminary report of Agent Daly, dated Detroit, Mich., June 7, 1937, in the matter of the alleged contempt of court and jury tampering reported
in the case of SAPPER vs. PERD.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
June 13, 1937.

J A Hall
Dept of Justice
Post Office Bldg
Detroit Michigan

ADVICE GIVEN TO CONDUCT PENDING SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
TWO HOVER
WESTERN UNION

DIRECTOR

M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON DC

I PLAN ON LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON FRIDAY SEVENTEENTH SEPTEMBER AND WILL

PRACTICALLY FINISH MY BUSINESS THERE BY THAT TIME AND IF NECESSARY FOR ME TO

RETURN HERE IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A FEW DAYS

"SIGNATURE"

"STAMP"
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviews had as reported hereinafter with Henry A. Montgomery, Frank Bogart, and Harry E. Bennett, all of Detroit, Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; Michigan; information obtained from the records of Wayne County, Michigan, as to a certain parcel of real estate formerly owned by William Hofman and his wife, Clara Hofman, and as to the filing of a libel suit by Joseph J. Miller against Harry Ford et al., in the Circuit Court of Wayne County, Michigan.

CLOSER.

DETAILS:

Reference is made to previous reports in the above entitled matter and particularly to Agent's report for June 7, 1927.

On June 15th, Agent called at the office of the Detroit Times, met with Mr. Henry A. Montgomery, Managing Editor, and requested an interview with REPORTER FRANK BOLANT. She reporter who conducted the interview with MR. FRANK BOLANT, Mr. Montgomery and REPORTER BOLANT come to the former's office, but Mr. F. STOKES declined to permit an interview with REPORTER BOLANT, as he explained it was desired that counsel of the DETROIT TIMES be first consulted in the matter. However, while REPORTER BOLANT was present, Mr. MONTGOMERY said that he (Montgomery)
The statement was written and MR. IRVINE Levin was seen at his office and the statement was submitted to him. He said that the facts as remaining in this statement were correct, according to his understanding of the incident, but that he desired that MR. LEVINE sign any statement that he made should contain certain additional facts, concerning the circumstances which led up to the murder. He asked MR. LEVINE to prepare a more comprehensive statement to be submitted to Agent instead of having him sign the statement prepared by MR. LEVINE. He said that he would have the statement prepared by MR. LEVINE instead of having him sign the statement prepared by MR. LEVINE. He said that he would have the statement prepared by MR. LEVINE instead of having him sign the statement prepared by MR. LEVINE.
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several thousand dollars if you will do that." She shook her head and started to walk away. He then took hold of her arm and they continued their conversation in a low tone of voice so that deponent was unable to hear the conversation. She then looked at her, shook hands with Miller and said to him, "I'll see you later." He replied, "All right," and left, in company with his two associates above mentioned.

Deponent states that on Thursday, March 24, 1927, about 10:35 A.M., the court took a recess until afternoon and as soon as the recess was taken the said Miller walked up to the said Empire as the latter was leaving the court room, greeted him, and putting their arms around each other they conversed intimately and earnestly in low tones so that this deponent was not able to overhear it, and they walked together to the end of the corridor, where they separated.

On Monday, March 28, 1927, the said Miller was again in the corridor adjacent to the court room and during the afternoon recess the said Miller and the said Empire bowed to each other but no conversation took place between them at that time. At the adjournment of court, at the end of the afternoon session on said day, the said Miller met Mrs. Haffman as she was leaving the court room and shook hands with her; they held a conversation for about two minutes.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1927, the said Miller entered the court building about 10:30 A.M., and spoke to the said Fred Haffman in the corridor adjacent to the court room, as inquired about the corridor until shortly after 11:00 A.M., when the said Haffman left court room and remained there until there was another recess.

In connection with this, said Miller again attended the trial of the said case and entered the court room about 10:00 A.M. On the same recess, said Miller left the court room. This deponent instructed A.B. Quiller and Joseph E. Glad, and investigators employed under the supervision of this
Deposent, to follow the said Killer then he left the Post Office Building.

ALBERT S. BATES.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the city of Detroit, Michigan, this 20th day of April, A. D. 1927.

EDWIN L. CONN
Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb. 1, 1931.
With reference to the affidavit of JOHN MAY, which is also attached to
the motion for a writ of habeas corpus, and which has reference to a controversy which led
to the arrest of WILLIAM KOPMAN and his brother, WILLY KOPMAN, which occurred
on April 24, 1927, in the course of business of the KOPMAN Co., which has been referred
to as a saloon, Mr. KOPMAN, at this time stated that he had been instrumental in
bringing about this brawl, saying that through an altercation that there was implanted
in the mind of BERNARD the suspicion that his brother, WILLY, was not dividing the
profits of the saloon properly between them, and he (BERNARD) expected that the
police would be there to arrest KOPMAN and his brother with the brawl occurred
but the police fell short and did not get there in time.

With respect to the handling against MILLER, in said 24th day of the
month, September 24th, 1927 at about 9:00 A.M., the undersigned, as one of
the investigating officers, which occurred that he saw MILLER and a large box of comestibles
sit upon the floor of the Federal Building.

References in said to said part of report of August 1st, 1927.
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Ford Ordered Fight on Jews, Ex-Editor Says

E. G. Pipp, Former Dearborn Independent Head, Charges Film's King Had Presidential Bee and Thought Attacks Would Win Votes

Blamed Jews for War in Talk to the World

Interview Published in 1921 Showed Ford Thought "Protocols" Genuine

Henry Ford once had trouble with the circulation of his paper against the Jews by his Dearborn Independent during nearly seven years but privately ordered publication according to charges made by E. G. Pipp, former editor of the Ford magazine. The interview was published in 1921 and showed the American editor of the Dearborn Independent had the power of the magazine as a weapon against the Jews who were then in control of the country and that they were responsible for the Jewish attacks.

The editor, Mr. Ford, however, had a strong bias against the Jewish people and his articles were written in a way that was calculated to inflame the public opinion against them. He often accused the Jews of being responsible for various problems in the country, such as the high cost of living and the poverty of the working class.

Throughout the country, leading newspapers printed the editorials of the independent without any critical review. They were widely circulated and many people believed them.

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