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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: BENKID

Specimens:

7-576-9119-A. Four sheets of the known handwriting of [redacted] to be placed on file.

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Date received: 1-14-36 at 1:50 PM

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E. J. Connelley, Chicago
St. Paul
Louisville
Detroit
Nashville
New York

7-1128-156C

[redacted] with signature.
July 21, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

re BREXID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated December 11, 1935, and April 28, 1936 (7-576).

There are transmitted herewith additional lists which were furnished by the Federal Laboratories, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reflecting sales of Thompson submachine guns in the following States during the periods indicated:

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Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS
Special Agent in Charge.

Encls. (30)

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS.

Parents of missing baby were again interviewed to determine their whereabouts on day of baby’s disappearance; their movements and location throughout the day checked and verified by numerous witnesses.

Victim’s brother, again questioned in effort to determine the authenticity of their story, but it remains practically unchanged now. Neighborhood inquiry establishes that children reached Clark Park and were playing about, leaving Victim apparently unattended for several hours. Questioning of usual haunts of Clark Park largely unfruitful as no one can identify the children and none saw Victim being removed. Relatives of family were questioned and their movements and activities on day of disappearance being determined and checked. Pool at Clark Park drained but nothing of value found. Neighbors claimed hearing noise, but no prodigious noise detected.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [Redacted], Detroit, Michigan, dated September [Redacted].

DETAILS:

7-17-18 56

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Sporadically entertaining him with the same idea in mind; and the various officers of the Detroit Police Department have on numerous occasions talked with these boys with the idea of gaining their friendship and having them admit something not already told, and they have also apparently threatened and coerced them at different times, thinking they might admit things which they believe they are not telling.
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9-3421 Serial 11
THE CHAIN LETTER CRAZE HAS HIT WALL STREET. THE VARIETY CIRCULATED IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT SEEKS NOT A DIME OR A DOLLAR, BUT $10,000. IN THE LIST OF NAMES ARE ANDREW MELLON, HENRY FORD, JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR., J. P. MORGAN AND CHARLES M. SCHWAB.

"WHEN YOU GET THIS LETTER, SIT RIGHT DOWN AND WRITE A CHECK FOR $10,000," THE LETTER READS. "MAIL IT TO THE TOP NAME ON THE LIST, IN CARE OF J. EDGAR HOOVER, WASHINGTON, D.C. CROSS OFF THE TOP NAME AND ADD YOUR NAME TO THE BOTTOM AND WRITE TO FIVE FRIENDS. BY THE TIME YOUR NAME REACHES THE TOP YOU MAY BE WORTH $15,625,000,000,000,000,000. EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT, THE OTHERS ABOVE YOU WILL STILL BE RICH."

RECORDED & INDEXED MAY 24 1935

MAY 24 1935

M. OLSON

MAY 17 36 - 1966 - 13
Henry Ford is to let the world know his sympathy for the F. W. at a big meeting to be held in New York in the near future. Ford makes his appearance, according to the other dignitary on the platform when alleged that he stated that the Boston office, dated January 8, 1923, concerning F. W. plan activities in Massachusetts, in which there is mentioned the name of
It seems rather significant that among the many statements given out by various persons in Detroit to the press that the expression "poor white trash" was used so many times by the negroes in the past few months. Now I have been in the south quite a bit and if there is something that the lowest white men will not stand for it is to be called that. On the other hand, there is no question in my mind but what the Gerald Smith and the Ku Klux Klan leadership sent a lot of their southern key men into Detroit and then on top of that you recall about three years ago that super-patriot organization titled "The Black Legion". If you recall hundreds of Detroit police were members of that organization. I know that negroes when they come north get smart aley. But it seems strange according to press reports how many well-dressed young negroes, plentifully supplied with money were going around Detroit, making insulting remarks, sneering at women and seemingly bent on stirring up trouble. On the other hand, the whites simply wanted to move the South, and we mean the deep South, up into Detroit and the negroes, faced with 3 types of propaganda, would not stand for the methods that the whites wanted to use. When we say 3 types we mean the Communist angle, the possible German angle, the possible angle where Harry Fennett and Henry Go tie in with. Take a man from South Carolina who lives back in the woods in the hills and in spite of the NLRB receives about $1.50 a day. Suddenly send him to Detroit where he gets $7 to $9 a day; where he meets more of his own kind and generally speak that type of negro goes crazy with liquor and sexy women. There is only one answer and that is trouble and I don't care how much German propaganda is mixed in with it. I lay the blame where it should be and that is the very start of this all caused by the Communist Party. I know how it was done, who did it and so on... No sooner had th
riot gotten started when Pat Toohey, the Communist district organizer in Detroit, had printed 25,000 bulletins and distributed them everywhere. If that isn't stirring up racial hatred, then I don't know what to call it.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Subject active in Gale-Argy, Illinois, during fall of 1937, in promoting false check schemes and obtaining money to build pilot plant at Greer's Lake, Illinois, which company subsequently was proven fraudulent. Attempted to operate a corporation known as Illinois Oil & Refining Co. with wiring of Illinois, although no corporation ever formed. Money in subject's possession, relative to wire transfers that he said a Greece

REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent

DETAILS: The basis of this case is being changed to criminal, the information for the battery, as applied

Date: 6-20-11

Place: Chicago, Chicago


dates (1921-22)
In a recent interview with [removed], a disbarred lawyer who had an idea of manufacturing and selling dehydrated molasses, the matter was discussed with [removed], a New York attorney, who gave much publicity by filing a suit against Henry Ford several years ago. Later [removed] was disbarred in New York City.
August 30, 1939

Following is a partial list of prominent men throughout the United States named Ford. According to Bruce Jellicoe, From Detroit we have Henry Ford, who is the head of the Ford Motor Company. The Nazis have him in their sights, but he has not been able to find a suitable candidate for the job. They have tried to place him in other positions, but these have not been successful. The Nazis want to eliminate him as a potential threat.

Mr. Ford has been approached by several other prominent persons, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Cornelia Vanderbilt, and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., all of whom have been helpful in trying to find a suitable replacement for Mr. Ford. However, Mr. Ford has declined their offers, saying that he is committed to his work and is not interested in other positions.

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There are three people living in Detroit, whom it is alleged are on the payroll to take care of F.D.R. for a while or keep him busy. They are:

1. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who is the head of the Rockefeller Foundation. He has been approached by several other prominent persons, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Cornelia Vanderbilt, and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., all of whom have been helpful in trying to find a suitable replacement for Mr. Ford. However, Mr. Rockefeller has declined their offers, saying that he is committed to his work and is not interested in other positions.

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Communists have been playing hard with the Detroit Electric Co. and the Detroit Gas Co. by fixing gas and electric meters so that they do not register in the homes of Communists, particularly those unemployed. They have expert plumbers who either fix the meters so they do not register or pipe gas and wires around the meters so gas and electricity is used without paying through the meters.

Detroit Communists have observed the following instructions from the New York headquarters of the Party relative to mobilizing the unemployed workers with the members of the Detroit Democratic League:

Due to the time to mobilize all the forces of the working-class in support of the struggle of the unemployed for their basic wages and jobs. Not a day must be delayed.

Copy of envelope.

[Signature]

Attention of Mr. Appel.
NEW YORK, N.Y.
June 20th, 1922.

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

Dear Sir:—

RE: Alleged Government Agent.

As you know Hearst's International Magazine, is printing an expose of Henry Ford's campaign against the Jews, and in the second article published in the July issue, there is given a list of the agents employed by C. C. Daniels who is alleged to be conducting a detective agency on behalf of Henry Ford, for the purpose of investigating Jewish activities. Among the persons named I note the name ______.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

62-2208-1
New York City, 9-9-22

Dear Sir:

In furtherance of my communication of yesterday, I herewith enclose a Memorandum as requested by you in your letter of September 6th.

From facts mentioned in the enclosed memorandum you will perceive that on account of [redacted] the whole affair is devoid of secrecy. I am quite prepared to face publicity and you may use your own discretion in the matter.

Always at your service, remain

Very respectfully yours

[Signature]
Memorandum
for William J. Burns, Director Bureau of Investigation, Dept.
ment of Justice, Washington, D.C.
From: New York City.
Subject: 

From information and belief I know


to be in the employ of Henry Ford's "The Dearborn
Independant" as a political agent.

About the middle of May last I approached
offering him some interesting material
on the anti-semitic movement in Europe,

exhibited keen interest in the material I
submitted to him.

introduced me to the Editor of "The Dearborn
Independant," W. J. Bramson.

Upon examining the data sub-
mitted to him approved himself quite satisfied with
the material and promised to take up the matter
with his superiors Henry Ford and Edward S.

all 05, 67C, 67D
Liebold, General Secretary to Henry Ford. 

The fact that besides there are other people in New York receiving huge salaries from Mr. Ford's organization.

Their duties consisted chiefly in gathering material against the Jews. A visit to New York was in connection with the first anti-Ford article, by Norman Haygood, which appeared in the "Herald's International." The article is based upon documents stolen from E. G. Liebold, General Secretary to Henry Ford, at the Ford's automobile showrooms.
telephoned my attorney, telling him that he was acting for Mr. Henry Ford and that he would like to see him as soon as convenient.

all 05, 67C, 67D
According to he told that he does not want any of Mr. Ford's money nor does he care to interfere with high officials. Acting upon the advice of my attorney, I wrote a letter to Mr. Henry Ford, asking him for the payment of my salary, which all his political agent did not pay me. I also wrote a letter to Mr. C.C. Daniels, attorney for Henry Ford protesting against for his attempt...
December 2, 1943

Dr. Mary Ford
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ford:

Since my appearance with Mr. Karl Godwin on a radio broadcast last November 15th, the FBI has received innumerable letters from school teachers, principals, clergymen, as well as citizens in all walks of life, offering their cooperation and advice in a desire to be of assistance in curbing the alarming trend toward juvenile delinquency.

I thought you would like to know of this most favorable reaction to the program and particularly to the ideals which Mr. Godwin has been carrying forward for many months. In calling public attention upon the fundamental problem of incipient delinquency, he has been doing great work, which should result in a more sound understanding of the problem involved by those who are ultimately responsible.

It was a pleasure for me to be with him on that particular broadcast and in this manner to participate with him in awakening interest in this crucial home-front situation. It is hoped that Mr. Godwin will not hesitate to call upon us whenever we may be of assistance in a matter such as this wherein we have mutual interest.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

FBI

33 DEC 8 1943
Mr J Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
Washington D C

Dear Mr Hoover:

Mr Ford has asked the writer to thank you for your letter of December 1 regarding the correspondence received by your department since your appearance with Earl Godwin on the broadcast of November 12.

He, of course, listened to your talk that evening and enjoyed it very much. He is glad to know that it had such good response.

Assuring you of his interest in your work and extending his kind regards,

Very truly yours,

Frank Crain

[Handwritten note: 58 Jan 12 1944]
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Police Headquarters, called yesterday, was referred to me by and desired to obtain a photographic copy of the photograph and fingerprints of David M. Roll, now living at the Shoreham Hotel, who has been investigated recently by because he has no visible means of support, yet, apparently he is possessed of unlimited funds.

Roll's record is as follows:

(b)(3) in conjunction with Title 28, U.S.C., Section 534 had in his possession a clipping from the Washington Star of November 23, 1932 reading:  

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62-27884-1

DEC 1 1932 A...
HENRY FORD SUED IN SHOALS DEAL

John H. Connaughton Charges he was "Frozen Out" of Lease Project.

Henry Ford was named as a defendant today in a suit filed in District Supreme Court by John H. Connaughton, who claims he was "frozen out" of a deal for the leasing of Muscle Shoals by the automobile manufacturer and two other men.

Connaughton, whose address is given as 3447 Oakwood Terrace, says Ford, in anticipation of consummating the deal, placed $88,000,000 on deposit with banks and caused the incorporation of the Alabama Development Co.

David M. Roll, Shoreham Hotel, and R. Hugh Jarvis, Lee House, were named jointly as defendants with Mr. Ford. The plaintiff asks for "an accounting, a discovery and specific performance" of a contract dealing with the purchase and lease of the Shoals.

Holds Contract Signed.

Through Attorney Herbert S. Ward, the plaintiff says Ford entered into the contract with him and the other two defendants on December 3, 1930. The three were to act as Ford's representatives in the deal, he says.

Later, the bill alleges, Ford wrote a letter suggesting elimination of the plaintiff from participation in the profits. Ford, it is said, dealt with Roll, who is alleged to have misrepresented to Connaughton the progress of the negotiations.

On January 30, 1931, it is stated, Ford made an agreement with Roll to pay a retainer of $400,000 instead of the original fee of $250,000 stated in the agreement with the three promoters. Roll, it is claimed, has profited to the extent of $2,000,000, a share of which should belong to him, Connaughton states. The plaintiff also asserts that he has spent $15,000 in expenses in furtherance of the original agreement, for which he should be repaid in addition to his share in the profits.
Letters are Presented.

Attached to the petition are letters from Ford to the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow suggesting elimination of Conneaut, and to David M. Roll, in care of Senator Morrow, at the Senate Office Building, saying that he understood all of Roll's associates had been discarded.

Officials at the War Department said they had no knowledge of any pending deal looking toward the sale or leasing of Muscle Shoals to Ford or his representatives. The manufacturer, they said, stated some time ago that he was no longer interested in the matter."

The Sergeant indicated to [redacted] with whom he talked concerning the foregoing that he had reported the Henry Ford angle of this case to one of Ford's representatives in this vicinity. He stated that at the present time there is no definite information with reference to law violations by Roll. b7C

Respectfully, b7C
Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

RE: DAVID M. ROLL - CONFIDENCE MAN

In conversation with [REDACTED] of the Metropolitan Police Department today, I learned the following facts concerning the above individual, which I thought might be of interest to you. 67C

On August 6, 1925 David M. Roll was received at the Canon City, Colorado Penitentiary, #12052, to serve a term of five to seven years for conviction of a confidence game at Denver. He was sentenced at Canon City, Colorado for this offense on May 2, 1925, and I understand his minimum sentence was due to expire in May, 1930. This man's record shows that he is a lawyer. He is 5' 9½" tall, has gray eyes, fair complexion, gray hair, weighs about 190 lbs., wears glasses, and is about 45 years of age. Since about the time of his release from the Canon City, Colorado Penitentiary he has been living in Washington, D.C. for months he has lived at the Shoreham Hotel, where he maintains two suites at a monthly expense of approximately $100. He has been spending money quite freely, and recently bought a Pierce-Arrow limousine, as well as a Ford. He has visited the race tracks in the vicinity quite frequently. His source of income is unknown. The important point, however, is that he has at various times claimed to be a representative and lobbyist for Henry Ford, the DuPont interests, and also claims to know numerous Senators. He recently has made statements to the effect that he knows President Roosevelt, and also Mr. Shouse, who is, according to my understanding, a prominent Democratic leader. 67C

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of the Police Department on several
different occasions prior to November last talked with
head of the Ford plant at Alexandria, Virginia, who informed him
that Roll was not a representative of Henry Ford, and so far as he
knew had no connection with the latter. b7c.

On November 23rd, a story appeared in the Washington
Star to the effect that through Attorney Herbert S. Ward, one J. H.
Connaughton, of 3447 Oakwood Terrace, Washington, D.C., had brought
suit against Henry Ford, David M. Roll of the Shoreham Hotel, and
R. Hugh Jarvis of the Lee House, claiming that he had been swindled
out of $15,000.00 expense money in connection with a proposed lease
of Muscle Shoals. This evidently is Roll's current racket, and I
forward this information only as a matter of general interest, believ-
ing that it does not come within our jurisdiction and that I
should not make any investigation of the matter unless so instructed
by you.

Very truly yours,

J.M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.
HENRY FORD SUED IN SHOALS DEAL

John H. Connaughton Charges he was "Frozen Out" of Lease Project.

Henry Ford was named as a defendant today in a suit filed in District Supreme Court by John H. Connaughton, who claims he was "frozen out" of a deal for the leasing of Muscle Shoals by the automobile manufacturer and two other men.

Connaughton, whose address is given as 3447 Oakwood Terrace, says Ford, in anticipation of consummating the deal, placed $68,000,000 on deposit with banks and caused the incorporation of the Alabama Development Co.

David M. Roll, Shoreham Hotel, and R. Hugh Jarvis, Lee House, were named jointly as defendants with Mr. Ford. The plaintiff asks for "an accounting, a discovery and specific performance" of a contract dealing with the purchase and lease of the Shoals.

Holds Contract Signed.

Through Attorney Herbert S. Ward, the plaintiff says Ford entered into the contract with him and the other two defendants on December 3, 1930. The three were to act as Ford's representatives in the deal, he says.

Later, the bill alleges, Ford wrote a letter suggesting elimination of the plaintiff from participation in the profits. Ford, it is said, dealt with Roll, who is alleged to have misrepresented to Connaughton the progress of the negotiations.

On January 30, 1931, it is stated, Ford made an agreement with Roll to pay a retainer of $400,000 instead of the original fee of $250,000 stated in the agreement with the three promoters. Roll, it is claimed, has profited to the extent of $2,000,000, a share of which should belong to him, Connaughton states. The plaintiff also asserts that he has spent $15,000 in expenses in furtherance of the original agreement, for which he should be repaid in addition to his share in the profits.

Letters are Presented

Attached to the petition are letters from Ford to the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow suggesting elimination of Connaughton, and to David M. Roll, in care of Senator Morrow, at the Senate Office Building, saying that he understood all of Roll's associates had been discarded.

Officials at the War Department said they had no knowledge of any pending deal looking toward the sale or leasing of Muscle Shoals to Ford or his representatives. The manufacturer, they said, stated some time ago that he was no longer interested in the matter.
(b)(3) in conjunction with Title 28, U.S.C., Section 534
April 28, 1933.

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed please find the reference to the telegrams of the Western Union and Postal that I desire to have checked.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

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had to leave the office before this letter could be transcribed.

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Check Postal Telegraph files for following:

Feb. 1, 1932, U.D.C. 6 x y H 30 3:45 P.M.
Detroit, Mich 20 David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford.

Feb. 5, 1932 U.D.C. 6 x L c 42 8:15 A.M.
Detroit, Mich. 42 David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford

Feb. 17, 1932, U.D.C. NL 45
Detroit, Mich 45, David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Road N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford

Check Western Union files for following:

Jan. 12, 1931 P.M. 432 S.A. 187 16 N.M. Detroit
Mich, 12.
David M. Roll, Pennsylvania Hotel
New York City, N.Y., signed Ford

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Apr. 20, 1932 to Henry Ford Personal
Delivery Requested, Detroit, Mich
signed David M. Roll.

Mar. 24, 1932 IT 5 49 M. 3:45 P.M.
Detroit, Mich 49 David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford

Apr. 8, 1932 U. D. C. 24 D.L. 40 3:15 P.M.
Detroit Mich, 30 David M. Roll,
3109 Woodley Road N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford

Apr. 11, 1932 U. D. C. 26 D.L. 52 C 3:45 P.M.
Detroit, Mich 52 David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.
signed Henry Ford

Apr. 22, 1932 U.D.C. 26 x L M.L. 50
3:45 P.M. Detroit Mich. 50
David M. Roll 3109 Woodley Rd., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. sgd., Henry Ford

Apr. 23, 1932, U.D.C. 26 x 6 15 3 45 P.M.
Detroit Mich 15 David M. Roll

July 18, 1932 H. A. 5 U.D.C. x 71 3 40 P.M.
New York City, N.Y. 71
David M. Roll 3109 Woodley Rd., N.W.,
Washington, D.C., sgd, Henry Ford

July 24, 1932 U.D.C. 26 x LT 21 3 45 P.M.
Detroit Mich, 21, David M. Roll
3109 Woodley Rd., N.W., Washington, D.C.
sgd. Henry Ford.

July 25, 1932 U. D. C. 26 x LT 63 13 Extra
8 45 A.M. Detroit Mich, 63
13 extra, David M. Roll 3109 Woodley Rd. N.W. Washington, D.C.
sgd. Henry Ford.
With reference to David Morton Hall, I am enclosing herewith two photostatic copies of this man's photograph and fingerprints appearing in our Identification Division. I have ascertained upon referring to our files that last November, Hall was under suspension in the Metropolitan Police Department. Hall apparently is a violent man of support, though possessed of unlimited funds. The record shows that on August 6, 1925, David H. Hall was received at the Canon City, Colorado penitentiary, on #12052, to serve a term of five to seven years upon conviction of a confidence game in Denver. He had served at Denver, Colorado for this offense on May 2, 1925.

This man's record shows that he is a lawyer. He is 5' 8" tall, 190 pounds, gray eyes, fair complexion and gray hair, wears glasses, and is about 45 years of age. Since about the time of his release from the Canon City, Colorado penitentiary, which is understood to have been some time in 1930, he has been living in Washington, D.C., and in the latter part of 1932 was living at the Sherman Hotel, where he maintained two suites at a monthly expense of approximately six hundred dollars. He has been reported as spending money quite freely, having purchased a Pierce-Arrow limousine, as well as a Ford automobile. He was also reported as a frequent visitor at the race tracks in the vicinity of Washington. His source of income is unknown. He has at various times claimed to be a representative and lobbyist for the Ford and the Dupont interests, and also claims to know numerous Senators, President Roosevelt, and Mr. Hoover, prominent Democratic leaders.

On November 21, 1932 a story appeared in the Washington Star to the effect that through Attorney Herbert S. Ward, one S. H. Comstock of 3447 Oakwood Terrace, Washington, D.C., had brought suit against Henry
York, David H., Hall of the Sheraton Hotel, and R. Hugh Jarvis of the Blue House, claiming that he had been swindled out of $15,000 expense money in connection with a proposed lease of Maple Floors.

If there is any further information which you desire concerning this man and you will let me know, I will be very glad to try to procure it for you.

With reference to the list of telegrams of the Postal and Western Union telegraph companies, to be searched and checked in connection with this matter, I am having this matter given immediate attention. It is not certain yet whether the telegrams of the dates in the early part of 1932 have been destroyed, but I have made certain that no further telegrams will be destroyed until the present search is completed.

With regard to the matter in the J. H. Harriman bank at New York, a very careful check of that institution's records fails to disclose any information along the lines sought by you.

I have also been in contact with [redacted] at Morgan and Company. [Redacted] has requested of Morgan and Company a list of all depositors whose accounts amount to $100,000 or over, and this list is expected by Monday, May first. If Hall has an account with this company in the amount of $1,000,000, it will, of course, be indicated in this list.

If there is any further assistance I can be to you in this or any other matter, do not hesitate to command me.

With expressions of my best regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

[Name]

Director

Enclosure 7712720
May 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York City.

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Dear Sirs:

For your confidential information, these communications are apparently in connection with an alleged contract between David M. Roll and Henry Ford, whereby Roll was to act as agent for Ford in the purchase of Muscle Shoals. Some of the correspondence in this case has been determined to be spurious and it is not known whether the contract itself is an actual one, although there are some indications that there may have been legitimate contact between Ford and Roll.

Please see that a report is mailed to the Bureau at the very earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
Suggest Department of Justice check David N. Roll's income tax return for 1931, to ascertain whether or not payments purporting to have been made by Ford to Roll in the sum of $250,000, plus $150,000, total $400,000. See letter of January 4, 1931. Also, see letter of January 12, 1931.

Suggest that E. C. Dunn & Co. be interviewed to ascertain whether or not about January 14, 1931, their representative interviewed Henry Ford with regard to the financial status of David N. Roll. See Ford's letter of January 14, 1931.

Check David N. Roll's income tax return for 1932 for item of $2,000,000, purporting to have been paid by Ford to Roll on or about July 22, 1932, Irving Trust Co., New York City.

Check income tax return of Henry Ford for item of $210,000, purporting to have been paid by Roll to Ford on or about July 22, 1932, through Morgan & Co., by check payable to W. T. Aitkin.

Data particularly set out in contract of July 22, 1932, between Henry Ford and David N. Roll. 67C
December 3, 1930.

First National Bank,
Detroit, Michigan.

Check signed Henry Ford, payable to David M. Roll, for
$100,000, cashed on the Second National Bank, Washington, D. C.
Ascertain if Henry Ford had an account at the First
National Bank, Detroit, and if check was cleared through.
May 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

In connection with a confidential investigation of an alleged contract between Henry Ford and one David M. Roll, whereby the latter was to act as agent for Ford in the proposed purchase of Muscle Shoals, it is desired to immediately ascertain information from the First National Bank of Detroit, Michigan, as follows:

On December 3, 1930, a check signed "Henry Ford", payable to David M. Roll, for $100,000, was cashed on the Second National Bank of Washington, D.C.

It is desired to ascertain if Henry Ford had an account at the First National Bank, Detroit, Michigan, and if so, if this check cleared through the same.

This matter should be handled confidentially and without in any way disclosing to the bank or other party the nature of the investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.
May 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you immediately ascertain, possibly through the city directory of Birmingham, Alabama, the present location of [REDACTED].

For your confidential information, an investigation is being conducted at the present time concerning an alleged contract between Henry Ford and David M. Roll, whereby Roll was to act as Ford's agent in the purchase of Muscle Shoals.

This matter is extremely confidential and it is imperative that it be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
May 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigations,
Harley-Wright Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please immediately conduct an interview at the office of
Dun and Bradstreet (formerly R. & E. Dunn Company) to ascertain
confidentially whether on or about January 14, 1933, its
representative interviewed Henry Ford with regard to the
financial status of David H. Bell. This is in connection with
the David H. Bell matter which has previously been in your of-

very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I accompanied Mr. Marinan, representing the Senate Committee investigating finances in New York, to the office of [redacted] this morning. Mr. Marinan advised [redacted] that in the course of their inquiries at New York they had run across the Henry Ford - David M. Roll contract and correspondence; that Mr. Peccora of the Senate Committee was extremely interested in this correspondence and had set on foot an investigation to determine the facts with regard to it; that he had learned that the Bureau of Investigation was conducting some inquiry, as the New York Office had called for certain information concerning deposits in Morgan and Company, and that Mr. Peccora planned to go thoroughly into the entire matter.

[redacted] stated that he had been commissioned by the very highest sources to look into this situation; that he had made some preliminary inquiry and rather felt that the entire set-up was a fake, but, of course, could not be at all certain of that until he had made a complete inquiry. He stated that the interests he represented desired that the matter be considered confidential for a time at least, until the facts were known, and he suggested to Mr. Marinan that he might so inform Mr. Peccora when he returned to New York. Mr. Marinan intimated that Mr. Peccora might be reluctant to delay an investigation, but [redacted] advised Mr. Marinan that he should merely convey message to Mr. Peccora and, of course, Mr. Peccora would necessarily be guided by his own judgment in the matter, but he did want Mr. Peccora to know of the situation as it existed here.

Upon leaving [redacted] office and in conversation with Mr. Marinan I advised him that I was glad of the opportunity to be with him and [redacted] so that he might see the position of the Bureau of Investigation in this matter; that is, that it was merely conducting such inquiries as [redacted] requested; that the matter was in the hands of [redacted] and that the Bureau had no control over it, but was following out the leads submitted by [redacted] from time to time and cooperating with him; of course, in every way.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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Director
United States Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: HENRY FORD
DAVID M. ROLL
Proposed Purchase of Muscle Shoals

Dear Sir:

Referring to Bureau communication dated May 11, and also to telephonic communication had with Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Bureau requesting a confidential investigation concerning a check signed Henry Ford payable to David M. Roll, cashed December 5, 1932, on the Second National Bank of Washington, D. C.:

Please be advised that this matter has been gone into very carefully, the result of which was prepared in memorandum form by Special Agent of this office, copies of which are being transmitted herewith.

In connection with the above a letter dated April 28, 1933, was received at this office from the Washington Field Office requesting an investigation at the Postal Telegraph Offices in Detroit in an effort to locate certain telegrams sent to David M. Roll, one signed by the First National Bank of Detroit and others by Henry Ford. The result of inquiry in compliance with this request is set out in my communication to the Washington Field Office dated May 2, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

New York City,

David M. Roll, Washington, D.C., approached him in 1930 with reference to securing his services as an attorney in connection with the proposed sale of certain oil property or leases and options involving total consideration of $1,000,000. He owned jointly with R. Hugh Jarvis, Washington, D.C.

His services were not used in this connection.

Mr. David M. Roll
care Senator Dwight W. Morrow,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Today greatly to my surprise I had a caller
pursuing to be a local representative of R.G. Dunn
who wanted to know what my connections are, if any
with you. He also wanted to know if you were a man
with considerable means.

I answered him by stating that I knew you
sarely well and that I had no direct business rela-
tions with you, and that in my opinion you were a
man of considerable means.

I am at a loss to know what this means.

I am fearful that there has been some leaks
some where and am writing you direct to inform you
of the dangerous situation confronting you if there
be any leaks. I trust that you will handle our own
matters in a strictly confidential manner.

Yours very truly,

Harry Ford

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Mr. David M. Roll
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

This letter is to agree with you that I, Henry Ford shall have deposited in or with the Chatham Phoenix National Bank of New York, the sum of Eighty Eight Million Dollars, ($88,000,000.00) same to be deposited within the next twenty days to the credit of yourself and the Alabama Development Company jointly as trustees for said Alabama Development Company, and the same to be used by you at your own direction to pay the United States Government for the improvements on the property known as "Muscle Shoals" and the remainder to be paid to yourself for services rendered in obtaining for me a lease upon said Muscle Shoals.

It is herein agreed that you shall check upon said account at will and that you shall account to me at the end of each calendar month for such checks drawn upon said bank acct., and that you may personally receive any and all interest obtainable upon the daily balance of said account and that the interest shall be your
own money free from any and all claim from me
or my agent or the Alabama Development Company.

It is further agreed that you shall draw
at once upon said deposit a check payable to
yourself for the sum of Four Hundred Thousand
($400,000.00) Dollars same to be in full payment
for the retainer agreed upon in a certain contrac-
tact entered into with you as of December 3rd,
1930, which check shall include the sum of
One Hundred Fifty Thousand ($150,000.00) Dollars
which represents the agreed sum for expenses for
your personal use and etc.,

It is agreed that you may pay out of the
said Eighty Eight Million Dollars any reasonable
sum that you may deem suitable and justifiable
for payment to associate counsel, same not to
exceed the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS,
which shall when paid be in full payment for any
additional legal counsel that you may employ.

I am giving you this letter to assure you
that the above sums shall be de{}osited as herein
agreed within twenty days from date, or sooner
provided that I have completed my Income tax
report which is now in the printing.

Yours truly, Henry Ford.
Senator Dwight W. Morrow  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

In reply to your letter of December 31st., concerning the matter of depositing the Eighty Eight Million Dollars as per the Roll contract, beg to say that it would be alright with me to now make the deposit in any two banks dividing the deposits equally between the two banks.

I agree with you that it would give Mr. Roll some prestige to place this money in banks and he then would be able to refer to the same provided, that the deposits were made in the name of some other individual than myself.

I have talked this over with my local attorney and he advises that I form an owning corporation under the name "Alabama Development Company" with a capitalization of some ten or more million and then deposit the money in the two banks to the joint credit of Mr. Roll and the Alabama Development Company, same to be used as per the agreement with Mr. Roll.
I note what you say about Mr. Roll requesting that this money be deposited in the First National Bank of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and I have since the receipt of your letter thought the matter over and have reached the conclusion that if this bank is more acceptable to Mr. Roll it would be alright to deposit half of the full amount including the $250,000.00 retainer and the $150,000.00 agreed expense money and then check the two items out to Mr. Roll from the First National Bank account at Muskogee. I do not believe that the Muskogee Bank is large enough to safely accept the full amount and I suggest an additional bank to be selected by Mr. Roll, the only restrictions being that it shall not be placed in any bank with which I have an account or am interested.

I suggest that this corporation be formed at once and the deposits made and then Mr. Roll can receive his fee and expense money and also he will be able to refer to the fact that the money with which to pay the United States Government is on deposit and belonging to the Alabama Development Company, as I can use officers that are in no manner connected with me and that live in Alabama, and in
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that way it would be a concealed identity.

If this meets with the approval of Mr. Roll and yourself, I suggest that you wire me at once in order that I might arrange to have the Alabama Development Company formed and then deposit the money in the two banks including the First National Bank of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and some additional bank to be selected by Mr. Roll or yourself.

I wish to congratulate you on the manner in which you have so ably handled this Shoals matter in such secretive manner and as quickly as we are ready to progress please advise me and I shall then arrange a personal meeting with you and Mr. Roll.

Wishing you a most prosperous and Happy New Year, I am,

Yours truly,

Henry Ford
CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT.

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT made and entered into this the 3rd. day of December A. D. 1930, by and between Henry Ford of Dearborn, Michigan, and David M. Roll of Washington, D. C.,

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of One Hundred ($100,00) Dollars cash in hand paid to David M. Roll by Henry Ford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for other good and valuable consideration paid to said David M. Roll by Henry Ford the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and for the further consideration that said Henry Ford agreeing to pay to said David M. Roll or his agent the sum of EIGHTY EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS ($88,000,000.00) same to be paid to said David M. Roll for services rendered and to be rendered to said Henry Ford as hereinafter set out to wit; That said David M. Roll is this day employed by said Henry Ford to represent said Henry Ford in the negotiation and purchase of the improvements now upon the premises at Muscle Shoals which property now belongs to and is the property of the United States Government and that said Roll is to use his best efforts to obtain a lease from the United States Government for a term of ninety nine years from date hereof and that said Muscle Shoals is to be turned over to said Henry Ford and at which time said Henry Ford agrees and binds himself to pay to said David
which sum is to be used in paying to the United States Government for all the development and improvements now upon said Muscle Shoals and that what ever sum that is left over after said Roll pays and satisfies the United States Government for all the development and improvements now upon said Muscle Shoals the residue, if any, is to be retained by said David M. Roll as his fee in perfecting said negotiations between the United States Government and Henry Ford concerning the leasing of Muscle Shoals upon a royalty basis, and that said David M. Roll agrees and binds himself to use his best efforts in obtaining for said Ford the above property from the United States Government and that as quickly as possible and practicable and that said Roll agrees and binds himself to pay out of the Eighty Eight Million Dollars all cost of negotiating and obtaining said Muscle Shoals from the United States Government including any and all costs, fees, and expenses, and that said David M. Roll shall be the sole and only legal representative of said Henry Ford in this undertaking and that said David M. Roll shall not at any time use any unlawful or unfair means in his attempt to obtain a lease upon said property from the United States Government and that it is distinctively understood and agreed herein that said David M. Roll shall not bind said Henry Ford for any indebtedness or cost or fees in any of said negotiations save and except as follows:

It is agreed herein that in case said David M. Roll uses his best efforts in trying to obtain a lease
upon said Muscle Shoals from the United States Government and in such efforts fails to obtain said lease for said Ford as above set out then in that event said Henry Ford agrees and binds himself to pay to said David M. Roll as his fee for such services the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand ($250,000.00) Dollars which shall be in full of all demands and in settlement of all fees and costs incurred by said David M. Roll in attempting to obtain a lease upon said property for said Henry Ford.

It is further agreed and made a part of this contract that in the event said David M. Roll elects to employ additional legal talent to assist him in this undertaking then in that event said David M. Roll shall pay all cost and fees that may be incurred by employing any additional counsel and that said Henry Ford shall not under any circumstances be held liable for any additional fees over and above the Two Hundred Fifty Thousand ($250,000.00) Dollars as hereinabove set out.

It is agreed that said David M. Roll shall be the sole and only representative of said Henry Ford in this undertaking and that said Roll shall have TWO (2) years time from this date in which to perfect said negotiations with the United States Government and that said Roll shall from time to time give to said Ford a written statement as to the progress being made in said negotiations, and that any and all of said written reports shall be kept in strict confidence by said Henry Ford and that at any
time that said David M. Roll shall have reached an agreement with the United States Government wherein and whereby said Muscle Shoals can and will be turned over to said Henry Ford upon a lease and royalty basis as herein set out then said Henry Ford agrees and binds himself to deposit in the Chemical National Bank of New York City, New York, the full sum of Eighty Eight Million Dollars which sum shall be used in payment to the said United States Government the cost price of the inventory for the improvements and equipment now upon the premises known as "Muscle Shoals," and as agreed the residue, if any, shall be paid to David M. Roll in full settlement of all costs and fees for services rendered and to be rendered to said Henry Ford as hereinafore set out.

It is agreed that in case said David M. Roll fails to obtain said lease from the United States Government after a two years period from this date, then said Henry Ford shall pay to said David M. Roll the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars which shall be in full settlement of all costs and fees due said David M. Roll by said Henry Ford as per the terms of this agreement.

This contract and agreement signed in duplicate this the 3rd, day of December A.D. 1930.

[Signatures]

Witness:

Raymond J. Carter

[Signature]
CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT, made and
entered into this the 28th day of July, A.D. 1932, by and
between HENRY FORD, of DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, and DAVID M. ROLL,
of WASHINGTON, D.C.,

WITNESS:

That for and in consideration of One Hundred
Dollars ($100.00) cash in hand paid to David M. Roll, by
Henry Ford, the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged, and
for other good and valuable considerations hereby acknowledged,
said David M. Roll herein agrees and binds himself to continue
to act as Trustee for a certain group of individuals as per
the terms of a certain contract entered into by and between
said David M. Roll and Henry Ford, which contract bears
date of December 3, 1930, said contract is herefore referred
to for the purpose of more fully describing said contract,
and

WHEREAS, it is the wishes of said Henry Ford
and said David M. Roll to continue said above referred to
contract for a period of two (2) years from this date, and
it is further understood and agreed that the sum of $22,000.00
now deposited to the credit of David M. Roll as Trustee,
shall remain intact and in bank until such time or times
as it shall be deemed necessary to use said sum or any part
thereof in payment to the United States Government for
certain properties known as Muscle Shoals.

It is further agreed herein that said David M. Roll shall be and is entitled to receive any and all sums that he may be able to obtain from said bank or banks as payment of daily balance upon the deposit of said sum herein mentioned and that said Roll shall receive quarterly any and all sums to be paid by said bank or banks as payment upon the daily balance of said sum of $7,000,000.00 and that any and all payment or payments by said bank or banks as daily balance upon said sum shall be the exclusive money and property of said David M. Roll to be used by him as he may see fit and proper with no accounting to me or to anyone else for such sum or sums received.

It is further agreed herein that when this contract shall have terminated on or before two years from this date, said David M. Roll shall receive, as an additional sum for services rendered and to be rendered, in acting in the capacity of Trustee, as hereinabove mentioned, a sum not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) which sum when received shall be in full payment to said David M. Roll for any and all fees as hereinabove set out.

It is distinctly understood that this agreement does not in any manner or form change the terms of a substitute agreement entered into by and between the parties hereto which substitute agreement bears date of the 18th day of May, 1932, and the same is hereby referred to and made
a part hereof for the purpose of more fully describing a
said agreement.

It is further agreed herein that said
Henry Ford shall have a few days time in which to arrange
with said bank to handle said Trustee fund of $88,000,000 00
as per the terms of the original agreement herein mentioned
and that said David M. Roll shall not withdraw or attempt
to withdraw any sum or sums of money from said bank or
banks until said above agreement with said banks shall
have been reached provided it shall not take longer than
ten (10) days from this date to perfect said arrangement
with said bank or banks.

It is agreed herein that said Henry Ford
shall make said arrangements as hereinabove agreed as
quickly and speedily as possible at all times protecting
the interest of each party hereto.

This contract signed in duplicate this
the 27 day of July, A.D. 1932.

WITNESSES:

[Signatures]
Supplementing my letter addressed to you under date of May 17 with reference to investigation concerning the activities of David M. Bell and the Muscle Shoals project, I desire to advise that I am in receipt of a report from my New York Office reciting the result of an interview with a high official of the Department of New York, concerning the letters and telegrams passing between his office and Mr. Bell, which in substance is as follows: 67C, 67D
Some difficulty has been experienced in interviewing but I am informed that he was interviewed yesterday and that a report will be forthcoming today or at the latest tomorrow, which will be promptly submitted to you.

With reference to the alleged account of Roll with Morgan and Company, I desire to advise that I am in receipt of telephonic advice to the effect that the list of all depositors whose accounts amount to $1,000,000 or more fails to include David M. Roll. This negates the information to the effect that Roll had an account with Morgan and Company of $1,000,000.

With reference to your request for a check of the First National Bank at Detroit to determine whether a check signed by Henry Ford on that bank had been cashed at the Second National Bank, Washington, D.C., and cleared at the First National Bank of Detroit, there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Detroit, dated May 18, which describes the inquiry made and fails to account for any such check.

In Agent memorandum will also be found reference to an interview with a representative of Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated, which was occasioned by your request to determine whether a representative of K. G. Dun had interviewed Henry Ford on or about January 14, 1931, with reference to the financial status of David M. Roll. You will note that no record of such an interview could be found at the office of Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated. I might say that inquiry was likewise made at the office of Dun and Bradstreet at Washington and no record of such an interview was found there.

I shall be glad to inform you further promptly upon receipt of reports covering the interview with further efforts to identify the two telegrams sent from Birmingham, Alabama, and examination of the income tax returns of Henry Ford for the year 1932. I might state that the tax return of Henry Ford for 1931.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Enclosure #324319.

(b)(3) in conjunction with Title 26, U.S.C. Sections 6103 and 7213

Director.
I called upon [redacted] at 10:00 A.M. this morning. He had a memorandum dated May 8 setting out certain suggestions to determine the authenticity of letters and telegrams. He left with me a copy of that memorandum, which is attached hereto. At my request he also left with me the following described papers, for which I signed a receipt, as I felt it would be of considerable assistance to the Bureau in its inquiry to have some of the basic information available:


2. Letter dated January 12, 1931, addressed to David M. Roll, signed by [redacted], consisting of two pages.

3. Air Mail letter dated January 14, 1931, addressed to David M. Roll, Washington, and signed by [redacted], consisting of one page.


5. Contract between [redacted] and David M. Roll, dated July 11, 1932, consisting of three pages.

Copies destroyed.

[redacted] requested that the Bureau endeavor to secure the information desired as set out in the memorandum at the earliest practicable date.

I felt that the entire matter was a fraud and had some hesitancy in making the inquiries which he has asked us to make, because by approaching some of the persons named word would get back to David M. Roll, who possibly would go abroad. At this point I mentioned to him that the Director suggested the

[redacted] I think we should make certain Rolla is a fraud which it looks like they will certainly depart.
Memo. Director.
5/10/33.

possibility of approaching Henry Ford direct, and I pointed out that such a step at this time might preclude the possibility of Roll being advised of the investigation, and at the same time would get to the bottom of the matter immediately. He has intended right along to ultimately interview Henry Ford, but feels that he should have all possible information concerning the authenticity or spuriousness of the documents in his hands before talking with Ford.

He discussed the possibility of prosecution, and I suggested that inasmuch the mails had been used rather freely, and in view of the fact that he possesses correspondence which bears the alleged forged signature of Henry Ford, it should not be difficult to prosecute under the Mail Fraud Statute. He thought perhaps he might proceed against these parties for forgery, but I rather doubt the fact that much success could be had in this regard, because there have been no checks forged, only the names having been forged to letters and telegrams.

I am having photostatic copies made of the material which I obtained from [redacted] and I will return the same to him tomorrow.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.
Washington, D.C.,
May 10, 1933.

Received the following photostats:


V. W. Hughes,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Signed receipt dated 5-10-33

[Handwritten note: 5-10-33]

[Handwritten note: 5-10-33]
The Honorable,  
The Attorney General.  

Henry Ford

Sir:

In response to your letter dated May 11, 1933, permission is given Special Agent [redacted] of the Bureau of Investigation to inspect the income tax returns of Henry Ford, Detroit, Michigan, for the years 1930, 1931 and 1932. 67C

This letter should be presented in Room 7300, Internal Revenue Building, 12th and C Streets, Northwest.

Respectfully,

James M. Douglass
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.
All Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D.C.  

May 27, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

FOR: D. M. ROLL ET AL.

Special Investigation for

Agent at the request of Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Bureau, contacted Mr. A. B. Meiss, Chief of the Records Division of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, Room 7300, Internal Revenue Building, 12th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., for the purpose of inspecting the Income Tax Returns of:

Henry Ford, Dearborn, Michigan

D. M. Roll, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Meiss, after contacting the Collector of Internal Revenue at Detroit, Michigan, and Baltimore, Maryland, advised Agent that

Agent, by authorization of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Honorable James H. Douglass, was given access to the income tax return of Henry Ford, Dearborn, Michigan, for the years 1930 and 1931, and of the Ford Motor Company for 1930, in the office of Mr. Technical Advisor to the Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Room 4302, Internal Revenue Building, Washington, D.C. An inspection of these returns by Agent disclosed

63 per IRS

(b)(3) in conjunction with Title 26, U.S.C. Sections 6103 e 7213

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The Collectors of Internal Revenues at Baltimore and Detroit advised Mr. Neiss that the indexing of the returns for 1932 had not been completed in their office and that they were unable to state whether a return had been filed for 1932 by either [redacted] or Henry Ford. 67C

Mr. Neiss advised Agent that it appeared that Mr. Ford had [redacted] 63 per IRS

This investigative work was performed by Agent on May 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18, 1933.

Special Agent (A) 67C

CC Bureau (3) 67C

(b)(3) in conjunction with Title 24, U.S.C. Sections 6103 + 7213
With reference to the investigation which you have been making concerning the activities of David M. Roll, I wish you would keep in close touch with concerning this matter, particularly with reference to ascertaining from when the Bureau may, without interference with his general inquiries, initiate the investigation which it seems should be initiated, concerning the activities of these three individuals in connection with certain allegedly spurious telegrams and letters which have been made the basis for certain law suits. In other words, at the beginning of this matter, there was a possibility that there had actually been some sort of an agreement between Mr. Henry Ford, David M. Roll, concerning the obtaining of Muscle Shoals from the government. The inquiry to date seems to indicate that the various telegrams and letters which have been in the possession of are spurious, and from other information received there is a possibility there has been an effort made to obtain money through false pretenses, and possibly misuse of the mails. I do not think this matter should be allowed to be held pending for any extended period of time, as I think action should be swift and definite, but of course we cannot take any action in this matter until indicates what his wishes are.

I would, therefore, like to have you keep in touch with so that we may know when we can proceed vigorously along the lines indicated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: DAVID M. ROLL: Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses; Forgery; Uttering in the District of Columbia

There is transmitted herewith an interesting case writeup of the above entitled matter prepared by the Investigative Division.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD A. TAMM
January 3, 1939

DAVID H. REIL

OBTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES
FORGERY
UTTERING IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A comprehensive investigation of the above entitled matter was instituted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in November of 1933, in connection with the reported activities of David H. Roll. This investigation developed that Roll, who for several months prior thereto resided at the exclusive Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., successfully practiced a carefully planned confidence game for a period of more than a year, using as instruments thereof two alleged contracts with Henry Ford, prominent Detroit automobile manufacturer. Under the terms of these so-called agreements, Roll was purportedly given authority by Henry Ford to attempt to lease the huge Muscle Shoals Development properties owned by the United States Government at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, for a stipulated price of eighty-eight million dollars.

The first of these bogus contracts was dated December 9, 1930, and provided that Roll should retain as his fee for his services the difference between the eighty-eight million dollars and the amount he would actually pay the United States Government for the lease of the Muscle Shoals property. It further alleged that in the event David H. Roll failed to obtain this lease he was to, nevertheless, receive a fee from Mr. Ford aggregating a quarter of a million dollars.

The second agreement was dated July 11, 1932, and purported to continue the first contract for an additional two years. It represented that Roll was to receive all of the daily interest balances on the eighty-eight million dollars, which was then alleged to have been deposited to the credit of David H. Roll, in addition to a sum not to exceed two million dollars for his services as trustee in the event the contract was terminated on or before two years from the date thereof.
The Senate's investigation of this case disclosed that Bell forged the signature of Henry Ford to both of these contracts. It also revealed that Bell forged certain spurious correspondence which tended to lend substantial color to the representations he made. This pretended correspondence consisted of telegrams and letters which purported to show the negotiations leading up to the contracts as well as Bell's alleged activities and efforts to secure the lease to the Muscle Shoals properties from the United States Government.

One of the letters to which Bell forged the signature of Henry Ford represented that Bell was authorized to draw against the sum of eighty-eight million dollars any amount he, Bell, deemed necessary to enable him to carry on negotiations for the acquisition of Muscle Shoals. Another of Bell's forged communications purported that former United States Senator Dwight W. Morrow of New Jersey would act as liaison man between Henry Ford and Bell in the execution of the Muscle Shoals deal.

Armed with these forgeries, Bell approached a number of persons and endeavored to secure large sums of money from them as loans or towards the purchase of a part interest in the alleged contracts. He spent money quite freely, and maintained a chauffeur-driven Pierce Arrow limousine. Bell claimed to be a lobbyist representing the Ford and also the du Pont interests, and likewise boasted of having many other influential connections throughout high official and business circles.

On the strength of the bogus contracts and other misrepresentations, Bell obtained money from one victim after another, under the guise of needing additional funds to defray his personal expenses in connection with necessary negotiations he alleged to be making in securing the Muscle Shoals lease. In the course of his activities he secured from the State of Oklahoma the total sum of $56,920.00; from the city of Morgantown, West Virginia, the sum of $9,420.00; from the city of Baltimore, Maryland, the sum of $1,000.00; from the State of Washington, D. C., the sum of $1,200.00; from the city of Washington, D. C., the sum of $2,500.00; and from the State of Morgantown, West Virginia, the sum of $75.00.
In defrauding Mr. Okkoma, Roll suggested that he accompany him to Detroit to sell upon Henry Ford, who, purportedly, was to advance Roll $400,000.00 for a retainer fee and expenses. Upon their arrival in Detroit, however, Roll then referred to the secrecy with which Henry Ford allegedly insisted in handling the Muscle Shoals matter and, in view of same, Roll suggested that only he, himself, confer with Mr. Ford. Roll never did meet Henry Ford, but returned later and informed the witness that he had talked with Mr. Ford, who advised him that his attorneys considered it unwise to pay out any money at that time because of possible publicity that might leak out in connection with the transaction.

Some time later, Roll was again successful in obtaining money from [redacted] by representing that Henry Ford insisted certain judgments against Roll in Colorado be paid so that Roll might be free from all debts while negotiating for the Muscle Shoals properties. Roll used as another lure in obtaining money from [redacted] a promise that [redacted] would be appointed as legal adviser, with a retainer fee of $100,000.00 and an additional contingent fee running up to a possible million dollars. On another occasion, Roll showed [redacted] a letter allegedly directed to Roll by former United States Senator Dwight D. Morrow of New Jersey, indicating that Mr. Morrow, upon Roll's request, made a personal investigation of certain mining properties purportedly owned by Roll in the State of Sonora, Mexico, and found the same to be worth a price in the seven figure column.

When pressed for payment of various sums advanced him by [redacted], Roll eventually assigned to [redacted] one half interest in the bogus contract which indicated that Henry Ford would pay Roll the daily interest balances on the aforementioned eighty-eight million dollars. Roll alleged that he had certificates of deposit in the amount of eighty-eight million dollars deposited in his name in J. P. Morgan's bank in New York City and claimed he was in constant telephonic communication with Henry Ford.
In obtaining money from [Redacted] of Washington, D.C., Boll made representations somewhat similar to the above. He purported to employ [Redacted] as legal advisor and assigned to [Redacted] twenty-five per cent interest in the profits in the alleged deal he was making for Henry Ford in acquiring the Muscle Shoals properties. 572.

Boll received a loan of $1,900.00 from [Redacted] of Washington, D.C., on one occasion and also obtained a loan of $1,200.00 from [Redacted] on another occasion, both of which were secured upon Boll's assurance that he would be paid in the very near future a substantial sum of money from Henry Ford as an advance payment on the Muscle Shoals deal. 572.

Boll obtained further advances, totaling $1,200.00, from [Redacted] of Baltimore, Maryland, under similar misrepresentations, and assigned to [Redacted] one-third interest in the profits which allegedly would be received from Henry Ford on the purported Muscle Shoals deal. 572.

As a result of the Bureau's investigation of this matter, Boll was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Columbia on December 5, 1933, in seven counts, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses from the individuals referred to, as well as forgery and the fraudulent uttering and publishing of the contracts in question. Boll was taken into custody in November of 1933, and held in jail under a $25,000.00 bond. This amount was ultimately reduced to $7,500.00 and he was released on June 12, 1934. On July 4, 1934, however, David M. Boll died at Atlantic City, New Jersey, after an emergency operation for gallstones, before being brought to trial under the above mentioned indictment.

The criminal identification files of the FBI indicate that David M. Boll served time in the Colorado State Penitentiary for practicing a confidence game, having been sentenced to a term of from five to seven years on conviction at Denver, Colorado, in 1925. According to the court-records pertaining to this conviction, it appears that Boll was convicted for a confidence game perpetrated upon certain members and co-workers in the same church to which he belonged.
Washington, D.C.
April 3, 1935

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At the request of Mr. Sam T. Foster, Box 1, C. Vistoria, Tampa, Mexico, I send you herewith a letter and enclosure which I have received from him, which will explain themselves.

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
C. Victoria, Tamps., Mexico.
March 27th, 1935.

Senator Morris Sheppard, U.S. Senator.
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Sir:

Inclos[es] carbon copy of a letter. I think it is imp-
portant. Would you mind letting Mr. Edgar Hoover read it. He
is quite intelle[gent] and maybe he can work something out.
Thanks very much.
Best regards, I am yours very truly,

Sam T. Foster.
Box No. 1,
C. Victoria,
Tamps.,
Mexico.
C. Victoria, Temp., Mexico.  
March 27, 1936.  

Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce,  
New York, N.Y. U.S.A.-- ---

Dear Sir:--

I am very anxious for you to know one of the things that has been a major cause in the falling off of the U.S. export trade.

Before the war I for 4 years sold American made machinery in Latin America in competition with the Germans.

I became acquainted with the methods of the Germans. The Germans by word of mouth and also in print put out their superiority as a race of scientific people and they have gone so strong that the Latin really believes that all American inventions, such as the submarine, the flying machine, telephones, the radio, the moving pictures, the sewing machine, the steam engine, and all the rest were all invented by the Germans in Germany and sold to the U.S., and the U.S. people are not scientific, but purely commercial.

The latest now is that Henry Ford imported two German engineers to design the new engine the V-8 that he is now making. This last one is even published in the Spanish language and a Mexican Engineer told me that it is too bad that Mr. Ford had to get German engineers to design a good engine.

Now please listen. This is serious. All this pack of lies are believed by the Latins and it hurts American trade.

You are in a position to acquaint the American manufacturer with these facts and get something started, to put out American propaganda to offset what the Germans have been doing for many years to hurt us.

Another thing, the sinking of that big Ward Line Steamer Moora Castle, also the wrecking of the big dirigible was done by the Germans to prove to the Latins that the Americans do not make sea-worthy craft and that we cannot make a dirigible as good as the Germans make. They have thrown that up to me.

Now this is not a dream of mine I am giving you facts. It worries me sick.

I am a mining engineer making money surveying mines, I am entitled to a Spanish American War pension, but I don't want it. I make my living by working and my off of a run down Government. A start has to be made. We got to put on the breaks.
Otherwise we as a nation are going to fall in a basket and that very fast. The speed we are at is increasing every day. Just what the Germans have been working for for their last 60 years.

Germany is promoting athleteisim and improving their race while we are raising a generation as silly boys, some with painted cheeks and polished nails. We have quit raising a race of men. When this younger generation comes into maturity and have to take charge of the Government also of the American Commerce, then the Grand Olds U.S.A. will completely fall, fizzle out, and be over-run by foreigners. There is too much liberty given to foreigners in the U.S. when they can come in, and walk right into the confidence of the U.S. Government, form the famous brain-trust, and get our Government to fall for all that fat that we as a Government have and are still falling for.

The Germans started, a long time ago propaganda among the American women, until it has for years been shown in all fashion plates and written up in all American magazines, that to become beautiful, a woman must have narrow hips. If you even saw a race of narrow-hip people as are some of the tribes in China you would know at once what it means. It mean a race of degenerates, weaklings. Now this is important and I am not writing for the limelight. I was good in higher mathematics at college, I have an analytical mind, I can see into things, and I want you or some one too see this as I see it, and if some few get together on it maybe it is not too late to get started in the right direction and save our race and country.

I am Yours very truly,

Sam T. Foster
P.O. Box No.1,
C.Victoria,
Tampa.
Mexico.
April 13, 1935

Dear Senator:

I have received your communication of April 3, 1935, transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Ben F. Foster, Box 1, 5 G. Victoria, Yuma, Mexico, and a copy of the enclosure transmitted with this letter, namely, a copy of a communication addressed to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, on March 27, 1935 by Mr. Foster.

The Bureau files indicate that Mr. Foster has communicated with the Bureau on a previous occasion and I am incorporating in the Bureau files the letter which you transmitted to me. Since it does not appear from the contents of Mr. Foster's letter that the matter of which he complains constitutes a violation of any Federal statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction, there is no action which can be taken at the present time.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Germany is now in close contact with Japan with all kinds of military luggage and a great deal of evidence for newly developed poison gases. At the same time Germany is also sending to Japan in the investigation of the Pacific coast's.

Recently German officers have photographed the "Treasure district" of San Francisco and never were more German spics in USA than at present. Now engaged in work for Japan. Germany has recently closed a secret military treaty with Japan and this treaty is directed against USA and Russia.

In any war against Japan the USA will be perfectly helpless against the new organization of German spics in USA, which are already now supplying directly and indirectly Japan with all important military news, as until now it was very difficult for Japan to get such informations by their own staff.

Many of these Pro-Japanese Pro-German spics are members of the different pro-German societies, f. i. Friends of new Germany etc etc.

These fellows are much more dangerous to USA than the worst Bolsheviks... they不但 cause internal troubles, but also damage to USA in the future war.

The Junkers Werke in Dessau are now also working on a large order from Japan for a new type of Stratosphereen Flieger. These types can carry bombs and flies in heights of 24-30.000 feet and German-Americans connected with above mentioned pro-German societies are financing this work.

Also Mr Henry Ford has supplied to Hitler huge amounts, which are now used to damage the USA.

Moreover all secret activities of these German spics and of the proGerman societies are again managed and financed by the German embassy in Washington exactly as it was the case before the year 1917.

In the Sunday Referee London of Aug 13th you will find an article referring to this matter.