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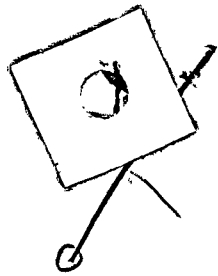
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October 5, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At his press conference the other day, Attorney General Murphy informed us that the policies of the department had been changed so that we could request interviews from the directors of bureaus and divisions.

I wonder if I could talk to you sometime this week or next about the Nazi and anti-semitic organizations, which have become so prominent within the last year.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency established a bureau here six weeks ago, and I am their correspondent. Perhaps you will recall that I, for many years, was with the Times-Herald, and covered a great many stories emanating from the Department of Justice.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Frank

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Mr. Pat Frank
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.
1050 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Frank:

Upon my return to Washington, your letter of October 5, 1939, was called to my attention, and in the meantime the contents had been communicated to me over long distance telephone while on the West Coast. I had instructed that my office communicate with you and advise that it would not be possible for me to give you the interview desired due to departmental regulations. I do hope you will understand my position in this matter.

I recall, of course, your contacts at the Bureau, and some time when you are in the building I hope you will drop by my office and say hello.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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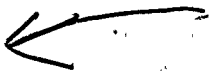
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Miss Gandy:



Mr. Hoover instructed that Pat Frank be called and advised that he, Mr. Hoover, has not been advised of any change in the policy; that as far as he knows all requests must be referred to Mr. Mulcahy; that Mr. Hoover is presently on the West Coast but even if he were here he could not grant an interview since existing regulations preclude his doing so:

RP

10:20am. I called Mr. Frank and in his absence left a message with his Secretary who stated she was familiar with the letter and Mr. Frank's request. She expressed Mr. Frank's appreciation for the call and stated she would inform Mr. Frank to contact Mr. Mulcahy. I informed her Mr. Hoover would not be back for some little time.

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February 1, 1940

Mr. H. Wishengrad
Editor
Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.
1560 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Wishengrad:

I have received your letter of January 19, 1940, concerning your interest in releases which may be made by the FBI from time to time.

Mr. P. E. Foxworth, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's New York City Field Division, has advised that he has added your name to his press release list so that a representative of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Incorporated may receive such material as it is issued.

It was thoughtful of you to call my attention to your desire for this information.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 31, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Reference is made to the letter of January 19, 1940, received from Mr. H. Wishengrad, Editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Incorporated, 1560 Broadway, New York City.

In regard to this I called Special Agent in Charge P. E. Foxworth on the night of January 29, 1940; who advised that he had also received a letter from Mr. Wishengrad and in reply had advised him that his name had been added to the press release list of the New York Office to receive such material as is available from time to time.

I asked Mr. Foxworth to advise the Bureau by letter concerning the nature of this agency.

An appropriate letter is attached, to Mr. Wishengrad.

Respectfully,

R. C. Hendon

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Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Inc.

1560 BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY

January 19, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover -

It is my painful duty to inform you that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, one of those which has been for some time reporting developments affecting the Christian Front, was completely scooped on your announcement of the seizure of the seventeen alleged plotters. I am now informed that you broke the story late last Sunday afternoon by notifying the New York newspapers and news agencies to send reporters to your office. This agency was not among those notified.

I need not, of course, point out to you the serious consequences to us of such a lapse on a story of that character. Our agency has been in existence for twenty years and serves several hundred Yiddish and other newspapers throughout the world.

I should deeply appreciate if in the future you and the various offices of the F.B.I. concerned in the Christian Front affair would keep us apprised of all developments pertaining to it.

Our Washington bureau, in the National Press Building, is headed by Mr. Pat Frank, formerly of the Washington Times-Herald.

Very truly yours,

H. Wishengrad

H. WISHENGRAD
Editor

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DIRECTOR

IN COMPLIANCE WITH TELEPHONIC REQUEST TODAY FROM MR. R C HENDON AT BUREAU THE FOLLOWING DATA HAS BEEN OBTAINED CONCERNING H. WISHENGRAD, JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY INC ONE FIVE SIX NAUGHT BROADWAY THIS CITY. WESTERN UNION RECORDS SHOW ABOVE TO BE A NEWS GATHERING AGENCY WHICH HAVING GATHERED NEWS MATERIAL IN THIS COUNTRY TELEGRAPHS IT ABROAD THROUGH USE OF WESTERN UNION EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE. THEY RENT AND OPERATE A WESTERN UNION "PRINTER" AND HAVE BEEN SUBSCRIBERS TO THIS SERVICE SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR. ON FOUR OCCASIONS DURING THIS PERIOD WESTERN UNION HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO SUSPEND SERVICE BECAUSE OF SUBSCRIBERS TARDINESS IN PAYING RENT HOWEVER SUBSCRIBER ALSO HAS AN OFFICE IN CHICAGO WHICH IS VERY BUSY AND PROMPT IN PAYMENT BECAUSE OF WHICH LATTER CONDITION SERVICE IN NEW YORK HAS EACH TIME BEEN RESTORED. RETAIL CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK HAS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING EITHER WISHENGRAD OR HIS COMPANY

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New York, N. Y.
April 23, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On April 10th, Mr. L. B. Nichols of the Bureau called and requested that I get in touch with Jacob Landau of the Overseas News Agency and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who had been referred to the Bureau by Herbert Bayard Swope. Mr. Landau was out of the city at that time, but called at this office on April 22nd, at which time he stated that he desired to offer the cooperation of his organizations. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was organized some time ago for the purpose of disseminating information which might be helpful to the Jewish people. Subsequent thereto, according to Mr. Landau, at the suggestion of Mr. Herbert Bayard Swope and other prominent citizens, the Overseas News Agency was organized to assist in the fight against Nazism and Facism. Mr. Landau was of the opinion that the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which numbered among its clients many foreign language newspapers, could be of assistance in this country insofar as the various foreign groups were concerned. He also felt that the Overseas News Agency which had rapidly developed in South America could be of value through contacts with the six hundred thousand Jews now residing in South America.

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Since Mr. Landau's English was very poor and it was rather difficult to understand his exact proposition, I requested that he prepare a memorandum outlining in detail just what he felt his group would be able to do and the estimated expense involved. He agreed to do this and is transmitting herewith photostatic copies of the memorandum which Mr. Landau submitted. It will be noted that so far as being of assistance in this country is concerned, he estimates it will require approximately \$540 per week, and in South America from \$400 to \$500 per week. Mr. Landau emphasized the fact that neither one of his agencies desired to profit from such an arrangement, however the expense which he estimates is considerable. I would not recommend that he undertake such a program as he suggests.

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