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## INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

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STATEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, MADE BY JOHN W. McCORMACK (MASSACHUSETTS), CHAIRMAN, AND SAMUEL DICKSTEIN (NEW YORK), VICE CHAIRMAN, SITTING AS A SUBCOMMITTEE

NEW YORK, *Saturday, November 24, 1934.*

This committee has had no evidence before it that would in the slightest degree warrant calling before it such men as John W. Davis, Gen. Hugh Johnson, General Harbord, Thomas W. Lamont, Admiral Sims, or Hanford MacNider.

The committee will not take cognizance of names brought into the testimony which constitute mere hearsay.

This committee is not concerned with premature newspaper accounts, especially when given and published prior to the taking of the testimony.

As the result of information which has been in possession of this committee for some time, it was decided to hear the story of Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler and such others as might have knowledge germane to the issue.

In the course of his sworn testimony, General Butler testified that about July 1, 1933, a telephone call from Washington to his home in Newton Square, Pa., near Philadelphia, asked for an interview with two unnamed Legionnaires.

Later that same day he was visited by one Gerald C. MacGuire, of New York, and William Doyle, of Boston, Mass., and as Butler testified, the latter prominent in Legion affairs of that State.

According to Butler's testimony, MacGuire and Doyle suggested to him that he become a candidate for national commander of the American Legion at its convention at Chicago to be held in October 1933 and further stated that he told him that he was not interested and realized that he could not be elected commander.

According to his further testimony, they discussed ways and means of his becoming a delegate, even suggesting that he might be named from Hawaii. This is the only conferences Doyle attended.

Butler further testified that MacGuire returned on several other occasions and suggested to him that he go to the Legion convention at Chicago and make a speech urging a resolution, the import being that the United States return to the gold standard.

Butler testified that he told him that "I don't know a damn thing about gold."

Butler further testified that on this occasion MacGuire showed him a bank book, the pages of which were flipped, indicating deposits of approximately \$42,000.

He then testified that MacGuire suggested that he gather 200 or 300 men and pay their expenses to the Chicago convention, the purpose being at the proper moment to have these men recognize Butler and demand that he make a speech and that then Butler was to make the speech on behalf of the gold standard, which he says had been handed to him.

When Butler asked MacGuire, according to the testimony, where the money was coming from, Butler testified that MacGuire told him "that we have plenty of money and have had some good-sized contributions."

Butler then testified that he saw MacGuire again and that MacGuire appeared in his hotel room in Newark during the reunion of the Twenty-ninth Division in September 1933 and while in Butler's room took a wallet from his pocket, threw a bunch of \$1,000 bills on the bed and that when Butler asked him "How much money have you got there", MacGuire is alleged to have replied "\$18,000", and on further questioning is alleged to have told Butler that he got the money from contributions the night before and has not had an opportunity to deposit them and wanted to give them to Butler for his help.

Butler further testified that he told MacGuire, "Don't you try to give me any thousand-dollar bill. Remember, I was a cop once. Every one of the numbers on these bills has been taken. I know you people and what you are trying to do. You are just trying to get me by the neck. If I try to cash one of those thousand-dollar bills, you would have me by the neck." To which MacGuire is alleged to have replied, "We can change them into smaller denominations."

The committee has learned that the reunion of the Twenty-ninth Division took place at Newark Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, 1933, and mentions these dates at this point because they are important.

According to Butler's testimony, he then urged MacGuire to send one of the principals to him (Butler), as he realized that MacGuire was only an agent, and that MacGuire agreed to send Robert Sterling Clark and explained to Butler that Clark had been in the Army and had known Butler in China and that Clark had inherited millions.

Before MacGuire left Newark, according to Butler, he told the general that they were anxious "to see the soldiers' bonus paid in gold. We don't want the soldier to have rubber money."

Butler testified that during that week he had a telephone call from Clark and that he and his wife met Clark at the railroad station in Philadelphia the following Sunday. That he carried a bag, evidently prepared for traveling, and that they took him to their home at Newtown Square, where they chatted informally, had luncheon, and that then Butler and Clark had a conversation.

Butler testified that the question of the speech which MacGuire had left with him came up, and that Clark urged him to make it, and among other things, said, "You understand just how we are fixed. I have got 30 million dollars and I don't want to lose it. I am willing to spend half of the 30 million to save the other half. If you go out and make this speech in Chicago, I am certain that they will adopt the resolution and that will be one step toward the return to gold,

to have soldiers stand up for it. We can get the soldiers to go out in great bodies to stand up for it."

Testimony then shows that Butler claims he told Clark that he would not go to Chicago, although Clark offered the use of a private car; that he would not be mixed up in it; that he took an oath to sustain the democracy and that he would do that and nothing else and that he did not propose to get soldiers marching around and stirred up about the gold standard.

Butler claims that Clark then made some overtures regarding the mortgage on his home, but that after showing Clark the flags, banners, tokens of esteem, and medals of honor that he had received, that he felt confident that Clark would not discuss the subject further.

Butler states that Clark hesitated a few minutes and used the Butler telephone to call MacGuire at the Palmer House stating: "General Butler is not coming to the convention. He has given me his reasons and they are excellent ones and I apologize to him for my connection with it. I am not coming either. You can put this thing across. You have got \$45,000. You can send those telegrams. You will have to do it that way. The general is not coming and I can see why. I am going to Canada to rest. If you need me, you know where you can find me. You have got enough money to go through with it."

Later the Butlers took Mr. Clark to the train and Butler stated that the bill for the telephone call was paid by himself.

The American Legion convention in Chicago passed the resolution endorsing the gold standard; and according to Butler, after the convention MacGuire stopped by to see him and suggested that Butler go to Boston to attend a veterans' dinner again for the purpose of advocating the gold standard, which the general says he refused to do.

According to the Butler testimony, he then did not hear from MacGuire until he received postal cards from Italy, Germany, Spain, and Paris and was amazed in August 1934 to get a call from MacGuire saying that he was coming out to Philadelphia and would Butler meet him there.

Butler stated that he did meet MacGuire at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel and had a very long talk with him while seated in an unused dining room.

In the course of this conversation, Butler stated that MacGuire told him that he went abroad to study the part that the veterans play in the various governments over there. That he had gone to Italy and discovered that the veterans are the background of Mussolini, but that that set-up would not do in the United States.

MacGuire, according to Butler, continued that he had gone to Germany to see what Hitler was doing, and found that that situation would not do in the United States either, and that he had been in France, where he found just exactly the organization that we ought to have in this country and called it an organization of "super-soldiers", but that Butler did not remember the French name for that organization.

Butler further testified that MacGuire at that time told him that this French super organization was composed of about 500,000 men,

and that each one of them was the leader of 10 others, and that that was the kind of an organization that we should have in the United States.

Butler then claims that when he asked MacGuire what he wanted to do with such a set-up, MacGuire stated, "We want to support the President", to which Butler claims he replied, "The President doesn't need the support of that kind of an organization; and, besides, since when did you become a supporter of Roosevelt; the last time you were here you were against him?"

MacGuire then, according to Butler's testimony, stated, "Don't you understand, the set-up has got to be changed a bit. We have the President with us now. He has got to have more money. There is no more money to give him. Eighty percent of the money now is in Government bonds and he cannot keep this racket up much longer. He has got to do something about it. He has either got to get more money out of us or he has got to change the method of financing the Government, and we are going to see to it that he isn't going to change that method. He will not change it. He is with us now", to which Butler stated he replied: "The idea of this great group of soldiers then is to frighten him, is it?" and MacGuire, according to Butler's testimony, said, "No, no, no; not to frighten him. This is to sustain him when others assault him."

Butler claims that MacGuire then told him that the President was overworked, that he needed an assistant to take over the many heavy duties, and that such a position would be created and would probably be called "a secretary of general affairs", and that when all that was accomplished the President of the United States would be like the President of France.

Butler's testimony continued by quoting MacGuire as having said: "I have been traveling around, looking around. Now, about this superorganization, would you be interested in heading it?" To which Butler states he replied: "I am interested in it, but I don't know about heading it. I am greatly interested in it, because you know, Jerry, my interest, my one hobby, is maintaining a democracy. If you get these 500,000 soldiers advocating anything smelling of Fascism, I am going to get 500,000 more and lick the hell out of you, and we will have a real war right at home."

According to the testimony, the conversation continued in that vein, and then Butler quoted MacGuire as having said: "We have 3 million to start with on the line and can get 300 million if we need it", and Butler claims he said: "Who is going to put all this money up", to which MacGuire is alleged to have replied: "You heard Clark tell you he was willing to put up 15 million to save the other 15 million."

Butler testified that in the conversation MacGuire suggested that if necessary the Vice President and Secretary of State would resign and that this secretary of general affairs would become the Secretary of State and follow through to the Presidential succession.

Butler further stated that he discussed this entire matter with his confidant, Paul French, and that it was agreed between them that French should see MacGuire in New York.

Paul Comley French, a reporter for the Philadelphia Record and the New York Evening Post, followed the general on the witness stand, testified that General Butler had spoken to him about this matter, and that they agreed that French should go to New York to get the story.

French testified that he came to New York, September 13, 1934, and went to the offices of Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co. on the twelfth floor of 52 Broadway and that MacGuire received him shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon and that they conducted their entire conversation in a small private office.

French testified under oath, that as soon as he left MacGuire's office, he made a careful memorandum of everything that MacGuire had told him.

French testified that MacGuire stated, "We need a fascist government in this country to save the Nation from the Communists who want to tear it down and wreck all that we have built in America. The only men who have patriotism to do it are the soldiers and Smedley Butler is the ideal leader. He could organize one million men over night."

Continuing, French stated that during the conversation MacGuire told him about his trip to Europe and of the studies that he had made of the Fascist, Nazi, and French movements and the parts that the veterans had played in them.

French further testified that MacGuire considered the movement entirely and tremendously patriotic and that any number of people with big names would be willing to help finance it.

French stated that during the course of the conversation, MacGuire continually discussed "the need of a man on a white horse" and quoted MacGuire as having said "We might go along with Roosevelt and then do with him what Mussolini did with the King of Italy."

MacGuire, according to French, expressed the belief that half of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars would follow General Butler if he were to announce the plan that MacGuire had in mind.

Toward the close of the conversation, French says that MacGuire told him that he was going to Miami for the American Legion convention and that he would try to see Butler before he left, but that Butler's being out of town prevented a meeting and that, so far as he knew, they had not seen each other since.

Gerald C. MacGuire was called to the stand late in the afternoon of Tuesday, November 20 and after being identified as a bond salesman with Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co., stated that he was a member of the distinguished-guest committee of the Legion Convention in 1933, and later testified he was alternate delegate to the Portland convention in 1932 and delegate to Miami in 1934.

He stated that he had seen General Butler on various and sundry occasions, admitting that the first time he went there was in the company of William Doyle, of Massachusetts. He denies that an

appointment had been arranged from Washington, but in his testimony on a subsequent day, admitted that this was the case.

MacGuire in brief, claimed that the object of his visit was to induce Butler to run for commander of the American Legion and that he had also talked to General Butler about forming a committee for a sound dollar, and a sound currency.

MacGuire denied that he had in any way thought of unseating "the royal family of the American Legion", but that he felt that if Butler could become a delegate at the Chicago convention, he might become commander.

MacGuire admitted that they did discuss the possibility of Butler becoming a delegate from Hawaii.

MacGuire claimed that he wanted to interest Butler in this Committee for a Sound Dollar, because, being a public man, he could go out and speak for the movement and that they wanted him to have an opportunity to make a little money.

MacGuire denied that he had at any time ever given Butler a prepared speech and claimed that he, MacGuire, was always for President Roosevelt.

At this point, MacGuire stated that he had met Butler on eight or nine different occasions, but that he had never talked to the general about taking 200 or 300 men to the Legion convention in Chicago, nor that he had ever shown Butler a bank book or that he had ever told Butler that he had large sums of money at his command.

MacGuire testified that he had been in Newark on the occasion of the reunion of the Twenty-ninth Division. That it was a Sunday and that all he had done was to hear Butler's speech and that he, MacGuire, then left.

To a question by chairman of the committee, MacGuire answered "I never had any money and he (Butler) never asked me if I had any."

MacGuire acknowledged that he had mentioned the name of Robert Sterling Clark to Butler in connection with the Committee for a Sound Dollar and that he had told Butler that Clark would back up such a committee with money.

At that point MacGuire testified that he had received \$30,000 from Robert Sterling Clark and that the money was placed in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. to the credit of "The Committee for a Sound Dollar and Sound Currency, Inc."

He further testified that this money was given him by Mr. Clark long after the Chicago convention of the Legion, and that he had also received from Walter E. Frew, of the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co., the sum of \$1,000, which was also placed to the credit of the Sound Money Committee.

MacGuire then testified that he had received from Robert Sterling Clark approximately \$7,200 for his traveling expenses to, in, and from Europe, to which had been added the sum of \$2,500 on another occasion and \$1,000 at another time, and he stated under oath that he had not received anything from anybody else and further testified that he had deposited it in his personal account at the Manufacturers Trust Co., 55 Broad Street.

MacGuire further testified that he had a drawing account of \$132 a month right now, to which were added some commissions.

Later MacGuire testified that the \$2,500 and the \$1,000 were in connection with the organization of the Committee for a Sound Dollar.

MacGuire had a hazy recollection that Clark had talked to Butler, but denied emphatically that Clark had called him up while MacGuire was at the convention in Chicago, and that he did not make arrangements for Clark to meet Butler and did not know how the meeting was brought about.

MacGuire stated when questioned regarding the sponsorship of the gold standard resolution at Chicago "I think I had as much to do with proposing it as anyone."

Chairman McCormack then directed the following question: "Did Mr. Clark contribute any money in any other way, besides the \$30,000 and the other sums that you have enumerated he gave to you personally?" to which MacGuire replied, "No, sir; he has been asked several times to contribute to different funds, but he has refused."

Then MacGuire admitted that he had sent Butler post cards from various points in Europe and that he did have a conversation with the general at the Bellevue-Stratford, but that he was only with him for about 20 minutes.

MacGuire testified that he told Butler that he was going to the convention in Miami and, when asked whether he had told Butler that he had studied the part that the veterans played in the European governments, replied that he had not.

MacGuire denied telling Butler anything about any governmental set-ups in Europe, although he stated that he had told Butler that in his opinion "Hitler would not last another year in Germany and that Mussolini was on the skids".

MacGuire again emphatically denied that he had said anything about the European veterans.

Then MacGuire stated that Paul French had come to him and outlined a lot of things that Butler was trying to do with different veteran outfits in the country, and that he told French that Butler should not be mixed up with that kind of stuff.

Under further questioning MacGuire admitted that he had called up Butler and asked him whether he knew Paul French and that when he was assured that Butler did know him, he agreed to see him.

He stated that there was no particular significance in his calling Butler to find out whether French was all right or not, and that they discussed minor matters and that French's purpose in his visit was merely to know him.

While being questioned by both Congressman McCormack and Dickstein, MacGuire suddenly remembered that Clark had given him some money in connection with some bond transactions and fixed the sum at \$25,000, which he stated he placed on deposit with the Manufacturers Trust Co., in a "special account", and further stated that Clark had paid his expenses in going around the country looking over various municipalities in connection with the purchase of their bonds.

MacGuire testified that this \$25,000 was to go back to Mr. Clark, and that he had repaid \$20,000 of it to Mr. Albert G. Christmas

and that Christmas again gave him another check for \$20,000 which he redeposited in the Manufacturers Trust Co. in the special account.

It should be noted here that Albert G. Christmas, attorney, 160 Broadway, represents Mr. Clark.

MacGuire swore that this money was for the purpose of buying securities and that he had used the money to purchase letters of credit for that purpose.

Then the questioning switched to MacGuire's stay at the Palmer House in Chicago, and the witness admitted that he had 4 rooms there for his personal use, 2 on one floor and 2 on another, and that some of his friends shared the rooms with him, splitting the expense.

At this point the ledger statement from the Manufacturers Trust Co., showing the account of G. C. MacGuire special, was introduced and it showed deposits on September 11, 1933, \$15,000; September 13, \$10,000; September 16, \$2,200; September 18, \$20,000.

The account showed withdrawals on September 15 of \$1,125; September 16, \$6,000; September 19, \$20,000; September 23, \$3,300; and September 23, \$16,700.

There were a few minor withdrawals later.

Reiterating that he was there for the purpose of buying bonds with this \$25,000 he admitted that he did not talk to anyone, nor that he bought any, nor that he had any record of having received quotations, nor that he had asked any individual or firm whether they had any for sale.

Continuing under oath MacGuire said that the \$1,125 was drawn for expenses and that the \$6,000 was tied up with other amounts, but that the cash was paid back to Christmas.

However, MacGuire testified he had no receipt from Christmas or anything else to show it.

MacGuire admitted that he had bought and sold bonds to the value of approximately 9 million dollars for Clark, through the Murphy firm, but that this was the only time he had ever been handed any cash personally with which to buy them.

Hotel bills from the Palmer House showed MacGuire registered there continuously from September 21 to October 8.

The witness then introduced statement of Central Hanover Bank showing that he had purchased letters of credit amounting to \$30,300 between September 19 and September 27, 1933. He further claimed that he converted all of these letters of credit into cash at the First National Bank of Chicago and that he put the money into a safe deposit box in Chicago and that after the convention was over, he brought all of the cash back to Mr. Christmas, less expenses, because he had not purchased any bonds.

MacGuire could not explain why he had paid a premium of one-half of 1 percent, amounting to \$150, on \$30,300 worth of letters of credit only to cash them without having any purchases in mind and then bringing the currency back to New York.

Later in the questioning MacGuire admitted that he received \$10,000 in currency from Christmas, while MacGuire, Christmas, and Clark were having luncheon at the Bankers Club, which had nothing whatever to do with these other funds.

MacGuire stated under oath, that he took this \$10,000 and placed it in his safety deposit box at the Seaman's Savings Bank; that it

is no longer there; that he does not know when he took it out, nor does he remember what he did with it.

Again under questioning, MacGuire did not have any receipts for any of the sums of cash which he claims he repaid to Christmas as agent for Clark, in one case a sum of about \$30,000.

Note from the committee. Deposits in the Manufacturers Trust Co. special account which totalled \$26,000 and the \$10,000 which he admits he received in cash at the Bankers Club, are no part of the \$31,000 which was used by the committee on sound money.

Shortly before MacGuire left the stand on his second day of questioning he again reiterated that he had been at the convention in Chicago continuously from about September 21 to October 8, while the actual convention was in session only on October 3, 4, and 5, and further stated that he had continuously been on the pay roll of G. M. P. Murphy & Co., regardless as to whether he was making tours of inspection at the expense of Clark or whatever he was doing.

Before MacGuire's testimony was resumed on Friday the 23d, the committee heard Claude M. Adamson, connected with the Central Hanover Bank in its letter of credit department.

Adamson testified and produced bank records showing that MacGuire had purchased with cash on September 19, 1933, a letter of credit in the sum of \$2,300, and that he cashed \$300 of it in New York immediately, that he cashed \$1,100 of it at the First National Bank of Chicago on September 22, and cashed the remaining \$900 at the First National Bank of Chicago on September 29.

Then Adamson testified that on September 23 (MacGuire was supposed to be in Chicago then), MacGuire again came into the bank and bought two letters of credit, one in the sum of \$4,000 and the other in the sum of \$9,000, for which he presented in payment 13 one thousand dollar bills.

Adamson stated that the money was handed to him at the desk of J. K. Olyphant, a vice president of the bank, and that the letters of credit were issued.

Adamson testified that both of these letters of credit totaling \$13,000 were cashed on September 29.

Then Adamson testified that MacGuire came to the bank on September 27, 1933 (when he had previously testified he was in Chicago), and presented a certified check in the sum of \$15,075 which was to represent a letter of credit for \$15,000 and the fee of \$75.

Adamson swore and produced bank records to show that the letter was paid for with a certified check of Mr. A. G. Christmas on the Lawyers County Trust Co.

The bank records showed that MacGuire purchased this letter of credit on September 27, had it mailed to Chicago and cashed it on September 30, the day after he had cashed approximately \$14,000.

The Central Hanover Bank also produced duplicate deposit slips showing that MacGuire had deposited \$6,500 in currency in varying amounts in his personal account between September 18, 1934, and November 19, 1934, and when questioned, MacGuire said the money came "from a safe place." MacGuire's personal account in the Irving Trust increased by \$6,000 in a short time with no explanation forthcoming.

Resuming his testimony on Friday, November 23, MacGuire failed to produce a book to which he had previously referred, in which he

stated he had entered the moneys which he handled in connection with his trip to Chicago.

The congressional committee at this point surveyed the records of the Committee for a Sound Dollar and Sound Currency, Inc. found that it began life in December 1933 with the sum of \$31,000 and that the money had been expended for salaries, traveling expenses, printing of propaganda, legal fees, and incidentals, and at the present time had a balance of about \$24.

Neither the names of Robert Sterling Clark, A. G. Christmas, or Walter E. Frew are shown anywhere in the records of this committee.

The congressional committee also reviewed the audit of the sound dollar committee.

The congressional committee then went into the carbons of reports presented by MacGuire which he had written while he was in Europe. Some were addressed merely "Gentlemen", others to Mr. Clark and one to Mr. Christmas. Mr. MacGuire had previously testified he had been sent to Europe by Mr. Clark to study economic conditions.

In his letter of April 6, 1934, which is headed "My dear sir" MacGuire writes as follows:

There is no question but that another severe crisis is imminent. There have been various pieces of information given me to the effect that the Communists have been arming and are scattered in the outlying districts of Paris. However, this does not mean, to my mind, that there will be anything such as occurred in Vienna. If anything, it appears to me that the Communists may be used as a goat by the military, and that if this group should by any chance start demonstrations against the government, it may serve to call forth a "coup d'etat", which, it might be said, would be the use of the military.

I had a very interesting talk last evening with a man who is quite well up on affairs here and he seems to be of the opinion that the Croix de Feu will be very patriotic during this crisis and will take the cuts or be the moving spirit in the veterans to accept the cuts. Therefore they will, in all probability, be in opposition to the Socialists and functionaries. The general spirit among the functionaries seems to be that the correct way to regain recovery is to spend more money and increase wages, rather than to put more people out of work and cut salaries.

In letter on March 6, 1934, addressed merely to "Gentlemen" MacGuire writes:

\* \* \* the Croix de Feu is getting a great number of new recruits, and I recently attended a meeting of this organization and was quite impressed with the type of men belonging. These fellows are interested only in the salvation of France, and I feel sure that the country could not be in better hands, because they are not politicians; they are a cross section of the best people of the country from all walks of life, people who gave their "all" between 1914 and 1918 that France might be safe, and I feel sure that if a crucial test ever comes to the Republic that these men will be the bulwark upon which France will be saved.

There may be more uprisings, there may be more difficulties, but as is evidenced right now when the emergency arises party lines and party difficulties are forgotten as far as France is concerned, and all become united in the one desire and purpose to keep this country as it is, the most democratic, and the country of the greatest freedom in the European Continent.

MacGuire denied that he had spent a great deal of time going into veteran matters there, but he does use and gives a description of the Croix de Feu, which does compare with what Butler testified

MacGuire had told him, and again MacGuire denied that he had told Butler about it.

In other parts of the correspondence what MacGuire wrote to Clark and Christmas about foreign veteran groups tallies with what Butler claims MacGuire told him, but which MacGuire denies he said.

In a letter dated April 24, 1934, addressed to "Gentlemen", MacGuire wrote:

I just returned from a trip to Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Copenhagen, Berlin, Prague, Leipzig, Vienna, Munich, Zurich, Basle, Geneva, and thence back to Paris.

I was informed that there is a Fascist Party springing up in Holland under the leadership of a man named Mussait, who is an engineer by profession and who has approximately 50,000 followers at the present time ranging in age from 18 to 25 years. It is said that this man is in close touch with Berlin and is modeling his entire program along the lines followed by Hitler in Germany. A number of people are quite alarmed because of the German influence and the probable financial support that this man is getting from Berlin. Generally speaking, trade conditions in Holland are extremely poor, the Germans have placed restrictions against the import of all foodstuffs from this country, and the large cotton mills that the Dutch have have been closed down for a considerable length of time, mainly because of our old friend Japanese competition in the Far East, particularly in the territories that the Dutch have as a market.

In another letter MacGuire said, "everywhere you go you see men marching in groups and company formation."

MacGuire could not explain why he gave a check for \$20,000 to Albert G. Christmas on September 15 and received a check back from Christmas 3 days later for the same amount.

MacGuire admitted cashing a check on his special account for \$6,000 on September 16, which was the day before he saw Butler in Newark, not forgetting the \$10,000 that MacGuire had received in currency from Christmas at the luncheon, which he said he placed in a safety deposit box.

MacGuire had no recollection of having come back to New York from Chicago during the period between September 21 and October 2, neither did he have any recollection of having been in Washington during that same period, when confronted with a hotel bill from the Mayflower Hotel showing that he was a guest there on September 24 and 25, 1933.

To all such questions MacGuire answered, "It it too far back" or "I don't recall."

Neither could MacGuire remember what the purpose of his trip was to Washington or whether he had given the Central Hanover Bank thirteen \$1,000 bills or that he had bought one of the letters of credit with a certified check drawn on the account of Mr. Christmas.

In the course of the questioning MacGuire could not remember whether he had ever handled thousand-dollar bills, and certainly could not remember producing 13 of them at one time in the bank. It must be remembered in this connection that the \$13,000 purchase with \$1,000 bills at the bank came just 6 days after Butler claims MacGuire showed him eighteen \$1,000 bills in Newark.

From the foregoing it can readily be seen that in addition to the \$30,000 which Clark gave MacGuire for the sound money commit-

tee that he produced approximately \$75,000 more, which MacGuire reluctantly admitted on being confronted with the evidence.

This \$75,000 is shown in the \$26,000 that went into the Manufacturers' Trust account, \$10,000 in currency at the luncheon, the purchase of letters of credit totaling \$30,300, of which Christmas' certified check was represented as \$15,000, expenses to Europe close to \$8,000. This still stands unexplained.

Whether there was more and how much, the committee does not yet know.

The committee is awaiting the return to this country of both Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas. As the evidence stands, it calls for an explanation that the committee has been unable to obtain from Mr. MacGuire.



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The CHAIRMAN. Did he say anything about what the form of the Government would be when they took the Government over?

Captain GLAZIER. Strictly a dictatorship—absolutely. That inference was very plain.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he say that?

Captain GLAZIER. Yes; he made the statement.

The CHAIRMAN. What did he say in connection with that?

Captain GLAZIER. He said that there ought to be one man who would run the country; and he would be the head of the organization.

The CHAIRMAN. He would be the head of the organization?

Captain GLAZIER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he tell you who was the head of the organization?

Captain GLAZIER. Yes; he was the man.

The CHAIRMAN. He said he was the man?

Captain GLAZIER. Yes. He was doing all of this.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he say anything about having an office anywhere outside of New York?

Captain GLAZIER. Yes. He said that he had men all over the United States, and particularly I saw on this News Letter this office in Cincinnati.

The CHAIRMAN. In connection with this organization or this movement?

Captain GLAZIER. Nothing except in this News Letter that he publishes.

The CHAIRMAN. That is all, captain; thank you.

We will hear General Butler.

#### TESTIMONY OF MAJ. GEN. S. D. BUTLER (RETIRED)

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. General, you are a retired Commandant of the Marine Corps?

General BUTLER. No; I was never Commandant.

The CHAIRMAN. You were in the Army how long?

General BUTLER. I was in the Marine Corps 33 years and 4 months, on the active list.

The CHAIRMAN. As I remember, you are a Congressional Medal of Honor man; received the Congressional Medal of Honor on two occasions?

General BUTLER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. General, you know what the purpose of your visit here is today?

General BUTLER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Without my asking you any further questions, will you just go ahead and tell in your own way all that you know about an attempted Fascist movement in this country?

General BUTLER. May I preface my remarks by saying, sir, that I have one interest in all of this, and that is to try to do my best to see that a democracy is maintained in this country?

The CHAIRMAN. Nobody who has either read about or known about General Butler would have anything but that understanding.

General BUTLER. It is nice of you to say that, sir.

But that is my only interest.

I think I had probably better go back and give you the background. This has been going on for a year and a half. Along—I think it must have been about the 1st of July 1933, two men came to see me. First there was a telephone message from Washington, from a man who I did not know well. His first name was Jack. He was an American Legionnaire, but I cannot remember his last name—cannot recall it now accurately.

Anyhow, he asked me if I would receive 2 soldiers—2 veterans—if they called on me that afternoon. I said I would.

About 5 hours later a Packard limousine came up into my yard and 2 men got out. This limousine was driven by a chauffeur. They came into the house and introduced themselves. One said his name was Bill Doyle, who was then the department commander of the Legion in Massachusetts. The other said his name was Jerry MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did MacGuire come from?

General BUTLER. MacGuire said he had been State commander the year before of the department of Connecticut and was then living in Connecticut. Doyle was living in Massachusetts.

The CHAIRMAN. Had you met either of these men before?

General BUTLER. Never had seen them before, as I recollect. I might have done so; but as far as my impression then was, they were absolute strangers.

The substance of the conversation, which lasted about 2 hours, was this: That they were very desirous of unseating the royal family in control of the American Legion, at the convention to be held in Chicago, and very anxious to have me take part in it. They said that they were not in sympathy with the then administration—that is, the present administration's treatment of the soldiers.

They presented to me rather a confused picture, and I could not make up my mind exactly what they wanted me to do or what their objective was, but it had something to do with weakening the influence of the administration with the soldiers.

They asked me to go to the convention, and I said I did not want to go—that I had not been invited and did not care anything about going.

Then MacGuire said that he was the chairman of the distinguished-guest committee of the American Legion, on Louis Johnson's staff; that Louis Johnson had, at MacGuire's suggestion, put my name down to be invited as a distinguished guest of the Chicago convention.

I thought I smelled a rat, right away—that they were trying to get me mad—to get my goat. I said nothing.

They said, "We represent the plain soldiers, and we want you to come to this convention." They said, "We want you to come there and stampede the convention in a speech and help us in our fight to dislodge the royal family."

The CHAIRMAN. When you say you smelled a rat, you mean you had an idea that they were not telling the truth?

General BUTLER. I could not reconcile and from the very beginning I was never able to reconcile their desire to serve the ordinary man in the ranks, with their other aims. They did not seem to be the same. It looked to me as if they were trying to embarrass the

administration in some way. They had not gone far enough yet, but I could not reconcile the two objectives; they seemed to be diametrically opposed. One was to embarrass the administration of the American Legion, when I did not want to go anyhow, and the other object will appear here in a little while. I do not know that at that moment I had formed any particular opinion. I was just fishing to see what they had in mind. So many queer people come to my house all the time and I like to feel them all out.

Finally they said, "Now, we have arranged a way for you to come to this convention."

I said, "How is that, without being invited?"

They said, "Well, you are to come as a delegate from Hawaii."

I said, "I do not live in Hawaii."

"Well, it does not make any difference. There is to be no delegate from one of the American Legion posts there in Honolulu, and we have arranged to have you appointed by cable, by radio, to represent them at the convention. You will be a delegate."

I said, "Yes; but I will not go in the back door."

They said, "That will not be the back door. You must come."

I said, "No; I will not do this."

"Well," they said, "are you in sympathy with unhorsing the royal family?"

I said, "Yes; because they have been selling out the common soldier in this Legion for years. These fellows have been getting political plums and jobs and cheating the enlisted man in the Army, and I am for putting them out. But I cannot do it by going in through the back door."

"Well," they said, "we are going to get them out. We will arrange this."

That was all that happened the first day, as I recollect it. There were several days of it, and I will tell you everything that happened, but I cannot check it with the specific days. So they went away. Two or three days later they came back in the same car, both together, the second time. Doyle dropped out of the picture. He appeared only twice.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the second talk?

General BUTLER. The substance of the second talk was this, that they had given up this delegate idea, and I was to get two or three hundred legionnaires from around that part of the country and bring them on a special train to Chicago with me; that they would sit around in the audience, be planted here and there, and I was to be nothing but an ordinary legionnaire, going to my own convention as an onlooker; not as a participant at all. I was to appear in the gallery. These planted fellows were to begin to cheer and start a stampede and yell for a speech. Then I was to go to the platform and make a speech. I said, "Make a speech about what?"

"Oh," they said, "we have one here."

This conversation lasted a couple of hours, but this is the substance of it. They pulled out this speech. They said, "We will leave it here with you to read over, and you see if you can get these fellows to come."

I said, "Listen. These friends of mine that I know around here, even if they wanted to go, could not afford to go. It would cost

them a hundred to a hundred and fifty dollars to go out there and stay for 5 days and come back."

They said, "Well, we will pay that."

I said, "How can you pay it? You are disabled soldiers. How do you get the money to do that?"

"Oh, we have friends. We will get the money."

Then I began to smell a rat for fair. I said, "I do not believe you have got this money."

It was either then or the next time, or one of the times, they hauled out a bank-deposit book and showed me, I think it was \$42,000 in deposits on that occasion, and on another occasion it was \$64,000.

The CHAIRMAN. They took out a bank book and showed you what?

General BUTLER. They took out a bank book and showed me deposits of \$42,000 on one occasion and \$64,000 on another.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know on what bank that was?

General BUTLER. I do not. They just flipped the pages over. Now, I have had some experience as a policeman in Philadelphia. I wanted to get to the bottom of this thing and not scare them off, because I felt then that they had something real. They had so much money and a limousine. Wounded soldiers do not have limousines or that kind of money. They said, "We will pay the bill. Look around and see if you cannot get two or three hundred men and we will bring them out there and we will have accommodations for them."

This was getting along about the first of August, I should say. Well, I did not do anything about it. MacGuire made one other trip to see me, this time by himself, to see how things were getting along. I said that I had been busy and had not had time to get the soldiers together. Then on this occasion I asked him where he got this money. He was by himself when I asked him that. Doyle was not around.

"Where did you get all this money? It cannot be yours."

He said that it was given to him by nine men, that the biggest contributor had given \$9,000 and that the donations ran all the way from \$2,500 to \$9,000.

I said, "What is the object?"

He said the object was to take care of the rank and file of the soldiers, to get them their bonus and get them properly cared for.

Well, I knew that people who had \$9,000 to give away were not in favor of the bonus. That looked fishy right away.

He gave me the names of two men; Colonel Murphy, Grayson M.-P. Murphy, for whom he worked, was one. He said, "I work for him. I am in his office."

I said to him, "How did you happen to be associated with that kind of people if you are for the ordinary soldier and his bonus and his proper care? You know damn well that these bankers are not going to swallow that. There is something in this, Jerry MacGuire, besides what you have told me. I can see that."

He said, "Well, I am a business man. I have got a wife and family to keep, and they took good care of them, and if you would take my advice, you would be a business man, too."

I said, "What has Murphy got to do with this?"

"Well," he said, "don't you know who he is?"

I said, "Just indirectly. He is a broker in New York. But I do not know any of his connections."

"Well," he said, "he is the man who underwrote the formation of the American Legion for \$125,000. He underwrote it, paid for the field work of organizing it, and had not gotten all of it back yet."

"That is the reason he makes the kings, is it? He has still got a club over their heads."

"He is on our side, though. He wants to see the soldiers cared for."

Well, that was the end of that conversation. I think it was then that he showed me the deposit of \$64,000.

The CHAIRMAN. MacGuire had the money?

General BUTLER. MacGuire had the bank book. He did not have any money yet. No money had appeared yet. There was nothing but a bank book showing deposits. It was in his name.

The CHAIRMAN. In his name?

General BUTLER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Not in Doyle's name?

General BUTLER. No. Doyle had faded out of the picture and his name was never mentioned again and has never been mentioned since. I do not know but what Doyle just rode along with him.

The next time I saw him was about the 1st of September, in a hotel in Newark. I went over to the convention of the Twenty-ninth Division. Sunday morning he walked into my room and he asked me if I was getting ready now to take these men out to Chicago, that the convention was pretty close. I said, "No; I am not going to Chicago."

"Why not?"

I said, "You people are bluffing. You have not got any money"; whereupon he took out a big wallet, out of his hip pocket, and a great, big mass of thousand dollar bills and threw them out on the bed.

I said, "What's all this?"

He says, "This is for you, for expenses. You will need some money to pay them."

"How much money have you got there?"

He said, "\$18,000."

"Where did you get those thousand dollar bills?"

"Oh," he said, "last night some contributions were made. I just have not had a chance to deposit them, so I brought them along with me."

I said, "Don't you try to give me any thousand dollar bill. Remember, I was a cop once. Every one of the numbers on these bills has been taken. I know you people and what you are trying to do. You are just trying to get me by the neck. If I try to cash one of those thousand dollar bills, you would have me by the neck."

"Oh," he said, "we can change them into smaller denominations."

I said, "You put that money away before somebody walks in here and sees that money around, because I do not want to be tied up with it at all. I told you distinctly I am not going to take these men to Chicago."

"Well, are you going yourself?"

I said, "Oh, I do not know. But I know one thing. Somebody is using you. You are a wounded man. You are a bluejacket. You have got a silver plate in your head. I looked you up. You were wounded. You are being used by somebody, and I want to know the fellows who are using you. I am not going to talk to you any more. You are only an agent. I want some of the principals."

He said, "Well, I will send one of them over to see you." I said, "Who?" He said, "I will send Mr. Clark."

"Who is Mr. Clark?"

"Well, he is one of our people. He put up some money."

"Who is he?"

"Well, his name is R. S. Clark. He is a banker. He used to be in the Army."

"How old a man is he?" He told me.

"Would it be possible that he was a second lieutenant in the Ninth Infantry in China during the Boxer campaign?" He said, "That is the fellow."

He was known as the "millionaire lieutenant" and was sort of batty, sort of queer, did all sorts of extravagant things. He used to go exploring around China and wrote a book on it, on explorations. He was never taken seriously by anybody. But he had a lot of money. An aunt and an uncle died and left him \$10,000,000. That was the story at the time. So he said, "I will send him over to see you." I said, "All right, you send him over."

I thought no more about it until the end of the week, when Clark called up and asked if he might spend Sunday with me. I said, "Yes", and he said, "I will take the 9 o'clock train from New York." I said, "All right; I will meet you at the station."

Well, this was getting down to something real. I was there on time, and he stepped off the train, and I recognized him. I had not seen him for 34 years, but I could see that he was the same man, a long, gangling fellow. His hair had turned gray, but it was the same man. We got in the car and drove out home and had lunch. He did not approach the subject until after lunch. Then we went out on the porch, and he began to talk about my going to the convention alone with him; that he had reservations. He said something about a private car attached to the Pennsylvania Limited; that we could get on at Paoli and go right out with him, and that he had a suite of rooms for me at the Palmer House and he would see that I had a chance to speak.

He said, "You have got the speech?" I said, "Yes. These fellows, Doyle and MacGuire, gave me the speech." I said, "They wrote a hell of a good speech, too." He said, "Did those fellows say that they wrote that speech?" I said, "Yes; they did. They told me that that was their business, writing speeches." He laughed and said, "That speech cost a lot of money." Clark told me that it had cost him a lot of money. He thought that it was a big joke that these fellows were claiming the authorship of that speech.

I said, "The speech has nothing to do with what I am going to Chicago for. The speech urges the convention to adopt the resolution that the United States shall return to the gold standard." MacGuire had said, "We want to see the soldiers' bonus paid in gold. We do not want the soldier to have rubber money or paper money. We want the gold. That is the reason for this speech."

"Yes," I said, "but it looks as if it were a big-business speech. There is something funny about that speech, Mr. Clark."

The conversations were almost the same with both of them.

Clark said, "You understand just how we are fixed. I have got \$30,000,000. I do not want to lose it. I am willing to spend half of the \$30,000,000 to save the other half. If you go out and make this speech in Chicago, I am certain that they will adopt the resolution and that will be one step toward the return to gold, to have the soldiers stand up for it. We can get the soldiers to go out in great bodies to stand up for it."

This was the first beginning of the idea, you see, of having a soldiers' organization, getting them to go out in favor of the gold standard. Clark's thought was, "I do not want to lose my money."

Well, I said, "I am not going to Chicago." He said, "Why not?" I said, "I do not want to be mixed up in this thing at all. I tell you very frankly, Mr. Clark, I have got one interest and that is the maintenance of a democracy. That is the only thing. I took an oath to sustain the democracy, and that is what I am going to do and nothing else. I am not going to get these soldiers marching around and stirred up over the gold standard. What the hell does a soldier know about the gold standard? You are just working them, using them, just as they have been used right along, and I am going to be one of those to see that they do not use them any more except to maintain a democracy. And then I will go out with them any time to do that."

He said, "Why do you want to be so stubborn? Why do you want to be different from other people? We can take care of you. You have got a mortgage on this house", waving his hand, pointing to the house. "That can all be taken care of. It is perfectly legal, perfectly proper."

"Yes", I said, "but I just do not want to do it, that's all." Finally I said, "Do you know what you are trying to do? You are trying to bribe me in my own house. You are very polite about it and I can hardly call it that, but it looks kind of funny to me, making that kind of a proposition. You come out into the hall, I want to show you something."

We went out there. I have all the flags and banners and medals of honor, and things of that kind. It is my own place. They have been given me by the Chinese and the Nicaraguans and the Haitians—by the poor people. I said to him, "You come out here. Look at that and see what you are trying to do. You are trying to buy me away from my own kind. When you have made up your mind that I will not go with you, then you come on and tell me."

In a few minutes he came back to the back office and said, "Can I use your telephone?" "Yes." He called up Chicago and got hold of MacGuire at the Palmer House and he said to MacGuire, "General Butler is not coming to the convention. He has given me his reasons and they are excellent ones, and I apologize to him for my connection with it. I am not coming either. You can put this thing across. You have got \$45,000. You can send those telegrams. You will have to do it in that way. The general is not coming. I can see why. I am going to Canada to rest. If you want me, you know where you can find me. You have got enough money to go through with it."

That was the end of that and we talked pleasantly on personal matters after that. I took him to the train about 6 o'clock and he went home.

The convention came off and the gold standard was endorsed by the convention. I read about it with a great deal of interest. There was some talk about a flood of telegrams that came in and influenced them and I was so much amused, because it all happened right in my room.

Then MacGuire stopped to see me on his way back from the convention. This time he came in a hired limousine. It was not a private one this time. He came out to the house and told me that they had been successful in putting over their move. I said, "Yes, but you did not endorse the soldiers' bonus."

He said, "Well, we have got to get sound currency before it is worth while to endorse the bonus."

He then went away and the campaign here in New York started. They were electing municipal officers, a political campaign. A marine was running for public office over here in Brooklyn and I came over to make a speech for him.

I was met at the train by MacGuire. He seemed to know just where I was going and he said he wanted to go with me, and he did.

I think there was one other visit to the house, because he proposed that I go to Boston to a soldiers' dinner to be given in my honor. He suggested that I go up to Boston to this dinner for the soldiers. He said, "We will have a private car for you on the end of the train. You will make a speech at this dinner and it will be worth a thousand dollars to you."

I said, "I never got a thousand dollars for making a speech."

He said, "You will get it this time."

"Who is going to pay for this dinner and this ride up in the private car?"

"Oh, we will pay for it out of our funds."

I am not going to Boston. If the soldiers of Massachusetts want to give a dinner and want me to come, I will come. But there is no thousand dollars in it."

So he said, "Well, then, we will think of something else."

Then when he met me over in New York, he had another idea. He said, "You are going on a trip for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. You are going around recruiting them, aren't you?" I said, "Yes; I am going to start as soon as this campaign is over."

The CHAIRMAN. When was this campaign?

General BUTLER. This was in November 1933. All of this happened between July and November, everything I told you. The campaign was on over here.

The CHAIRMAN. That was a city campaign?

General BUTLER. The municipal campaign; yes. I do not remember very much about it, but some soldiers asked me to come over and speak for a marine that was running for office, and I did.

Anyhow, he met me at the train and he had another idea. He said, "You are going out to speak for the veterans." I said, "Yes." I told him this about a dozen times. "You know, I believe that sooner or later there is going to be a test of our democracy, a test of this democratic form of government. The soldiers are the only people in this country who have ever taken an oath to sustain it."

I believe that I can appeal to them by the millions to stand up for a democracy, because they have more stake in a democracy than any other class of our citizens, because they have fought for it. I am going out to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They are my kind, overseas people, old regulars, and see if I cannot get a half a million of those fellows and preach this to them, that we have got to stand up against war. I have got an object in doing it. I believe that sooner or later we are going to have a showdown, because I have had so many invitations to head societies and to join societies, all of them with a camouflaged patriotic intent. They are rackets, all of them."

I said this to him a dozen times. But he said, "Well, that is what we are for." He said, "I want to go around with you, around the country. I want to go around and talk to the soldiers in the background and see if we cannot get them to join a great big super organization to maintain the democracy."

I said, "I do not know about you going along, Jerry. Of course, I cannot keep you off of the train. But there is something funny about all this that you are doing and I am not going to be responsible for it and I do not want any more to do with it. You are a wounded soldier and I am not going to hurt you, but you must lay off this business with me, because there is too much money in it."

"Well, I am a business man," he said. He said, "I do not see why you will not be a business man, too."

I said, "If fiddling with this form of government is business, I am out of it; if that is your business."

"Oh," he said, "I would not disturb this form of government."

I said, "You have got some reason for getting at these soldiers other than to maintain a democracy."

That was the end of that visit. He did not get on the train when I left, the latter part of November, to make this tour of 4 months.

I never heard of him again until about February, when I had a post card from Nice, down on the Riviera. He said he was having a wonderful time over there. Then I began to get the idea that he was using Clark—to pull money out of Clark by frightening him about his \$30,000,000—and then he was coming to me; and then he would go back and tell Clark, "I have been to see Butler, and he will go along if you will get me \$5,000 more." In other words, I could see him working both ends against the middle and making a sucker out of Clark. However, if Clark wanted to get rid of his money, it was none of my business. I had another short note from him, from Berlin, along in the spring, about April or May. He said he was having a wonderful time. He had been over there ever since he left me in November. He went over the 1st of December. That is the reason I had not heard anything more of him.

Then along in the latter part of August of this year—nothing happened this year until August—he called me on the telephone one day and said that he wanted to know if I could meet him in Philadelphia that afternoon; that he only had a very short time to spend with me, but if I could run in for an hour, he had something of the utmost importance to tell me. Mrs. Butler and I happened to be going into Philadelphia, and I said, "I will meet you at the Thirtieth Street station."

"No; I do not want to meet you at the railroad station. Come to the Bellevue." I went to the Bellevue at 3 o'clock, and there he

was in the lobby. We went back into the back part of the lobby, where nobody was at the time. There was an abandoned cafe there. We went there. He told me what a wonderful time he had had in Europe. He told me all about his trip to Europe. Now, he is a very cagey individual. He always approaches everything from afar. He is really a very nice, plausible fellow. But I gather, after this association with him, that due to this wound in his head, he is a little inconsistent, a little flighty. He is being used, too, but I do not think Clark is using him. My impression is that Murphy uses him; and he uses Clark, because Clark has the money. So he finally said, "We are going down to the convention in Miami. You are coming?"

I said, "No; I am not going to the convention."

He said, "The time has come now to get the soldiers together."

"Yes," I said, "I think so, too." He said, "I went abroad to study the part that the veteran plays in the various set-ups of the governments that they have abroad. I went to Italy for 2 or 3 months and studied the position that the veterans of Italy occupy in the Fascist set-up of government, and I discovered that they are the backbone of Mussolini. They keep them on the pay rolls in various ways and keep them contented and happy; and they are his real backbone, the force on which he may depend, in case of trouble, to sustain him. But that set-up would not suit us at all. The soldiers of America would not like that. I then went to Germany to see what Hitler was doing, and his whole strength lies in organizations of soldiers, too. But that would not do. I looked into the Russian business. I found that the use of the soldiers over there would never appeal to our men. Then I went to France, and I found just exactly the organization we are going to have. It is an organization of supersoldiers." He gave me the French name for it, but I do not recall what it is. I never could have pronounced it, anyhow. But I do know that it is a superorganization of members of all the other soldiers' organizations of France, composed of noncommissioned officers and officers. He told me that they had about 500,000, and that each one was a leader of 10 others, so that it gave them 5,000,000 votes. And he said, "Now, that is our idea here in America—to get up an organization of that kind."

I said, "What do you want to do with it when you get it up?"

"Well," he said, "we want to support the President."

I said, "The President does not need the support of that kind of an organization. Since when did you become a supporter of the President? The last time I talked to you you were against him."

He said, "Well, he is going to go along with us now."

"Is he?"

"Yes."

"Well, what are you going to do with these men, suppose you get these 500,000 men in America? What are you going to do with them?"

"Well," he said, "they will be the support of the President."

I said, "The President has got the whole American people. Why does he want them?"

He said, "Don't you understand the set-up has got to be changed a bit? Now, we have got him—we have got the President. He has got to have more money. There is not any more money to give him. Eighty percent of the money now is in Government bonds, and he

cannot keep this racket up much longer. He has got to do something about it. He has either got to get more money out of us or he has got to change the method of financing the Government, and we are going to see to it that he does not change that method. He will not change it.

I said, "The idea of this great group of soldiers, then, is to sort of frighten him, is it?"

"No, no, no; not to frighten him. This is to sustain him when others assault him."

I said, "Well, I do not know about that. How would the President explain it?"

He said: "He will not necessarily have to explain it, because we are going to help him out. Now, did it ever occur to you that the President is overworked? We might have an Assistant President, somebody to take the blame; and if things do not work out, he can drop him."

He went on to say that it did not take any constitutional change to authorize another Cabinet official, somebody to take over the details of the office—take them off the President's shoulders. He mentioned that the position would be a secretary of general affairs—a sort of a supersecretary.

The CHAIRMAN. A secretary of general affairs?

General BUTLER. That is the term used by him—or a secretary of general welfare—I cannot recall which. I came out of the interview with that name in my head. I got that idea from talking to both of them, you see. They had both talked about the same kind of relief that ought to be given the President, and he said: "You know, the American people will swallow that. We have got the newspapers. We will start a campaign that the President's health is failing. Everybody can tell that by looking at him, and the dumb American people will fall for it in a second."

And I could see it. They had that sympathy racket, that they were going to have somebody take the patronage off of his shoulders and take all the worries and details off of his shoulders, and then he will be like the President of France. I said, "So that is where you got this idea?"

He said: "I have been traveling around—looking around. Now, about this superorganization—would you be interested in heading it?"

I said, "I am interested in it, but I do not know about heading it. I am very greatly interested in it, because you know, Jerry, my interest is, my one hobby is, maintaining a democracy. If you get these 500,000 soldiers advocating anything smelling of Fascism, I am going to get 500,000 more and lick the hell out of you, and we will have a real war right at home. You know that."

"Oh, no. We do not want that. We want to ease up on the President."

He is going to ease up on him.

"Yes; and then you will put somebody in there you can run; is that the idea? The President will go around and christen babies and dedicate bridges, and kiss children. Mr. Roosevelt will never agree to that himself."

"Oh, yes; he will. He will agree to that."

"I said, 'I do not believe he will.' I said, 'Don't you know that this will cost money, what you are talking about?'"

He says, "Yes; we have got \$3,000,000 to start with, on the line, and we can get \$300,000,000, if we need it."

"Who is going to put all this money up?"

"Well," he said, "you heard Clark tell you he was willing to put up \$15,000,000 to save the other \$15,000,000."

"How are you going to care for all these men?"

He said, "Well, the Government will not give them pensions, or anything of that kind, but we will give it to them. We will give privates \$10 a month and destitute captains \$35. We will get them all right."

"It will cost you a lot of money to do that."

He said, "We will only have to do that for a year, and then everything will be all right again."

Now, I cannot recall which one of these fellows told me about the rule of succession, about the Secretary of State becoming President when the Vice President is eliminated. There was something said in one of the conversations that I had, that the President's health was bad, and he might resign, and that Garner did not want it, anyhow, and then this supersecretary would take the place of the Secretary of State and in the order of succession would become President. That was the idea. He said that they had this money to spend on it, and he wanted to know again if I would head it, and I said, "No; I was interested in it, but I would not head it."

He said, "When I was in Paris, my headquarters were Morgan & Hodges. We had a meeting over there. I might as well tell you that our group is for you, for the head of this organization. Morgan & Hodges are against you. The Morgan interests say that you cannot be trusted, that you will be too radical, and so forth, that you are too much on the side of the little fellow; you cannot be trusted. They do not want you. But our group tells them that you are the only fellow in America who can get the soldiers together. They say, 'Yes, but he will get them together and go in the wrong way.' That is what they say if you take charge of them."

So he left me, saying, "I am going down to Miami and I will get in touch with you after the convention is over, and we are going to make a fight down there for the gold standard, and we are going to organize."

So since then, in talking to Paul French here—I had not said anything about this other thing, it did not make any difference about fiddling with the gold standard resolution, but this looked to me as though it might be getting near, that they were going to stir some of these soldiers up to hurt our Government. I did not know anything about this committee, so I told Paul to let his newspaper see what they could find out about the background of these fellows. I felt that it was just a racket, that these fellows were working one another and getting money out of the rich, selling them gold bricks. I have been in 752 different towns in the United States in 3 years and 1 month, and I made 1,022 speeches. I have seen absolutely no sign of anything showing a trend for a change of our form of Government. So it has never appealed to me at all. But

as long as there was a lot of money stirring around—and I had noticed some of them with money to whom I have talked were dissatisfied and talking about having dictators—I thought that perhaps they might be tempted to put up money.

Now, there is one point that I have forgotten which I think is the most important of all. I said, "What are you going to call this organization?"

He said, "Well, I do not know."

I said, "Is there anything stirring about it yet?"

"Yes," he says; "you watch; in 2 or 3 weeks you will see it come out in the paper. There will be big fellows in it. This is to be the background of it. These are to be the villagers in the opera. The papers will come out with it." He did not give me the name of it, but he said that it would all be made public; a society to maintain the Constitution, and so forth. They had a lot of talk this time about maintaining the Constitution. I said, "I do not see that the Constitution is in any danger", and I asked him again, "Why are you in this thing?" He said, "I am a business man. I have got a wife and children."

In other words, he had had a nice trip to Europe with his family, for 9 months, and he said that that cost plenty, too.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you have any further talks with him?

General BUTLER. No. The only other time I saw or heard from him was when I wanted Paul to uncover him. He talked to me and he telephoned Paul, saying he wanted to see him. He called me up and asked if Paul was a reputable person, and I said he was. That is the last thing I heard from him.

The CHAIRMAN. The last talk you had with MacGuire was in the Bellevue in August of this year?

General BUTLER. August 22; yes. The date can be identified.

The CHAIRMAN. We thank you, General Butler, for coming here this morning.

We will hear Mr. French.

#### TESTIMONY OF PAUL COMLY FRENCH

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. Will you state your name for the record?

Mr. FRENCH. Paul Comly French.

The CHAIRMAN. With whom are you connected?

Mr. FRENCH. I am a reporter for the Philadelphia Record and the New York Evening Post.

The CHAIRMAN. You have heard the General's testimony. Will you make any statement you care to make at this time?

Mr. FRENCH. The General told me about this in September. We talked it over and I got in touch with MacGuire in New York and arranged to come and see him.

The CHAIRMAN. That is September of this year?

Mr. FRENCH. September 13, 1934, I came to New York, went to his office on the twelfth floor of 52 Broadway. The whole floor is occupied by Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co. At first he was somewhat cagey in talking, and then he warmed up.

The CHAIRMAN. You had this talk with MacGuire?

Mr. FRENCH. Gerald P. MacGuire in the offices of Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co., the twelfth floor of 52 Broadway, shortly after 1 o'clock in the afternoon. He has a small private office there and I went into his office. I have here some direct quotes from him. As soon as I left his office I got to a typewriter and made a memorandum of everything that he told me.

We need a Fascist government in this country, he insisted, to save the Nation from the communists who want to tear it down and wreck all that we have built in America. The only men who have the patriotism to do it are the soldiers and Smedley Butler is the ideal leader. He could organize a million men over night.

During the conversation he told me he had been in Italy and Germany during the summer of 1934 and the spring of 1934 and had made an intensive study of the background of the Nazi and Fascist movements and how the veterans had played a part in them. He said he had obtained enough information on the Fascist and Nazi movements and of the part played by the veterans, to properly set up one in this country.

He emphasized throughout his conversation with me that the whole thing was tremendously patriotic, that it was saving the Nation from communists, and that the men they deal with have that crackbrained idea that the Communists are going to take it apart. He said the only safeguard would be the soldiers. At first he suggested that the General organize this outfit himself and ask a dollar a year dues from everybody. We discussed that, and then he came around to the point of getting outside financial funds, and he said that it would not be any trouble to raise a million dollars.

During the course of the conversation he continually discussed the need of a man on a white horse, as he called it, a dictator who would come galloping in on his white horse. He said that was the only way; either through the threat of armed force or the delegation of power, and the use of a group of organized veterans, to save the capitalistic system.

He warmed up considerably after we got under way and he said, "We might go along with Roosevelt and then do with him what Mussolini did with the King of Italy."

It fits in with what he told the general, that we would have a Secretary of General Affairs, and if Roosevelt played ball, swell; and if he did not, they would push him out.

He expressed the belief that at least half of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars would follow the general if he would announce such a plan.

He then pushed a letter across the desk and said that it was from Louis Johnson, a former national commander of the American Legion.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he show you the letter?

Mr. FRENCH. I did not read it. He just passed it over so I could see it, but he did not show it to me. He said that he had discussed the matter with him along the lines of what we were now discussing, and I took it to mean that he had talked of this Fascist proposition with Johnson, and Johnson was in sympathy with it.

During the conversation he also mentioned Henry Stephens, of Warsaw, N. C., a former national commander of the American



Legion, and said that he was interested in the program. Several times he brought in the names of various former national commanders of the American Legion, to give me the impression that, whether justly or unjustly, a group in the American Legion were actively interested in this proposition.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, he mentioned a lot of prominent names; and whether they are interested or not, you do not know, except that he seemed to try to convey to you that they were, to impress on you the significance of this movement?

Mr. FRENCH. That is precisely the impression I gained from him. He had a very brilliant solution of the unemployment situation. He said that Roosevelt had muffed it terrifically, but that he had the plan. He had seen it in Europe. It was a plan that Hitler had used in putting all of the unemployed in labor camps or barracks—enforced labor. That would solve it overnight, and he said that when they got into power, that is what they would do; that that was the ideal plan.

He had another suggestion to register all persons all over the country, like they do in Europe. He said that would stop a lot of these Communist agitators who were running around the country.

He said that a crash was inevitable and was due to come when bonds reach 5 percent. He said that the soldiers must prepare to save the Nation.

Now, that is the substance of the conversation. It lasted, I should say, about an hour and a half or 2 hours. When I left him he said that he planned to get in touch with the general and again try to persuade him to accept the leadership of this organization; that he was going to Miami in a couple of weeks for the national convention, to do a little work.

The CHAIRMAN. To beat the bonus?

Mr. FRENCH. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. I thought he was for the bonus.

Mr. FRENCH. He was at first.

General BUTLER (interposing). He wants it paid in gold. Clark told me that he had been for the bonus or that he would be for the bonus if we could get the gold standard restored.

Mr. FRENCH. Then he said he would be in Miami. I told him that the general was going out on a rather lengthy speaking tour and did not know how to get to him. He said that he would either see him before he went to Miami or, if he could not, after he came back from Miami. But he did not see him and in a couple of days the general went out West.

Then I went back to see MacGuire on the 27th of September and talked to him for only a few minutes this time. In the meantime I had tried to get in touch with him once when I was in New York, but he was then in Miami and could not. At this time he said that he was extremely sorry that he could not get to Newton Square, but hoped to do so soon; that things were moving nicely. Everything is coming our way, is the way he expressed it.

The CHAIRMAN. That is all.

(Whereupon the committee recessed until 2:30 p. m.)

(At the conclusion of the recess the subcommittee convened and heard testimony from two witnesses upon another subject, after

which the subcommittee returned to the subject about which the morning session related and the chairman called as a witness Mr. Gerald C. MacGuire.)

### TESTIMONY OF GERALD C. MacGUIRE

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. Let the record show that the witness is accompanied by his counsel, Norman L. Marks, of 10 East Fortieth Street, New York City.

Will you give your name?

Mr. MacGUIRE. Gerald C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. I will say that counsel is allowed to be present as a matter of courtesy. Counsel is at liberty, if counsel thinks that the constitutional rights of his client are involved, to advise him as to what he thinks the proper course is to take.

Mr. MARKS. I am quite sure that no such question will arise.

Mr. MacGUIRE. Mr. Chairman, may I say something, please?

Mr. MARKS. May I suggest that you allow the chairman to ask questions, and I think we will get along much better.

The CHAIRMAN. Your place of business is where?

Mr. MacGUIRE. Grayson M.-P. Murphy & Co., 52 Broadway, New York City.

The CHAIRMAN. What is your connection with the company?

Mr. MacGUIRE. I am a bond salesman.

The CHAIRMAN. How long have you been connected with them?

Mr. MacGUIRE. Going on 5—4 years; say, 4 years.

The CHAIRMAN. You live where?

Mr. MacGUIRE. Darien, Conn.

The CHAIRMAN. You are a past department commander in the American Legion?

Mr. MacGUIRE. No, sir; never held an office in the American Legion. I have just been a Legionnaire—oh, I beg your pardon. I did hold one office. I was on the distinguished guest committee of the Legion in 1933, I believe.

The CHAIRMAN. That was for the Chicago convention?

Mr. MacGUIRE. No; that was Portland, Oreg.

The CHAIRMAN. In 1933? When was the Chicago convention?

Mr. MacGUIRE. It was in 1932. I was appointed by Louis Johnson on the distinguished guest committee.

Mr. MARKS. May I interrupt to explain one thing? Our conventions come at the end of the year.

The CHAIRMAN. I am a Legionnaire myself.

Mr. MARKS. And these appointments are made for the following convention.

The CHAIRMAN. Then, you were a member of the distinguished guest committee for the convention of 1933?

Mr. MacGUIRE. That is right; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You were appointed by the national commander?

Mr. MacGUIRE. Johnson.

The CHAIRMAN. At the 1933 convention in Chicago?

Mr. MacGUIRE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. You know Bill Doyle, do you not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know General Butler?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you and Bill Doyle go to see General Butler?

Mr. MACGUIRE. July of 1933?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Why, Mr. Chairman, to my recollection it was in May of 1933; either April or May.

The CHAIRMAN. All right; sometime in 1933.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Who sent you there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I went—I did not go directly. I was in Philadelphia. Doyle was with me in Philadelphia on business and I called General Butler up and asked him if we could see him. He said yes, and we drove out to see him.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it you, Mr. MacGuire, who called him up?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Had you ever met the General before that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I had met him; yes. I do not know just where, but at some veterans' gathering, somewhere around New York, a couple of years previous to that.

The CHAIRMAN. That was purely incidental?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. And at that time, when I met the General, as I told him—

The CHAIRMAN. The time you met him previous to the time we are inquiring about, you met just like fellows will meet one another?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. That particular time I brought up the point that a lot of people had been talking about him, and I asked him to explain the story of the Williams case out on the coast, which he did, to me.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the first time you met him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. We need not go into that. You say you telephoned him from Philadelphia?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Did anyone else telephone him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. From Philadelphia?

The CHAIRMAN. From Washington. Do you know of anyone telephoning him from Washington as a result of which you and Bill Doyle went out to see him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It seems to me that along 2 or 3 months after that we were in Washington and I believe from the Mayflower Hotel we called his place.

The CHAIRMAN. In any event, the first time you went out there was some time in May or June of 1933?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. And you and Bill Doyle went out to see him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. When you called up, did you tell him who you were?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And you asked him if he would meet you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I told him that I had met him around some place and that I was interested in the Legion and asked him if he could see us, and he said, "Fine; be glad to."

The CHAIRMAN. And you and Mr. Doyle went up to see him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. You were there for about how long, Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, roughly I should say about an hour and ten minutes, something like that.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the purpose of the visit?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, there are two different reasons. One was that we were thinking of forming a committee for a sound dollar and a sound currency, and the other was that I had always been a great admirer of General Butler and I thought that he would be a fine man to be commander of the Legion. Both of those subjects were brought up.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there some talk about unseating the royal family of the American Legion?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No; I do not believe that was brought up. I think what was said was more or less general; that there was a good opportunity in the Legion for a man of his caliber and leadership and if there was any way possible and he was a delegate to the Chicago convention, we might be able to get him to run and be commander.

The CHAIRMAN. With reference to the matter of being a delegate, was there any talk about how he would be a delegate and from where?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it was discussed and we asked him if he could be a delegate from Pennsylvania and he said no, that "The boys here do not like me and I do not think they would elect me from here." I think either Doyle or myself—I do not know which one it was; Doyle probably, because he knew more about the policies of the Legion than I; I do not know exactly what happened, but I think the General suggested that he had some friends other places and he might try that.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you or Doyle suggest his being a delegate from Hawaii?

Mr. MACGUIRE. As far as I can recall, Mr. Chairman, I think that generally speaking when discussed the possibilities of where he could be a delegate from—well, you are a legionnaire, Mr. Chairman, and you understand that in order for a man to be on the floor and have a voice in the convention, he has got to be a delegate.

The CHAIRMAN. Surely.

Mr. MACGUIRE. So, naturally, the first proceeding would be to try to get him to be a delegate and, I think in discussing it, probably Hawaii was mentioned as well as Guam and a few other places.

The CHAIRMAN. In the conversation did you or Mr. Bill Doyle say that you were very anxious to unseat those who were in the leadership of the American Legion?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I do not think we did in that way, in the way in which you are putting it.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there some talk along that line? Were you and Doyle against those who were in control of the Legion at that time?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; positively not.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there any talk along that line?

Mr. MACGUIRE. There was talk. I thought that he would be a good man, so did Doyle, for commander of the Legion; and naturally, if you are going to have a man for commander, he has got to be against some people who are also putting a man up.

The CHAIRMAN. What talk did you have with him about the sound dollar and the gold standard? Was the gold standard mentioned?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No; the gold standard was not mentioned. As a matter of fact, I do not think the gold standard or the sound dollar committee was gone into very much at that particular meeting.

The CHAIRMAN. You said that in this talk—

Mr. MACGUIRE. It was brought up, and the reason it was brought up is this—

The CHAIRMAN. Never mind the reason. In what way was it brought up? I would like to know just what the conversation was.

Mr. MACGUIRE. As I said, I was going to form this committee for a sound dollar; and I thought General Butler, being a public man and going out speaking for various movements as he has in the past and getting paid for it, would be glad to accept the fee for going out and speaking for the committee for a sound dollar. That was the object in bringing it up.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you talk with him along that line?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you leave a speech with him—a speech that he was to make to the convention if he went out there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you later? Did you at any time leave a speech with him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Urging the support of a resolution at the convention, placing the national convention on record as favoring a restoration of this country to the gold standard?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him that you were not in sympathy with the present administration of the Legion; that they were not watching out for the interest of the soldier?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That the present administration of the Legion was not watching out for the interest of the soldier?

The CHAIRMAN. Pardon me. I will redraft that question. Did you say anything about the present administration in Washington not looking out for the soldier?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Positively not.

The CHAIRMAN. I am just asking you the question.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I have always been in favor of the administration in Washington—always supported it.

The CHAIRMAN. Was anything said about weakening the influence of the administration with the soldier? Did you or Doyle say anything along that line?

Mr. MACGUIRE. What is that again?

The CHAIRMAN. Weakening the influence of the administration with the soldier?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I do not believe the administration was mentioned, as far as President Roosevelt or anybody down there are concerned.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him what position you occupied on the distinguished-guest committee?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I was the distinguished-guest committeeman in New York, of the national committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him that you were a member of the distinguished-guest committee?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe I did; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What occasion did you have for telling him that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Just merely in conversation, that I was appointed as a member of the distinguished-guest committee in the Legion.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ask him to go out to the convention as a distinguished guest of the convention?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I told General Butler that I thought it would be a good idea if he could be a distinguished guest to the Chicago convention.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. And I thought that it would be, because I admired the man, and I thought he would make a good distinguished guest.

The CHAIRMAN. He was not invited, was he?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That I cannot say. I do not believe he was. I am not sure, but I would rather not say for the record, because I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you come back 2 or 3 days later to see him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Two or three days later?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. At the time of the first talk there was a discussion of his being a delegate to the convention?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You had later talks with him, did you not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. How many would you say, altogether?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I should say, altogether, I talked with General Butler eight or nine times. I have been in Philadelphia, and I have called him up, and he has met me and I have met him, and we have talked different times.

The CHAIRMAN. You knew at some time or other that he could not go out as a delegate?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there some talk about his going out as an individual legionnaire and having two or three hundred other legionnaires go out to Chicago, too?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you at any time tell him, after the delegate idea was given up, that he was to go out as an ordinary legionnaire and to get two or three hundred other legionnaires to go to Chicago, and that when he came into the convention they were to demand that he make a speech?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No; I do not believe so; no, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, did you tell him that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I did not.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he say to you, "What am I going to talk about?" And did you say to him, "Well, we have your speech here", and you left it? Did you leave a speech there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did any talk of that kind take place?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there any talk about how or from where these two or three hundred other men were to go to Chicago?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you at any time say that you would see to it that there expenses were paid—that "We have plenty"?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Was Mr. Doyle with you the second time that you visited him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. Mr. Doyle was only with me once.

The CHAIRMAN. At any time did you take out a bank book and show him deposits in it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. One with around 40 or 50 thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did you see him the second time, Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. MACGUIRE. General Butler?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, Mr. McCormack, I do not know whether it was down in Philadelphia or whether it was in Newark at a meeting of the Twenty-ninth Division; or he wrote me a letter, I believe, and said that he was going to be at this meeting in Newark, as far as I can recollect; or he called me up and asked me if I would go over there. It was on a Sunday, and I went over. I think that is the second time I met him; or the third time, rather, because the second time was when you say I was down there with this speech, and so forth.

The CHAIRMAN. I am not saying anything. What happened in Newark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. In Newark?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I went over there, and I met General Butler. I looked him up—went up to his room—and he asked me to have lunch with him and then later go and hear his speech in the theater down there—I forget the name of it. I said, "Certainly"; and we had lunch with him and then went down and heard his speech; and after that he was surrounded with a lot of fellows, and he was going to stay there for the dinner that they were going to have that night, and I went home.

The CHAIRMAN. You were in the Navy during the war?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How did you happen to be at this convention of the Twenty-ninth?

Mr. MACGUIRE. He invited me.

The CHAIRMAN. He wrote you and invited you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you got the letter?

Mr. MACGUIRE. He either wrote me or called me on the telephone; which, I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. You never showed him a bank book?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I never did; no, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know Colonel Murphy?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you associated with him in any way?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir; he is my boss.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you mention his name to General Butler?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; excepting that he inferred that because I was with Colonel Murphy, that I was there in connection with the firm.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he at any time ask you where you got the money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I never had any money, and he never asked me if I had any.

The CHAIRMAN. In what way did Colonel Murphy's name come into the conversation?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot answer that; I do not know. I do not think it ever came in in a discussion between General Butler and myself.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever mention Mr. Clark to him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Clark? Yes; in connection with the committee for a sound dollar. I mentioned that Mr. Clark was the man who was going to back up the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. In what way back up the committee?

Mr. MACGUIRE. With money.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How much did he give?

Mr. MACGUIRE. \$30,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Whom did he give it to?

Mr. MACGUIRE. He gave it to me.

The CHAIRMAN. Where is that money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The money was duly put in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

The CHAIRMAN. In whose name?

Mr. MACGUIRE. And a committee formed to function.

The CHAIRMAN. In whose name?

Mr. MACGUIRE. A committee for a sound dollar and a sound currency, incorporated.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the way it was deposited?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. When was that money given to you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot give you the exact dates.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it given before your talks with Butler or afterward?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That was long afterward. The money that Mr. Clark gave me was given to me long after the Chicago convention of the Legion.

The CHAIRMAN. That was in 1933?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. I should say around October or November 1933.

The CHAIRMAN. Who draws the checks on this fund?

Mr. MACGUIRE. A man by the name of Esterbrook. He was treasurer.

The CHAIRMAN. What is his full name?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Charles Esterbrook, 145 Harrison Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

The CHAIRMAN. Who has the books and checks, canceled checks?

Mr. MACGUIRE. They can be produced at the proper time.

The CHAIRMAN. Was any more money received other than what you have mentioned?

Mr. MACGUIRE. \$1,000 from Mr. Frew, of the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co., Walter E. Frew.

The CHAIRMAN. Are the books in your possession, Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Right now they are not; no, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is why you cannot produce them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Who has them now?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe Mr. Esterbrook or the auditors.

The CHAIRMAN. Who are the auditors?

Mr. MACGUIRE. John A. Conlon & Co., certified public accountants, Newark, N. J.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you receive any money personally from Mr. Clark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Personally?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. I received \$7,200-and-something, I just forget what was the full amount, for traveling expenses to Europe.

The CHAIRMAN. When did you receive that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe that was received in March.

The CHAIRMAN. Of this year?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; and I have received, I think, \$2,500 at another time and \$1,000 at another time.

The CHAIRMAN. From Mr. Clark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. From Mr. Clark for expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you receive anything from anybody else?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you deposit that money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Deposit the money?

The CHAIRMAN. This money that you personally received from Mr. Clark, something over \$10,000.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I deposited it in the Manufacturers Trust Co.

The CHAIRMAN. In your own name?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What branch of the Manufacturers Trust Co.?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The main office, 55 Broad.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any other account in any other bank?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Where?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The Irving Trust Co. and the Central Hanover.

The CHAIRMAN. Are they both in your name?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir; my name or my wife's.

The CHAIRMAN. In what names are they? Are they in your joint names?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Joint name, yes; G. C. and E. W. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any other deposits in any other banks?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; the Irving and the Central Hanover and the Manufacturers.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any deposits under any other name in any other banks?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. By the way, what is your salary with this concern?

Mr. MACGUIRE. My drawing account is \$432 a month right now.

The CHAIRMAN. Was that your drawing account when you started there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. It was \$7,500.

The CHAIRMAN. A year?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. It has been reduced?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And you are on commission, are you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And you earn commissions in addition to that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I have; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What were these amounts of \$7,200 and \$2,500 and \$1,000 given by Mr. Clark for?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Expenses. The \$2,500 and the \$1,000 were in connection with the expenses of organizing the committee for a sound dollar and doing necessary work in that connection, and the \$7,200 was for a trip to Europe that I made in connection with a study of securities, and so forth, over there.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know that Mr. Clark had a personal talk with General Butler?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It seems to me that he mentioned it to me, but I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Who mentioned it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That Mr. Clark did mention it, but he mentioned it in connection with—

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know that Mr. Clark talked with him about going to the convention?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I do not.

The CHAIRMAN. And that he, Clark, said that he would see that he had a chance to speak there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That he would arrange it through you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you not remember giving him the speech that he was to make?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you say that you did not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I did not.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark call you up in Chicago at any time?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Clark? No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He did not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No; he did not. I called him in New York.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he ever call you up in Chicago from General Butler's home?

Mr. MACGUIRE. From General Butler's home?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; to my recollection he did not.  
 The CHAIRMAN. At the convention, where did you stay, what hotel?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. The Palmer House.  
 The CHAIRMAN. But at no time did you receive a call from Mr. Clark while you were in Chicago?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. To my recollection, no.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Particularly from General Butler's own home?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. To my recollection, no.  
 The CHAIRMAN. And was not the main subject of talk that you had with General Butler on several occasions the adoption of a resolution by the convention urging the Government to return to the gold standard?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Was such a resolution adopted out there?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; it was.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Who proposed it, if you remember?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, I think I had as much to do with proposing it as anyone; and Bill Doyle.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did Clark at any time tell you that Butler would not go to the convention and that he was going to Canada?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. And for you to let loose the telegrams; let the telegrams go?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Let me get that straight.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Or words to that effect; something about sending telegrams to the delegates at the convention?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Were telegrams sent to the delegates at the convention in connection with the adoption of this resolution to return to the gold standard?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Not to my knowledge. They were not sent by me.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Do you know whether or not any expenses were paid out of this fund, any payments were made for the sending of telegrams to delegates at the convention?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Telegrams to delegates? I do not believe there were any telegrams sent to delegates concerning this resolution that you speak of paid for out of the expense fund that you mention.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Do you know if any telegrams were sent at all in connection with the adoption of this resolution?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. At the end of the convention, after the convention had adopted the resolution, I sent telegrams myself.  
 The CHAIRMAN. How many?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Oh, I should think 99. That was part of the expense money; that is, part of the expense money was used for that.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Prior to the adoption of the resolution?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Prior to the adoption—I do not believe so.  
 The CHAIRMAN. So far as you know, you did not do it?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. And you definitely know that?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right; yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You definitely know that nothing was paid out of this fund for telegrams?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Excepting those telegrams that were sent afterward.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Excepting the 99 that you have referred to?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Or around a hundred?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark contribute any money in any other way, besides the \$30,000 and the other sums that you have enumerated he gave to you personally?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. He has been asked several times to contribute to different funds, but he has refused.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You went to Europe, and you visited Italy?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. And you sent the General a postcard from Nice?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You were in Germany?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You were in Russia?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You were in France?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; and England and Ireland.  
 The CHAIRMAN. In August of 1934 did you call General Butler on the phone and ask him if he could meet you in Philadelphia that afternoon? Did you some time in August call him, when you were in Philadelphia, and ask him if he could meet you and did you meet him at the Bellevue?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. I think in August I was going down on business to Philadelphia, and I called him and said I would be there and asked him if he was available and if he could meet me.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did he meet you at the Bellevue?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. He met me around 5 o'clock at the Bellevue-Stratford. I was there with him for about 20 minutes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you talk to him about your trip to Europe?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. And at that time I think you were going down to your convention in Miami?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him now was the time to get the soldiers together?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him at that time that you went abroad to study the part that the veterans played abroad in the set-up of the governments of the countries abroad?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him that you went abroad and looked into the set-ups of the governments there and the part that the veterans played in Italy?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Under the Fascist Government?  
 Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Did you say that they were the real backbone or background of Mussolini, but that that system would not apply in America?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. The veterans were never mentioned when I met General Butler.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him about going to Germany?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And that Hitler's strength in his organization was the veterans, but that that set-up would not go well in the United States?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I would like to tell you what I did tell him about Germany.

The CHAIRMAN. Please tell us.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I told him that in my opinion Hitler would not last another year in Germany, that he was already on the skids, and that from observations that I made over there, a number of organizations were against him, and to my way of thinking he would not last any longer than any other dictator would last. I did mention the fact also that I thought Mussolini was on the skids.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you at any time tell him about the set-up of the Hitler government and the part that the veterans played in that set-up?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. The veterans were not mentioned.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you tell him that you went to France and there you found the organization that "we were looking for"?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. A superorganization of all the veterans' organizations, of men who were noncommissioned officers and officers?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I will tell you how that might have come up. He asked me, "What did you find in France?" and I said, "Well, France is having a lot of trouble. They are trying hard to stay on the gold standard, and I think they will succeed." I said that I had had several talks with different people over there and had been very much interested in the economic picture of France, and that different organizations and businesses were very hard hit because of the fact that they were staying on the gold standard. I told him that there had been an organization formed over there, and organization of veterans, men who were in the front-line trenches under fire, and I said that they are a very fine group, that they are with the Government and the people over there, and as far as I could see I thought France was all right. It was mainly economic, my talk.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you talk with him about the forming of an organization of that kind here?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there any talk in any of these conversations about the necessity of a change in the set-up of Government here?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. As a matter of fact, this man French, who wrote this article in the Post, which came out before I had a chance to say anything before this committee—

The CHAIRMAN. Let me say that that article came out before the committee heard the story from these gentlemen.

Mr. MACGUIRE. As far as this statement is concerned, which was written by Mr. French—well, he came to me about 4 months ago and he outlined a whole lot of things that General Butler had—why, Mr. Chairman, I always thought that this fellow Butler was a friend of mine. He has asked me any number of times about different outfits in the country that wanted him to talk to them, and I have

always said to him, "General, you are crazy to get mixed up in these kind of things"; and the last thing, this fellow came to my office and he said that the general had been approached by some vigilante committee somewhere and they wanted him to lead them. I said that that was just another racket, that those boys wanted his name, because he is a membership getter, and that "if I were you I would go back and tell him to lay off these things, to keep away from that crowd; he has got his retirement pay from the Government; let him go back on the farm and have a good time."

Why, I always thought he was a friend of mine. He has been to me a number of times and asked me about this and that. He sent a fellow to see me—General Williams, I think. He sent this fellow to me and said he had a proposition whereby he wanted to get some R. F. C. work, that he was an engineer, that he had built the barracks at Brest, and that he was a great pal of Butler's. I met him at Butler's house one of the times when I was down there. He introduced me to this fellow and he asked me to come down when I was going to be in Philadelphia—if I could come out to his house, he wanted me to meet somebody, and it was this fellow Williams.

He then outlined a proposition whereby he wanted to get some work from the R. F. C. He was an engineer on some bridge or viaduct and he needed some backing. He said he needed \$100,000 capital to put this deal across to show the R. F. C. that he has got the financial set-up. He said, "Can you help me with Clark?"

I said, "Well, I do not think Mr. Clark would be interested in a thing like that, but I will broach it to him. Give me the literature and the data on this thing."

He said, "I will have it sent to you." And he mailed it to me, and I personally took it up with Mr. Clark's representative, and he said that Mr. Clark would not be interested in this thing, and we let it drop and I sent the stuff back to General Butler.

The CHAIRMAN. Where is Mr. Clark now?

Mr. MACGUIRE. He is in Europe. Where in Europe, I do not know. He is over there some place. He is traveling around Europe.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know when he left for Europe?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; he left in August. I will tell you when he left: He left on the same ship with Carter Glass.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there any talk of an organization of veterans at all?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How is it that you and Mr. Doyle went to him? Was it just an accident that you met Doyle? In what way did you meet him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That last question that you asked, was there any talk about an organization of veterans—I want to say I thought that you were talking about this immediate picture right here, as far as Mr. Clark and Mr. Butler are concerned. Back at the time that we went there, Doyle and myself, Doyle was more or less interested in—he was interested in a Democratic Veterans Association, which he had worked on during the campaign, and he wanted to revive that and get General Butler into it, with a number of other people, and see if he could not gather together a real live organization.

The CHAIRMAN. Is not Butler a Republican?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; but he does not profess to be, according to his statements to me. He is greatly in favor of the President, and so forth. That is what he told me.

The CHAIRMAN. How was it that Mr. Clark went to see General Butler, if you know?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. Why should he have gone if, as you say, there was only this talk that you had with the general?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Only for the fact that I think at the time I had run up with Mr. Clark and I think I had told him I had been down to see General Butler, and he said, "Oh, I know Old Gimlet Eye." He had just written that book at that time, and Clark said that he had just finished his book and "I must go down to see him some day."

The CHAIRMAN. Did not General Butler at some time ask you whom you represented?

Mr. MACGUIRE. In what connection; on the sound-dollar committee?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. I told him Mr. Clark was the man who was financing the sound-dollar committee.

The CHAIRMAN. And he wanted to talk with some one of the principals?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. He said, "Who is the man in back of this thing?" And I said, "Mr. Clark." That is really how it came out. He said he would like to talk to Mr. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN. Who else besides Clark was interested in this sound-dollar propaganda campaign?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Frew, as I say, contributed money.

The CHAIRMAN. Who else was interested?

Mr. MACGUIRE. And Mr. Doyle was interested.

The CHAIRMAN. And who else?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Henry Stevens, of Warsaw, N. C.; Tom Bird, of North Carolina; and a number of other prominent legionnaires. I can get the names. They are all a matter of record.

The CHAIRMAN. What other business men were interested?

Mr. MACGUIRE. In the beginning, Henry Stevens, down in North Carolina, interviewed, I think, Mr. Wordwood, of Charlotte, and Mr. C. E. Taylor, of Wilmington, and some man in the Wacovia Bank & Trust Co. I had a talk with any number of people about the sound-dollar committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Did any others contribute?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. There were just two contributors.

The CHAIRMAN. The two you have mentioned?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Let me say this, Mr. Chairman, in connection with the sound-dollar committee. I brought some of the literature here. We got it out principally to educate the public. We had different chapters formed all over the country and specifically stated in our resolution that we were in favor of the President and his position on sound money and that we wanted to back him up as much as possible and we were against the inflationists and the people who were trying to bring about inflation in the country. I would like to have that specifically brought in here.

The CHAIRMAN. You want to leave this with us [referring to literature]?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What is the date of that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. There is no date on it. I think that was just at the time that we formed the committee. In other words, this is the resolution forming the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Whom did the committee consist of?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Carroll, of Philadelphia.

The CHAIRMAN. What Mr. Carroll?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Vincent Carroll. He is the assistant prosecuting attorney in Philadelphia and a prominent legionnaire. Mr. Henry Stevens; Mr. Doyle; myself; Mr. Esterbrook; Tom Bird, of North Carolina; Charlie Erskin, of—I think he is in Washington or Oregon; John Quinn; Frank Belgrano, the present national commander.

The CHAIRMAN. Who was on the committee?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can give you all the names. They have more or less slipped my mind at the present time. But it is all a matter of record. It is down in black and white. Here is the pamphlet that we put out on "What inflation will do." I wish you would read that last paragraph on the back sheet.

The CHAIRMAN. Who wrote this pamphlet?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe I had most to do with getting it up. My brother and a couple of friends contributed little thoughts here and there, but I think I had the main work in getting it up.

The CHAIRMAN. That is all for the present.

(Whereupon the committee adjourned until 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, 1934.)



## INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1934

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
*New York, N. Y.*

The subcommittee met at 10:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment, in the yellow room of the Association of the Bar, 42 West Forty-fourth Street, Hon. John W. McCormack (chairman) presiding. (The morning session this day was given to the consideration of another subject.)

(After a luncheon recess, the subcommittee resumed consideration of testimony of Mr. Gerald C. MacGuire.)  
(Afternoon session follows:)

### AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1934—2 P. M.

GERALD C. MACGUIRE, his testimony being resumed, testified as follows:

### TESTIMONY OF GERALD C. MacGUIRE—Resumed

Examination by the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Sometime in September of this year Mr. French called to see you?

Answer. Yes; I believe it was September.

Question. And had you ever met him before?

Answer. No, sir; I never had.

Question. Did he call as a result of a prearrangement?

Answer. No; he called out of a clear sky and said that General Butler had sent him to me.

Question. Prior to that had you called General Butler to try and make an appointment with him?

Answer. No, sir. You mean did French or me?

Question. General Butler prior to that told you he could not come over but he would send somebody?

Answer. No, sir. This man came in out of a clear sky.

Question. All right. Did he say he represented General Butler?

Answer. No. He did not say he represented General Butler, he said he came in as a friend of General Butler and wanted to see me—

Question. You had a talk with him?

Answer. Yes.

Question. At any time prior or during the talk did you call up General Butler and talk with him?

Answer. Yes; I did.

Question. On that third day?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Did you not call up General Butler and ask him if French represented him?

Answer. I called General Butler and I said to General Butler, "A man has called me up known as Billy French. Do you know him?" And he said, "Yes; he is a very good friend of mine, and he is in New York, and I would like for you to see him." And I said, "Fine. Send him up."

Question. Was he in your office at that time?

Answer. No, sir; he was not. He had called up previous to that.

Question. I thought you said he came in out of a clear sky.

Answer. This man French has called me up in my office and said he wanted to see me and I said, "Mr. French, who are you?" And he said, "I am a friend of General Butler's." And I said, "I will be very glad to see you, if you will come down." And during the time it took him to come, I believe that was 1 o'clock—

Question. Then in the meanwhile you called up General Butler?

Answer. In the meanwhile I called up General Butler; yes.

Question. Where did you call from?

Answer. From my office.

Question. To where?

Answer. Newtown Square.

Question. Pennsylvania?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What was the question that you were going to talk to French about that prompted you to call Butler down to Pennsylvania without any knowledge as to what French was coming to see you about?

Answer. Nothing; merely to find out what General Butler wanted this man to call to see me about.

Question. Ordinarily, you would have waited until he came up and talked to him to find out what was the purpose of his visit.

Answer. Not necessarily.

Question. Is it your general practice when a man calls you on the phone and says that he is coming to see you as a friend of somebody else, to call up that other person?

Answer. Yes; if a man calls me up, a stranger that I do not know, and says that he represents somebody else, I will call up that other person to find out who he is.

Question. Without any knowledge as to what he was going to talk to you about?

Answer. Exactly.

Question. So you called up General Butler?

Answer. Exactly; and to verify, too, that he said he was a friend of General Butler's.

Question. There is no question that you called up General Butler?

Answer. No question.

Question. Yesterday you said you did not get a call from Clark from Butler's house, but from the Palmer Hotel.

Answer. No, sir; I do not remember that I said that. I said I thought I called Mr. Clark from Chicago; I do not recall that he called me. I think that is what I said yesterday.

Question. Well, if Clark did call you from Butler's house, is not that something that you would remember, or that you would be likely to remember?

Answer. It might be. I am not sure—it was something that I would remember; yes.

Question. Mr. Clark did see General Butler?

Answer. From what the papers say; the papers say he called on General Butler. I do not know whether he called to see him or not.

Question. You do not know?

Answer. No.

Question. You did not make any arrangements for Clark to go to see Butler?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. If Clark did see Butler, you have no knowledge as to how or why he went there?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. At any time in your talk with Butler, did he say that you were being used by somebody and "I want to know the fellows who are using you, and I am not going to talk to you any more", and you said, "I will send one of your friends to see you", and he said, "who", and you said, "I will send Mr. Clark." Was there any such talk as that?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. That is absolutely so?

Answer. Yes.

Question. He asked you, "Who is Mr. Clark?" and you said, "He is one of our people who was to pay some money." Did you say that?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Had Clark put up money after that time?

Answer. What?

Question. This \$30,000?

Answer. What?

Question. On the gold standard?

Answer. Mr. Clark has put up money two different times; sent it to the committee; it had not gone through after that time—what date is that, Mr. McCormack?

Question. Well, any of the times that you had conversations with Butler in his home or in Philadelphia in 1933?

Answer. That I have had? I do not remember the dates. I have had some of Mr. Clark's money that he had given me in connection with some bond transactions that I was to take care of.

Mr. MARKS (counsel for the witness). That has nothing to do with this inquiry.

Question. What money was that?

Answer. I believe it was \$25,000.

Question. When did he give you that money?

Answer. I can get the dates. It is on the records of the Manufacturers Trust Co.

Question. Mr. Clark gave you money; at least you received money from Clark for what purpose?

Answer. In connection with the bond business. I had been making trips around the country to various places. At that time the bond market was greatly depressed—

Question. I am not going into all of that.

Answer. You wanted to know why I received the money and I am telling you.

Question. Was that deposited in your personal account?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. What account?

Answer. My own special account.

Question. What special account?

Answer. The account of the G. C. MacGuire, special.

Question. Where was that?

Answer. The Manufacturers Trust Co.

Question. Is that one of the accounts you have here today with you?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Now, is that outside of that 28, as you think—you are not definite about that, so we will understand that that is so—or did Mr. Clark give you any other moneys, were there any other financial transactions between you and Mr. Clark personally?

Answer. Mr. Clark had given me money, I think, on a couple occasions prior to that or after that. I do not know which it was, before or after.

Question. What was the purpose; what was it for?

Answer. General expenses in going around the country in looking over various municipalities in connection with the purchase of their bonds.

Question. How much did he give you?

Answer. I will have to look it up.

Question. That is outside of this 32,000?

Answer. It is a separate item altogether that it is concerned with; it has nothing to do with this—

Question. That is outside of the twenty-five hundred and thousand?

Answer. Yes.

Question. He gave you other moneys?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Where was that deposited?

Answer. In a special account.

Question. Can you give this committee a statement of the moneys you have received in any way for any purpose from Mr. Clark?

Answer. Yes; I believe I can.

Question. This money in the special account was for bond transactions?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And the money was to be repaid back to Mr. Clark?

Answer. That is right; yes. As a matter of fact, I would like to say there that the \$20,000 and that money was paid to Mr. Albert Christmas and then Mr. Christmas again gave me another check for \$20,000, which I redeposited in the Manufacturers Trust Co. in a special account.

Question. Who is Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Who is Mr. Christmas? Mr. Christmas is Mr. Clark's legal representative.

Question. Why did he give you back the \$20,000?

Answer. Because he had some transactions that might come up in the bond business, as it was all the time since I have been working for Mr. Clark in connection with investments.

Question. Were you representing the firm that you are associated with now, or were you acting in your individual capacity?

Answer. I was acting, as far as Mr. Clark is concerned, in my individual capacity.

Question. Did you act for anybody else in that capacity?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you buy any bonds with the money he gave you?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Now, this \$20,000 was an exchange of checks?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That is what it was?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What has become of that \$20,000 that you received back from the attorney for Mr. Clark?

Answer. That was made out in travelers' credits that were taken out through the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

Question. What was the purpose?

Answer. The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.—

Question. For what purpose?

Answer. For the purpose of buying securities.

Question. Did you buy any securities?

Answer. No.

Question. What has become of the money?

Answer. The money was returned to Mr. Clark through Mr. Christmas.

Question. What about this \$20,000 that you got back from Mr. Christmas?

Answer. That is money that was returned to Mr. Christmas.

Question. Returned to Mr. Christmas again?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Of the \$25,000, you say you returned \$20,000 to Christmas and he gave you back his check, which you again deposited?

Answer. That is right.

Question. And you still have the \$25,000?

Answer. There was \$5,000 left in the account.

Question. Then you gave \$20,000 back again?

Answer. That is right.

Question. Was it \$20,000 or \$25,000 that you were getting back?

Answer. I will have to get the figures to make sure on that. I want to give you the exact picture of the transaction.

Question. Your records will show?

Answer. Absolutely.

Question. Was any of that money used for traveling expenses?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How much?

Answer. I would have to check that up, to get the record for you.

Question. Where are those records?

Answer. I have them here [indicating].

Question. I see. You can leave them with the committee, and we will examine them.

Answer. Yes. I would like to leave them for you, so that you can see the transactions. I have the checks where I paid the money back to Mr. Christmas.

Question. What of that \$25,000; did you directly return to Mr. Clark?

Answer. I would say about \$21,000.

Question. All the other amounts that you received for bond transactions all show in your books, I assume?

Answer. What other amounts did I receive for bond transactions from Mr. Clark?

Question. He is the only one that you ever had any transactions with, or represented, as you say?

Answer. Now I would have to look it up. It is all in the records.

Question. Whatever they were, were deposited where?

Answer. Deposited mainly with the Manufacturers Trust Co. in a special account.

Question. Mainly? Where else? Mainly doesn't mean anything.

Answer. It was with the Manufacturers Trust Co., a special account—that money that was given to me by Mr. Clark for the bond business.

Question. Can you give us any idea how much that approximates? How much it is, these various amounts that you received for that purpose?

Answer. Well, Mr. McCormick, I think altogether it would amount to, including expenses and everything, about \$32,000.

Question. Did he give you this extra money over \$25,000?

Answer. At various times, that is, he has given me \$1,000.

Question. Did he give it to you in a check, or in cash?

Answer. A check.

Question. All the time?

Answer. It seems to me that at one time he gave me some cash.

Question. How much?

Answer. I cannot say.

Question. About how much?

Answer. I think around \$1,000.

Question. Was it in a \$1,000 bill?

Answer. I do not know. It was not in a \$1,000 bill; no.

Question. Now, yesterday you said you had deposits in three accounts, in three banks.

Answer. Yes.

Question. Was this one of those three deposits that you mentioned yesterday, or was this another deposit?

Answer. You are asking me about my personal account, and yesterday I said I had three deposits.

Question. I asked you also about other deposits, as I remember, in any other way, or in any bank.

Answer. Well, I want to mention that there were four accounts; the First Stamford National Bank is around \$480.

Question. That is Stamford, Conn.?

Answer. First Stamford National Bank; that is a husband-and-wife account; and then there is the Irving Trust Co., where there is

about \$7,000; \$6,900, I believe. And in the Manufacturers Trust Co., \$4,400, and the Central Hanover Bank, \$4,500.

Question. Is the Manufacturers Trust Co. account a special account?

Answer. No. The Manufacturers Trust is my own and my wife's account, and this other is a personal account.

Question. What about any other accounts you have—the special account is in what bank?

Answer. Manufacturers Trust.

Question. The Manufacturers Trust Co.?

Answer. Yes. I have a statement here from them that they could not give me back a statement of my own personal account, but they were to get that for me, and they gave me a letter to that effect, and they gave me a statement of the special account; that was all the transactions I had while it was in existence.

Question. Have you got it?

Answer. Yes; I have.

Question. Have you the checks?

Answer. The canceled checks?

Question. Yes.

Answer. Yes; I can pick them out. They are out there [indicating].

Question. Can you get them?

Answer. You want them now?

Question. Can you have them obtained?

Answer. I can have them obtained.

Question. You can have them obtained, and we can proceed.

Answer. Sure.

Question. Now, what did Mr. French call to see you about, Mr. MacGuire?

Answer. He called, according to Mr. French's story, to meet me, and to make my acquaintance, because I had known General Butler, and I was a friend of his, and he wanted to know me, and that was mainly the object of his visit.

Question. Nothing else discussed?

Answer. A number of things discussed; yes. The position of the bond market, the stock market; what I thought was a good buy right now; what he could buy if he had seven or eight hundred dollars; the position of the country; the prospects for recovery, and various topics that any two men would discuss if they came together.

Question. Nothing else?

Answer. Nothing else, excepting this, Mr. Chairman: As I said yesterday, I believe, when Mr. French came to me, he said, General Butler is, or has, again been approached by two or three organizations—and I think he mentioned one of them as some Vigilante committee of this country—and he said, "What do you think of it?" and I think I said to him, "Why, I don't think the General ought to get mixed up with any of those affairs in this country. I think these fellows are all trying to use him; to use his name for publicity purposes, and to get membership, and I think he ought to keep away from any of these organizations."

Question. Nothing else?

Answer. Nothing else. That was the gist of the entire conversation.

Question. Did you ever see him again?

Answer. It seems to me that he came up to see me again; I cannot recall. He did not impress me very much, so it was in very—

Question (interrupting). Do you remember the second visit?

Answer. Gee, I do not, Mr. Chairman.

Question. If there was a second visit, there was nothing in the talk that impressed itself upon you. It was along the same line, and I am simply referring to it because you stated he came back to see you again on September 27, and the main purpose was that he just more or less wanted to become acquainted with you?

Answer. Yes.

Question. There was nothing discussed other than what you referred to, and there was nothing discussed other than this purpose; the main purpose, as you say, was that he wanted to become acquainted with you, and he apparently had met General Butler?

Answer. He said he had talked with General Butler, and General Butler said, "I have got a good friend up in New York, and when you go there I want you to go up and see him."

Question. Did he tell you who he was associated with, or anything like that?

Answer. No; he did not. I said, "What business are you in?" and, as I recall, I believe he said he was in the real-estate business.

Question. He did not tell you that he was a newspaper man?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you tell General Butler what part of the service you were in? Well, of course he knew that you were in the Navy during the war?

Answer. Yes; surely. He asked me what service I was in, and, naturally, I told him.

Question. He knew that you were a disabled man, a disabled veteran?

Answer. Surely.

Mr. MARKS. Are you disabled?

The WITNESS. Yes.

Question. You stayed at the Palmer Hotel during the convention of 1933?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And you had 4 rooms, 2 on one floor and 2 on another?

Answer. I believe that was it; yes. I might say that I did not have four rooms. I was out there with Bill Doyle, and we were all together, and there were 2 rooms; Bill had 2, and I had 2 rooms. Bill had some other people with him. I do not know who was with him; a man from Massachusetts was with him.

Question. Who paid the expenses?

Answer. We split the expenses ourselves. I paid them up. I paid Bill's when I left the hotel, and Bill Doyle later paid back to me what his proportionate part was.

Question. How much was the bill? Do you remember?

Answer. Well, I have got the entire record.

Question. Did you pay it by check or in cash?

Answer. I paid it in cash. I think I have got it right here [indicating], as a matter of fact.

Question. The total is—

Answer. They were all here, Mr. Chairman. I am just trying to get them all straightened out. [Hands papers to chairman. The chairman hands papers back to the witness.]

(Discussion off the record.)

Question. How much is the total, Mr. MacGuire?

Answer. [Witness adds up figures.]

Question. Now, Mr. Clark is not a member of the firm of Murphy & Co.?

Answer. No, sir; no connection.

Question. He gave you, as you say, \$7,200 to go over to Europe and study some question?

Answer. Yes; economic conditions, security questions, the position of the bond market, the stock market over there, and so forth.

Question. Did you make a report to him on your return?

Answer. Yes.

Question. In writing?

Answer. No; verbal.

Question. How long were you over in Europe?

Answer. March 11 to May 27, I believe; I have that expense account, and, incidentally, I can show you that, too, together with the preliminary vouchers.

Mr. MARKS. Mr. Chairman, I have just got this [indicating], which may be of interest to you. If you want that on the record, I have no objection to your putting it in the record.

The CHAIRMAN (looking at paper). No; I cannot put that in the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Question. Had Mr. Clark ever, prior to this trip to Europe, sent you over to Europe to study the bond market?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. And conditions?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Prior to this trip around the country, had he ever had you do the same thing?

Answer. No, sir. You mean prior to the first trip that I made?

Question. Throughout the country, internally. When was that first trip taken?

Answer. I would say in July 1933.

Question. And the trip to Europe was this year?

Answer. The trip to Europe was this March to May.

Mr. MARKS. Do you want these figures, Mr. Chairman?

Question. Can you tell us briefly what places you visited in the United States for the studying of the bond market? Was it in the United States?

Answer. Yes; I have been all over the United States; been out through the West, Chicago, Milwaukee—out over the Canadian Pacific to look over the northwest Canadian situation, because Calgary had been in a position that they probably were going to default on some bonds, and it might have been a good opportunity to pick up some cheap bonds there, and from there I went to Seattle, and down to Portland and San Francisco and to San Antonio and back, and then I have been out to North Carolina, and I have been to

Georgia, and been to Washington a number of times; Philadelphia, Boston, and Pennsylvania—

Question. Prior to this \$25,000—you say that was in two payments—wasn't it, fifteen and ten?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Have you got the bank balance there?

Mr. MARKS. This is a special account.

Question. This was deposited in the special account?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That was deposited September 11, 1933, the first deposit, both deposits were September 11; one of fifteen thousand, and one of ten thousand. Was it in check or cash?

Answer. Check.

Question. From Mr. Clark?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Two different checks?

Answer. Two different checks.

Question. Had you ever received any similar amounts of any money at all from Mr. Clark?

Answer. In similar amounts? No, sir.

Question. Had you?

Answer. I had received a thousand or \$1,200 for expenses prior to that. But I am not sure of the date.

Question. September 16 you got \$2,200?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Do you know what that was for?

Answer. Expenses.

Question. Now, this \$25,000 was to purchase bonds?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And none were ever purchased?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You had known Mr. Clark prior to that?

Answer. I have done business with Mr. Clark since 1926.

Question. Of course, \$25,000 was rather a small amount to go into a bond venture, considering that he was a man of his wealth?

Answer. No; not necessarily. If we secured some Chicagos around 40 or 45 or 46, you could purchase quite an amount of Chicago's with that figure.

Question. Was this trip in connection with the investment of this particular amount?

Answer. Yes; all the trips I made were in connection with the study of different places and different conditions. I have been to Asbury Park, and I have been to Atlanta, and various places around, where some were selling away off, and looking the situation over and talking with different people, to see whether there was a chance of those various municipalities coming along and paying up their back interest, and, if there were, and I though there was a good opportunity to step in and buy their bonds at depreciated prices, and there was every chance there, when bonds got down to these levels, to step in and buy them and make a fair profit, but very often this opportunity was not available.

Question. Did you make any effort to buy any bonds?

Answer. I looked over the situation to see whether I should buy them or not.

Question. I said, did you make any effort to buy any bonds?

Answer. No—I can say that I made an effort; yes.

Question. Out of this amount here?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Where?

Answer. Why, as far as actually going into a firm and saying: "Have you got so and so? I would like to buy it." I didn't do that. But in glancing through the various trade papers and offering sheets of various places I have done that.

Question. What was the September check of \$1,125 that you drew out of this account—September 15?

Answer. Expenses.

Question. September 16, \$6,000. What was that for?

Answer. The same thing.

Question. Expenses?

Answer. No. The \$6,000 is tied in with the other amounts there—the larger amounts.

Question. I am not going to dispute you. But there is your bank balance, showing a check for \$6,000, drawn under date of September 16.

Answer. Well, let me get this record here, and that will probably clarify this thing here [indicating]. I think this will probably clarify this [witness looks at record]. I do not recollect, but I think that probably was drawn in cash and paid back to Christmas.

Question. What is your answer?

Answer. I do not remember what that was, but it was withdrawn in cash and paid back to Christmas.

Question. Well, that is something that you certainly ought to have a receipt for, if you paid back \$6,000 to Christmas. You previously testified that the only thing that you paid Christmas was \$20,000 that you had gotten from him and which you paid back.

Mr. MARKS. There was an exchange of checks of \$20,000.

Question. Under date of September 18 you drew out \$20,000?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, you deposited \$20,000. Where did you get that \$20,000?

Answer. I deposited \$20,000; that was the Christmas check.

Question. Now, on September 19 you drew a check for \$20,000. Who was that check payable to?

Answer. I believe that—

Question. Was that swapping?

Answer. I believe that was swapping or cash, and that represents the letters of credit.

Question. Well, I know. But where is the check that you say you swapped with Christmas for \$20,000?

Answer. It is here. I can get it. It is outside—these checks that I have out there in the room.

Question. We will adjourn. How long will it take you to get the checks?

Answer. It won't take long.

(Discussion off the record. While an effort is being made to locate the check in another room, a witness on another subject is brought in and examined.)

**TESTIMONY OF GERALD C. MacGUIRE—Resumed**

GERALD C. MACGUIRE, his testimony being resumed, testified as follows:

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot find the check; but I can get them, I am sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Why don't you bring all the papers in, and leave them with the committee, and we will look them over later?

The WITNESS. There are some papers that I cannot find.

The CHAIRMAN. Anything that is personal the committee is not interested in.

Mr. MARKS. As soon as you gentlemen are finished with us, he can go through the papers with the representatives of the committee and see what it is.

Examination by the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Now, where are those two papers [indicating]? You checked out of the Palmer House on September the 29th, and you had been attending the convention of the Legion in 1933 on September 27, didn't you?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And this was the bill that you received from the Palmer House on September 29?

Answer. Oh, yes.

(Discussion off the record.)

The WITNESS. I think I made two trips up there.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is October 1 and October 5.

(Discussion off the record.)

Question. Now, can you tell us what this \$6,000 item of September 16 was for?

Answer. September 16, \$6,000; that was a withdrawal.

Question. Do you know how it was withdrawn, whether it was a withdrawal in cash or what?

Answer. I believe it was withdrawn in cash.

Question. For what purpose was it withdrawn?

Answer. I believe it was to pay back to Christmas.

Question. You believe?

Answer. Yes.

Question. In what manner was it paid back to Christmas?

Answer. In cash.

Question. You previously testified that you only had one transaction in the swapping of checks with Christmas, \$20,000 and until later, when you paid him back the balance?

Answer. No; I believe that was paid back to Christmas in cash.

Question. What have you got to show that?

Answer. I haven't got anything to show it.

Question. Did you receive a receipt from Christmas?

Answer. No, sir; not necessarily; as far as that goes, he is an old friend of mine.

Question. I know, but you swapped checks for \$20,000; you did not give him \$20,000 cash, you gave him a check for \$20,000?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. And now you say that you swapped checks, you give him a check on September 18—at least you deposited it on September 18?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That was a check, wasn't it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. You have a withdrawal here on September 19 of \$20,000; wasn't that check payable to Christmas?

Answer. You see there is a deposit here on the 18th and a withdrawal on the 19th.

Question. Is that what it shows?

Answer. Yes; on the 16th—well, I do not remember, Mr. Chairman.

Question. All right. That may not be deposited. It reached your bank the next day. Was that in a check or in cash, or was it payable to Christmas, or what?

Answer. Gee, I do not remember myself.

Question. Wouldn't you remember if you drew a check for \$20,000 to be cashed?

Answer. I have got a \$20,000 check; I believe it is payable to Christmas.

Question. What is this \$3,300 check?

Answer. Well, that must have been expense that I withdrew from that account.

Question. Don't you know? \$3,300?

Answer. Well, that is evidently—I think that—doesn't that jibe up with the letters of credit?

Question. How much did your letters of credit total that you drew between September 21 and September 30, 1933; how much did you draw in letters of credit in Chicago?

Answer. How much does this all total here?

Question. Well, there is one letter of credit for \$300?

Answer. What are the totals?

Mr. MARKS. \$15,000.

The WITNESS. It is \$30,300.

Question. \$30,300 that you drew; where did you draw this?

Answer. On the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; I drew them in Chicago.

Question. What account did you draw them on?

Answer. Well, these were letters of credit that were made out to me.

Question. Letters of credit that were made out to you, yes; where did you obtain the letters of credit from?

Answer. From this account.

Question. \$30,300; where did these letters of credit go to?

Answer. How much does this total here? I do not want to get into a jam on this.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. I offer both of these in evidence as exhibits.

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EXHIBIT NO. 1, NEW YORK, 11-21-1934

CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,  
New York, November 21, 1934.

The following is a transcript of drawings against letters of credit purchased by Mr. G. C. MacGuire:

Letter of Credit No. 5676 issued on September 19, 1933, for \$2,300.00

Drawings:  
9/21/33 Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 42d Street office ----- \$300. 00  
9/22/33 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illinois ----- 1, 100. 00  
9/29/33 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illinois ----- 900. 00  
----- \$2, 300. 00

Letter of Credit No. 4432 issued on September 23, 1933, for \$4,000.00

Drawings:  
9/29/33 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illinois ----- \$4, 000. 00  
----- \$4, 000. 00

Letter of Credit No. 5677 issued on September 23, 1933, for \$9,000.00

Drawings:  
9/29/33 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illinois ----- \$9, 000. 00  
----- \$9, 000. 00

Letter of Credit No. 2704 issued on September 27, 1933, for \$15,000.00

Drawings:  
9/30/33 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illinois ----- \$15, 000. 00  
----- \$15, 000. 00

J. QUIRK,  
Assistant Manager, Foreign Department.

EXHIBIT NO. 2, NEW YORK, 11-21-1934

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY,  
New York, N. Y., November 21, 1934.

Mr. G. C. MACGUIRE,  
52 Broadway, New York City.

DEAR MR. MACGUIRE: In accordance with your request, we have made up a transcript of your special account from September 11, 1933, to March 5, 1934, when the account closed.

A transcript of your regular account, covering a period of 3 years, will be made up and will be ready for you tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

J. M. VOLLMER,  
Assistant Secretary.

MR. G. C. MACGUIRE, SPECIAL,  
52 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

(Duplicate statement)

In account with

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY

FIFTY FIVE BROAD STREET

NEW YORK

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Date	Checks	Date	Deposits
Balance brought forward			
Sept. 15	1, 125. 00—	Sept. 11, 1933	15, 000. 00
Sept. 16	6, 000. 00—	Sept. 13	10, 000. 00
Sept. 19	20, 000. 00—	Sept. 16	2, 200. 00
Sept. 23	3, 300. 00—	Sept. 18	20, 000. 00
Oct. 5 EC	. 10—		
Nov. 17	350. 00—	Nov. 17	1, 000. 00
Dec. 1 EC	. 02—		
Jan. 3 EC 1934	. 02—		
Mar. 5, 1934	574. 86—		
	Balance	Mar. 5, 1934	. 00*



Question. Now, between September 21 and September 30, 1933, which is exhibit no. 1, statement from the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., which shows that a letter of credit was issued in the sum of \$30,300; when did you get those letters of credit and where did you get those letters of credit?

Answer. From the Central Hanover.

Question. When you were in Chicago you obtained them through a different bank?

Answer. They were all cashed in the First National Bank of Chicago.

Question. These were letters of credit that you had previously received before going to Chicago?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Which you cashed in the First National Bank of Chicago?

Answer. That is right; yes.

Question. What did you do with that \$30,300 in Chicago?

Answer. I kept that money in cash and put it in a safe deposit box with the First National Bank.

Question. First National Bank where?

Answer. Chicago.

Question. Yes.

Answer. And I deposited the money in that box.

Question. What became of that money?

Answer. That money was brought back and returned to Mr. Christmas.

Question. In cash?

Answer. Yes.

Question. The whole amount?

Answer. Yes; less whatever expenses I had out there.

Question. The expenses were nominal in comparison to the \$30,000?

Answer. Yes; they might have been \$1,500.

Question. At any rate, you returned to him substantially \$30,000 in cash?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That is in addition to the swapping of the \$20,000?

Answer. Well, off the record, Mr. Chairman, I think this is getting mixed up, isn't it?

Question. Nobody is here to try to confuse you; all we want is facts. You are not under cross-examination. All we ask of you is, when the questions are asked and you understand them, that you answer the questions, and we will obtain the facts; you are the one that can present it; now, that \$30,000 that you have testified to before, that \$30,000 in cash, was returned, you said, to Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Yes.

Question. \$30,300, less expenses of more than \$1,500?

Answer. I do not know what they were any more.

Question. And now that \$30,000 had nothing to do with this \$20,000 transaction, has it?

Answer. Well, I believe that all of these letters of credit are part and parcel of the cash that I withdrew here; so that then there was an excess of \$10,000 that was given to me, and you see there was one \$20,000.

Question. Where did that \$10,000 come from?

Answer. It came from Mr. Christmas.

Question. You have not testified to receiving that; did you receive \$10,000 more from Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Well, Mr. Chairman, all of these letters of credit total \$30,300.

Question. I am not going to argue with you. I simply asked you, did you receive \$10,000 more from Mr. Christmas?

Answer. I want to clear myself on that.

Question. We want you to be specific on this; do you remember whether you received \$10,000 more from Mr. Christmas; how much did you receive from Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Well, I think I received the \$30,300.

Question. And now, before you stated that you received nothing further because you swapped checks for \$20,000—you gave him a check for \$20,000 and then he gave you a check for \$20,000—and that meant that you got nothing further from him, didn't it?

Answer. I think I said he gave me \$20,000 in a check.

Question. What you testified to was that you gave him \$20,000 to pay back to Clark, and then he gave you \$20,000 back, and that it was simply a swap of checks.

Answer. Yes.

Question. Therefore, he got nothing from you in the final analysis; and he got nothing from you except a check, and the transaction was closed; isn't that true?

Answer. Yes.

Question. This is the first time that you have stated that you got any money at all from Christmas, and now you say that you got \$30,000?

Answer. I believe, as far as my recollection goes, that I withdrew the cash before this amount here [indicating] and bought letters of credit here in the Central Hanover Bank.

Question. But you said originally that that was for the purposes of bond transaction?

Answer. That is correct.

Question. And you certainly did not use it for bond transactions, did you?

Answer. No, sir; I did not.

Question. And now I am going to present these two statements to you; according to your testimony, you received \$15,000 and \$10,000 the same day from Mr. Clark, which you deposited in a special account that you opened at the Manufacturer's Trust Co.; that is true, is it not?

Answer. Yes.

Question. On September 15 you withdrew \$1,125?

Answer. Yes.

Question. You don't know what you withdrew that for? Now, on September 16 you withdrew \$6,000?

Answer. Oh, yes.

Question. And on September 16 you deposited \$2,200?

Answer. Well, that must have been \$2,200 out of this here [indicating].

Question. All right. Why did you withdraw \$6,000 and the same day redeposit \$2,200 out of the same account?

Answer. I cannot go back to that at all; I cannot say.

Question. Have you records showing what the transaction was?

Answer. No, sir; I have not.

Question. You never dealt in sums like this before, did you?

Answer. No; I can't say that I have.

Question. Not for yourself nor anybody else?

Answer. That is right.

Question. So this is not an ordinary incident in your life, dealing in sums of this amount?

Answer. Oh, yes.

Question. That is true, isn't it?

Answer. That is right; yes.

Question. Now, September 16, according to this statement, you had on deposit \$20,175; is that right?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Fifteen, ten, and twenty-two hundred make \$27,200, less all the withdrawals, a total of \$7,125, leaving a balance on deposit on September 16 of \$20,075?

Answer. That is right; yes.

Question. On September 18 you withdrew \$20,000; that is true, isn't it, leaving a balance of—no; I withdraw that. On September 18 you deposited \$20,000 and on that date made a balance of \$40,075 on deposit; that is right, isn't it?

Answer. Well, is it right? That is the thing that I am confused about.

Mr. Marks. Well, according to the statement, it is right.

Question. Well, all right; according to the statement it is right, and on September 19 there was withdrawn \$20,000?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Which brought it back to \$20,075; that is true, isn't it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. On September 23 there was a withdrawal of \$3,300 and \$16,700; what was that withdrawal for?

Answer. Well, there was a letter of credit which was bought on September 22 for \$1,100 and the 23d for \$300—what is the date here again, Mr. Chairman?

Question. The 23d. On the 23d you withdrew \$300?

Answer. Yes.

Question. On the 23d you withdrew two checks, one for \$3,300 and another for \$16,700, a total of \$20,000?

Answer. September 23?

Question. What was this withdrawn for—what was that amount withdrawn for?

Answer. I believe that they were withdrawn for the purpose of buying letters of credit, although I am not sure.

Question. Now, were those withdrawn in cash?

Answer. Cash, I believe; yes.

Question. Now that left a balance of \$75 in the account, didn't it?

Answer. Apparently; yes.

Question. October 5 there were other items here totaling—on November 17 you deposited \$1,000 to clean up some item, totaling approximately \$1,000?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now you took those \$20,000, you say, with which you purchased letters of credit, and the record shows that you purchased

letters of credit for \$30,300; where did you get the difference—from what source did you get the difference to buy these letters of credit?

Answer. I believe that I got the money from Mr. Christmas.

Question. Wouldn't you know; \$10,000?

Answer. I think it was from Mr. Christmas.

Question. Are you sure?

Answer. Well, I can't say—well, yes; I am sure.

Question. Was it in cash or check?

Answer. I believe it was in cash; it was simply for the reason that I believe I was going away, and it was necessary for me to get letters of credit right away.

Question. When did you return this \$30,000 to Mr. Christmas?

Answer. I do not remember the date.

Question. About when was it? Shortly after the convention?

Answer. I think it was within 2 weeks after the convention.

Question. Did you get a receipt for it?

Answer. No; I did not get a receipt for it.

Question. You had never had any similar transaction of any kind with Mr. Christmas before?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who is Mr. Christmas?

Answer. He is Mr. Clark's attorney.

Question. Now, if you were given \$25,000 by Mr. Clark for the purpose of buying bonds, why did you take out letters of credit and then cash them so quickly after you received it; in other words, on September 11 you received \$25,000, and you say you purchased letters of credit, and with the \$10,300 that Christmas gave you you were going to use that \$25,000 to purchase bonds; why did you cash in those letters of credit, if you were going to use that \$25,000 for Mr. Clark to purchase bonds?

Answer. Because when you come to a town like Chicago, we had in mind buying some Chicago Sanitary District bonds, and naturally if you want to buy them at the price that you want you have got to have the cash.

Question. You did not travel all over this country with this \$25,000 to your credit?

Answer. No; that was in Chicago.

Question. You were to return this?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And thereafter you went all over the country?

Answer. That same time that I got the money it was connected with the same thing.

Question. It was connected, you say, with the \$25,000?

Answer. I said it was connected.

Question. You said you were going to use that \$25,000 to buy bonds if you found they were good, and they looked as though they were going to go back, if the conditions appeared favorable. Now, what did you do with this money?

Answer. This money was returned to Mr. Christmas, I believe 2 or 3 weeks after Chicago.

Question. Did Mr. Christmas deposit it in his bank account?

Answer. I couldn't say.

Question. Do you know what Mr. Christmas did with it?

Answer. I do not.

(Discussion off the record.)

Question. Who had charge of Mr. Clark's books?

Answer. Mr. Christmas.

Question. Is he in town?

Answer. No; he is in Europe. Here is a cable from him.

Question. No. The cable doesn't interest me; I would rather see him. If this \$25,000 was given to you in connection with bond transactions, why should you have been given \$10,300 more from Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Well, I should say because it might have been that that item of \$1,500 expenses would have to come out of that, and the additional money might have been to buy an approximate \$50,000 par value of bonds, and that would probably be the difference between the two amounts.

Question. Was that so?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How do you know that; you never testified to that before?

Answer. Because we had—I see some bonds that we had on November 11.

Question. Why didn't you tell us about this \$10,000 that you say you remember getting from Mr. Christmas before?

Answer. Well. I do not think you asked me about it, Mr. Chairman.

Question. I asked you about all the moneys that you got; I asked you about all the sources that you could have gotten it from?

Answer. There may be some more money.

Question. Maybe, yes; as a matter of fact, in addition to this \$30,000 less your expenses; this \$30,300 was not including the expenses, was it—

Answer. I think I took the expenses out of that, and returned the difference; now, what the difference is, I cannot say.

Question. Let me ask you this: Why should you have cashed the letters of credit in Chicago and put that money in a safe-deposit box?

Answer. Because I felt that if I had a chance to buy the bonds I could buy them right off for cash.

Question. Wouldn't letters of credit be accepted just as cash?

Answer. They probably would.

Question. Wouldn't they be safer than cash on your person?

Answer. They probably would, yes; but there is no objection to getting the cash, is there?

Question. I just wanted to get your state of mind, that would not be the probable course for an average person to pursue, would it, under the circumstances?

Answer. Well, I think there are people that would have gotten cash in this country.

Question. There are exceptions to every general rule, of course. But I want to ask you this—

Mr. MARKS. Mr. Chairman, may I say for the record that we have here a telegram from Mr. Christmas which would answer your question as to where is Mr. Christmas?

The CHAIRMAN. I am not going to let in any telegrams; if Mr. Christmas wants to appear and testify under oath, I will be very glad to hear from him.

Mr. MARKS. May I say this off the record?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. The chairman is reliably informed that Mr. Christmas is out of the country and left for Europe—how long ago?

The WITNESS. I believe he left for Europe sometime ago—

Question. Let me ask you, where is Mr. Christmas now?

Answer. As far as I know, he is in Paris.

Question. All right; when did he leave for Europe?

Answer. What is that?

Question. How long ago did he leave for Europe?

Answer. I think about 2½ weeks ago.

Question. Have you a record of the purposes for which you used this—what you have done with this money—a record of your own expenditures?

Answer. The \$30,300?

Question. Yes; have you a record?

Answer. Excepting for expenses, the money was returned to Mr. Christmas.

Question. And you kept a record of your expenses?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did you keep a written record of when you returned it to Mr. Christmas?

Answer. No; I have not that.

Question. And no receipt was received from him; that is true, is it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. When you went to Europe you kept a record of the \$7,200, and an accurate record, did you not?

Answer. Yes, sir. I might add that the reason for keeping an accurate record of expenses was this—

Mr. MARKS. Well, you haven't been asked that.

The WITNESS. Let us cross that out, then.

Question. It is a fact that from September 21 until October 5, 1933, you were a guest at the Palmer House in Chicago, is it not?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And you were there continuously?

Answer. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, I think that covers the period.

Mr. MARKS. To October 8.

The CHAIRMAN. Let us, for the record, show that the sum total of those things approximates so much.

Mr. MARKS. May I say that the bill to Mr. William Boyle is \$168.

The CHAIRMAN. Why not put in the total?

Mr. MARKS. The total would be—

The CHAIRMAN. Now, don't put the names in.

Mr. MARKS. The total would be approximately \$580.

Question. And that you were reimbursed in part from others who were using these rooms, you say?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And now you said that you went down to the general to make him run to be national commander of the Legion?

Answer. Yes; it was to make him run—to feel him out to see if he would be interested in running for national commander.

Question. Well, you were friendly with Johnston, weren't you?

Answer. Louis Johnston?

Question. Yes.

Answer. He was commander.

Question. What did you want Butler to run for? What was the object in having him run; what was the purpose?

Answer. Because I did not think there was any man outstanding at the time, and I liked General Butler; I liked his personality and his way of handling himself, and I thought he would be a fine man for the commandship of the Legion.

Question. When did this idea come into your head?

Answer. Oh, I had it in my head for a couple of years.

Question. You hadn't gone to him before?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You did not go to him, then, before the Miami convention?

Answer. No, sir; now, I didn't go to him for the purpose of getting him to run for commander.

Question. That was not the purpose?

Answer. Absolutely no, sir.

Question. And now, did you talk with any person, as you said you didn't talk with him, about making a speech for the gold standard?

Answer. With General Butler?

Question. Yes.

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you talk with anybody about that?

Answer. I talked with Mr. Boyle about the gold standard.

Question. Did you talk with anybody else about making a speech there?

Answer. I do not remember that I did.

Question. Did you try to get anybody to make a speech there?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Nobody at all in the country?

Answer. No, sir; I do not remember that I did. As a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, I did not speak to General Butler about making a speech at Chicago for the gold standard; I had in mind the formation of a society, a committee for a sound dollar and a sound currency and, inasmuch as General Butler was a man who went out publicly speaking for a fee to different parts of the country, I thought he would be a fine man to have in that kind of a committee; and when I went down to his place, I believe it was the second time I talked with him about it, and at that time he said, "Well, I have got a publicity agent in New York now, but I am going to get rid of him because this fellow isn't getting me enough business, and", he said, "I am changing to this man here." I forget the man's name, but he showed me a letter from this fellow, and he said he would like to have him handle his publicity, and Butler told me that he got \$350 for a speech, plus his expenses.

Question. Are you friendly with the commander of the Legion this year?

Answer. Belgrano, that is?

Question. Yes.

Answer. Yes.

Question. Didn't you know that he was going to be a candidate?

Answer. He was not a candidate in Chicago; no, sir.

Question. Who is the national commander for 1934?

Answer. Belgrano—Ed Hayes.

Question. Yes. He is the national commander now.

Answer. Belgrano now.

Question. When does the year end?

Answer. In October, at the convention.

Question. The commander of the Legion was Hayes. Were you opposed to him?

Answer. To Hayes? No, sir; I was not; I did not know Hayes at the time I saw Butler; I didn't know that Hayes was going to be a candidate.

Question. Who did you think was going to be a candidate at that time?

Answer. I did not know.

Question. Oh, you had no knowledge of who was going to be a candidate, but you wanted Butler?

Answer. I did not want him exactly, but I thought he was a fine, outstanding man and would make a fine legionnaire, a fine commander, for the simple reason that he is a great man for the soldiers and veterans.

Question. I understand, but what had that to do with the sound dollar?

Answer. What?

Question. What you said, that Mr. Butler would make a fine man for the soldiers?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What had that to do with the purposes of the sound dollar?

Answer. Nothing at all; nothing; simply that Butler was an outstanding man, in my opinion, and if we formed this society, he would be a good man to go out and speak for it, and at the same time sort of advance himself as a candidate, as commander, as I thought he would make a fine commander of the Legion.

Question. But that had nothing to do with the sound-dollar policy at all?

Answer. Absolutely no.

Question. You just offered to get him into this picture more or less as a showman. Was that the purpose of it?

Answer. Absolutely not.

Question. And you did not want to make him commander of the Legion?

Answer. I did not want to make him commander of the Legion. But I thought he would be a fine man to be commander of the Legion.

Question. What did Butler know about the monetary questions, as far as the gold standard and the silver dollar were concerned?

Answer. I did not discuss it very much with General Butler.

Question. As a matter of fact, General Butler did not know anything about those two big subjects dealing with the sound dollar and the gold standard?

Answer. He does not?

Question. No?

Answer. I could not say.

Question. So that you did not want Mr. Butler's speech before the Legion for that purpose at all?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. And you did not want Butler for the purpose of forming this sound-dollar association, because he, in the first place, didn't know anything about money, and was not interested in the question of the gold standard?

Answer. That is right.

Question. That is correct, is it not?

Answer. That is right.

Question. So that now we have this on the record.

Answer. Yes.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. In what name did you hire the deposit box in the First National Bank of Chicago?

Answer. If I recall, I think my wife was the one that took it out; Elizabeth W. I believe that. I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Send a wire to the First National Bank of Chicago to find out.

The WITNESS. I think it was a joint account; Elizabeth W., and/or G. C. I think it was a joint account, because, if anything happened to me, my wife could handle it all right, and later I believe I told her the money was there, just to protect myself in case anything happened to me; if I died, or anything, she could return the money to Mr. Christmas.

Question. Was your wife out there?

Answer. Yes; she was in Chicago.

Question. She was with you all the time?

Answer. No; she was not with me all the time.

Question. Where did she live?

Answer. She stayed with friends at Highland Park.

Question. How long had she been there?

Answer. How long had she been there?

Question. Yes.

Answer. I think she came 3 days after I went out there, and she stayed until the convention was over.

Question. That money was not your money, was it?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. So why was it necessary to put it in your joint names? It wasn't your money. You say in case something happened to you, your wife would be able to get hold of it.

Answer. Yes.

Question. But it was not your money. That money belonged to Mr. Christmas, didn't it?

Answer. Yes. It really belonged to Mr. Clark.

Question. Mr. Clark never had the money.

Answer. Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas were both the same. They both had confidence in me, and knew that any money I got would be returned.

Question. I am just trying to get your point of view. Why was it necessary to put it in a joint account? I expressly asked you why you had to place the money in a joint account, and your answer was, because, "if something happened to me", your wife would be able to return it.

Answer. Yes. My wife would naturally take it back to where it came from; very naturally.

Question. Now, then, you also took the money along for the purpose of buying bonds?

Answer. That is right.

Question. Did you buy any bonds?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. What bonds did they want to buy?

Answer. They had several different items in mind.

Question. What is the name of those bonds?

Answer. I think Chicago Sanitary District 4's.

Question. Whom did you talk to about buying the Chicago Sanitary District 4's?

Answer. I did not talk to anybody.

Question. Whom did you speak to about it?

Answer. I didn't speak to anybody.

Question. Did you make any negotiations for any of those bonds?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you get any prospective bids for those bonds?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. To whom did you speak about the bonds?

Answer. I did not speak to anybody.

Question. Your trip throughout the country was after this, wasn't it, that you went around the country?

Answer. I went around the country before that—no; I went around the country after that.

Question. Where did you get your expenses after that?

Answer. I believe I paid a lot of my own expenses, and I believe, after that, Mr. Clark gave me some more money—a thousand dollars, or \$1,200, as I remember it.

Question. When was it that you went up to Calgary, as you have testified, to buy bonds?

Answer. On that trip, that was in conjunction with a committee for the sound dollar and sound currency, in conjunction with that work, and I also kept my eyes open as regards the bond business.

Question. Well, as a matter of fact, your final purpose was in connection with the sound dollar?

Answer. Yes.

Question. This money was given to you in connection with that, principally?

Answer. Yes. Wait a minute, now. You mean this money here [indicating]?

Question. I mean the whole amount. You were not doing anything wrong, as I see it, if you were using your money to finance a trip to get the sound-dollar idea over on the country, or to get the people interested in falling back on the gold standard. You have a perfect right to spend his money that way if he sees fit. I do not say that there is anything wrong with that. I simply wanted an explanation as to how this money came to you in connection with a campaign to try to get the country back on the gold standard.

Answer. This particular money was not. I want to say this: That after this money was returned, Mr. Clark gave me three \$10,000 checks—just gave them to the Committee for the Sound Dollar. The checks were made out to the Committee for Sound Currency,

and after I had returned from Chicago and had given the money back to Mr. Christmas, Mr. Clark then made out three \$10,000 checks, payable to the Committee for the Sound Dollar, and it was deposited to the committee's account. This money, in my records here, was not for that specific purpose.

Question. So that the books of Christmas, or Clark, should show, some time in October, or within 2 weeks after you returned from the convention, that \$30,000 was given to them, or that a check was made out payable to the order of Christmas, or payable to Clark, whichever it was. That item should be shown somewhere?

Answer. I believe so.

Examination by Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Have you got the books of the Sound Dollar Committee here?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Will you let me look at them?

Answer. Surely. They are all here [indicating]. With the return back to New York, the object then was to form a sound-dollar committee, and, inasmuch as the Legion had gone on record for sound money at the Chicago convention, it was thought then that it would be a very good idea to establish this committee, to get out and talk to the people, and take it up with the Legion, and later on, with the American Federation of Labor, and to take a stand on the sound-dollar policy.

Question. Now, you had thousands of dollars in cash for the purpose of buying, as you call it, letters of credit, and that was bought at the same bank, wasn't it?

Answer. Yes; I believe so.

Question. Why was it necessary to try to cash or to get a letter of credit from a bank where you got the cash from?

Answer. For the simple reason that the Central Hanover was intimately connected with the First National Bank of Chicago, and that was the bank that I wanted to do business through.

Question. The point that I ask you is entirely different; why you wanted letters of credit, when you had thirty thousand or twenty thousand dollars in the Hanover National Bank.

Answer. No; in the Manufacturers.

Question. On the Manufacturers you drew. How much did you draw?

Answer. Can I say this off the record, if you don't mind? I do not want to make any mistaken statements.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You have got me all puzzled with your book-keeping.

The WITNESS. I do not want to bring in anything that can be questioned here.

(Discussion off the record.)

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Now, you knew you were going to this convention, and you tried to get the convention to adopt in its platform the sound dollar. That was in your mind, wasn't it?

Answer. I talked with probably 200 people out there about that.

Question. I did not ask you that. I merely asked you whether that was in your mind.

Answer. Yes; I think that was in my mind.

Question. When did you leave the Chicago convention? Do you remember that?

Answer. Well, I think that is brought out here; either the 19th—I think it was the 19th—

Question. The 19th of when? What month?

Answer. Of September.

Question. And you stayed until when?

Answer. October 8, I believe it was.

Question. How long did the convention last?

Answer. October 3, 4, and 5, I believe.

Question. And what did you do after the convention in Chicago?

Answer. I stayed around the hotel a couple of days and then came back to New York.

Question. So you were there altogether how many days in Chicago?

Answer. Well, whatever time that was.

Question. You were there between the 19th—and you were there up until about the 26th?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Of that same month?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Why was it necessary to take all this money down there, knowing that you would be busy at this convention?

Answer. It was not necessarily that I was going to be busy at the convention.

Question. Why was it necessary to have on your bills a special notice, "No information to anybody"?

Answer. That is the general custom, Mr. Dickstein, in every convention that people do not want to be bothered. They simply tell the desk that they don't want to have people bother them. If you have certain rooms for certain purposes, that was all that was necessary.

Question. Were you a delegate there?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Were you an officer?

Answer. I was on the distinguished guests committee.

Question. Outside of that you had no other office?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. If you were on the distinguished guests committee, don't you think that people who wanted to get in contact with you ought to know where you were located?

Answer. The people who wanted to get into contact with me would know where I was located.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to offer these records as a Government exhibit—all of them as one exhibit.

The CHAIRMAN. This is simply offered in executive session, and the committee would be just as jealous in protecting any person whose name has never appeared in this hearing from being made public.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I offer them as an exhibit.

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Memo.	Date	Explanation	Amt. charged	Amt. credited	Balance due <sup>1</sup>
	1	Sept. 29, 1933			
	2	Sept. 29, 1933		\$108.00	\$108.00
	3	Sept. 29, 1933	\$0.20		\$0.20
	4	Oct. 30, 1933	18.00		\$0.20
	5	Oct. 30, 1933	3.05		\$3.25
	6	Oct. 30, 1933	3.50		\$6.75
	7	Oct. 30, 1933	3.50		\$10.25
	8	Oct. 30, 1933	5.60		\$15.85
	9	Oct. 30, 1933	.15		\$16.00
	10	Sept. 30, 1933	7.85		\$23.85
	11	Sept. 30, 1933	18.00		\$41.85
	12	Sept. 30, 1933	2.84		\$44.69
Accept no charges of any kind except telephone calls	13	Oct. 1, 1933			\$44.69
	14	Oct. 1, 1933	L. Dist.*	6.55	\$51.24
	15	Oct. 1, 1933	Valet	1.00	\$52.24
	16	Oct. 1, 1933	Valet*	1.00	\$53.24
	17	Oct. 1, 1933	Rooms	18.00	\$71.24
	18	Oct. 1, 1933	Phone*	.50	\$71.74
	19	Oct. 2, 1933	Rooms	18.00	\$89.74
	20	Oct. 2, 1933	Phone	1.00	\$90.74
	21	Oct. 3, 1933	L. Dist.	4.25	\$95.00
	22	Oct. 3, 1933	L. Dist.	4.25	\$99.25
	23	Oct. 3, 1933	Rooms	.15	\$99.40
	24	Oct. 3, 1933	Phone	18.00	\$117.40
				.40	\$117.80

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American Legion. No information to anyone

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	2	Oct. 4, 1933			\$27.79
	3	Oct. 4, 1933	Rooms	\$18.00	\$9.79
	4	Oct. 5, 1933	Phone	0.10	\$9.69
	5	Oct. 5, 1933	Laundry	3.60	\$6.09
	6	Oct. 5, 1933	Laundry	3.98	\$2.11
	7	Oct. 5, 1933	Telegrm	1.65	\$0.46
			Rooms	18.00	\$18.46

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	1				73.12
	2	Oct. 6, 1933	Balance forward.		73.12
	3	Oct. 6, 1933	TranDeb	3.48	76.60
	4	Oct. 6, 1933	L. Dist	0.15	76.75
	5	Oct. 6, 1933	Restr't	1.73	78.48
	6	Oct. 6, 1933	Restr't	5.30	83.78
	7	Oct. 6, 1933	TranDeb	116.00	29.96
	8	Oct. 6, 1933	TranCr		29.96
	9	Oct. 6, 1933	Rooms	18.00	47.96
	10	Oct. 6, 1933	Phone	0.40	48.36
	11	Oct. 7, 1933	Restr't	2.04	50.40
	12	Oct. 7, 1933	Telegrm	3.45	53.85
	13	Oct. 7, 1933	L. Dist. CO	3.50	57.35
	14	Oct. 7, 1933	Rooms	18.00	75.35
	15	Oct. 7, 1933	Phone	0.20	75.55
	16	Oct. 8, 1933	L. Dist	0.25	75.80
	17	Oct. 8, 1933	Restr't	0.31	76.11
	18	Oct. 8, 1933	Phone	0.10	76.21
			CashCr	78.21	0.00

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	2	Sept. 21, 1933	Valet	2.00	3.00
	3	Sept. 21, 1933	Rooms	4.50	7.50
	4	Sept. 21, 1933	Phone	0.10	7.60
	5	Sept. 22, 1933	Laundry	0.99	8.59
	6	Sept. 22, 1933	Laundry	0.95	9.54
	7	Sept. 22, 1933	Phone	0.60	10.14
	8	Sept. 22, 1933	Rooms	4.50	14.64
	9	Sept. 23, 1933	Rooms	4.50	19.14
	10	Sept. 23, 1933	Phone	0.10	19.24
	11	Sept. 24, 1933	Valet	1.00	20.24
	12	Sept. 24, 1933	Phone	0.10	20.34
	13	Sept. 24, 1933	Rooms	4.50	24.84
	14	Sept. 25, 1933	Phone	1.20	26.04
	15	Sept. 25, 1933	Rooms	4.50	30.54
	16	Sept. 26, 1933	Phone	0.70	31.24
	17	Sept. 26, 1933	Rooms	4.50	35.74
	18	Sept. 27, 1933	Rooms	4.50	40.24

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PALMER HOUSE, CHICAGO  
 MAC GUIRE G C 972W 4 50 2C NYC 9-21 HWP6 9:44AM  
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 To folio \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Z 5326

Memo.	Date	Explanation	Amt. charged	Amt. credited	Balance due <sup>1</sup>
	1	Balance forward			40.24
	2	Sept. 28, 1933 Cash Cr		40.24	0.00
	3	Sept. 28, 1933 Rooms	4.50		0.00
	4	Sept. 28, 1933 Rooms	4.50		0.00
	5	Sept. 28, 1933 Rooms DC		4.50	0.00
	6	Sept. 28, 1933 Phone	0.90		0.00
	7	Sept. 29, 1933 L. Dist	0.25		0.00
	8	Sept. 29, 1933 Cash Cr		5.65	0.00

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 From folio \_\_\_\_\_  
 To folio \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. Z 5626

Memo.	Date	Explanation	Amt. charged	Amt. credited	Balance due <sup>1</sup>
	1	Oct. 30, 1933 Valet	0.35		1.35
	2	Oct. 30, 1933 Valet	1.00		1.35
	3	Oct. 1, 1933 Telogrm	0.03		1.38
Incidentals: Drugs	4	Oct. 5, 1933 Disburs	1.50		2.88
	5	Oct. 6, 1933 Tran Cr		3.48	

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By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Now, while you were making all these trips, Murphy & Co. were paying you?

Answer. Yes.

Question. While you were making the trips for Clark and Christmas?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Going to these conventions in trying to bring about an educational program for the sound dollar, you were being paid right along?

Answer. Yes; after the Chicago convention, when the sound-dollar committee was formed, I received my pay right along.

Question. Was your pay ever questioned by Murphy & Co.?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. So that, while you were conducting this what you would call "propaganda" for a principle, you had been on the pay roll of Murphy & Co. and receiving weekly checks?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, did you keep any books of account?

Answer. On expenses.

Question. On all moneys received, and on all moneys laid out, and on all moneys returned, giving their dates and amounts, whether by check or in cash?

Answer. I think I have a record that I can produce.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I wish you would produce it, and I will ask the chairman to request you to do so.

The CHAIRMAN. Not request. I will order him to produce it.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That book will show.

The CHAIRMAN. What do you want him to produce tomorrow?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. All moneys received by Clark or Christmas or by any other person through that period would show expenditures and sales.

The WITNESS. Yes.

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Whether the payment was in cash or by check.

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, how many letters of credit did you obtain in 1933 and 1934?

Answer. What?

Question. How many, altogether?

Answer. I don't know. I would have to look up that record there.

Question. Which record?

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Well, did you receive any more beyond that?

Answer. In 1933? No, sir.

Question. In 1934, did you?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Where?

Answer. I received a letter of credit, when I went to Europe, from J. P. Morgan & Co. for \$5,000; a letter of credit of my own, that I took out with the American Express, I believe, for \$1,500.

Question. Who, in Morgan & Co., gave you that \$5,000?



Answer. Who? No one in Morgan & Co. gave me \$5,000. Mr. Clark gave me his check.

Question. On Morgan & Co.?

Answer. No; it was not on Morgan & Co. I believe it was on the Chase Bank.

Question. Well, how did you get this \$5,000 letter of credit from Morgan & Co.?

Answer. I didn't say that. I said that I got a check for \$5,000 from Mr. Clark, and I had gone to Morgan & Co. and bought a letter of credit nominally paying for it \$50.

Question. I didn't ask you that. I just wanted to know how you went to Morgan & Co. You have explained it.

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, then, I suppose the expense list of the European trip was also entered by you?

Answer. Yes; I have a record.

Question. You have a record of that, and you will produce that?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, how long have you known Mr. Butler? Since when?

Answer. Roughly speaking, I should say I have known General Butler about 5 years.

Question. When was the first time that you spoke to General Butler? When you went with Doyle?

Answer. When I went with Doyle? This I don't remember.

Question. Now, what year was that?

Answer. Well, I believe it was 1933.

Question. And is it a fact that that was the first time that you had personal contact with Mr. Butler?

Answer. No; it is not a fact.

Question. When was the first time that you spoke to Butler?

Answer. I do not recollect where it was. It was around the metropolitan area somewhere, at some veterans' meeting.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. He testified that it was about 2 years before that that the first real time that you met him was when you went up to his home?

Answer. Yes.

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. You came there by machine?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who owned the machine; whose car was it?

Answer. It was a car that we hired at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Question. Doyle was with you?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who was doing all the talking, you or Doyle?

Answer. Well—

Question (interrupting). If you remember. If you don't, don't answer it.

Answer. Mr. Chairman, can we get it on the record—

The CHAIRMAN. You better ask Mr. Dickstein.

The WITNESS. I would say 50-50, all of the talking.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Did you have a talk or did you talk with Doyle before that, about going out to see General Butler?

Answer. Yes; I believe he was down in New York, about a week before that, and we talked over a number of things.

Question. That was a prearrangement for you and him to go down there?

Answer. Yes.

Question. He said that you wanted to go down to Philadelphia, and you were then to telephone him, and take a chance at his being there?

Answer. Let me get this straight, Mr. Chairman. I do not want to get tied up on dates; it is pretty hazy. I think Doyle and I talked in New York, and then whenever it was, after we got down to Philadelphia, we talked to Vince Carroll and then the question came up how about going out to see Butler, and talk with him—

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Where were you before you met Butler in June or July of 1933? Where did you go from with the car?

Answer. From Philadelphia.

Question. Well, where did you bring it from?

Answer. Well, I do not remember; I think it was from the Bellevue-Stratford.

Question. Who rang the general, to make an appointment and go over to his house, you or Doyle?

Answer. Well, I don't remember whether it was Doyle or myself.

Question. Was it the man by the name of Jack that rang and asked him for an appointment, that you were two veterans and wanted to come over and talk to him?

Answer. Oh, yes; that refreshes my mind—I would like to get this on the record.

Question. Just answer that.

The CHAIRMAN. He says "yes."

Question. Then, this Jack, what is his second name?

Answer. I don't remember his second name; he was introduced to me in the Mayflower Hotel.

Question. That is Washington, and the call was from Washington?

Answer. Yes; I guess that is right.

Question. You made the statement a moment ago that you rang him from the Bellevue-Stratford; you were not giving us the correct statement?

Answer. I had plainly forgotten the incident.

Question. As a matter of fact, that brings you back to Washington again, and this Doyle, or Jack, or whatever his name is, rang General Butler?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And you and Doyle traveled in the machine from Washington to Philadelphia?

Answer. No, no; we went by train.

Question. Went by train?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And you got into this machine and went over to the general's house?

Answer. Yes; I remember it very distinctly now.

Question. That was really the first time that you were in Butler's home, or that you had a talk with him along the line of business, or whatever you may call it?

Answer. That is the first time that I had ever talked to him.

Question. That was in 1933?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That was in June 1933?

Answer. Was it June?

Question. I won't pin you down; it doesn't make any difference as to the place; we have the time fixed?

Answer. You have the time fixed.

Question. That was around June or July?

Answer. Let me ask this, if I may. Can I ask it without being on the record?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Go ahead.

(Discussion off the record.)

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Did you go up in a Packard limousine?

Answer. Gee! I don't know whether it was or not; I think it was a Packard car.

Question. Driven by a chauffeur?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who was the chauffeur?

Answer. I don't know.

Question. With the car?

Answer. With the car.

Question. Don't you know what Jack was?

Answer. I don't know. Jack was introduced to me in a room in the Hotel Mayflower, and he was very much interested in forming a national veterans' organization and getting out a paper similar to the National Tribune, and he said he had been to see General Butler several times and he was a great friend of his; and I think either Doyle or myself said I would like to meet the general, and that is how the whole thing came up. This fellow said, "I will call him up and make an appointment." He said, "You are going back to New York and you can stop there to see him." He called up from the Mayflower Hotel and made an appointment for us to see the general.

Question. What were you in Washington for?

Answer. I believe I was down there on business; I do not know just what business it was.

Question. How did Doyle come into the picture?

Answer. I think he was down there for some other Legion matter.

Question. And you happened to run across one another?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How did you happen to see Vince Carroll?

Answer. We saw Vince Carroll in Philadelphia on the way back.

Question. On the way back?

Answer. Yes.

Question. What about this talk in New York the week before between you and Doyle about Butler? What occasioned all that talk?

Answer. As I said to you at that time, this whole thing as it has been refreshed in my mind—as to this incident, Doyle had been here and said he was going back—

Question. You never met this Jack before?

Answer. I never met Jack before; never.

Question. He called up and asked the general if he would see a couple of veterans if they went out to see him?

Answer. Yes.

Question. He didn't mention the names or anything?

Answer. I think he did.

Question. Don't say you think he did.

Answer. I don't remember whether he mentioned it or not.

Question. That is a better answer. When you say "I think he did", that is of no probative weight.

Examination by Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. When did you go to Washington before you met Doyle?

Answer. I don't remember when I got to Washington.

Question. Did you go over with the intention of meeting Doyle?

Answer. I think that he told me that he was going to be down at the same time that I was going to be there.

Question. Did he tell you where he was going to stop?

Answer. At the Mayflower; he always stopped at the Mayflower.

Question. Did he tell you that?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Where did you generally stop?

Answer. At the Mayflower.

Question. So that when you went there you knew Doyle was going to be there and where he was going to be, and did you have an understanding that you would like to see General Butler, or was it after you spoke to this Jack, when he said he knew General Butler, that it dawned on you that it would be a good thing to go to see General Butler, after this telephone call?

Answer. I say that that happened; I didn't say that I wanted to see General Butler, the whole thing just happened—

Question. We wanted to get the picture.

Answer. I think it was all brought up by this fellow Jack in connection with the party.

Question. So that when you went to Washington it was not your intention to go to see Butler?

Answer. No, sir; positively not.

Question. It was your intention to meet this Jack?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. But when you got to Washington you bumped into Doyle?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And then you bumped into Jack and you say you never met him before?

Answer. No; I never met him.

Question. Now, isn't his name Jack O'Neill?

Answer. Jack O'Neill?

Question. Yes; Jack O'Neill.

Answer. I couldn't say. I do not know what his name is. I never met the man only once, and I have never seen him since.

Question. Did he volunteer to ring General Butler?

Answer. Why, I do not know what his arrangements were with Doyle in connection with ringing General Butler.

Question. Did you ask him to ring General Butler?

Answer. Did I ask him to ring General Butler?

Question. Yes.

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Who asked him to ring General Butler?

Answer. I believe Mr. Doyle—

Question. What time of the day was it?

Answer. I cannot say what time of the day it was. I think it was afternoon, but I am not sure.

Question. Did you go to see General Butler—did you leave on the same day to see him?

Answer. Yes; if I recall it correctly. As I recall it, Mr. Dickstein, I am not sure. I do not want to be twisted up in this thing.

Question. I am not trying to twist you; I am trying to clarify this record.

Answer. It is awfully hard to bring up all of the dates, and so forth, after such a time.

Question. I am not questioning you as to dates. I am asking you for your best recollection of the facts. When did you meet Doyle at the Mayflower; some time last year?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Then you never intended to see Butler at all?

Answer. I had no intention of seeing Butler.

Question. You had no intention of seeing Butler; that is your story?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Then you bumped into a man by the name of Jack, whatever his name is?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And Jack volunteered to ring up General Butler?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And he did ring General Butler, and stated that there were two veterans who wanted to come over to see him, a man of such high rank?

Answer. That is right. Now, the question in my mind now, Mr. Dickstein, is whether it was that particular day that we went to see General Butler—

Question. Or the next day?

Answer. Or was it some previous time, some time that Doyle and I had said we would go over and see him—I don't know, I want to get this thing straight on the record.

Question. Now, for your information, I will say that it did not require much breaking of your head to remember that the telephone call came from Washington on a certain day?

Answer. Yes.

Question. The committee has it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And you went there that very day, and you do not remember what day it was?

Answer. That is the question in my mind.

Question. Well, if you didn't go that day, you went the next day?

Answer. Some other day.

Question. It was within 24 hours after this telephone call?

Answer. That is a question that I cannot answer.

Question. All right, we will let it go at that. So that if that statement was made by the General, he was telling the truth, wasn't he?

Answer. As to our going there?

Question. Yes.

Answer. Yes.

Question. And this telephone by Jack; and he said he never knew you people before?

Answer. Yes.

Question. You were going down there as two legionnaires for some help that you wanted of some kind?

Answer. Yes, sir; that is true.

Question. And he was telling the truth when he said that?

Answer. That is true.

Question. Did O'Neill or Jack volunteer to go with you to see the General in person?

Answer. No, sir. I do not believe he did.

Question. Didn't he volunteer to go with you, and then you wanted to go yourselves alone, you and Doyle?

Answer. No, sir; I do not believe he did.

Question. Now we have got you when you were in Butler's house?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And then the general discussion started off that you wanted him to run for Legion commander?

Answer. No; I think the general discussion started off in connection with veterans and veterans' affairs, and his activity in connection with veterans, and then Doyle broached the subject to him of the veterans' organization similar to the Democratic veterans' outfit that he had been connected with during the previous campaign.

Question. Right at this point, then, was it your purpose, when you saw General Butler, to organize a new veterans' organization?

Answer. It was not my purpose to organize a new veterans' organization.

Question. Well, was it Doyle's purpose, as you understood from the conversation?

Answer. From the conversation, I would not say that he wanted to organize a veterans' organization. He had already been a member and was a member of the Democratic veterans, and his idea was to further the interests of the Democratic veterans' organization, and he got General Butler to come along with him to build up an organization similar to the World War veterans.

Question. And didn't you speak about that on your way from Washington to Philadelphia; just what you wanted to talk to Butler about?

Answer. Yes; I think we did.

Question. And that was the discussion?

Answer. Yes.

Question. You never discussed that phase of it before with Doyle, did you?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. That was the first time?

Answer. Yes.

Question. There was nothing in your mind or motive as far as Butler was concerned that he was to lead the World War veterans to Washington—

Answer. Except that after we had been discussing this thing on the train I said to him, "Why wouldn't it be a good thing to have this man as commander of the Legion"—to get this man for the commander of the Legion.

Question. That was the first time that you had in your mind the thought of Butler's being commander of the Legion?

Answer. No; I had it in my mind a couple of years before that.

Question. Who told you that?

Answer. I just thought—I had it in my mind that he would be a good man for the commander.

Question. And now, didn't Butler ask you what your business was when you came in?

Answer. Yes; I believe he did.

Question. What you wanted to see him about?

Answer. He received us very cordially and asked us what we wanted to see him about, and I think Mr. Doyle started off and told him what I had in mind, after we had discussed these various things in connection with the veterans, and then I said to him, "Why don't you run for commander of the Legion?"

Question. And now, at that time how much money did Christmas give you?

Answer. In June?

Question. In June or July?

Answer. No money.

Question. August?

Answer. No money.

Question. How much did Mr. Clark give you?

Answer. No money.

Question. Were you then selling any bonds or buying any bonds?

Answer. Oh, yes; I had been doing business with him since the war.

Question. Now, at that time, June or July, did you buy any bonds for Clark?

Answer. I believe I bought and sold bonds.

Question. What bonds did you buy for Clark?

Answer. I do not know.

Question. In your own name?

Answer. The firm's name, we had been doing business with him right along.

Question. I am not confining you to this time; around this period, did you buy any bonds for Clark?

Answer. Well, through the firm?

Question. Through anybody?

Answer. I believe we had several transactions with Mr. Clark.

Question. What were they?

Answer. I cannot recollect what they were now.

Question. Will you check on that and give us the information?

Answer. Yes; surely.

Question. Now, after you spoke to Butler, when was the second time that you went to see him in 1933?

Answer. I cannot recollect the date.

Question. Was it before the convention?

Answer. I believe it was; yes.

Question. And did you then have any loose money that you received for buying bonds?

Answer. When I went to see General Butler—with General Butler? No, sir.

Question. No; with Christmas?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Or Clark?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Didn't you have any of that money at all?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. When was the first money that you received from Christmas or Clark?

Answer. Well, whatever the record is there.

Question. And now heretofore any bonds that Christmas or Clark wanted to buy they bought through Murphy & Co.?

Answer. That is a correct statement, but they did business with other people too.

Question. I didn't ask you that. I said heretofore, as far as you were concerned, and as far as Murphy & Co. are concerned, if they wanted to buy any bonds they bought them through Murphy & Co.; isn't that a fact?

Answer. Yes.

Question. They did not give you any individual money, as you have testified here before, did they?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. This was the first time when—but the convention of the Legion came around; is that correct?

Answer. Yes.

Question. So that if they—if Christmas or Clark—wanted to buy bonds, he could have bought those bonds right through Murphy & Co., as he had done in the past; he did not have to go to you to buy them, did he?

Answer. Except if he asked me to be his agent.

Question. That is not the point; I will get to that; you did not have to buy those bonds; you were not the only one that could buy those bonds for them?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. He had already established a precedent for years, both with Murphy & Co. and with every legitimate source, to buy the type of bonds that he desired; that is correct, isn't it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And out of a clear sky you actually received certain vast sums of money as his agent; isn't that correct?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did they give you a written authority to represent Mr. Christmas—and Mr. Clark, as his agent—to buy any special type of bonds?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. When you received these checks, was there any entry made in Clark's books or Christmas' books as to the purpose for which that money was to be used?

Answer. That I cannot say.

Question. Now, if they gave you \$10,000 or \$30,000 and they gave it to you in a check or cash, wouldn't you ask them to make a memorandum on that stub for what purpose it was—for the purpose of buying certain bonds—wouldn't you do that as an ordinary business man?

Answer. Well, knowing Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas as well as I did, I did not think it would be fair to put that question that way.

Question. I will put it another way. I am not trying to catch you in any way; I am trying to get your mental operation at the time. You were there when they issued these checks, weren't you?

Answer. No; I was not.

Question. At any time after that, when you got the cash, did they deliver it to you in one lump sum?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who delivered the money to you?

Answer. I believe Mr. Christmas.

Question. Did Mr. Christmas take a receipt for it?

Answer. Not that I know of.

Question. Was there anything wrong about the transaction, that he took no receipt?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. He took no receipt at any time?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Now, where was that money delivered to Vince Carroll?

Answer. Which money are you speaking of now?

Question. The \$10,000, or all of the cash transactions or cash items that were turned over to you?

Answer. I believe the \$10,000 was given in the Bankers Club at the luncheon.

Question. You had a previous arrangement, then—to go there?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And did you know that he was to give you the \$10,000 in cash; or were you to get a check?

Answer. I did not know what it was to be.

Question. You did not know what it was for?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Out of a clear sky he gave you \$10,000 in thousand-dollar bills?

Answer. This was in addition.

Question. In addition to the money that he gave you before?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Before he gave you the \$20,000; am I correct?

Answer. That is correct.

Question. Now, how much time—how many days had expired between the payment of the \$20,000 and the \$10,000?

Answer. I do not remember.

Question. Was it a week or was it a month?

Answer. I cannot recollect.

Question. Was it during the same month?

Answer. I do not remember.

Question. Was it in the summer?

Answer. I think it was in the summer; yes.

Question. In the 1933?

Answer. Yes.

Question. That was just before the convention of the Legion?

Answer. Well, the convention was in the fall.

Question. Well, that was before the convention?

Answer. Yes; I believe so.

Question. Now, when you got the money, what did you do with it; how did you dispose of it? I mean, did you put it in your pocket, did you put it in a vault, or did you put it in a bank. What did you do with it?

Answer. If I recall—well, the \$20,000 you are talking about now, isn't it?

Question. I am talking about the \$20,000 and the \$10,000. Take the \$10,000 first. What did you do with that \$10,000?

Answer. \$25,000 was deposited in the Manufacturers' Trust Co.

Question. I am talking about what happened to the \$10,000 that you got at Bankers Club lunch. You just testified a moment ago that you came to the club before luncheon and Christmas handed you \$10,000 in \$1,000 bills.

Answer. I didn't say that; I do not remember what the denomination was.

Question. What did you do with that money?

Answer. I believe I put it in the Seamen's Bank for Savings, in a safety-deposit vault.

Question. Where? At Wall and William in a safe deposit?

Answer. I think so.

Question. Did you make an entry in your book?

Answer. No.

Question. Was there any entry made of that \$10,000 item anywhere up to this present day?

Answer. I believe I have a book record of all of those items down here.

Question. That book you will produce tomorrow, I understand?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Now, how long did it stay in the vault?

Answer. I cannot recollect.

Question. Was it a week?

Answer. Well, I do not remember.

Question. A month?

Answer. I do not remember.

Question. Is it there now?

Answer. No.

Question. When did you take it out, according to your best recollection?

Answer. I cannot recall when I took it out, except that these records are here—that is, of the two letters of credit—so that it must have been around those dates.

Question. I do not want to go into that.

Answer. I do not want to cover any ground that I am not sure of. It must have been somewhere around those dates—

Question. Did you buy any bonds for that \$10,000?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you buy any bonds for the \$20,000?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you buy any bonds for Mr. Christmas or Mr. Clark at any time after you received these amounts of moneys?

Answer. No.

Question. You never did?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did Christmas or Clark buy any bonds from Murphy & Co. during that same period?

Answer. I think they did; yes, I think they did; I do not say "buy"; they may have sold some bonds through us.

Question. They sold or bought?

Answer. Yes; there may have been some transactions.

Question. In other words, they did not terminate their business connections; they continued their regular business transactions with Murphy & Co., in spite of the fact that they had given you this money, as you say, for the purpose of buying bonds?

Answer. That is right.

Question. And they had never done that before?

Answer. No; they had never done that before.

Question. Or since?

Answer. Or since.

Question. Now, do you know whether Clark or Christmas dealt with any other brokerage concern?

Answer. I believe they dealt with several other brokerage concerns.

Question. Do you know their names?

Answer. No; I do not.

Question. How long have you known Clark?

Answer. Well, I believe I said that I have done business with him and known him since 1925 or 1926.

Question. Did he ever give you that kind of money before to use, as you say—in the way that he wanted you to represent him in these transactions?

Answer. In what transactions?

Question. In those money transactions, since that time?

Answer. In what money transactions?

Question. What I mean is this, since 1926, at the time that you met him and after; this was really the first time that you got this money without any receipt or papers or anything at all?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And this dinner was at the Bankers Club, at 120 Broadway, wasn't it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who was that dinner given to; was it given to anybody specially?

Answer. It was a regular luncheon.

Question. Who was present at your table?

Answer. Mr. Christmas.

Question. And yourself?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And Mr. Clark?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And what was the talk at that time; do you remember?

Answer. The general bond market conditions—conditions of the bond and stock market.

Question. Did he tell you what particular bonds he had in mind? Did he tell you what particular places to go to?

Answer. No.

Question. Did he tell you what to search for?

Answer. Depreciated bonds of various municipalities that looked cheap.

Question. Now, isn't it a fact that there were thousands of municipalities who had depreciated bonds, and who had them in 1933, and how is it that you didn't buy one single bond?

Answer. I think that the particular case was the Chicago bonds and the Chicago Sanitary District bonds.

Question. Now, couldn't you have bought those bonds on a give-up order from any broker in New York?

Answer. Well, you probably could not; it is always the case with depreciated bonds, when they are being offered, as I said before, it is a case of coming right in and having the cash if you wanted to buy those bonds.

Question. But you could have done that right here in New York; it was necessary to go around the country?

Answer. You could not have done it right here in New York.

Question. And you could have saved this big overhead in expense for you to travel all through the country?

Answer. Yes; but I was not only traveling to buy bonds, I was traveling around to see what the condition of the bonds of these municipalities was.

Question. And to make your report to Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Certainly.

Question. And did you make a written report?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you give a written report to Mr. Clark?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you make memorandums of what you found in certain sections of the country for your guidance to make this report, as you said, to Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas?

Answer. No; I never made a memorandum.

Examination by the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Mr. Clark had purchased a large amount of bonds through the firm with which you are employed, hasn't he?

Answer. Why, through me, since I have known him; he has purchased through me since I have known him—I think I sold Mr. Clark about 6 million dollars worth of bonds, and he has sold through me probably 3½ million.

Question. There has never been any other transaction other than this \$25,000 that you testified to, where he gave you money which was deposited in your name or any other account, to buy bonds for him?

Answer. That is right.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That was 5 or 6 million dollars?

The CHAIRMAN. That is 9 million dollars.

Examination by Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. That was done through Murphy & Co., and you received your commission?

Answer. Not through Murphy & Co., through their organization—let me say this, those conditions were entirely different when these transactions were brought up, in that the bond market was in a

more or less stabilized condition; but at that particular period, when this thing came up, bonds were selling at all kinds of figures.

Question. That didn't stop Mr. Clark from pursuing his regular policy of buying in the same way that he had for years; in other words, when I want to buy a million dollars' worth of bonds in 1929, I bought it through your firm, and there is no reason why I did not give an order in 1933 to buy a million dollars' worth of bonds the same way; is that so?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. When did Mr. Clark go to Europe?

Answer. I think he went in August.

Question. 1934?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did you see him off?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. When did Mr. Christmas go to Europe?

The CHAIRMAN. About 2 weeks ago.

The WITNESS. I think it was 2½ weeks ago.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Where is Mr. Clark now? What part of the country is he in, do you know?

Answer. I do not know; I believe he is in Paris, according to the papers this morning, a cable was received from him from Paris.

Question. Have you heard from him yourself?

Answer. No, sir.

Mr. MARKS. Are you talking about Clark or Christmas?

The CHAIRMAN. I was talking about Clark.

Examination by Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. You do not know when the second trip was that you made to Mr. Butler?

Answer. No; I do not.

Question. Were you there alone?

Answer. Yes.

Question. And the third trip that you made to his home—you met him in Newark, didn't you?

Answer. I think the third trip; no—I do not know whether it was the third trip or not, or what trip it was that I met him, but I think it was in Newark at a hotel.

Question. Was Doyle with you then?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Was Doyle with you at any time outside of the first time?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. And the general discussion was what—what was the general discussion; what did you talk about? Did you talk about his being a commander of the Legion?

Answer. The second time you went there?

Question. Yes.

Answer. No. I think the next time I went there I talked with him about the veterans' affairs and conditions in general, and the fact that he had been very much interested in the veterans, and asked him if he still felt the way he did, and if he was in favor of sound money"—

Question. What did he say?

Answer. Well, he said, "Why, certainly I am in favor of sound money."

Question. Yes.

Answer. But he said, "I don't know anything about it."

Question. Exactly; he told you he knew nothing about money at all?

Answer. That is right; yes.

Question. But when you went there, did you go there with the intention of talking to him about this sound money business?

Answer. No; I can't say that I did.

Question. And what did you go there for the second time?

Answer. Just merely to talk over general conditions, and the fact that I thought that he was the man—that I still thought that he ought to run to be commander of the Legion, and it looked as if Ed Hays was the man who was going to win, and that he ought to during the next year or two get himself to be a delegate from Pennsylvania so that he could be elected commander.

Question. What was your interest in it that he should become a commander of the Legion; what was your interest in it?

Answer. Merely because I thought an awful lot of him.

Question. Didn't he tell you the first time that he was not interested?

Answer. No. He did not tell me the first time; he was very much interested.

Question. Doyle will bear you out, will he not, in that?

Answer. Well, I think he will.

Question. You think so?

Answer. Yes; I think he will.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. As a matter of fact, what you went there for was to try and have him go to the convention—but you say you never discussed the national commander with him, did you?

Answer. Yes; I did discuss the national commander with him.

Examination by Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Have you communicated with Doyle lately?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Did you talk to Doyle either yesterday or today?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Has Doyle spoken to you?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. Now, then, on the second trip that you made, did Mr. Butler still say that he would like to be commander of the Legion?

Answer. No; he said he was not interested, and then I brought up the fact about this sound-dollar organization.

Question. All right. What was the necessity of your going over there after he told you that he did not know anything about the sound dollar, and did not know anything about monetary conditions. And he told you on the third visit that he did not want to be commander of the Legion; what was the object of your going to see him again?

Answer. Well, I thought that I might still interest him in it—

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. How long after the first visit did you pay the second visit?

Answer. Gosh, I cannot recall.

Question. It was within 3 days; haven't you any recollection?

Answer. Yes; 3 days—

Question. Yes.

Answer. No; it was not within 3 days—

Question. How long?

Answer. It must have been fully a month.

Question. In the meanwhile Hays had come along and announced his candidacy?

Answer. In the meantime, Bill Doyle had told me that there wasn't any chance of Butler being a commander because Hays was so far in the front that it was a joke as far as Butler was concerned to think about running.

Question. When you first talked to him, was Hays the candidate?

Answer. I did not know that Hays was a candidate.

Question. How did he get up in front so quick?

Answer. Well, I don't know; but those things just happened in a rush.

Question. I know, but they didn't happen in a rush overnight!

Answer. No.

Question. I know enough to know that the delegations are pretty cautious, and it is in the back rooms where the balloting is done!

Answer. Mr. Chairman, let me say this, that I think it will be pretty generally borne out that Belgrano, in this particular year, was elected last January; isn't that right?

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Chairman, I do not think we can possibly get through today.

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. You said that you saw the general about June or July, was it?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Is that definite?

Answer. I think so.

Question. In 1933?

Answer. Yes.

Question. How much money did you have in the bank at that time to your own credit?

Answer. My own account?

Question. Yes.

Answer. I cannot say. I will have to look it up.

Question. Please do so, and see what the amount was?

Answer. Yes.

Question. In what banks did you have it at that time, in June or July 1933, when you went to see General Butler the first time?

Answer. The Manufacturers Trust Co.

Question. How much money did you have there?

Answer. I cannot say; I think it was around \$1,800 or \$2,000.

Question. Yes; and what other banks?

Answer. I had cash myself.

Question. At that time?

Answer. Yes.

Question. \$10,000?

Answer. No.

Question. Well, how much cash did you have in your pocket at that time?

Answer. Cash in my pocket?

Question. Yes.

Answer. I had \$50 or \$60.

Question. That is all?

Answer. That is all.

Question. Did you have any other bank account outside of the Manufacturers Trust Co.?

Answer. I do not believe I did; no, sir.

Question. Did you or Doyle pull out a bank book showing deposits of \$42,000 in a certain bank?

Answer. I never did, and I do not think Mr. Doyle did.

Question. Did you see Doyle do that?

Answer. No, sir.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Did you pull out a bank book at all?

Answer. No, sir.

By Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. Did you pull out any papers at all from your pocket to show to General Butler?

Answer. No, sir.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Do you know Mr. Martindell, Mr. MacGuire?

Answer. Mr. Martin Dell? No, sir; I do not.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that his name?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I think so.

Question. How long were you in Europe on your trip over there?

Answer. Well—

Question. About how long?

Answer. I think it was about 2½ months.

Question. In Paris where were your headquarters?

Answer. I stayed at the Crillon Hotel.

Question. Did you make your headquarters with Morgan & Hodges?

Answer. I used to go in there to see them.

Question. Did you tell the general that that was your headquarters when you were in Paris?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. You do not know how he got that, do you?

Answer. No, sir. I do not, except I bought at Morgan & Co. a letter of credit from them, and that is where I got my mail, at Morgan & Hodges.

Question. You would not know how he got that name, and if he mentioned it in his testimony, it must have come through some other source?

Answer. I do not know how he got it.

Question. Was Mrs. MacGuire with you on the trip?



Answer. No; she came over after I had been there 5 weeks and came back with me.

Mr. DICKSTEIN:

Question. In making examination of the market conditions in Europe, did you make memorandums, or did you get copies of their daily sheets?

Answer. Yes.

Question. At that time?

Answer. I made a full survey of the entire situation.

Question. Did you make that report to Mr. Clark or to Mr. Christmas?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Did you make that in writing?

Answer. Yes.

Question. You made that in writing?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Who has that memorandum?

Answer. I have the memorandum.

Question. Has Mr. Clark got it?

Answer. The letters?

Question. No. The report of your survey.

Answer. I have copies of the letters that I sent to Mr. Clark.

Question. I did not ask you that. I said did you make the report to Mr. Christmas or to Mr. Clark of what you found, any written complete report, or any report to them at all?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Then, that should be in their files?

Answer. I made it at various times and places, and wrote letters.

Question. I didn't ask you about letters. Did you, when you returned back to the United States, make a complete report of your survey in writing to Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas?

Answer. When I returned back to the United States I did make a complete report in writing; while I was over there I wrote from Paris, and I wrote from London, and I wrote from Dublin.

Question. Have you got copies of those letters?

Answer. I believe I have.

Question. Will you produce those tomorrow?

Answer. I will be very glad to.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Did you tell him that you were going to campaign for him to be commander of the Legion?

Answer. Oh, yes; individually.

Question. When did you tell him that?

Answer. I cannot recall, but a short time ago, a short time before the convention.

Question. And did you tell him that you would get in touch with him after the convention, and that they are going to make a fight for the gold standard, and that they are going to organize in favor of the gold standard?

Answer. In Miami?

Question. That I will get in touch with you after the convention, or a short time after that?

Answer. No, sir. I mentioned nothing to him about meeting after the convention was over at all, and as a matter of fact the particular time that I met General Butler before the Miami convention I was over there on a will case.

Question. That was the time that you told him that you were going down to Miami to fight for the gold standard?

Answer. No, sir; the reason that I would not say that is that the question of the gold standard is all settled, the President has put the value of it at \$59.06 and there is no sense in going through all that again, because we have a standard dollar right now, but the majority of the people do not seem to recognize it.

Question. I simply asked the question?

Answer. I simply wanted to inject that, if you don't mind. Could I say something? May I ask you a question off the record?

(Discussion off the record.)

(At this point questions were asked involving certain names which were afterwards stricken from the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. Do you want to inject names into the record? I asked him did he talk to anybody else, and he said, "No."

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I thought that that might be called directly to his attention.

By the CHAIRMAN:

Question. Did you ask anybody at all to go to the convention, or to make a speech in favor of the gold-standard resolution?

Answer. No, sir.

(Whereupon the committee adjourned to Thursday, Nov. 22, 1934, at 10 a. m.)

(Mr. MacGuire is to return on Friday, Nov. 23, 1934.)

## INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1934

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL  
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
*New York, N. Y.*

The Subcommittee met in executive session, in the supper room of the Association of the Bar Building, Forty-fourth Street, New York City, at 10:30 a. m., Hon. John C. McCormack (chairman) presiding. Hon. Samuel Dickstein, vice chairman, present.

The CHAIRMAN. We will hear Mr. Adamson.

### TESTIMONY OF CLAUDE M. ADAMSON

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. You are connected with whom?

Mr. ADAMSON. I am connected with the Central Hanover Bank.

The CHAIRMAN. In what capacity?

Mr. ADAMSON. Clerk in the Travelers Letter of Credit Department.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know Mr. MacGuire? You have some papers here?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; Mr. MacGuire was in last year.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you an account of C. G. MacGuire? Have you such an account in your bank?

Mr. ADAMSON. We have.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you a transcript of that account here?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, I have the deposit slips.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you a record of deposit slips?

Mr. ADAMSON. Those are the deposit slips.

The CHAIRMAN. This is the deposit slip of the account of G. C. and/or E. W. MacGuire, September 18, deposit in the sum of \$2,000. Was that cash or check?

Mr. ADAMSON. That was cash.

The CHAIRMAN. Deposit of September 23, 1933, for \$200, that was also cash?

Mr. ADAMSON. That was cash.

The CHAIRMAN. Deposit of January 29, 1934, two checks, were they not?

Mr. ADAMSON. Two checks.

The CHAIRMAN. One check for \$208, the other for \$12.57, totaling \$220.57.

Deposit of February 21, 1934, by check, \$435.45.

Deposit March 9, 1934, cash, \$1,300.

Mr. ADAMSON. Cash.

The CHAIRMAN. What was this?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. This is a deposit by mail.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That was under date of May 22, 1934?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. What is that G. M. P. Co.?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. From them to the credit of that account.  
 The CHAIRMAN. To his account, to the MacGuire account?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. The amount is \$435.19. May 25, 1934, cash \$1,100.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Cash.  
 The CHAIRMAN. May 25, 1934, cash \$10.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. June 9, 1934, check no. 23, \$1,000.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. That is on the Guaranty Trust; 23 is the Guaranty Trust.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That came from the Guaranty Trust?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. No; it is the check on the Guaranty Trust Co. deposited to his credit.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Yes. That 23 indicates that?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. The Guaranty Trust Co. That is their clearing-house number.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That is a Government bond transaction, is it?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That is \$500?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. June 30, 1934, that is a check for \$246.88—that check was drawn on the Guaranty Trust?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. On the Guaranty Trust.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Deposit of July 2, 1934, by check, \$37.50.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Again on July 13, Murphy & Co. sent a check of \$250 as a deposit to this account?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. On July 31, 1934, there was a deposit of \$243.66. Was that by cash or check?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. That was by mail, so I presume it was a check. It is not marked.  
 The CHAIRMAN. There is nothing on there indicating that?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. No.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Apparently that came direct from some one of the depositors.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Well, it came direct from one of the two of them.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Yes.  
 August 1, 1934, deposit of \$1,400.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. That is cash.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Money?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Is that deposit August 20 or August 14?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. No; that was August 20 they received it. The check was August 14.

The CHAIRMAN. August 20, 1934, deposit of \$250 on a check of G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. August 25, 1934, deposit of \$18.09 by two checks, no. 67—what bank is that?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. That is the Irving Trust.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Irving Trust. August 25, 1934, deposit of \$500 by cash.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Cash.  
 The CHAIRMAN. August 27, 1934, deposit of \$40 with a check.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Check.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That came through the mail, did it not?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. August 30, 1934, deposit through the mail \$241.54, a check.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. A check.  
 The CHAIRMAN. September 4, 1934, deposit of \$75—that came through the mail.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; probably a check.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You are unable to determine whether that is a check, but you think it is probably a check?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Probably a check.  
 The CHAIRMAN. September 6, 1934, deposit of \$37.50, a Treasury check.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That is a Treasury of the United States check?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. September 15, 1934, deposit of \$250, on a check drawn on the Guaranty Trust Co.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. October 1, 1934, \$233.38, a check of the Murphy Co.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That was sent through the mail?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Through the mail.  
 The CHAIRMAN. October 4, 1934, deposit of \$37.50 check of the Treasury of the United States.  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. That was sent through the mail?  
 October 8, 1934, a deposit of \$1,001.75—that does not show whether it was cash or check, does it?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. No. It came by mail; probably a check.  
 The CHAIRMAN. You say it came through the mail?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; all those things came through the mail.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Probably a check?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.  
 The CHAIRMAN. Is that right?  
 Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. October 31, \$480.13; the same thing, through the mail. This is an acknowledgment of yours of a deposit received through the mail?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; by mail.

The CHAIRMAN. Whether it is cash or check you do not know, but probably a check?

Mr. ADAMSON. Probably a check.

The CHAIRMAN. November 7, 1934, \$37.50; sent through the mail?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. November 14, 1934, \$600; checks sent through the mail?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And November 19, 1934, \$40 in cash; is that right?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

**(THESE 30 DEPOSIT SLIPS REFERRED TO WERE RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE AND MARKED "EXHIBIT 1, NEW YORK, NOV. 23, 1934.")**

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the summons, have you produced certain other data?

Mr. ADAMSON. I have.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you present it, please?

Mr. ADAMSON. First is the letter from the safe deposit company about Mr. MacGuire's box.

The CHAIRMAN. This is a letter from the Central Hanover Safe Deposit Co. This shows that Mr. G. C. MacGuire rented a safe-deposit box from the Central Hanover Safe Deposit Co., 60 Broadway, on August 14, 1934, and that the said safe-deposit box is still held in his name. Is that correct?

Mr. ADAMSON. It is.

The CHAIRMAN. That is in the name of Mr. MacGuire himself?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

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The CHAIRMAN. Do you have some other papers?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Adamson, I show you certain records of the bank and ask whether or not on September 19, 1933, Mr. G. C. MacGuire purchased a letter of credit in the sum of \$2,300?

Mr. ADAMSON. He did.

The CHAIRMAN. And whether or not he purchased it with cash or by check?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, to the best of my recollection, it was cash; I mean bills, because that word "cash" just simply means he paid for it all at once and it was not under his guarantee. To the best of my recollection, it was in cash.

The CHAIRMAN. What does your record show he paid with?

Mr. ADAMSON. My record does not actually show exactly what we received. I mean we don't record whether it was check or cash—I mean currency—but my recollection is that it was currency.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Was the letter of credit purchased through you?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. By Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And do you know Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; well. I met him at those times. But I was actually present.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Now, what further does your record show, the record of the bank, with reference to this \$2,300 transaction? What happened to that letter of credit?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, it shows that on September 21 he cashed a draft for \$300 at our branch at Forty-second Street.

The CHAIRMAN. New York City?

Mr. ADAMSON. New York City.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes?

Mr. ADAMSON. And then, on September 22 he cashed a draft for \$1,100 at the First National Bank of Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes?

Mr. ADAMSON. And on September 29 he cashed the balance of the credit, \$900, at the First National Bank of Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he receive three letters of credit for the \$2,300?

Mr. ADAMSON. Oh, no; just one; just one letter of credit.

The CHAIRMAN. But he took the money in three payments?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. How is it that if a person receives a letter of deposit for \$2,300 he can withdraw on three different occasions at banks in different cities? Will you explain that?

Mr. ADAMSON. That is what these travelers' letters of credit are for.

The CHAIRMAN. Just explain it.

Mr. ADAMSON. We issue this traveler's letter of credit, which gives any bank the right to pay this man up to the amount stated in the letter of credit, and until the date of expiration, and draw on us in reimbursement with a draft signed by the beneficiary.

The CHAIRMAN. And this shows—

Mr. ADAMSON. This shows the records of the payment.

The CHAIRMAN. He did that?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, does your record show that he obtained a letter of credit for \$4,000?

Mr. ADAMSON. On September 23.

The CHAIRMAN. 1933?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And where did he obtain that letter of credit?

Mr. ADAMSON. He obtained it from our head office, 70 Broadway.

The CHAIRMAN. And does your record show whether he obtained it with cash or by check?

Mr. ADAMSON. The record simply shows that he paid us the full amount. My recollection is that he paid us currency.

The CHAIRMAN. Currency?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember what kind of currency? Was it bills?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. What kind?

Mr. ADAMSON. It was four \$1,000 bills.

The CHAIRMAN. Four \$1,000 bills, Mr. Adamson?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Four \$1,000 bills.

Now, when does the record show that that letter of credit was obtained?

Mr. ADAMSON. It was obtained on the 23d.

The CHAIRMAN. And when was it cashed?

Mr. ADAMSON. It was cashed on September 29, for the full amount, at the First National Bank of Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Now, on this letter of credit obtained on the 23d, did you have anything personally to do with its issuance?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; I actually issued it and delivered it to Mr. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. What were the circumstances, Mr. Adamson, if you remember?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, there were no special circumstances. Mr. MacGuire had been introduced to the bank, I understand, and I was simply asked by one of the vice presidents to issue this letter of credit in his favor.

The CHAIRMAN. What vice president?

Mr. ADAMSON. Mr. J. K. Olyphant.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you issue that letter of credit to Mr. MacGuire personally?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, your records show a letter of credit issued to Mr. MacGuire on the same day for \$9,000 at the main office for cash. You remember these two letters of credit for \$13,000, do you?

Mr. ADAMSON. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you tell us definitely whether or not Mr. MacGuire gave cash for those two letters of credit totaling \$13,000?

Mr. ADAMSON. As I said before, there is no record to show.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember?

Mr. ADAMSON. To the best of my recollection, he paid me nine \$1,000 bills.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, were those two letters of credit obtained on the same date he paid you thirteen \$1,000 bills?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember how he paid for the premium—cash or check?

Mr. ADAMSON. That would be cash, too. Everything was cash. I mean everything was currency.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, when do your records show that was withdrawn and where?

Mr. ADAMSON. On September 29 for the full amount at the First National Bank of Chicago.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. It was only issued September 29, was it not?

Mr. ADAMSON. The 23rd.

The CHAIRMAN. Does your record show a letter of credit issued to Mr. MacGuire under date of September 27, 1933, in the sum of \$15,000?

Mr. ADAMSON. It does.

The CHAIRMAN. Issued at the main office?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And your record shows it was guaranteed by cash? And what does it say—"Charge drafts to cash"?

Mr. ADAMSON. It just shows that he paid us cash instead of being guaranteed.

The CHAIRMAN. How did he pay for the \$15,000 letter of credit?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, according to my record, he gave me—

The CHAIRMAN. Gave you what?

Mr. ADAMSON. He gave me a certified check of Mr. A. W. Christmas on either the Title Guaranty & Trust or the Lawyers Title; I forget the corporate title of the last.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know where Mr. Christmas deposits?

Mr. ADAMSON. No.

The CHAIRMAN. And was it a certified check?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Of Mr. Christmas'?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes; a certified check. That is all I know.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Now, you have a photostatic copy of a letter from Mr. MacGuire to the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. under date of September 27, 1933, have you not?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. What does that photostatic letter say?

Mr. ADAMSON. Well, the letter is our form.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes?

Mr. ADAMSON. Requesting us to issue a traveler's letter of credit in his favor for \$15,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. Are there notations on this letter of yours?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. ADAMSON. On which I have noted that instructions were to forward the letter of credit the next day to the First National Bank of Chicago for delivery to Mr. MacGuire and that we received a certified check of Mr. A. W. Christmas in settlement.

The CHAIRMAN. And does it carry a further memorandum "Put through tonight"?

Mr. ADAMSON. That just meant to put check through tonight.  
The CHAIRMAN. Does that refresh your memory that Mr. MacGuire wanted that check forwarded there?

Mr. ADAMSON. Oh, no; that has nothing to do with Mr. MacGuire. That is just our own routine.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. MacGuire personally come in on each one of these transactions?

Mr. ADAMSON. He did.

The CHAIRMAN. With reference to this \$15,000 letter of credit he received on September 27, 1933, when does your record show that that was paid?

Mr. ADAMSON. On September 30.

The CHAIRMAN. Where?

Mr. ADAMSON. For the full amount at the First National Bank of Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

(THE BANK RECORDS ABOVE REFERRED TO WERE OFFERED IN EVIDENCE AS EXHIBIT 3 NEW YORK, NOV. 23, 1934.)

EXHIBIT NO. 3, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

IN ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 70 BROADWAY

Beneficiary					Straight guarantee		Cash	X	Issued by	
Mr. G. C. MacGuire					Guarantee with collateral				Main office	
					Guaranteed by Cash		Charge drafts to Cash L/C issued		Approved by	
Number	Date issued	Amt.	Comm.	Date expires	Special instructions					
5676	9-19-1933	\$2,300		12/31/33						
1	Draft	Negotiated by		Date	Rec'd	Debit	Comm.	Credit	Old bal-	Balance
2	dated			draft	Thru				ance	
1	1933	L/C Opened Sep-		1934				2,300.00		2,300.00
	9/21	tember 20 Central Hanover Bk & Tr Co NYC 42nd St		9/21	V	300.00				2,000.00
1	9/22	1st National Bank of Chicago Illi-		9/23	V	1,100.00				900.00
1	9/29	nois 1st National Bank of Chicago Illi-		9/30	V	900.00				00
		nois L/C Returned and Cancelled 10/3/33								00

IN ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 70 BROADWAY—Continued

Beneficiary					Straight guarantee		Cash	X	Issued by	
Mr. G. C. MacGuire					Guarantee with collateral				Main Office	
					Guaranteed by-- Cash		Charge drafts to Cash L/C issued		Approved by	
Number	Date issued	Amount	Comm.	Date expires	Special instructions					
6433	9-23-33	\$4,000		12-31-33						
1	Draft	Negotiated by		Date	Rec'd	Debit	Comm.	Credit	Old bal-	Balance
2	dated			draft	Thru				ance	
1	9/29	L/C opened Sep-		1933	V	4,000.00		4,000.000		4,000.00
		tember 23 1st National Bank of Chicago Illinois L/C returned and cancelled 10/3/33		9/30						.00

IN ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 70 BROADWAY—Continued

Beneficiary					Straight guarantee		Cash	X	Issued by	
Mr. G. C. MacGuire					Guarantee with collateral				Main office	
					Guaranteed by Cash		Charge drafts to Cash L/C issued		Approved by	
Number	Date issued	Amount	Comm.	Date expires	Special instructions					
6677	9/23/33	\$9,000		12/31/33						
1	Draft	Negotiated by		Date	Rec'd	Debit	Comm.	Credit	Old bal-	Balance
2	dated			draft	Thru				ance	
1	9/29	L/C opened Sep-		1933	V	9,000.00		9,000.00		9,000.00
		tember 23 1st National Bank of Chicago, Illi-		9/30						.00
		nois L/C returned and cancelled 10/3/33								00

IN ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, 70 BROADWAY—Continued

Beneficiary					Straight guarantee	Cash	X	Issued by Main office		
Mr. G. C. MacGuire					Guarantee with collateral			Guaranteed by Cash		
								Charge drafts to Cash L/C issued		
								Approved by		
								Signed by 1. 2.		
Special instructions										
Num- ber	Date issued	Amount	Comm.	Date expires						
2704	9/27/33	\$15,000	-----	3/31/34						
1 S	Draft dated	Negotiated by		Date draft paid	Rec'd Thru	Debit	Comm.	Credit	Old bal- ance	Balance
1	9/30	L/C opened Sep- tember 27 First National Bank of Chicago L/C returned and cancelled 10/3/33		1933 10/1		15,000.00		15,000.00	15,000.00	.00 *

NEW YORK, September 27, 1933.

CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,  
70 Broadway, New York City.

GENTLEMEN: I/we hand you herewith my/our check to your order for fifteen thousand seventy-five dollars, in payment of letter of credit no. 2704 for \$15,000.00, together with the usual commission of one-half of one percent on each draft drawn under the credit; it is agreed, however, that the sum total of such commissions shall not be less than (\$5.00) dollars.

In case the said letters of credit be either lost or stolen, I/we hereby authorize you to send the usual circular to your correspondents notifying them of the loss, and to take such other precautions as you may deem advisable for the prevention of fraud, agreeing to pay any expenses attending the same, and in case of the cashing any drafts by any bank under the usual precautions and before the receipt of any circular I/we agree to indemnify you from any loss therefrom.

Very truly yours,

G. C. MacGuire.

Forward L/c 9/28 to First NB Chicago, for delivery. Certified check on A. W. Christmas put through tonight.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have any questions, Mr. Dickstein?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Yes. With reference to these letters of credit, you can draw on them almost any place, anywhere, in any form?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And usually these letters of credit are made out for a definite period, for 6 months, or a year?

Mr. ADAMSON. Yes.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. As a matter of fact, these particular letters of credit were good for how long, if not used?

Mr. ADAMSON. The record will show here. Well, the first one for \$2,300 was good until December 3, 1933.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That was how many months from the date of issuance?

Mr. ADAMSON. That was over 3 months.  
Mr. DICKSTEIN. Three months. And that was used within how long?

Mr. ADAMSON. Within 10 days.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The next one, that was good for how long?

Mr. ADAMSON. The next one was the same thing, good until the end of the year.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That is, 3 months?

Mr. ADAMSON. Three months. That was used within 6 days.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The next one?

Mr. ADAMSON. The one for \$9,000, the same expiration—

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Three months. And it was used when?

Mr. ADAMSON. Used within 6 days. The one for \$15,000 was good for 6 months.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Six months? And it was used within?

Mr. ADAMSON. Used within 3 days.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Thank you, Mr. Adamson. And will you also thank the officials of the bank on behalf of the committee?

Mr. ADAMSON. I shall be glad to do that.

(The subcommittee at this point heard testimony of other witnesses on another subject.)

(Following which the Chairman recalled Gerald C. MacGuire.)

TESTIMONY OF GERALD C. MacGUIRE—Resumed

(The witness was accompanied by counsel, Mr. Marks.)

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire, in my examination a few days ago, I asked you to produce a certain book in which you kept certain entries of moneys received and expended on your Chicago and other trips, and dealing with the purchase of these municipal bonds for Mr. Clark. Have you produced that book?

Mr. MacGuire. No, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Where is it?

Mr. MacGuire. The only book I have is a book that is in there [indicating a suitcase of documents]. The other book I cannot locate.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Our minds met very clearly on the book we had in mind. You do not have that book, you say?

Mr. MacGuire. No, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What effort did you make to find the particular book that you and I have in mind?

Mr. MacGuire. I have expended every bit of energy I could.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And you could not find it?

Mr. MacGuire. I could not find it.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. In my examination a few days ago I asked you to give me a copy of a report that you made on your return from Europe, to Mr. Clark or to Mr. Christmas, a written report. Have you such a report, or did you find such a report, or could you find such a report?

Mr. MacGuire. I do not think I said that. I think I said I made a verbal report when I came back and during the time that I was over there in various places I had written.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You say you have no such report except you have general correspondence that you had with Mr. Clark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Have you that correspondence here?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Will you produce it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think this is the information here [indicating documents].

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire has produced for the record carbon copies of letters which he has written from Paris, from Genoa, and so forth.

Mr. MACGUIRE. On economic conditions in general.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. We have here a carbon copy of a report dated May 6, 1934, from Paris. I assume that that was sent to somebody here. It is addressed: "Gentlemen." Were you not corresponding with Mr. Clark? If so, why did you address it "Gentlemen"?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That was addressed "Gentlemen" because it went to Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. How is it that you addressed a letter April 6, 1934, from Paris directly to Robert Sterling Clark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That was probably a separate item.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You have another memorandum here dated Paris, the 6th of April 1934, and it is addressed "My dear sir." You knew Clark very well. How is it you did not address him "My dear Clark"?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It must have been a typographical error.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. There are two of them that we have called attention to now. Then you have one here of April 7, 1934, from Paris addressed to Robert Clark, "My dear Clark."

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, that is only a detail.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. There is another one dated April 9, addressed "Gentlemen" from Paris.

Also one dated April 24 addressed "Gentlemen" from Paris.

Then you have a memorandum in regard to management of holding companies, addressed to nobody in particular, it would seem.

Then you have one dated March 28, 1934, dealing with all countries, addressed "Gentlemen."

Have you got your expense account here?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Of the European trip?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. Here is the expense account with the substantiating vouchers and the record that was kept daily.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. For the record, the witness produces a statement which begins with March 9, 1934, and terminates with May 22, 1934, showing an expense total of \$7,934.76.

Did that money come from the funds provided by Mr. Clark or Mr. Christmas?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Clark gave me his check for \$5,000.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That is one of the items. You testified to that.

Mr. MACGUIRE. And another letter of credit of mine for \$1,500. The balance was cash that I expended myself that was reimbursed by Mr. Clark personally.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The \$1,500—was that your money?

Mr. CLARK. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Did you pay that yourself?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. That letter of credit is there, too.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Is there any testimony that you want to change, so that the record will be clear? Is there any testimony that you have given up to this time that you want to change?

Mr. MACGUIRE. None that I know of.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire at this point hands to the committee the record of the Committee for a Sound Dollar and Sound Currency, Inc., which organization, according to the records, was incorporated in the State of Delaware under the date of January 9, 1934.

He also hands to the committee records showing that this organization was financed in the sum of \$31,000, \$30,000 of that money having been received from Robert Sterling Clark in three \$10,000 checks, to which he has previously testified, and the receipt of \$1,000 was from Mr. Walter Frew, chairman of the board of the Corn Exchange Bank.

Mr. MacGuire has also handed to the committee a certified audit of the finances of that incorporation, which show that all of the money was expended between the date of incorporation and June 30, 1934; and that such sums were paid for traveling expenses, printing, salaries, legal expenses, office expenses, and so forth.

The witness also permitted the committee to examine all canceled checks and vouchers and financial transactions of the Committee for a Sound Dollar and Sound Currency; and the same, so far as this committee can ascertain, were found to be in good order.

Mr. MacGuire now gives the committee—and it is marked "Exhibit No. A", of this date—a copy of an audit prepared by John A. Conlin, certified public accountant, Newark, N. J., for the period from December 4, 1933, to February 15, 1934.

**(THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO WAS THEREUPON MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. A, NOV. 23, 1934.")**

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Also a supplementary audit from February 16, 1934 to May 31, 1934. The audit, which includes the date May 31, 1934, shows a cash balance of \$560.44, which the witness stipulates has since been expended.

Mr. MACGUIRE. \$24 remaining, or something like that.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. With a small sum remaining.

**(THE DOCUMENT ABOVE REFERRED TO WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. B, NOV. 23, 1934.")**

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire further gives the committee a carbon copy of all expenditures of the committee, showing dates, persons to whom moneys were paid, and the amounts so paid.

**(THE DOCUMENT REFERRED TO WAS THEREUPON MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. C, NOV. 23, 1934.")**

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The witness also gives the committee the bank record of the Committee on a Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar.

**(THE RECORD REFERRED TO WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. D, NOV. 23, 1934.")**

(These four last-named exhibits are on file with the committee. See p. 161.)



Mr. DICKSTEIN. The witness has also made available to the committee correspondence with various people in the country on this subject, which the committee, so far as it knows, has found to be in order.

The CHAIRMAN. Referring to the statement in connection with the finances that has been given to the committee, we find that \$31,000 was received and \$31,000 was expended, with the exception of a balance of approximately \$24. We are not passing on the question whether those expenses were properly incurred, or anything of that kind. But, as far as the examination of the \$31,000 statement is concerned, the committee find that that amount of money was received, and approximately \$31,000 was spent. We are not passing on the purposes of the organization in whole or in part. I make that statement so that there will be no misunderstanding. The committee is confining itself merely to the amounts received and the amount expended. It finds that the amount received was expended. This has no relation, however, to any other sums of money.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire, can you fix in your mind the date of the Newark meeting when you saw General Butler? Do you remember what month it was? Was it in September?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Chairman, I cannot remember. It ought to be a matter of record, whatever the date of that meeting was over there.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Was it in the middle of the month?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot say, really. As nearly as I can recall, Mr. Chairman, it was Sunday, September 17, 1933.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Was that your second meeting with Butler or was it the third meeting with Butler?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot recall whether it was the third or the fourth meeting. It was not the first.

The CHAIRMAN. Were you in Chicago during the dates shown by the hotel record, September 21 to October the 8th?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I am not sure whether I was there all the time during that period or whether I came back to New York a couple of times or whether I made a trip somewhere else. I am not quite sure.

The CHAIRMAN. You reserved the rooms during that period?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes. I think I was there during that time. I may have made a trip and come back to Chicago and kept the rooms because of the convention coming on.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you not tell us whether you did?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I really do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you make 2 trips or 3 trips or 4 trips during that period? You would remember that, would you not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I would not, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Have you had any other source of income outside of the moneys that you have received from Murphy & Co.?

Mr. MACGUIRE. My income since I have been working.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I understand that, but I mean outside of the check of four hundred-and-some-odd dollars per month?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Commissions.

The CHAIRMAN. You did draw four-hundred-and-some-odd dollars a month. That was your fixed drawing account?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Not all the time.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Was it less than that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. More than that.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What was the average of the money that you received in the fiscal year ending January 1, 1933, from Murphy & Co.?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it was a total of \$9,200.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. That is after deducting your drawing account?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is the money that I received.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The total sum?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. In 1934, up to this time, can you tell us how much you have received, approximately?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot say.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. How about 1933?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I just told you that.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. How about '32?

Mr. MACGUIRE. In 1932 I believe it was around \$9,000.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. So that in the last 3 or 4 years it has averaged between nine and ten thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, I would not want to tie myself down.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You ought to know how much you have received.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Whatever the records show, I received that amount.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. We do not want to go into all the records. You say that in 1934 and in 1933 it was around nine or ten thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Not 1934; 1934 has been a very bad year.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. In 1933 you say it was about nine or ten thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And in 1932 about the same amount?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it was around \$8,800.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You had no other income than what you received from Murphy & Co.?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Except my check from the Government.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. How much is that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. \$37 a month.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. A month?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. I have had a few trades and transactions that might come into there at different times.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What do you mean by trades; you bought or sold bonds for customers?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Certain bonds.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. They were not your bonds?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You were acting as agent for somebody else?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Looking at the account produced by you, Irving Trust Co., between September 18, 1933—which is the beginning of the account, I assume—to November 19, 1934, you show an amount on deposit of \$97,766.94. What kind of a transaction was that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That was not a deposit, Mr. Dickstein.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What was it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. For instance, there is an item there of \$150,000 of Pennsylvania Railroad 4½'s that the Irving Trust Co. cleared for me.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What were they—bonds?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Whose bonds were they?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Those were bonds that I picked up; Murphy & Co. had them, and I picked them up and sold them to the Irving Trust Co., and they sold them to somebody else. They cleared the transaction.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Did Murphy & Co. have to go to you to sell them to the Irving Trust Co.? Did they not have an account of their own?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Here are the slips [indicating papers].

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The account was in the name of G. C. MacGuire. Why would Murphy & Co. give you some of their property?

Mr. MACGUIRE. They had no connection with this.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Who gave you these bonds?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Murphy & Co. did not give me these bonds. I bought them from them. The Irving Trust Co. cleared them.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Where did you get the money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. A bank takes bonds and clears them for a person, if you have an account there.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. I ask you where these bonds came from and you said Murphy & Co. Is that correct?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right; yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Then I ask you, Why did Murphy & Co. give you the bonds to clear and credit the amount of money for the purchase of them to your account? Why was it not done direct with Murphy & Co.? It seems to me it is a simple question.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can see 150 bonds that are lying idle on the sheet of G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., or anybody else in Wall Street, and know where I can sell those bonds. I can take those bonds and go to the Irving Trust Co. and say, "I want to sell these bonds to so and so; will you clear them?" They will say, "Certainly." I have got an account there. They will handle it and clear it. It is just a clearance transaction.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. So far as the bonds were concerned, it was not your property?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No. They were not my property.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Then why did not Murphy & Co. clear them through their own bank?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Because I sold the bonds.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you do with the money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The money was checked out and credited to my account.

The CHAIRMAN. And where would the money go from there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is still in the account.

The CHAIRMAN. If you sold bonds belonging to Murphy and the money is credited to your account, why have you not paid that money back to Murphy?

Mr. MACGUIRE. This whole transaction is technical.

The CHAIRMAN. But it must be capable of an explanation. Where did you get these bonds?

Mr. MACGUIRE. G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.

The CHAIRMAN. And they belong to them or to a client; is that right?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Instead of Murphy & Co. selling them, you sold them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. I bought them from them.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did you get the money with which to buy them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The Irving Trust Co. took them in and loaned the money on them.

The CHAIRMAN. Loaned the money to whom?

Mr. MACGUIRE. To me.

The CHAIRMAN. And you paid Murphy & Co.?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The Irving Trust Co. paid Murphy & Co.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. But it is credited to your account?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is charged to my account and then recredited.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Your account in the Irving Trust Co. started with \$1,500. How do you explain all of the rapid accumulations in it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Different amounts of cash that I had that I put in there at different times.

The CHAIRMAN. These profits that you made, are they included in the average of 9 to 10 thousand dollars that you say you received from Murphy & Co. per year net?

Mr. MACGUIRE. They have not been included, because those profits were this year and I do not know yet what I have earned this year. I have not made up my income-tax report.

The CHAIRMAN. I am referring to last year. Any profits that you made from these stock transactions were outside of this income of 9 or 10 thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you give us an idea how much you earned from them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. From bond transactions?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. A very small amount, probably \$250.

The CHAIRMAN. That was all last year?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Referring to your account in the Central Hanover Bank, you started with a deposit on September 18, 1933, of \$2,000 in cash. That is correct, is it not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And on the same day you started an account in the Irving Trust Co. with \$1,500 in cash?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Then you had a deposit of \$200 in cash on September 23; a deposit on March 9 of \$1,300 in cash. That is right, is it not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Then you show another deposit on May 25 of \$1,100 in cash. The rest I see are all checks.

There is another item of \$1,400 in cash, August 1, 1934; another item of cash on August 25 of \$500; another item of cash of \$40 on November 19, 1934.

Where did all this cash come from?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is all personal money.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You did not earn it in 1934, did you—this cash?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. Over a period of years I have had it.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You took it from vaults?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Not exactly from vaults; from a safe place.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. From a safe place?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did you deposit it at this time when you had held it in a safe place heretofore?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Because the banking situation is different today than it has been.

The CHAIRMAN. But you said that you had held it over a number of years.

Mr. MACGUIRE. It was withdrawn prior to the banking holiday.

The CHAIRMAN. We will have marked for the record a copy of the bank records of the Irving Trust from September 18, 1933, to November 19, 1934, inclusive.

(THE DOCUMENT WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. 4, NOV. 23, 1934.")

The CHAIRMAN. Also a duplicate copy of bank ledgers of the Manufacturers Trust Co., main office, 55 Broad Street, from August 31, 1931, to and including November 21, 1934.

(THE DOCUMENT WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. 5, NOV. 23, 1934.")

The CHAIRMAN. Also copy of bank pages of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. from September 18, 1933, to November 20, 1934, inclusive.

(THE DOCUMENT WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. 6, NOV. 23, 1934.")

EXHIBIT NO. 4, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

IRVING TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK

STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 1933, TO NOVEMBER 19, 1934

G. C. MACGUIRE & ELIZ. W. MACGUIRE,  
OR EITHER OF THEM,  
By G. M. P. MURPHY & Co.,  
52 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Debits (read across)				Credits	
1933				Sept. 18, '33	1,500.00
20 DM Nov.	1,500.00			Nov. 20 CM	1,500.00
4 Feb. '34	31.80			Jan. 29, '34	401.00
6 Mar.	1,200.00			Mar. 12 CC	260.00
8 TX	.02			Mar. 22 CM	57.00
11 TX Apr.	.02	16.40		30 CC	244.64
14 June	29.50			Apr. 14 CC	250.00
16	100.00			Apr. 18 CC	246.64
18	386.00	10.00		May 15 CC	248.00
19	24.19			May 26	140.96
20	50.00			May 31 CC	247.00
21	200.00			June 6 CC	2,902.93
22	90.00			June 8 CC	39,106.78
23	80.00			July 27 CM	97,766.94
24	15.00				
25 July	80.00	25.00	24.32	Aug. 1	1,400.00
26	15.00			Aug. 14 CM	51,222.62
27	5.00			Aug. 14 CM	61,128.36
28	25.00			Aug. 14 CM	25,395.39
29	10.00			Aug. 14 CM	25,643.55
30	34.00			Aug. 14 CM	45,805.58
31 TX	.22			Aug. 16 CM	400.00
1 Aug.	60.00			Oct. 5	80.00
2	100.00			Nov. 19	
3	50.00				
4	96.40 DM	35.00	100.00		
5	39,122.78	11.41	97,806.94		
6 DM	100.00				
7	15.15				
8	62.00	50.00	20.00		
9	141.00				
10 DM	25,321.88 DM	25,321.88 DM	60,643.75		
11 DM	50,643.75 DM	12.65			
12	110.00				
13 TX	38 DM	3.71 DM	44,555.56		
14	77.04	49.20			
15	7.00				
16	32.00				
17	10.00				
18 Sept.	10.00				
19	21.00				
20	7.00				
21	10.50				
22	10.00				
23	10.00				
24	21	30.00			
25 TX	90.00				
26	10.00	50.00			
27	10.00				
28	31.00				
29	15.00				
30	24.88	10.00	10.00		
31	13.99	10.00			
1 Oct.	5.00				
2	4.00				
3	18.00				
4	4.75				
5	42.00				
6	7.00				
7	32				
8 TX	20.00				
9	20.00				
10	20				
11 TX Nov.					
Balance Nov. 19					7,000.24*

A PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 5, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

In account with  
**MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY,**  
*Fifty Five Broad Street, New York.*  
 Messrs. G. C. & E. W. MACGUIRE,  
*Halter Ridge Road, Noroton, Conn.*

Date	Checks		Date	Deposits	Date	Balance
Sept. 15	\$4.85	\$14.54	Sept. 15	\$1,125.00	Sept. 14	Balance brought forward \$347.83
Sept. 16	15.00	31.80	Sept. 15	2,634.37	Sept. 15	4,067.53
Sept. 16	10.00	2,200.00			Sept. 16	1,831.08
Sept. 19	5.00	10.00			Sept. 19	1,912.78
Sept. 20	3.25		Sept. 19	100.00	Sept. 20	1,877.78
Sept. 21	10.00	25.00			Sept. 21	1,723.26
Sept. 22	136.50	18.00			Sept. 22	1,718.26
Sept. 23	5.00				Sept. 23	4,988.26
Sept. 23	15.00	5.00	Sept. 23	3,300.00	Sept. 23	4,762.32
Sept. 26	10.00				Sept. 27	4,560.04
Sept. 26	50.00	30.06			Sept. 28	4,643.20
Sept. 27	145.00				Sept. 29	4,478.54
Sept. 27	19.50	153.78			Sept. 30	4,478.54
Sept. 28	18.75	15.00			Oct. 2	3,944.54
Sept. 28	12.00				Oct. 3	3,943.54
Sept. 29	64.75				Oct. 5	3,942.08
Sept. 30	2.00				Oct. 10	2,754.54
Oct. 2	130.00	400.00				
Oct. 3	3.00		Oct. 10	210.00		
Oct. 5	1.48		Oct. 10	112.50		
Oct. 10	5.00	5.00			Oct. 13	2,601.46
Oct. 10	1,500.00				Oct. 14	2,301.73
Oct. 13	6.03	8.22			Oct. 16	2,551.73
Oct. 13	1.38	8.90			Oct. 17	2,537.43
Oct. 13	14.35	13.00				
Oct. 14	1.08	10.20			Oct. 18	2,391.73
Oct. 14	4.50	2.00			Oct. 23	2,384.28
Oct. 14	60.00	11.18			Oct. 24	2,364.13
Oct. 14	315.00	7.00			Oct. 25	2,364.13
					Oct. 27	2,288.93
Oct. 17	11.72	2.57	Oct. 16	250.00	Oct. 28	2,228.94
Oct. 18	20.00	38.50			Oct. 30	2,170.94
Oct. 18	33.15	4.00			Oct. 31	2,367.94
Oct. 23	50.00				Nov. 1	2,322.44
Oct. 24	7.50				Nov. 2	2,283.76
Oct. 25	18.15				Nov. 3	2,227.26
Oct. 27	2.00					
Oct. 28	10.20	65.00				
Oct. 28	3.69	24.80				
Oct. 30	31.60					
Oct. 30	4.45	23.55				
Oct. 30	30.00		Oct. 31	197.00		
Nov. 1	2.00	10.90				
Nov. 1	19.60	12.90				
Nov. 2	10.90	27.94				
Nov. 3	10.00	6.34				
Nov. 3	40.00					
	Balance					

EXHIBIT NO. 6, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

IN ACCOUNT WITH  
**CENTRAL HANOVER BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,**  
*New York, N. Y.*  
 G. C. or E. W. MacGuire, Noroton Heights, Conn.

(Duplicate)

Date	Checks listed in order of payment (read across)		Date	Deposits	Date	Balance
Sept. 20, '33	\$200.00	Opening	Sept. 18, '33	\$2,000.00	Sept. 18, '33	\$2,000.00 s
Sept. 28 CM	75.00		Sept. 23, '33	200.00	Sept. 20, '33	1,800.00 s
Oct. 10 '33	1,000.00				Sept. 23, '33	2,000.00 s
Oct. 11 CM	.02				Sept. 28 CM	1,925.00 s
Nov. 9 CM	.02				Oct. 10, '33	925.00 s
Dec. 7 EX	277.00				Oct. 11 CM	924.98 s
Dec. 9 EX	6.34				Nov. 9 CM	924.98 s
Dec. 13 EX	3.00				Dec. 7 EX	647.98 s
Jan. 10 CM	.06				Dec. 9 EX	641.62 s
Jan. 10, '34	70.00				Dec. 13 EX	638.62 s
			Jan. 29 CL	420.57	Jan. 10 CM	638.56 s
Feb. 8 CM	.02				Jan. 29, '34	989.13 s
Feb. 21, '34	50.00		Feb. 21, '34	435.45	Feb. 8 CM	989.11 s
Mar. 6 EX	1,160.76				Feb. 21, '34	1,374.56 s
Mar. 8 CM	.02		Mar. 9, '34	1,300.00	Mar. 6 EX	213.80 s
					Mar. 8 CM	213.78 s
Apr. 9 CM	.02				Mar. 9, '34	1,513.78 s
Apr. 10 EX	5.00				Apr. 9 CM	1,513.76 s
Apr. 13 EX	298.82				Apr. 10 EX	1,508.76 s
May 9 CM	.04				Apr. 13 EX	1,209.94 s
			May 24 CL	435.19	May 9 CM	1,209.90 s
May 26 EX	10.00		May 24, '34	1,645.09 s	May 24, '34	1,645.09 s
			May 25, '34	1,100.00	May 25, '34	2,745.09 s
May 28 EX	7.50				May 26 EX	2,735.09 s
May 28, '34	89.93	\$81.80			May 26, '34	2,745.09 s
May 29 EX	20.00	1.60			May 28 EX	2,737.59 s
June 2 EX	26.00				May 28, '34	2,566.86 s
June 4 EX	5.00	25.00			May 29 EX	2,544.26 s
June 5 EX	46.20				June 2 EX	2,518.26 s
June 5 CM	250.00				June 4 EX	2,488.26 s
June 5 EX	5.00	31.77			June 5 EX	2,442.06 s
June 5 CM	250.00					
June 7 EX	10.00				June 5, '34	1,942.06 s
June 8 EX	125.00	5.10			June 7 EX	1,895.29 s
June 8 EX	179.54	16.40				
June 8 EX	41.85	4.50				
June 8 EX	3.50	12.36			June 8 EX	1,507.04 r
June 8 CM	.12				June 8, '34	1,506.92 s
June 9 EX	20.00	20.00				
June 9 EX	7.00	1.75				
June 9 EX	10.40	20.92				
June 9 EX	4.06	4.10				
June 9 EX	2.35					
June 11 EX	4.90	10.00	June 9 CL	1,000.00	June 9 EX	1,416.34 s
June 11 EX	3.00	5.50			June 9, '34	2,416.34 s
June 12 EX	3.40	6.01				
June 12 EX	3.60				June 11 EX	2,302.94 s
June 14 EX	1.00	5.00			June 12 EX	2,379.93 s
June 14 EX	9.15				June 14 EX	2,364.78 s
June 15 EX	50.85	15.00	June 15 CM	500.00	June 15 EX	2,298.93 s
					June 15, '34	2,798.93 s
June 16 EX	3.00	5.00				
June 16 EX	10.00				June 16 EX	2,780.93 s
June 18 EX	25.00	30.00			June 18 EX	2,725.93 s
June 19 EX	1.73	20.00				

Date	Checks listed in order of payment (read across)	Date	Deposits	Date	Balance
June 19 EX	\$37.50			June 19 EX	\$2,064.16 s
June 20 EX	10.00			June 20 EX	2,032.92 s
June 20 EX	10.24			June 22 EX	2,606.55 s
June 22 EX	10.00			June 23 EX	2,601.99 s
June 22 EX	3.87	3.20		June 25 EX	2,579.49 s
June 23 EX	10.00	10.00		June 26 EX	2,662.94 s
June 23 EX	1.54	3.32		June 27 EX	2,414.54 s
June 25 EX	12.50			June 28 EX	2,407.49 s
June 26 EX	9.40	12.75		June 29 EX	2,372.49 s
June 26 EX	3.50	14.00		June 30 EX	2,309.40 s
June 26 EX	10.00	35.00		June 30, 1934	2,616.20 s
June 27 EX	10.00	20.00		July 2 EX	2,694.26 s
June 27 EX	15.00	3.90		July 2, '34	2,633.78 s
June 27 EX	1.35	18.15		July 3 EX	2,554.83 s
June 28 EX	9.90			July 5 EX	2,541.60 s
June 28 EX	1.57	1.57		July 6 EX	2,484.19 s
June 29 EX	4.00			July 7 EX	2,377.30 s
June 29 EX	5.00	25.00		July 9 EX	2,260.61 s
June 30 EX	5.00			July 10 EX	2,100.29 s
June 30 EX	3.00			July 11 EX	2,068.73 s
July 2 EX	20.00			July 12 EX	2,096.28 s
July 3 EX	25.00	\$4.04	4.00	July 12 '34	2,094.71 s
July 3 EX	41.82	3.50		July 13 EX	2,000.92 s
July 5 EX	13.02			July 14 EX	1,954.58 s
July 6 EX	25.00	10.00	22.70	July 14 '34	2,204.58 s
July 7 EX	12.50	89.30	5.00	July 16 EX	2,176.00 s
July 9 EX	7.74	7.84	16.50	July 17 EX	2,065.32 s
July 9 EX	6.20	21.25	11.83	July 18 EX	2,044.32 s
July 9 EX	1.75	9.48	8.90	July 19 EX	2,031.06 s
July 10 EX	40.00	10.70	2.85	July 21 EX	1,975.98 s
July 10 EX	58.19	6.40	20.00	July 21 '34	1,971.20 s
July 10 EX	6.00	2.56	5.65	July 23 EX	1,918.83 s
July 10 EX	2.35	8.22	15.66	July 24 EX	1,694.43 s
July 11 EX	3.00	7.50		July 25 EX	1,663.19 s
July 12 EX	2.50			July 27 EX	1,617.10 s
July 12 CM	1.52			July 28 EX	1,609.97 s
July 13 EX	18.30	35.00	34.00	July 30 EX	1,574.97 s
July 13 EX	6.49			July 31 EX	1,519.94 s
July 14 EX	20.00	5.71	5.00	July 31, '34	1,763.57 s
July 14 EX	8.38	7.25		Aug. 1, '34	3,153.51 s
July 16 EX	8.88	12.50	2.18	Aug. 2 EX	3,147.27 s
July 16 EX	5.00			Aug. 4 EX	3,134.85 s
July 17 EX	35.00	14.50	8.00	Aug. 6 EX	3,019.23 s
July 18 EX	25.00	5.00	3.20	Aug. 7 EX	2,159.22 s
July 19 EX	5.00	36.00		Aug. 9 EX	2,532.16 s
July 21 EX	2.37	10.00		Aug. 9, '34	2,520.57 s
July 21 '34	50.00	6.00		Aug. 10 EX	2,639.66 s
July 23 EX	4.75			Aug. 11 EX	2,401.54 s
July 24 EX	5.33	17.05	30.00	Aug. 13 EX	2,364.39 s
July 24 EX	35.00	25.00	160.40		
July 25 EX	4.00				
July 27 EX	4.00	27.32			
July 28 EX	46.00				
July 30 EX	4.13	3.00			
July 31 EX	20.00	15.00			
July 31 EX	35.00	10.00	1.25		
July 31 EX	7.43	1.38			
Aug. 2 EX	16.30				
Aug. 4 EX	2.50	10.00			
Aug. 6 EX	8.50	101.00	5.03		
Aug. 7 EX	10.00	20.00			
Aug. 9 EX	3.49	1.95	5.00		
Aug. 9 EX	2.00	10.42	0.01		
Aug. 9 EX	1.75	7.64	0.50		
Aug. 9 CM	10.65	27.68	68.00		
Aug. 10 EX	1.64				
Aug. 10 EX	5.00	22.35	2.75		
Aug. 11 EX	10.82	150.00			
Aug. 11 EX	1.78	3.00	2.95		
Aug. 11 EX	15.00	7.40	4.40		
Aug. 13 EX	3.69				
Aug. 14 EX	5.00				
Aug. 14 EX	4.00	4.98	3.70		

Date	Checks listed in order of payment (read across)	Date	Deposits	Date	Balance
Aug. 14 EX	\$11.80			Aug. 14 EX	\$2,571.90 s
Aug. 15 EX	40.40			Aug. 15 EX	2,531.50 s
Aug. 16 EX	5.00	\$4.34		Aug. 16 EX	2,522.16 s
Aug. 17 EX	7.00			Aug. 17 EX	2,515.16 s
Aug. 18 EX	4.50	14.71	\$4.75	Aug. 18 EX	2,491.20 s
			Aug. 20, '34	Aug. 20, '34	2,741.20 s
			\$250.00		
Aug. 21 EX	20.00	10.90	23.17	Aug. 21 EX	2,669.40 s
Aug. 21 EX	26.25	1.48		Aug. 22 EX	2,650.40 s
Aug. 22 EX	9.00			Aug. 24 EX	2,632.40 s
Aug. 24 EX	15.00	3.00		Aug. 25 EX	2,630.24 s
Aug. 25 EX	2.10			Aug. 25 CL	18.09
			Aug. 25, '34	500.00	3,148.33 s
Aug. 27 EX	10.00	15.00	3.43	Aug. 27 EX	3,113.05 s
Aug. 27 EX	6.85			Aug. 27, '34	3,053.05 s
Aug. 27, '34	100.00			Aug. 28 EX	2,805.10 s
Aug. 28 EX	7.95	30.00	150.00	Aug. 29 EX	2,754.98 s
Aug. 28 EX	60.00			Aug. 30 EX	2,748.98 s
Aug. 29 EX	2.50	10.00	12.50	Aug. 30, '34	2,975.57 s
Aug. 29 EX	3.00	15.00	7.12	Aug. 31 EX	2,973.69 s
Aug. 30 EX	3.00	3.00		Sept. 4, '34	3,048.69 s
			Aug. 30, '34	241.54	3,032.76 s
Aug. 31 EX	10.00	4.95		Sept. 1 EX	2,932.42 s
Sept. 1 EX	1.88			Sept. 4, '34	2,969.92 s
Sept. 5 EX	3.39	2.54	10.00	Sept. 5 EX	2,848.77 s
Sept. 6 EX	4.00	7.00	10.00	Sept. 6, '34	2,750.21 s
Sept. 6 EX	79.34			Sept. 7 EX	2,748.77 s
Sept. 7 EX	10.00	13.15	6.00	Sept. 8 EX	2,664.86 s
Sept. 8 EX	15.00	15.00	7.00	Sept. 10 EX	2,663.86 s
Sept. 8 EX	40.00	15.00		Sept. 10 EX	2,627.15 s
Sept. 10 EX	35.73	9.07	46.84	Sept. 12 EX	2,618.26 s
Sept. 10 EX	4.92			Sept. 14, '34	2,600.20 s
Sept. 10 CM	1.44			Sept. 15 EX	2,400.21 s
Sept. 11 EX	15.00	8.16	5.95	Sept. 15, '34	2,749.21 s
Sept. 11 EX	3.18	30.00	10.00	Sept. 17 EX	2,691.62 s
Sept. 11 EX	11.62			Sept. 18 EX	2,654.13 s
Sept. 12 EX	1.00			Sept. 19 EX	2,609.13 s
Sept. 13 EX	19.40	8.89	6.48	Sept. 20 EX	2,604.13 s
Sept. 13 EX	1.94			Sept. 21 EX	2,593.13 s
Sept. 14 EX	3.89	5.00		Sept. 24 EX	2,546.88 s
Sept. 14, '34	12.00			Sept. 25 EX	2,519.88 s
Sept. 15 EX	3.75	1.76	1.54	Sept. 27 EX	2,514.88 s
Sept. 16 EX	100.00			Sept. 29 EX	2,512.03 s
Sept. 17 EX	5.00	10.00	22.59	Sept. 29 EX	2,497.03 s
Sept. 17 EX	20.00			Oct. 1, '34	2,730.41 s
Sept. 18 EX	2.49	10.00	10.00	Oct. 2 EX	2,705.91 s
Sept. 18 EX	15.00			Oct. 4, '34	2,743.41 s
Sept. 19 EX	5.00	40.00		Oct. 5 EX	2,715.86 s
Sept. 20 EX	5.00			Oct. 5, '34	2,690.86 s
Sept. 21 EX	8.00	3.00		Oct. 6 EX	2,687.02 s
Sept. 24 EX	15.00	1.25	15.00	Oct. 8 EX	2,677.02 s
Sept. 24 EX	15.00			Oct. 8, '34	3,678.77 s
Sept. 25 EX	17.00	10.00		Oct. 9, '34	3,668.77 s
Sept. 27 EX	5.00			Oct. 9 CM	3,667.57 s
Sept. 29 EX	2.85			Oct. 10 EX	3,663.88 s
Oct. 1 EX	5.00	5.00	5.00	Oct. 31, '34	4,143.81 s
			Oct. 1, '34	233.38	4,133.81 s
Oct. 2 EX	10.00	11.50	3.00	Oct. 2 EX	4,171.31 s
			Oct. 4, '34	37.50	4,150.76 s
Oct. 5 EX	15.00	2.55	10.00	Oct. 5 EX	4,140.01 s
Oct. 5, '34	25.00			Oct. 8 CL	1,001.75
Oct. 6 EX	3.84			Oct. 9 EX	3,668.77 s
Oct. 8 EX	10.00			Oct. 9, '34	3,667.57 s
Oct. 9 EX	10.00			Oct. 10 EX	3,663.88 s
Oct. 9 CM	1.20			Nov. 7 EX	4,143.81 s
Oct. 16 EX	3.89			Nov. 7, '34	4,133.81 s
Nov. 7 EX	10.00			Nov. 8 EX	4,150.76 s
Nov. 8 EX	15.00	5.55		Nov. 9 EX	4,140.01 s
Nov. 9 EX	4.00	6.75		Nov. 9 EX	4,140.01 s
Nov. 9 CM	28			Nov. 9 '34	4,057.93 s
Nov. 9 '34	81.80			Nov. 10 EX	4,041.11 s
Nov. 10 EX	16.82				

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Date	Checks listed in order of payment (read across)	Date	Deposits	Date	Balance
Nov. 10 '34	\$5.00			Nov. 10 '34	\$4,036.11
Nov. 13 EX	30.00			Nov. 13 EX	4,006.11
Nov. 14 EX	8.96 15.00			Nov. 14 EX	3,991.25
Nov. 16, '34	30.00	Nov. 14, '34	\$600.00	Nov. 14 '34	4,581.25
Nov. 17, '34	14.50			Nov. 16, '34	4,551.25
Nov. 20 EX	5.00	Nov. 19, '34	40.00	Nov. 17 '34	4,532.25
				Nov. 19, '34	4,576.25
				Nov. 20 EX	4,571.25
				Nov. 20 EX	4,571.00

The CHAIRMAN. Some of these papers that you have given to the committee are addressed "Gentlemen." For instance, here is a letter dated from Paris, April 9, 1934. To whom was that sent?

Mr. MACGUIRE. This was sent to Mr. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did you address it "Gentlemen", if it was sent to Mr. Clark?

Mr. MACGUIRE. For the reason that Mr. Clark and Mr. Christmas were always together. That is the reason.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is a letter, dated April 7, addressed to Mr. Clark. Why did you address some to Mr. Clark and some merely "Gentlemen"?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The long reports were practically all one way and the short reports were the other.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is one addressed "My dear sir." To whom did that go?

Mr. MACGUIRE. This was addressed to Mr. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN. Dated when?

Mr. MACGUIRE. The 6th of April 1934.

The CHAIRMAN. What is that code that you refer to in that letter? You say something in the first paragraph about it.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Oh, yes. I sent a cable to Mr. Clark through the City Bank. It was through their generosity that we were allowed to do that, so that it would cut down the cable expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. What was it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It was a cable on general conditions and the situation in France at that particular time.

The CHAIRMAN. In all of your journeys you were paying quite a lot of attention not only to general conditions, but to the activities of organized groups; is that correct?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It included everything that had anything to do with economics, finances.

The CHAIRMAN. Your letter of April 6, 1934, is not addressed to Mr. Clark by name, but just says "My dear sir." In it you say:

There is no question but that another severe crisis is imminent. There have been various pieces of information given me to the effect that the Communists have been arming and are scattered in the outlying districts of Paris. However, this does not mean, to my mind, that there will be anything such as occurred in Vienna. If anything, it appears to me that the Communists may be used as a goat by the military, and that if this group should by any chance

start demonstrations against the Government, it may serve to call forth a "coup d'etat" which, it might be said, would be the use of the military.

I had a very interesting talk last evening with a man who is quite well up on affairs here and he seems to be of the opinion that the Croix de Feu will be very patriotic during this crisis and will take the cuts or be the moving spirit in the veterans to accept the cuts. Therefore they will, in all probability, be in opposition to the Socialists and functionaries. The general spirit among the functionaries seems to be that the correct way to regain recovery is to spend more money and increase wages, rather than to put more people out of work and cut salaries.

Now, in your report dated May 6, 1934, from Paris, addressed "Gentlemen"—there is no other name used—on page 4 you say that this French organization, the Croix de Feu—

is getting a great number of new recruits, and I recently attended a meeting of this organization and was quite impressed with the type of men belonging. These fellows are interested only in the salvation of France, and I feel sure that the country could not be in better hands because they are not politicians, they are a cross-section of the best people of the country from all walks of life, people who gave their "all" between 1914 and 1918 that France might be saved, and I feel sure that if a crucial test ever comes to the Republic that these men will be the bulwark upon which France will be saved.

There may be more uprisings, there may be more difficulties, but as is evidenced right now when the emergency arises party lines and party difficulties are forgotten as far as France is concerned and all become united in the one desire and purpose to keep this country as it is, the most democratic, and the country of the greatest freedom on the European Continent.

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. When you were in France apparently you gave a good deal of attention to a study of this organization, did you not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. It was incidental. And may I say that the meeting referred to there took place on a Sunday at Notre Dame Cathedral at a mass which I attended and which was a mass for the dead soldiers who died for France. I did not know at that time which men they were, but I was introduced to several of them, and I was greatly impressed with their enthusiasm.

The CHAIRMAN. You say "mass." You do not call a mass a meeting, do you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; it was a meeting.

The CHAIRMAN. The mass of the Catholic Church?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir; a mass in the Catholic Church. That was the meeting I was at.

The CHAIRMAN. You attended a mass, did you not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. And prior to going into it, everybody was out in front, and we stood there and talked.

The CHAIRMAN. But there was no meeting during the mass?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It was a meeting.

The CHAIRMAN. You mean there was a meeting preceding it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; everybody was there.

The CHAIRMAN. Just the same as anybody would be there if they were going to attend?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you ought to express yourself correctly about it.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think I have, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The impression you left was that the mass itself was the meeting.

That was a detailed report in relation to the establishment of holding companies here and in Europe. That is true, is it not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Will you explain why, if you address these letters "Gentlemen" in some cases, you did not do it in this particular letter, if by the "Gentlemen" you meant Clark and Christmas?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is only incidental; a typographical error.

The CHAIRMAN. Your report includes a report on the movements going on over there, so that a general picture of the situation is conveyed?

Mr. MACGUIRE. True picture. It includes everything that was going on in Europe.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. MacGuire, you were asked to produce certain books having to do with the Manufacturers Trust Co. special account. Have you got them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire, Mr. Murphy knew the purpose for which you went over to Europe, did he not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He knew the purpose of your going on your trip through the country, did he not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And he knew that Mr. Clark was paying the expenses?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And during that time your pay was going on your drawing account continued?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know Mr. MacNider?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I know Mr. MacNider slightly. I have met him three times, to my recollection; once in the Multnomah Hotel in Oregon, the second time in the back of the Convention Hall at Chicago, at the last convention, and the third time I believe was in Washington. I was introduced to him again.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, the committee hasn't done anything with reference to that, because—take the reference to MacNider and some other men—the committee doesn't feel warranted in taking any action on that because it is hearsay. There are two questions involved: First, assuming that Mr. MacGuire did say that to General Butler, the Chair would feel that it would not be pertinent to a public hearing, because the next question is, Did Mr. MacGuire state the truth, or was it something he just simply said for a "build-up", or something of that kind? And that is one of the main purposes of these executive sessions, to try and protect character, in addition to obtaining the facts and investigating them, before presenting them to the public either by release or through a public hearing.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. I understand you had no talk with General Butler at all about the details of your trip to Europe, about any meetings over there, any persons you met, or anything at all in connection with either the security market or any veteran set-ups with reference to any of the governments over there.

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is correct, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You had absolutely no talk with him at all, except in the general way that you might have had a very pleasant trip? Did you talk along that line with him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I told him I enjoyed myself very much and had a very good time.

The CHAIRMAN. Outside of that there was absolutely no talk?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Positively.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire offers a letter, apparently from Gen. Smedley Butler. You are acquainted with the signature, are you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And identified by Mr. MacGuire as General Butler's signature, addressed, November 3, 1933, as follows:

DEAR GERRY: Enclosed is that stuff about the contracting firm about which I spoke to you. Hope to see you soon.

Yours truly,

S. D. BUTLER.

P. S.—When you are through with the enclosed, will you please send it back.—

S. D. B.

The CHAIRMAN. He also offers a telegram addressed to Mr. MacGuire from S. D. Butler, asking MacGuire to meet him at the Pennsylvania Station about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, November 1, and he says, "Please telegraph reply at once."

THIS TELEGRAM WAS MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. 8", THIS DATE.

EXHIBIT NO. 8, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

NEWTOWN SQUARE, PA., October 30, 1933.

GERALD C. MACGUIRE,

52 Broadway, New York.

Can you arrange to meet me at the Pennsylvania Station, information bureau, about 3:30 Wednesday afternoon, November 1. Please telegraph reply at once.

S. D. BUTLER.

Did you telegraph the reply?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe I did; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you meet him?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I did; yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. The witness produces certain checks, requested by me, on the special account. I would like to have you read these checks, the dates, and the endorsements.

THESE SIX CHECKS MARKED AS OUR "EXHIBIT NO. 9", THIS DATE.

EXHIBIT NO. 9, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. 15, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
Cash ----- \$1, 125. 00  
Eleven Hundred & Twenty Five Dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special  
T. A. E.

G. C. MacGUIRE  
Special Expenses

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. 16, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
Cash ----- \$6, 000. 00  
Six Thousand Dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special  
T. A. E.

Received payment, endorsement guaranteed, Sept. 16, 1933.

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY.

55 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. 15, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
Albert G. Christmas ----- \$20, 000. 00  
Twenty Thousand Dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special  
T. A. E.

For deposit only.

ALBERT G. CHRISTMAS  
Special

Pay to the order of Federal Reserve Bank of New York, all prior endorsements guaranteed.

COUNTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK  
M LAWYERS TRUST COMPANY  
LAWYERS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY  
1-757 Sept. 19, 1933 1-757

Received payment through New York Clearing House, prior endorsements guaranteed.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. 23, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
Cash ----- \$3, 300  
Thirty-three hundred dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special.  
T. A. E.  
G. C. MacGUIRE.

Received payment, endorsement guaranteed, Sept. 23, 1933.

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY.

55 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. —, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
G. C. MacGuire, \$2,200.00.  
Twenty-two hundred dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE,  
Special.  
T. A. E.  
G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special account.  
G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Expenses

Received payment, endorsement guaranteed, Sept. 16, 1933.

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY.

55 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.

No. — 55  
NEW YORK, *Sept. 23, 1933.*

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY  
55 BROAD STREET

Pay to the order of  
Cash ----- \$16, 700. 00  
Sixteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

G. C. MacGUIRE.  
Special  
T. A. E.  
SELF.

Received payment, endorsement, guaranteed, Sept. 23, 1933.

MANUFACTURERS TRUST COMPANY.

55 Broad Street, New York, N. Y.



The CHAIRMAN. Under date of September 15, 1933, drawn to the Manufacturers Trust Co., check for cash, \$1,125.00; signed by G. C. MacGuire, special, and endorsed by G. C. MacGuire, special, expenses. What were those expenses for?

Mr. MACGUIRE. General expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. What?

Mr. MACGUIRE. General expenses around.

The CHAIRMAN. Didn't you keep a record of them?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I have a record, I believe. I can't locate it right now.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you have your record of your European trip.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can't seem to locate it.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you searched for the record of these expenses?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir; very hard.

The CHAIRMAN. Check dated September 23, 1933, Manufacturers' Trust Co., payable to cash, for \$3,300, signed by G. C. MacGuire, special, and endorsed by G. C. MacGuire. You received cash for that, didn't you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you do with that money?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe that is part of the money that went for letters of credit.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. MACGUIRE. That check was deposited.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. But this check is made out to cash, drawn on the Manufacturers.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, you drew this \$3,300 from this special account and deposited it to your own personal account?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you do that for?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. You have never paid that back?

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. Well now, listen, Mr. Marks. The witness knows more about this than counsel does.

Mr. MACGUIRE. This was paid back.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Are you talking about the \$3,300 now? He took out \$3,300—

The CHAIRMAN. From a special account.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And deposited it in his personal account, and then he took out of his personal account on the same date \$2,200 which he deposited back in the special account.

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is right.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. And he states that the difference of \$1,100 was for expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, September 23, 1933, check for \$16,700, payable to cash—did you receive the cash for that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you do with it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe that that was part of the money that I used to buy the letters of credit.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Was that part of the money that was given to you also by Christmas, or by Mr. Clarke?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. Check of September 16, 1933, for \$6,000, for cash, drawn from the special account—you received cash for that didn't you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe this went for letters of credit also.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you received cash for this check?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I believe so; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. And on September 15 you drew a check for \$20,000 payable to Albert G. Christmas.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On the special account.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And this carries an endorsement, "For deposit only, Albert G. Christmas, special."

Mr. MACGUIRE. According to that, that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. That was deposited with the County Trust Co. of New York?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it is the Lawyers County.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Well, it is all the same.

The CHAIRMAN. And a day or two after, or about the time you gave this check to Christmas for \$20,000, he gave you back a check for \$20,000?

Mr. MACGUIRE. A few days after that; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. And it was a few days after that that you were over to the Twenty-ninth Division convention.

Mr. MACGUIRE. What are the dates of that, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. It is September 15. And the reunion was on the 17th.

Mr. MACGUIRE. The date of the \$20,000 check was what?

Mr. DICKSTEIN. September 15.

The CHAIRMAN. That was the date that you issued that check.

Mr. MACGUIRE. The \$20,000 was received back by me on the 18th.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir. That was a Monday, I believe. It was after the reunion.

The CHAIRMAN. This check for \$6,000, dated September 16, 1933, was cashed the same day, was it not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, the first letter of credit, according to this bank statement, was issued to you on September 21, 1933, wasn't it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir. The first letter of credit, according to this, was on September 19, 1933.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes; September 19. Let us see the bank record. We will get this straight.

(Discussion off the record.)

The CHAIRMAN. So you had this \$6,000 in cash in your possession between the 16th and the 19th at least; is that correct?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Apparently; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. There was a thousand-dollar deposit on November 17, Mr. MacGuire. Where did that come from?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. You say that you had the rooms at Chicago between September 21 and October 8, and that you may have come back

to New York once or twice. For what purpose did you come back to New York, if you did come back?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I couldn't say, Mr. Chairman. I don't know.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember why you came back?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I would not.

The CHAIRMAN. All these letters of credit were purchased before you left for Chicago, weren't they?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question about that. That is so, isn't it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You are definitely sure of that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I am pretty sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, in any event, you didn't come back to New York to buy any letters of credit?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can't say. I don't remember.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember if you came back to New York to buy letters of credit?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I would not.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember if you came back to New York to buy letters of credit in the sums of four, nine, and fifteen thousand dollars?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You wouldn't remember that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is too far back.

The CHAIRMAN. That is too far back. Well, didn't you buy these letters of credit before you left for the convention?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't remember. The record would probably show the entire story.

The CHAIRMAN. You have already testified that you did.

Mr. MACGUIRE. The record would show that.

The CHAIRMAN. Never mind that.

Mr. MACGUIRE. The record would show that.

The CHAIRMAN. Never mind that. Did you or did you not buy these letters of credit before you left for Chicago?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't recall.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you have made three different statements on that already, Mr. MacGuire. Now, did you go to any other place? You are not sure whether you came back to New York, are you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, did you go to any other place?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't recall.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember whether you did or not?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is too far back.

The CHAIRMAN. You were out there for a particular purpose, weren't you, to try and have the convention go on record as favoring the restoration of the gold standard?

Mr. MACGUIRE. What was that, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. You were out there to have a resolution put over in the convention to have the country come back onto the gold standard.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I was very much interested in that, yes, as a bond salesman.

The CHAIRMAN. Sure. Well, did you go to Washington during that period between September 21 and October 8?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Mr. Chairman, I really can't recall.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Well, here is a bill from your own files from the Hotel Mayflower.

## EXHIBIT NO. 10, NEW YORK, 11-23-1934

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE MAYFLOWER, WASHINGTON, D. C.

781 MacGuire, G. C. 1-5-00.  
N. Y. C., 9/24.

Memo.		Date	Explanation	Amount charged	Amount credited	Balance due
2334-MP G	1	Sept. 24, 1933	Room	5.00		5.00
	2	Sept. 25, 1933	Restr	0.40		5.40
	3	Sept. 25, 1933	Valet	1.00		6.40
	4	Sept. 25, 1933	Restr	0.40		
	5	Sept. 25, 1933	Ldist	0.35		7.15
	6	Sept. 25, 1933	Ldist	1.75		8.90
	7	Sept. 25, 1933	Ldist	2.95		11.85
	8	Sept. 25, 1933	Phone	0.30		12.15

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, I must have been in Washington.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you go down there for?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't recall. It may have been on business. It may have been on pleasure. I don't know.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. But you didn't check out of the hotel in Chicago, did you? You wouldn't be likely not to check out if you were going to Washington on a pleasure trip. That wouldn't be logical, would it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It might be.

The CHAIRMAN. And yet you can't give the committee any assistance as to why you went there?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. When you first testified before the committee you told us definitely that you were out there between September 21 and October 8. There was no question about that in your testimony. Now you say that you may have come back to New York a couple of times. Then you said you didn't remember any other city you visited, and when you are presented with a bill from the Hotel Mayflower showing you were down there when you were supposed to have been in Chicago, you then say you were down there.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I had a perfect right to go there.

The CHAIRMAN. I am not disputing that, but we have a perfect right to get information from you.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Of course you have.

The CHAIRMAN. And you can't tell us now what you went down there for?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I cannot.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, if you came back to New York between September 21 and October 8 to get letters of credit in the sums of \$1,000, \$9,000, and \$15,000, wouldn't you be likely to remember that fact?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It is too far back, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you be likely to remember it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I don't know whether I would or not.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, I will ask you again, did you pay cash for the \$4,000 and the \$9,000 letters of credit?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can't recall, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Can't you remember that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I cannot; no, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Mr. Chairman, he admitted, on my question yesterday or the day before, that he paid \$9,000—he didn't know whether it was single thousand dollar bills—and we agreed to accept his answer. He said it was \$9,000 in cash. How is it—

The CHAIRMAN. Did you have thousand dollar bills?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can't remember everything I have said, and I can't remember all transactions.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember if you had thousand dollar bills?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't you remember if you went down and laid thirteen \$1,000 bills down?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Let me ask you this, Mr. MacGuire: Is this your signature or a photostatic copy of your signature?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes; I believe that is my signature.

The CHAIRMAN. Don't you know if it is your signature?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it is.

The CHAIRMAN. First you said, "I believe", and now, "I think it is." Don't you know your own signature? Is that your signature?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It looks very much like it.

The CHAIRMAN. Is it your signature?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It looks very much like it.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Well, we can look at the checks.

The CHAIRMAN. No.

On September 17, 1933, did you sign a request in New York for a letter of credit, giving them a check for \$15,075 for it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I—

The CHAIRMAN. Did you?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I must have, because it says so here.

The CHAIRMAN. It isn't what you must have. Don't you remember that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I can't recall.

The CHAIRMAN. You can't recall that. Well, do you remember giving a check for \$15,075 for the \$15,000 letter of credit?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I really can't recall.

The CHAIRMAN. You can't recall that?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No.

The CHAIRMAN. This letter, which you say you think carries your signature, says:

I hand you herewith our check to your order for \$15,075 in payment of letter of credit 2705 for \$15,000—

And then it goes along, the usual form letter; isn't that right?

Mr. MACGUIRE. That is what it says there.

The CHAIRMAN. And it is signed by G. C. MacGuire?

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Which you say looks like and you think is your signature?

Mr. MACGUIRE. It looks like my signature.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. That is dated, New York, September 27, 1933.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And you can't give the committee any information as to where that check for \$15,075 came from?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No, sir; I cannot.

The CHAIRMAN. Whose check it is?

Mr. MACGUIRE. No.

The CHAIRMAN. It certainly isn't a check out of your special account, is it?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think, Mr. Chairman, that that is merely a typographical error.

The CHAIRMAN. No, no! Wait a minute.

Mr. MACGUIRE. Well, now, you have asked me a lot of questions. I have a right to—

The CHAIRMAN. If you start thinking now, we are not taking that testimony.

Mr. MACGUIRE. I have a right to think, and you have a right to ask me.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know what that is?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I think it is—

The CHAIRMAN. No, no! Do you know?

Mr. MACGUIRE. I do not.

The CHAIRMAN. You do not? I think that is all.

(Whereupon at 2:30 p. m. the subcommittee adjourned until 10:30 a. m. tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1934.)

# INVESTIGATION OF UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1934

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
*New York, N. Y.*

The subcommittee met in executive session at 10:30 a. m., pursuant to adjournment, in the supper room of the Association of the Bar, West Forty-fourth Street, Hon. John W. McCormack (chairman) presiding. Hon. Samuel Dickstein (vice chairman) present. The CHAIRMAN. We will hear Mr. Haggett.

### TESTIMONY OF JAMES HAGGETT

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. With what bank are you connected?

Mr. HAGGETT. Lawyers County Trust Co.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you bring some papers here pursuant to a subpoena?

Mr. HAGGETT. Yes, sir; a transcript.

The CHAIRMAN. I show you these papers and ask you if those represent a copy of the records, appearing in your bank, of the account of Albert G. Christmas, special?

Mr. HAGGETT. Yes, sir; they are.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you an account down there in the name of Mr. Robert Sterling Clark that you know of?

Mr. HAGGETT. Off-hand, I do not think so, but I would not want to say for sure.

The CHAIRMAN. We will have these statements marked as an exhibit for the record.

(THE PAPER REFERRED TO WAS THEREUPON MARKED "EXHIBIT NO. 1, NOV. 24, 1934.")

A PART OF EXHIBIT NO. 1, NEW YORK, 11-24-1934

LAWYERS COUNTY TRUST CO.

NEW YORK

*Statement of the account of Albert G. Christmas, special*

Date	Checks listed in order of payment (read across)		Date	Deposits	Date	New balance
Jun 19 '33	48.00				Jun 19 '33	875.54 s
Jun 22 '33	50.00	25.00			Jun 22 '33	800.54 s
Jun 27 '33	25.00					
			Jun 29 IN	82	Jun 29 '33	770.36 s
Jun 30 '33	50.00	25.00			Jun 30 '33	701.36 s
Jul 1	25.00				Jul 1	676.36 s
Jul 3	25.00	40.00			Jul 3	611.36 s
Jul 7	25.00				Jul 7	586.36 s
					Jul 11	586.22 s
			Jul 20	1,025.00	Jul 20	1,611.22 *
Jul 22	1,025.00				Jul 22	586.22 s
					Aug 14	586.12 s
			Sep 18	20,000.00	Sep 18	20,586.12 s
Sep 20	20,000.00		Sep 20	15,000.00	Sep 20	15,586.12 s
			Sep 27	10,000.00	Sep 27	25,586.12 s
					Sep 27	25,580.10 s
Sep 28	15,000.00				Sep 28	10,580.08 s
Sep 30	10,000.00				Sep 30	580.06 s
Oct 13	200.00				Oct 13	380.04 s
Nov 9 '33	200.00				Nov 9 '33	180.02 s
Apr 27 '34	100.00		Apr 27 '34	310.00	Apr 27 '34	390.00 s
		144.00			Sep 29 '34	252.00 s
Oct 1 '34	251.98				Oct 1 '34	.00 *

DEPOSITED BY  
A. G. CHRISTMAS, SPEC.  
IN  
LAWYERS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY  
New York, Sept. 18, 1933.

	Dollars	Cents
Bills.....		
Gold.....		
Silver.....		
Checks....30	20,000	

DEPOSITED BY  
A. G. CHRISTMAS, SPEC.  
IN  
LAWYERS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY  
New York, Sept. 20, 1933.

	Dollars	Cents
Bills.....		
Gold.....		
Silver.....		
Checks....74	15,000	

DEPOSITED BY  
A. G. CHRISTMAS, SPEC.  
IN  
LAWYERS COUNTY TRUST COMPANY  
New York, Sept. 27, 1933.

	Dollars	Cents
Bills.....		
Gold.....		
Silver.....		
Checks....74	10,000	

(The subcommittee then heard testimony on another subject, at the conclusion of which the subcommittee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.)

**THE CHAIRMAN:**  
IN MAKING PUBLIC THE FOREGOING EVIDENCE, WHICH WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN NEW YORK CITY FROM NOVEMBER 20 TO 24, INCLUSIVE, THE COMMITTEE HAS ORDERED STRICKEN THEREFROM CERTAIN IMMATERIAL AND INCOMPETENT EVIDENCE, OR EVIDENCE WHICH WAS NOT PERTINENT TO THE INQUIRY, AND WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED DURING A PUBLIC HEARING.

(ORAL TESTIMONY ON DEC. 29, 1934, BEGAN AT THIS POINT.)

**TESTIMONY OF FRANCIS A. REMPE**

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)  
The CHAIRMAN. What is your business, Mr. Rempe?  
Mr. REMPE. Public accountant.  
The CHAIRMAN. And your office is where?  
Mr. REMPE. 165 Broadway, New York City.  
The CHAIRMAN. Have you certain books with you?  
Mr. REMPE. I have.  
The CHAIRMAN. What are they?  
Mr. REMPE. Certain documents and papers and all the general records of Mr. Robert Sterling Clark.  
The CHAIRMAN. Have you prepared a financial statement of certain sums of money?  
Mr. REMPE. I have; yes, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. Will you produce it?  
Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Chairman, who is this man Clark?  
The CHAIRMAN. Robert Sterling Clark has been mentioned in these proceedings. Mr. Rempe, what is Robert Sterling Clark's business?  
Mr. REMPE. He is a capitalist.  
The CHAIRMAN. His office is located where?  
Mr. REMPE. 11 Wall Street, New York City.  
The CHAIRMAN. He is in Europe at the present time?  
Mr. REMPE. He is.  
The CHAIRMAN. You have read the newspapers about General Butler's testimony?  
Mr. REMPE. I have.  
The CHAIRMAN. Or his statement?  
Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. He is the Robert Sterling Clark referred to in that statement?  
Mr. REMPE. He is; yes, sir.  
The CHAIRMAN. Please produce the statement you have prepared. (Certain documents were handed to the chairman by the witness.)

Date		Amount	Date		Amount	
1933						
Sept. 12	R. S. C. personal account.....	\$15,000.00				
Sept. 14	do.....	10,000.00				
Sept. 18	A. G. C. special account.....	20,000.00	1933	Sept. 18	A. G. C. special account.....	\$20,000.00
Sept. 27	do.....	15,000.00				
Sept. 29	R. S. C. custody account.....	50,000.00		Oct. 9	R. S. C. custody account.....	12,489.50
Sept. 29	A. G. C. special account.....	10,000.00		Oct. 10	do.....	24,000.00
N. v. 11	R. S. C. custody account.....	1,000.00				
Nov. 16	do.....	30,000.00				
1934						
Oct. 19	R. S. C. revolving account..	2,065.86				
Nov. 8	do.....	600.00				
		153,665.86			56,489.50	
		56,489.50				
		97,176.36				

The CHAIRMAN. What is this statement?

Mr. REMPE. It represents a statement of disbursement of money concerning this particular proposition, which I have obtained and accumulated from the records involved.

The CHAIRMAN. This is a statement of moneys paid by Mr. Clark to whom?

Mr. REMPE. To the several parties involved in this proposition.

The CHAIRMAN. In the first instance there is \$15,000 on September 12, 1933. To whom was that paid? It says, "R. S. C. personal account."

Mr. REMPE. Paid to G. C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. That was drawn from the personal account of Robert Sterling Clark; is that right?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Paid to whom?

Mr. REMPE. G. C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 14 the sum of \$10,000 from the R. S. C. personal account. That means the money was drawn from the personal account of Robert Sterling Clark and paid to whom?

Mr. REMPE. Paid to G. C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 18 it says "A. G. C. special account, \$20,000." What does "A. G. C." mean?

Mr. REMPE. Albert G. Christmas.

The CHAIRMAN. That means \$20,000 was taken out of the special account of Albert G. Christmas and paid to whom?

Mr. REMPE. That Mr. Christmas will have to answer. The September 18 item and the September 27 item of \$15,000—

The CHAIRMAN. That is the \$20,000 and the \$15,000?

Mr. REMPE. The \$20,000 and the \$15,000, and the offset to the right of \$20,000 was furnished to me by Mr. Christmas.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did this September 18 item of \$20,000 come from?

Mr. REMPE. That came from Mr. Christmas' special account.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did Mr. Christmas get that, do you know?

Mr. REMPE. I cannot tell you. His records will show you.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 29 it says "R. S. C. special account." First, on September 27, do you know anything about the \$15,000 item?

Mr. REMPE. I do not. Mr. Christmas furnished me with the information concerning those three items I just mentioned.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 29 there is an item of \$50,000, R. S. C. custody account. That means \$50,000 was drawn from the custody account of Robert Sterling Clark and paid to somebody; is that right?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Who was it paid to?

Mr. REMPE. Paid to the Chase National Bank in payment of a letter of credit. I have a photostatic copy of that letter of credit.

(Photostatic copy of document handed to chairman by the witness.)

The CHAIRMAN. We will come back to that a little later. Mr. Clark had a personal account and a custody account did he not?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He had other accounts, I assume?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir; revolving accounts.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 29 there is an item of \$10,000, A. G. C. special account.

Mr. REMPE. That was furnished to me by Mr. Christmas also.

The CHAIRMAN. So that the information on that will have to be obtained from Mr. Christmas?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 14, R. S. C. custody account, \$1,000. That means \$1,000 was drawn from the Robert Sterling Clark custody account; is that right?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Payable to whom?

Mr. REMPE. I will verify that if you will indulge with me for a moment. That represents a check to the order of Gerald C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 16, 1923, there is an item of \$30,000, R. S. C. custody account. That means that was drawn from the Robert Sterling Clark custody account; does it not?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Payable to whom?

Mr. REMPE. It represents three checks of \$10,000 each, drawn to the order of the committee, payable to the order of Committee for a Sound Dollar and Sound Currency.

The CHAIRMAN. That is money that went to the committee?

Mr. REMPE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. What does that \$15,000 and \$10,000 of September 12 and 14 represent, do you know?

Mr. REMPE. Disbursement of money, is all I can say.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, on October 19, 1934, there is an item of \$2,065, R. S. C. revolving account. That means that that amount was drawn out of the Robert Sterling Clark revolving account and paid to somebody?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Who was it paid to?

Mr. REMPE. Gerald C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there any explanation as to why?

Mr. REMPE. In connection with expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. Expenses where?

Mr. REMPE. I will read you the information I have: "Payment in accordance with instructions for traveling and telephone expenses and miscellaneous disbursements."

The CHAIRMAN. Where?

Mr. REMPE. It does not say.

The CHAIRMAN. Where would that information be obtained?

Mr. REMPE. Probably from a statement—

The CHAIRMAN. From where?

Mr. REMPE. From a statement that Mr. MacGuire may have furnished, which I have not seen.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 8, 1934, there is an item of \$600, R. S. C. revolving account. That means that was drawn from the R. S. C. revolving account, of Robert Sterling Clark, and paid to somebody?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Who was it paid to?

Mr. REMPE. Gerald C. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know for what purpose?

Mr. REMPE. Various traveling, telephone, and sundry expenses.  
The CHAIRMAN. Do you know where he went or anything indicating that information?

Mr. REMPE. No, sir; not of my own knowledge.

The CHAIRMAN. That represents \$153,665.86 paid by Mr. Clark from one account to another or by Mr. Christmas to Mr. MacGuire, does it not, or to the Committee on the Sound Dollar and Sound Currency?

Mr. REMPE. I presume that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, you say you "presume." On September 14, \$25,000 was paid to MacGuire, was it not?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 18 there is the \$20,000 item Mr. Christmas will have to explain?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 27 he will have to explain who he paid that to?

Mr. REMPE. That is the basis of my presumption.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 29, \$50,000. You know nothing about who that went to?

Mr. REMPE. You have the letter of credit.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is a letter of credit of October 9. Read that letter of credit.

Mr. REMPE (reading):

*To correspondents of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and of American Express Co.:*

GENTLEMEN: We beg to introduce to you Albert G. Christmas whom we hereby authorize to draw on sight on the American Express Co., New York, to an aggregate amount of \$60,000. The American Express Co. engages that such draft shall meet with due honor in New York if negotiated on or before December 30, 1933. Each draft must bear the number of this letter of credit and be signed in your presence and the signature compared with the one below. The amount of each draft must be endorsed on the letter of credit. Any negotiation of a draft drawn against this letter will be considered a guaranty to the American Express Co. that you have complied with these requirements.

Yours very respectfully,

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO.

The CHAIRMAN. How much was drawn?

Mr. REMPE. It bears several signatures.

The CHAIRMAN. Who are they?

Mr. REMPE. The signatures of the American Express Co., the Chase National Bank, and Albert G. Christmas.

The CHAIRMAN. No other signatures?

Mr. REMPE. Just four signatures in all.

The CHAIRMAN. Who is the other one?

Mr. REMPE. One is the assistant treasurer of the American Express Co. One signature is that of Albert G. Christmas, and the others are for official purposes.

Against the letter of credit of \$60,000 there was a draft drawn on October 4, 1933, for \$6,000.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the photostatic copy of the draft?

Mr. REMPE. That is the photostatic copy of the draft.

The CHAIRMAN. That is offered in evidence.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

\$6,000.00

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Oct. 4, 1933.

Pay to the order of CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, Six Thousand and No/100 Dollars.

Under letter of credit The Chase National Bank, New York, { No. 98,750  
New York. ----- { Date 9/29/33

To American Express Company,  
New York, New York.

ALBERT G. CHRISTMAS.

[Endorsements on back]

Received with Exchange, Oct. 6, 1933, from The Chase National Bank, N. Y., Am. Ex. Co., Cl'gs. Div'n.

Paid through Chicago Clearing House Oct. 5, '33 P. M., to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. Pay to the order of any bank or banker. Prior endorsements guaranteed Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company, Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

Received payment through New York Clearing House prior endorsements guaranteed, Oct. 6, 1933, The National City Bank of New York, N. C. Lenfestey, Cashier.

The CHAIRMAN. This draft is payable to whom?

Mr. REMPE. Payable to the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. And drawn by Mr. Christmas against the letter of credit?

Mr. REMPE. That is right. On October 5 a draft for \$30,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that a photostatic copy of it?

Mr. REMPE. That is; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is offered in evidence.

(The document referred to is as follows:)

\$30,000.00

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Oct. 5, 1933.

Pay to the order of CONTINENTAL ILLINOIS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO Thirty Thousand & No/100 Dollars.

Under letter of credit The Chase National Bank, New York, New York { No. 98,750  
York. ----- { Date 9/29/33

To American Express Company,  
New York, New York.

ALBERT G. CHRISTMAS.

[Endorsements on back]

Paid through Chicago Clearing House Oct. 6, '33, P. M. to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. Pay to the order of any bank or banker prior endorsements guaranteed Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company, Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

Received with exchange Oct. 7, 1933 from The Chase National Bank, N. Y., Am. Ex. Co. Cl'gs. Div'n.

Received payment through New York Clearing House prior endorsements guaranteed Oct. 7, 1933, The National City Bank of New York, N. C. Lenfestey, Cashier.

The CHAIRMAN. That is drawn by Mr. Christmas on the letter of credit?

Mr. REMPE. That is right; to the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co.

The CHAIRMAN. Proceed.

Mr. REMPE. On October 10, 1933, the balance of the letter of credit was liquidated.

The CHAIRMAN. How much was that?

Mr. REMPE. \$24,000. The letter of credit thereby became exhausted.

\$24,000.00

At sight pay to the order of Myself  
Twenty-four Thousand Dollars.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9, 1933.

Under your Travelers Letter of Credit No. 98750, issued 1/29/33.  
Value received and charge same to account of—

To American Express Co.  
65 Broadway, N. Y.

ALBERT G. CHRISTMAS.

[Endorsements on back]

ALBERT G. CHRISTMAS.

The Chase National Bank, of the City of New York, Mercantile Branch.  
Received with Exchange Oct. 11, 1933, from The Chase National Bank, N. Y.,  
Am. Ex. Co., Clg's. Divn.

The CHAIRMAN. That was drawn by Mr. Christmas against the letter of credit?

Mr. REMPE. To the order of the Chase National Bank and was redeposited in Mr. Clark's—

The CHAIRMAN. What became of that money?

Mr. REMPE. It was redeposited in Mr. Clark's bank account, in custody account, as shown on the statement.

The CHAIRMAN. That is \$24,000?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir. (See p. 161.)

The CHAIRMAN. Have you any explanation to offer as to how the balance of the \$60,000 was expended?

Mr. REMPE. I have not.

The CHAIRMAN. You have no knowledge of that?

Mr. REMPE. No; I have not.

The CHAIRMAN. Was any other sum returned in cash?

Mr. REMPE. There was the sum of \$12,489.50 returned on October 9, 1933.

The CHAIRMAN. So that there was a total of \$153,665.86 drawn either by Mr. Clark or by Mr. Christmas; is that right?

Mr. REMPE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. There has been returned \$56,489.50?

Mr. REMPE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Leaving the sum of \$97,176.36 remaining?

Mr. REMPE. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Out of that approximately \$30,000 went to the Committee on Sound Dollar and Sound Currency?

Mr. REMPE. That is right, according to the payees shown on the disbursements.

The CHAIRMAN. And that would leave somewhere around \$65,000 to \$67,000 that you have no knowledge as to how that was spent?

Mr. REMPE. Exactly.

The CHAIRMAN. You know it was drawn and paid to somebody, but there is nothing in your books showing how any of that money was spent?

Mr. REMPE. Exactly.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you bring a photostatic copy of Mr. Clark's account in the Chase National Bank for September 1933?

Mr. REMPE. I have that here; yes.

(A document was handed to the chairman by the witness.)

The CHAIRMAN. We will offer that in evidence.  
(The document referred to is as follows:)

THE CHASE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FORTY-FIFTH STREET BRANCH,  
New York.

DUPLICATE STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 1933

MR. ROBERT STERLING CLARK.

Date	Checks	Date	Deposits	Date	Balance	
(Read amounts across)		Balance forward—		Aug. 31, '33	46,494.13 s	
Sep. 6	1,422.33			Sep. 6	45,071.80 s	
Sep. 8	291.00			Sep. 8	44,780.14 s	
Sep. 12	15,000.00	30.00		Sep. 12	29,780.14 s	
Sep. 13	420.00			Sep. 13	29,360.14 s	
Sep. 14 DM	.30					
Sep. 14	10,000.00	440.00		Sep. 14	18,889.84 s	
			Sep. 20 CM	100,000.00	Sep. 20	118,889.84 s
Sep. 21	15,000.00			Sep. 21	103,889.84 s	
Sep. 22	40.00			Sep. 22	103,849.84 s	
Sep. 25	210.00	1,500.00		Sep. 25	102,139.84 s	
Sep. 28	10,000.00			Sep. 28	92,139.84 s	
Sep. 29	1,936.90			Sep. 29	90,202.94 *	

The last amount in this column is your balance.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you tell us when Robert Sterling Clark's personal account was opened?

Mr. REMPE. I cannot. It has been in existence for a number of years.

The CHAIRMAN. Has the Robert Sterling Clark custody account existed for a number of years?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, it has; and the revolving account as well.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions, gentlemen?

Mr. JENKINS. You stated that you are a public accountant?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

Mr. JENKINS. In whose employ are you?

Mr. REMPE. In the employ of Robert Sterling Clark.

Mr. JENKINS. I am not familiar with this set-up at all. What relation has he with Mr. Christmas?

Mr. REMPE. Mr. Christmas is his office manager and investment counsel.

Mr. JENKINS. You are auditor for the Robert Sterling Clark Co?

Mr. REMPE. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. We can obtain from Mr. Christmas what that relationship is. I think that will be better.

Mr. TAYLOR. Who is this man MacGuire that you spoke of?

Mr. REMPE. He is a bond and stock salesman in the employ of G. & M. P. Murphy Co. in New York City. I do not know what their exact address is.

Mr. TAYLOR. You have that already?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. The testimony was made public today. Do you know Mr. MacGuire personally?

Mr. REMPE. Yes. I have seen him and bid him the time of day.



The CHAIRMAN. Other than to see him once in awhile you do not know him very well?

Mr. REMPE. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you have any knowledge of the use of this money and of his activities?

Mr. REMPE. Absolutely none.

(Witness excused.)

#### TESTIMONY OF ALBERT GRANT CHRISTMAS

(The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.)

The CHAIRMAN. Your full name?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Albert Grant Christmas.

The CHAIRMAN. Your business is what?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I am an attorney.

The CHAIRMAN. Your profession is that of an attorney?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Your office is where?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. My own office is 160 Broadway, New York City.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you associated in any way with Robert Sterling Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would not put it associated. I am dealing with investment affairs and consult with him on legal affairs relating to his business matters.

The CHAIRMAN. Are you attorney in fact in that respect? Have you a general power of attorney?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. In respect to testifying in this particular matter, privilege is expressly waived by Mr. Clark's direction.

The CHAIRMAN. In communicating with you by telegram, the committee recognized that possible situation.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. And it was called to your attention, due to the fact that Mr. Clark not being in the United States, that it would be simply a waste of time to have you appear before the committee unless there was a waiver of professional immunity.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Correct.

The CHAIRMAN. In a general way do you manage Mr. Clark's affairs? I do not want to go into the personal matters. Have you authority to draw checks?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words you have a power of attorney in connection with the handling of certain matters?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would not put it as a "power of attorney," Mr. Chairman. I have a letter of authority over the custodian and revolving accounts whereby I can requisition checks from the bank and give orders for the purchase and sale of securities.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the revolving account and the custodian account?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. And the custodian account.

The CHAIRMAN. How long have you been associated with Mr. Clark, and I used the word "associated" in the sense in which you have explained.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. All right.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, I use it descriptively. How long have you been associated with Mr. Clark in that capacity?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would say about 4 years.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do, very well.

The CHAIRMAN. That is Gerald C. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; very well.

The CHAIRMAN. How long have you known Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. For perhaps 3 years.

The CHAIRMAN. He is connected with the Grayson & M. P. Murphy Co.?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In what capacity?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would describe him as a bond salesman and a customers' man.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 12, 1933, \$15,000 was drawn out of the personal account of Robert Sterling Clark.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would like a copy before me for reference purposes.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know to whom that money was paid?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know that I can identify offhand, Mr. Chairman, the exact items here, but could I make this general statement with your permission, that in the first instance there was \$25,000 paid to Mr. MacGuire and \$25,000 paid into my special account.

The CHAIRMAN. That totals \$50,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Do you want me to make a statement and describe what happened in these transactions? I think perhaps I could clear it up better.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. In the first instance, as I have stated, \$25,000 was paid to Mr. MacGuire; \$25,000 was paid into my special account and out of the \$25,000 that was paid into my special account I gave Mr. MacGuire at a later date a certified check for \$15,000. The other \$10,000 from my special account was added to the \$15,000 withdrawn from the R. S. C. custody account on September 29 to make up the total of that letter of credit of \$60,000, a copy of which has been presented here.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that represented by that September 29 item special account \$10,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; it is the withdrawal of September 29. It bears the same date as the R. S. C. account of \$50,000.

The CHAIRMAN. What is the other item of September 14 of \$1,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That I have been unable to identify. I do not know whether it was a partial clean-up of some of the old expenses of the Committee for Sound Currency and the Sound Dollar, or whether it was an item connected with some other business. I have tried to find a record in my files of the exact purpose of that and I have not been able to turn it up as yet. I think probably it was a payment on account of the clean-up of this overlapping expenses of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. What is the item of \$30,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Paid to the Committee for Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar.

The CHAIRMAN. On October 19, 1934, there is an item of \$2,065.86. What is that for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Those are a clean-up of overlapping expenses of the Committee for Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar. Their sum had become exhausted and some items turned up at a later date.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 8, 1934, \$600.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. The same purpose as the previous item.

The CHAIRMAN. What was this money paid for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It was paid out to work for sound currency and against inflation. That was the entire purpose of the whole affair. It had nothing to do with the Facism or any such thing.

The CHAIRMAN. We are not coming to that. We will ask you that later. Outside of the \$30,000 and a few items to clean up that Sound Currency and Sound Dollar Committee, it was all paid to Mr. MacGuire ultimately, was it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Ultimately, yes.

The CHAIRMAN. This has nothing to do with any money given to Mr. MacGuire for his trip to Europe in 1934?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not a thing, sir. They were entirely separate matters.

The CHAIRMAN. What amount was embraced in Mr. MacGuire's trip to Europe?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. About \$7,900.

The CHAIRMAN. Was it not more than that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir; it was not.

The CHAIRMAN. Approximately \$7,900?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Approximately \$7,900.

The CHAIRMAN. This shows \$153,665.86 paid, all of which, with the exception of about \$33,000, was given to Mr. MacGuire personally with the return of \$56,489.50. That is right, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, that sums it up. Perhaps there is a slight inaccuracy in it, but I should say that sums it up sufficiently well.

The CHAIRMAN. I do not want to have any inaccuracies, because we are here to obtain facts.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not want to quibble about it, Mr. Chairman. The only thing is there was one exchange of checks.

The CHAIRMAN. There was an exchange, but it did not produce any difference in the result, did it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Outside of that amount which was paid to the Committee on Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar there is approximately \$64,000, \$65,000, or \$66,000 which Mr. MacGuire received?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And which has not been paid back?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. What was that money used for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Traveling and entertainment expenses.

The CHAIRMAN. \$66,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. For how long a period of time?  
Mr. CHRISTMAS. It spread over a period of several months. Mr. MacGuire started traveling, as I recall it, some time in June or July of 1933. Shall I proceed with a statement, Mr. Chairman, or do you prefer to develop it by questions?

The CHAIRMAN. My inquiry was how this tremendous sum of money was paid simply for traveling and entertainment expenses in a period of several months, as you say?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. May I explain?

The CHAIRMAN. That is the question.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I discussed this matter of inflation with Mr. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you discuss it at the suggestion of Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. It was entirely my own suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN. When was that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. Clark had nothing to do with it other than to give me an appropriation to work for sound currency. Everything else was done on Mr. MacGuire's responsibility and on my own.

The CHAIRMAN. When did this talk first take place?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think I began to discuss inflation with him early in 1933. We had many discussions about it. He thought he could spare some time to do some traveling so my thought was it would be a good idea for him to discuss this question with prominent people in various parts of the country. When I say "prominent" I mean substantial citizens in different localities. And see if we could work up any sentiment for sound currency, and against inflation. If I may put it this way, there were three ways this matter could have been handled. Mr. MacGuire could have sat in his office and written letters and made telephone calls and spent very little money and would have gotten nowhere. It told him when he traveled that I expected him to travel in a way which would enable him to meet these substantial people and that he was to entertain lavishly. As I say, I think his travels began some time in June, at which time I understand he was using his own funds for which he was entitled to reimbursement from these funds at a later date. As I recall it, he made two or three transcontinental trips. He made several trips into the South. He went on a convention, I believe, of the saving bankers to Bermuda.

The CHAIRMAN. When was that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It lies in my mind that it was almost directly following the Legion convention in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. Was he at the American Legion Convention there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Were you there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. When did the period of this entertainment end?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. The period ended I should say about the latter part of December 1933.

The CHAIRMAN. This had never happened before with Mr. MacGuire, had it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. What do you mean, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. Had you ever sent Mr. MacGuire or Mr. Clark on a trip of that kind before?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, I never had.

The CHAIRMAN. Did not that work as you say end before the \$30,000 was put in for the Committee on Sound Currency?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, it did not, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did not part of his traveling expenses come out of that \$30,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He may have taken some out of that money.

The CHAIRMAN. You have the account here, have you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He has given me an account on that committee, but I have not looked at it.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you that here?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think so.

The CHAIRMAN. We have it here. Here is an item on January 22 1934, of \$212.57, balance of traveling expenses paid out of the Committee on Sound Currency. Do you know anything about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir; I have never even looked at the item.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is December 26, 1933, cash \$1,500 for traveling expenses. Do you know anything about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is cash to December 26 again, \$711.81, balance of traveling expenses. Do you know anything about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And there are other items. Now, has Mr. MacGuire ever given you an accounting as to how he spent that \$65,000 or \$66,000 which is unexplained?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I told him he did not need to account to me for it.

The CHAIRMAN. I did not ask you that. Did he ever give you an accounting?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You gave him this \$60,000 and he was to use it in any way he wanted to, is that right?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would not say in any way he wanted, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he not account to you or to Mr. Clark for the disposition of some of that money or all of it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Only in this way: He would come back occasionally from trips and tell me that he had spent a certain amount of money.

The CHAIRMAN. Without telling you the manner in which it was spent?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. What is that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Quite.

The CHAIRMAN. He would not tell you how he spent it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He would tell me he spent so much.

The CHAIRMAN. So the way you want to leave it is there is \$65,000 or \$66,000 that Mr. MacGuire received from either you or Mr. Clark, which he spent in the period between June and December of 1933 for traveling and entertainment expenses?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You want to leave it that way?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. MacGuire return any of that money to you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He offered to return some to me, but he did not return it to me.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he return any of that money to you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he return to you some time in August approximately \$30,000 in cash?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know he testified he did?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. The committee gave me some indication of such testimony at a previous session.

The CHAIRMAN. Assuming he has testified to that, that is not so?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would say he is in error. He is mistaken.

The CHAIRMAN. I did not ask you that. Assuming he testified to that effect, it is not a fact that he returned to you approximately \$30,000 in August. That is so, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Or any other time?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Unless you call this check on December 18 that went back to my special account—

The CHAIRMAN. That was only a swap. Mr. MacGuire gave you under date of September 18 out of this \$25,000 a check for \$20,000, and on the same day you gave him a check back for \$20,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. So that was simply a swap of checks?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is all.

The CHAIRMAN. Has he ever given you \$30,000 back in cash on any occasion?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Has he ever given you any cash back?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He did at one time in Chicago; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How much?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. About \$10,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that part of the \$12,000 referred to on October 9?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How much has he given him?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. About—I think it was about \$34,000.

The CHAIRMAN. Out in Chicago you gave him \$34,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That was in addition to the \$25,000 represented by December 12 and 14 deposits?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And the \$15,000 on the 27th that you gave him out of your account?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words at Chicago he had at least \$40,000 and the \$34,000 you gave him is \$74,000, out of which he returned \$10,000 to you. That is true, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I have no personal knowledge as to what he had out in Chicago outside of what I handed him.

The CHAIRMAN. Between the date of September 12 and the Chicago convention—which was the early part of September—is that right?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I think it was in October.

The CHAIRMAN. October, yes. The early part of October, he received that \$64,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Approximately that.

The CHAIRMAN. What did he do with that \$64,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, as far as I know he brought 30 back. He told me he had brought it back and offered to return it to me.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, you did not receive anything back, did you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Except the 10 in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. We are excluding that because you gave him \$74,000 and he returned \$10,000, leaving a net of \$64,000.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What was he given that money for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, if I may explain that, I had in mind when we went out there if the Legion went on record for sound money we might be able to form a formal committee right there before the legionaires left Chicago, the idea being that a parent committee would be formed and local chapters throughout the country. At the conclusion of the convention I spoke to Mr. MacGuire and asked him about the feasibility of doing that. He said, "No." He said, "They are all tired out and they want to get home and we had better let the formal organization go to a later date."

The CHAIRMAN. That does not answer the question I asked you. What was that \$74,000 of which he returned \$10,000 given to him for at that particular time?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I thought I has explained that, Mr. Chairman. I had hoped we would form this committee and that the money would be paid over to the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. That committee was not formed at that time was it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. It was formed later?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It was formed later.

The CHAIRMAN. And they were given thirty-thousand-odd dollars?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. So that the \$64,000 certainly had nothing to do with the committee, did it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. As it turned out it did not.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you give any satisfactory explanation to this committee as to how that \$64,000 was spent and where it went?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I told you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. MacGuire told me he brought \$30,000 back and that was later spent for traveling and entertainment expenses. There were \$24,000 spent in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. For what?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would say entertaining.

The CHAIRMAN. You would say?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Any other purpose?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That was all, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Liquor.

The CHAIRMAN. What became of the \$25,000 that was given on September 12 and 14?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I assume that was part of the \$30,000 which he told me he took to Chicago and which he told me he later brought back and was prepared to return to me.

The CHAIRMAN. He received \$25,000, then the \$15,000 at the time from you on your own check?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is \$40,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. When you went out to Chicago you brought out how much money yourself?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did not take out any money except my own traveling expenses. I took the letter of credit.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the same as money?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Practically.

The CHAIRMAN. That is \$60,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What did you take the \$60,000 letter of credit out for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. As I told you before, for entertainment expenses, if necessary, and, if possible, to form this committee while I was out in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the necessity of \$60,000 for entertainment expenses?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did not intend to spend the whole thing for that.

The CHAIRMAN. Why was the money necessary in connection with the formation?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I had hoped to form it on the spot. I am not acquainted in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. How long were you at the convention?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I was there for about a week, not at the convention. I was at Chicago while the convention was in session.

The CHAIRMAN. The gold standards resolution was adopted, was it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It was.

The CHAIRMAN. Has Mr. MacGuire ever accounted for the \$64,000 or \$65,000 in any way?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not other than as I explained to you before.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you sought an explanation from him since you returned from Europe? "Yes" or "no."

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No; I have not.

The CHAIRMAN. Who comprised the Committee on Sound Currency and the Sound Dollar?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know who the organizers of it were. It was a corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware and I think Mr. MacGuire was the president or the head of it. Who the other incorporators were I do not know. That was not particularly

important. That was supposed to be a liaison corporation, which would keep liaison with local chapters throughout the country.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark knew all about the purposes for which this money was to be used?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. Clark knew nothing whatsoever about this, except he agreed to give me \$100,000 to try to work against inflation; and I reported to him from time to time as to the progress that I thought was being made and the results that were being accomplished, but no details.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you given Mr. Clark an accounting as to how this money was spent?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I have not, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He drew, himself, from his own personal account large sums of money toward this approximately \$100,000, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He drew altogether from his personal account about \$50,000.

The CHAIRMAN. He drew from his custody account?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He drew from his custody account.

The CHAIRMAN. Or that was his act, because you were authorized to do so?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He knew what you were doing?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I told him after I had drawn it that I had drawn it.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you give the committee any evidence as to how any of that \$64,000 was spent other than the general statement you have just made?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. None other than the general statement I have just made.

The CHAIRMAN. You were interested in this Committee for Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar and its make-up?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. You were interested to know who comprised it, were you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I was more interested—

The CHAIRMAN. My question was, "Were you interested to know who comprised it?"

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not the parent organization.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know who did comprise it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you brought with you photostatic copies of various letters dealing with this incorporation?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I have brought a report which Mr. MacGuire gave to me, which I think includes a lot of information about the formation of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee on sound currency and a sound dollar kept an accurate statement of its receipts and expenditures—is that true—as shown by this audit?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. MacGuire told me he had a public auditor, and he gave me a final audit report.

The CHAIRMAN. He made a statement as to the expenditures on his trip to Europe, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; he did.

The CHAIRMAN. He has never submitted as statement in reference to the \$64,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I told him he did not need to.

The CHAIRMAN. I did not ask you that. He never has submitted a statement about the \$64,000, has he?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Nothing, other than his oral explanation, as I have stated before.

The CHAIRMAN. Other than that it was used for entertainment and traveling expenses?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; and as I said, from time to time he would come back from a trip and report that he had spent so much and offer to go more into detail with me.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know about Mr. MacGuire's or Mr. Doyle's visit to General Butler?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know about Mr. Doyle. Mr. MacGuire told me he had visited General Butler on several occasions.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know about the first visit?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I believe he told me about all of his visits.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he tell you what the purpose of the first visit was?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I cannot remember whether it was on the first visit or at a subsequent date, someone had the idea it might be a good thing to try and get General Butler to make a speech to the convention in favor of sound currency.

The CHAIRMAN. Who made that suggestion?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think it was Mr. MacGuire's in the first instance. I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, now, was there any talk as to General Butler running as national commander for the American Legion?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. What did he say about this speech on sound currency, as you put it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. You mean Mr. MacGuire?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He said he thought that General Butler was quite a public character, and he said he thought if some one of that type could be induced to make a speech it would carry considerable weight.

The CHAIRMAN. You were impressed with that idea?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I was.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question but what he went down there and approached General Butler in connection with carrying out the purpose of the plan that you had in mind and which was financed by Robert Sterling Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. There is no question in my mind but that he did approach General Butler on the question of a speech in favor of sound currency.

The CHAIRMAN. You knew, of course, that Butler would not make the speech; you got the report later he would not make the speech?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there some talk about Butler going out there as a delegate?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think I was told that he could only make a speech if he were a delegate or by special invitation of some governing body.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire was on the distinguished guest committee of that convention, was he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think it was on the resolutions committee, Mr. Chairman. I do not know that he was on the distinguished visitors committee.

The CHAIRMAN. He testified he was on the distinguished guest committee.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know that.

The CHAIRMAN. You knew he was on some committee?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I knew he was on some committee; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. MacGuire report back to you in talking with Butler about Butler going out to the convention and having two or three hundred men go out there, other veterans, who would be in the audience, and when he came in they would demand that Butler make the speech that you had in mind?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not that I remember.

The CHAIRMAN. Was there a speech left with Butler?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know whether there was one or not. There was one written.

The CHAIRMAN. There was one written and given to MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think I gave him a copy.

The CHAIRMAN. Who wrote that speech?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark later go down to see General Butler?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He did.

The CHAIRMAN. Can you give us an idea as to when that was?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I am quite positive it was the Sunday of the week when the American Legion Convention began.

The CHAIRMAN. How did Mr. Clark happen to go down there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. At my request.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did you make the request or suggestion that Mr. Clark go down there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well—

The CHAIRMAN. Was it as a result of Mr. MacGuire's suggestion?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would say probably.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. MacGuire make reports to you from time to time?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He occasionally sent me letters when he was going around the country, mostly dealing with general business conditions.

The CHAIRMAN. Where are those letters?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Most of them have been destroyed, but I have some here I think.

The CHAIRMAN. Some of them were destroyed?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Most of them. They were just general business reports and when they became stale I threw them out.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know of any contributions from any other source to this fund?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. MacGuire told me he only had one other contribution, which amounted to a thousand dollars.

The CHAIRMAN. That was from Walter G. Trew on the Corn Exchange Bank in New York City?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not recall the name, sir, but he told me there was one other contribution of a thousand dollars. Here is all I have.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, Mr. Clark made a special trip down to Pennsylvania to see General Butler?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark inform you as to the result of the trip and the substance of the talk?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He did, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he inform you that Butler would not make the speech?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He did, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark telephone you from General Butler's home?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He did.

The CHAIRMAN. What did he say to you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He said approximately this, as I recall it: He said General Butler has decided he will not go to Chicago for reasons which I will explain to you when I see you again. He said, "You will have to tell MacGuire to make what arrangements he can to get along without him."

The CHAIRMAN. We have a photostatic copy of a letter which you presented today to the committee. Is that a part of your files?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That apparently has come from the reports filed.

The CHAIRMAN. What does that photostatic copy say?

Mr. CHRISTMAS (reading):

Mr. G. C. MacGuire,  
Care of G. & M. P. Murphy Co.,  
52 Broadway, New York City.

My DEAR SIR: Mr. Frew has directed me to forward to you the enclosed check in favor of the Committee on Sound Currency and a Sound Dollar for \$1,000.

Yours respectfully,

F. R. HOBEART,  
Secretary to Mr. Frew.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark tell you to have some telegrams released at the convention?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark go to Chicago himself?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know where he went to?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He went back to New York.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he go to Canada after that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I believe some 3 or 4 weeks after the convention we both went to Canada.

The CHAIRMAN. You say you wrote a speech. Was it delivered by anybody else at the convention?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir; it was not. I attended the meeting the day the resolution was put through and no speech or anything like it, as I recall it, was used.

The CHAIRMAN. Had you ever been to a Legion convention before?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Were you to the Miami convention this year?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. I might explain I am not a member of the Legion.

The CHAIRMAN. I know. I just simply asked you that question. You went out to the convention in 1933?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I went chiefly to take my wife to the fair and it coincided with this other business.

The CHAIRMAN. But this \$60,000 went with you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did you stay in Chicago?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. At the Blackstone.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire stayed at the Palmer House, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In addition Mr. MacGuire took out a letter of credit for \$30,300 to Chicago, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. So I have been told he has testified.

The CHAIRMAN. So that at this Chicago convention you had a letter of credit for \$60,000 and he had letters of credit amounting to \$30,300, is that right?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. All of which were cashed?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Excepting \$24,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know about Mr. MacGuire's letters. All except \$24,000 of mine—

The CHAIRMAN. He has testified they were all cashed.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Very well. All cashed except \$24,000.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, between you and Mr. MacGuire you had \$66,000 in cash at the convention?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Approximately.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know Mr. MacGuire had put his money into a safe-deposit box in the First National Bank of Chicago?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. You told me last week.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he ever tell you that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I never discussed the matter with him.

The CHAIRMAN. Where did you put your money?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not think I put it anywhere. I had it one night, I believe, and left it in the hotel safe over night.

The CHAIRMAN. Then you delivered it to whom?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. MacGuire.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you deliver the whole \$60,000 or all but \$24,000 to Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I delivered about \$34,000.

The CHAIRMAN. About \$34,000 which with his \$30,000 made about \$64,000 or \$65,000 that he had?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is approximately correct.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the amount of money he had at the convention. What was this first \$25,000 given to him for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It was an advancement or a partial advancement or partially in repayment of traveling and entertainment expenses previously incurred.

The CHAIRMAN. If that is so, his own account shows he bought letters of credit with it in addition to the \$15,000 you gave him, which he cashed in Chicago. Can you account for that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not think I quite understand the question.

The CHAIRMAN. The bank records show he immediately drew out that \$25,000 and that he purchased \$30,300 worth of letters of credit.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. With the \$25,000 and the additional money you gave him, which was \$15,000. That was your own check?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. He cashed that in Chicago. Immediately when he went out there he cashed it in Chicago. Why would he do that if he was going to use this money for traveling and entertainment expenses covering a period of months?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know, unless he was not sure that I was going to be able to get out. In fact, I do not think I knew until the last minute that I could go myself.

The CHAIRMAN. Why should you give him such a tremendous sum of money in addition to what he had received, totaling some \$64,000 at Chicago, for entertainment and traveling expenses if that was to cover a number of months?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He was so busy he had no time, as I understand, to go and get this money out.

The CHAIRMAN. He had time enough to make two trips back to New York while he was supposed to be in Chicago.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know that.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know that he made a trip to Washington during that period he was supposed to be out there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, he went out there on September 21 and remained there until October 5?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Yet he came back to New York on September 23 and got a \$13,000 letter of credit with thirteen \$1,000 bills. Did you know that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I have no recollection of the details.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know that he came back on September 29 and purchased a letter of credit with the \$15,000 that he got from you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not recall whether I knew that or not.

The CHAIRMAN. As a matter of fact, the \$15,000 check was a check for \$15,075, was it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not think so.

The CHAIRMAN. It was a certified check?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. A certified check, I believe.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know he had come to Washington and stayed at the Mayflower Hotel on September 24 and September 25?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I cannot recall at this date whether he was in Washington on that day or not. He made many trips to Washington.

The CHAIRMAN. I see. Now, Mr. MacGuire's bank account, and he could not give us any assistance either, shows on September 11, 1933, a deposit of \$15,000, which you carry here under date of September 12. It shows on September 13 a deposit of \$10,000, which is carried here under date of September 14. It shows on September 16 a deposit of \$2,200. Do you know anything about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I know nothing about that.

The CHAIRMAN. On September 18 there is a deposit of \$20,000. Is that a swapping of checks with you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 17, \$1,000, which was drawn out of the Robert Sterling Clark custody account, shown here under date of

November 14. It shows on September 15 a withdrawal of \$1,029. Do you know what that was withdrawn for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I cannot say I know; no.

The CHAIRMAN. It shows on September 16 a withdrawal of \$6,000. Do you know what that was withdrawn for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And on September 19 a withdrawal of \$20,000; on September 23 a withdrawal of \$3,300 and \$16,700. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. On November 17 a withdrawal of \$350. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. I can only say I presume entertainment and traveling expenses. That is not testimony. That is just guessing.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, Mr. MacGuire also testified he received \$7,200, \$2,500, and the \$1,000 from Mr. Clark, and he testified that was to pay his trip to Europe. You have testified to \$7,900. Can you account for the discrepancy in the testimony of Mr. MacGuire and yourself?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. How much is the discrepancy?

The CHAIRMAN. \$7,200 and \$2,500 is \$9,700 and \$1,000 is \$10,700. You have accounted for \$7,900. There is a difference of about \$2,800. Can you account for the discrepancy?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think Mr. MacGuire made a mistake. Here is a statement he rendered which shows the total expenses of \$7,900 on his trip and Mr. Rempe has checked up with the bank and they have a letter which I will read if you like, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. "Referring to your account at this office we wish to advise on March 8 we certified your check in the amount of \$5,000 and that on June 8 we honored your check in the amount of \$2,902.93", which matches up exactly with his statement. I am quite positive those were the only amounts given. I think he took some of his own money with him when he left, and he may have gotten mixed up in that respect.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire testified that he lunched with you and Mr. Clark in the Bankers' Club in New York City and received \$10,000 in cash from you. Did he ever receive that amount?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He is mistaken there. No. I gave him a certified check at the Bankers' Club.

The CHAIRMAN. I asked you the question, did he receive that amount, yes or no?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. I asked this question: "Did Mr. Clark contribute any money in any other way besides the \$30,000 and the other sums that you have enumerated that he gave you personally", which was \$7,200, \$2,500, and the \$1,000. Mr. MacGuire answered: "No, sir. He has been asked several times to contribute to different funds, but he has refused." Is that correct?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, he is always being asked to contribute.

The CHAIRMAN. I asked you, is that correct: Outside of the \$30,000, the \$7,200, the \$2,500, and \$1,000 has Mr. Clark made other contributions?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He has not made other contributions toward the sound money—

The CHAIRMAN. I am not asking you that.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He has made many charitable contributions.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he make any other contributions to MacGuire or did he give any other money to MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. What about this \$64,000? Did he not give that to him?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, I have already testified to that. I thought you were referring to it with that exception.

The CHAIRMAN. I am calling your attention specifically to the testimony of MacGuire.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Very well.

The CHAIRMAN. Where MacGuire denies receiving any other money other than the \$30,000 from Clark, the \$7,200, the \$2,500, and the \$1,000. In addition to the \$7,900 which you say was spent on this trip to Europe he has received \$64,000 or \$65,000; that is true, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that is.

The CHAIRMAN. I may say and so on all through his testimony, he has denied receiving anything outside of the \$30,000 and the approximately \$10,700 that he testified to in connection with the trip to Europe.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Of course, I have not seen the testimony.

The CHAIRMAN. And \$10,000 at the Bankers' Club. The \$25,000 originally given was given for entertainment purposes and traveling expenses, so you say?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That was the idea I had in mind, chiefly.

The CHAIRMAN. It was not given for the purpose of buying bonds?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Mr. MacGuire did mention that to me.

The CHAIRMAN. It was not given for the purpose of buying bonds, was it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I would say not primarily.

The CHAIRMAN. Now you are quibbling.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did not intend to quibble with you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you are. Was that money given to Mr. MacGuire with the intention of buying bonds? Yes or no.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question but what Mr. MacGuire contacted General Butler, is there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not the slightest.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question but what Mr. Clark went down there to see General Butler, is there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not the slightest.

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question but what Mr. MacGuire had seen Butler on several occasions?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He has told me about four or five different interviews with him.

The CHAIRMAN. You knew of it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I knew of it.

The CHAIRMAN. And Clark knew of it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know whether he did or not.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you know that MacGuire saw Butler when he returned from Europe in 1934?



Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think he told me that he had.

The CHAIRMAN. What was the purpose of his going out to see Butler in 1934?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. As he reported it to me, Mr. Butler is always traveling around the country lecturing. Mr. MacGuire would go to him and try to talk with him concerning business conditions as he found them in different sections.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that what Mr. MacGuire told you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Absolutely.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know of any reason why he should have gone to see Butler in 1934? Do you know any particular reason?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know of any particular reason.

The CHAIRMAN. There were particular reasons in 1933, were there not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. There were; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That was in connection with the program which you had in mind?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. To wit, to try to have a resolution adopted by the American Legion convention?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that particular phase of it.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, the Legionnaires and the delegates did not know of this except a few?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I presume not.

The CHAIRMAN. Who did you talk with out there? Did you talk with the men who were on the gold standard committee about this sound currency matter?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I think I only met two.

The CHAIRMAN. You were out there to try to have the resolution adopted, were you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I was out there to assist Mr. MacGuire in any way possible for having it adopted.

The CHAIRMAN. That was the purpose?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that was the purpose.

The CHAIRMAN. No question about that. Was Stevens a member of the sound currency committee? I refer to Henry W. Stevens.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I believe he was a member of the local chapter in his home town down in South or North Carolina.

The CHAIRMAN. Warsaw, N. C. Was Doyle a member of the committee?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I believe he headed his local chapter. Whether or not they were members of the parent organization I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. What about Vincent Carroll, of Philadelphia?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think I heard Mr. MacGuire mention his name as being connected with the local chapter.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, Mr. Carroll received \$500 for legal fees, which he got out of this Sound Currency Committee. Do you know about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes. I believe he incorporated the parent organization. He had acted as attorney for them.

The CHAIRMAN. On December 5 MacGuire received \$525 organization expense. Do you know why he should receive \$525 if he already had \$64,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I presume they paid the incorporation fees and so forth right out of the committee account. That was a corporation and it was quite proper they should do it.

The CHAIRMAN. William H. Doyle received \$2,800 for salary from November 14 to December 16, 1933. Do you know about that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I understood that he was spending practically all of his time traveling and working for the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Thomas Bird, \$300, salary 4 weeks. Who was he?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I never heard of him before.

The CHAIRMAN. George H. Norton, salary 4 weeks, \$240. Do you know him?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Edward MacGuire, salary, October 17 to December 17, 1933, \$208. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. William H. Doyle, \$3,500, salary, December 16, 1933, to January 20, 1934. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Gerald C. MacGuire, telephone expense, \$82.44. Was it not intended out of the \$64,000 or \$65,000, if what you say is true, that he should pay his own expenses?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, I would have to give an explanation of that, Mr. Chairman, if you will let me do it.

The CHAIRMAN. We will come to that later. Henry T. Stevens, Jr., \$500 for organization expenses. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. I can only presume it was for local chapters.

The CHAIRMAN. William Dunning, \$400 for organization expense. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir, except it is probably for a local chapter.

The CHAIRMAN. Cash, \$711.81, balance of traveling expense. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is probably Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, I cannot very well guess at it.

The CHAIRMAN. \$1,500, traveling expense. Do you know what that was for?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. This is all a matter of public record and without going into all of this you do not know what any of these items were actually spent for. Do you know what the purpose was?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I know the general purpose. I did not concern myself with details at all.

Mr. JENKINS. What is that supposed to be you are passing up now?

The CHAIRMAN. This is the audit.

Mr. JENKINS. This is not going to be put in the record, is it?

The CHAIRMAN. It is a part of the general inquiry.

Mr. JENKINS. In other words, you are passing it over to the reporter. I thought maybe you were going to put that into the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, that is why I passed it over.

Mr. JENKINS. Is that supposed to be an accounting of what this man MacGuire has done with the \$64,000?

The CHAIRMAN. Not the \$64,000. The \$64,000 has not been accounted for. There is \$64,000 in addition to this.

Mr. JENKINS. Has anybody checked up to see whether these names are real people in there?

The CHAIRMAN. There is no question but what that is correct.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. There is no question in my mind. A public accountant was supposed to check the record. There is no doubt in my mind but what that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. MacGuire produced that himself. (See p. 163).

What was the necessity for this swapping of checks?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It came up in this way, sir: Mr. MacGuire after he received this money told me he was very busy clearing up his affairs, trying to get ready to travel, and he asked me if he gave me \$20,000 if I would get a letter of credit with it. So I told him to send the check over and I would take care of it. I put it in my own account. Before I got to arranging for the letter of credit he telephoned me and said he thought he had time and if I would give him the check back he would take care of it and not bother me with it. So I had already deposited that check and it started in clearance, so I gave him my own.

The CHAIRMAN. Then later you found that he did not have enough money to obtain \$30,300 worth of letters of credit and you gave him \$15,000 more?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I cannot put it that way, Mr. Chairman, that I found out.

The CHAIRMAN. The net result is that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I gave him an additional \$15,000 check.

The CHAIRMAN. You knew of his purchasing \$30,300 worth of letters of credit?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not think I knew it at the time.

The CHAIRMAN. In any event he came to you and you gave him a \$15,000 check?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I knew he was going to purchase either traveler's checks or letters of credit. I did not know to what amount. Those were arrangements for him to conclude.

The CHAIRMAN. Has he given you any information at all or has he given you any report at all as to how he spent any of that \$64,000, and I mean a specific report?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Other than that when he came back from these trips he would tell me he had spent so much money and asked me if I wanted to go more into details with him and I said no.

The CHAIRMAN. You said he had made a couple of transcontinental trips. He has only testified to one where he said he went up to Calgary and up through there and one trip down South.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I thought he had made two transcontinental trips. I might be in error. He certainly made more than one trip down South.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know that Mr. MacGuire deposited the first \$25,000 to his own special account?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did. He opened that special account.

The CHAIRMAN. You have never asked him whether he redeposited any of that \$64,000 that you gave him out in Chicago?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Clark ever receive any of that \$64,000 back from him?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No. Mr. Clark had nothing to do with the matter.

The CHAIRMAN. Every transaction was with and through you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Was with and through me, yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. So that if he says that any of this \$64,000 or any part thereof was paid back by Mr. Christmas, you have never received it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark nor you have never received any of that original \$25,000, have you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Sometime in 1934 MacGuire made a trip to Europe, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes. I think it was January he started, but I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Did he go as the result of a talk with Mr. Clark or with you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. With me.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark knew of it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Certainly.

The CHAIRMAN. You, in turn, reported to Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You say he went over there to study the general economic condition and make a report to Mr. Clark and to you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. To me, chiefly.

The CHAIRMAN. Had he ever made any such trip before?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not for me. He had been abroad several times.

The CHAIRMAN. Or Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No; he had been abroad several times.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark knew him for several years, 4 or 5 years?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Oh, no. I first introduced Mr. MacGuire to Mr. Clark. You see, I buy the securities and make contact with these men. On one or two occasions when Mr. Clark was in town I suggested he meet Mr. MacGuire and they did meet. I would say perhaps 3 years.

The CHAIRMAN. He had never made any trips throughout the country except on this occasion?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not for us.

The CHAIRMAN. Not for you I mean. When he traveled around the country he went around for a specific purpose?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. When he went to Europe he went for a specific purpose, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. While in Europe he made certain reports to you, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes. He made quite a number of them.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you got them?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No; I think I have one or two of them. The rest have been destroyed, I should say. They became stale in a couple of weeks.

The CHAIRMAN. Apparently he thought enough of them to keep them for a while.

Mr. KREMER. Did anybody ask you to destroy those reports?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir; I have a general office cleaning about every 3 months and I destroy a great deal of stuff. I have to do it to keep

the office from piling up. These were simply news letters. Most of them were destroyed in a week or two.

The CHAIRMAN. You say they were simply news letters?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is your recollection of them?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is what I should call them. That would be my characterization of them.

Mr. KREMER. Did you tell anybody you were going to destroy them?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. I run the office there and I am responsible.

Mr. KREMER. Did you personally destroy them or did you ask someone else to do it for you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Many of them I personally destroyed. Probably I handed many of them to one of my secretaries and I told her to throw them away.

Mr. KREMER. You had no wastebasket in your room?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir, I have a wastebasket.

Mr. KREMER. You could have thrown them in there yourself, could you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir, and very often I did. I believe, however, Mr. MacGuire—you say he has a file of them? I can very easily identify them if you wish.

The CHAIRMAN. We will come to that in a minute. You say you sent him to Europe to study general conditions over there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. How did he make his reports to you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. They were sometimes addressed to Mr. Clark but through the office came to me first.

The CHAIRMAN. His dealings were with you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. His dealings were with me.

The CHAIRMAN. Directly with you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Of which Mr. Clark was thoroughly acquainted?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. According to the reports I gave him.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark was not spending a hundred thousand dollars or thereabouts without knowing what was going on, was he?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He knew the results I reported to him which I thought were obtained. I did not give him details.

The CHAIRMAN. He knew the purpose of MacGuire's activity?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He knew the purpose that he directed and which I believe was carried out.

The CHAIRMAN. Here is a letter from Paris dated April 9, 1934. Have you the original in your files?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not believe so.

The CHAIRMAN. It is addressed to "Gentlemen."

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Many of his reports did come in that way.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know he should address it to "Gentlemen" if he was making a report to you personally?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No particular reason.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know what countries he visited while he was in Europe?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think he went to England and Ireland. I do not know whether he went to Scotland or not. He went to France, Germany, and Italy, and whether or not he went to any other countries

I cannot recall at this time. I believe he did go to Belgium or Holland, but I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you receive the original of this letter of April 24?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; I am quite sure I did. That looks familiar. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. I offer that in evidence.

(The letter referred to is as follows:)

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember receiving a letter from him under date of April 6, 1934, addressed "My dear sir," in which it is stated:

There is no question but that another severe crisis is imminent. There have been various pieces of information given me to the effect that the Communists have been arming and are scattered in the outlying districts of Paris. However, this does not mean, to my mind, that there will be anything such as occurred in Vienna. If anything, it appears to me that the Communists may be used as a goad by the military, and that if this group should by any chance start demonstrations against the government, it may serve to call forth a coup d'etat, which, it might be said, would be the use of the military.

Do you remember receiving a letter with that in there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It sounds very familiar. I am quite sure I did.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember receiving a letter in which he made this report:

I had a very interesting talk last evening with a man who is quite well up on affairs here and he seems to be of the opinion that the Croix de Feu will be very patriotic during this crisis and will take the cuts or be the moving spirit in the veterans to accept the cuts. Therefore, they will, in all probability, be in opposition to the Socialists and functionaries. The general spirit among the functionaries seems to be that the correct way to regain recovery is to spend more money and increase wages, rather than to put more people out of work and cut salaries.

Do you remember receiving that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember receiving another report under May 6, 1934, part of which reads as follows, and which letter is addressed to "Gentlemen"?

The "Croix de Feu", the organization that I told you about before, is getting a great number of new recruits, and I recently attended a meeting of this organization and was quite impressed with the type of man belonging. These fellows are interested only in the salvation of France, and I feel sure that the country could not be in better hands, because they are not politicians; they are a cross section of the best people of the country from all walks of life, people who gave their "all" between 1914 and 1918 that France might be saved, and I feel sure that if a crucial test ever comes to the Republic that these men will be the bulwark upon which France will be saved.

There may be more uprisings, there may be more difficulties; but as is evidenced right now, when the emergency arises party lines and party difficulties are forgotten as far as France is concerned, and all become united in the one desire and purpose to keep this country as it is, the most democratic and the country of greatest freedom on the European Continent.

Do you remember receiving that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is a letter in which he specifically praises the Croix de Feu organization in France.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. That is the organization which Butler says he reported back that an organization in this country should be patterned after.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. You have the American Legion here, which is quite similar.

The CHAIRMAN. I do not think you ought to say that, because I dispute you in that statement. I completely dispute that statement, and I do not think you ought to make the statement. I am a legionnaire, and I take issue with that statement.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I am sorry. I did not mean anything disparaging to the Legion. I meant to praise them.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you consider the Legion a superveteran organization?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. You do not compare the Legion with the Croix de Feu as you know it, do you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know much about the Croix de Feu. I believe they saved France from the barricades.

The CHAIRMAN. Their set-up is entirely different from the Legion or any other veteran's organization over here.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. One of the purposes of that organization over there is, if necessary, to assume control of government in a crisis?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Not as I understand it.

The CHAIRMAN. In any event, the reports of his visit to Germany also embrace a report as to what he observed in reference to the governmental set-up of veterans over there.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. The governmental set-up—

The CHAIRMAN. The relationship between veterans' organizations and the governmental set-up.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Naturally, it is all involved in political and financial conditions.

The CHAIRMAN. In his report in reference to Germany it is all along negative lines.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. What do you mean?

The CHAIRMAN. As to the importance of the veteran organization in its relation to the governmental set-up.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. He criticized the Nazis very severely. He criticized the Fascists.

The CHAIRMAN. He criticized the men in there, did he not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. He criticized the set-up in Italy?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. He emphatically criticized the movement in Belgium; that is true, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not remember the Belgian part.

The CHAIRMAN. In any event, when he came to France his reports show an entire change of tenor of report and a complete praise of this particular organization.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember reading this about Holland:

I was informed that there is a Fascist party springing up in Holland under the leadership of a man named Mussait—

Do you remember that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not recall that particularly about Holland. I probably did receive that.

The CHAIRMAN. This reads further as follows:

who is an engineer by profession and who has approximately 50,000 followers at the present time, ranging in age from 18 to 25 years. It is said that this man is in close touch with Berlin and is modeling his entire program along the lines followed by Hitler in Germany. A number of people are quite alarmed because of the German influence and the probable financial support that this man is getting from Berlin. Generally speaking, trade conditions in Holland are extremely poor; the Germans have placed restrictions against the import of all foodstuffs from this country; and the large cotton mills that the Dutch have, have been closed down for a considerable length of time, mainly because of our old friend, Japanese competition in the Far East, particularly in the territories that the Dutch have as a market.

Do you remember receiving that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Those reports were given by you to Mr. Clark, were they not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I think ultimately I handed most of them over to him.

The CHAIRMAN. His going to Europe was for the purpose of making reports on specific things, and the reports were to be received by Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. They were to be received by Mr. Clark. I carry out the investment business of Mr. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN. Ultimately to be sent to Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. If I thought they were sufficiently interesting; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. What reports have you there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. This is everything I have left from his trips around the country and his trips abroad.

The CHAIRMAN. On May 6, in his report to you, the original of which you received—

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is the one I identified.

The CHAIRMAN. He says:

Everywhere in Italy, of course, the place is covered with evidences of Mussolini's bureaucracy in the form of the Fascist Storm Troops.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is true.

The CHAIRMAN. It reads further as follows:

There are several on every train, and there are numerous groups around every station. They had just opened up a new tunnel between Florence and Bologna, said to be one of the longest in the world, and the King had gone on to Milano. Along the railroad tracks, between Florence and Bologna, stationed at each half kilometer, was a fully armed Fascist trooper. They were lined up at these intervals on both sides of the railroad tracks for the entire distance between these two cities. It costs money to maintain such bureaucracy; especially in the form of military activity such as is evidenced in Italy today.

Do you remember receiving that report?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. These reports addressed to "Gentlemen" all embrace some reference to the Fascist movement in the European countries that he visited; is that true?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. There was a great deal of discussion of political conditions.

The CHAIRMAN. The only one he waxed warm over was this organization in France?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. The Croix de Feu; yes, sir.

¶ The CHAIRMAN. Here is a straight out-and-out report on stocks and bonds over there, dated April 7, 1934. Do you remember receiving the original of that?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. There was absolutely no reference to any of the movements over there at all in that letter, was there?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No.

The CHAIRMAN. That is addressed to Mr. Robert Sterling Clark, 375 Park Avenue, New York City, N. Y., is it not? It is addressed to Mr. Clark personally?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. But these other reports are addressed to "Gentlemen", with no name. That is true, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, this is a letter which you sent to Mr. MacGuire under date of March 31, 1934, is it not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is a copy of it; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. You say [reading]:

Don't you think it would be a good play for the American Legion to get together and insist on the fullest investigation?

The first paragraph says:

Congress now appears to be engaged in trying to smother the Wirt communism charges by curtailing the proposed investigation so it will amount to nothing?

That is what you said to Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is what I said.

The CHAIRMAN. This letter states further as follows:

Don't you think it would be a good play for the American Legion to get together and insist on the fullest investigation? I think you can see the play from their standpoint, to wit: That lining up with the committee for the Nation should facilitate passage of the bonus due to inflation and discrediting the Brain Trust should also assist. Can you communicate with Doyle?

You said that, did you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes; I said that.

The CHAIRMAN. This is addressed to the man who received \$64,000 or \$65,000?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Which has not been accounted for. Now, was he not the front man for you and Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. I do not like the use of that term "front man", if you will pardon me. He was a man who did some work for me.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Clark did not disclose to anyone he was making the contribution, did he?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No; it was not advertised, and I was not trying to conceal it either.

The CHAIRMAN. You were not a member of the committee, were you?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And neither was Mr. Clark?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And it would have been concealed unless this committee had not uncovered it?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I do not agree with you that it was concealed; no, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. There is \$64,000 that has not been accounted for. Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well—

The CHAIRMAN. These letters show, do they not, that you and Clark were also interested in agitating discontent in some respects throughout the country?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. No, sir. I disagree with you.

The CHAIRMAN. Your letter of March 27 to Mr. MacGuire, copy of which you furnished the committee, shows the following:

Colonel Rand was called to testify against the Stock Exchange Building and he put in evidence a letter from Dr. Wirt, superintendent of schools of Gary, Ind., charging that members of the Brain Trust had told him they were conducting a revolution.

That is the other investigation.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. This continues:

That they were doing everything possible and would continue to do everything possible to prevent recovery and keep the country in a turmoil, that Roosevelt was the Kerensky of the revolution.

You stated that to Mr. MacGuire, did you not? "Yes" or "no."

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is a report of the substance of the charges of Dr. Wirt.

The CHAIRMAN. That is what you said in your letter to Mr. MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That is a summary of the charges.

The CHAIRMAN (reading):

That Roosevelt was the Kerensky of the revolution, that they had him in a swift current where there was no turning back, and they looked ultimately for the strong man, or Stalin, to come forward.

This further states:

This show was very well stage managed, and seems to have received good publicity and the pot is being kept boiling by provocative statement from Dr. Wirt.

You said that, did you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I said that. It is a correct report of what was going on.

The CHAIRMAN. This states further as follows [reading]:

Congress is sore and has called for investigation and there seems to be a chance the brainstormers may be put on the spot. If Rand can put this over, we can almost forgive his committee for the Nation for their monetary activities.

You said that, did you not?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You addressed that to MacGuire?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I addressed that to MacGuire; yes.

The CHAIRMAN. It was addressed "Dear Gerry."

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. When he was in Paris?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I believe that is addressed to Paris; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Did you deliver the check for \$15,000 to MacGuire in perso .?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. All this time, of course, did you know that Mr. MacGuire was on leave of absence or at least he was still receiving his salary from Grace & M. T. Murphy Co.?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. I did not know it. I assumed he was, of course.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions, gentlemen?

Mr. KRAMER. Mr. Christmas, I was going to ask you to explain what you meant by the overlapping expenses of a committee.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. That was a careless term, perhaps.

Mr. KRAMER. Tell us what you meant by it.

Mr. CHRISTMAS. They were expenses which turned up after the committee funds had been exhausted.

Mr. KRAMER. Well, now, who set aside the amount that this committee was to have, the amount of money they were to spend?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. Well, I set it aside. I wanted to confine the committee to \$30,000. I had hoped we would get other public contributions. I think the lease of the office was left to run on a little bit too long and when it came to winding up the affairs there were some outstanding items which had been cleared up and I felt it was incumbent upon me to supply the funds for it.

Mr. KRAMER. How much did you supply in connection with those overlapping expenses?

Mr. CHRISTMAS. It was either \$2,600 or \$3,600. There is \$2,685.86 which I can definitely identify. There is another check for \$1,000 I cannot recollect the purpose of. I think it probably was for the same thing, although I am not sure.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions?

(Witness excused.)

**THE CHAIRMAN. THE AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE "COMMITTEE ON SOUND CURRENCY AND SOUND DOLLAR" AND ALSO THE SEVERAL LETTERS SUBMITTED BY MR. MACGUIRE FROM ABROAD WILL BE PRINTED AT THE END OF ALL ORAL TESTIMONY GIVEN TODAY (SEE PAGE 261).**

**THE CHAIRMAN. THE COMMITTEE AT THIS TIME MAKES PUBLIC CERTAIN EVIDENCE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN NEW YORK CITY ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP "WASHINGTON" ON NOVEMBER 15, 1934.**

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1934

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,

*On Board S. S. "Washington", Pier 60, New York City, N. Y.*

The subcommittee met at 11 o'clock a. m., Hon. Samuel Dickstein presiding.

**TESTIMONY OF HENRY MILLER**

(The witness was duly sworn by Mr. Dickstein.)

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You were served with a subpoena?

Mr. MILLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Let it appear at the outset of the record that this examination is conducted with the consent of the captain of the S. S. *Washington* and the officials of the boat, and that this witness has been subpoenaed.

Mr. MILLER, where were you born?

Mr. MILLER. In Germany; British parents.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. British parents?

Mr. MILLER. British parents; served in the British Army during the war.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. You are an alien, so far as America is concerned.

Mr. MILLER. I am a citizen, American citizen.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. American citizen?

Mr. MILLER. Absolutely.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. In what way? Naturalized citizen?

Mr. MILLER. Yes, sir. I have to be or I could not hold this job which I have.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Have you not got men on this boat who are aliens, in the stewards' department?

Mr. MILLER. That I do not know. The men who serve in my department are all citizens.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. What department are you in?

Mr. MILLER. Storekeeper.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. How many have you got in there?

Mr. MILLER. Eight men.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. They are all citizens of the United States?

Mr. MILLER. They are all citizens of the United States.

Mr. DICKSTEIN. Then you ought to cooperate, if you can, with this committee. How many aliens have you got in the stewards' department?

Mr. MILLER. I am sorry, I could not tell you that because I am not interested in it.