

This reference contains as an enclosure, a copy of the 9-25-43 issue of "The Nation" which contained an article headed "XXX and the FBI", by J. F. Stone, also a memo dated 10-13-43 which summarized and commented upon the above article which quoted a letter dated 8-26-43 of criticism of a prior article in the "Nation" by Morris L. Ernst who defended the FBI. Ernst had forwarded a copy of the letter to the FBI. Ernst stated he had, for close to 10 years, kept a close eye on the FBI and had yet to hear of a single "proven case of violation of the basic civil liberties. This is close to a miracle."

Encls. as above  
100-37078-14 encl. p.4,5  
(63)  
SI 62-101916-215 p.3 (Director's  
(54) notation)

This reference is a memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 10-18-43 regarding Henry Pringle (subject of 77-14127). Mr. Nichols stated Pringle was impressed with his visit with the Director and was convinced that in regard to certain cases in which he was interested, the trouble was being caused by Civil Service and ONI. Mr. Nichols suggested that Pringle communicate with Morris Ernst who had checked on the FBI. Pringle was sending Ernst a wire that night asking that Ernst contact him when he came to Washington again.

77-14127-5 p.3  
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On 10-19-43 Morris L. Ernst was interviewed in NYC regarding Dr. Emil Lengyel (subject of 100-333470). Ernst stated he had known Lengyel about 20 years, first knowing him about the time Ernst represented Count Karolyi of Hungary during the time Charles Evans Hughes was U. S. Secretary of State. Ernst was not intimately acquainted with Lengyel but was with him a number of times at organizations and functions and characterized Lengyel as anti-Communist.

Ernst advised he understood Lengyel, out of pure patriotism, was seeking a position with OWI.

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