

This reference is a memo from Mr. TAMM to the Director dated 2-4-47 stating Drew Pearson was contacted on 2-3-47. Pearson was informed that the Attorney General had authorized an investigation made into the charges that Gen. Harry Vaughan (subject of 62-78143) of the White House staff had accepted a bribe for the use of his influence in having an indictment against Burton, James Noe, Joe Cawthorn and possibly others, dismissed. Pearson was advised the Bureau was interested in securing further facts in the case.

Pearson stated that allegedly the Morris Ernst law firm in NYC knew the facts but apparently Morris Ernst was not personally advised of them. Pearson stated he talked with Ernst about the situation but Ernst, who had always been very frank with Pearson, claimed no knowledge of the facts.

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On 1-16-58 M. G. Lowman, Executive Secretary of the Circuit Riders, a Methodist lay organization investigating communist infiltration among members of the clergy, furnished the Cincinnati Field Office with information regarding various individuals listed on two letterheads of the NAACP (subject of 61-3176). This information had recently been searched through the Circuit Riders indices. One person listed on the letterheads was Morris L. Ernst, National Legal Committee, NAACP, on whom the following information appeared:

"(1) American Fund for Public Service -- member of directors -- Appendix IX, page 384.

"(2) American League for Peace and Democracy -- member of lawyers' committee--letterhead April 6, 1939.

"(3) Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative--sponsor--pamphlet, 1938.

"(4) Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, Manhattan Chapter--patron--leaflet, undated.

"(5) Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy--member of lawyers' committee--booklet, 1938.

"(6) Milk Consumers Protective Committee--member of advisory board--letterhead, circa 1936.

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