

This reference is a memo from the Director to Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm regarding America First Committee (subject of 100-4712), dated 11-27-41 in which he stated that Mr. Russell Davenport, who was working with Albert Kahn, publisher, advised the Director that Morris Ernst was serving as counsel for Kahn who was preparing to publish a "White Paper" exposing America First. Davenport stated there was no evidence that America First received funds from Germany. There had been one case of a \$3 check having been passed by a Nazi made payable to a man connected with the main office of America First.

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Correlator's note: Serial 231 of file 100-4712 states that the above information was received in connection with an inquiry being made at the Harper Publishing Co. relative to a statement in a book being published by them that the America First Committee had been receiving money from Germany to finance its activities.

This reference is a memo for Mr. Tolson, Tamm and Ladd from the Director dated 12-17-41 in which he advised that Jerome Frank who had called at the NYC Field Office to advise he was a great booster of the FBI when there was talk about Civil Liberties, was a close friend of Morris Ernst. Ernst, of the ACLU, was also a close friend of the FBI. Mr. Foxworth of the NYC Office was advised to maintain close contact with Mr. Frank.

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On 12-23-41 a copy of a letter and enclosure received from Morris L. Ernst regarding a questionnaire relating to censorship practices in England, copy of which he enclosed, was forwarded to the Director of Censorship, Washington, D.C. for their information. Ernst was advised that the copy was being furnished Censorship.

Encl. of copies of letter & enclosure

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