

This reference is a memo from Mr. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated 3-24-42 stating he talked with Samuel J. Schur, partner of Morris Ernst. Schur called at Ernst's suggestion. Schur was going to Mexico City to round up witnesses and wondered if he should run into any trouble, if the Bureau had an office there to which he might turn for help. (Not further explained)

(Director's notation).

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Through a highly confidential source (protect identity) material in the files of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax (subject of 62-67571) was obtained. Among the material was a letter dated 3-18-42 which Virginia Foster Durr sent to Roger Baldwin of the ACLU, regretting that the ACLU Board could not support the work of the Poll Tax Committee. In the letter she asked if the ACLU intended to have a constitutional witness at the Federal Poll Tax hearing and stated she thought it would be a good time for Mr. Ernst to appear, stating it was through the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax that Mr. Plunkett and Ernst were brought together.

Through the same source there was obtained a reply to the above letter by Baldwin dated 3-19-42 in which Baldwin stated Mr. Ernst would be at the hearing.

Also the above source furnished a letter dated 3-25-42 to Durr, of the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, Alexandria, Virginia, from Evelyn Smith on stationery of the National Headquarters, Workers Defense League. The letter stated the "NY Committee" was asking Moss Plunkett, Morris Ernst and John Finerty to prepare a memorandum giving what they feel should be the legislative agenda in the court fight on the poll tax.

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This reference is a personal letter to the Director from Major Neil Vanderbilt (subject of 62-33783), NYC, dated 4-14-42 in which he stated he wished to talk to the Director and wished to have the Director call him "collect". He could be reached at his mother's house. Or if the Director wished, he could probably relay word to him through Morris Ernst.

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