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UNSUS, WAS., A. B. STEIN, MRS. WILLIAM FAULKNER-VICTIM-EXT.

RE BU TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE IN WHICH ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR,
L. B. NICHOLS REQUESTED MR. DONALD KLOPPER, RANDOM HOUSE INC., BE CON-
TACTED TO SECURE INFORMATION OF A VIOLATION WITHIN THE BUREAU'S
JURISDICTION. MR. DONALD KLOPPER, PUBLISHER, RANDOM HOUSE INC., ADVISED
THAT MR. SAX COMOINS, EDITOR AND ASSOCIATE OF WILLIAM FAULKNER RECEIVED
A LETTER FROM FAULKNER WHO RESIDES OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE EFFECT
THAT MRS. FAULKNER HAD RECEIVED FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS ALLEGEDLY FROM ONE
A.B. STEIN IN NY. THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED ON ELEVEN TWENTY
NINE FIFTY-SIX. IN THIS CALL SUBJECT SAID THAT FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
HE COULD TELL HER SOMETHING ABOUT A MISS STEIN AND HER HUSBAND.

SINCE THE FIRST CALL MRS. FAULKNER HAS RECEIVED THREE ADDITIONAL CALLS
THE LAST OF WHICH WAS RECEIVED ON ONE TWENTY-TWO INSTANT. SUBSTANCE OF
LAST THREE CALLS NOT KNOWN. MR. KLOPPER FURTHER ADVISED MISS STEIN
MENTIONED IN TELEPHONE CALL IS JEAN STEIN, TWO SUTTON PLACE SOUTH,
NYC, A PERSONAL FRIEND OF FAULKNER AND THIS FACT IS KNOWN TO MRS.
FAULKNER. MEMPHIS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BOTH MR. AND MRS. FAULKNER
FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION TO DETERMINE IF TELEPHONE CALLS COME
WITHIN JURISDICTION OF THIS BUREAU, AND WHETHER OR NOT CALLS WERE
PREPAID OR COLLECT IN ORDER THAT RECORDS OF NY TELEPHONE COMPANY BE
CHECKED. SU TEL RESULT GE-28 9-31636-1

KELLY

MEMPHIS ADVISED

JAN 31 1957
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Tolson                      DATE: January 28, 1957

FROM: L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
         WILLIAM FAULKNER - VICTIM
         EXTORTION

Donald Klopfers of Random House called. He stated that William Faulkner has written him a lengthy letter regarding an individual in New York who is making long distance calls to his wife in Oxford, Mississippi, using the names Guernsey Smith and A. B. Stein.

The essence of the calls are that for $500 the caller will furnish Mrs. Faulkner information regarding a relationship between William Faulkner and Miss Jean Stein. Klopfers stated that Jean Stein, age 22, is the daughter of Jules Stein of the Music Corporation of America; that Jean Stein is a family friend; that when Faulkner comes to New York by himself he frequently dines with Miss Stein; and that this is a fact well known to Mrs. Faulkner. Faulkner apparently is annoyed by the calls and Klopfers wondered if this was not a matter which was a violation of a federal law.

The Blackmail Section of the Extortion Act is handled by the Post Office Department when the mails are used. If, however, long distance calls are used, this is a matter handled by the Bureau and ordinarily U.S. Attorneys do not prosecute in such cases where there is just a threat to blackmail. After discussing the matter with Mr. Boardman, I told the New York Office to have an agent contact Klopfers, secure the letter, and if there are enough facts in the letter to present to the U.S. Attorney, the traditional facts are we can interview William Faulkner and then present it to a U.S. Attorney. William Faulkner is one of the foremost authors of the day. He at one time had a brother in our service.
FBI MEMO 3-30-57 1-Cy 1

DIRECTED, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK, URGENT

SUITE, 24 A. E. ST. N. "MRS. WILLIAM FAULKNER, VICTIM, EXTORTIONS. BE MY TEL. TENTH AND NINTH INSTANT. MRS. WILLIAM

FAULKNER, OXFORD, MISS., STATES FIRST TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED

FROM NY ON NOV. TWENTY-NINE LAST FROM PERSON CIVIL NAME A. E.

STEIN, STATING HE WAS NO RELATION TO JEAN STEIN, BUT HAD SOMETHING

OF INTEREST FOR MRS. FAULKNER CONCERNING MR. FAULKNER AND MISS

STEIN WHICH WOULD BE WORTH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HER. MRS.

FAULKNER TOLD CALLER SHE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ASSOCIATION HER HUSBAND

AND MISS STEIN. SECOND CALL RECEIVED ABOUT DEC. SIXTEEN, FIFTY-SIX,

AND "MRS. FAULKNER TOLD" IF STEIN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF. THIRD

CALL RECEIVED ABOUT JAN. THIRTEEN, FIFTY-SEVEN, WHEN STEIN STATED HE

WAS GOING TO FLORIDA AND WOULD COME TO OXFORD, MISS. IN FEB. TO

SEE MRS. FAULKNER. FOURTH CALL RECEIVED FROM A GUERNSEY SMITH "FH"

INQUIRING IF MRS. FAULKNER PLANNED TO ACCOMPANY HUSBAND TO VIRGINIA

IN FUTURE. NO MENTION MADE OF STEIN AND MRS. FAULKNER NOT POSITIVE

WAS THE SAME PERSON USING NAME STEIN. LAST CALL RECEIVED FOUR THIRTY

P.M., JAN. TWENTY-TWO, FIFTY-SEVEN, FROM STEIN AND "MRS. FAULKNER

REFUSED TO TALK TO STEIN. ALL CALLS PREPAID AND MADE APPROXIMATELY

END PAGE ONE

Mr. R. 9 31 636

6 7 FEB 1957
FOUR THIRTY PM EACH OCCASION, MR. FAULKNER IS OF OPINION CALLER POSSIBLY A YOUNG WRITER HE HAS OFFENDED IN SOME MANNER, AND STATES A. B. STEIN UNKNOWN TO HIM. STATES HE AND MISS JEAN STEIN ARE CLOSE FRIENDS AND HAVE MUTUAL INTERESTS IN TV, RADIO, AND LITERARY MATTERS. BOTH STATE NO THREATS MADE. USA THOMAS R. ETHRIDGE, OXFORD, MISS., STATES FROM AVAILABLE FACTS DOES NOT BELIEVE A VIOLATION OF EXTORTION STATUTE EXISTS, SINCE NO DEMAND FOR MONEY MADE AND CALLER APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO "SELL" INFO TO MRS. FAULKNER. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Mrs.

W. B. STEIN, GUERNSEY (phonetic)

SMITH;

Mrs. WILLIAM PAULKNER - VICTIM

WILLIAM PAULKNER, Oxford, Mississippi, states five telephone calls received from New York from 11/29/56 to 1/22/57, four being from individual identifying himself as A. B. STEIN and one from person identifying himself as GUERNSEY (phonetic) SMITH. STEIN advised he was no relation to Miss JEAN STEIN but had something of interest for Mrs. PAULKNER concerning Mr. PAULKNER and Miss JEAN STEIN, which would be worth $500 to her. No threats made and no demands made for money by STEIN or SMITH. All calls pre-paid and made at approximately 4:30 P.M. on each occasion. Mr. WILLIAM PAULKNER is of opinion caller possibly a young writer he has offended in some manner and states A. B. STEIN unknown to him. States he and Miss JEAN STEIN are close friends, having mutual interest in radio, television and literary matters, USA, Oxford, Mississippi, states from available facts, does not believe violation of Extortion Statute exists.

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DETAILS:

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by SA'S BON N.

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

1 - Bureau
2 - USA Oxford
3 - New York
4 - Memphis (9-818)

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FEB 25 1957

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McElreath and Robin O. Cotton:

Mrs. ESTELLE PAULKEN advised on January 29, 1957, that she had received a person to person long distance telephone call from New York on November 29, 1956 from a man who identified himself to her as A. B. STEIN. Mrs. PAULKEN advised that STEIN, after identifying himself, stated that he was no relationship to Miss JEAN STEIN of New York and that he had something of interest for her concerning her husband and Miss JEAN STEIN. She continued that STEIN had stated to her that this information would be worth $500.00 to her.

Mrs. PAULKEN advised that at this point she became angry and advised STEIN that she was not interested in this information and further that she was well acquainted with the association between her husband, Mr. WILLIAM PAULKEN, and Miss JEAN STEIN. Mrs. PAULKEN advised that STEIN at that time appeared to be surprised at her statement and at this point the conversation was terminated and STEIN hung up. She advised that her husband was out of town at this time.

Mrs. PAULKEN advised that the individual calling sounded like an educated person and possibly a young man. She stated that he definitely had a New England accent. Mrs. PAULKEN advised that she received a second call from STEIN about December 16, 1956, and that after she learned the identity of the caller, she stated that she had nothing to discuss with him, at which time she terminated the conversation and hung up. She advised that she received a third call about January 3, 1957, at which time STEIN stated that he planned to go to Florida in February of 1957 and that his plans were to stop in Oxford and discuss the matter further with her. She recalled that STEIN, at that time, stated he understood that Mrs. PAULKEN would be in New York during February and that he would have an opportunity to talk with her more in detail. She advised that she again told STEIN she was not interested in any information which he had to offer.

Mrs. PAULKEN advised she received the fourth call about January 19, 1957, from an individual identifying himself as GUERNSEY (phonetic) SMITH, at which time SMITH inquired whether or not she planned to go to Virginia with Mr. PAULKEN in the near future. Mrs. PAULKEN advised that the proposed trip of her husband had already been publicly announced. She could not determine from talking with GUERNSEY SMITH whether he was identical with the person who had previously called and furnished his name as A. B. STEIN. She did state, however, that SMITH did not refer to JEAN STEIN or to any matter previously discussed with her by STEIN.

Mrs. PAULKEN advised that she received the fifth call on January 22, 1957, at 4:30 P.M. from A. B. STEIN, at which time she refused to talk with him. Mrs. PAULKEN advised that
.requests of any sort were made at any time and that no demands were
made for any money. She advised that she gathered from all of the
conversations that the caller was attempting to "sell her" some
information. She advised that she is not acquainted with A. B.
STEIN and is not personally acquainted with Miss JEAN STEIN but
has heard her husband speak of Miss STEIN on many occasions.
Mrs. FAULKNER advised that all calls received by her were pre-
paid and were made at approximately 4:30 P. M. on each occasion.

Mr. WILLIAM FAULKNER advised on January 29, 1957, that he
is not acquainted with an A. B. STEIN or a GUERNSEY SMITH but stated
that he is a close personal friend of Miss JEAN STEIN of New York and
that he and Miss STEIN have mutual interests in television, radio,
and literary matters and that through Miss STEIN he has made many
writer contacts in New York City. He stated he is of the opinion that
the individual representing himself as A. B. STEIN is possibly a
young writer whom he has offended in some manner in the past. He
advised that he does not feel STEIN is attempting to extort money
from his wife by these anonymous calls.

advised that from the available facts he does not believe a viola-
tion of the Extortion Statute exists since no demand was made for
money and the caller was apparently attempting to "sell" information
to Mrs. FAULKNER.

Mrs. FAULKNER is described as follows, from personal observa-
tion and interview:

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from New York to Memphis 1/28/57
Teletype from Memphis to the Bureau and New York 1/30/57
Dr. S. GOLDBERG, President, University of Illinois, and an associate of Dr. J. E. LILY, received a letter from Dr. J. E. LILY, who resides at Oxford, Mississippi, to the effect that he, Dr. J. E. LILY, received four telephonic calls alleging a recent illness in New York.

The investigation was initiated on March 14, 1957, in which Assistant Special Agent T. S. was involved.

1. New York (9-2057)
2. Harpia (4-2139)
3. "U.S.F., Oxford"

D.O.T. 1-31636-5, RECEIVED 83
Mr. L.D. FLAIR, publisher, adminis- 
ter incorporated, advised on Jan- 
uary 26, 1957, that 
Mr. H. W. O'TOOLE, editor and associate of WILLIAM 
FLAIR, received a letter from "FLAIR, who 
resides in Oxford, Mississippi, to the effect that 
Mr. FLAIR had received four telephone calls, 
all of which were received on November 25, 1956. 
Both Mr. FLAIR and Mr. H. W. O'TOOLE pointed out 
that none of these calls were made by an unknown 
subject or a known subject who does not reside in 
the United States. The letters were received on 
January 26, 1957, and were enclosed with this letter.

Mr. FLAIR stated that the substance 
of the last three calls were not known to him.

Mr. H. W. O'TOOLE, who received the 
first telephone call, is 
Mr. FLAIR, editor. He is not a personal friend of 
Mr. FLAIR, but his name is known to Mr. FLAIR.

By teletype dated January 26, 1957, the 
Memphis Office was requested to interview both 
Mr. FLAIR and Mr. H. W. O'TOOLE for complete information to 
determine if the telephone calls came within the 
jurisdiction of this Bureau, and whether or not the
calls were prepaid or collect in order that the records of the New York Telephone Company be checked. By teletype dated January 20, 1957, the Kenne Office was advised that Mr. WILLIAM L. LINN, Oxford, Mississippi, stated that the first telephone call received from New York on November 26, 1956, from a person giving the name A. L. LIND, pointing out that he has no relation to G. E. LIND, but had something of interest for Mr. LIND concerning Mr. FARRAR and his FARR, which would be worth $500.00 to him. Mr. L. LINN told the caller he was familiar with the association of her husband and Mr. FARR.

According to Mr. L. LINN, the second call was received about December 1, 1956, and Mrs. F. LINN, the third call was received about December 3, 1956, when the caller stated that he was going to Florida, and would call to Oxford, Mississippi in February to see Mr. L. LINN. Mr. FARR stated further advised that the fourth call received by her was from CRIPPS, inquireing if Mrs. FARR planned to accompany her husband to Virginia in the near future. Mrs. FARR stated that the last call she received was at 11:30 p.m. on January 28, 1957, from FRANK, and Mr. FARR refused to talk to him. She stated that all the calls were prepaid, and made at approximately 11:30 p.m. on each occasion.

Both Mr. and Mrs. FARR stated that no threats were made during any of the telephone calls.

The facts of this case were presented to United States Attorney THOMAS A. LEHIGE on January 29.
1957, at Oxford, Tennessee, and he did not feel that a violation of the extortion statute existed since no demand for money was made, and the caller was apparently attempting to "sell" information to Mrs. F. [Redacted].
REFERENCE

Report of A. ROBINSON, Col. Ok., 2/16/37, Memphis, New York teletype to the area, 1/2/37.

Administrative Tag:

9 81636 -
March 12, 1927

WILLIAM PAULAND
Born: September 28, 1907
New Albany, Mississippi

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reflect the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

A confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised in March, 1917, that the Civil Rights Congress headquarters in New York City had expressed their pleasure with the work of a committee of women which included the procuring of a statement from William Faulkner, Nobel Peace winner, on behalf of Willie McGee. It is to be noted that the McGee was convicted of raping a woman in Louisiana in 1945 and sentenced to die. Numerous appeals were made, the last of which was to the United States Supreme Court in March, 1951, at which time the Full Supreme Court refused to review the case. McGee was executed on May 29, 1951.

(61-10149-1881 p8 inst WY 591)

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and it must be construed as a clearance or a non-clearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Orig. and one to state
Req rec'd: 2/25/57
W. M. Britton Jr.
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40 - 0 - 17974
Reference is made to my letter dated December 11, 1967, captioned as above which referred to the request of Mr. Richard N. Goodwin, formerly of the White House staff, for name checks of fifty-two individuals who are American Nobel Prize winners. Reference letter reported on thirty of these individuals.

Emily C. Balch was never investigated by the FBI; however, our files contain information indicating that she was a prominent Quaker pacifist. Miss Balch died on January 10, 1961, at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

No investigation has been conducted and our files reveal no pertinent information concerning Otto Stern; Willis Eugene Lamb, Jr.; or Vincent Du Vigneaud.

Applicant-type investigations have been conducted by this Bureau concerning the following individuals. The years in which the investigations were conducted are indicated in parentheses following the names.

Arthur Holly Compton (1948 and 1949)
Carl D. Anderson (1951)
Emilio Segre (1953)
Dr. Robert Hofstadter (1953-1954)
Arthur Kornberg (1954)
Andre F. Courmand (1966)
Owen Chamberlain (1958)

No derogatory information was developed as a result of these investigations and no pertinent information has been reported to this Bureau concerning these individuals since the completion of the investigations.

Attached are summary memoranda relative to:

- William Bridges
- William F. Fullerton
- Herman Joseph Miller
The Attorney General

Dr. Edwin Mattison McMillan
Severe Ochre
Linnus Carl Pauling
Herold Clayton Urey

These memoranda contain information from this Bureau's files regarding these individuals and our files reveal no additional pertinent information concerning them.

Files are being reviewed relative to the remaining four individuals and you will be furnished the results of the review upon completion.

Enclosures (14)
No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your inquiry.

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (40-0-17974)

Enc to AG memo 12-13-61 captioned "Name Check Requests" WY: fjb.
Reference is made to your request for copies of investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry concerning the captioned individual has been conducted by the FBI.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Orig. & One to USIA
Req. rec'd 4/23/56
W. L. Marshall; sig LA

NOTE: Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Reason for request President's Program for World Understanding.

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