

-2- The Attorney General.

He, however, does say that he enlisted at Wheeling, W.Va. in the 29 U.S.Inf. in 1898, and was discharged six months thereafter under general order number 40, and that he enlisted at that time as Louis Alvin Smith, which is his true name. His second enlistment at Fort McDowell, Cal., is not reported by the War Department, and he states that he served a term at Fort Leavenworth for larceny from the Post Exchange.

The circumstances above stated, lead us to believe that in order that we may not jeopardize the testimony of Smith at the trial of the above named case, steps should be taken to restore Smith to citizenship which he has seemingly forfeited under sections 1998 and 1996 R.S., and also by the imprisonment referred to in the memorandum.

Will your office therefore kindly take steps to have Smith pardoned, and this as promptly as the circumstances will permit.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney,

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About 9:40 A.M. Friday March 23rd 1917 Miss F. had the following conversation on the phone with a woman:

"Is this the office of the United States Attorney - the office of John W. Preston?"

Yes.

I have some information I want to give Mr. Preston's office - some very secret information.

Who is this speaking?

Well I can't give my name, but I want to let Mr. Preston know that they are going to blow up the Civic Center and also that a large number of Germans are going to take possession of Fort Scott."

I then called Mr. Halliday to take the message thinking she would give him more information than she would a woman, and when he took the phone, she had hung up.

Miss F

Transmit a copy of
this Capt. Miller -

*
Officer in command

FJ Scott

WESTERN UNION



NIGHT LETTER

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVER'S No.	TIME FILED	CHECK
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SEND the following Night Letter, subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Francisco, Cal., March 15, 1917.

Attorney General,

Washington.

Lectured thirteenth instant. No rank subord gunner available yet
versus malnutrition. Have phenomenalize under encolester stoker and
will suggest compensation should effort be made greater. Would be
glad receive information referred to. Prospect for more gunner looks
better.

Perron, United States Attorney.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS: UNION
GOVT. REC.

March 23rd 1917.

Capt. William Wirt Gilmer,
12th Naval District,
San Francisco.

Officer in Charge
Fort Scott, Presidio of San Francisco.

Sir:

For your information, I am sending you the following conversation one of my clerks had over the phone this morning at 9:40 with a woman:

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I have some information I want to give Mr. Preston's office - some very secret information.

Who is this speaking?

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Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

March 24th 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,
Special Agent Dept. of Justice,
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following is a copy of an anonymous letter received by me this morning, and is sent to you for proper attention:

"San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 23/17

Mr. Preston

Dear Sir:-

I think an investigation of two "stores" on 16th St. bet. Dolores and Guerrero (north side) opposite a dancing academy - would probably enlighten you. They are on either side of a second hand crockery shop. One number is 3228 and the other is 3234. Strange conditions for business exist; for instance shades drawn down, a large American Flag draped across the inner part of the show window, a "To Let" sign on the window a lot of nails, screws, hinges, etc strewn on the floor of the show window and an "Auto Repair" sign on a board prominently displayed.

Similar conditions exist in the window of the other store and also include a lot of photographs.

No sign of life at either store but a motor cycle (green) and a lively young motor man wearing a green cap. The motor has a green receptacle on the side.

The letters M.K. are painted on the window of one store.

All in all it is a very mysterious combination.

Sincerely

An American."

Respectfully,

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March 19, 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,

Special Investigator, Dept. of Justice,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following letter has been received at this office:

"San Francisco, Mar. 17, 1917.

Hon. John W. Preston,
Dear Sir:

In my note signed a "Loyal American, I forgot to mention in it that there is or was two months ago, a German maid employed at the "Town & Country Club". Among the members and visitors are a great many wives of Army and Naval officers.

A Loyal American."

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

J.

Copy of letter mailed Capt. Wirt W. Gilmer.

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WAGT/mc

Room 417, Sheldon Bldg.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

TWELFTH NAVAL DISTRICT,
San Francisco, California.
February 20, 1917

Must
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From: Commandant.
To: U.S. District Attorney

SUBJECT:- Naval District Information Service.

Inclosure:-1. (Mimeograph Copy of Subjects).

1. Requested that all information on subjects enumerated in inclosure that can be obtained by persons under the control of your Department be forwarded to this office as early as possible.

Glenie Parkot,

By direction of the Commandant.

6. The mission of the war information service in a naval defense district is as follows:-

(A) The collection and compilation of prompt, reliable and accurate information concerning the following:-

(1) Approach, arrival, movements, and position of enemy naval forces.

(2) Approach, arrival, loading, and departure of neutral shipping, whose cargoes may contain contraband of war or articles belonging to the enemy or destined directly or indirectly to the enemy, his citizens or subjects.

(3) The approach, arrival, and departure of all United States merchant vessels.

(4) The identity, nationality, and activities of officers, crews, and passengers of merchant vessels, whether neutral or United States, arriving in any port within the limits of the Naval District.

(5) The presence, identity, and activities of enemy agents, citizens, or subjects.

(6) The conduct, progress, and events of the war, information bearing on the enemy, his government, policy, forces and their composition, his subjects or citizens, commerce, finances, and general activities.

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Bethune San Francisco
Mar. 17/17

Hon. John W. Pershing -

Dear Sir -

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a German brand em-

March 2nd 1917

Mr. Ed Holman,
Fortuna, Cal.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 26th 1917, relative to German spy, for which I thank you. I have referred the matter to the proper bureau for investigation.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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March 3rd 1917.

Mr. Don S. Rathbun,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed find letter from Mr. J. M.
Fernald containing information re alleged
German spy. Kindly give the matter such
attention as you may deem proper.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney

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HF

Capt. Wm. W. Gilmer,
12th Naval District, San Francisco
-and-

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,
Bureau of Investigation, Dept. Justice
San Francisco.

Sir:

March 7th 1917.

The following is a copy of a letter just received from the British Consul General which speaks for itself:

British Consulate-General
San Francisco, March 6/1917

Dear Mr. Preston:

An elderly man, who says he is a tailor living in Seattle, but passing through San Francisco just now, came in to see me this morning and told me that last night he was in Broadway, Oakland, close to the Southern Pacific Creek Ferry about 9 P.M., and that he heard three men talking German and English, and that one of them said, "There was a four-masted sailing ship (possibly British) going shortly to Australia and that they must put two bombs on board of her, to blow her up."

He describes two of the men as sea-faring people, medium sized, strongly built men of German appearance. The other man was tall, a well built, good looking man, well dressed, with a very heavy mustache.

The third man he saw this morning on board the Creek Ferry boat, about seven o'clock this morning coming across to San Francisco.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. Carnegie Rose.

Hon. John Preston,

District Attorney,

San Francisco, Cal.

P.S. I am told that room #911 of the Mutual Bank Bldg., Market & Geary is occupied by a German named Emil Fischer, and this room is a rendezvous for Germans, other persons besides himself carrying the key of the office.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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March 3rd 1917.

Mrs. J. M. Fernald,
2055 Green St.,
San Francisco.

Madam:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the first instant containing information re German and Japanese esp. 947 Bush St., this city. The matter has been referred to the Bureau of Investigation for attention. I thank you for the information.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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Subject U. S.

408 Oakland Ave.

Oakland, California

War Department Feb. 28, 1917.

Harbor Plans for Oakland,
Oakland, California.

Rec'd. Feb. 28
Referred to Mr. Preston
Ans'd.

Hon. U. S. District Attorney,
San Francisco, California

Hon. Sir:

The plans of Lieut. Col. Thos. H. Rees U.S.C.
for Oakland's Western water front, were
published and off'd by the Chamber of
Commerce of Oakland in June 1913.

Since that date the Key Route R.R. have
placed every possible obstacle in the way
to block the Rees plans, and have spent
over a quarter of a million dollars rock
filling their piers.

The Rees Plans call for the removal of
the Key Route Pier, and I would greatly
appreciate your courtesy if you would inform
me how to proceed under the Sherman Law
to compel the Key Route to obey!

Yours, Sir, Respectfully yours Joel A. Hayes.

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March 5th 1917.

Lieut. Tarbox

12th Naval District,

Customs House

San Francisco.

Sir:

The following is a copy of an anonymous letter received at this office on the third instant:

Dear Sir:

Julius Mainzner a citizen of Germany, should be looked after. He has been here for five years and has had no visible means of support. He is in the employ of his government. Look after him. He is a spy. He usually is found at Alta Vista Wine Palace on O'Farrell nr Powell.

Truly

A citizen.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

Copy sent to Capt. Wm. W. Gilmer,
12th Naval District
San Francisco

March 5th 1917.

Don G. Mathews, Esq.,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following is a copy of a letter received at this office from one Walter C. Brower, Spokane, Wash. which I am sending you for proper attention:

Walter C. Brower, President

Wm. C. Halliday, Secretary

C. A. Mendy Vice President

THE HOME BUILDER MINING AND DEVELOPMENT CO.

Main office:

Suite 1329 Old National Bank
Building, Spokane
P.O. Box 2048

Mine at Brower
In the famous Coeur d'Alene
Mountains, Idaho.

Spokane, Wash. March 1st 1917

John W. Pfeifer,
U. S. Attorney
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The condition of relations between the U. S. and Germany, and the Mexican-Jap. story in this morning's paper prompt me to send you the following warning, which I deem an imperative duty I owe to President Wilson and the Government, and as a patriotic duty.

There is a German, a member of a noble family, closely connected with the Germans of San Francisco; a graduate of Heidelberg University, highly educated, and a skilled chemist, especially in high explosives. His name is Robert Grauer, 1437 Haight St., San Francisco, Cal. He has made his home for some years in Oakland, and the above is the address where he gets his mail. I do not know if it is an office or residence.

This man Grauer has done chemiceat work for me and I am well acquainted with him. His personal character is very vicious and last summer, when I was in San Francisco, naturally he talked of the war to me. He stated that if the

U. S. and Germany went to war it would be the end of the U. S. He further stated that with a new, and very high explosive he had the formaly of the public works, Mint and Sub-Treasury and military works of the harbor could all be easily destroyed by a few patriotic Germans in an hour's time, and that there were plenty of these Germans willing to give up life to help the Kaiser if the time should come to do it. He further indicated that similar work of destruction was sure to occur in other important centers, etc.

I had expressed my hope that Germany and the U. S. would not go to war, but had inadvertently added that "If they did it would be sure to cause Germany loss of the war".

I had forgotten this talk until the Mexican and Jap. news of this A. M.

I know Grauer to be very vicious in his secret mind. He cannot be trusted in any way, but he is also highly educated a wonderful talker and writer, on chemical subjects, and so skilled in chemistry that he must be regarded as very dangerous to San Francisco and its people, and to the U. S. Government. I do not know whether he is naturalized or not, whatever else he does - he leads a dual life.

He has recently become connected with a man named W. H. Dutcher, 508 Audrus Building, Minneapolis, Minn. who also operates into N. Y. City and San Francisco. You should also look closely after this man for he is as vicious and uncertain as Grauer, and might be used as a tool by Grauer. Also the two men are connected with a mine speculation in California, and this opens a way for Grauer to purchase explosives "innocently".

To the above I will add that you better secure a special chemical and engineer expert and have the foundations of the Mint - carefully inspected from day to day, and you should immediately take steps to guard against intrigues of this kind doubly.

Remember that Grauer is a polished gentleman outwardly and possessed of most dangerous knowledge and skill that can be easily used as he indicated. I hope he was merely jesting but I felt this to be so serious that I deemed it a duty to write fully to you in confidence.

Yours truly,

Walter C. Brower

Refer to Mr. U. S. Senator Turner
Spokane.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

The Home Builder Mining and Development Co.

MAIN OFFICE:
SUITE 1329 OLD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
SPOKANE
P. O. BOX 2048

MINE AT BROWER
IN THE FAMOUS COEUR D'ALENE MOUNTAINS
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Rec'd. 3. 5

Referred to Mr.

Ans'd.

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SPOKANE, WASH.

March 1st

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With thanks

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Copy & send one Rabbits

On Capt. Help

John W. Proctor
W. S. Attorney
San Francisco, Cal.

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Yours truly
Walter C. Brower

Refer to Ex. W. S. Senator Penruess
Spokane.

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March 5th 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,
Special Agent Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed find an anonymous
letter re German spy for such attention
as you may deem proper.

Respectfully,

*United States Attorney.

March 7th 1917.

A. Carnegie Ross, Esq.,
British Consul General,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
the sixth instant relative to alleged
German spies, and I thank you for the
information.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

b. pmw
March 12th 1917.

Mrs. Julia E. Barclay,
1521 Sutter St.,
San Francisco.

Dear Madam;

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter containing information relative to Mr. Heinrick Jesse and I thank you very much for your kindness in writing me. I am having the matter investigated by the agent in charge of our Bureau of Investigation.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

March 12th 1917.

Mr. Don S. Rathbun,
Special Agent Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed find letter from Mrs.
Julia B. Barclay of 1521 Sutter Street, San Francisco,
containing information re alleged German spy. Kindly
give the matter such information as you may see fit.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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San Francisco, March 10, 1917

To the United States Attorney,
Mr. Preston,

I think it my duty to call your attention to the fact that former Vice Consul von Schack was reported, by a trustworthy person, about a fortnight ago to have been seen in an automobile bearing the insignia of the United States Army, and thus probably belonging to the Presidio.

This information may be useful to you in connection with the reports published recently in the newspapers about German activities in San Francisco.

Not desiring to be mixed in this affair, I beg you to excuse me for not giving my name.

See 5 copy
to
Rathbun
and Hilmer
Capt

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1485 Lelay St.
San Francisco March 14, 1917

Rec'd. 3-15
Referred to Mr.
Ans'd.

Mr. J. W. Presto
U. S. Attorney
City.
Dear Sir:

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Send copy
to Palgrave
Capt. Helm

Not knowing to whom I should write, I am taking the liberty of asking you to transmit this to the proper office for investigation.

I am employed as a cigar maker by E. Losinsky & Co Sansome and Pacific Sts. A man working alongside of me has been working in Vancouver for the past five months. His name is Henkel or Temple. He is such a rabid pro-German

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that I accused him of being
driven out of Canada which
he did not deny, he claims
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his father is a postmaster in
Nevada somewhere, he claims
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would prompt him to do any
thing for her owing to the fact
that there are so many socialists
in the German Reichstag.

My suspicions of him were
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though he borrowed money
from the Union to come down
here and is paying it off at the
rate of 10% of his wages, he had
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who is accustomed to money

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is not in the habit of flashing it.

If course he may just be a blatherskite, but it sure does make an American feel sore to work in a shop where Germans and Mexicans predominate and have a man use insulting remarks about your own nation and president and see those Mexicans and other Germans laugh. There are about fifty people employed there and only about four Americans.

You probably have the machinery to investigate this man, and if I can be of any assistance will be at your service. Were it not for such a wide discrepancy in our ages, I

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You might inquire of the author-
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Trusting you will not consider
me a crank!

Yours truly
W. Goldsmith

P.S. as to ^{my} character I refer you
to G E Hayden and J B Holodan

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Copy to
Rathbone Capt. Fleet San Francisco
Rec'd Mar. 13th
Releas'd to Mr. P. Mar. 13th
Ans'd March 15th 1947 17

Dr. John W. Paxton

Dear Sir -

A German named
Hagedorn - Lieutenant
on the U.S. Auxiliary Mars-
& formerly on the U.S. auxiliary
Salmon - left his ship
a year ago ostensibly

1605
March 15, 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,

Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of the following letter:

"1435 Clay St.,
San Francisco March 14, 1917.

Mr. J. W. Preston,
U. S. Attorney,
City.

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Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

J.

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March 15, 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,

Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,

San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following letter was today received at my office:

"San Francisco, Mar. 13, 1917.

Hon. John W. Preston,
Dear Sir:

A German named Hagedorn - Lieutenant on the U. S. Auxiliary Mars and formerly on the U. S. Saturn, left his ship a year ago ostensibly for his health and located in a shack near Healdsburg. It is a most inaccessible place and difficult to find even when you are within a few feet of it. His actions and manner of living appear very suspicious. The signal lights lately seen near Santa Rosa have made me fear he is a German spy. He is a man very much the type of Von Brincken. For some time I have felt I should give out this information.

A Loyal American."

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

J.

Copy of this letter sent W.W.Gilmer, Capt.

*actd + Cofu to
Rathbun + Cofu Helve*

Rec'd..... 3-7 1917
Referred.....
Ans'd..... 19.....

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL

SAN FRANCISCO

March 6/1917.

Dear Mr. Preston:-

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Yours truly,

Alvaro Segundo Ross.

Hon. John Preston,

District Attorney,

San Francisco. Cal.

P.S. I am told that room #911 of the Mutual Bank Bldg., Market & Geary is occupied by a German named Emil Fischer, and this room is a rendezvous for Germans, other persons besides himself carrying the key of the office.

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March 12th 1917.

Capt. William Wirt Gilmer,
12th Naval District

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San Francisco, March 10, 1917

To the United States Attorney

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Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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March 16th 1917.

Don S. Rathbun, Esq.,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following is a copy of a letter just received at this office:

"Dear Sir:

I send you address von Paul Luyken
2200 Pacific Ave.

You watch this man better. I think this man is a very good German resp. Austrian spy.

Very truly

Feby./12 17"

L. Newmann

Respectfully,

United States Attorney

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HF

March 16th 1917.

Mr. Don S. Rathbun,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation
San Francisco.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed find an anonymous letter with newspaper clipping sent therewith, relative to the St. Patrick's Day celebration and Father York. Kindly give the matter such attention as you may deem proper.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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Dear Sir.

Rec'd. 3-15
Referred to Mr. 19

Ans'd. 17

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Rush
Capt. Helmer

I send you address von Paul Luyken
2200 Parkside Ave.

You watch this man better.

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German esp. Another spy.

Fay Hinck

L. Neumann

Sig. R. F.

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March 14, 1917.

Don S. Rathbun,
Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The following postal dated March 13, 1917 was received at this office this date:

"San Francisco, March 13, 1917.

John W. Preston:

It would do no harm to investigate a German club on Sacramento Street bet. Fillmore and Steiner as some of the members are anything but friendly to the United States. A wife of one of its members openly boasts that her husband would go to jail before he would fight for this country notwithstanding the fact that he is in business in this city. I understand a soldier from the Presidio is a frequent visitor at the club.

M.J.H."

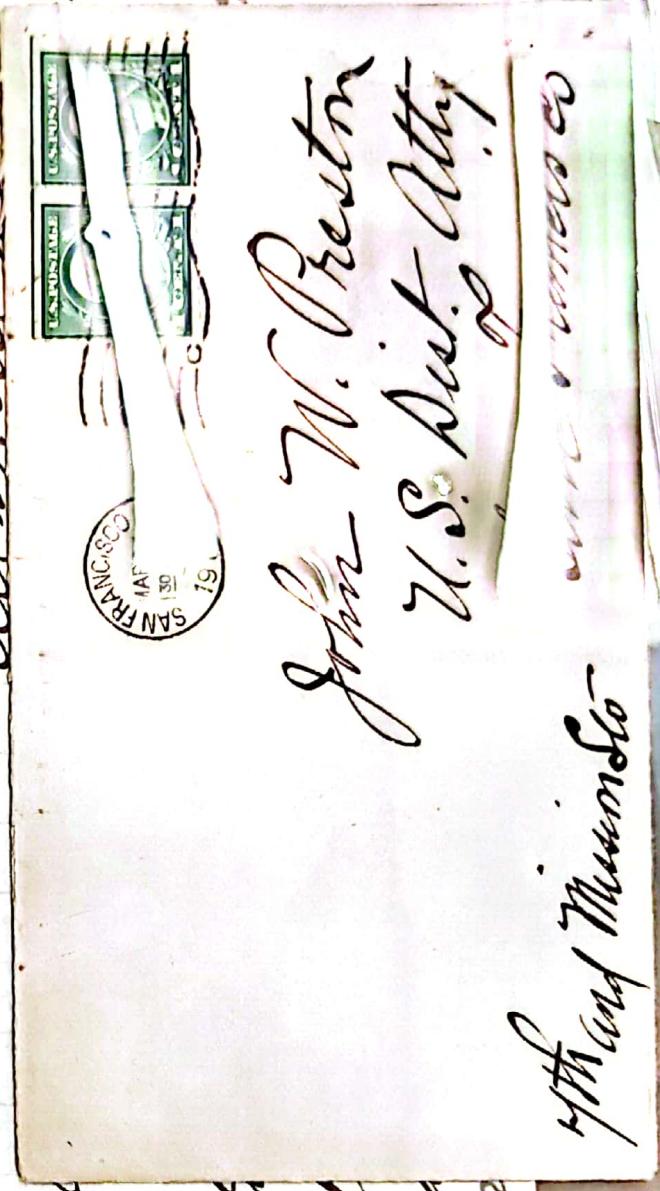
Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

JWP/P.

Copy of this letter mailed to Capt. Wm. Wirt Gilmer,
12th Naval District.

~~drawn down, a large~~ included a lot of khaki drapery
American flag draped across the window board
across the window board of store front a "military cap"
and a lively young mousty
man wearing a green cap
the man has a green
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The letters M. K. are painted
on the window of one store
All is all else is a.
Windows and
"Auto" "Art" signs
boards prominent
Similar condit
exist in the same
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drawn down, a large window a lot "open".
American flag draped across the shiny parts of the
show windows a "To let" sign on the window
a lot of nails, screws,
hinges etc. strewn over
the floor of the show
windows and
"Auto Parts" sign
very prominent.
Similar consider-
able in the window
the other stores



John M. Lester
U.S. Dist. Atty
(Young Minster) San Francisco

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American flag draped across the window part of store front (green)
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the floor of the show
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"To Let" sign
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No sign of life anywhere
and a lively young woman
was running a green cap
she makes has a green
receipt book on the sidewalk
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Dear Mr. —

Mar. 30 / 17

Rec'd Mar. 30 / 17
Referred to Mr. Abbott

Ans'd

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Mr. Palmer

Dear Dr. —

I think on under

igation of two "bars" —
on 16th St. bet. Palos and
Guerrero (with side) opposite
a dancing Academy — would
probably enlighten you.
They are on either side of
a racing hand crockery shop.
One number is 3228 and
the other is 3234. Worse
conditions for business
exist. No long shades