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Chicago, Ill., Nov 15, 1917.

Preston, US Attorney,
San Francisco, Calif.

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United States Attorney.

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San Francisco, Cal. Nov. 15-1917.

W. R. Bryon, Esq.,
Special Agent in Charge,
Department of Justice,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:-

Relative to your letter addressed to the Chief of the Bureau written at Seattle, Wash. under date of Sept. 29th, 1915, in which you state you are attaching to your letter a tracing of the name of J. B. Bowen, as same appears on the face of the manifest and bill of lading of the Schooner "Annie Larson" dated at San Diego, California, February 6, 1915. It is desired by the United States Attorney that he have the original manifest and Bill of Lading of the Schooner "Annie Larson" mentioned in your letter to the Chief written at Seattle, Sept. 29th, 1915.

No doubt the manifest and bill of lading of the Schooner "Annie Larson" is on file at the Seattle office, therefore, it is requested that you request the Agent in Charge of Seattle Office to forward the manifest

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and bill of lading in question to this office.

Yours very truly,

DON S. RATHBUN

Special Agent in Charge

CC to U. S. Atty.

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San Francisco, Cal. Nov. 15, 1917.

C. L. Keep, Esq.,
Special Agent Acting in Charge,
Department Of Justice,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

On or about November 16th, 1915, H. Martinez, of San Diego, California, took up the matter of the charter money of Annie Larson after she had been seized at Hoquiam, Washington. About this time it is alleged by Martinez that he, Martinez, received a telephone call from J. C. Hizar who was alleged at that time in the office of the Panama Steamship Company, Los Angeles, and on this occasion it is alleged that J. C. Hizar requested Martinez to send all the papers in Martinez's possession relative to the charter of the "Annie Larson" to Hizar at the "Johanthan Club" Los Angeles.

According to Martinez he forwarded the papers in his possession as requested by Mr. Hizar to the Johanthan Club, and later Mr. Martinez alleges he received word from Mr. Hizar to notify the owners of the Schooner "Annie Larson"

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Olson & Mahoney, San Francisco, and told the Olson & Mahoney Co. to look to the cargo of the "Annie Larson" for their charter money. Mr. Martinez alleges that he acted in accordance with this instruction.

Due to it being probable that J. C. Hizar was in conference with others at the office of the Panama Steamship Company, Los Angeles, concerning the "Annie Larson", it is desired that an investigation be made concerning the personnel of the Panama Steamship Company, main or local office in Los Angeles.

Yours very truly,

DON S. RATHBUN

Special Agent in Charge

cc U.S. Atty.

WFW:AC

San Francisco, Cal. Nov. 15, 1917.

Dave Gershon, Esq.,

Department of Justice,

207 Federal Bldg.,

San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Please endeavor to ascertain the name of the lady stenographer employed by J. C. Hizar during January and February 1915, at the time of the "Annie Larson" transaction. If located she should be interviewed relative to her knowledge concerning the "Annie Larson" affair. Should she be unwilling to talk on the subject United States Attorney here will subpoena her before the Grand Jury.

Yours very truly,

DON S. RATHBUN

Special Agent in Charge

CC to U.S. ATTY

San Diego, November 12th 1917.

U.S. District Atty. Preston,
San Francisco, Cal.

Rec'd. *Nov 13* 1917
Referred to Mr. *Adams*
Ans'd. *Nov 14* 1917

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Amy Dudley, in which she informs me that her property taken by officers about three weeks ago, has not been returned to her. She also informs me that she has tried to see you, or your Secretary, but has been refused, and told that she could not see you at all; that you were too busy to see anyone, at any time. And the same as to your, Secretary.

I have written her, that in my opinion, you do not know about it, as you told me that you would attend to it at once. Indeed, as I left your office, you took up some papers and said "I will attend to it now."

She also writes me that every time she goes into her trunk she finds more things that they took. The last being a receipt for a burial lot, and a plat of it at San Bernardino, made about fifteen years ago.

I appreciate that your hands and your head is full all the time; but this action by the officers is so in excess of any warrant, or authority, that I am sure you cannot know that the stuff has not already been returned. If there was any possibility that the family pictures, letters, books of poems, and other things of a purely personal nature could have the remotest connection with the investigation sought, it would be different.

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ent, and she would be content. But you agreed with me that there was no sort of excuse for such wholesale looting of herpartments of such things; so I am again asking that you give your personal attention to the matter, that the things so taken, without warrent or excuse, may be returned. I am very truly yours,

Wm. L. Alden

Nov. 13th 1917.

Charles G. Olyne, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

In continuation of my letter of November 12th 1917, regarding the case against Ram Chandra et al, I beg to forward copy of a letter which I received from New York regarding the papers taken from the Safe Deposit vault of Heramba L. Gupta. If these papers were left with you by Capt. Tunney or Mr. Barnitz, would you kindly send them all on to me at your earliest convenience?

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.