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Schroeder's activities of course can be testified to by Starr-Hunt. Anything that you can do to throw light upon the matter will be very much appreciated by this office.

There is no doubt, is there, that Roedik was the German Consul at Honolulu during the crimes in question?

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

AAA/J.

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September 11, 1917.

S. G. Huber, Esq.,

United States Attorney,

Honolulu, H. I.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15 enclosing letter passed on to you by Mr. Todd relative to an investigation which he made at Hilo. Accept my thanks for same.

Will it be possible for you to have a Grand Jury subpoena issued calling for the records and papers of all kinds which Hackfeld & Company may have in their possession either at Honolulu or at Hilo, having any bearing upon the provisioning of the "Maverick" in 1915, and the arrangements therefor which must have been made with parties on this side. We have been informed in an anonymous communication that directly after the indictment in the Hindu case was returned here, Hackfeld & Company destroyed a great many papers thought to have a bearing on the matter. We are confident that Roedik was criminally involved in this scheme but are going to be a little short on definite testimony as he does not seem to have appeared personally before any witness whom we have available.

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R. A. McNally, Esq.,

City Editor, Honolulu-Star, Bulletin,

Honolulu, H.T.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 28 I regret to say that it does not seem consistent with my official duties to answer very fully the questions put by you regarding the status of George Roedik, former German Consul there. I will say, however, that Roedik was transferred to San Francisco for trial because the majority of the defendants involved in the conspiracy are resident in California and therefore it seemed expedient to the Government to try all defendants here rather than to split the conspiracy up into parts and carry on a number of trials.

The warrant of arrest was served on Roedik after his arrival at San Francisco. Just what the Government's case against Roedik and Schroeder is, it does not seem to be proper for me to state at this time. They are, of course, concerned with the visit of the "Maverick" to Hilo in 1915.

I shall appreciate any assistance which you can render the Government in securing evidence in this matter, as

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I assume from the tone of your letter that you are in sympathy with the prosecution of those who are conspiring to violate the laws of the United States.

Trusting that I have made my position in this matter clear, I am,

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

AAA/J.

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Albert Schoonover, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir: (Attention of Mr. Lawson)

I am in receipt of your letter informing me that the case of Hari Sing has been continued to September 15 at 9:30 A.M. of that day.

Mr. George Hartz of the Bureau of Investigation here will be in attendance and will identify Hari Sing and give some testimony in the case which I trust will be sufficient for the removal proceedings.

Accept my sincere thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

AAA/J.