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between them was normal and at no time did he resort to perversion.

She advised also that she knew very little about the subject's personal affairs other than that she described the church to which he belonged as a "racket", and that he, on numerous occasions, expressed this same feeling. She said that when they talked of marriage he said that as soon as possible he would sell his church and that he would discontinue his evangelist activities. She said that he had considerable money during the time that she knew him and that the church which he owned was a very profitable proposition.

She stated further that the subject's closest friend was an individual who described himself as Brother RITCHIE, who had a church in Des Moines, Iowa. She said that his attorney was GEORGE DAVIS, a personal friend of the subject, residing in San Francisco, California. She stated that DAVIS had more information concerning the subject than anyone else and was probably defending him in the present matter.

She identified a photograph of OWEN forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division from Portland, Oregon, bearing Portland No. 22115. She advised that she was unable to identify the photograph of [REDACTED] and she had never heard the subject speak of her. She stated also that to her knowledge the subject was not married, although she did hear him speak of one BEVERLY on numerous occasions. She stated that to her knowledge BEVERLY was just a friend and that she did not know her last name. She said, however, that she had never met BEVERLY.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION:

Signed statement of GENEVA KELLY.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will contact GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney at law, interview him in regard to the subject's activities and various girls with whom the subject has been associated.

THE DES MOINES FIELD DIVISION

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Copy Will locate and interview Brother RITCHIE who conducts an evangelist church in that city and endeavor to obtain from him background information concerning the subject and also attempt to obtain names of other girls with whom the subject has been associated.

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KEEN. OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN WAS, [REDACTED] WAS
VICTIM, WSTA SS. REV. J. ROSWELL FLOWER, SECRETARY, GENERAL
COUNCIL ASSEMBLY OF GOD, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, STATES OWEN
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OLIVER BRIDLEY DEEN, was;
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WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, dated April 9, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, setting forth a lead to locate and interview Brother RITCHE, associate of the subject, who was supposed to be residing at Des Moines, Iowa.

JOHN R. RITCHE, the brother Ritche referred to in referenced report, presently resides at 1185 North Marengo, Pasadena, California, and the requested interview should be conducted by the Los Angeles Field Division.

This matter is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/24/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/16/45	REPORT MADE BY J. LUTHER GLASS hmg
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was; [REDACTED] was, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rev. FLOWER, Springfield, Mo., states OWEN licensed to preach Northern California District Assembly of God from 1937 to 1938. OWEN expelled from ministry spring of 1938 after reported illicit relations with 3 girls at San Francisco, Calif. FLOWER also states OWEN was arrested at San Francisco May of 1939 for embezzlement of \$2700. R. J. THURMOND, Oakland, Calif., reported to have full details concerning subject's adulterous conduct. Mrs. H. K. BOWDOINE, mother of victim, interviewed; has hostile and uncooperative attitude. No information of value obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent William C. Miles dated 3/29/45 at Des Moines, Iowa.
Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder dated 3/16/45 at Portland, Oregon.

Teletype from Des Moines to Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle dated 4/10/45.
Teletype from Kansas City to San Francisco dated 4/16/45.

DETAILS: At Springfield, Missouri:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RONALD E. SHERK on April 16, 1945:

Rev. J. ROSWELL FLOWER, Secretary, General Counsel, Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, upon being interviewed stated that subject OWEN was licensed to preach by the Northern California District of that religious sect for a short time about 1937 - 1938. He stated that OWEN

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Rev. FLOWER further advised that OWEN was arrested at San Francisco, California, during May of 1939 charged with grand theft concerning the embezzlement of \$2700 from a person by the name of Mrs. ANNA SIREN JOHANSEN. Rev. FLOWER stated he did not have the details concerning the above but full details and the original affidavits of the three girls concerning the adulterous conduct of subject can be obtained from R. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, 553 Eldorado Avenue, Oakland, California.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at Mercer, Missouri:

The writer on April 16, 1945, attempted to interview Mrs. H. K. [REDACTED], mother of victim, who resides on the main highway three miles north of Mercer, [REDACTED] on the road to Lineville, Iowa, and whose post office is Lineville, Iowa.

Mrs. BOWDOINE exhibited a hostile and completely uncooperative attitude toward the writer inasmuch as she would not permit the writer to come into her home for an interview but talked to him briefly through a half open door, stating that she did not believe a word of the report about her daughter and the subject of this case, stating that she had known subject for six or seven years; that he was a minister, could not be guilty of any such thing and that her daughter had told her over long distance telephone that there was no truth in it and that she believed her daughter. She denied receiving a letter from the subject enclosing a check for \$50 for victim's transportation to the state of Oregon. She admitted receiving long distance telephone calls from both subject and victim but stated there was no truth about the story of her daughter and the subject and would give no further information.

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Oakland, California:

Will interview R. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, who lives at 553 Eldorado Avenue for any information he may have concerning the adulterous conduct of subject during 1937 to three girls who are supposed to have filed affidavits setting forth this information.

At San Francisco, California:

Will report the criminal record of subject, if any, bearing in mind that he may have been convicted in San Francisco during 1939 for embezzlement of \$2700 from Mrs. ANNA SIREN JOHANSEN.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 5/8/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/12, 14, 24; 5/2/45	REPORT MADE BY JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT cvb
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with alias, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject conducted Evangelistic meetings under auspices of JOHN RITCHIE in 1940 and 1941. Subject was not an employee of RITCHIE or Church of the Open Bible.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. COLLIER, Portland, dated March 16, 1945.
Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, Los Angeles, dated April 9, 1945.
Des Moines teletype dated April 10, 1945.
Des Moines letter dated April 18, 1945.

DETAILS:

Mr. JOHN R. RITCHIE advised that he organized and promoted the Church of the Open Bible. He has been an Evangelist for a period of approximately twenty-five years. He stated until recently he acted as field director for the Church of the Open Bible. He stated that in the summer of 1940 he met the Subject at Mirror Lake, Washington, at a summer camp where various Evangelists assembled for meetings. He stated at that time he was associated with the Church of the Open Bible and that OWEN was looking for various places to conduct meetings. RITCHIE stated that he had a number of contacts in this particular type of work and that he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings in Seattle, Washington; Tacoma, Washington; Denver, Colorado, and Des Moines, Iowa. He advised, however, that the Subject was not an employee of his nor was he an employee of the Church of the Open Bible. He stated that at the time he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings, he had been advised that the Subject had lost his standing as an Evangelist because of immoral conduct. He stated that Subject had formerly been associated with the

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Assemblies of God and it was his understanding that he had been ordained by this organization. Mr. MITCHIE said that he had never learned the details of the difficulty that the Subject had been in, but it was his understanding that he had been "framed". Mr. MITCHIE stated that from Mirror Lake in the summer of 1940 he arranged for the Subject to conduct meetings in Seattle for a period of approximately three weeks; from Seattle he went to Tacoma where he conducted meetings for a period of approximately two weeks; from Tacoma to Denver for two weeks; from Denver to Des Moines for one week. He advised that he did not again see Subject until the summer of 1941 when he again went to Mirror Lake in Washington, where he conducted meetings that summer. As well as Mr. MITCHIE could recall, the Subject again went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he conducted meetings for several weeks. He stated that during the period he knew Subject, he had never associated with him socially and all of his contacts pertained to business. He stated, however, that Subject was accompanied by his wife whom he had met on several occasions and he believed that Subject had a small child who also accompanied them on various trips.

Mr. MITCHIE stated that for additional information concerning the Subject and his activities during the pertinent period, it would be advisable to contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle Church of the Assembly of God at San Francisco, California. He stated he had not seen Subject nor had he heard from him for approximately four years and he was unable to state whether or not the Subject was ordained by any Evangelistic organization during the period that he conducted meetings under his auspices.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, will contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Church of the Assembly of God, to determine whether or not the Subject was ordained as a minister during the summer of 1940 or 1941.

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FILE NO. **31-854**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 5-10-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-11, 12, 23-45	REPORT MADE BY SAMUEL B. MURPHY
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with aliases, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Rev. J. A. BOGUE, Secretary, Northwest District, Council, Assemblies of God, made available letter to subject from Assemblies of God. BOGUE furnished a copy of affidavit sworn to by Mrs. [REDACTED] stating she had [REDACTED] with subject at Edison Hotel, San Francisco, in 1937, and affidavit executed 12-20-37, by Mrs. [REDACTED] relative to admissions made by one [REDACTED] to the effect that subject had [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] at Edison Hotel, San Francisco, in December, 1937, during the time subject was conducting religious meetings there. OWEN licensed by Assemblies of God, Northern California District, as minister in 1937, but after above trouble license cancelled. He was with the Church for six months but has not been connected officially with this Church since. After license revoked in California, subject came to Washington under auspices of Reverend OPLIER, Bethel Temple, Seattle. Assemblies of God prepared circular to their ministers dated 10-10-40, advising of activities of subject, pertinent parts of which set forth.

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The following are the charges which are being preferred against you and which you will be asked to answer at your trial;

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Carbon copy of a letter from the Assemblies of God to subject.
Mimeographed circular prepared by the Assemblies of God for distribution to ministers concerning the subject.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

Will at the Northern California headquarters of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco, see one of the following:

Reverend THURMON
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for the complete file on the subject in possession of this Church, in regard to his activities.

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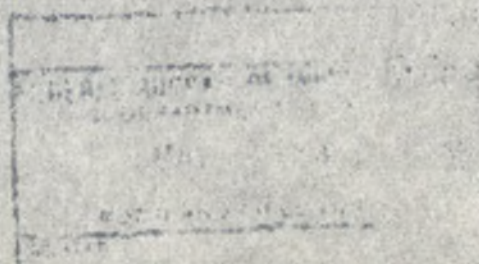
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Reverend GORTNER
Reverend L. R. KEY

for the complete file on the subject in possession of this Church, in regard to his activities.



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Portland
May 12, 1945

MEMO, SAC

Re: JERRY OWENS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

At 9:15 P.M. on this date Mr. and Mrs. HECTOR W. MACAFFREE, King Albert Apartments, S.W. 11th and Montgomery, no telephone, called in person at the office and advised that they were the ones who had turned in the original complaint against JERRY OWENS.

They asked to talk to the Agent whom they had originally talked to when making the complaint, and said that they had been assured at that time that no action would be taken against one WENDELL WALLER, 1089 Westwood Drive, AT 4721, as he was not involved in the matter. They said that FBI Agents had talked to WALLER this afternoon, questioning him considerably, and that he was pretty much upset. They had called at the office to ask that no action be taken against WALLER, saying that he would willingly testify at the subject's trial. Mrs. MACAFFREE said that she was formerly married to WALLER and that she and her present husband are still quite friendly with WALLER. When asked how they knew Agents had talked to WALLER this afternoon, they said that WALLER had so told them over the telephone.

Both Mr. and Mrs. MACAFFREE were quite intoxicated, and it was impossible to find out just how or why they thought WALLER was or was not involved.

CARROLL JOHNSON
Special Agent

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REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 5-25-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/24-25-26-28-30, 5/1-4-10-12-14, 1945	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM E. GELDER lg
TITLE CHANGED OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases, Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] with aliases, [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] with alias, [REDACTED] - Victim			
<p>Synopsis of Facts: Subject's and Reath's trial for disorderly conduct will probably be set during last part of May, 1945. Reath reinterviewed but still uncooperative. Subject advised he was married at Los Angeles, California, September 30, 1937. FBI Identification Division has no previous criminal record regarding Subject or [REDACTED].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent DANIEL R. MURPHY, Seattle, Washington, May 18, 1945. Report of Special Agent JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT, Los Angeles, California, May 8, 1945. Report of Special Agent J. LUTHER CLARK, Kansas City, Missouri, April 24, 1945. Letter from SAC Los Angeles to SAC Des Moines, (carbon copy to Portland) April 18, 1945. Teletype from SAC Kansas City to SAC San Francisco (carbon copy to Portland) April 18, 1945. Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT, Los Angeles, California, April 9, 1945. Teletype from SAC Des Moines to SACs Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle April 10, 1945. Teletype from SAC San Francisco to SAC Des Moines (carbon copy to Portland) April 6, 1945. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon, April 16, 1945.</p>			
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Details: The title of this case is marked changed to reflect the additional aliases of the subject as being OLIVER JERRY OWEN and to add the name and alias of another victim, [REDACTED], with alias, [REDACTED]

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

A review of Criminal Docket Numbers 25332 and 25333 at the County Clerk's Office at the Multnomah County Court House reflected that the subject and Victim NORTH were both convicted of disorderly conduct and sentenced to thirty days in jail and fined \$50. on February 17, 1945, and that both of them were presently at liberty on a \$250. bond each and that the appeal was allowed and further proceedings were stayed.

The following persons were contacted in an effort to locate Victim [REDACTED]

FRED MEYER Drug Warehouse, 1709 S. E. Third Avenue;
WILLIAM DICKMAN, Iron Building;
Mrs. WHITE, 138 S. E. 8th Avenue, (Ballington Club)

MAURIE WARD, Assistant Manager, Bellevue Hotel, 216 W. W. Yamhill, after viewing photographs of Subject and Victim [REDACTED], advised that Victim [REDACTED] lived at the hotel for about two weeks while she was employed at the Roosevelt Hotel in Portland, Oregon. WARD advised that during this time Victim [REDACTED] did not use the name of [REDACTED] and further that the subject and victim were not seen together. Mrs. WARD advised she had no knowledge of any immoral relations between the two.

CHARLES A. LAYMAN, Docket Clerk, Multnomah County Court House, advised that the City's case against the subject and Victim [REDACTED] on appeal had not yet been set relative to the disorderly conduct charge upon which they had previously been convicted.

EDGAR MARTIN, City Attorney, City Hall, advised upon interview that he was handling the appeal of the City's case against the subject and Victim [REDACTED] on the disorderly conduct charge and added that the date for the trial of the same had not yet been set but would probably be set sometime during the latter part of May, 1945.

WILLIAM DICKMAN, Room 717 Iron Building, advised that he did not know where Victim [REDACTED] is working at the present time but stated that the last address he had relative to her was 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue.

Mrs. ETHEL NOTTAL, 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue, advised upon interview that Victim [REDACTED] has stayed at her house under the name of [REDACTED] for approximately a month and after viewing a photograph of the subject stated that she had not seen the two of them together nor did she know of anything that would indicate that they were engaged in immoral relations. Mrs. NOTTAL advised, however, that the victim is associating with other men who call at the house.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES A. HUNT and the writer.

Victim [REDACTED], 1604 S. E. Thirty-Third Avenue, advised upon re-interview that she is presently employed as a chamber-maid at the Byron Hotel in Portland. [REDACTED] also denied that she and subject had engaged in any immoral relations or that subject had either sent her mother or given her mother any money for her transportation from [REDACTED], to Portland, Oregon, or that subject had furnished her with any money to proceed from Seattle, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of [REDACTED]. Victim [REDACTED] again admitted, however, that she had [REDACTED] through the services of Dr. [REDACTED] in Portland but denied that the subject had furnished her with any money [REDACTED]. Victim [REDACTED] also stated that she had been married to a man by the name of JOE FOSTER and that the marriage had been annulled. However, she refused to state the date or place of either the marriage or the annulment. Victim [REDACTED] also related that JOE FOSTER was in the room at the Gallery Hotel at the time that she and subject were arrested and that he was hiding under the bed when the police came into the room. Victim [REDACTED] stated that at the present time JOE FOSTER is in California and she has no way of locating him. Victim [REDACTED] advised in this respect that she did not know where JOE FOSTER lived when he was staying in Portland, Oregon, nor did she know anyone who would know the name so that he might verify her statements in this regard. Victim [REDACTED] further related that the subject had not promised to marry her but that it was her understanding that the subject's wife, BEVERLY, was in love with a serviceman and was going to divorce the subject and marry the serviceman after he was released from duty in the armed forces.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer.

Assistant United States Attorneys HAZEN HILLARD and VICTOR E. HARR after hearing the facts in this case advised that if the additional investigation in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, tended to verify the facts as related to Mr. and Mrs. WINNELL WALLER, they would again consider prosecution in this case.

AT BILBAULIE, OREGON

CHAS, 2016 Harrison Street, when interviewed advised he was married to his present wife, BEVERLY, on September 30, 1937, at Los Angeles, California.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. WINNELL WALLER, 1089 S. E. Westwood Drive, advised upon contact that they would cooperate with this office to the extent of testifying before the Federal Grand Jury in this matter, but added that they, of course, did not want any publicity relative to this case. Mr. and Mrs. WALLER were advised by the writer that the United States Attorney had requested that their willingness to appear before the Grand Jury be determined and that the writer could not guarantee that they would not receive any

publicity if this case came to trial.

A review of the file in this case reflects that the subject under FBI Number 4261906 was fingerprinted by the Police Department at Long Beach, California, on March 28, 1930, and charged with investigation and robbery and was released on the same date. The Identification Division of the Bureau reflects that the only criminal record relative to Victim [REDACTED] under FBI Number 4321420 is that the victim under the name of [REDACTED] was sentenced to serve thirty days and fined \$50. on a disorderly conduct charge by the Portland Police Department on February 17, 1943.

A further review of the file reflects a copy of a teletype from the San Francisco Field Division dated April 6, 1945, that sets out in substance that a review of the subject's Selective Service file at Local Draft Board No. 95 in San Francisco reflects that Subject in Selective Service Questionnaire dated November 20, 1940, stated he was employed by Reverend JOHN H. RICKBY, Superintendent of the Open Bible Standard Churches, Incorporated, 410 Franklin Street, Des Moines, Iowa, as an Evangelist. This teletype also sets out that the United States Attorney at San Francisco, California, after hearing the facts in this case, indicated that he was willing to prosecute the subject on a Selective Service violation if one could be established, providing the United States Attorney at Portland declined prosecution in a White Slave Traffic Act violation.

A further review of the file reflects a conference teletype from Des Moines, Iowa, to the Kansas City, Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle Field Divisions which sets out in substance that R. BRIANT MITCHELL, Dean of Open Bible Institute, advised that the subject did not attend nor is he associated with that organization and adds that the subject appeared as an Evangelistic speaker in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the Institution but under the auspices of JOHN H. RICKBY, former Field Superintendent of the Open Bible Institute who is presently residing at 1185 North Marango, Pasadena, California. The teletype further sets out that the subject was at one time a minister in the Assemblies of God but was discharged in 1939 because of adulterous conduct occurring at San Francisco and has apparently not been ordained by any organized group since that time. This teletype requests that the Kansas City Field Division at Springfield, Missouri, and the Seattle Field Division at Seattle, Washington, should contact the headquarters of the Assemblies of God Organization and obtain full information regarding the adulterous conduct of the subject which resulted in his being discharged as a minister. This teletype also requested the Los Angeles Field Division at Pasadena, California, to contact Reverend JOHN H. RICKBY and ascertain the full facts and dates of alleged Evangelistic employment so that the United States Attorney at San Francisco will be advised relative to a Selective Service violation on the part of the subject.

A further review of the file reflects that on April 16, 1945, the Kansas City Field Division teletyped the San Francisco Field Division to the effect that Reverend J. ROBERT FLOREN, Secretary, General Council of the Assemblies of God Churches, Springfield, Missouri, stated that OGM was licensed to preach by the Northern California District of that sect for a short time in 1937 and 1938 and that he was expelled by the Presbytery of the Northern California District in the Spring of 1938 after three girls furnished affidavits

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charging GENE with having sexual intercourse with them during the time he was holding Evangelistic meetings in the Old Tidings Tabernacle at San Francisco, California, in 1937. This teletype further goes on to state that GENE did not appear for trial by the Presbytery but added that the subject was arrested in San Francisco, California in May, 1939, for grand theft concerning embezzlement of \$2,700. from Mrs. ALMA ALICE JOHNSON and that the details could be obtained from A. J. THURMOND, Secretary, Northern California District, California Assemblies of God, 553 Alameda Avenue, Oakland, California.

The Portland Field Division is in receipt of a copy of a letter from the Des Moines Field Division to the Los Angeles Field Division dated April 18, 1945, which sets out in substance that JOHN A. RICHKY, the associate of the subject, is presently residing at 1105 North Norango, Pasadena, California, and requests that he be interviewed relative to the subject's official connection with him.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

One photograph of subject.
One photograph of Victim [REDACTED].

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will verify that the subject was married to his present wife, BEVERLY, on September 30, 1937.

Will reinterview and obtain signed statement from [REDACTED], 538 South Frenont, paying particular attention to the dates and places of her immoral relations with subject on which the statute of limitations has not yet run. Will also secure any substantiating evidence of such acts she may have and advise if birth records revealed that subject is the father of her child.

Will obtain and set out [REDACTED]'s physical description.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will display photographs of subject and victim to Porter RAY MILLER and other employees of the New Washington Hotel in an effort to establish that the subject and victim engaged in immoral relations while at this hotel and then will secure any other information that would indicate that the subject was supporting victim [REDACTED].

Will display photograph of subject and interview a number of informants in houses of prostitution and determine if there is any truth in the statement that he had six or seven prostitutes, one of which was Japanese, working for him in that city.

AT KENNES, WASHINGTON

Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the Columbia Hotel and obtain what information is known at this place concerning the subject's and victim's activities.

(It is noted that at one time the subject was employed at this hotel.)

AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON

Will display subject's and victim's photograph and interview Mrs. MARRIMAS (phonetic) who lives on Broadway, one block above the Buick garage, Telephone Number 1467, relative to their activities.

Will also interview Mrs. MYERS, who lives with Mrs. MARRIMAS, relative to subject's and victim's activities.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS, Continued

At TAMPA, FLORIDA, continued

Will conduct investigation relative to subject and victim at 610 Broadway, where the victim was known as Mrs. JOE PORTER. (This address may be that of Mrs. KASHMAN.)

Will at the WINTHROP HOTEL contact and interview and display photographs of subject and victim to employees in an attempt to establish immoral relations. (It is noted that subject and victim were supposed to have occupied a room in this hotel on February 2, 1945.)

Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the CARSTENS's (Phonetic) PACKING COMPANY in an effort to determine when victim was employed there and if she had any dealings with subject in that place.

Will also obtain background information relative to the victim from this company and conduct appropriate neighborhood investigation relative to the subject's and victim's activities.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will contact GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney-at-law, and interview him in regard to the subject's activities and various girls with whom the subject has been associated.

Will report the criminal record of subject, if any, bearing in mind that he may have been convicted in San Francisco during 1939 for the extorsion of \$2,700 from Mrs. ANNE GREEK JOHNSON.

Will contact the Glad Tidings Tabernacle Church of the Assemblies of God to determine whether or not the subject was ordained as a minister during the summer of 1940 or 1941.

Will at the Northern California Headquarters of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1441 Ellis Street, see one of the following:

Reverend THURMOND
Reverend GORTNER
Reverend L. A. KERR

for the complete file relative to the subject in the possession of this church.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS. Continued

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION. Continued

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

*Will interview H. J. THURMAN, Secretary, Northern California District, Assemblies of God, who lives at 553 Alcorado Avenue, for any information he may have concerning the adulterous conduct of subject during 1957 with three girls who are supposed to have filed affidavits setting forth this information.

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

Will follow and report result of appeal of City prosecution of subject and victim BORTH on disorderly conduct charge.

Will again contact the United States Attorney's Office relative to prosecution of this case.

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FILE NO. **31-3611**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 5/23/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2,3,21,25,27, 28/45	REPORT MADE BY FURMAN G. BOGGAN gb
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., [REDACTED] was., Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A review of subject's Selective Service file maintained by Local Board 95, San Francisco, reflects that subject was classified 4-D 1/12/43 and classified 1-A 2/19/45. Draft Board file reflects that notices had been sent to subject through error on part of Board to 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, when correct address was 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. Assistant United States Attorney, San Francisco, after appraisal of facts relating to subject's Selective Service file, indicated willingness to prosecute subject on Selective Service violation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated 3/16/45 at Portland, Oregon.
Teletype from San Francisco to Des Moines dated 4/6/45.
Teletype from Des Moines to Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle dated 4/10/45.
Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated 4/9/45, at Los Angeles, California.
Teletype from Kansas City to San Francisco dated 4/16/45.
Report of Special Agent J. LUTHER GLASS dated 4/24/45 at Kansas City, Missouri.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

A review of the subject's Selective Service file main-

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tained by Local Board 95, 50 Oak Street, revealed the following information:

His Selective Service questionnaire executed November 20, 1940, shows the subject gave his full name as OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN and address as 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco. The subject stated that he had attended the University of Southern California, taking Physical Education for a period of three months. Under the heading of "Occupation," the subject stated that he was an Evangelist preaching throughout the United States and had been employed in this manner for a period of approximately three years. He stated that he was employed by the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., 410 Franklin Street, Des Moines, and that his weekly earnings amounted to approximately \$75. Under this heading, subject stated that he had founded the Gospel Center Churches in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland, California.

Under the section entitled, "Dependency," the subject stated in his questionnaire that he was married in Los Angeles on September 30, 1936, and presently resides with his wife. He stated he supports his mother, Mrs. B. F. OWENS, 1166 Hopkins Avenue, Oakland, beginning this support in June, 1938. In his questionnaire, the subject stated he is a minister of the Pentecostal denomination, having been ordained by the elders of the San Francisco Gospel Center on March 27, 1937. This questionnaire also reflected that subject was born in Ashland, Ohio, on April 16, 1913.

A further review of the subject's Selective Service file reflected that on December 10, 1942, he was ordered by Local Board 95, San Francisco, to take a physical examination through Local Board 2, Estacada, Oregon. This notice was mailed to 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, and returned unclaimed.

There also appears in the subject's file a letter addressed to Local Board 95 from Local Draft Board 2, Estacada, Oregon, dated January 14, 1943, reflecting that an order to report for physical examination had been mailed to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon. This letter requested that Local Board 95 furnish another address for the subject.

Subject's file also contained a copy of a letter dated January 11, 1945, addressed to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, stating the Board desired to have a certificate of ordination from him or certified statements from three individuals who had witnessed his ordination.

A letter dated January 26, 1945, was received by Local Draft Board 95 from W. H. OFFILER, pastor of the Bethel Temple, Second Avenue and Lenora Street, Seattle, Washington, reflecting that subject is an ordained minister. However, this letter offered no substantiating facts.

The subject was mailed a 1-A classification card on February 20, 1945, at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, said card being returned marked "No such number."

A review of the subject's file reflected that he addressed a communication to Local Draft Board 95, which was an undated communication stating that he was a minister and should be classified 4-D. It was noted on this

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communication that subject furnished a return address of 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon.

It was pointed out by reporting agent to Mr. RYAN, Chief Clerk of Local Board 95, that subject had furnished a return address of 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, in the undated communication from him written to the Board and which was retained in the subject's Selective Service file. It was pointed out to Mr. RYAN that all communications addressed to the subject by the Board had been sent to 1624 Harrison and that was the explanation for most of these communications being returned, "No such number."

It was also noted in OWEN's file that he was classified 4-D on January 12, 1943, and was later classified 1-A February 19, 1945.

The facts of the subject's classification by Local Board 95 were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH on April 28, 1945. Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH stated that there appeared to be an indication that subject may have violated the Selective Service Act and requested reporting agent to develop information regarding subject's employment.

Accordingly, the above-referenced teletype was sent to the Des Moines Office on April 6, 1945, requesting information regarding subject's employment with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

In a teletype dated April 10, 1945, addressed to the Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle Field Divisions, the Des Moines office, advised that the subject had never been associated with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc. The Des Moines Office further advised that subject had appeared as an Evangelist, and had spoken in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the Institute but had no official connection with the fellowship.

Reverend ROY SOUTHARD, 1445-11th Avenue, advised he is presently minister of the San Francisco Open Bible Church which was formerly known as the San Francisco Gospel Center. He stated that he has been serving in this capacity for a period of approximately 2 years, having served prior to that time as field representative of the Open Bible Standard Churches. Mr. SOUTHARD stated he has known OWEN for a number of years and that he is positive that OWEN has been connected in no official way with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc. It is his understanding that OWEN at one time conducted meetings at one or more of the Open Bible Standard Churches in Des Moines and was dismissed from those churches when it was disclosed that he had become entangled in some immoral acts with several female members of his former San Francisco congregation.

Reverend SOUTHARD advised that OWEN first came to his attention when OWEN was conducting meetings at the Glad Tidings Church in San Francisco in 1937. He stated that during the time OWEN was preaching at this church, he was expelled from the church as a result of affidavits furnished by three

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women who claimed that OWEN had sexual intercourse with them. According to Reverend SOUTHARD, as a result of his being expelled by the Glad Tidings Temple, he formed his own church, calling it the San Francisco Gospel Center. He advised that at the time that OWENS had founded this church, and later when he was pastor of it, the church was in no way connected with the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., and that the church did not become so affiliated until after OWEN left it in 1940.

Reverend SOUTHARD advised that Dr. THEODORE PAVALEDES, with offices located in the Flood Building, 870 Market Street, was interested in the religious work of the San Francisco Gospel Center in San Francisco and had been a member of the church from the time of its being founded. Dr. SOUTHARD stated that in his opinion Dr. PAVALEDES would be able to furnish information regarding the subject's ordination.

With regard to subject's activities, it might be a violation of the White Slave Traffic Act, and Mr. SOUTHARD stated that it was common knowledge among the associates of the subject that he had traveled with various women on his trips around the country as an Evangelist. Mr. SOUTHARD stated that he knew of one such instance where a girl whose name he could not recall had traveled with the subject as his cousin during 1940, 1941, and 1942. He stated that detailed information regarding this affair could be obtained from the clergy office of the Great Northern Railroad in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend SOUTHARD related that while traveling with this girl, the subject encountered some difficulty with the Great Northern Railway and that upon the basis of this information, the subject was refused a clergy book which would have entitled him to railroad fare at a reduced rate.

Dr. THEODORE PAVALEDES, 870 Market Street, advised that he has known OWEN for approximately 7 years. He stated that subject's father, whose name he could not recall, had been the first pastor of the San Francisco Gospel Center and had served in this capacity until the subject had been ordained in about 1938. He stated that the San Francisco Gospel Center had actually been founded by OWEN shortly after OWEN had been dismissed from the Glad Tidings Temple where he had been holding revival services. Dr. PAVALEDES stated that OWEN was not ordained when he founded the church but never preached there until he was ordained.

Reverend R. J. THURMAN, Secretary, Northern California District Assemblies of God, was interviewed by reporting agent in his office which is located at the Glad Tidings Temple, 1453 Ellis Street. Reverend THURMAN advised that the subject was expelled from the Glad Tidings Temple December 20, 1937. He stated that subject was expelled due to the fact that one ALVERTA LEUCHEOUR, 1500 Black (or Blake) Street, Berkeley, California, had stated in an affidavit that the subject had intimate relations with her after she had gone to him for religious guidance. Reverend THURMAN advised that two other women whose names he could not recall, had also furnished affidavits indicating subject had sexual intercourse with them.

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He stated that subject was called to trial before the Northern California and Nevada District Presbytery of the Assemblies of God. He stated that as a result of this trial, subject was expelled from the Assemblies of God, and, since December 20, 1937, he had not been associated in any way with either the Glad Tidings Temple or the Assemblies of God.

Lt. GEORGE T. DAVIS, Western Defense Command, Civil Affairs section, Presidio, San Francisco, advised that he was formerly a practicing attorney in the city of San Francisco. He stated that he had defended the subject in a case in which the subject had been charged with Grand Theft and alleged to have defrauded Mrs. ANNA JOHANSON of approximately \$2700. DAVIS advised that OWEN had been acquitted of this charge. He stated that in his opinion, OWEN had not been guilty of a violation of any law and that if he did obtain money from Mrs. JOHANSON, he had done it legally. He stated that during the course of the trial, he was able to become well acquainted with OWEN but that he had no knowledge of OWEN's activities with women.

Special Agent JOSEPH A. CONNORS checked the files of the San Francisco Police Department and ascertained that the subject was arrested on May 10, 1939 and charged with Grand Theft. According to the files of the San Francisco Police Department, the subject was found "not guilty," September 22, 1939, being represented by Attorney GEORGE DAVIS.

The facts of this case were again discussed with Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH who advised that since Local Draft Board 95 had erroneously forwarded correspondence to the subject at 1624 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, the subject had not violated the Selective Service Act. He stated that the subject had furnished false information in his questionnaire when he stated that he was employed by the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., of Des Moines, but that no prosecution could be had on this matter due to the fact that this information was furnished to the Board on November 20, 1940, and that the Statute of Limitations had now run.

Assistant United States Attorney JOSEPH KARESH indicated a willingness to prosecute OWEN in the event he became delinquent with his Board in the future. He stated that he was instructing Local Board 95 to immediately forward a notice of classification and a notice to report for physical examination to the subject's address at 1625 Harrison Street, Milwaukie, Oregon, and that in the event these notices were returned unclaimed, he wished to institute proceedings against the subject for violation of the Selective Service Act.

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June 11, 1945

MEMO FOR SAC:

ATTENTION: ASAC J. A. BERNARD

RE: REV. JERRY OWENS

[REDACTED], with aliases - VICTIM
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT
(31-4130)

On this date DR. J. W. LEHMAN who advises that he is a practicing Dentist, Sellwood District, 7732 S. E. 13th, Portland, Oregon (Tele La 4312), furnished information that he is one of the Board members of the church in Milwaukie, Oregon, where the subject conducts gospel services. DR. LEHMAN further stated that he had discussed the case of OWENS with Inspector Jenkins of the Portland Police Department. It appears that Inspector Jenkins furnished to DR. LEHMAN the writer's name which may have become confused with the name of J. A. BERNARD as the writer does not personally know Inspector Jenkins.

DR. LEHMAN stated that REV. OWENS has been denouncing the FBI and the Portland PD from the pulpit as being "in league with the devil" so to speak in connection with the fact that OWENS now contends that he was "framed" in the recent Mallory Hotel escapade. DR. LEHMAN has stated that he and other Board members are quite convinced that OWENS is a scoundrel of the worst order and are preparing to deal with him in no uncertain terms. DR. LEHMAN said that he would like to discuss this matter with the FBI and furnish any information possible that they may have in their possession. He has arranged to appear at the Portland Field Office with possibly one other Board member on June 12, 1945 at 1:30 pm to discuss this matter.

DR. LEHMAN understands that the case records of the FBI are not open and are of a confidential nature; however, he was urged to come to this office to discuss the matter and to furnish any information he might have.

ELVIN L. BARTON
Special Agent

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Gospel Park Board Defied in Removal

Evangelist Jerry Owen, whose police court conviction on a disorderly conduct charge is in the process of appeal to circuit court, Sunday hurled words of defiance at the trustees of We the People Crystal Lake Gospel park, asserting he is still the park's president, despite the trustees' action removing him.

Speaking from the Friendship Tabernacle pulpit, Owen said his arrest last February in a downtown hotel room was "all cut and dried." He charged too, that he was "kangarooed" in the city jail without privilege of telephoning outside.

Sign at Lake Removed

He told the congregation he had already removed the "no trespassing" sign placed at Crystal Lake park by the trustees and that he planned to remove the signboard.

Owen, college football player turned evangelist, accused the trustees of trying to grab the park property for themselves. He stated he had appointed the board in the first place and that "I am still the president of the Crystal Lake Gospel park."

The trustees removed him as president last week, charging he had violated the Scriptural requirements under which he was to have held the position for life.

Owen Fined \$50, Sentenced

Owen was fined \$50 and sentenced to 30 days in jail by Municipal Judge J. J. Quillin last February after the 31-year-old evangelist assertedly was found in a downtown hotel room with Miss Frances McCarty, 22. Miss McCarty also was fined and jailed. Both cases are on appeal to circuit court.

Referring to a paternity suit filed against him by a waitress in Los Angeles last May, Owen declared that "I don't know anybody by that name." He added that as yet no papers have been served on him in the case.

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Portland, Oregon
May 14, 1945

MEMO, SAC:

RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.,
[REDACTED], was., Victim
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

This is to advise that the writer accompanied by Special Agent ELVIN L. BARTON interviewed DR. J. W. LEHMAN, who had previously stated he had some information concerning the subject of the above-entitled case. DR. LEHMAN advised that he lives at 7732 SE. 13th Avenue in Portland and that he is a practicing Dentist in the Sellwood District of Portland.

DR. LEHMAN further stated that he is a trustee of the "We the People Incorporation", Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon, and is interested as are the other trustees of this church in securing the resignation of the subject from the above-mentioned church. DR. LEHMAN advised that OWEN is possibly stating that he has been framed by the FBI and Police Department here in Portland and that there was a third person in the room with him and the victim when they were arrested by the Police Department at the Mallory Hotel.

DR. LEHMAN could furnish no additional information relative to the activities of the subject which would be of any value in the prosecution of this case.

DR. LEHMAN stated, however, that he understands that the subject had been ordained as a minister by MORRIS G. BROCK of the Hawthorne Temple, Portland, Oregon. DR. LEHMAN stated, however, that Reverend BROCK is no longer in sympathy with the subject and added that it is his understanding that BROCK only ordained the subject for a period of one year and it is possible that this may have expired at the present time. DR. LEHMAN also was advised that no information in the files of the FBI could be furnished to him relative to this case but the original newspaper clipping setting out the subject's arrest was read to DR. LEHMAN and he was advised that at the time the subject was being tried for disorderly conduct at the municipal court by the police no reference was made to the third person in the room by the victim at the time of her arrest.

DR. LEHMAN stated that if any information came to his attention which would assist the FBI in their investigation of the subject he would immediately communicate with this office.

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Special Agent

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VICTIM WSTA.
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ORDERLY CONDUCT IN THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH AT PORTLAND. SUTEL.

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VISTIM WSTA.
JAMES WEST, PORTLAND CITY ATTORNEY ADVISES IF OWEN DEMANDS JURY TRIAL
ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT SAME WILL BE HAD IN SEPTEMBER, IF JURY TRIAL NOT
REQUESTED CASE WILL BE SET SOMETIME SOONER.

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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED] WAS, VICTIM,
 WSTA. OWEN APPEARED BEFORE LDB NINE FIVE, S.F. ON MAY TWENTY ONE,
 FORTY FIVE AT WHICH TIME HE REQUESTED DEFERMENT AS AN ORGAINED
 MINISTER, ADDXXX ADMITTED ARREST IN HOTEL IN PORTLAND FOR DISORDERLY
 CONDUCT BUT INFORMED BOARD THAT CASE WAS DISMISSED. USA, S.F. DESIRES
 COMPLETE CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF JUDICIAL STEPS SO FAR TAKEN FROM
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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, [REDACTED], WAS, VIC., WSTA.
REURTEL JUNE THIRTY LAST. COMPLAINT FILED FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST
CHARGING SUBJECT WITH VIOLATION PORTLAND CITY ORDINANCE SEVEN SIX
THREE THREE NINE, DISORDERLY CONDUCT. PLEADED NOT GUILTY MUNICIPAL
COURT, FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST. CONVICTED AND SENTENCED THIRTY
DAYS CITY JAIL, FINED THIRTY DOLLARS SAME DATE. ON FEBRUARY TWENTY
APPEALED TO CIRCUIT COURT, OREGON, FROM JUDGMENT RENDERED FEBRUARY
SEVENTEEN. APPEAL ALLOWED AND FURTHER PROCEEDINGS STAYED. SUBJECT
RELEASED ON TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR BAIL FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST.

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REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 7/7/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/9,16/45	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. MASTERS, SA FCL
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED] was., [REDACTED] - Victims			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, owners of Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Wn., identify photos of subject and victim [REDACTED], but fail to recall name used by subject at time of registration at this hotel. Victim as [REDACTED] registered at Columbia Hotel 10/8/43 and departed 11/7/43. Employed as maid 10/21/43 to 11/5/43. Mrs. McCORMICK recalls that on 2 different instances, victim took entire pay check and bought subject a wristwatch and electric razor. Victim states she had met subject in Iowa and on her departure stated she was returning to Iowa. Hotel registration cards of certain individuals who may be identical with subject who registered during pertinent period obtained to be forwarded for handwriting comparison.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, Portland, Oregon, dated 5/25/45

DETAILS:

At Kelso, Washington

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, Columbia Hotel, stated that they identified the photograph of [REDACTED], Portland #A1680, dated February 17, 1945, as being identical with [REDACTED], who registered

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at that hotel on October 8, 1943, and who departed from that place on November 7, 1943. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that ROATH under the name of [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED] had been employed as a maid at the Columbia Hotel from October 21, 1943, to November 5, 1943. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that she had become quite friendly with [REDACTED] and although [REDACTED] stated she was 16 years of age, Mrs. McCORMICK stated she did not believe she was more than 14. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that when [REDACTED] first arrived at that hotel, she came alone and sat around the lobby for several days telling Mrs. McCORMICK that she was waiting the arrival of her husband. [REDACTED] stated that her husband was a traveling salesman, but was unable to give any information as to the articles he sold or where his location was at that time. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that the individual known as OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, whose photograph has Portland #22115, dated February 17, 1945, and was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCORMICK, is identical with the individual who came to that hotel and who [REDACTED] claimed was her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. McCORMICK stated that they could not recall the name used by OWEN at the time of his registration at that hotel, but they are quite certain that at no time did this couple register as man and wife. Mr. McCORMICK stated that when OWEN arrived at the hotel, he gave no indication of recognizing [REDACTED], although [REDACTED] had told them that this individual was her husband. Mrs. McCORMICK stated that on two different occasions the victim had taken her entire pay check and had purchased a wristwatch and an electric razor for OWEN.

Mr. McCORMICK stated that the subject drove a flashy car whenever he came to the hotel, but he could not recall the make nor the license number. Mr. McCORMICK recalled that the victim stated she had met OWEN in Iowa and at the time of her departure said she was returning to Des Moines.

The McCORMICKs pointed out that while [REDACTED] stayed at the hotel and OWEN visited her, never at any time did they see OWEN in her room or McCARTY in OWEN's room, nor did McCARTY ever leave the hotel with him. McCORMICK stated that [REDACTED] would meet OWEN on a street corner. According to their recollection, OWEN called at the hotel practically every weekend and during the week. He also recalled that he went by the name of JERRY and believed that he used a very common name, but McCORMICK was unable to recall it.

The following registration cards for the hotel were turned over to the reporting agent as being possibly the registration card of OWEN. These cards are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison in an effort to determine whether or not OWEN registered at that hotel on the given dates.

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J. L. NELSON
2016 - 28th Street
Milwaukie, Oregon
Room 214, Card #33281
10/25/43

W. B. NELSON
2743 - N.E. 38th
Portland, Oregon
Room 208, Card #33295
10/26/43

P. J. LAMBERTY
Portland, Oregon
Room 221, Card #33343
10/27/43

J. A. McCANN
Portland, Oregon
Room 323, Card #33363
10/28/43

J. R. RANDALL
Portland, Oregon
Room 218, Card #33177
10/20/43

J. D. KELLEY
405 South Bailey Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon
Room 423, Card #33424
10/30/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland
Room 218, Card #33567
11/3/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland, Oregon
Room 206, Card #33592
11/4/43

JAMES A. NELSON
Portland
Room 402, Card #33616
11/5/43

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J. CLYDE
Spokane, Washington
Room 301, Card #33680
11/7/43

There is also included one registration card for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Des Moines, Iowa, Room 216, Card #32796, dated October 8, 1943.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

At Portland, Oregon:

Will obtain handwriting specimens and signatures of the subject, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., and of victim, [REDACTED], was., and will forward the same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the signatures of the registration cards obtained from the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

At Seattle, Washington:

* Will display photographs of subject and victim to Porter RAY MILLER and other employees of the New Washington Hotel in an effort to establish that the subject and victim engaged in immoral relations while at this hotel and then will secure any other information that would indicate that the subject was supporting victim [REDACTED].

* Will display photograph of subject and interview a number of informants in houses of prostitution and determine if there is any truth in the statement that he had six or seven prostitutes, one of which was Japanese, working for him in that city.

At Tacoma, Washington:

* Will display subject's and victim's photograph and interview Mrs. MARRIMAN (phonetic) who lives on Broadway, one block above the Buick garage, telephone number 1467, relative to their activities.

* Will also interview Mrs. HYDEL, who lives with Mrs. MARRIMAN, relative to subject's and victim's activities.

* Will conduct investigation relative to subject and victim at 610 Broadway, where the victim was known as Mrs. JOE FOSTER. (This address may be that of Mrs. MARRIMAN.)

* Will at the Winthrop Hotel contact and interview and display photographs of subject and victim to employees in an attempt to establish immoral relations. (It is noted that subject and victim were supposed to have occupied a room in this hotel on February 2, 1945.)

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At Tacoma, Washington: (continued)

* Will display photographs of subject and victim to management and employees of the CARSTEINE's (phonetic) PACKING COMPANY in an effort to determine when victim was employed there and if she had any dealings with subject in that place.

* Will also obtain background information relative to the victim from this company and conduct appropriate neighborhood investigation relative to the subject's and victim's activities.

DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

July 7, 1945

SAC, Seattle

OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen,
Reverend Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], was., [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED];
[REDACTED], wa., [REDACTED] - VICTIMS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

There are enclosed the following registration cards obtained from the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington, which are believed to be the registrations of subject OWEN at that hotel:

J. L. NELSON
2016 - 28th Street
Milwaukie, Ore.
Room 214, Card #33281
10/25/43

J. D. KELLEY
405 South Bailey Avenue
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11/5/43

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It is requested that a handwriting examination be made to ascertain whether or not these signatures are identical with the signature of subject OWEN.

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There is also enclosed one registration of the New Columbia Hotel, Account #32796, for October 8, 1943, in the name of [REDACTED] Des Moines, Iowa. It is believed that this is the signature of victim [REDACTED]. It is requested that a handwriting examination be conducted to determine whether or not this is the signature of the victim [REDACTED].

The Portland Field Division will forward to the FBI Laboratory known signatures of subject, OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., and victim, [REDACTED] was.

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