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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was Oliver Jerry Owen,
Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] was [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] Mrs. [REDACTED];

[REDACTED] wa [REDACTED]

VICTIMS

Reference is made to your teletype of July 11, 1945, relative to the above-captioned matter.

Enclosed you will find the following papers which have been certified by Deputy Multnomah County Clerk H. ALLEN:

Judgment re [REDACTED]

Undertaking On Appeal re OLIVER B. OWENS

Judgement re OLIVER B. OWENS

Undertaking on Appeal re OLIVER B. OWENS

Complaint re OLIVER B. OWENS and [REDACTED]

The above-certified papers are enclosed so they may be furnished to the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco in accordance with his request and referenced teletype.

Mrs. REX SMITH, Secretary of the Municipal Judge J. J. QUILLIN, advised that the appeal taken by the subject and Victim [REDACTED] in this case, which will be tried in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, will amount to retrial in which all the evidence previously submitted during the trial of the case in the Municipal Court will be re-presented. Mrs. SMITH further stated that it is not necessary to file reasons for appealing a case from the Municipal Court to the Circuit Court and consequently there are no papers on file relative to the grounds on which OWEN and [REDACTED] are appealing their cases.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 20, 1945

To: SAC, Seattle

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on July 14, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: OLIVER REYNOLDS OWEN, was;
[REDACTED] was,
[REDACTED] wa. - VICTIMS;
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

YOUR FILE NO. 31-854
FBI FILE NO. 31-71285
LAB. NO. D-40203 EX

Examination requested by: Seattle

Reference: Letter dated July 7, 1945

Examination requested: Document

Specimens: The following are registration cards of the New Columbia Hotel, Kelso, Washington.

- Q1 Card #33281 bearing signature J. L. NELSON.
- Q2 Card #33295 bearing signature W. B. NELSON.
- Q3 Card #33343 bearing signature P. J. LAMBERTY.
- Q4 Card #33363 bearing signature J. A. McGANN.
- Q5 Card #33177 bearing signature J. R. RANDLE.
- Q6 Card #33424 bearing signature J. D. KELLEY.
- Q7 Card #33567 bearing signature JAMES A. NELSON.
- Q8 Card #33616 bearing signature JAMES A. NELSON.
- Q9 Card #33680 bearing signature J. GLYDE.
- Q10 Card #33592 bearing signature JAMES NELSON.
- Q11 Card #32796 bearing signature [REDACTED]

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Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting on specimens Q7, Q8 and Q10 was prepared by one individual.

It was concluded that the questioned writing on specimen Q1 was prepared by one individual and the questioned writing on specimen Q2 by still another person, and that neither of these specimens was prepared by the individual who prepared specimens Q7, Q8 and Q10.

A definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether specimens Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q9 and Q11 were prepared by one individual or by any of the individuals who prepared the Nelson signatures on specimens Q1, Q2, Q7, Q8 and Q10 because there was an insufficient grouping of common letters for an adequate comparison.

The above-listed questioned material will be compared with the known writing of Oliver Brindley Owen and [REDACTED] when these writings are submitted by the Portland Field Division.

Specimens Q1 through Q11 are being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-5727**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7/26/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/14/45	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. HAWKINS
TITLE "CHANGED" OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts.			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

- VICTIM

Marriage license records do not show subject married present wife BEVERLY on 7/30/37. [redacted] states her last transportation by subject was from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles 3/1/42.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated April 9, 1945 at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated May 24, 1945 at Portland.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to delete the name of victim [redacted], with alias [redacted] inasmuch as the statute of limitations has expired regarding her transportation by subject.

The Los Angeles County marriage license records do not show that subject under his correct name or any alias married BEVERLY on September 30, 1937. The records were also searched for the years 1936 and 1938.

In the original interview of [redacted] as set out in the report of Special Agent JOHN J. BRYANT dated April 9, 1945, [redacted] stated that she was last transported by subject from Portland, Oregon to Los Angeles around March 1, 1942. It is pointed out that this transportation was prior to three years ago and that the statute of limitations has expired.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained

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at the time of the original interview:

Age:	28
Date of Birth:	December 1, 1916
Place of Birth:	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Height:	5'
Weight:	115 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Peroxide blond
Complexion:	Light
Race:	White

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND**

FILE NO. **31-854**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 8-3-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/12, 16, 18, 19; 7/16/45	REPORT MADE BY SAMUEL B. MURPHY
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED] was., - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. NINA MERRIMAN, who operates the Interdenominational Christian Girls Home, Tacoma, advises victim [REDACTED] came to her at the Stratford Hotel, Tacoma during the fall of 1943, stayed 3 to 4 months and left. Victim returned to Mrs. MERRIMAN at 610 Broadway on 12/17/44 and advised that she was [REDACTED]. Stayed until February, 1945 when she departed for Portland, presumably with subject. OWEN and [REDACTED] identified by employees of Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma. Hotel registration cards at Winthrop reflect registration of [REDACTED] on 2/3/45 from Portland, Oregon. Assistant manager and bellhops, New Washington Hotel, Seattle, identify subject and victim [REDACTED] as having resided together as man and wife at New Washington Hotel. Registration records reflect residence of subject and victim at New Washington from December 31, 1944 until January 23, 1945. Subject operated late model Cadillac automobile while in Seattle and advised bellhops not to discuss this or his ability to stay at first class hotel with any one. Bellhops indicate subject, although a minister, has had girls at the hotel on several occasions without registering them.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated May 25, 1945 at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS:

AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE (A) on June 12, 16, 18 and 19, 1945: Mrs. NIMA MERRIMAN of 610 Broadway, who operates the Interdenominational Christian Girls' Home, was contacted and advises as follows:

She said that victim [REDACTED] came to her at the Stratford Hotel at Tacoma during the Fall of 1943. She said that she believes the victim came to her on the request of the subject, and while at the Stratford for a period of about 3 or 4 months in 1943 she worked off and on at the Carstens Packing Company. Mrs. MERRIMAN advised that it was her opinion that the victim left Tacoma around Christmas of 1943 to go to Spokane to be with her father. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that she did not see subject and victim again until December 17, 1944 at which time she came to Mrs. MERRIMAN at 610 Broadway. She advised that [REDACTED] when she came to the 610 Broadway address. She stayed there until February of 1945 when she went to Portland, Oregon presumably with subject OWEN.

Mrs. MERRIMAN said she first met subject OWEN about two years ago at the Normana Hall in Tacoma where he was holding religious gospel meetings. From the conversations she has had with the victim Mrs. MERRIMAN stated that it was her opinion that subject OWEN met victim in Iowa when she was a girl of about 12 years of age and possibly subject OWEN stayed with the victim's parents at that time. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that the victim has told her on numerous occasions that subject OWEN was like a big brother to her and that she has stayed with OWEN in Portland, Oregon at his religious meeting park or camp. Mrs. MERRIMAN said that from her knowledge of the subject, it was her opinion that he is strictly a religious man and has never had any dealings with the victim of an immoral nature; however, she said that she knows nothing about his personal life.

Mrs. THARA T. HEIDEL, also of 610 Broadway, was contacted and she advised that she only knew OWEN by having gone to some of his evangelistic meetings in Tacoma. Concerning Victim Mrs. HEIDEL said that she had heard from her that she travelled regularly with evangelists and had lived with OWEN at various places.

Confidential Informant T-1 was contacted and advised that OWEN has been coming to Tacoma off and on since 1940 to conduct evangelistic meetings at the Faith Temple and other places. According to T-1, subject OWEN is a glorified con man using religion as a ruse and has frauded numerous individuals. He would use religion as a means of obtaining loans. T-1 said that subject has been intimately associated with numerous young girls and some of them have followed him from religious meeting to meeting up and down the Pacific Coast; however, it was T-1's opinion that these escapades were merely personal and no commercialism was ever involved. T-1 said that he was mixed up with the subject himself in religious affairs but that he was all through with his association with the subject and has not seen him since February, 1945.

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Photographs of the subject and victim were exhibited to PEARL LADSEN at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma and she, as well as Mr. E. E. SHEPARD of the hotel, advised that they had seen both subject and victim about the hotel. Hotel registration cards were checked and it was ascertained that one [REDACTED] registered at the Winthrop Hotel on February 3, 1945 from Portland, Oregon and stayed there one night. [REDACTED] had previously stayed in the Winthrop Hotel on February 2, 1945, also registering from Portland, Oregon. These hotel registration cards are numbers 17024 and 17061.

Mr. G. STEVENS, Timekeeper, Carstens Packing Company, Tacoma, advised that the victim worked there in the pork department from February 1, 1944 until February 19, 1944.

J. MURDOCH, Superintendent of the Carstens Plant, upon examining photographs of subject and victim, advised that he had seen them both about the plant and it was his recollection that subject GLEN had obtained a job for the victim at Carstens.

HOWARD TOY, Superintendent of the Pork department at Carstens, advised that victim worked for him in the kitchen during February of 1944 but does not recall the name she used. TOY readily recognized both photographs of subject and victim but said he had no information regarding their activities.

Confidential Informant T-2 was contacted at Tacoma and he advised that he had had numerous inquiries about the county concerning subject. One in particular had reference to subject posing as an ex-southern California football star and tying same in with his religious activities. T-2 stated that from the information he had developed, the subject had enrolled as a freshman at the University of Southern California in September, 1936 and had withdrawn from that institution November 6, 1936. Further, that he had reported for freshman football and was certified as eligible for competition but no record was found concerning his having represented the University of Southern California in football competition. T-2 stated that from reports he had had concerning the subject, he was nothing but a fraud using religion as a cloak.

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

On July 16, 1945 the following investigation was conducted at the New Washington Hotel by the writer:

RAY MILLER, transportation porter, advised that he has a definite recollection of JERRY OWENS. He stated he has stayed at the New Washington Hotel off and on over a five to six year period, and on one occasion subject performed a marriage service for a friend of MILLER, at which ceremony MILLER was best man. MILLER denied ever having seen victim [REDACTED] before and stated that he had no personal recollection that subject ever registered as man and wife or had ever done anything out of the ordinary while at the hotel.

RAY THATCHER, Assistant Manager, New Washington Hotel, is acquainted with subject under the name of JERRY OWEN. He stated that subject has stayed at the New Washington Hotel with the last month or since his arrest at Portland. THATCHER stated he had a very definite recollection of victim since she stayed with subject as man and wife at the New Washington Hotel during the last part of 1944 and early part of 1945. He particularly remembers victim because she claimed the loss of a wrist watch valued at \$1,000.00, which subject claimed he had bought for her. THATCHER stated that subject and victim had had Room 1207 at the hotel during this particular visit and had had some sort of an argument with some sailors staying in Room 1202. THATCHER's recollection on these matters was independent of any check of the hotel registration records. He stated further that on their arrival here as man and wife they had been accompanied by a young child who had stayed in the room about one night and had then been left some other place.

The records of the New Washington Hotel reflect that subject and victim apparently occupied the same room, Room 1207, continuously from December 31, 1944 until January 23, 1945. They originally registered as M. J. OWEN, Mrs. OWEN and child. Their address was given as 2615 Harrison, Milwaukie, Oregon, and on subsequent registration during the same period (to evade the 6-day hotel rule now in existence) the address was given as 2615 Harrison, Portland, Oregon. THATCHER characterized subject as a man who drinks a lot for a minister and who had formerly had other girls with him in the hotel.

BILL KOVACH, bellhop at the New Washington Hotel, had a very clear recollection of subject and victim and stated he had known subject for approximately five years. He advised that subject operates a 1940 or 1941 Cadillac automobile and asked KOVACH not to mention that fact or the fact that he was living at a first class hotel to any people making inquiries. KOVACH stated that OWEN advised him on one occasion that "The preaching racket was good." He further advised that OWEN had purchased liquor in substantial quantities from a liquor store near the hotel and had done quite a bit of drinking in his room. He further stated that OWEN had frequently had girls in the hotel without

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registering them. Subject's photograph was displayed to confidential source A who advised that he had seen him at some of the local speakeasies, but stated that he was no so far as he knew a pimp.

In view of the fact that there are no houses of prostitution presently operating in Seattle openly the lead in referenced report to interview informants in houses of prostitution is being disregarded.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

Confidential Source A - JACK RICHTER, Holland Hotel, who is not available as a witness.

T-1 AL FARRAR, Lt. Detectives, Tacoma Police Department

T-2 WALTER WEST, Manager, Better Business Bureau, Tacoma.

Portland, Oregon
August 10, 1945

MEMO, SAC:

RE: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, Was.
[REDACTED], was.,
- VICTIMS
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

This is to advise that on August 8, 1945 the writer discussed the facts of this case with Asst. U. S. Attorney VICTOR E. HARR who stated he would present this case to the next Federal Grand Jury which will be called sometime during the month of September, 1945.

WILLIAM E. GELDER
Special Agent

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-4130**

REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 8-14-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-12,13,27-45	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM E. GELDER ham
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; [REDACTED], was.; [REDACTED] - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's appeal on disorderly conduct charge still pending as of 7-27-45, Portland, Oregon. USA San Francisco was furnished certified copies of Portland Municipal Court action to date.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **WILLIAM E. GELDER**, Portland, May 25, 1945.
Report of Special Agent **ROBERT E. HASTERS**, Seattle, July 7, 1945.

DETAILS:

At Portland, Oregon

Mrs. **MAX SMITH**, Secretary to Municipal Judge **J. A. QUELLEN** and **JOHN SEABROOK**, upon interview at the City Hall advised that the appeal taken by the subject and victim **[REDACTED]**, which will be tried in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, will amount to a retrial in which all of the evidence previously submitted during the trial of the original case in the Municipal Court will be represented. Mrs. **SMITH** further stated that it is not necessary to file reasons for appealing a case from the Municipal Court to the Circuit Court, and consequently there are no papers on file relative to the grounds on which **OWEN** and **[REDACTED]** are appealing their cases.

Mrs. **SMITH** made copies of the following papers which were certified to by Deputy Multnomah County Clerk **E. ALLEN**: Complaint re **OLIVER B. OWEN** and **[REDACTED]**, Judgment re **[REDACTED]**, Judgment re **OLIVER B. OWEN**, Undertaking on appeal re **[REDACTED]**, Undertaking on appeal re **OLIVER B. OWEN**.

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The above-enumerated certified papers were forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division at their request so that same might be furnished to the U. S. Attorney in that city.

A review of the file in this case reflects that on June 14, 1945 Dr. J. W. LEMMAN, 7732 SE. Thirteenth Avenue, Portland, Oregon, visited this office and advised that he is a practicing dentist in the Sellwood district of Portland and also a trustee of the "We the People Incorporated" Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon. Dr. LEMMAN advised that not only he but the other trustees of this church are very anxious to secure the resignation of the subject from the above-mentioned church. He could furnish no information relative to the activities of the subject which would be of any value to the prosecution of this case.

On June 20, 1945 the San Francisco Field Division requested that the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco be advised of the disposition of the disorderly conduct charge pending against subject in the Circuit Court, Portland. On June 21, 1945 this office telegraphically advised the San Francisco office that JAMES WEST, Portland City Attorney, upon contact advised that if OWEN demands jury trial on the disorderly conduct charge the same will be had in September; however, if OWEN does not demand a jury trial, the case will be set sometime sooner, although the exact date cannot be determined. On June 30, 1945 the San Francisco office again telegraphically advised that OWEN appeared before Local Board No. 93 at San Francisco on May 21, 1945, at which time he requested deferment as an ordained minister. He admitted being arrested in a hotel in Portland for disorderly conduct and advised the board that the case had been dismissed. The U. S. Attorney at San Francisco requested that a complete chronological listing of the judicial steps so far taken relative to OWEN be made available to him.

A further review of the file reflects that a teletype from the Portland office to the San Francisco office set out the prosecutive action relative to the subject as taken in the Municipal Court, Portland, Oregon.

On July 11, 1945 the Portland office received a teletype from the San Francisco office stating that the U. S. Attorney desired a certified copy of the judgment in Municipal Court and a copy of the appeal made by the subject on February 20, 1945 to the Circuit Court of Multnomah County.

On July 18, 1945 the above requested certified copies were furnished to the San Francisco Field Division.

On July 27, 1945 Deputy City Attorney JAMES WEST advised that no further action has been taken relative to the subject's appeal.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Copies of this report are being furnished to the San Francisco Field Division for information.

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 Fremont, paying particular attention to the dates and places of her sexual relations with subject on which the statute of limitations has not 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] a physical description.

If upon reinterview it is determined that the statute of limitations has not yet run on all the violations, will consult the U. S. Attorney relative to the prosecution of subject.

SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

*Will determine if M. H. OFFLER, Pastor of Bethel Temple, Second Avenue and Lenora Street, is authorized to ordain subject and confirm that he ordained subject and such ordination is presently in effect.

PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION

At Portland, Oregon

*Will contact MORRIS G. BROCK, Hawthorne Temple, to determine if he ordained subject and if such ordination is still in effect, and obtain any information BROCK may have which may be of value to this investigation.

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

*Will follow and report result of appeal of city prosecution of subject and victim [REDACTED] on disorderly conduct charge.

*Will again contact the U. S. Attorney's office relative to prosecution of this case.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PORTLAND

FILE NO. 31-3611

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/30 7/11;9/11, 13,14,28/45	REPORT MADE BY BOYCE H. LIVES bmr
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. 31-4100 [REDACTED] was. - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject appeared before members of LDB #95, San Francisco, on 5/21/45 at which time claimed to be an Ordained Minister associated with "Bible Broadcasting Company", Portland, Oregon. Admitted he was recently found with a girl in the Portland, Oregon hotel and as a result charged with disorderly conduct but advised case was dismissed. In view of the discrepancies and facts set forth in the reference report and those furnished by subject to his LDB, USA at San Francisco requested that all board members of LDB #95 present at the meeting on 5/21/45 be interviewed as to facts as they recalled same. Interviews set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent FURMAN G. BOGGAN, dated 5/23/45 at San Francisco, California.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, dated 5/25/45 at Portland, Oregon.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER, dated 8/14/45 at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

THOMAS F. RYAN, Clerk, Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, advised that as a result of a request from the Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, subject was forwarded a notice of change of classification in order to report for a physical examination. Thereafter, subject was granted permission and did appear before members of the Board on May 21, 1945 at which

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time he furnished information that he was an ordained minister associated with the "Bible Broadcasting Company" at Portland, Oregon. He further admitted having been arrested in a Portland hotel and was charged with disorderly conduct. According to RYAN, the subject admitted at the time of arrest he was in a hotel room with a young woman and claimed to be conversing with her regarding Church matters. Subject further advised the entire matter was a frame-up and instigated by other Ministers of Portland, Oregon. He further advised that in view of the tripped up charges the Judge dismissed the charges that were brought against him.

The following Board members at the time the subject appeared before them on May 21, 1945 on the basis of the information he furnished at that time, classified the subject in classification 4D by vote of 4-0:

SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman, Mission Exchange Building
WILLIAM P. CARR (deceased) 265 Fell Street
F. Q. TREDWAY, 65 Market Street
EDWARD J. MURPHY, 270 Turk Street
ALLEN CRITCHER (Appeal Agent) Young Building

Mr. RYAN advised that since the last meeting WILLIAM P. CARR was a board member and since passed away.

The above facts as furnished by Mr. RYAN were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, who requested that in view of the discrepancies in information furnished by the subject and that set forth in referenced reports, all members of Local Draft Board No. 95 who were present on the night of May 21, 1945 be interviewed and signed statements obtained, setting forth all statements as recalled by them as made by subject pertaining to his Ordination and facts as to the dismissal of the disorderly conduct charges mentioned above.

Mr. KARESH further requested the statements be set forth in the report and thereafter he be consulted regarding the decision of the prosecution.

"September 11, 1945

"I, SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman of Local Draft Board No. 95 of the Selective Service, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., regarding Registrant JERRY OWEN:

"The said JERRY OWEN is a registrant of the Draft Board of which I am Chairman, and in his questionnaire and in subsequent statements claimed to be an ordained minister of the gospel. He did not, however, as I recall it, state any particular religious sect which was known to me.

"Under Selective Service rules, however, he was deferred as a minister of the gospel until the early part of 1945 when it was called to the attention of the Board that he had been arrested and convicted in a municipal or police court in Portland, Oregon, for disorderly conduct involving alleged improper relationship with a woman in Portland, Oregon.

"The Board, upon notice of such conviction, immediately reclassified said JERRY OWEN under classification 1-A. Upon notice of his change of classification, Mr. OWEN requested permission to appear before the Board and appeared at its meeting of May 21st at which time he first made the statement that the charges upon which he was alleged to have been convicted had been dismissed. The statement in this connection was to the effect that the charges had resulted from the innocent discharge of his duties and that the arrest had been occasioned by ministers and congregations of other religious sects who were apparently unfavorably inclined to himself and his sect.

"The Board questioned him at length with respect to his ordination, revealing the fact (according to his statement) that any religious sect could be started by filing intention to do so with the Secretary of State, naming the principal officer or minister, and that thereafter such officer or minister could appoint or ordain ministers to work under that sect.

"As to Mr. OWEN'S statement regarding the dismissal of the charges made against him, he was questioned at length by Mr. EDWARD J. MURPHY, member of the Board, with regard to the status of this criminal prosecution, which then developed the statement from Mr. OWEN that he was not sure of the status of the case as it was being handled by his attorneys. He felt, however, that it would be dismissed; again declaring his innocence. He offered other testimony to show that he had served as a minister of the gospel in San Francisco and inferred that he had left San Francisco because of prosecution by ministers of other sects whom he claimed were jealous of his success in obtaining congregations and money. He made other extravagant statements such as the Lord had overnight blessed him with the ability to quote any passage from the Bible although he had not theretofore read the Bible.

"It was my opinion that the man was not a minister of the gospel to the extent that I would expect from my religious training, but that the interpretation of the rules in the Selective Service was such that where his sect had proceeded under the laws of the State, the Board was powerless to do other than to retain him in the preferable class as a minister of the gospel.

"As to the effect of his claim that the charges had been dismissed, even though that may not have been a true statement; it had been brought out by Mr. MURPHY that the matter was in the hands of a lawyer and was before some court in some form, and I personally felt that the Board had no authority to prejudge his guilt or innocence and that the matter should be deferred until final action by the courts.

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"My personal reaction was that if the Draft Boards were not limited to the restriction of the Selective Service rules, I would have placed him in Class 1-A, as I doubted his sincerity both as a minister of the gospel and as to the truth of any statement he might make. The case, however, appeared to come clearly within the Selective Service rules with respect to ordained ministers, and as an administrative officer, it seemed that the only solution was to keep him within that classification until final proof of his guilt determined that he was no longer qualified.

"The above statement as set forth is my best recollection of what occurred at the Board meeting on May 21, 1945, and of my conclusions.

/s/ SAMUEL L. CARPENTER, JR., Chairman
Local Draft Board No. 95
50 Oak Street
San Francisco, 2, California"

Witnesses: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

"May 21, 1945

"I, FRED Q. TREDWAX, member of Local Draft Board No. 95, 65 Oak Street, San Francisco, make the following statements to Special Agents BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, freely and voluntarily, regarding the testimony of JERRY OWAN before members of Local Draft Board No. 95, on May 21, 1945, at which meeting I was present.

"JERRY OWAN had previously been classified 1A in the belief that he was not a bona fide minister of religion, this action having been taken after the Board had received reports from Portland which raised doubts as to his proper status. Mr. OWAN or the Reverend OWAN appeared before the Board to testify in his behalf.

"Mr. OWAN testified that a decree or certificate of ordination had been mailed to the Board by the Bible Broadcasting Company of Portland, but also testified that he had also previously been ordained in other religious organizations for whom he had done ministerial work. He stated that he had helped build a church at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco, and had held religious services for the San Francisco Gospel Center Inc. of San Francisco. He said that he had also been a minister of the Assemblies of God. He said that he had a church at Tacoma and was starting a Bible School this Fall in Portland, at Crystal Lake Park.

"He stated that he was ordained in 1938 by the San Francisco Gospel Center and later was ordained by the Bible Broadcasting Assn. of Portland which was organized by a Dr. BROCH.

"He stated that was currently preaching in Portland and Tacoma, had been preaching three times a day with two radio broadcasts a day.

"He reviewed, for the Board, the steps necessary to get legal standing for a religious organization or sect, and to get legal recognition as a minister of that sect, and while I do not remember the details, there were few restrictions about the process, according to Mr. OWAN, other than filing articles of incorporation with the state government and certifying or registering the fact that the registrant was the regularly constituted minister or pastor of the organization.

"Mr. OWAN stated that he had performed over 1000 marriages.

"It had been previously been called to the attention of the Board that Mr. OWAN had been arrested in Portland on a charge of disorderly conduct involving a woman in a Portland hotel room. This report was, as I remember it, accompanied by a newspaper clipping reporting his conviction.

"Mr. OWAN stated that he had not been convicted but that instead the case had been dismissed. He stated that he had a cause of action against the newspaper for erroneously reporting the facts. Mr. OWAN was questioned on the statement as to dismissal of the case, by other members of the Board, but, as I remember the discussion, Mr. OWAN, while not clear as to the exact status of the charge, was insistent that he had not been convicted and that the charge was not being prosecuted further.

"Mr. OWAN stated that the charge was brought through the efforts of the ministers of Portland who he said were jealous of his success. He stated that he had visited the woman in the hotel in the course of his religious duties and that the charge was brought as a pretext in order to get rid of him.

"After careful consideration, the Board members present, Messrs. CARR, CARPENTER, MURPHY and TREDWAY voted to place Mr. OWAN in Class A-D. This action was taken in the belief that Mr. OWAN would legally be recognized as a minister of religion under the Selective Service Act, although the members of the Board felt personally and individually that Mr. OWAN was an exponent of no religious faith of generally recognized standards.

/s/ FRED Q. TREDWAY"

Witness: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

It is to be noted that Mr. TREDWAY was the one in the course of the meeting who took the notes of what occurred at the meeting. Full contents of the notes are not being set forth at this time in view of their incompleteness.

"San Francisco, California
September 14, 1945

"I, ALAN H. CRITCHER, Government Appeal Agent for Local Board #95, Selective Service, located at 85 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents, BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLOS, JR., of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"That at all times herein mentioned I was and now am government appeal agent for Local Board #95 hereinbefore referred to; that on or about May 21, 1945 one JERRY O'IAN requested a deferred classification from said local board upon the ground that he was a duly ordained or recognized minister of religion.

"There was present at this meeting four members of the Board, the clerk, Mr. RYAN, and myself, in addition to Mr. O'IAN. One of the members of the board was absent. I am not sure whether it was Mr. DEVINE or Mr. CARR, but I believe that it was Mr. CARR.

"Mr. O'IAN was duly sworn as a witness by Chairman SAMUEL CARPENTER, JR. Mr. O'IAN testified on his own behalf and was cross-examined by members of the Board and by myself. He testified under oath that he was an ordained minister of religion, that he had been ordained in San Francisco. He claimed to have performed over 1000 marriages, to have been formerly in an organization called "Assemblies of God." He claimed to have built a church at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco.

"He was questioned concerning his arrest in a hotel room in Portland, Oregon on the charge of disorderly conduct. From information and newspaper clippings in the file it appeared that he had been apprehended in his hotel room with the wife of a sailor. He stated very positively that the charges of disorderly conduct had been dismissed by the trial court in Portland, Oregon. He stated that his reason for being in the hotel room with the young lady was for the reason of giving her spiritual advice.

"He stated at the time of the hearing that he was preaching regularly, and also broadcasting on the radio. He stated that his principal place of operation is in Tacoma, also at Portland, and at Crystal Lake Park, which I believe was stated to be in Washington. Mr. O'IAN did not produce any documentary evidence of his ordination but he very definitely stated he had been ordained by the San Francisco Gospel Center, then operating at 14th and Rachel, and that he also was ordained by the Bible Broadcasting Association, organized by a Dr. BROOK.

"Mr. O'IAN withdrew and the matter was considered by members of the Board present. All members of the Board present and the appeal agent were unanimously of the opinion that he was not a person of good character, that he was not a sincere or devout man, but that he was in religion as a means of living;

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however, members of the Board and the appeal agent were likewise unanimously of the opinion that deferment could not be refused to an ordained or recognized minister of religion merely by reason of doubt, even well-founded, as to his sincerity or honesty, and accordingly the Board voted reluctantly to give him the classification requested.

/s/ ALAN H. CRITCHER"

Signed in the presence of:

BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. Special Agent, FBI

"San Francisco, California
September 13, 1945

"I, EDWARD J. MURPHY, a member of Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, make the following statement freely and voluntarily to special agent BOYCE H. LINES and EDWARD DORNLAS, JR. who are known to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

OLIVER BRINLEY OWEN, was registered with Local Draft Board No. 95, 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California, on October 16, 1940, and was given Order No. 54 and serial number 3039. He filed his questionnaire on November 18, 1940, and on November 23, 1940 was first classified as 111A. Thereafter to-wit on April 30, 1945 he was reclassified as 1A and ordered to report for preinduction examination on May 10th, 1945. On May 8th, 1945 he telegraphed Local Board No. 95 that he was appealing his classification. On May 21st 1945 he personally appeared before said Local Board, was sworn and testified.

"During the giving of his testimony he was questioned by the members of said Board relative to newspaper report of his arrest and conviction by a Municipal Court of Portland, Oregon, of disorderly conduct involving morals; was fined \$50, and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

"Registrant testified that he appealed from said judgment and conviction; that thereafter the case against him was dismissed. Registrant further testified that the charges against him was "a frame-up".

"After discussion by the members of the Board, it was decided that the only question for determination by the Board was whether Registrant was a regularly ordained Minister of Religion; and finding that he was, he was thereupon classified as 4D.

/s/ EDWARD J. MURPHY"

Witnesses: BOYCE H. LINES, Special Agent, FBI
EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., Special Agent, FBI

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Mr. MURPHY advised that the facts set forth in the above statement are as he remembered the facts the subject presented on the night of May 21, 1945. He asked that in view of his age and poor memory that he did not wish to be a witness in this case if it should go to trial.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will consult Assistant United States Attorney, JOSEPH KARESH, as to a decision of possible prosecution of the subject.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at **PORTLAND, OREGON**

File No. **31-4130**

Report made at PORTLAND, OREGON	Date made 11/23/45	Period 10/4, 22, 23, 24, 25/45	Report made by WILLIAM E. GELDER
Title OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen. Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] - VICTIM			Character WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject's and [REDACTED]'s appeal to Circuit Court on disorderly conduct charge not yet set. Dr. MAURICE BROCK, president, Bible Broadcasting Company, Portland, Oregon, advises he assumed OWEN ordained but did not see his ordination. BROCK issued OWEN credentials which expired in summer of 1943 and not renewed. Subject in Houston, Texas, victim in Des Moines, Iowa, and subject's wife in Los Angeles, Calif. USA Portland states only chance to get WSTA indictment is through cooperation with victim. File reviewed as to OWEN's religious affiliations.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #31-71285.

DETAILS: AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

On October 4, 1945, the writer contacted EDGAR F. MARTIN, Deputy City Attorney, City Hall, who advised in regard to the appeal taken by the subject and victim on their disorderly conduct case that it had not yet been set for trial. Mr. MARTIN further stated that the reason this case had not been set for trial was due to the request of the subject's and victim's attorney, WILLIAM DICKSON, Yeon Building, who advised him that the subject was presently in California and was planning on going to Chicago, Illinois, on business.

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Assistant U. S. Attorney J. MASON DILLARD and AUSA VICTOR A. HARR, after considering the facts in this case, advised that it was their opinion that a successful prosecution could not be had against the subject on a White Slave Traffic Act violation unless the victim's cooperation was obtained. It was further stated that at the present time the subject's transportation of the victim from the state of Washington to the state of Oregon could not be established by other evidence than the testimony of the victim. It was also stated that the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. WENDELL WALLER could not be used for the purpose of a grand jury indictment or for trial purposes without involving them as conspirators in this violation, and further that they were in a position to claim privilege and decline to give any testimony relative to this matter. Mr. DILLARD and Mr. HARR further advised that if the cooperation of the victim could not be obtained they would subpoena her to testify before the next grand jury being held in Portland in the hope that testimony could be obtained from her in this manner.

AT MILWAUKIE, OREGON:

Dr. MAURICE BROCK, 2615 Harrison Street, upon interview advised that he is the president of the Bible Broadcasting Company and that in this capacity he issued credentials to OWEN to preach for this company during the summer of 1942. Dr. BROCK stated these credentials were only valid for one year, and added that he had not seen OWEN's ordination. Dr. BROCK stated that in view of the fact that OWEN had been actively engaged in religious work at the time he issued him his credentials, he assumed that OWEN had been ordained and that his ordination was still in effect. Dr. BROCK stated that at the time of the issuance of the credentials, OWEN displayed several letters to him from the Open Bible Standard Churches of Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. BROCK also advised that he knew from personal knowledge that the subject had at one time been connected with the Assembly of God Church for some time. Dr. BROCK further added that he at no time has ordained the subject, and advised that on August 3, 1945, he bought OWEN's equity in the Crystal Lake Tabernacle, Milwaukie, Oregon, and "The People, Inc." for the sum of \$12,500, and that OWEN subsequent to that time has no connection with either of these groups.

Dr. BROCK stated that to the best of his knowledge the subject was staying in Oakland, California, that he doesn't know what he is doing for a living, but that he is friendly with a Dr. B. B. PATTON, who operates a religious organization at Lake Merit, Oakland, California. Dr. BROCK stated also that it was his understanding that OWEN was furnished a free room at the hotel owned by PATTON, which is located in Oakland.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

WILLIAM DICKSON, attorney, Yeon Building, advised upon interview that approximately a week ago he received an undated letter from OWEN which was post-

marked at Houston, Texas, and written on the stationery of the Rice Hotel in that city. Mr. DICKSON advised that OWEN stated in this letter that he had left Oakland, California, and was intending to spend several months in Houston, Texas, that he was having difficulty in obtaining living quarters, but that he could be reached in care of General Delivery, that city. Mr. DICKSON advised that in regard to the victim he had received a letter dated September 26, 1945, written on stationery of the Victoria Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, in which she stated she was employed in Des Moines and she was very dissatisfied, that she was intending to return to Portland, and that she could be contacted in care of her sister, Mrs. ROBERT DANI, 4008 6th Street, phone 32914. Mr. DICKSON further advised that the subject's and victim's appeal on their disorderly conduct charge had not yet been set in the Multnomah County Circuit Court, and added that the subject's and victim's bondsmen are J. and FRANK ROCKFELD.

Mrs. L. J. BODISH, 2651 N. J. Upshur Street, advised that it was her understanding that Mrs. OWEN, the subject's wife, is presently residing with her mother in Los Angeles, California, but added that she did not know the mother's name or address.

EVELYN CAMERON, Roosevelt Hotel employee, 1005 N. W. Park Street, advised that the subject's wife BEVERLY is residing with her mother, Mrs. EDA VOSSLER, at 2015 Second Avenue, Los Angeles, California. She added that her father is interested in determining the whereabouts of OWEN inasmuch as the subject owes him money.

A review of the file in this case relative to the subject's religious affiliations reflects a teletype from the Des Moines Field Division dated April 11, 1945, to the effect that Rev. BRYANT MITCHELL, dean of Open Bible Institute, Des Moines, Iowa, stated that the subject did not attend and is not associated with that organization, that OWEN appeared as an evangelistic speaker in numerous Open Bible Churches against the wishes of the institute and under the auspices of JOHN R. RICHEY, former field superintendent of the Open Bible Institute. This teletype further goes on to state that the subject at one time was a minister of the Assembly of God, but was discharged in 1939 because of adulterous conduct occurring at San Francisco, and apparently has not been ordained by any organized group since then.

The report of SA J. LUTHER GLASS dated April 24, 1945, at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that Rev. J. ROSWELL FLOER, secretary of the General Council, Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri, advised that OWEN was licensed to preach by the Northern California District, Assembly of God, from 1937 to 1938, that he was expelled from the presbytery in the spring of 1938 after reported illicit relations with three girls at San Francisco, California.

The report of SA JOHN JOSEPH BRYANT dated May 8, 1945, at Los Angeles, California, reflects that JOHN R. RICHEY advised that he organized and promoted

the Church of the Open Bible; that in the summer of 1940 he met the subject at Mirror Lake, Washington, and that he arranged for the subject to conduct meetings in Seattle, Washington, Tacoma, Washington, Denver, Colorado, and Des Moines, Iowa. He stated that the subject was not an employee of his nor was he an employee of the Church of the Open Bible, that at the time of the meeting the subject had lost his standing as an evangelist because of immoral conduct. That it was his understanding that subject had been ordained by the Assembly of God, and that the subject was not appearing in any of the churches of the Open Bible after 1941.

The report of SA SAMUEL B. MURPHY of Seattle, Washington, dated May 10, 1945, reflects that Rev. J. A. BOGUE, secretary, Northwest District Council, Assembly of God, advised that subject was licensed by the Assembly of God, Northern California District, as minister in 1937, that he was in a church for six months at which time he was expelled because of immoral conduct, and that he has not been connected officially with this church since that time. Rev. BOGUE added that after subject's license in California was revoked, OWEN went to the state of Washington under the auspices of Rev. OFFILIER, Bethel Temple, Seattle.

The lead to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject and victim as set out in the report of SA ROBERT E. ILLSTERS dated July 7, 1945, at Seattle, Washington, is being disregarded because it is felt that even if the registration could be proved, it would not be as good evidence as hotel witnesses already obtained as set out in the report of SA SAMUEL B. MURPHY dated August 3, 1945, at Seattle, Washington.

For the information of the Houston Field Division, on June 10, 1943, subject, an evangelist, wrote to victim's mother and sent \$50 for victim's transportation from Des Moines, Iowa, to Portland, Oregon. Subject arranged and furnished money for victim to travel from Seattle, Washington, to Portland, Oregon, on February 25, 1945, for abortion in Portland. Victim stated to witnesses that subject was responsible for her condition, and they stayed together at witnesses' home in Portland on night of February 12, 1945. Subject and victim arrested by Portland Police Department in undressed condition at the Gallory Hotel on February 17, 1945, and sentenced to thirty days and fined \$50 on disorderly conduct charge. Subject and victim presently on \$250 appeal bond. Both subject and victim deny any immoral relationship.

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DES MOINES

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Will at the home of Mrs. ROBERT DARR, 4008 6th, again attempt to obtain victim's cooperation and a signed statement relative to this case.

HOUSTON

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

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Will interview subject regarding his authority to act as a minister, and examine his ordination by the San Francisco Gospel Center, paying particular attention to the date it expires, if any, and the persons who ordained him, so that they may be interviewed. Will also examine any other papers he may have that purport to give him authority to act as a minister, and advise the San Francisco Field Division. (The subject may be located in care of the Rice Hotel or General Delivery.)

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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Will interview subject's wife BEVERLY, C/o Mrs. EDA VOSSLER, 2015 Second Avenue, relative to the date and place of her marriage to subject and verify the same, subject's ordination, and any facts in this case which may be of help in its prosecution. (It is noted in this respect that the subject stated he married her in Los Angeles on September 30, 1937, whereas investigation discloses that the subject was not married in Los Angeles on that date in 1936, 1937, or 1938.)

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will, when the leads in this report relative to subject's ordination are covered, present this case to the U. S. Attorney for violation of the Selective Service Act.

SEATTLE

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

Will contact W. H. OFFILIER, pastor of Bethel Temple, Second

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• Avenue and Lenora Streets, and determine the date, place, and by whom subject was ordained, and if such ordination is still in effect, and advise the San Francisco Field Division.

✓ PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

Will, when the above leads are covered, contact the U. S. Attorney relative to prosecution.

Portland, Oregon
December 29, 1945

MEMO, SAC

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

This is to advise in regard to the above captioned case that on December 20, 1945, the writer happened to recognize [REDACTED] on the streets in Portland, and upon stopping to talk to her it was determined that she has returned from Iowa and is now planning to live in Portland. Miss [REDACTED] stated that at the present time she is not working but that she is living with a JUNE MARLIN in Apartment 1, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne.

During the conversation with Miss [REDACTED] she repeated her denials concerning any immoral relationship with the subject but maintained a friendly attitude. Miss [REDACTED] advised that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject and added that she had not heard from him during any of the time that she had been in Iowa, or since she has returned to Portland. Miss [REDACTED] also stated that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject's wife.

In this connection it will be noted that in Serial 27 of the Portland Field Division file the addresses of both the subject and his wife are set out, the same having been obtained from other sources.

WILLIAM E. GELDER
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OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, WAS, WSTA. VICTIM NOW IN PORTLAND. IF
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Portland, Oregon
January 9, 1946.

MEMO TO THE SAC;

Re: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was
[REDACTED], was
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On this date AUSA VICTOR HARR advised that he is considering calling the victim before the next Grand Jury for interrogation. MR. HARR asked that he be recontacted with regard to this case when the next Grand Jury convenes which will probably be in the next three weeks.

SA Norman B. Belfrey

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/27, 12/14/45	REPORT MADE BY CURTIS O. LYNUM aTh
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TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was. Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED] was. [REDACTED]	CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT SELECTIVE SERVICE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

- VICTIM

USA, San Francisco, declined prosecution on Selective Service and authorized closing of the file.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 31-71286.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. GELDER dated November 23, 1945, at Portland.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

By letter dated November 27, 1945, the U. S. Attorney at San Francisco was requested to review his file and advise whether or not he desired to prosecute subject for a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

By letter dated December 4, 1945, U. S. Attorney FRANK J. HENNESSY advised that a review of his file convinced him that it would be difficult to secure a conviction against subject for violation of the Selective Service Act and therefore he was declining prosecution and closing his file in this matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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31-572

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-15-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11-46	REPORT MADE BY HARRIS VAN WAGNER RHW
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was., Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS - VICTIM

Subject left Rice Hotel in October and requested general delivery Houston to forward mail to general delivery Dallas on 10-29-45.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File #31-71285

DETAILS: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mr. WARE, House Detective for the Rice Hotel examined the records of the Rice Hotel and advised that Subject stayed there for a short period of time in October and that a letter addressed to him at the Rice Hotel on 10-17-45 had been returned to the Post Office in Houston as the hotel had no forwarding address for him.

Inquiry of the Postmaster at Houston, Texas discloses that Subject requested that his mail coming to general delivery be forwarded to general delivery, Dallas, Texas 10-29-45 and that the directories of the postmaster at Houston reflect no information concerning Subject. Also examination of the city directory for the City of Houston failed to disclose subject's whereabouts.

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For the benefit of the Dallas Field Division, a copy of the report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945 at Portland, Oregon is enclosed.

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THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Dallas, Texas: Will attempt to locate Subject at Dallas, Texas and interview him regarding his authority to act as a minister and examine his ordination by the Los Angeles Gospel Center, paying attention to the date it expires and the persons who ordained him. Will examine any other papers he may have to authorize him to act as a minister and will advise the San Francisco Field Division.

ENCLOSURE FOR DALLAS FIELD DIVISION: 1 copy of report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated 11-28-45 at Portland, Oregon,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-854**

REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 1/23/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/10/46	REPORT MADE BY C. ERWIN PIPER
TITLE 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: Reverend W. H. OFFILER, Seattle, Wash., authorized to ordain but has never ordained Subject; however, Subject was employed by Rev. OFFILER for short periods on three occasions; severed connections because of Subject's continual "woman trouble".			
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References: Bureau file #31-71285. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GEIDER dated August 14, 1945, at Portland, Oregon. Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GEIDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, Oregon.			
Details: On January 10, 1946, Reverend W. H. OFFILER, Pastor of the Bethel Temple Church at 2035 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington, was interviewed by the reporting agent. He advised that he was ordained in 1910 in the Apostolic Assembly at Spokane, Washington, and, by virtue of that ordination, is empowered to ordain. His right to ordain also derives from the Articles of Incorporation of his church, which was incorporated as the Bethel Pentecostal Temple around 1928 at Olympia, Washington. Reverend OFFILER advised that Subject OWEN has been employed by him for short periods of approximately one month's duration on three different occasions, the last of which was approximately a year ago. He stated that he has never ordained Subject OWEN and, to his knowledge, Subject OWEN is not ordained by any			
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church. OWEN, however, had applied to Reverend OFFILER about two years ago for ordination, but his request was declined by Reverend OFFILER.

The last time Reverend OFFILER saw Subject OWEN was approximately one year ago, at which time he and OWEN severed connections. The reason for this separation, according to Reverend OFFILER, was due to the fact that Subject OWEN had been in trouble continuously with different girls in every location in which he worked. Reverend OFFILER had previously thought that the frequent rumors he received concerning Subject OFFILER were baseless; however, just prior to the occasion of their last meeting, he had received unimpeachable information concerning OWEN's relations with another girl not his wife. Reverend OFFILER was unable to furnish the name of this girl but stated that she had been a member of Reverend KEMIE BAXTER's congregation in Vancouver, British Columbia, and that he would know her identity. An illegitimate child was born to this girl approximately a year ago and, according to Reverend OFFILER, OWEN was the father of this child.

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On January 23 a check was made at the Hall of Records Building, 220 North Broadway, Room 103, Los Angeles, by the writer, where it was ascertained that Marriage Application No. 17333 was issued on September 28, 1936, to JERRY OLIVER OWEN, 827 West 35th Street, Los Angeles. On the application he stated he was a native of Ohio, having been born on April 16, 1915. BEVERLY ADAIR MURCAR, 1443 Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, was shown to be a native of Washington, born November 12, 1918, and was making application by the consent of her mother.

The County Clerk's records, Room 101, Hall of Records Building, Los Angeles, reflected that in Book No. 1387, page 82, license No. 16949 was issued on the above application and the marriage was performed on September 30, 1936, by Rev. W. L. MILLER, Methodist Episcopal minister. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. ETIA WOOD, 1443 South Bonnie Brae Avenue, Los Angeles.

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FILE NO. 31-5727

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1/29/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/23/46	REPORT MADE BY ROYAL L. STAUFFER	KH
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases; [REDACTED], with aliases - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject and wife, BEVERLY OWEN, are presently residing together in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. ADA BOSSLER, mother of Beverly, has no specific information concerning subject's ordination. Records in Los Angeles County reflect subject and wife married 9/30/36 in Los Angeles.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 31-71285.
Report of Special Agent William E. Gelder, Portland, 11/28/45.

DETAILS:

On January 23, 1946, the writer contacted Mrs. ADA BOSSLER, 2015 Second Avenue, Apartment 201, Los Angeles, California, telephone Republic 5776, and she related the following story: She is the mother of BEVERLY OWEN, whose maiden name was BEVERLY ADAIR MORCAN and who was married to OLIVER JERRY OWEN sometime in September, 1936, in a church near the University of Southern California campus, where he was attending school at the time. Mrs. Bossler went to the City Hall to sign for Beverly's marriage license inasmuch as she was under 18 at the time. She stated that Beverly and the subject are presently residing together at 5018 Abbott Avenue, Dallas, Texas, telephone Lakeside 2589 and that Beverly periodically calls her by long distance telephone complaining of her domestic difficulties with the subject. Mrs. Bossler could furnish no specific information concerning the subject's ordination except that she believed he was ordained sometime in 1938 at San Francisco.

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TO : SAC, Portland

DATE: February 11, 1946

FROM : J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, with aliases
 [REDACTED] with aliases - VICTIM
 WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

A review of the Bureau's file pertaining to the above-captioned matter reflects that the last report which it has received from your office, the division of origin, is that of Special Agent William E. Gelder dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, which contained undeveloped leads to be covered by your office and the Des Moines, Los Angeles and Seattle Divisions.

In view of the delinquent status of this case and, further, since the U. S. Attorney at Portland, Oregon, has indicated that he would authorize prosecution against this subject under the provisions of the White Slave Traffic Act provided the cooperation of the victim was obtained, each office receiving copies of instant memorandum is hereby instructed to afford this case prompt and vigorous investigative attention in order that it may be brought to its early and logical conclusion.

As soon as the investigation has been concluded, you are hereby instructed to promptly present the complete facts developed to the appropriate U. S. Attorney in your jurisdiction for the purpose of ascertaining whether he will authorize prosecution against the subject under the White Slave Traffic Act.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-5218**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2/18/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25, 27, 38, 30/46	REPORT MADE BY LEWIS F. RUSSELL, SA
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was, Oliver Jerry Owen, Rev. Jerry Owen, Harry Roberts, [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Subject unable to produce certificate of ordination, stating they are with his personal effects in San Francisco. Also advised he was ordained by Assemblies of God, Northern California District, in 1937 and withdrew in 1938. Claimed he established Gospel Center Church, Inc., San Francisco, in 1938 and was ordained by this organization. Also claims ordained by Bible Broadcast Association, Portland, and Bethel Temple, Inc., Seattle.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 31-71285
Report of Special Agent HARRIS VAN WAGNER, Houston, Texas dated 1/15/46
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. CHILDER, Portland, Oregon dated 11/28/45.

DETAILS: At Dallas, Texas

Reference report of Special Agent CHILDER requested that the subject be interviewed and questioned regarding his authority to act as a minister and to examine his ordination by the San Francisco Gospel Center, as well as any other papers he might have purporting to give him authority to act as a minister. This report requested that the San Francisco Field Division be furnished with this information in order that the facts might be presented there for possible violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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On January 30, 1946 the subject was contacted by telephone at his residence, 5018 Abbott Avenue, Dallas, and he came to the Dallas Field Division on this date where he was interviewed by Special Agent JAMES W. BOOKHOUT and the reporting agent.

At the time of this interview OWENS stated that he attended the University of South Carolina for one semester in 1936 and 1937. He stated that during this period he was converted and decided to become a minister of the Gospel. He left school and was ordained and licensed in June, 1937 by the Assemblies of God, Northern California District with headquarters in St. Helena, California. OWENS stated that this license to him at this time was to remain in effect for one year from the date it was issued. However, he stated that he voluntarily withdrew from the Assemblies of God in January, 1938.

In the early part of 1938, OWENS stated that he founded the organization known as Gospel Center Church, Inc., with headquarters at 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco, California. He stated that he was ordained by this organization and that since that time he has ordained a number of other preachers. OWENS stated that he presently serves as president of this organization which he states is incorporated under the laws of the State of California.

OWENS also advised that he was ordained by DR. MORRIS BROCK of the Bible Broadcast Association located at Southwest 20th and Hawthorne in Portland, Oregon. According to OWEN this license is still in force. He stated that he renews it every year and that it was last renewed in May, 1945.

OWENS also advised that he was ordained by the Bethel Temple, Inc. with headquarters in Seattle, Washington. He stated that he was ordained by this organization on June 10, 1944 and that this license is still in force.

OWENS further stated that he has been associated with the Open Bible Standard Churches of Des Moines, Iowa, as well as the Fundamental Christian Association with offices at Main and Austin Streets in Dallas. OWENS stated that he has not been ordained by either one of these organizations because he did not desire to be ordained by them. OWENS says that he is an evangelist who goes from town to town preaching the Gospel, and at the present time he is conducting services at the Bible Auditorium located at 8th and Lancaster Streets in Dallas. On this matter he stated that he bought this lot and building and that he intends to conduct services there for about a month or sixty days more, at which time he will turn over the Church to a preacher connected with the Fundamental Christian Association mentioned above.

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OWENS exhibited his Selective Service classification card which revealed that he was classified 4-D on January 12, 1943 by Local Board #95 located at 50 Oak Street, San Francisco, California. His registration card reflected that he registered with this Board on November 16, 1940; was assigned Order No. 54 and showed his address at that time as 916 Laguna Street, San Francisco. The subject's date of birth as reflected by this registration card was shown to be April 16, 1913 in Ashland, Ohio. OWENS stated that he is presently residing in a garage apartment at 5018 Abbott Avenue, Beverly Addition. OWENS stated he has a five year old son, [REDACTED] who was born February 15, 1941 in San Francisco, California.

During the course of this interview OWENS volunteered the information that he knew why he was being questioned by this office and stated that he was not surprised. He stated that the Assemblies of God had often reported him and caused him to have trouble with local authorities. OWENS further volunteered the information that he had been connected with "the racket" prior to the time he was converted. He stated that he had been friendly with JOE SAVOLDI in South Bend, Indiana at the time that he, OWENS, was playing football in high school. When questioned concerning his participation in "the racket" OWENS stated that through SAVOLDI and others he had become friendly with a number of girls in hotels in the vicinity of South Bend and that these girls had given him money and purchased clothing for him. He stated that he was young and did not realize what he was getting into. OWENS declined further to make comment concerning his participation in "the racket", stating that he had asked God to forgive him and that all this was a thing of the past.

OWENS further volunteered information indicating that in 1938 he had come to Fort Worth, Texas to conduct meetings under the auspices of the Assemblies of God; while he was there he stated that the Assemblies of God had failed to fulfill their agreement with him and that he and his wife were stranded without funds in Fort Worth, Texas. He stated that he had previously known a racketeer in Fort Worth and that he attempted to contact this racketeer in order to borrow some money from him to return to California. In making this attempt to contact this racketeer, whose name he could not recall, he made inquiries at a barber shop as to the location of the Red Light District in Fort Worth. OWENS advised that the barber through whom he had made inquiry concerning the location of the red light district had told a preacher connected with the Assemblies of God about the inquiry and that the Assembly of God had accused him of attempting to engaged in the "racket" and to transport women across the State line for immoral purposes.

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It was noted that the Dallas Office is in possession of a letter furnished by the Seattle Office under date of March 12, 1941. This letter contains information concerning the subject's activities in Fort Worth in 1938. No definite information was developed as a result of investigation conducted in the Fort Worth area in 1941 and the matter was closed at the request of the San Francisco Office by telegram dated August 29, 1941.

OWENS was unable to furnish any ordination papers, certificates, or identification cards reflecting that he was a minister of the Gospel. He stated that all his ordination certificates were with his personal effects which are presently in storage with the Bekins Van and Storage Company in San Francisco, California. He further stated that MR. EDMUND G. HALL, Attorney with offices in the Central Tower Building, San Francisco, and MR. GEORGE DAVIS, Attorney who is now located at Presidio, California, had rendered legal service for him in the past and were familiar with his connection with the Church in California.

OWENS further stated that the Draft Board in San Francisco had considered his case and had classified him as a minister in A-D.

OWENS appeared to be very cooperative and offered to furnish any additional information that this office might desire.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, OREGON**

FILE NO. **31-4130**

REPORT MADE AT PORTLAND, OREGON	DATE WHEN MADE 3-12-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28-46 3-7-46	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM E. GELDER
TITLE OLIVER BRINDLEY OWEN, was.; <div style="background-color: black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> was. - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

again denies immoral relations with OWEN. now at Des Moines, Iowa, with mother. USA, Portland, declines prosecution of OWEN for WSTA.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File 31-71285.
 Report of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, Oregon.

DETAILS:

At Portland, Oregon:

A review of the file in this case reflects that on December 20, 1945, the writer recognized the victim on the streets of Portland and upon stopping to talk to her it was determined that she had returned from Iowa and was now planning to live permanently in Portland, Oregon. Miss stated that at the present time she was not working but that she is living with JUNE MARLIN in Apartment I, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard. During the conversation with Miss she repeated her denials concerning any immoral relationship with the subject but maintained a friendly attitude. Miss further advised that the subject had nothing to do with her transportation from Washington to Oregon and was in no way responsible for her difficulty approximately a year ago. Miss further advised that she did not know the present whereabouts of the subject and added that she had not heard from him during any of the time that she had been in Iowa or for that matter since she had returned to Portland.

In view of the fact that a lead had been set out for the Des Moines Field Division to interview the subject, a telegram was directed to that office advising them to discontinue investigation unless the victim had already been interviewed.

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On January 9, 1946, Special Agent NORMAN B. BELFREY was advised by Assistant U. S. Attorney VICTOR E. HARR that he was considering calling the victim for the next session of the Federal Grand Jury at Portland for interrogation. Mr. HARR requested that he be recontacted with regard to this case when the Grand Jury next convenes.

JUNE MARLIN, 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard, Apartment 1, upon interview advised that she was no longer living with Miss [REDACTED], that the latter left Portland approximately six weeks ago and had returned to Des Moines, Iowa, where she is presently staying with her mother.

BRUNSWICK MAYER, Superintendent of Mail, main Post Office Building, advised after reference to the Post Office records that Miss [REDACTED] left no forwarding address after leaving 3257 S. E. Hawthorne Boulevard.

AUSA J. MASON DILLARD upon being advised that the victim had returned to Des Moines, Iowa, stated that upon being advised of the victim's return to Des Moines, Iowa, and further, that although she had been interviewed several times concerning her relationship with the subject and had refused each time to implicate the subject in any way, advised that in view of the fact that this case could not be successfully prosecuted without the victim's cooperation, that he would decline prosecution. Mr. DILLARD further stated that he and Assistant U. S. Attorney VICTOR A. HARR had discussed this case in great detail approximately two weeks ago and they had both come to the conclusion that no successful prosecution could be had on a White Slave Traffic Act charge unless the victim would cooperate with the government in their presentation of the case.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

Will review the subject's religious connections as summarized in the report of Special Agent BOYCE H. LINES dated October 4, 1945, at San Francisco, and set out in the reports of Special Agent WILLIAM E. GELDER dated November 28, 1945, at Portland, Oregon, Special Agent C. EDWIN PIPER dated January 23, 1946, at Seattle, Washington, Special Agent ROYAL L. STAUFFER dated January 29, 1946, at Los Angeles, and Special Agent LEWIS F. RUSSELL dated February 18, 1946, at Portland, Oregon, and present the same to Assistant U. S. Attorney JOSEPH KARISH relative to prosecution of OWEN under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.