

Written but not typed. 8/7/31.

Mr. Dea. Elias,
president

Report on operator JS9. as requested.

I have come to the conclusion that this man is undesirable for the work we have engaged him for.

He was highly recommended by #53, and came to us on his supposed information that secret meetings were being held in the Old picture Show Building. He has never proved this to be a reality and indeed some of his reports are useless chatter often repeated on which his information is so bare and at times contradictory, that no reliance can be placed on them.

Further on the 28th ult. he went to #53's office and had me telephoned

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for, and when I met him and his district manager, they both pressed me to let him work from Boulevard Pharmacy, where he considered he could get us better information. I told them he could not be allowed to do this without your instructions. I am afraid also that he is indiscreet and if not already uncovered through his own talkativeness, will not be long till he succeeds in this. Please see Mr. Horner on this, as I think he told ~~Mr. D.~~ Mr. D. what his work was.

We cannot do anything on Decatur or Carroll Streets because the bootleggers operating there are and always have been, protected by the police.

His reports on familiarity by Jarrard ^{Hull} Adams, ^{Koppel}, Durham, and others cannot be admitted by me, after I

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have spent a deal of time and care trying to prove or disprove them.

I am certain he has both a vindictive and foul mind and on that account is undesirable.

I recommend that his services be discontinued.

The purpose for which he was engaged principally was to uncover Union sympathies, sympathies and projected union activities, but not one case of a reliable or even possible nature has been found by him.

#53, I am certain, is endeavoring to create work for this man and others, which, of course, is in the interest of his own business.

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It is quite different in the case of #251 whose reports are generally accurate and seldom overdrawn, while his methods are indeed quiet, secret and effective.

AJM