



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Kramer
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

November 30, 1942

EAT

b7c

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the fire in the Boston Night Club, you are advised that the Boston office has not conducted any investigation whatsoever. The Boston office has not participated in any inquiries or board of inquiry, or otherwise participated in any way. The Military Intelligence Division had two officers present at the board of inquiry because of the large number of Army personnel in the fire but we are doing absolutely nothing.

Respectfully,

Edw. A. Tamm

Count on a hand...
of...



DEC 19 1942

RECORDED

97-15145-16			
F	B	I	
20	DEC	1	1942

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 30, 1942

100-287 ✓
CO
W

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Kramer _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

SJT

b7c

Time: 12:45 pm

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

b7c

I called Mr. Madigan at Boston and instructed him to contact Lieutenant [redacted] immediately and to offer the facilities of the Identification Division of the Bureau for the purpose of rendering assistance in the identification of the unknown dead in the catastrophe of the fire in the Coconut Grove in Boston. I also suggested to Mr. Madigan he might also contact the police department in this connection.

Mr. Madigan stated he would take care of the matter at once and would explain to Lieutenant [redacted] the desirability of submitting fingerprints to the Bureau for identification rather than requesting the Bureau to make a name search and furnish copies of fingerprints. Mr. Madigan will take up with him the request for a copy of the fingerprints of [redacted] as requested in the attached wire.

Respectfully,

✓ AS

S. J. Tracy

b7c



5800

89

RECORDED

11-11-42

b7c

R

98-111-7



44



b7c

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

November 30, 1942

Call made: 3:35 P.M.
Dictated: 4:00 P.M.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Neer _____
- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD



b7c

Re: FIRE - COCONUT GROVE,
Boston, Massachusetts
November 28, 1942

Since there was a newspaper item indicating that two FBI Agents were participating in an inquest or board of inquiry concerning this fire, I telephonically communicated with SAC J. T. Madigan on your instructions.

He advised me that the FBI Office in Boston has had nothing whatsoever to do with this fire and no Agents are participating in any inquiries. He advised that upon instructions from Assistant Director Stanley J. Tracy he had offered the services of the Identification Division in case it was desired that the dead be fingerprinted and possibly identified through that means.

He stated on the night of the fire, two Agents were in the vicinity of the Coconut Grove and called the office to advise that the fire and explosion had occurred. They went to the scene and strolled around watching the activity for a while. They took no part in any inquiries or conducted no investigations.

Mr. Madigan advised that with respect to his own employees, both clerical and Agents, he, on learning of the fire, immediately had all of them contacted and within three hours knew that none of them had been in the night club. He further advised that the Commanding Officer of G-2 told him that he had sent two of his agents over to the inquest because of the large number of military personnel involved in the fire; that the newspapers do not make any mention of Military Intelligence officers being at the inquest and therefore they probably are the ones reported as being FBI Agents.

Respectfully,

78-1111-2



DEC 3 1942

b7c

FOR DEFENSE



BUY
UNITED STATES
SAVINGS
BONDS
AND STAMPS



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 30, 1942

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Mr. Cahm _____

b7c

Received: 9:20 A.M. 11-29-42
Dictated: 10:00 A.M. 11-30-42

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ~~Tracy~~

b7c
b7D

On November 29, 1942 a [redacted] telephoned the Bureau from Chicago to advise that he wished to report information concerning the possible sabotage in connection with the Boston Night Club fire. He stated that he had previously furnished the same information to the Chicago Field Division and had no additional information to offer. In view of these facts [redacted] was advised that it would not be necessary to make a duplicate report. He was further requested to furnish any additional information he might obtain to the Chicago Office.

[redacted]

b7c

It is, therefore, recommended that no further action be taken concerning this matter at the Seat of Government.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature]

b7c

RECORDED
&
INDEXED

11-117

98-15175-11

[redacted]

b7c

233
57 DEC 21 1942

45
COPIES DESTROYED
258 JAN 31 1961