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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter received from Representative Martin Dies of Texas, under date of June 17, 1938, in which he requests that Special Agents of this Bureau be detailed to assist in the investigation being conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities, of which Representative Dies is the Chairman. I have acknowledged the Congressman's letter and informed him that inasmuch as the decision as to whether Agents of this Bureau would be made available to his Committee was a question upon which you must necessarily pass, his letter was being referred to you for such attention as you might deem appropriate. My observation is that as a matter of general policy, to accede to the request would be objectionable.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Congress of the United States
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Under H. Res. 510 the head of each executive department is requested to detail to the Committee on Un-American Activities, of which I am chairman, such number of legal and expert assistants and investigators as said committee may from time to time deem necessary.

I am requesting you and the Attorney General to detail to our committee some investigators to assist us in our inquiry. I am sure that you have some men that have had experience in connection with the investigation of the German-American Bund and also Communistic activities.

I will appreciate the courtesy if you will arrange to do this in the near future so that I can discuss the matter with these investigators and map out the course of procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Martin Dies

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