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AIRMAIL

DR. ROBT. A. KEHOE,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Kehoe,

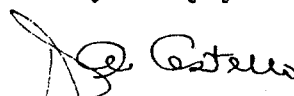
Attached is an additional report received from Don Phipps in reference to the Orange State affair at Tampa.

I attempted to call you this morning in order to determine whether or not this report would in any way change your report which I received in the mail this morning. I talked with Dr. Schradin and advised him of the situation and he informed me he would see that the information got to you. My thought was you might want to revise your report to include this information. If this is the case, you can send a new report to me at the Tampa Terrace Hotel in Tampa, Florida, where I will be until Friday of this week; or to the Columbus Hotel in Miami, Florida, after that.

I might add that in investigating the whereabouts of Harvey Bennett, Mr. Phipps took pains not to impart information as to why he was interested in this data. So far as we know, the Orange State Oil Company and ourselves are the only ones who have been in any way concerned about this man's welfare. I would be very much interested in knowing what position you think we ought to take with the Orange State Oil Company in regard to this man.

I am at present engaged in some work with the Sinclair Refining Company which will take me to several points in the week, finishing up in Tampa on Friday. It is my present plan to go on to Miami from there and handle the matter in accordance with our discussion in New Orleans on Monday morning. This is the reason for my advising you of my route in the event you wish to change your report.

Very truly yours,


J. A. Costello.

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CC-Mr. Lewis with enclosures.

The COLUMBUS



MIAMI FLORIDA
March 23, 1940

Mr. J. A. Costello

Dear Joe,

Accompanied by Mr. H. N. Glover, Construction Engineer for the Orange State Oil Company, I continued my investigation in Tampa this past week to secure additional information for Dr. Kehoe. It is a very difficult task to locate four men in a city the size of Tampa when all you have is their names and Social Security Numbers. I will not discuss in detail the measures that I used, which were successful in locating three of these men.

All of the men (colored) whom will be discussed below in detail worked in tank #201 at the Orange State Oil Company's water terminal in Tampa when it was being cleaned the first part of December 1939.

[REDACTED] - Period of employment, December 6th and 7th. Total hours worked, 14½. Placed in the Manatee County jail at Bradenton, Florida December 23rd for safe keeping, due to insane actions. Was raving crazy until his death on December 26th. No medical aid was rendered with the exception of a morphine injection, that was administered by the County Physician, Dr. T. M. McDuffee on the night of his death. Place of burial, Bradenton, Florida. Home of father, 1113 Fourth Street, Bradenton, Florida.

[REDACTED] - Period of employment, December 7th. Total hours worked, 8. Address, 822 Estelle Street, Tampa, Florida. Walker told me that the only trouble that he has had since working in the above tank was that one of his eyes becomes blurred at times, and that he sees spots before this eye.

[REDACTED] - Period of employment, December 7th. Total hours worked, 8. Address, 108 S. Dakota Street, Tampa, Florida. I was not able to contact Hall, but his wife, Rodie Hall told me that he was in good health.

[REDACTED] - Period of employment, December 6th and 7th. Worked, 14½. Social Security No. 265-05-9419. I was unable to find any trace of this man, but the Orange State Oil Company and the Florida State Employment Service are on the lookout for him.

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[REDACTED] - a regular employee of the Tampa terminal,
in this tank. [REDACTED] told me that he had not
been sick in any way since assisting with the cleaning of
this tank.

I might mention that I found a copy of our tank cleaning
instructions posted in the office of the Tampa terminal.

While in Tampa the latter part of this coming week I will
make another effort to locate Swindell.

If I can be of any additional assistance in this matter
please advise.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Phipps

Note: Since I kept all the notes on the Tampa and Bradenton
investigation, the Orange State Oil Company has
requested a copy of my report covering same, so that
they may advise their insurance company. I am sending
an extra copy along for you to forward to them, it is
possible that you may want to reword it. The copy for
them should be addressed to the Orange State Oil
Company, Attention Mr. R. W. Van Brunt, Secretary,
Miami, Florida.

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