

TO Miss Egbert

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

I think the Chairman ought to dodge this one. It sounds fishy to me, too. Can't you tell them he will not be available Saturday, or whenever they propose to call?

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CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE



American Peace  
Delegation

Rep 7965-

100 - NY to Trade

Union Conference

Come in to discuss

Fraser —

12/11/40

Mr. Thurston:

The library was unsuccessful in finding out anything about the American Peace Delegation.

It is not connected with any trade union. The Council for Prevention of War, who claim to have complete list of all peace organizations, had never heard of them and were of the opinion that there is something "fishy" about them - perhaps a group of people who have gotten together and decided to call themselves a delegation.

The Department of Labor library had never heard of them.

Miss Rackstraw called the number given - Re 7965 - and tried to obtain some information there, but they wouldn't give out anything without knowing who was calling, so she didn't get anywhere with that.

The library feels sure that if the two sources mentioned do not know of them, that they must be either a newly organized group or one without standing. The library doesn't know of any other place to inquire.

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*Shurston*

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

December 12, 1940

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles  
Chairman  
Board of Governors  
Federal Reserve System  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

Confidential information has been received by the New York City Office of this Bureau to the effect that the Executive Committee of the American Peace Mobilization has decided upon staging a "March on Washington" on Saturday, December 14, 1940. The plans made call for approximately 100 delegates leaving New York City on the evening of December 13, 1940, to arrive in Washington, D.C. at about noon on the following day.

It has been reported that these delegates intend calling upon you, Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Honorable Jesse Jones and other officials in Washington, to influence the policy of the Federal Government against loans or credits for England.

Later information from the same confidential source is to the effect that plans for a visit to Washington by delegates of the American Peace Mobilization on December 14, 1940, may be postponed, inasmuch as there is an indication that the delegates would not be permitted to enter Washington.

While you may already be advised of this activity on the part of members of the American Peace Mobilization, I wanted you to have this information for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

December 14, 1940.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to thank you for your confidential letter of December 12, to advise me of the intention of the "American Peace Mobilization" to march on Washington in order to protest to various public officials, including myself, against loans or credits for the British.

Last Tuesday my office received a telephone call from a woman, purporting to represent the American Peace delegation and telephoning from Republic 7965, which she said was their headquarters. She requested that an appointment be made for delegates to meet with me. Inquiry failed to elicit from her satisfactory information as to the identity of the delegates or their purpose. Further investigation only added to our doubts about this group, and the woman who telephoned was accordingly advised that some responsible head of the organization should write a letter stating what the organization was and why it was desired to have the appointment. She said that would be done, but no further word has been received by this office.

I appreciate your advising me further about the matter. Should additional information come to my office I shall pass it along to you at once.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,  
Chairman.

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