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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: <u>In re: The Bahai Temple Unity</u>			

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Boston, Mass.

Pursuant to suggestion of Special Agent Weiss, based on circular letter sent out by Mr. Alfred E. Lunt of 89 State Street, Boston, Mass. to the members of The Bahai Temple Unity, which letter was forwarded to this office from the Assistant United States District Attorney's office, and in turn furnished to them by secret service agent Barker, who thought that this was something in connection with the Hindoos, and that there might be something on our files here in connection with same. Attached to this letter was also the mailing list containing the names and addresses of members of this organization. From Agent's personal knowledge of the Bahai movement in the United States, dating back to the time of the visit of Abdul Baha to the United States, I can state without reservation that there is no connection between the Bahai movement and any Hindoo affairs.

Agent called on Mr. Lunt, who is an attorney-at-law, and stated that as one interested in advanced matters of this nature he would be glad to have him enlighten him on the subject and would be grateful for any literature on the subject which he may have. Mr. Lunt is a very fine gentleman and is very much

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wrapped up in Bahaism. He gave Agent a small pamphlet on The Bahai Revelation, explaining the twelve basic principles, which are as follows:-

1. The oneness of the world of humanity.
2. Independent investigation of truth.
3. The foundation of all religions is one.
4. Religion must be the cause of unity.
5. Religion must be in accord with science and reason.
6. Equality between men and women.
7. Prejudice of all kinds must be forgotten.
8. Universal peace.
9. Universal education.
10. Solution of the economic problem.
11. A universal language.
12. An international tribunal.

Agent had a long talk with Mr. Lunt on Bahaism, and while Mr. Lunt does not know that Agent is connected with the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice he did not, in expounding the principles and theories of Bahaism, say anything which would tend to show that Bahaists are in any manner antagonistic to the war or its prosecution. Agent was invited to call on Mr. Lunt again and further discuss the subject, and will do so at his earliest opportunity.

This investigation will be continued.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:  <u>At Boston, Mass.</u>  Continuing investigation previously reported Aug. 29th and acting upon copy of report by Mr. V. J. Valjavec of the New York Office, Agent as per request of Mr. Valjavec interviewed <u>Mr. Miran Sevasly</u> at his law office 294 Washington St., Boston, Mass. Mr. Sevasly states that personally he does not know very much about the Bahaists or the Bahai movement, that his only knowledge of them is limited to the fact that in 1896 when he was a resident on the Island Cyprus that a disciple of Abdul Baha by the name of Shebul Azel also resided on the Island of Cyprus and that many pilgrims of that faith and others came there in order to see this Shebul Azel. Mr. Sevasly further states that as he understood it Bahaism was a religious movement started in Persia which has the same relation to Mohammedanism as Protestant Christianity has to Catholicism and that religious persecution by the Mohammedans in Persia and Turkey had been carried on against the followers of Bahaism almost from its inception.  Agent again called on <u>Mr. Alfred E. Lunt</u> at his law office 89 State St., Boston. Mr. Lunt is on the Executive Board of the Bahai Temple Unity. This board is comprised of the following members  Charles Mason Remy, Pres. P.O. Box 1319, Washington, D.C. May Maxwell, Vice Pres. 716 Pine Ave., Montreal, Can. Harlan Foster Ober, Secy. 10 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass. Corinne True, Financial Secy. 5338 Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Ill. William H. Randall, Treas. 35 Congress St., Boston, Mass. H. Emogene Hoagg, San Francisco, Cal.			
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Agent is <sup>herewith</sup> also furnishing list of names and addresses of the members of the Bahai Temple Unity:

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Mr. Joseph H. Hannen, " 1252 Eighth St., Washington, D. C.  
Miss Hattie J. Loughlin, Secy. San Diego, Cal.  
Miss Jennie Field, 1106 Decatur St., Sandusky, Ohio  
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Mr. Walter Bohanan, R. 3, Kenosha, Wis.  
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Mrs. G. J. Augur, Honolulu, H.I. 483 Beretania St.  
Miss Esther Foster, 114 West 16th St., New York City  
Miss M. A. Door, c/o H. F. Ober, 10 Dana St., Cambridge, Mass.

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Mrs. Grace P. Lunt, 14 Lowell St., Beverly, Mass.  
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 Mrs. C. Jensen, Market St., Burlington, Wis.  
 Mrs. Rachel O. North, 1457 Elmira St., Aurora, Colo.  
 Mr. Hilbert Dahb, State College, Pa.  
 Mrs. Annie Libby, Clarkston, Wash.  
 Mrs. Eva Cooper, Fruitport, Mich  
 Mr. D. M. Perry, 460 Crawford St., Grand Rapids, Mich  
 Mr. W. McCormick, 1232 Broadway, Everett, Wash.  
 Mrs. Annie L. Parmerton, 543 Mitchell Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Mr. F. B. Becket, c/o Times Printing Co., Los Angeles, Cal.  
 Miss Frances Moore, Box. 345, Spring Valley, Minn.  
 Mr. Frank Chaut, Dublin, N. H.  
 Miss Mary M. Young, 166 W. Utica St., Oswego, N.Y.  
 Mrs. Marcella Ladd, Benton Siding via Nelson, B.C.  
 Mrs. Emma Hargis, Genoa Jct., Walworth Co. Wisconsin  
 Miss Margaret La Grange, 519 N. Market St., Johnstown, N.Y.  
 Miss Ramona Bray, 3055 Dana St., Berkeley, Cal.  
 Mrs. Margaret Ward Wiley, 151 Princeton St., Nutley, N.J.  
 Mr. John Pridmore, Brockville, Ont. Canada  
 Mrs. Grace K. Mann, 144 N. East Ave., Baltimore, Md.  
 Miss Henrietta Brittingham, 2928 Fremont St., Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Mrs. Mabel H. Paine, 606 Penn. Ave., Urbana, Ill.

As may be seen and concluded from these names they are evidently representative Americans of the higher order of intelligence and while Bahaism stands for universal peace Mr. Lunt assured Agent that the followers of Bahaism in America, of which he is one, are all good loyal patriotic American citizens and points to the fact that 50 years ago Baha'o'llah predicted this great war, and they believe it necessary as a work of equalization. Mr. Lunt further states that if there were Bahaists who claimed exemption from active combatant duties on the ground of their religious scruples, they were within the law as proclaimed by President Wilson, provided they were members of this organization before our entry into the war, but he states he does not know that any of them did claim exemption on such grounds. Mr. Lunt denies that any of the American Bahaists are in it as a money making proposition, <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ that the members of this Unity are followers of Bahaism from a motive of idealism and a higher sense of duty towards their fellowmen.

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Agent for the information of the New York and Los Angeles Offices is attaching herewith copy of his report on this subject made on August 29th and the following is a brief history of the Bahai movement.

"In 1844 a Persian whom they call the Bab, who was born in October 1819 heralded the advent of a universal teacher whom God would manifest and through whom the unity of all nations would be established and he effected a reformation of Islam (Mohammedan), which met with instant opposition on the part of the Orthodox religionists of the day. After two years he was imprisoned and held a prisoner until 1850 when he was shot in the public square, Tabriz.

"In 1863 Baha'o'llah succeeded him as the one expected and thousands accepted him. He proclaimed that the truth for that age was the realization of the spiritual brotherhood of man. Great persecution followed and more than twenty thousand were martyred and Baha'o'llah with his son Abdul Baha and their followers were sent to the penal colony of Acca in Syria.

"Fifty years ago from his prison at Acca, Baha'o'llah issued proclamations to the crown heads of Europe exhorting them to cease their injustice and strife and commending them to establish peace. Copies of these original letters in Persian are to be found in the British Museum.

"After the death of Baha'o'llah he was succeeded by his son Abdul Baha, who was for forty years a prisoner, and with the advent of the young Turk supremacy in 1908 when all political and religious prisoners of the Ottoman Empire were freed, Abdul Baha was also given his freedom. He then went to London and after his visit to England visited the United States and following his visit to this city the Bahai movement was founded in the U. S. It has since gained in numbers and there is being erected by them at Chicago a Temple, which they claim will prove to the body of human society what the soul is to the body of man. This Temple will be reared as a standing monument for peace between the masses, peace between the classes and equality between the sexes. The money raised for the erection of this structure came from voluntary contributions and in this Temple each one may worship God in his own way. The Temple will be surrounded by such accessories as a hospital, pilgrim house, school for orphans, and university for the study of higher sciences."

So far Agent's investigation failed to disclose wherein the American Bahaists might have been instruments of German propaganda. Agent will continue this investigation.

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