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SUBJECT: TY COBB

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
March 28, 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. Holloway.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: TYRUS RAYMOND COBB

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Dear Sir:

TYRUS RAYMOND COBB, the famous baseball player who retired several years ago, is presently residing at 48 Spencer Lane, Atherton, California. Recently Mr. COBB reported several items of interest and of value to this office in connection with Internal Security and Espionage.

At that time he advised Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] that he and all of his associates and friends are one hundred percent behind the FBI and that they are very proud of the good work being done by the Bureau. Mr. COBB specifically mentioned that his friends and he are aware of numerous attempts in the past to discredit the Bureau but that they realize the value of the Bureau to this country's war efforts and have always felt that you as Director of the Bureau and your organization are beyond reproach.

In view of the above information, it is suggested that you may wish to direct a personal letter to Mr. COBB.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. N. J. L. Fleper
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
111 Sutter Building, Room 1729
San Francisco, California

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ON 9/29/86

RE: TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 28, 1942, informing that Tyrus Raymond Cobb, Atherton, California, has been very cooperative with your office in connection with matters pertaining to the national defense.

In view of Mr. Cobb's commendatory remarks concerning the work being performed by the Bureau, it is suggested that you may desire to interview Mr. Cobb with the view to developing him as a Special Service Contact in connection with the Special Service Contacts project outlined to you in Bureau letter dated January 12, 1942, captioned "Special Service Contacts, National Defense Matters." I believe that Mr. Cobb may be of invaluable assistance to your office in furnishing information concerning individuals associated with organized baseball. It is desired that you immediately make arrangements to interview Mr. Cobb in this regard at the first available opportunity and advise the Bureau of the results thereof without any undue delay.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your letter of reference, a communication has been addressed to Mr. Cobb, copies of which are attached hereto, thanking him for the assistance he has rendered your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Tyrus Raymond Cobb
48 Spencer Lane
Atherton, California

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Mr. H. J. L. Pieper, of my San Francisco Office, has informed me of your whole-hearted cooperation with that office in connection with matters relating to the internal security of this country during this period of emergency. I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your assistance in this regard and your willingness to continue cooperating with that office.

I also wish to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your commendatory remarks concerning the work being done by this Bureau and me. I assure you that every attempt will be made by this Bureau to continue operating with the same degree of efficiency in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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United States Department of Justice
San Francisco, California
June 25, 1942

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Kramer
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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ON 9/29/86

Re: TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 10, 1942, Bureau File No. 94-4-5663, wherein the San Francisco Field Division was requested to interview Mr. TYRUS RAYMOND COBB and to secure his assistance to the San Francisco Field Division and furnish information concerning individuals associated with organized baseball.

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This is to advise that Mr. COBB was interviewed on June 5, 1942, by Special Agent [redacted] at this office, at which time Mr. COBB stated he will give his wholehearted cooperation to the Bureau in any way that the Bureau deems advisable. Mr. COBB stated that he still maintains close contact with organized baseball, and makes trips to the East at irregular intervals during the baseball season to renew old acquaintances and to meet new stars in the baseball world.

Mr. COBB advised that he did not believe that there was any subversive element at work among the organized baseball players, and he stated that from his long study and observation that the baseball players and managers as a whole are a loyal and patriotic American group. He stated further that baseball players are very clannish, and that while they talk freely among themselves, the moment an outsider comes in the vicinity they become very secretive and resentful of any outside interference. He stated that he could not see how organized baseball as such could be of any value whatsoever to any subversive organization. However, he stated that he would bear the thought in mind henceforward and that in his trips to the eastern part of the United States during the coming season he would be vigilant for any type of subversive activity and would immediately advise the San Francisco Field Division should he detect such.

In conclusion Mr. COBB stated that he had nothing but the highest



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praise and admiration for the Director, JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He again stated that he was willing at any time to aid the Bureau in any way, and that he wanted the Director to know that he was ready for service in any capacity.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 27, 1954

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Holloman
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Miss G.

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: TYRUS RAYMOND COBB, also known as "TY" COBB

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PURPOSE:

To set forth data in Bufiles concerning Tyrus Raymond Cobb also known as "Ty" Cobb, who is to see the Director on the morning of January 28, 1954. It will be recalled that Mr. Cobb is the retired professional baseball player who is recognized as one of the immortals of the game.

DETAILS:

By letter of March 28, 1942, SAC N. J. L. Pieper, of the San Francisco Office, advised that Cobb, who was then residing at Atherton, California, had reported several items of interest and value to the San Francisco Office in connection with internal security and espionage matters. Mr. Pieper stated that Cobb had advised that he and his associates and friends are "100% behind the FBI," and that they were very proud of the good work being done by the Bureau. Mr. Cobb stated that he had always felt that the Director and the FBI were beyond reproach. By letter of April 10, 1942, the Director sent a personal letter to Mr. Cobb thanking him for his assistance and for his commendatory remarks about the Bureau.

By letter of January 25, 1942, SAC Pieper, advised that Mr. Cobb was being listed as a Special Service Contact of the San Francisco Office. (94-4-5663)

By letter of June 12, 1943, SAC Pieper stated that Mr. Cobb was being carried as an inactive Special Service Contact inasmuch as he was not in a position to furnish anything of value to the San Francisco Office at that time. (67-045-149)

In the early 1940's the Bureau conducted an investigation of one [REDACTED] under an "Espionage-G" character; this individual was described as being [REDACTED] and he was reported as being extremely pro-Nazi in sympathy. The investigation was closed in 1945 after an interview with the subject failed to substantiate pro-Nazi activities and indicated that he might be "mentally unbalanced from drink." The investigation also failed to reflect that there was any active connection or association between the subject and Tyrus Raymond Cobb.

DISSEMINATION: None. For information.

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cc - Mr. Nichols
cc - Mr. Holloman
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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: Jan. 27, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Gearty
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Winterrowd
- Tele. Rm.
- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Sizoo
- Miss Gandy

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Bill Flythe of the Hearst papers called. An old friend of his is Ty Cobb, who is in Room 718 in the Mayflower Hotel. Cobb will be here several days. Cobb is a great admirer of the Director and told Bill all he wanted to do was to shake hands with the Director while in town.

the old baseball star.

It is recommended the Director indicate a time when he could see Ty Cobb and that we invite him over to meet the Director and take him on a tour of the Bureau.

cc: Mr. Holloman
 Mr. [REDACTED]
 Tour Room

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: January 29, 1954

FROM : [REDACTED] b7c

SUBJECT: TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
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On January 28, 1954, Mr. Ty Cobb and his wife visited the Bureau following arrangements made with you by Bill Fluthe of the Hearst papers. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were met by SA [REDACTED] in the Director's Reception Room at 11:00 A.M. and they were introduced to the Director. The Cobbs had a luncheon engagement at 11:30 A.M. and were unable to take a tour at that time, however, they returned at 3:00 P.M. for the tour.

SA [REDACTED] conducted the Cobbs on a special tour which included visits to the exhibit rooms, the FBI Laboratory, the Diorama and the indoor firearms range. Throughout the course of the tour, Mr. Cobb made many highly commendatory remarks concerning the Bureau and the Director and stated that his meeting with the Director yesterday morning ranked as one of the greatest thrills of his life.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to the San Francisco Office for their information since Mr. Cobb lives in Atherton, California, which is covered by the San Francisco Office.

Miss Tyne Raymond Cobb - Atherton, Cal.

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SAC, San Francisco

January 29, 1954
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Director, FBI

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TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
also known as "TYN" COBB
ATHERTON, CALIFORNIA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On January 28, 1954, Mr. Cobb and his wife visited the Bureau at which time we had a most pleasant conversation. The Cobbs were taken on a very special tour of the Bureau's facilities following our meeting. Throughout the course of his visit Mr. Cobb was most commendatory in remarks he made concerning the Bureau.

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TY COBB, also known as
TYRUS RAYMOND COBB
Born: December 18, 1886
Narrows, Banks County, Georgia

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Reference is made to your request for copies of
investigative reports in the event the captioned individual
has been investigated by this Bureau.

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry con-
cerning the captioned individual has been conducted by the
FBI.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as
a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not
to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the in-
dividual involved. This information is furnished for your
use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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the results of investion were requested.

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