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To Hon

Rep Clarence Brown
House of Reps
Wash DC

I have just been told
that in a recent speech you
stated "quote" I should be
most grateful if you
would tell me the name of
the woman to whom you

refer as this is all
completely ~~unknown~~ to me.
new to me

write of Edgar Hoover
~~quite~~ Dept of Justice
 Wash DC

In a recent speech
Cong Clarence Brown
made the following

Statement (quels)

If you can give me
any info on this I
shall appreciate it

Larry P.

Brown
on receipt of your letter

I wrote to Cong. Brown &
to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. I

am enc. copies of their
replies. I thought you

would be interested

20-Sept.-1947

Springfield, Ohio

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt:-

I am a reporter on the Springfield, O. News and Sun, and in covering a Republican Women's Club meeting earlier this week, I heard a statement from Representative Clarence Brown which I thought you might be interested in hearing.

This statement was made "off the record." However, from 30 to 40 Republican women were in attendance. This is what Representative Brown said:

"We must fear attack from from within as well as from outside nations. Here's an example. This is strictly off the record and should not be passed around. Recently the FBI was ready to put its finger on the No. 1 Russian spy in our country. This spy happened to be a woman and a good friend of Mrs. FDR. It was learned they spent much time together with Mrs. Roosevelt doing the entertaining. Just as the FBI was about to make the arrest, the woman spy and her friends were tipped off when a lesser arrest was made in the spy circle. This woman, spying on the United States for the USSR, was a dear friend of Mrs. FDR."

This was not printed. It was kept off the record in that manner. However, I reported it to my city editor who in turn reported it to the publisher. I understand that he has written Representative Brown a pointed letter on the subject.

I thought you might like this information ...

Respectfully yours,
Larry P. Brown,
Editorial Dept., News and
Sun, Springfield, Ohio

Cong Brown

Thank you very
much for your courtesy in
ans. my letter so fully.

My wife came from a reporter
who was present in your "off the
Hoover - record" remarks

Thank you for your
reply to my letter.

all I can tell you is

that Cong. Clarence J
Brown of Ohio is alleged
to have accused me of
having an intimate friend
who was a number one
Russian spy & that I
kipped her off as to
impending actions

cong Brown insists he

made no such statement
but my wife comes from
a reporter who was present
at the meeting where Cong B
spoke.

Naturally, I know my
intimate friends who are
few in number & I
am anxious to know if

anyone is using my
name in a way which
I would not approve.

I also realize that I
am "fair game" in
politics!

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Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Apartment 15-A
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have received your letter of September 24, 1947, and I must advise you that after having a thorough search made of our records, I am unable to identify the matter to which you made reference. In the event that you are able to secure any additional information concerning this matter, I would be very much interested in receiving it. At that time I would be glad to have a further search made of our records.

I sincerely appreciate your kindness in writing to me, and I hope that you will not hesitate to call upon me for any assistance that I may be able to render to you in the future.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

I presume the only safe thing to do is not to answer your letter and the record. I can assure you there was nothing in my reports that reflected upon your patriotism. The portion of my talk in which you have referred dealt with the infiltration tactics of the Communists; and I was endeavoring to sound a warning that all Americans should be on guard.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and friendliness in writing me.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence J. Brown
Clarence J. Brown, U. S. Attorney
Seventh Ohio District

CLARENCE J. BROWN
7TH DISTRICT OHIO

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

September 25th, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Apartment 15-A,
29 Washington Square, West,
New York - 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

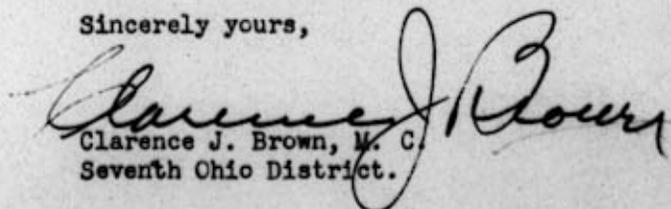
I have your letter of September 24th. The quotation which was attributed to me is entirely incorrect.

In speaking before a small group of women belonging to the Republican organization of Clark County recently, and discussing the dangers of communism abroad and at home, I made the general statement that we always had to be on guard against communist infiltration. I also said it was my belief Russia had the atomic bomb secret; but was unable to make the machinery and equipment needed for the manufacture of the atomic bomb - but what our own scientists had done sooner or later Russia's scientists could also do. I further stated I had been informed that the Russian spy group in Canada was tied in with a similar group in this country; and that one of their leading spies was a woman who was not apprehended. I also said it had been reported to me that, in earlier years, this woman had solicited your support in connection with an immigration matter. However, at no time did I ever suggest she was "a dear friend" of yours, or, in any way, make the inference that you, or anyone connected with you, had tipped her off as to the impending action against the so-called spy ring.

I presume the only safe thing to do is not to answer questions off the record. I can assure you there was nothing in my remarks that reflected upon your patriotism. The portion of my talk to which you have referred dealt with the infiltration tactics of the Communists; and I was endeavoring to sound a warning that all Americans should be on guard.

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Clarence J. Brown, M. C.
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