212077 Department of Instice, F.D. W ADDRESS REPLY TO DIRECTOR. Bureau of Investigation, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND REFER TO INITIALS, JTS:HEJ Washington. January 20, Memorandum for Mr. Hower. Miss Valerie D. French recently called at this Bureau and handed me the attached copies of numerous letters written for the signature of Helmeth Peter Holler who designates himself at times, "Fresident of the Oriental University," and at other times, "First Bishop of Theomonism." At other times he asserts himself to be "President of the International Psychological Society and International Academic University." He also directs the Xerana International Exchange. I am informed that you have files on subject who directs a correspondence school and claims to have delegates and representatives in various parts of the world. He is reputed to be deriving an income of about \$16,000 a year from his various activities. Originally he wrote articles for newspapers and magazines and mayhave written some books. He is said at this time to have on his staff two men particularly active in Geneva. Most of his income is, according to my information, from German students. He was at one time a Lutheran missionary in India. FEB 12 1921 RECORDED FEB 11 1921

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February 3, 1921.

William B. Matthews. Esq..

1330 F. St. N.W..

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Miss Valerie D. Franch recently called at the Bureau and handed the attached copies of numerous letters written for the signature of Helmeth Peter Holler, who designates himself at times "President of the Oriental University, "and andother times "First Bishop of Theomonism. At other times he asserts himself to be "President of the International Psychological Society and International Academic University. He also directs the Zerana International Exchange. Holler who is reputed to be deriving an income of about \$16,000.00 a year from his various activities, has been a subject of investigation by this Bureau for some time.

It is suggested that an effort be made to ascertain, if possible, the source or sources of his income.

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Worris Hahn, Require
930-934 Seventh Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hahn,

I have your letter of the minth, and appreciate it very much. It shows your thoughtfulness, and I am quite sure that if you were a little better exquainted with our work, if you had followed my former invitation to see me some time, so that everything would have been explained to you, you would have accepted the position as a member of the Endowment Committee.

I think you know Mr. Martin Viegand personally. He is doing much for the Germans here in this city. Thile I always twit
him on bumping up everywhere as a boss, he has really a good
heart, and men like him and like you, our University wants to
have stand at the side of its Trustees. It is for the prominent
citizens of the District of Columbia of German descent to back
up the Oriental University whose principles are thoroughly
German besides being American. Also, the Germans are supporting
either the Catholic University or the George Washington University
and so far we have made no effort in getting the assistance
that we sorely need, but now is the time for all good people to
come to the aid and weekant you, my dear Nr. Hahn, to be a
member of our committee.

We do not beg for money from you, nor do we expect that you shall spend much of your time on this. In fact, all that I would ask of you is that you kindly hand one of the printed circulars to some wealthy and well inclined people whenever such occasion offers itself, that is all, besides attending a meeting once or twice a year which, no doubt, you will find easy to do.

Now please dont kick. I wont take "no", and if you cannot say yes, say nothing, and I will put your name on the circular and take the responsibility myself for you.

By the way. I phoned the address of Miss Schmid to your office but repeat it here. I had a letter from her this morning saying that whe is quite well again. I think whe would be much pleased to get a letter from you as she has often expressed her gratitude that you made it possible for her to come to America. Miss Philipine

#2 Schmid, bei Frau Marie Hilz, Seligenthalerstrasse 44 I, Landshut, Niederbayern, Germany. Sincerely yours, President HPH-F

2, 9,4 January 11, 1921 Professor Dr. S. Districh 42 Rue du Rhone Geneva Switzerland Dear Doctor. I am sending you the printed matter desired, and wish to inform you that we have not received any application from Mr. Luigi Balzo of Italy, nor have we received any payment from him. The list of representatives will be sent to you if a few days. There is no agent or representative in Italy. All the representatives are listed according to the place where they are actually addressed, and nothing is said about districts or countries for which they are representatives, or deregates general. You and Dr. Demole have done more than others to confuse boundaries and districts of countries, which by long years of experience, we know that it is practically impossible to confine any representative to a certain district. Let every one take as much as he can get. The main thing is that we get them before the other fellow catches him. Having once taken hold of anyone, dont let him go again. In this respect, I think that you are a very excellent "catcher" of candidates. I am glad also that you and Dr. Demole are seeing the light. You tried hard enough to break the rules, but that will not do, becausewe have very carefully gone over every point, and we know that is test for our University, and best for you yourself. Our enemies would have entirely disrupted your work, and it is for your own protection as well as for the protection of the candidates and the University as well, that these rules must be observed in every detail. We have received polettertfroming certain Dr. Bosio herewith enclosed which you will please answer. Sincerely yours, HPH-F resident

January 11, 1921 Professor Dr. A. Demole 64 Route de Frontenex Geneva, Switzerland Dear Doctor, The Vollmacht as well as the other certificate required will be sent to you very soon, and I hope you willpush the cause against Pfenniger to the utmost, as we are determined that our enemies shall be conquered in a manner that they will never be able to stand un again. Pfenniger is a liar, a slanderer, and a dupe of others, no doubt. The papers behind him will no doubt find out what once the Washington Times, here, found out, that it is a very fruitless and a west expensive affair to fight the Oriental University. They always find that in fighting us that they are helping us and the reason for this is that we have never to our best knowledge done anything in the sight of God which is not perfectly right, nor anything against the statutes of rour charter, nor anything that could not be accepted by an unbiased colegium of experienced educators that believe strongly in the higher progress of science. I find that an account of Pfenniger's agitation the most omportant papers in Germany, including the Tante Voss, and the Buropean Press, are copying parts of his slanders, and I have immediately answered these papers. Your accounts and claims reached our office, unfortunately between Christmas and NewYear's day, and they were hurriedly glanced over, marked and ret rned to you, and I hope that you will excuse this as there was no other way of indicating to you that you must not expect credit on these accounts until we have thoroughly examined them. I have returned them to you so that you may examine the accounts once more, and then forward the corrected accounts to us. Please remember that we have granted you already a tonus. You know yourself when thebonus was allowed, and you certainly cannot expect a second bonus covering the same period. It must begin from the date that that bonus was allowed. To what ever new bonus you are entitled acc6@Fding to our instructions to representatives, we will cheerfully give to you, but you must not draw upon such credit until you hear from us that, and what has been accepted.

In the second place, you bring your account of advertisements, and of course, we had expected you to understand that the
increased bonus which we granted now covers everything, and we
have never allowed any representative to send us a bill for
advertisement not specially desired by us. I have written you, I
believe, a number of times before that if we were to pay the advertisement expenses of the representatives, we might just as well
do without any representatives. Now, my dear Doctor, such bills
cannot be allowed.

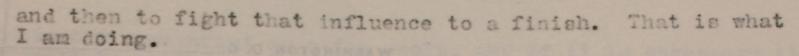
If we have, in the past, given you a certificate of credit for advertisement which was evidently in the nature of a defense of the University, that was a special matter, but in your accounts now sent, nothing is shown that was for such defense. In all matters please observe that no bills whatsoever must be contracted for the University unless you have a written statement from us that such bills may be run up.

Again, I would say that it is very obvious that while you have obtained a large number of applicants, you get only a comparatively small number of candidates who pay up the whole fee within a reasonable time, and it is really necessary for you to change your manner of business so that within a year at least the full fee be paid. You know very well from pur literature that we charge 20% additional to the regular fee if no prepayment is made, and we must expect instllments.

Te have not charged you anything in addition to the regular fees, but have allowed you reductions of fees for non-madical degrees. From now on, if the candidates do not payit within twelve months, an additional fee of 20% will be charged. Please inform all your candidates of this fact.

I am sorry that Mr. Kiaer of Denmark is not able to meet the expenses, but he must pay the \$5 matriculation fee. I am glad to learn from your remark that Dr. Loverdo has paid the fee due the University for so long.

As regards your letter to the United States Bureau of Education, it is praiseworthy, but it would have been better if you had first shown your letter to one who is well up in Eng-lish, as it contains some errors, and in all communications of all our representatives to any office in America, before it is sent on, copies must be sent to this office. Please do not communicate with any office here in the future. I am handling everything in a manner which I know is most effective. America is entirely different from the European countries. So-called claims make no effect upon American officers if some influence is drawing the other way. The important thing to do in America is to investigate to find out what influence is contradicting.



The written work means very little indeed, not only in America, but also in Europe. If anyone fights you, let him show his strength, and if you are of the real stuff, he will not be able to overcome you.

You have requested us to send you the distoma of Haendcke, but we cannot do so until we get the fee. We have already sent you one or two diplomas for which you have not yet forearded the fee.

I am tired of writing about Kwaschnik. That man if fooling all. He was fooled me to an extent that I was just ready to put his name in our list of official representatives. He is n.g., that means no good. He has deceived Pritzel to whom he has neve paid the fee. Then he has tried Junker, and frankly, I do not believe what he says about Junker, and I have written Junker to learn the real facts. I do not believe that Junker has charged him anything but the commission and fee, and now he is trying yo

Let him goadll the way back to Pritzel, pay him the regular fee, then write to Junker apologizing to him and paying Fortever expenses Junker incurred in his behalf, and then if he wishes, he can apply through you, but be sure that you get his money before hand, for otherwise, I am afraid you will never get anything. I do not say that Kwaschnik is not qualified, but I have no respect for him as a business man.

I am rather surprised that you ask us to send the duplicate of the diploma, issued, for if we did that, Pritzel, of course would never get the fee. Pritzel has paid us, and is certainly entitled to reimbursement. Now we must be just to everybody, an therefore, I must again and finally refuse to have anything to do with Kwaschnik until he has shown himself an honest man.

Now the American Consul at Geneva is trying again to slande us because I have made him the butt of my attack against the government bureaus here on account of his lying to the State Department. Let him go on, and if he comes to a point where I get him, he will find that he cannot extricate himself. He has already gone pretty far. It will be with him almost exactly as it is with the Swiss Legation. It has cost Switzerland considerable money as several of their amhassadors were removed by our strong angel forces against which nothing here on earth can resist.

I have recently told one of the secretaries who is myfriend of mine and who comes frequently to our seances that in the future we can work in harmony as they now seem to understand the conditions. I learn that the secretary who ignorantly or maliciouly started the lying has been treated rather roughly by the present ambassador. Of course, you know that we have a complete char

in our government in a few weeks, and if it is necessary it will be easy for me to bring to the notice of the authorities of the State Department the doings of our consul in Geneva, and the result of this interview might not be very pleasant for that consul. But do not say anything about this, It is just as well if he, in his blindness and stupidity, starts a few more things. You desire the diplomas of Caselline and Hein, but we cannot prepare them until we have received the fee. It is absolutely impossible for us to grant any credit now, and we will not do it, not even to you, although I am free to say that you are the best representative that we have, and I have the fullest confidence in you, in your honesty and ability, but it simply cannot be done, and will not be done. I wish in your writing to Dr. Printer you would also impress him with the fact that all questions of credit are answered once for all by a flat refusal to everyone. It is absolutely necessary if you want the Oriental University to continue in the future. When writing to Pritzel you would also do well to warn him not to do anything with any so-called University. This is said for his own good, for I know there is no other University that is doing the work that we are doing, and getting away with it. They are trying to do the work we are doing, but the fact is that not a single one has wither the organization necessary, the knowledge of foreign countries, the business ability, or the proper academic standing. We have nothing against Dr. Pritzel, although I wish he had a little more courage, but I hope he will be with us for many years to come. I regard him highly as a real gentleman. I think it is well if you, dear Doctor, will write him this, as on adcount of his relative Dr. Junker of whom he is evidently very jealous, he appears to be somewhat sulky. Sincerely yours, HPH-P President

November 23, 1920 Dr. George Sylvester Viereck 202 East 42nd Street, New York City My dear Doctor. I am very much pleased to learn that you have been able to elect the four congressmen from your city who replied satisfactorily to the questionnaire of our Committee of Ninety Six. This is a real victory, and must give you great satisfaction. You certainly deserve great success in your excellent work, and as soon as the new president is inaugurated. I shall start a determined propaganda, also, here in Whahington. I am waiting until that time, also, especially since our hall has to be improved and it will take several months, at least, untill this can be done. But I can report that by conversations I learn that the whole society, including its president, is favorably turning toward my projects, in the last number the president having indirectly called upon me to start in by the remark "What has become of the Washington representatives of the national Committee of Ninety Six?" Sincerely yours, HPH-F President

January 14, 1921 The Committee on Resolutions 219 Maryland Building Washington, D. C. Gentlemen. I thank you very much for the cony of the resolutions passed by your committee, and I wish to say that I am in full accord with them. If our German-Americans had done what you Irish-Americans have done, things would be quite different from what they are, and the slaying of millions of children and old people by starvation in Europe which is far worse than the war between grown men, would not have been possible. I wish the Scople in Germany all had as clear an insight into the whole system of British spying and corruption as your people have in Ireland, but I need not say any more. You know more than I do, only let me say again that I am heart and soul with you, and my prayers will be sent up, and have been sent up for your cause, that you may be completely successful, so that the great bluff of Wilson, and the British Allies concerning the freedom of the nations may be called. Sincerely yours, Chairman Legislative Committee of "The Concord Club, Inc." (of all German-American Societies) Washington, D.C., and Secretary of the Committee of 96, D. C., HPH-F and Northern Virginia Branch. Enclosed my biography

His Excellency, The President Guatemala, City Guatemala

My dear President,

I thank youvery much for your kind favor of the 6th of thismonth, and I realize that you are perfectly willing that justice be done to our honorary vice-president, the former

president of your country. I am sure that your High Court, as well as your Legislature will agree that it is absolutely necessary that the written agreement made at the American Legation be carried out to the letter, if you wish to have the good will of the American people. It does to me that this is a very serious matter that almost immediately after such document was signed, your own government, or whoever is responsible for this act, in your government, did just the opposite 45 what had been agreed upon.

I cannot help but think that such action will cause not a little trouble in the future.

I hope that you will understand that my whole interest in Dr. Cabrera is that of a fellow officer in our University, and trust that you will forgive me for wrging once more upon you to do all you can that this matter be satisfactorily adjusted now.

Respectfully yours,

HPH-F

President

Dr. George C. Viereck 202 East 42nd Street New York City My dear Doctor, I have received your circular of the Citizens' Alliance for Good Government of New York, and have read it with great interest. According to my promise, I voted for Debs, and I am quite satisfied that he has received so many votes, about thrice as many as in the last election, while I am satisfied that Harding was elected rather than Cox, as we can now hope to have law and order again, as well as justice for Germany. I think I have not yet informed you that we, here in Wash" ington, have reorganized All the various German societies have combined into what is called the Concord Club, a corporation raising sufficient funds by shares to buy the building of the former Sängerbund. As there is a large hall in that building, we will have an opportunity to hold, also, political meetings there, and you can be quite sure that I shall not rest until we get properly started along political lines. When we consider what the Irish in America are doing for their country, we of German descent must certainly be ashamed that we are so backward in uniting in a determined effort to bring relief to our country that was grossly defrauded by Wilson and his pawns by his deluding fourteen points, just as he deceived us, he re in America, by being elected a second time on the slogan "He who kept us out of war." Wishing you great success and hoping that at some future time I shall have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance, I am Yours sincerely, cola-s HPH-F President

United States Commissioner of Rducation Bureau of Education Washington, D. C. Dear Sir,

There has come to my notice a copy of a letter which, it is said, has been sent from your office, but the same of the signer has not been given, nor the one to whom the letter was addressed.

will you kindly find put whether this letter was actually sent from your office, and if no, kindly give the name and the mosition of the person who signed it, as we shall certainly bring a law suit against such person, if not against yourself.

office, in the presence of delegates from the Post Office Department and the Department of Justice, that the American Consul in Geneva has been fooled, and if not, deliberately having told a lie. I have been able to trace the beginning of that lie to a certain disgruntled lawyer in Switzerland, against whom, now, a law suit for litel and a hundred thousand france damages has been instituted.

This is a very grave matter, and if you, as it appears from this letter, if the letter be genuine, are fighting our institution, you will find us ready to meet you more than half way, and I am quite sure that before you crush the Oriental University, you, or whoever is responsible for this kind of blandering business, will be thrown out of office.

Jours,

WASHIRSTON, D. C

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ADDRESS REPLY TO DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND REFER TO INITIALS,

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Bureau of Investigation,

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February 19th, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Hoover.



I attach carbon copies of letters recently written by Mr. H.P. Holler of this city which came to me through a confidential source. You will note that in one of the letters he is making application for appointment as Commissioner of Education under the next administration. He has received a reply to his letter in which he is advised that his letter will be placed before Mr. Harding as soon as practicable.

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BU. INVES. BOOVER

February 18, 1921 Professor Dr. A. Demole 64 Route de Frontenex Geneva, Switzerland Dear Doctor, I send you he rewith a little note from the secretary of President-elect Varren C. Harding showing that I will be considered for the office of a commissioner of education. I send it to you for the purpose of using it in your suit against Pfenniger, if convenient, but be sure that you return it to me when you do not need it any longer. Of course, I do not know at all whether I have any "show" as we say in America, to receive the appointment, but that does not matter for the sake of making a certain little impression upon the fury which I hope will be quite justified. Sincerely yours, President

February 11, 1921 His excellency Warren G. Harding, President Blect The Senate Office building Washington, D. C. Dear Sir. I have read in the paper concerning your introduction to the book of Dr. Hill on "Abraham Lincoln, Man of God," and as I have made some studies along that line, I am very much pleased to see that you have come to the same conclusion concerning the faith of Lincoln. I take this opportunity to present to you my application for the position of United States Commissioner of Education, which I have had in mind to present to the new president for several years, since I have closely observed the inefficiency of the Euroau of Education, and also as a spiritualist, I am in touch with the former commissioner of education, Dr. Harris, the greatest educator ever filling that position, I believe, and whose excellent principles and ideas have been chamefully neglected by his successors. I would like very much to have the opportunity to get the experiences of such a position, and to work out the ideas of Dr. Harris as far as possible at the present time. I am in favor also that the Bureau be made a complete department, and called, perhaps, the Department of Mental Culture, so as to include out only education but also art and moral culture. I was form forty hime wears ago in moistein, Mermany, have lived in this country about twenty-five years, and a citizen and vote in the State of Virginia. I have been a clergyman and educator all my life, and I am now sending be rewith the register of our University, as well as the record of our Universal Theomonistic Association, both of which I founded. Of course, if I should be appointed by you to the position of the Commissioner of Education, I would resign at once from the position as president of these two.

My education was received in the German Universities, as well as in the American Seminaries and Universities. My educational ideas may be seen from the enclosed passiblet on education, and I may be so bold as to call myself an educational reformer, for I have introduced improvements in India, while in the midsionary service and at the head of an educational institution which was most successful. There was also a change in the Board of Education in the town of Cowanda, New York, which resulted in considerable improvement, because it brought in more male teachers of higher qualification and better discipline but I will not say any more about it as your these is very limited, and possibly you will have hardly any time to even answer this letter, and the enclosures at all. Hoping, however, that I may be favored with a reply from you, I am Most respectfully yours,

The European Press Contrescarpe 197 Bremen, Garmany

I shall do all that is possible to advance your interests if you prove yourself not only as being unbiased, but as being ready to pave the way for a better understanding between America and Germany

when I say America, I do not mean the present rotten government which has collapsed, and will be displaced in a few weeks, but I mean the ideal American spirit that we find expressed so clearly and so wonderfully in the Constitution of the United States, and as Germany now has also full proof in finding it expressed in the good deeds of so many Americans both of German descent and from other countries.

of course, I believe that the entrance into the great war was entirely unjustified, and I have said so many a time, publicly, in several large cities, also written about it. I also as convinced that President Wilson has not only fooled, but deliberately deceived the German nations with his so-called fourteen points, which, as we know now, were first conceived in England. In all ways wilson has proved himself a Britisher, and not an American, and I myself have challenged the Department of Justice to prove that I was not a better citizen than Wilson, and they have not been able to say anything in answer.

#2 As desired, I am sending you again my poem called "Heimweh" which you might copy if you find the space for it, or use in some other way, and I am sending you also the printed matter of our University and our Universal Theomonistic Association, also a list of our representatives, from which you will see that we are well represented in Germany. One of our Honorary Vicenresidents is the well known publisher, Dr. Reclam in Leipzig, Our Theomonistic books and pamphlets have been translated into German and will be printed by Oswald Eutze, Lindenstrasse, Leipzig. My own biography will appear in Franz Brümmer's "Lexicon der Deutschen Dichter des 19. Jahrhunderts," published by Reclam. Sincerely yours, President HPH-E

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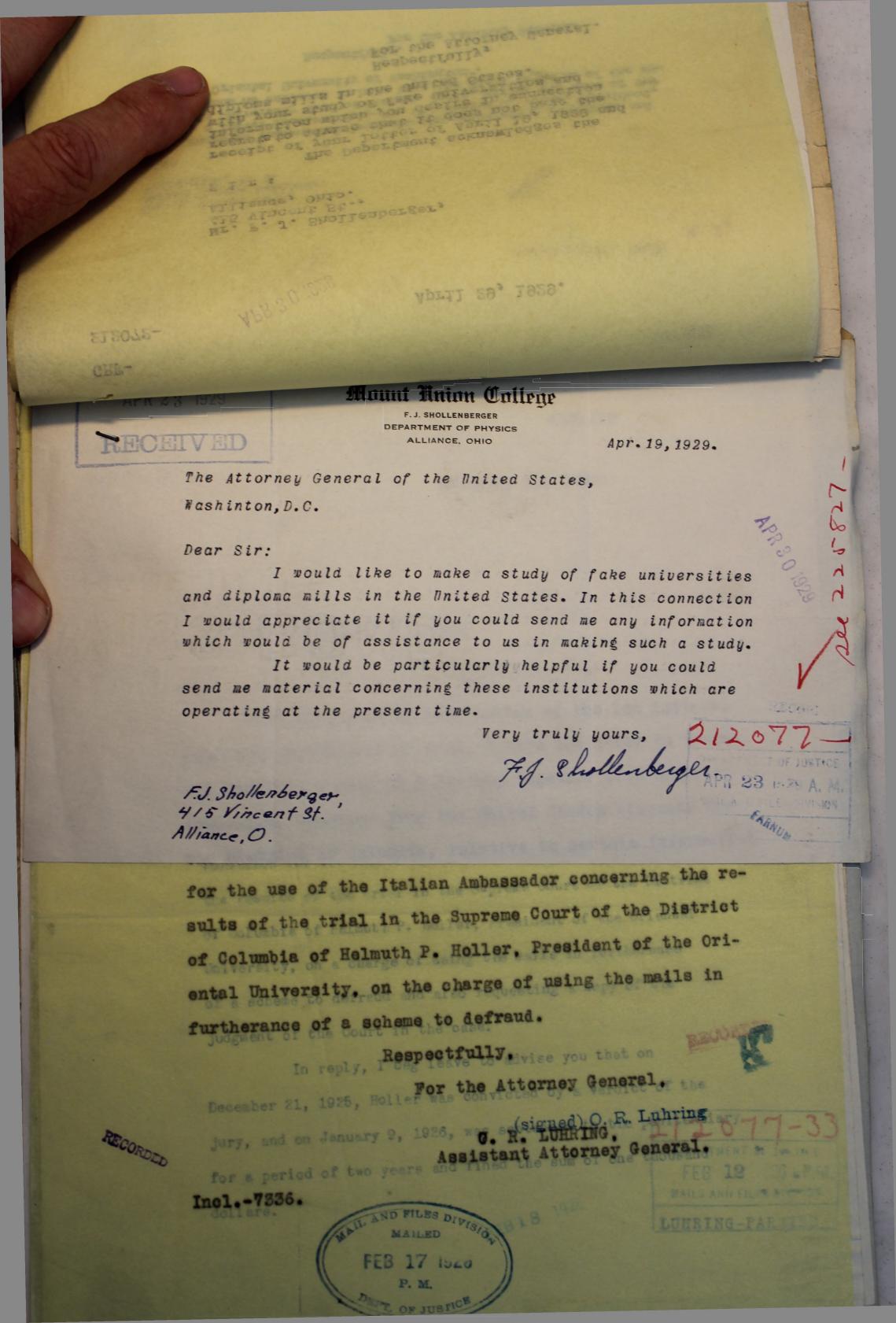
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D. C. IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO INITIALS AND NUMBER November 10, 1932 JCC/jn C-42046 NOV 12 1982 The Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. Sir: E. J. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 7, 1932, your file ND-FMP 212077, enclosing a letter received from Dr. Jal Dastur C. Pavey, President of the Columbia University Club of Bombay, India, relative to the so-called "Oriental University of Washington" case in this District. Please be advised that I have this day advised Dr. Pavey in the premises. Respectfully, LEO A. ROVER, United States Attorney.

CASIDOR TO' TACK FMP-muh J. Hoto word 100 1 November 7th, 1932. E. Ja Leo A. Rover, Esq. . . Sholleaberger, United States Attorney. Washington, D. C. Sir: There is transmitted herewith for appropriate attention and reply, a letter received from Dr. Jal Dastur C. Pavey, President, Columbia University Club of Bombay, India, giving the name of the person whom he believes to have been the agent in India of the socalled "Oriental University of Washington". Respectfully, For the Attorney General: for the Attorney Corretal. (signed) Nugent Dodds NUGENT DODDS. Assistant Attorney General. George & Person Encl. 275058. Assistant Attorney Seneral v 1932 P.M NOV

10h 3 1835 Hovember Ven, 1932. ST 3034" NO-MIN CMH RMT Clippe the Attorney General of the Destant Washins APROS 6 102 April 29, 1929. Dear Sir I would like to some a study of fake universities Mr. F. J. Shollenberger, ed States. In this consection I would by Vincent St., If you could send me any information which Alliance, Ohio. cutones to us in making such a study. Sit souls be purstoularly helpful if you could The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of April 19, 1929 and receipt of your letter of april 19, 1929 and regrets to advise that it does not have the information which you desire in connection with your study of fake universities and Adiploma mills in the United States offenberger 415 Vincunt 34 Respectfully, Alliance, O. For the Attorney General. for the use of the Itslian, (signed) Geo. R. Farnum and the trial in the George R. Farnum Assistant Attorney General. of Columbia of Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Orieasel University, on the observe of naing the spile to fortherance of a school to defrace. Respectivity Far the Atterney Sensivia



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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

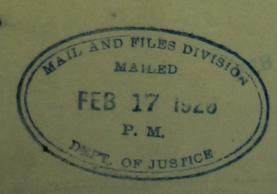
With reference to your letter of the 1st instant. your file SO 811.422 Or 4/25. I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter, together with original inclosure, received from the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, relative to certain information for the use of the Italian Ambassador concerning the results of the trial in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia of Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud.

In reply, Respectfully,

December 21, 1925, Holl For the Attorney General.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D. C.

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February 10, 1926

The Attorney General,

Department of Justice,

The Honorable.

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Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the fourth instant, received here on the eighth, (ORL FMP HSR 212077-32) enclosing a copy of a letter with the original enclosure received by you from the Secretary of State requesting information for the use of the Itelian Ambassador concerning the results of the trial in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia of Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on a charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud and also requesting a copy of the judgment of the Court in the case.

In reply, I beg leave to advise you that on

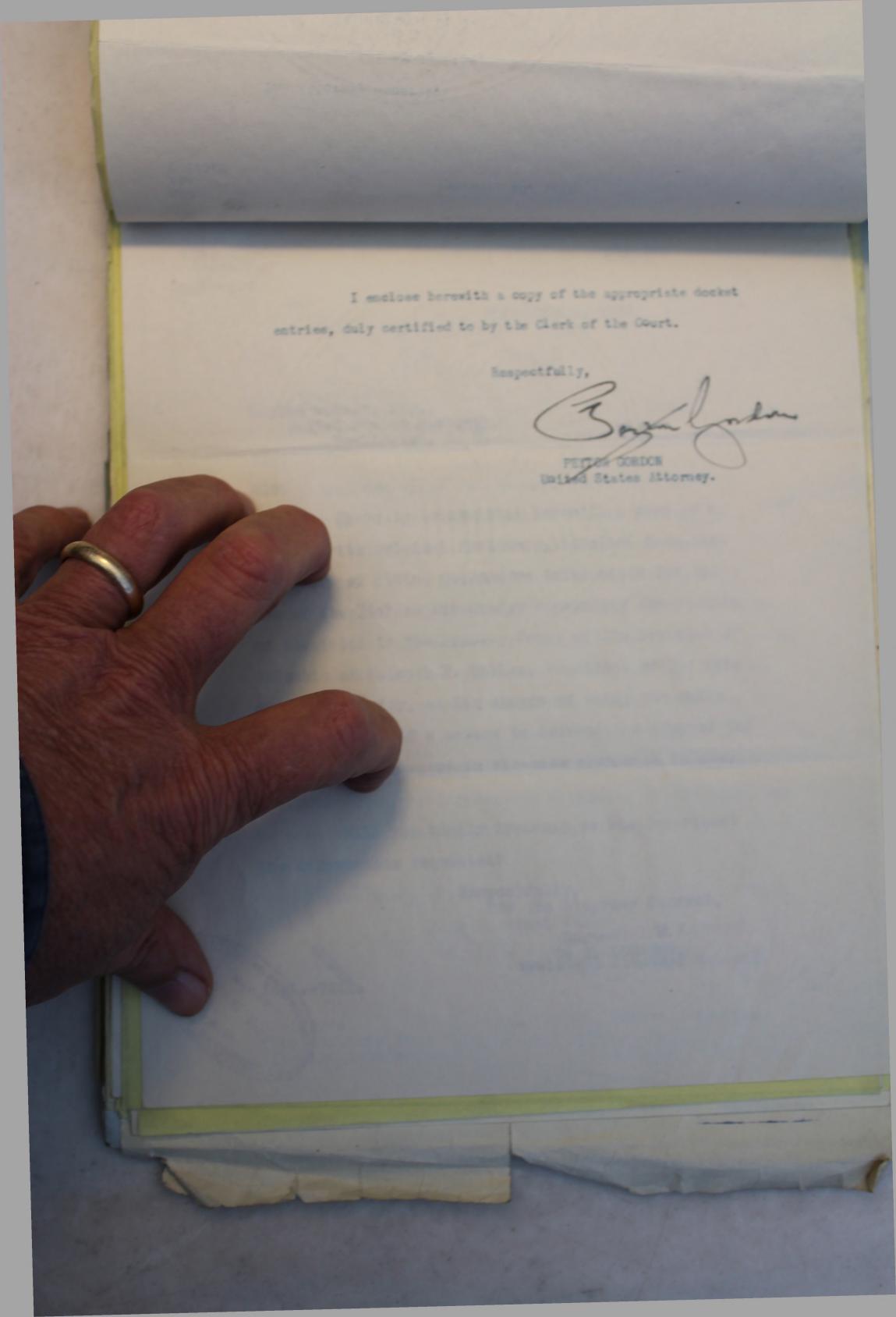
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February 4, 19261, 1926.

The Honorable Peyton Gordon, Esq., United States Attorney, Washington, D. C.

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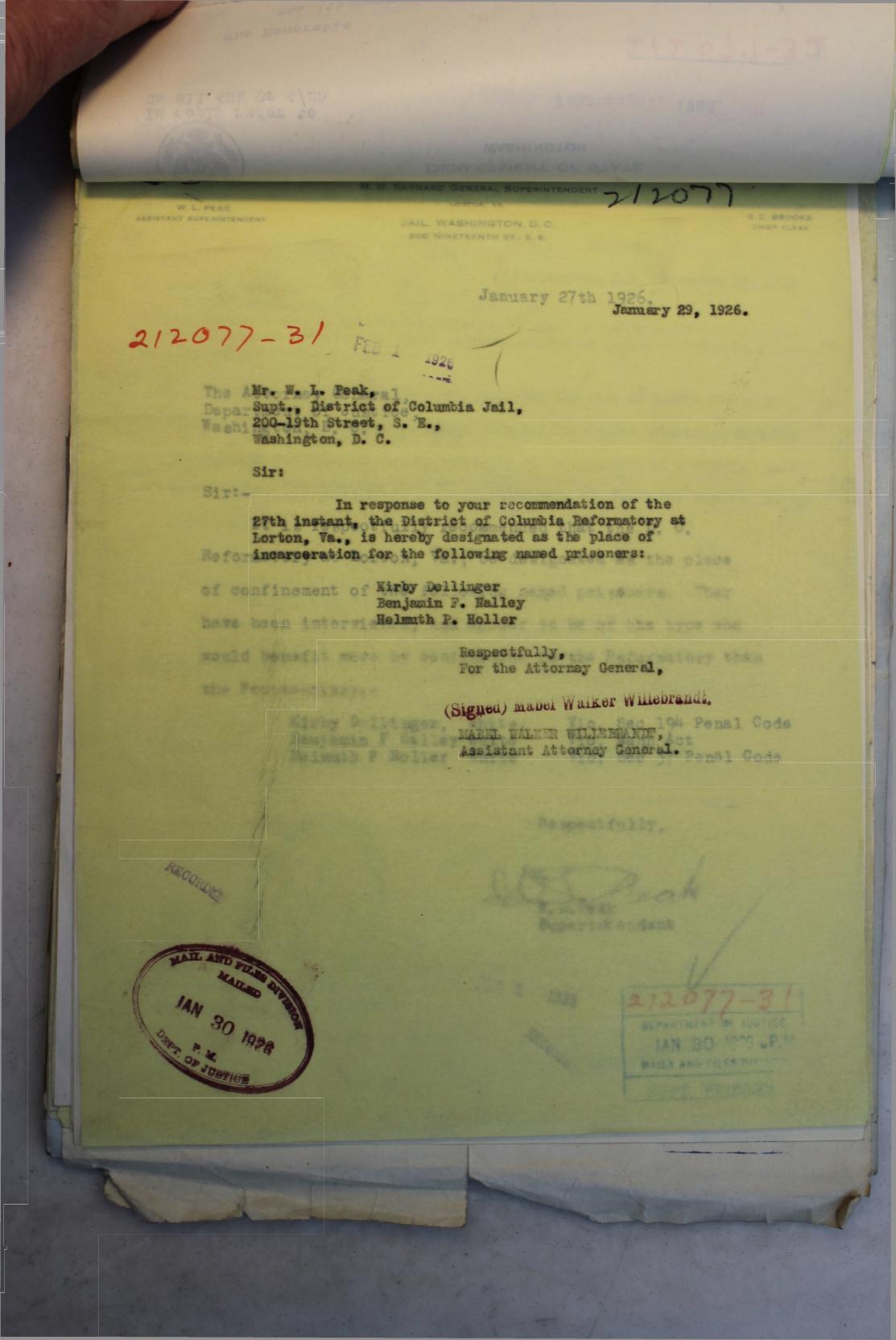
Your obedient servent (signed) O. R. Luhring Assistant Attorney General.

Under Secretary.

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Department of Justice.

DEPARTMEN _ District of __COLUMN

January 27th 1926.

Washington, D.C. December 25, 1925

(Place and date.)

The ATTORNEY GENERAL,

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For the Attorney General:

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The Honorable

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The Attorney General.

Sir:

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Department's letter of August 28, 1924, in which. with reference to the indictment returned by a grand jury in the District of Columbia against Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on the charge of using the United States mails to defraud, it is stated that the trial of the case against Mr. Holler is expected to be held during the coming fall term of the court.

This information is being communicated to the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Italy, at whose instance my letter of July 28 to you requesting the information was written.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

Assistant Secretary.

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o BIL. 428 OF 4/16 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WJD-WASHINGTON, D. C. HSR-ECT 212077-28 AMERICA 16, 1984. The Attorney Official, August 28, 1924. Washington, D. C. The Secretary of State. With reference to Dojantowng letter of August 1, Sigrat (HBRELEOTY-27) regarding the status of cames pending against Helmuth P. Woller, I beg leave to adgine you that o 811,422 On 4/14) (So 811.422 Or 4/14), you are informed of the receipt of a communication from the United States Attorney for the Districts of Columbia in which he states that it is now expected to bring the case against Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, to trial during the coming fall term of the court. Respectfully, Respectfully, For the Attorney General, United States Attorney. Assistant Attorney General. RECORDI DEPARTMENT OF 19 1924 TL AND FILES DIVISIO MAILS AND I ILES DEVISION DAVIS PROXISE.Y P. OF JUSTICE ORDM-RIDGEL 213077-28

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 16, 1924.

The Attorney General.

The Secretary of State.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

With reference to Department letter of August 1, 1924 (HSR212077-27) regarding the status of cases pending against Helmuth P. Holler, I beg leave to advise you that that two indictments charging violations of Section 215, Penal Code, are now pending and are expected to be ready for trial during the October term of Court.

An additional indictment under Section 37. Penal Code, is also pending. This indictment involves three defendants, other than Holler, who have given bond for their appearance here. It is expected that preliminary pleadings in this case will be disposed of shortly, so that issue will be reached in time to permit of trial during the fall term.

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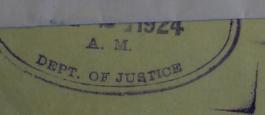
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PEYTON GORDON United States Attorney.

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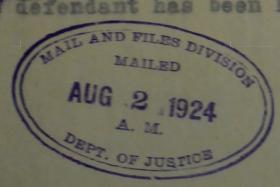
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For the Attorney General,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

July 28, 1924

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

Referring to previous correspondence in regard to the indictment returned by a grand jury in the District of Columbia in June, 1922, against Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on the charge of fraudulent use of the United States mails, I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a note from the Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Italy dated July 14, 1924, requesting a "copy of the sentence rendered by the authorities of the District of Columbia against Helmuth P. Holler."

For my guidance in replying to the note of the Charge d'Affaires, I should be pleased to be informed concerning the present status of this case. If the trial of this defendant has been held I should be glad to receive

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July 14, 1924.

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The Chargé d'Affaires of Italy presents his compliments to His Excellency the Secretary of State and, while thanking him for his kindness in transmitting to the Embassy, with the Department's note 811 422 or 4/13 of the 10th instant, an authenticated copy of the judgment rendered by the Circuit Court of Richmond, Virginia in re: Oriental University, would be much obliged to the Secretary of State for having the further courtesy of sending him, at his earliest convenience, also a copy of the sentence rendered by the Authorities of the District of Columbia against Helmuth P. Holler.

The Chargé d'Affaires would very much appreciate knowing whether any judicial proceeding has been initiated by the State of Arizona on the ground of abuse of the Charter granted to the Universal University, also founded by said Holler in the year 1911. This information is requested in connection with the action pending in Italy against said Holler's Agent.

The Chargé d'Affaires begs to thank in advance for the courtesy of this information.

Washington, D. C. July 14th, 1924.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

May 9, 1924.

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The Honorable

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I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a

The Department is in receipt of your letter of note from the Italian Ambassador, dated April 22, 1924, the 3rd instant (So 811.422 or 4/10), transmitting a in regard to the indictment returned by the Grand Jury copy of a note received by you from the Italian Ambassador, making inquiry regarding the disposition of Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University. the cases pending in this District against Helmuth P. on a charge of using the mails of the United States for Holler, President of the Oriental University, charged Trandulent purposes. The Ambassador inquires whether with using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to de-

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In reply you are informed that the United States to the Attorney states that demurrers and motions to quash note of the Italian Ambassador I should be pleased to are pending in these cases, which it is expected will receive any information which you can proper be disposed of in the near future. If this is done, concerning the present status of this case: arrangements will be made to try Holler some time the latter part of this month or the first of next av lo

> Respectfully the Secretary of States

For the Attorney General.

Mgmed) Barl J. Davis. Assistant Attorney General.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

May 3, 1924.

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador, dated April 22, 1924, in regard to the indictment returned by the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia on June 5, 1922, against Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on a charge of using the mails of the United States for fraudulent purposes. The Ambassador inquires whether the trial of this defendant has been held and if so, he requests an authenticated copy of the judgment.

For the Department's guidance in replying to the note of the Italian Ambassador I should be pleased to receive any information which you can properly furnish concerning the present status of this case.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant, MAY 10

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For the Secretary of State:

Enclosure:
From Italian
Ambassador,
April 22, 1924.

Under Secretary.

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ENCLOSURE TO

ROYAL ITALIAN EMBASSY

The Italian Ambassador presents his compliments to

His Excellency the Secretary of State and has the honor to

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(811.422-193) in regard to the Oriental University.

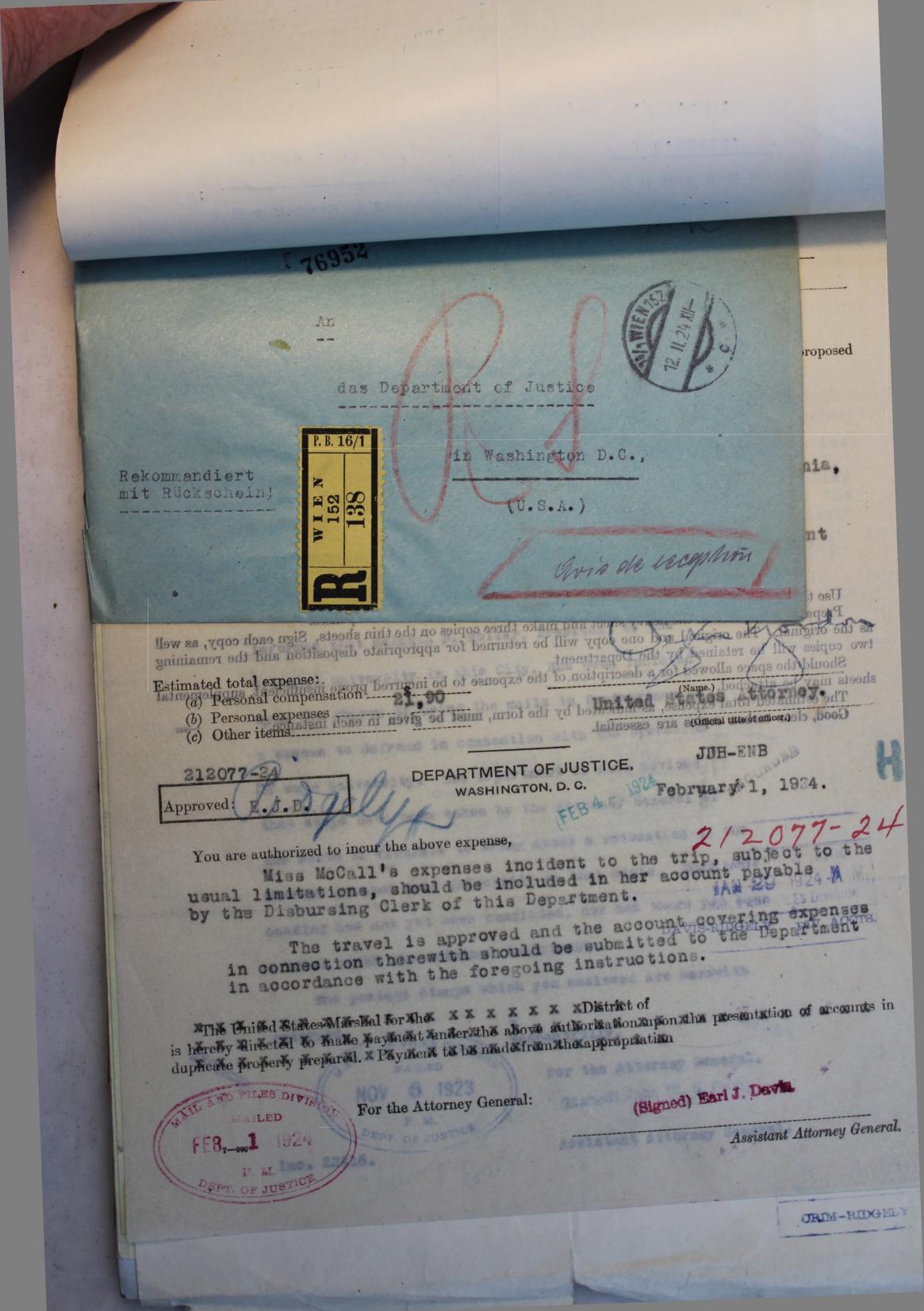
In said note the Department states and according to information received from the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, the case of Helmuth P. Holler, who was indicted for using the mails in a scheme to defraud in the operation of said institution, was set for trial on June 18th, but that the case might have to be deferred until the following October.

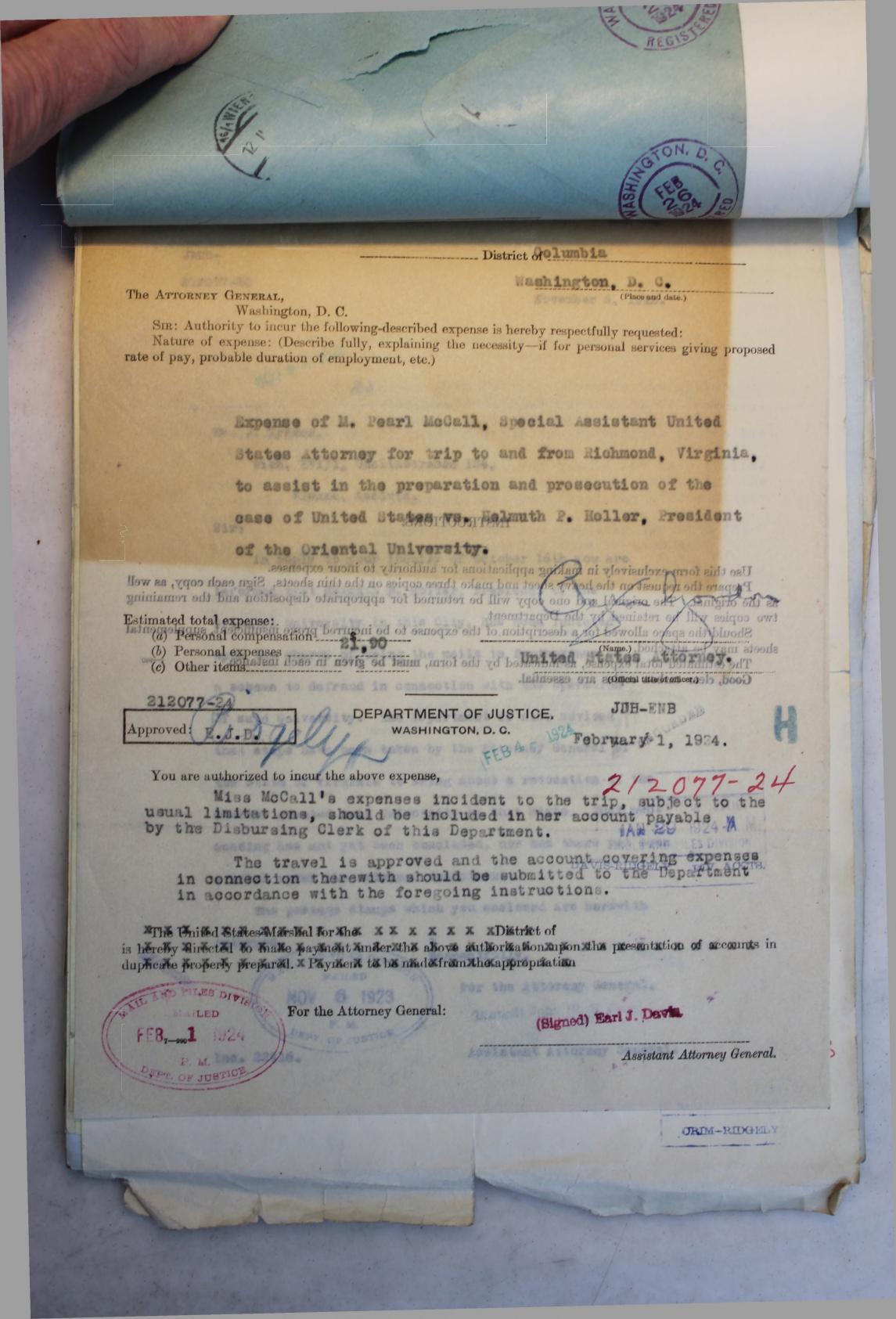
The Italian Ambassador would be much obliged to His Excellency the Secretary of State for letting him know whether this trial has taken place and what sentence was rendered. The Ambassador adds that in case the trial has been held the Italian Government would like to obtain authenticated copy of the sentence.

Washington, Anril 22nd, 1924.

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das Department of Justice in Washington D.C. (U.S.A.) I W H C--H S R Zu: HSR-GEA Inc. 22416. 212077 - 23 Wien, am 12./II. - 23.23 P.T! Bezugnehmend auf die geschätzte Zuschrift vom 6. November 1923 erlaubt sich der Gefertigte die höfl. Anfra= ge ob der Oriental-University in Washington D.C. auf Grund der seinerzeitigen Anklage des Präsidenten Helmuth P. Holler das Privilegium entzogen wurde oder ob man an dieser Universität derzeit wieder immatrikulieren kann. -Für eine gefl. Rückantwort dankt im Voraus ergebenst Dentist J. Eygner Zahnersatz und operative Zahnbehandlung Wien, XVI./1, Sprechst. v. 9-12 u. 2-5 Tel. Nr. 3865/4 interurb. Thaliastrasse 134. 26 1924 see sen DAVIS-RIDGELY You are authorized to incur the above expense, 2/2077-Miss McCall's expenses incident to the trip, subject to the by the Disbursing Clerk of this Department. The travel is approved and the account covering expenses in connection therewith should be submitted to the Department in accordance with the foregoing instructions. The peakers stamps which you enclosed are beriwhite *The United States Marskal for the X X X X X X X District of is hereby directed to make payment under the above authorization upon the presentation of accounts in duplicate properly prepared. * Payment to be made from the appropriation TES DIVE (Signed) Earl J. Davis. For the Attorney General: Assistant Attorney General. PT. OF JUSTICE ORIM-RIDGELY





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Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of October 16th you are informed that Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University in this City, has been indicted upon the charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud in connection with the operation of said University. The Department is also advised that steps have been taken by the Attorney General of the State of Virginia to bring about a revocation of the charter granted said University by that State. That proceeding has not yet been concluded, nor has there yet been a trial under the criminal indictment.

The postage stamps which you enclosed are herewith

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Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Bigned) John W. H. Crim,

Assistant Attorney General.

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Dr. J. Byhner. HOASSICCE OF FASSIC Om the ministry for Justice in Washington D. C. The undersigned permits herewith, the polite imquiry, if the "Oriental University" in Washington D. C. is authorized to give academic doctor's degrees by way of correspondence and if these degrees are recognized by the law im the United States. In case the undersigned should not have applied precisely to the right magisterial, so asks the latter for the agreeable fartherguidance of his inquiry on the office dispo= sable to this. The amount of 7.500 K - is being enclosed for the keind back-writing and thanks for this in advance 7.500 K in Austrian stamps are your humble enclosed. Dentist J. EyBner Zahnersatz und operative Zahnbehandlung Wien, XVI./1, Sprechst. v. 9-12 u. 2-5 Thaliastrasse 134. Tel. Nr. 3865/4 interurb. &EGORDED NOV 6 - 18828 Slamp Este 212077-23 NO 5 1923 A ORIM-RIDGELY

November 1, 1923.

Honorable Paul W. Kear, United States Attorney, Norfolk, Va.

United States Attorney.

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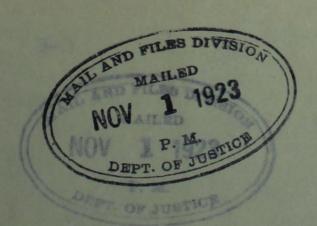
Honorable John R. Saunders, Attorney General for the commonwealth of Virginia, has requested of the Department that you and Honorable Callom B. Jones, one of your Assistants, together with Miss Pearl McCall, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, be associated with the Attorney General in certain quo warranto proceedings against the Oriental University, Incorporated; the information of the Department being that Mr. Jones is quite familiar with this case.

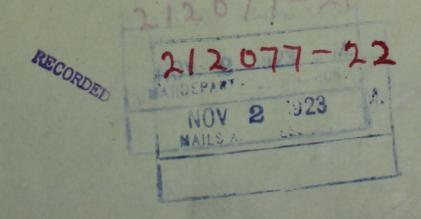
The Department has advised the Attorney General of Virginia that it has no objection whatsoever to yourself. Mr. Jones, and Miss McCall being associated with him in this matter, provided, of course, that it is entirely agreeable with you, and does not interfere with the public service.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Rush L. Holland.

Rush L. Holland Assistant Attorney General.





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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNET GENERAL

Honorable Peyton Gordon, United States Attorney, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gordon: Hollend.

As I have advised you, Honorable John R. Saunders.
Attorney General for the State of Virginia, has requested the
Department's consent to Miss Pearl McCall, Assistant United States
Attorney for the District of Columbis, to be associated with him
in certain quo warranto proceedings against the Oriental University.
Incorporated. Miss McCall, it appears, is quite familiar with the
activities of certain officials of this University.

The Department addressed a letter to Mr. Sauhders recently in which he was advised that it had no objection to Miss McCall assisting him in this case, of course, provided it was entirely agreeable with you.

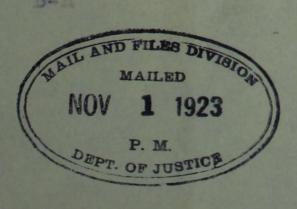
As I have stated, I have already spoken to you respecting the matter, but I am sending you this letter in order to make the files complete.

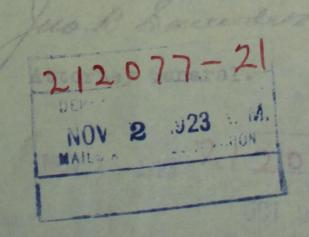
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October 24, 1923.

Honorable Jno. R. Saunders,
Attorney General Commonwealth of Virginia,
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Permit me to refer to your favor of October 9, 1923, and my reply to that letter under date of October 16, 1923, and the letter of your Assistant, Honorable Leon M. Basile, dated October 22, 1923, all of which refer to your request that the Honorable Paul M. Kear, United States attorney for the Eastern Listrict of Virginia, and his Assistant, Honorable Callom B. Jones, and Miss M. Pearl McCall, Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, be associated with you in quo warranto proceedings against the Oriental University, Incorporated.

The Department now understands that there is an indictment pending in the District of Columbia against one of the officials of this University, and that the United States is itself interested in the case. This is to advise you that it is entirely agreeable to the Department for these officials to essist you in one warranto proceedings at Richmond.

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Attorney General of Virginia, with (Signed) Rush L. Holland

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Hon. Rush L. Holland, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

After all papers had been prepared relative to institution of proceedings for revocation of the charter of the Oriental University, I communicated with Miss McCall in Washington, and requested that she appear with myself, and Mr. Jones, in open court when I filed the petition, and to bring with her such evidence as she had collected on the criminal action now pending in the District of Columbia. Miss McCall came to Richmond, at which time we three appeared before the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, and the Court upon hearing our evidence, with the evidence furnished through the assistance of the Attorneys for the United States, issued a writ of quo warranto r eturnable to the first day of the November, 1923 term of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, at which time it is the desire of the Attorney General's Office of Virginia to have the case set for trial.

I will state for your information that I have been advised that a hearing on a fraud order has been had before the Solicitor of the Post Office Department, but no definite action has yet been taken in the matter.

It is the desire of the Attorney General of Virginia to have Honorable Paul W. Kear, Honorable Callom B. Jones, and Miss M. Pearl McCall associated with this office in order that all of the evidence possible against the misuse of the purpose for which the charter was granted to the Oriental University has been used may be properly presented before the Court.

It is my opinion, however, that this can only be done through the assistance of those who have investigated the acts of various representatives of the Oriental University, as the work of the President has been conducted through the use of the mails not only in this country, but in Europe and Asia as well, and by the assistance of the above mentioned parties, who are connected with the Department of Justice, this office feels that it can much more forcibly and ably present to the Court the contention of the Attorney General's Office of Virginia as these parties are familiar with the facts in the case, having given this matter months of investigation and study.

The quo warranto proceedings instituted against the Oriental University, from what we have been able to learn in this office, deal with the future standing of academic as well as professional degrees of the universities and colleges in the United States, and for this reason it is the desire of this office to revoke the charter of the Oriental University.

Should you desire any information as to the details

Hon. Rush L. Holland, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. to be presented at the trial in the City of Richmond, Virginia, the same can be furnished you by Miss M. Pearl McCall, who has given this case a considerable study. With my high regard, I am Sincerely yours, Second Assistant Attorney General.

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October 16, 1923.

The Honorable

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Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Richmond, Va.

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(Signed) Rush L. Holland.

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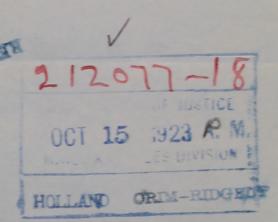
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The Attorney General,

Department of Justice, The Secretary of State.

Sir: Sir:

In further reply to your letter of the 25th ultimo (So.811.422/186), you are informed of the receipt of a communication from the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in which he states that the case of Helmuth P. Holler, who has been indicted for using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud in the media operation of the Oriental University, has been set for trial on June 18th. He adds, however, that this case will be preceded by a munder trial, and if the latter is not finished before the Summer recess of court, it will be necessary to carry the Holler case over until the 1st of October.

Respectfully.

For the Attorney General,

(Eigned) John W. H. Orba. Assistant Attorney General.



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OFFICE OF THE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 8, 1923.

The Attorney General,

Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 4th instant, I beg to inform you that the case of United States vs. Helmuth P. Holler, Criminal No. 39,231, has been set for trial before Mr. Justice Bailey on June 18, 1923. Preceding the trial of this case is a murder trial; if the latter is finished before the summer recess, the Holler case will be immediately tried; if not, it will go over to the first of October.

Respectfully,

PEYTON GORDON, United States Attorney.

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Peyton Gordon, Esq.,

United States Attorney, Sire

> Washington, D. C. The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 25th

Sir:

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The Honorable

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The Attorney General. The Secretary of State. Sir: .

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE WASHINGTON

May 25, 1925

The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a note from the Italian Ambassador dated April 30, 1923, in which he inquires concerning a trial involving the Oriental University, Washington, D. C.

The inquiry of the Italian Ambassador refers to an indictment returned by a grand jury in the District of Columbia on June 5, 1922, against Helmuth P. Holler, President of the Oriental University, on a charge of having used the United States mails for fraudulent purposes in connection with the business of the Oriental, University.

The alleged practice of the Oriental University
and its agents in soliciting persons in the United States
and foreign countries to purchase degrees has brought
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some of which were made by foreign governments.

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The Italian Ambassador presents his compliments
to His Excellency the Secretary of State, and, referring
to the Department's note of November 23rd, 1922, in
which it was stated that a trial involving the
Oriental University was scheduled to take place in the
near future, has the honor to ask whether such a trial
was held and, in the affirmative, what sentence was
rendered against the University.

The Ambassador begs to thank in advance for the courtesy of such information.

Washington, D. C., April 30, 1923.

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For the Department's guidance in replying to the note of the Italian Ambassador and other similar inquiries, I should be pleased to receive any information which you can properly furnish concerning the present status of this case and the probable date of the trial of Mr. Holler.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

Under Secretary.

Enclosure:

From Italian Ambassador, April 30, 1923.

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Office of the Postmaster General Washington, D.C.

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June 16, 1921.

To the Attorney General, Hon. Harry M. Daugherty,

Department of Justice.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the communication of your department, (RPS-HSR, 212077-), dated June 9, 1921, submitting a copy of a report of Agent James O. Winn, Jr., under date of April 4, 1921, with inclosures, showing the result of his investigation of the operations of the Oriental University, of Washington, D. C., and Cherrydale, Virginia.

In this connection I beg to state for your information that a case alleging use of the mails for fraudulent purposes by this institution is now receiving the attention of a postoffice inspector and your communication and inclosures will be referred for his consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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June 9, 1921.

The Honorable,

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The Sedretary of State,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Under Secretary dated March 3rd, 1921 (Di 811.422/111) regarding the Oriental University of Washington, D. C., alleged to be selling medical and dental diplomas in France and Switzerland, the same having been the subject of reports from American representatives abroad.

This matter has been investigated and the information procured is being forwarded to the Post Office Department for possible action under the postal laws.

Respectfully.

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) R. P. Stewart

Assistant Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

The Postmaster General.

Siriat the matter be referred to the Post Office Depart-

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Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) R. P. Stewart
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

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June 2, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

In connection with the attached papers on the Oriental University of Washington, D.C., I suggest that the matter be referred to the Post Office Department through Mr. Ridgely on the third floor, who handles prosecutions under the postal laws, and I have prepared the attached letter to the Secretary of State in anticipation.

In reply refer to Di 811.482/111

June 2, 1921.

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Copies of the articles have been sent also to the

Governor of Virginia for the consideration of the Corporation Commission of that State.

I have the honor to be, Bir.

Your obedient servent,

For the Secretary of State:

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March 3, 1921.

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The Honorable

The Attorney General.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose for consideration a copy of a letter addressed to the President by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, Chicago, Illinois, transmitting articles, copies of which are also enclosed, published in the JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, and the MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS OF THE UNITED STATES in regard to alleged offers of the Oriental University of Washington, D. C. to sell

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Your obedient servant,

For the Secretary of State:

Under Secretary.

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From Council on
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AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL ON MEDICAL EDUCATION
AND HOSPITALS.

535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Feb. 11, 1921.

To the President,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is unfortunate that there is located in the City of Washington, the capital of the United States, an institution, bearing the pretentious title of the "Oriental University", which is disgracing American education in the eyes of the world. There does not appear to be any body or committee authorized by our national government to investigate such institutions and force them to cease business.

Your attention is respectfully called to the references to this institution in the enclosed, marked pages of this week's number of the Journal of the American Medical Association, showing that the Triental University is offering to sell medical and dental diplomas in France. Further reference to this appears in the French "Bulletin Medical" January 5, 1921, page 17,

in an article by Dr. F. Bonnet-Roy entitled "Une étrang article d'importation".

An article referring to similar offers in Switzer-land by the Oriental University appears on page 216 of the enclosed Monthly Bulletin of the Federation of State Medical Boards of August, 1920. As noted in this Bulletin, the issuance of diplomas by this university is apparently known to the Swiss ambassador, who, it seems has inadvertently aided in the deception practiced by the Oriental University in affixing his official endorsement of the signatures of the "university's" president.

A more lengthy statement relating to the institution appears in the October, 1916 number of the Monthly Bulletin, a copy of which is also enclosed.

Should not some effective and decisive action be taken in regard to this institution?

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCIL ON MEDICAL EDUCATION AND HOSPITALS.

Per N. P. Colwell (Signed)

Secretary.

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FROM MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS OF THE UNITED STATES for August 1920.

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The Oriental University; A Fake*

Last fall the University of Geneva asked Mr. Velleman, privat docent of the Faculty of Letters and chief of the Division of the International Conference of Labor in Washington, to make an inquiry regarding the "Oriental University," in order to end, if possible, the activity of this institution in Switzerland.

For several years this "University" had issued for renumeration of course, doctorate degrees and seems to have found numerous clients in our country. Mr. Velleman, in a very voluminous document (Neue Schweizer Zeitung, March 30, 1920) published the result of these inquiries.

The investigation was not easy. None at Washington knew of the famous university. Finally, through the kind assistance of the librarian of the "Library of Congress," a pamphlet was dug up, showing a strange mixture of glaring advertisements and pompous terms. One flat in a local

building

of the Oriental University in regard to these two organizations? Let us state first of all that its name does
not appear on the list of members of the Association of
American Universities, while its pamphlets proclaim its
affiliation with this very society.

"It is a case here," wrote the Association to the Swiss Legation in Washington, "of an institution which has no actual existence".

North Dearborn Street, Chicago, was no less discrediting to the Oriental University. We quote this particularly significant statement: "It is quite certain that the credentials issued by it would not be recognized by any of the reputable colleges and universities of the United States." In order to increase the prestige of these diplomas and to fool his clients, Mr. Holler, the rector of the "Oriental University," had invented a very ingenious but simple procedure. It was to have official seals attached to the documents destined for foreigners. A notary was charged with legalizing the signature of the "rector". The notary, on the other hand, had his signature legalized by the minister of foreign affairs. By this method the document was seen to bear the seal of the ministry and the

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signature of a secretary sometimes of the minister him-The document in this way appeared to have an official character to persons who were not familiar with these formalties. . If the document was for one of our compatriots, Mr. Holler, in order to do things well, had the seal of the ministry of foreign affairs legalized by the Swiss legation. The document thus covered with glitter and signatures, had an imposing aspect and could fill with awe the naive clients of the University.

Let us add, that for the last three years, however, the Swiss legation has not attached its seal to the diplomas of the Oriental University, because it did not want to be mixed up in any manner whatsoever with misleading activities of this kind, even though its legitimation concerned only the signature of the minister of foreign affairs or his secretary.

Among the clients of this institute we find an astonishing number of our compatriots and of foreigners settled in The majority have been to satisfy in this Switzerland. way a harmless vanity, and we would not disturb the university's "philanthropic" work if it were not for others who seem to have become involved in this enterprise at Washington.

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Before abuses of such grave aspect we can no longer smile or shrug the shoulders, but can thank the representatives of the University of Geneva and other Swiss universities, in having Mr. Velleman unmask this nefarious enterprise during his sojourn in Washington. It is not sufficient to merely discredit this institution, however, but we must make it impossible for it to continue its activities in Switzerland. Mr. Velleman has the assurance that the American authorities will welcome any measures destined to put an end to the traffic with Switzerland in university titles by the Oriental University. Its activities do not enhance the prestige of American universities. However, it would be wrong to generalize from this isolated The majority of the great institutions of the higher instruction in the United States are in no way inferior to the best European universities, and our Swiss students could only benefit by a residence of some semesters in any of them.

^{*} Translation of an article published in La Feuille d'Avis de Lausanne, Switzerland, Sec. also article on the Oriental University, in the MONTHLY BULLETIN, October, 1915, page 160.

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OF THE STATE MEDICAL BOARDS OF THE UNITED
STATES for October 1916.

Oriental University, Washington, D. C.

Report of the Council on Medical Education

of the American Medical Association.

This multi-degree granting institution, according to one of its bulletins, was founded in 1903, as the Oriental Mission Seminary, in Boston; chartered as Eastern University in Washington, D. C., in 1904; chartered in Virginia in 1908, as Oriental University, and as Universial University in Arizona, in 1911. Another pamphlet states that the charters of the Eastern University, Washington, D. C., and the Universial University of Arizona, were "acquired by sale."

Location Prequently Shifted

The number of different locations and addresses occupied by this "university" in the thirteen years since it was founded is exceed only by the number and variety of degrees granted. In 1903, at Boston; in 1907, it was announced that "after Dec. 1, 1907, the office of the Oriental University will be at 606 Fifth Street, N. W.,

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Washington, D. C." In 1908 announcements sent out stated that the "University office" was at 312 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Va., which was apparently the Carr Building, where it was claimed lectures were The same circular stated that lectures were also given in Klipstein Hall, Alexandria, and "at the Church School," 320, 4-1/2 Street, S.W., Washington, D. C. A news clipping in 1909 gave another address as 413 King Street, over the "Bachelors Club," Alexandria, Va. In 1919, it was announced in catalogues and in letters that the University office was at Dominion Heights, Washington, D. C., a location which is said to be in Virginia just outside the District of Columbia. This is apparently the same address as referred to in some letters and pamphlets as "R.F.D., 4, Washington, D. C." In 1911, the "university" bobs up serenely at Eleventh and G Streets, N. W. Washington, D. C. where it rented quarters, Room 416 Kenois Building. In a few small rooms, apparently were housed, according to the Ninth Annual Catalogue, the Classical College, the Theological and Medical Schools, Commercial. Music and several other departments. Other offices of the "university" are given addresses at 2014 F Street, N. W., and 825 Vermont Avenue. In 1912 and 1913

1913, the address of the University appears on its circulars and pamphlets as 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, In 1914, it again changes to 1400 Chapin Street, where a building had apparently been purchased. In the catalogue of 1914-1916, a statement appears which shows that it had not been paid for: "there are heavy mortgages on the present building at Fourteen and Chapin Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., which should be paid as soon as possible." This evidently was not done, since in 1916, a new address is given and the mail is sent out from 1702 Oregon Avenue, N. W., in 1910, the "university" wanted to purchase property in Washington, D. C., at 2023 G Street, N. W. In order to raise money for the purpose, 500 perpetual scholarships were offered at \$100 each. These scholarships, a circular stated, would pass from father to son, or if no son, to daughter, or if no daughter, it would pass by the will of the last owner to any beneficiary. Holders of these scholarships, the circular also stated, when in attendance would "have rank over all other scholars." The building was evidently not purchased, since no mail appears to have been sent out from that address.

^{1.} Biennial Catalog. 1912-14. 2. Register, Dec. 1, 1912, page 1.

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"Oriental University - Revoke its Charter.

Our Paris correspondent this week reports that
the Oriental University of Washington, D. C. is offering medical and dental degrees for sale in France. Only
a few weeks ago similar reports were received from
Switzerland. Repeatedly, publicity has been given showing the low type, if not the fraudulent character, of this
institution. Its medical diplomas are not recognized by
any state licensing board, so far as we know. Nevertheless, it is still being permitted openly to disgrace
American education in the eyes of the world. The responsibility for this institution rests with Virginia, from
which state it obtained its charter. It is high time
that this charter should be revoked. Will Virginia continue to foster this burlesque on education, which is disgracing American educational institutions abroad?

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. From the Journal of The AMERICAN. GFR-MMP February 23, 1921. 2993. W. B. Matthews, Esquire, 1330 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: In connection with your investigation of H. P. HOLLER, of this city, I am inclosing herewith, copies of communications recieved from a confidential source, written by this individual. Duesiamioner of operation under the wast assimilaring them. He has represent a reply to his latter Very truly yours, 2 mg The same of the same 212077-7 RECORDER

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February 19th, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Hoover.

I attach carbon copies of letters recently written by Mr. H.P.Holler of this city which came to me through a confidential source. You will note that in one of the letters he is making application for appointment as Commissioner of Education under the next administration. He has received a reply to his letter in which he is advised that his letter will be placed before Mr. Harding as soon as practicable.

L.J.B.