



July 23, 2020

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FOIPA Request No.: 1406967-000  
Subject: JOHNSON, JOHN ARTHUR

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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17 pages were reviewed and 11 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency [OGA].
- This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing [foipaquestions@fbi.gov](mailto:foipaquestions@fbi.gov). If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

See additional information which follows.

Enclosed are cross-references which are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross-references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned. The cross-reference pages were processed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA and are being released to you.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel  
Acting Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

## FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

### Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the [www.fbi.gov/foia](http://www.fbi.gov/foia) website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

### Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

### Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit [www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records](http://www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records).
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at [www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks). Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at [www.edo.cjis.gov](http://www.edo.cjis.gov). For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

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## EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information ( A ) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, ( B ) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, ( C ) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, ( D ) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, ( E ) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or ( F ) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

### SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1943

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I hand you herewith a letter which refers to the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard prize fight, and pictures relative thereto.

Will you furnish such information as is available about these pictures.

You are advised that this letter was referred to the Legislative Reference, Library of Congress, which reference service made the following suggestion: "Upon receipt of a written request from you office to the Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation, further information will be furnished".

Kindly accept my thanks for you usual cooperation in this matter that I may pass the requested information, if available on to constituent.

Most sincerely yours,

*Victor Wickersham*

Victor Wickersham, M. C.

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March 11, 1943

Honorable Victor Wickersham  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have your letter of March 4, 1943, and the accompanying communication which you received from Mr. John B. Gregory, Wells-Roberts Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who requests information concerning a motion picture film of the Jack Johnson-Jess Willard prize fight.

There is no information available in the files of this Bureau relative to the present location of the film referred to by Mr. Gregory. Our only interest in the exhibition of prize fight films resulted from this Bureau's jurisdiction over cases involving a violation of Section 405, Title 18, United States Code, which prohibited the importation or interstate transportation of prize fight films. However, that code section is no longer in force having been repealed on June 29, 1940.

If Mr. Gregory possesses additional information concerning the seizure of this film by the Federal Government as indicated in his letter, it is suggested that he furnish complete details to the United States Attorney at New York City who may be able to determine its disposition.

I am returning Mr. Gregory's letter herewith as it is thought you may desire to retain it in your files.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
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Hon Victor Wickersham

& all office help. How are all of you & my Good President. Victor, Back a Few years ago a Mr. Johnson brought the Jess Willard & Jack Johnson Fight Picture in to the United States & was fined in New York For so doing. It now has become a law that this picture can be shown any where I now am informed that the American Broad Casting Company is showing this picture in the U.S.A. Having worked this picture over in to sound picture. Jess Willard has given me an intrest in same. So I want you to help me locate this picture. If if it is showing any where at present. Victor Please do this for me if possible No one is allowed to show this picture. Because Jess has not given any one the rite to do so the old picture is supposed to be in Washington or New York.

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Victor see if you can get Jess Willard and my self in the army to train the Boys & go from one camp to the others to show Jess in person & to talk to the soldiers. Understand I am to go with him. Jess is 60 & I am 47 yrs old & we want to help our boys all we can going around to the difrent camps see what you can do for us. I want to go along to help Jess.

As Ever

/s/ John B. Gregory  
This Hotel #409

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Report made at <b>NEW YORK, N.Y.</b>	Date Made <b>11/15/43</b>	Period for which made <b>7/17 to 10/29/43</b>	Report made by <b>CHARLES F. LAMMAN</b>
Title " <b>Changed</b> " <b>WILHELM BRABENDER, with aliases: Billy Braubander, Brabander, Billy Smith, Billy Dempsey, Dempsey, William Brabender, William Smith</b>			Character of Case <b>SABOTAGE</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ADOLF SCHELL, boxer, trained and managed by subject in Germany, 1924 to 1926, furnished photograph purporting to show subject in Honolulu in 1918. SCHELL states subject possessed extensive collection of photographs of self, all apparently taken in American surroundings and mostly of different boxing poses of subject in various locations in U.S. SCHELL states subject was born in Dusseldorf, Germany, and was a sailing crew member in U.S. SCHELL states subject was captured while in the U.S. SCHELL states subject was subject of message to have been from Dusseldorf, Germany originally and SCHELL, in 1925, delivered a message from subject to subject's mother in Dusseldorf but SCHELL unable to recall name and address. SCHELL states also subject had a personally autographed photograph of JACK JOHNSON, former heavyweight champion. Review of Polish newspaper for 1935 and 1936 shows subject mentioned several times under name of BILLY SMITH as boxing trainer and article of 1/24/35 announced expected arrival of "American Boxing Trainer BILLY SMITH"; issue of 1/28/35 refers to BILLY SMITH as new Olympic boxing trainer, calling him an "Americanized German" and stating he was reared in America from the age of 14; also stating BILLY SMITH had his fistic career and attained his managerial ability in America where one of his pupils was "the celebrated heavyweight, MICK LEVINSKY." Four issues of German boxing magazine "BoxSport" list a WILHELM BRABENDER, undoubtedly subject, as a licensed member and trainer of "Berufsverband Deutscher Faustkämpfer" (German Professional Boxers Association) in 1925. DIA DOLLINGS,

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details of this story but stated that he had heard it several times and was not particularly impressed with its truth because it varied with each telling. SCHELL pointed out that it may be a reasonable thought with regard to this story that subject probably was not telling the truth because of the unlikeliness that he could have been employed as a seaman aboard a cargo vessel in his early teens, boys of such age being employed on ocean-going vessels only in the capacity of cabin boys and pages on passenger vessels. SCHELL further pointed out that in view of the fact that subject weighed approximately 130 lbs. when full grown during his alleged boxing career, that his size would have been particularly small at the age of 13 or 14. However, on the possibility that this information may have been correct an attempt was made to examine the Immigration records but advice was received that records on deserting seaman are not maintained for any of the periods prior to 1917.

With regard to specific places in the United States, SCHELL stated that the only city he recalled subject ever having mentioned was New York and the only particular place in New York ever having been mentioned by subject was Grupp's Gymnasium. He pointed out that the only American fighter in addition to WILLIE HERMAN mentioned by subject, was JACK JOHNSTON, the Negro heavyweight champion. According to SCHELL subject had in his collection of photographs a large one of JACK JOHNSON which was autographed, containing an inscription somewhat similar to "To my good friend, BILLY SMITH - signed JACK JOHNSON" and it is SCHELL's recollection that the handwriting was the same throughout the inscription. With regard to this photograph it is noted that in 1915 when JACK JOHNSON lost the world heavyweight championship to JESS WILLARD in Havana, he was a fugitive from justice from the United States and had been for sometime previously. In 1918 JOHNSON was still outside of the United States as a fugitive residing at last during part of 1918 in Spain. It is also known from general information that when JOHNSTON returned to the United States he was immediately placed under arrest and then served a prison term so it is unlikely that the photograph in the possession of subject of JOHNSTON could have been secured by him during the period the subject was known to have been living in New York City and frequenting Grupp's Gymnasium.

As of possible interest in this matter it is again pointed out that the photograph of subject in SCHELL's possession, purportedly having been taken in Honolulu, has the inscription "Campó de los Angeles" which is obviously a Spanish name, and during JACK JOHNSTON's sojourn out of the United States he was almost invariably in a Spanish-speaking country.

As stated previously SCHELL does not recall subject having ever mentioned any location in the United States other than New York City. With regard to persons known by him or possible relatives in the United States,

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during the time subject was known to have been in the United States. MONTEITH can probably be located through inquiry at the U. S. Marshal's Office in Detroit. For the purpose of this interview, it is recalled that NAT FLEISCHER claims to have a distinct recollection of the subject of this case attempting to secure a match for HEIN DOMGOERGEN at Madison Square Garden in New York City and if this recollection is correct it would necessarily have had to be handled by MONTEITH.

HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION:

At Honolulu, Hawaii

- \* Will through Mr. GEORGE F. LOW, Bishop National Bank, obtain the names of the directors and officers of the British club who staged boxing bouts in 1918 and will interview these members regarding the subject.
- \* Will attempt to locate the owners of the Orpheum (which is now the Princess) Theatre and interview them regarding the participants in the boxing bouts held at the theatre in 1918.
- \* Will attempt to locate NIGEL JACKSON, a promoter of boxing bouts in Honolulu in 1918.
- \* Will attempt to locate BILLY HOLMES, an outstanding boxer during this period and will also locate A. B. ANGUS, referee during the pertinent period.
- \* Will again interview Mr. GEORGE F. LOW, Bishop National Bank, and ERNEST HEINE, Hawaiian Electric Company, for any information which they may recall regarding boxing in the Hawaiian Islands during the pertinent period.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, Calif.

By inquiry through boxing circles will locate and contact JACK JOHNSON, former Negro heavyweight champion of the world, and interview him concerning any knowledge he may have of subject, it being noted that subject is reported to have had a personally autographed photograph of JOHNSON in his possession. The photograph of subject purportedly in Waikiki, Honolulu, should be exhibited to JOHNSON to determine if he recalls any Campo de los Angeles which he can identify

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as being the locale of this photograph, it being noted that for several years JOHNSON boxed and lived in various Spanish-speaking countries.

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION:

At Bayonne, N.J.

Through inquiry in boxing circles will endeavor to locate MIKE BALLERINO. He should be interviewed concerning any knowledge he may have regarding the subject and his background, it being noted that BALLERINO was a prominent boxer while subject was in New York and is known to have trained in Grupp's Gymnasium.

At Newark, N.J.

\* Will contact the various Polish publications in New Jersey in an attempt to locate clippings pertaining to an account of the EDDIE RAN-VOLKMAR bout held on June 11, 1932 at Warsaw, Poland.

\* Will search the cross references of the "New York Times" at the Newark Public Library for the same purpose as outlined directly above.

\* Will re-contact STANLEY WILK, 107 Peshine Avenue, Newark, for any information he may have in his possession pertaining to this case.

At Elizabeth, N.J.

\* Will interview LICKEY WALKER, former light heavyweight champion of the world, located in the vicinity of East Grand Street, for any information he may have concerning the subject.

NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

At Bridgeport, Conn.

Will locate through sporting circles, JOE SMITH, old-time boxing trainer, who was the trainer of several of DAN MORGAN's fighters, including BATTLING LEVINSKY. Photographs of subject should be exhibited to Mr. SMITH and he should be questioned in detail in regard to any knowledge he may have in regard to subject's background. The photograph of subject taken in Honolulu should be exhibited to Mr. SMITH inasmuch as he is stated to have operated an outdoor training camp in the vicinity of New York, as stated by DAN MORGAN, and the photograph of subject may have been taken in that locale.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

BILL HENRY'S 1936 Olympic Games Material, failed to reflect any information on subject. JACK JOHNSON states subject's picture looks vaguely familiar but he could not identify him. He also failed to identify by name or locale photograph of "Campo de Los Angeles".

REFERENCE:

Bureau file 98-15583;  
Report Special Agent P. R. BEACHEM, Washington, 11-3-43;  
Report of Special Agent CHARLES E. LANNAN, New York, November 15, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. ROBERT HARGREVE, 760 South Eronson Street, made available the records of her father, BILL HENRY relative to the 1936 Olympic Games, held at Berlin, Germany. It was noted that nothing was contained in HENRY'S records which had not already been previously reviewed, the records only consisting of official publications of the results of the games.

JACK JOHNSON, 2015 Hyperion Street, telephone Normandy 13113, the former heavyweight champion of the world, was shown the bust and the full length picture of the subject, and after careful consideration he stated that he could not identify the individual by name, but that it seemed to him that he had seen the face someplace. He further stated that the individual whose face appears behind subject in the full length picture looked very familiar to him but again he could not place him. JOHNSON was also shown the photograph of subject which was dated 1918 at Waikiki, Honolulu, and stated that he was unable to recall the locale of that particular photograph and also had

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no recollection of any training camp by the name of "Campo de Los Angeles". JOHNSON, who will be 66 years of age March 31, 1944, advised that his memory of places and individuals was not very good, particularly in view of the fact that he spent so many years traveling throughout the world, a good many of them having been those when he was a fugitive from justice. He further stated that following the loss of the heavyweight championship in 1915 at Havana, Cuba, and several years prior to that time he had made exhibition tours all over the world, including practically all the countries of South America and Central America, as well as those in Europe. He further stated that following his retirement from the active fight game he took many tours during which he would put on exhibitions of most any kind, including sparring, wrestling and other such athletic endeavors and that due to the fact that he had been the heavyweight champion he was able to draw a crowd irrespective of what type of entertainment or exhibition he would put on. He further stated that he had spent many years in Spain where he even took up the sport of bull fighting, and that in none of the Spanish-speaking countries in which he had been, did he have any recollection of any place called "Campo de los Angeles". He also related that in those days the fight game was in its infancy in Spanish-speaking countries and that as a matter of fact he was the originator of the game in Spain before the first World War. JOHNSON stated that he had continued his exhibition tours and trips throughout the world up until 1932 when he returned to this country following a two years' tour, which took him to Europe. He recalled that on this tour he had specialized in wrestling exhibitions and specifically recalled having been in Cologne, Germany, where he had put on such an exhibition. He further related that all during his life and even up to the present time he is still asked for signed photographs of himself and that as a matter of practice he always carries small photographs and business cards to give to any who request them. He further related that he had no recollection of any individual by the name of BILLY SMITH and that if any such individual did have an autographed photograph of him, it would undoubtedly be one of the many thousands of followers of the fight game who had requested such at some time or another.

He also related that his last professional fight had occurred in 1932 in Czechoslovakia, his opponent being an individual whose name he could only recall as being PAUL SAMPSON. It should be noted that this individual might have been PAUL SAMPSON KOERNER, previously mentioned in reports in this case.

JOHNSON further recalled that on his last trip to Europe in about 1930, his wrestling exhibitions in Europe had been managed by one ALBERTI who he stated was a very ardent Nazi and who left with him from New York City and returned with him in 1932, and subsequently returned again to Germany, where he supposedly still is. As a matter of information, it should be noted

that although JOHNSON'S memory is not particularly good and he is slightly deaf, he does not have the usual characteristics of a punch-drunk fighter.

He also stated that he is presently engaged in doing exhibitions on war bond drives and recently returned from such a tour in Canada. He also stated that he expects to continue his activity along this line and further has hopes of having one more fight on his 66th birthday.

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