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November 7, 1924.

Hon. George S. Graham,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Graham:

Referring to our conversation of November  
5th concerning the case of Miss Lenora S. Houston,  
Special Employee of the Philadelphia office of this  
Bureau, I am very glad to advise you of the fact that  
I have recommended that Miss Houston's status be changed  
from that of Special Employee to that of Special Agent.

Very truly yours,

Acting Director.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
NOV 8 1924 A.M.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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*Edwin*  
November 26, 1924.

Hon. George S. Graham, M. C.,

House of Representatives,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Graham:

On my return to the city I received your communication of the 21st instant, with reference to the case of Miss Houston. As I assured you personally, Miss Houston's status is being changed from that of Special Employee to that of Special Agent. The letter addressed to Agent Foster under date of November 17th, transmitting a commission card as Special Employee was sent in order that she might have in her possession some form of credentials.

The Attorney General had not then approved my recommendation for the change in status of Miss Houston from that of Special Employee to Special Agent. However, this was a mere formality, to be complied with, and during that interval I wanted Miss Houston to have a credential card that she might use in her work.

I am forwarding to the Philadelphia office today a Special Agent's card for Miss Houston to sign and return, in order that the Attorney General may place his signature upon it and that I may also add mine to it.

I regret extremely that there has been any misunderstanding about this matter but you may rest assured that the original agreement that we had about Miss Houston will be carried out and that she will be made a Special Agent.

Very truly yours,

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Acting Director.

67-260-4

From

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

to

Official indicated below by check mark:

- Attorney General .....
- Ass't to Att'y General .....
- Gen'l Holland .....
- Gen'l Willebrandt .....
- Gen'l Donovan .....
- Mr. Martin .....
- Mr. Strong .....
- Mr. Stewart .....
- Mr. Votaw .....
- Mr. Baughman .....
- Mr. Cunningham .....
- Mr. Donaldson .....
- ~~Miss Gandy~~ .....
- Mr. Grimes .....
- Mr. Keep .....
- Mr. McKean .....
- Mr. Parker .....
- Mrs. Rishel .....
- Miss White .....
- .....

*I want to see you about this at once*

*11/22/34*

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*S.A. Card -*

GEORGE S. GRANAM, PA., CHAIRMAN  
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MATTON W. SUMNERS, TEX.  
ANDREW J. MONTAGUE, VA.  
JAMES W. WISE, GA.  
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SAMUEL C. MAJOR, MO.  
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PATRICK B. O'SULLIVAN, CONN.

GUILFORD S. JAMESON, CLERK.  
M. D. TURTON, ASST. CLERK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



November 21, 1924.

J. E. Hoover, Esq.,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

67-260-4

My dear Mr. Hoover:

After your letter of the 7th inst., in which you state "I am glad to advise you of the fact that I have recommended that Miss Houston's status be changed from that of Special Employee to that of Special Agent," following as it did our pleasant interview at which the Attorney General was present as well as Mr. Martin, I regarded the incident as closed. I am very sorry to learn that the enclosed card and letter were forwarded to Miss Houston, to which she was asked to reply, seemingly reversing everything that had been agreed upon. Will you kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience what you expect her to do in this matter.

Yours truly,

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*W. J. Cavanaugh*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Division 1 | FILE

*George J. ...*

Friday.

My dear Mr. Graham:

Enclosed find identification card which is self explanatory.

Sincerely,

Enc.



P. S. Below is the letter which accompanied same, addressed to Foster but arrived after he had gone on his leave, therefore he has seen same. I am asking you to not let Hoover know you have seen the contents of this letter. I do not believe it is signed by him

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November 17, 1924.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find Commission Card for the use of Special Employee Lenore Houston. Kindly have her acknowledge receipt of this Commission Card on the enclosed blank.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Acting Director.

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

November 7, 1924.

Hon. George S. Graham,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Graham:

Referring to our conversation of November 5th concerning the case of Miss Lenora S. Houston, Special Employee of the Philadelphia office of this Bureau, I am very glad to advise you of the fact that I have recommended that Miss Houston's status be changed from that of Special Employee to that of Special Agent.

Very truly yours,

  
Acting Director.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Nov. 6 1924

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*This is to certify that the bearer, whose signature appears upon the margin hereof is a regularly appointed Special Employee of the Department, and as such is charged with the duty of investigating violations of the laws of the United States and collecting evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest.*

*Lenore Houston*

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Harlow F. Hines*  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ED:AWB

November 6, 1924.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

67-260-5

You will please prepare a letter changing the designation of Lenore Houston from Special Employee to that of Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, no change in compensation, payable from the appropriation for "Detection & Prosecution of Crimes", effective with entry on duty. Field.

Acting Director.

Attorney General.

67-260-5	
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
NOV 28 1924 A.M.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA

WCF:AG.



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December 1, 1924.

Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Boddis 5

*67-260-6*

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Oath of Office  
duly sworn to by Miss Lenore Houston today.

Respectfully,

*Walter C. Foster*  
WALTER C. FOSTER  
Special Agent in Charge.

1 Enc.

*Per [Signature]*  
*END 12-1-24*

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<i>67-260-6</i>	
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
DEC 2 1924 A.M.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Division 5	<i>[Signature]</i>

Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

TCW:AG.

P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA



June 29, 1925.

67-260-7

Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Division #5

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that upon return to my desk here I found that Special Agent Lenore Houston had been taken suddenly ill on Friday, June 26th and had to be removed to the Jefferson Hospital in this City. I have made inquiries and find that she is suffering from an ailment which the doctors advise will unquestionably necessitate an operation. I have been in touch with the hospital today and I find her condition to be anything but good and because of temperature, etc. it may possibly be several days before they will dare to operate. I am advised that she is suffering from Gall Stones and an operation is absolutely imperative, but as to how soon this operation may take place I am not at this time informed.

Respectfully,

*T.C. Wilcox*

T.C. WILCOX  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
JUN 30 1925 A.M.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Div. Five

EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Date March 10, 1925

NAME LENORE HOUSTON

POSITION SPECIAL AGENT

APPOINTED or EMPLOYED PHILADELPHIA, PA. JANUARY 16, 1924

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA, PA. E. O. D. JANUARY 16, 1924

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	11. Loyalty	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
2. Aggressiveness	✓ 1 1 1 1	12. Office Work	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
3. Dependability	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	13. Promptness	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
4. Health	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	14. Resourcefulness	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
5. Industry	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	15. Tact	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
6. Initiative	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	16. Team Work	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
7. Judgment	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	17. Personal Appearance	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
8. Speed	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	18. Executive Ability	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
9. Knowledge	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	19. Habits	✓ 1 1 1 1 1
10. Leadership	✓ 1 1 1 1 1	20. Attitude toward Work	✓ 1 1 1 1 1

TOTAL RATINGS. *94 7/10*

REMARKS:

*A fine type of intelligent woman investigator, becoming daily more valuable.*

*Walter T. Foster*  
Special Agent in Charge.

*File*

MISS L. HOUSTON. Special Agent

Miss L. HOUSTON is an Agent who is spoken of very highly by Agent in Charge Foster, and I think she is fairly efficient and is trustworthy and loyal. I am informed by the Agent in Charge that she has been particularly valuable in obtaining information in cases where, because of her sex, she would not be suspected of being connected with the Department of Justice; that she is also successful in obtaining statements from victims in White Slage cases. She seems to be very much interested in her work.

From report "Inseption of the Philadelphia Office"  
4-17-25 by Inspector Blackmon.

Original filed 67-253-13

MISS LENORE HOUSTON. This Agent is competent, industrious, and doing good work for this office. However, she is new in the Service and is doubtless sufficiently compensated at present.

letter  
From/by SAC Walter C. Foster 1-10-25

Filed 67-253-10 (Philadelphia, Pa. Personnel)

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RE: LHM

January 13, 1926.

Miss Lenore Heaston, <sup>0</sup>  
P.O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith letter of the  
Attorney General ~~requesting~~ your allocation from CAP  
7 to CAP 8.

It is indeed a personal pleasure to me  
to be able to effect this change in your allocation.

With expression of my best regards, I  
remain

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. 6671.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Miss Lenore Houston, Special Agent - 93.

A well educated woman, who displays very great interest in her work, always ready and willing to begin an investigation of any kind and who appears tireless in her efforts to accumulate proper evidence. Is rapidly becoming a valuable agent. Well fitted for investigation of White Slave Matters.

Original Filed 67-253-22

MEMO by HM July 17, 1925-



EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Date July 1-1925

NAME Miss Lenore Houston

POSITION Special Agent

APPOINTED or EMPLOYED January 16-1924

OFFICE Philadelphia, Pa. E. O. D. January 16-1924

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	1 1 1 1 1	11. Loyalty	1 1 1 1 1
2. Aggressiveness	1 1 1 1 1	12. Office Work	1 1 1 1 1
3. Dependability	1 1 1 1 1	13. Promptness	1 1 1 1 1
4. Health	1 1 1 1 1	14. Resourcefulness	1 1 1 1 1
5. Industry	1 1 1 1 1	15. Tact	1 1 1 1 1
6. Initiative	1 1 1 1 1	16. Team Work	1 1 1 1 1
7. Judgment	1 1 1 1 1	17. Personal Appearance	1 1 1 1 1
8. Speed	1 1 1 1 1	18. Executive Ability	1 1 1 1 1
9. Knowledge	1 1 1 1 1	19. Habits	1 1 1 1 1
10. Leadership	1 1 1 1 1	20. Attitude toward Work	1 1 1 1 1

TOTAL RATINGS.--95%

REMARKS:

A well educated woman, who displays very great interest in her work, always ready and willing to begin an investigation of any kind, and who appears tireless in her efforts to accumulate proper evidence. Is rapidly becoming a valuable agent. Well fitted for investigation of White Slave Matters.

*J. O. Wilson*  
Special Agent in Charge.

*File*

January 7, 1926.

*Mrs*  
Mr. Lenore Houston,  
Special Agent,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your grade is hereby changed from Caf 7 to Caf 8,  
without change in compensation, and effective January 16,  
1926.

Respectfully,

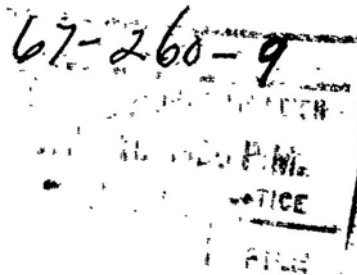
Attorney General.

~~Salary \$2800 per annum.~~

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Department of Justice,

Bureau of Investigation.

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P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA



May 10, 1926.

Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Division #5

Dear Sir:

For your records you are advised that  
Special Agent Lenore Houston's phone number has been changed  
to Pennypacker 5459. Her address remains the same.

Respectfully,

*Henry Boddie*  
HENRY BODDIS  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAY 11 1926 A.M.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Div. Five	<i>[Signature]</i>

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L. HOUSTON: States preference for Philadelphia.

(See Phila., Pa. Office file No. 67-253-42).

EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET.

(FIELD)

Date April 30-1926

NAME Lenore Houston

POSITION Special Agent

APPOINTED or EMPLOYED January 16-1924

OFFICE Philadelphia, Pa. E. O. D. Jan. 16- 1926

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$	11. Loyalty	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
2. Aggressiveness	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$	12. Office Work	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
3. Dependability	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$	13. Promptness	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1
4. Health	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$	14. Resourcefulness	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
5. Industry	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$	15. Tact	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
6. Initiative	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1	16. Team Work	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1
7. Judgment	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1	17. Personal Appearance	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
8. Speed	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1	18. Executive Ability	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1
9. Knowledge	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1	19. Habits	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$
10. Leadership	1 1 1 $\checkmark$ 1	20. Attitude toward Work	1 1 1 1 $\checkmark$

TOTAL RATINGS. 92 %

REMARKS: Entirely competent to handle any investigations but more particularly White Slave matters. Well educated, has good tact and resourcefulness. Dependable and of absolute loyalty.

*Henry Boddie*  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*File*

EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Date January 1-1926

NAME Lenore Houston

POSITION Special Agent

APPOINTED or EMPLOYED January 16-1924

OFFICE Philadelphia, Pa.

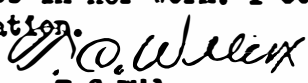
E. O. D. January 16-1924

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy	1 1 1 1 1	11. Loyalty	1 1 1 1 1
2. Aggressiveness	1 1 1 1 1	12. Office Work	1 1 1 1 1
3. Dependability	1 1 1 1 1	13. Promptness	1 1 1 1 1
4. Health	1 1 1 1 1	14. Resourcefulness	1 1 1 1 1
5. Industry	1 1 1 1 1	15. Tact	1 1 1 1 1
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9. Knowledge	1 1 1 1 1	19. Habits	1 1 1 1 1
10. Leadership	1 1 1 1 1	20. Attitude toward Work	1 1 1 1 1

TOTAL RATINGS.--92 %

REMARKS: Particularly well fitted for investigations of White Slave matters, but entirely competent to properly handle any of the general run of investigations. Has shown marked improvement in her work during the past six months. Has excellent education and training and displays good tact and resourcefulness in her work. I consider her as meriting some increase in compensation.

  
 F.C. Wilcox  
 Special Agent in Charge.

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*J.A.*

May 7, 1926.

Miss L. Houston,

Care Bureau of Investigation,

Washington, D.C.

Madam:

Your salary as Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation,  
is hereby increased from \$2800 per annum to \$2900 per annum,  
in Grade Caf 8, effective May 16, 1926.

Respectfully,

(Signed) W. William D. Mitchell

Acting Attorney General.

*See Memo for  
Appointments York  
67-5800-14*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 12 1926
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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May 12, 1926.

Miss L<sup>o</sup>more Houston,  
P.O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Miss Houston:

It is with pleasure that I enclose the letter of the Acting Attorney General advising you of your increase in compensation from \$2800 to \$2900 per annum, effective May 16th.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAY 13 1926 P.M.	
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MAY 14 1926



Philadelphia, May 14, 1926.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The official notice of my new grading and increase in compensation, enclosed with your personal note, has been received.

For sometime, I have been anxious to communicate to you my feeling of gratitude for your many kindnesses to me, first of which was the interest you took in straightening out the question of my status as an employee of the Bureau; second, this advancement in grade and increase in compensation; and, at all times, great consideration.

I am not very familiar with the rules governing the liberty an agent possesses to convey their appreciation of a very considerate Chief, but whatever that liberty may be, I want you to know I appreciate the encouragement I have enjoyed.

With an expression of good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

*Lawrence Houston*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAY 17 1926 P.M.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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May 19, 1926.

Mr. Henry Boddie;  
P.O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find oath of office  
to be executed by Miss Lenore Houston and which you  
will kindly return to this office at the earliest prac-  
tical date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAY 19 1926	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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CBS:VPM

October 14, 1926

Mrs L. Houston,

Bureau of Investigation.

*Mr. Nathan*

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$2,900 per annum to \$3,000 per annum, in grade Caf 8, effective on the 16th instant, and payable from the same appropriation.

Respectfully,

*(s.g.)* J. H. C. Hargett

Attorney General.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
OCT 15 1926	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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October 19, 1926.

Miss L. Houston,  
P. O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Madam:-

It is with pleasure that I enclose the letter of the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$2,900 to \$3,000 per annum, effective October 1<sup>st</sup> 1926.

Very truly yours,

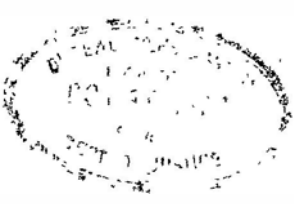
Encl.

Director

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

October 29, 1926.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

The official notice of my promotion in grade and increase in salary, enclosed with your note of October the 19th, has been received by me.

Again, I am indebted to you for your kind consideration of my efforts, and desire to express my appreciation of this interest.

Sincerely,

*Lenora Houston*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
OCT 30 1926 A.M.C.	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)



Date October 1st, 1926

Name L. HOUSTON

Position Special Agent

Appointed or employed January 16th 1924

Office Philadelphia, Pa. E. O. D. January 18th 1924

### CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy.....	1 1 1 1 ✓	11. Loyalty.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
2. Aggressiveness.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1	12. Office work.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
3. Dependability.....	1 1 1 1 ✓	13. Promptness.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
4. Health.....	1 1 1 1 ✓	14. Resourcefulness.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1
5. Industry.....	1 1 1 1 ✓	15. Tact.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
6. Initiative.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1	16. Teamwork.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1
7. Judgment.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1	17. Personal appearance.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
8. Speed.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1	18. Executive ability.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1
9. Knowledge.....	1 1 1 1 ✓	19. Habits.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
10. Leadership.....	1 1 1 ✓ 1	20. Attitude toward work.....	1 1 1 1 ✓
TOTAL RATINGS.....		<u>92</u>	

REMARKS Has excellent educational qualifications, good experience, is capable of conducting investigations wherein high class investigative ability is required; does excellent work in White Slave matters; competent stenographer.

  
 Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA



March 29, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Division #5

Dear Sir:

As requested in S.A.C. Letter #728, I am enclosing herewith letter of Special Agent Lenore Houston dated March 29, 1927, showing changes in her status since filing application.

Very truly yours,

*S. Busha*  
S. BUSHA  
Agent in Charge.

*J.*  
Enc.  
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MAY 5 1927

67-260-18  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 30 1927 A.M.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Div. One  
Div. Five

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA

March 29, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As requested in S.A.C. Letter #728, dated March 7, 1927, I beg to advise that since filing my application, the following changes have occurred in my status in the five particulars mentioned in that S.A.C. Letter:

- (a) Marital Status- Same *no*
- (b) Names of Societies or Organizations with which connected- None
- (c) Legal Residence- Lenox Apts., 13th & Spruce Sts., Philadelphia.
- (d) Education- None *(S)ing*
- (e) Office Preference- Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

*Leone Houston*  
SPECIAL AGENT.

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*Endrun*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAR 30 1927 M.	
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# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Date March 31st, 192 7

Name L. HOUSTON

Position SPECIAL AGENT

Appointed or employed January 16th 1924

Office PHILADELPHIA, PA. E. O. D. JANUARY 18th 1924

## CHARACTERISTICS

1. Accuracy.....	1 1 1 1 /	11. Loyalty.....	1 1 1 1 1/2
2. Aggressiveness.....	1 1 1 / 1	12. Office work.....	1 1 1 1 /
3. Dependability.....	1 1 1 1 /	13. Promptness.....	1 1 1 1 /
4. Health.....	1 1 1 1 /	14. Resourcefulness.....	1 1 1 / 1
5. Industry.....	1 1 1 1 /	15. Tact.....	1 1 1 1 /
6. Initiative.....	1 1 1 / 1	16. Teamwork.....	1 1 1 / 1
7. Judgment.....	1 1 1 / 1	17. Personal appearance.....	1 1 1 1 /
8. Speed.....	1 1 1 / 1	18. Executive ability.....	1 1 1 / 1
9. Knowledge.....	1 1 1 1 /	19. Habits.....	1 1 1 1 /
10. Leadership.....	1 1 1 / 1	20. Attitude toward work.....	1 1 1 1 /
TOTAL RATINGS.....		<u>92</u>	

REMARKS. Has excellent educational qualifications, good experience, is capable of conducting investigations wherein high class investigative ability is required; does excellent work in White Slave matters; competent stenographer.

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*S. P. Busha*  
Special Agent in Charge.

*File  
JWS*

SPECIAL AGENT HOUSTON

This Agent was out of the city while I was at Philadelphia.  
However, her rating sheets when examined show that she received a grade  
of 92%.

Report of J. S. Egan, Inspector,  
Philadelphia, Pa., Bureau Office.

3/10/27.

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EXPERIENCES OF SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE.

H. Boddie	Washington D. C.
S. Busha	Philadelphia Pa.
H. F. Crawford	Washington D.C.
G. L. Horner	Philadelphia Pa.
✓ L. Houston	" "
J. J. McDevitt	" "
C. J. Moore	New York City.

(Original filed 67-253-56)

C78:132

April 1, 1927.

Miss L. Houston,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$5000 per annum to \$5200 per annum in grade CAF-9, effective today and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

Respectfully,

(Signed) Jno. G. Sargent,  
Attorney General.

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JEH:MO'S

April 13, 1927.

Miss L. Houston,  
P. O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Houston:

It is with pleasure that I am enclosing herewith the letter of the Attorney General advising you of your promotion from \$5,000 to \$5,100 per annum, effective April 1, 1927.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

Director.

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

April 14, 1927.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your note, enclosing the Attorney General's notice of my promotion to grade CAF-8 with an increase of salary to \$3100. per annum, has been received this morning. I hasten to acknowledge the kindness and interest that prompts your endorsing me for this advancement and assure you of my appreciation. I want you to know I feel you have given me every opportunity and consideration an agent could possibly expect.

With gratitude and good wishes for you,  
Mr. Hoover, believe me,

Sincerely,

*Lena Houston*

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JH:MD'B

June 1, 1927.

PERSONAL

Hon. George S. Graham,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

I have been awaiting word from you as to the case of Miss Houston. You requested that Miss Houston be transferred to Washington and I indicated that I would be very glad indeed to effect this transfer but suggested that she might possibly desire to be transferred to Norfolk in view of the fact that her Mother was moving to that city. I have not taken any action in this matter as I understood you would advise me as to Miss Houston's wishes.

With expressions of my best regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

Director.

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June 7, 1927.

Hon. George S. Graham,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

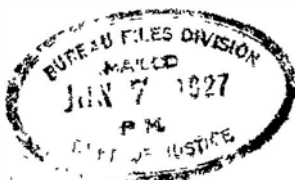
My dear Congressman:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication relative to Miss Houston, and formal orders are being issued directing Miss Houston's transfer to the Washington, D. C. field office.

I want to express to you my appreciation of your kindness in forwarding to me a copy of the extension of remarks of Honorable Robert L. Bacon. I have read the pamphlet with interest, and I assume it is needless for me to add, with full accord. I think it is generally recognized, not only in circles at Washington but by lawyers in many parts of the country that the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives is an outstanding man in legal circles, and it is indeed fortunate, and I have commented upon the same several times, that the House of Representatives has as its Chairman of the Judiciary Committee a man so fully grounded in the law and at the same time with a full understanding of departmental difficulties. This is particularly true to those of us who are in the Department of Justice and who have been brought into close and intimate contact with you.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 2, 1927

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of the 1st instant addressed to Congressman Graham was received by me in his absence. On the 24th ultimo Mr. Graham dictated a letter relative to Miss Houston, which through an error was sent to Hon. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, and I am now taking the liberty of enclosing herein copy of the letter which was intended for you.

*Enclosure*

Yours very truly,

*Herbert Hoover*  
Secretary

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May 24, 1927

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I had a conversation over the telephone with Miss Houston and told her of your very generous offer to make a transfer if she desired it to Norfolk and she informed me that she preferred to be transferred to Washington.

Thanking you for your courteous attention in the matter and your generous offer to make a transfer, I am,

Sincerely yours,



G/H

P. S. I am enclosing you a clipping from the Congressional Record which in some leisure moment I would like you to read.

*Ans  
6-6-27  
J/H*

# Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

LH: AG.

P.O. BOX 451,  
PHILADELPHIA

July 1, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Division #5

Dear Sir:

As requested in S.A.C. Letter #728, dated March 7, 1927, I beg to state that since filing my application, the following changes have occurred in my status, in the five particulars mentioned in that S.A.C. Letter:

- (a) Marital Status- None
- (b) Names of Societies  
or Organizations  
with which connected-None
- (c) Legal Residence- None
- (d) Education- None
- (e) Office Preference- None

Respectfully,

*Lester Houston*

L. Houston  
Special Agent.

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July 20, 1927.

Miss Lenore Houston,  
P. O. Box 451,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Houston:

I received your communication of July 15th, in which you advise me of your desire to be transferred to Washington, such transfer to be effective on August 15th.

I can assure you that it will be a pleasure for me to effect the arrangement, and I am today issuing formal orders directing your transfer to Washington to take effect on the 15th of the next month.

I sincerely trust that your Mother's health will continue to improve.

With expressions of my best regards, I remain

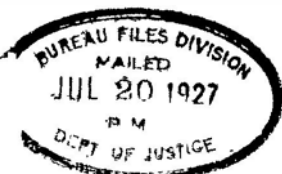
Cordially yours,

Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*



MISS LENORE HOUSTON  
LENOX APTS.  
13 AND SPRUCE STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

July 19,  
1927.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, <sup>was</sup>  
Dear Mr. Hoover: <sup>7-20-27</sup> <sup>JEH</sup>

Remembering our con-  
versation relative to  
my transfer, I am writing  
to say my mother is  
improving and my  
brother and I can  
now make a  
definite plan

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MISS LENORE HOUSTON  
LENOX APTS.  
13 AND SPRUCE STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

Would it be agreeable  
to you, to order my  
transfer to the  
Washington Local office  
to be effective any  
time after August  
the fifteenth? I  
can then ask for  
a few days leave  
and report there  
at the end of same.

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MISS LENORE HOUSTON  
LENOX APTS.  
13 AND SPRUCE STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

I dislike bringing  
a personal element  
into my business, but  
it seems impossible  
to avoid it. As you  
know the plan is  
to remove our home  
to Washington.

I trust to assure you  
I realize the favor  
you are granting and  
am deeply grateful.  
I feel the responsibility  
in trying to succeed

MISS LENORE HOUSTON  
LENOX APTS.  
13 AND SPRUCE STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

in a new field, and I  
will relieve the situation  
myself, if I am not  
useful and suc-  
cessful.

I thank you for  
your indulgence.

Sincerely

Lenore Houston



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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

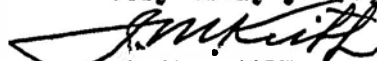
In re: Special Agent Lenore Houston

Special Agent Lenore Houston reported to the Washington Field Office for assignment on August 29, 1927. It has so happened that the thirty-day report on the efficiency shown by her since arriving at the Washington Field Office has become due almost simultaneously with the regular efficiency rating sheet. Under separate cover I have submitted an efficiency rating sheet for Special Agent Lenore Houston, in which I have given her a grade of 90.25%. In that efficiency rating sheet I have made certain comment concerning the work performed by Miss Houston, but to keep the record straight I herewith repeat the same and for the purpose of the thirty-day report:

I have found Miss Houston to be especially energetic and enthusiastic about her work. She seems to put forth a particularly hard effort to do satisfactory work since arriving here. All matters assigned her have been handled most satisfactory. She has been given all classes of investigations and has impressed me as being particularly clever and resourceful. She dictates clear, concise reports and is exceptionally thorough.

Miss Houston is about fifty years of age and has arrived at that period where, I believe, her health will be bad temporarily. As a matter of fact I think she has worked too hard for her own physical well being since arriving at this office. She became ill about a week ago and has not yet returned to duty. She told me upon leaving the office that it was her intention to resign in case she did not regain her health promptly. I believe that this disposition on her part is indicative of the sincere and conscientious attitude which she has toward her work.

Very truly yours,



J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting Washington, D.C.

Date submitted September 30, 1927.

Name Lenore Houston Position Special Agent.

Entered Bureau Service (date) January 16, 1924.

Entered on duty this office (date) August 29th, 1927.

Grade CAF 8 Salary \$3100.00

## CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy	90	Initiative	90	Loyalty	100	Teamwork	80
Aggressiveness	90	Judgment	85	Office work	95	Personal appearance	90
Dependability	95	Speed	95	Promptness	95	Executive ability	80
Health	75	Knowledge	85	Resourcefulness	90	Habits	100
Industry	90	Leadership	80	Tact	100	Attitude toward work	100

RATING 90.25%

### REMARKS:

The above rating of Miss Houston is based upon one month's observation. I have found Miss Houston to be exceptionally energetic and enthusiastic about her work. She seems to have put forth a particularly hard effort to do satisfactory work since arriving at the Washington field office. All matters assigned to her have been handled most satisfactorily. She has been given all classes of investigations, and has impressed me as being particularly clever and resourceful. She dictates good clear, concise reports and is especially thorough.

Miss Houston is about 50 years of age and as a matter of fact I think that she has worked too hard since arriving here, i.e. too hard for her own physical well being. She became ill about a week ago and has not yet returned to duty. Upon leaving the office, Miss Houston told me confidentially that she will soon resign if she is unable to regain her health promptly. I think she is entirely sincere and conscientious in her attitude towards her work,

  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JMK:GSR

WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 21, 1927.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: SPECIAL AGENT LENORE HOUSTON.  
Administrative Matter.

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday, September 20, 1927, Special Agent Lenore Houston of the Washington Field Office became ill and the prospects are that she will be unable to return to duty for some time.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HN:JSR

November 16, 1927.

Miss Lenore Heaton,<sup>0</sup>  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Inspector Egan reports that on his recent inspection of the Washington Field Office he found the following case neglected by you:

76-50 Assigned to this Agent on 9/5/27.  
No report until 10/12/27.

The Bureau desires to receive an explanation therefor.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SPECIAL AGENT L. HOUSTON

Miss Houston informed me that she entered on duty about four years ago and now receives a salary of \$3100, that she has worked in Philadelphia and at the Washington local office, principally on White Slave Cases at Philadelphia, and about the same class of cases here, but that she had several angles of bankruptcy work while assigned to Philadelphia. She is not an attorney.

The morning of my inspection Miss Houston reported about 9:04, although she signed the register as arriving at 8:55. When this matter was called to her attention later in the day, she stated that she marked the register from guess-work and did not look at her watch, and that she thought she was getting there on time.

Miss Houston told me that she appreciates her transfer from Philadelphia to Washington. She stated that her health is not very good and she does not seem to take hold of the work as she ought to until after eleven o'clock in the day. She further stated that any time the Bureau was not satisfied with her work, she did not want to remain, or did not want the Bureau to take pity on her because she was a woman.

The following case was neglected by this Agent:

76-90      Assigned to this Agent on 9-8-27  
             No report until 10-12-27

This lady presents a fair appearance, is very refined and intelligent, and, I think, can handle certain classes of cases which call for interviews principally. Therefore, I would have to place her below the average Agent.

*Original filed 67-206-66*

Report of J. S. EGAN, Inspector,  
Washington, D. C., Office.

11-2-27.

Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1927.

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Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 16th, 1927, requesting an explanation relative to File No. 76-90, assigned to this Agent on 9-3-27; no report until 10-12-27.

In re Washington Field Office File No. 76-4 entitled RALPH CRAVOR - FUGITIVE, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, on 9-2-27 the Washington Field Office received the report of Agent J. M. Boling of the Nashville office, dated 8-29-27, requesting the Washington Field Office to interview one LEROY PIPER at the National Training School for Boys and also check LEROY PIPER'S correspondence list, all in an effort to locate RALPH CRAVOR. Said case was assigned to Agent on 9-2-27. Agent visited the National Training School for Boys on 9-3-27 and was informed that LEROY PIPER had escaped from that institution on August 12, 1927. Accordingly Agent rendered a report dated 9-6-27. There was, however omitted from this report a reference to the report of Agent Boling dated 8-29-27.

On 9-12-27 a Bureau letter dated 9-10-27 was received at the Washington Field Office making the following request:

"The Bureau desires to know why this report was captioned: "RALPH CRAVOR, fugitive" instead of "LEROY PIPER, fugitive", as nowhere in this report is anything said regarding RALPH CRAVOR. It is true that subjects RALPH CRAVOR and LEROY PIPER were convicted of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, as appears in Bureau File 26-10944. The Bureau desires that you have this correction made, in order that these fugitive cases may be carried separately."

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To this Bureau letter Agent in Charge Keith on 9-13-27 replied as follows:

"In explanation of this, I respectfully call your attention to the report of Special Agent J. M. Boling, Nashville, Tennessee, dated August 29, 1927, captioned RALPH CRAVOR - FUGITIVE, etc. Under undeveloped leads the Nashville office requests the Washington local office to interview Leroy Piper at the National Training School for Boys. When Agent Houston arrived at the National Training School for the purpose of this interview she found that Leroy Piper had also escaped. She, therefore, submitted a report under the name of Ralph Cravor in which she set forth details of Leroy Piper's escape in answer to the undeveloped lead previously received from the Nashville office. I am directing Agent Houston to submit an additional report, under the caption LEROY PIPER - FUGITIVE, Escaped Federal Prisoner, in order that the Bureau's file may be kept straight on this matter."

Agent in Charge Keith then talked the matter over with Agent and Agent is not quite clear on that discussion, the substance of which was a possible confusion of the two files by the Nashville office, but does remember that Agent in Charge Keith took the matter up with someone in the Bureau, probably in the Division to which these cases are assigned, and they agreed that under the caption LEROY PIPER - FUGITIVE, Escaped Federal Prisoner, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the very same report should be rendered as was rendered by Agent in the case of RALPH CRAVOR, dated 9-6-27. In the meantime Agent was on sick leave from September 20, 1927, to October 3, 1927, and it was not until the receipt on October 11, 1927, of a Bureau letter dated October 10, 1927, that Agent was finally directed to make a report as above set forth for subject LEROY PIPER. Accordingly Agent did render such report dated 10-12-27 (the substance of which is identical with the report of Agent rendered on 9-6-27, captioned RALPH CRAVOR, Washington Field Office File 76-4) and this is the case carried by the Washington Field Office under file No. 76-90.

Agent also wishes to state that on October 11, 1927, when Agent was finally directed to write a report on subject LEROY PIPER, carried by the Washington Field Office under File No. 76-90, a second assignment card was made out, identically the same as the assignment

card for RALPH CRAVOR and said assignment card was dated 9-3-27 (which should have been 9-2-27) crediting Agent with this assignment.

This explains the discrepancy of Agent having received an assignment on 9-3-27 on File No.76-90 upon which no report was rendered until 10-12-27, when in reality Agent was not finally instructed to submit a report in the case of LEROY PIPER, File No. 76-90, until October 11, 1927.

An examination of these two files in the Bureau will disclose that the office of origin - Nashville, Tenn., - carries both subjects under one caption.

Very truly yours,

*Leone Houston*

Special Agent.

LH:JGD



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December 14, 1927.

Miss Lenore Houston,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

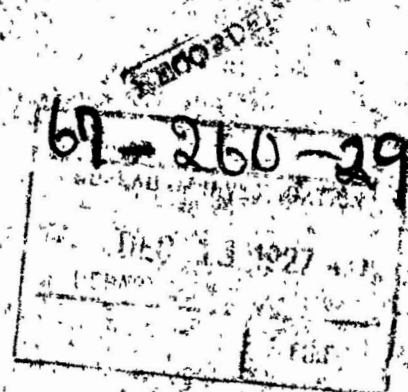
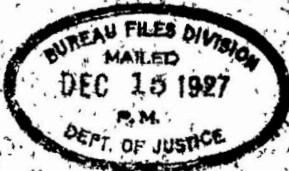
Dear Madam:

The Bureau notes that your expense voucher for the past month reached the Bureau subsequent to the 10th. instant.

The Bureau desires to call your attention to specific Bureau instructions that no voucher is to be received later than the 10th. of the month subsequent to that in which the expenses were incurred.

Very truly yours,

Director.



COPY

December 14, 1927.

Memorandum for Mr. Nathan

The following expense accounts were received  
in this office subsequent to the tenth instant.

E.C. Cash

F.D. Douglas

✓ Lenore Houston

L.G. Swindell

Respectfully

(signed) C.C. Spears.

(Original filed in #67-0-444)

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

June 11, 1928.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RECORDED  
JUN 13 1928

On Saturday, June 9, 1928, Special Agent Lenore Houston of the Washington Field Office communicated with me by telephone in regard to Bureau letter of April 28, 1928, in the case of GEORGE C. COLLIFLOWER, an applicant for a position with the Federal Prohibition Unit, wherein the Washington Field Office was instructed to reopen this case for the purpose of making appropriate inquiries in the vicinity of the residence of the applicant to determine his reputation in that locality.

The report of Special Agent Houston rendered on March 21, 1928, in this case is as follows:

"Information through City Post Office, Washington, D. C., same coming from mail carriers distributing in and around Lyon Park, Va., Applicant's residence.

The above mentioned carriers reported that Applicant had lived at his present residence about a year; so far as the carriers were able to ascertain Applicant's reputation is good.

Police records in Washington, D. C., contain no information against Applicant."

Miss Houston related that she was unable to procure any further information concerning this applicant in the vicinity of the residence of the applicant and that "You need not write any more letters like that to me".

For your information, Miss Houston's statements were as follow:

"You handle prohibition applicant cases at the Bureau, don't you? We received a letter here from you on April 28, 1928, directing that the case of George Colliflower be immediately reopened for further investigative inquiry in the vicinity of the residence of the applicant. I want to tell you that no

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