

other information concerning this applicant is obtainable in the vicinity of the residence of this applicant. You need not write any more letters like that to me in regard to this case." Whereupon, Miss Houston was courteously advised that the Bureau will write such letters as it deems necessary in cases where the investigating Agent fails to comply with its instructions.

This information was communicated to Special Agent in Charge Keith, who related that Miss Houston is having some difficulties, the nature of which are known to you, and that he would henceforth instruct her that when she desires to communicate with the Bureau concerning any matter, to take the same up with him.

Respectfully,

*J. W. Farland*

# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting Washington Field Office

Date submitted March 31, 1928.

Name Houston, L. Position Special Agent

Entered Bureau Service (date) January 16, 1924.

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

Grade CAF -8 Salary \$3,100

## CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy	90	Initiative	82	Loyalty	90	Teamwork	81
Aggressiveness	89	Judgment	79	Office work	92	Personal appearance	87
Dependability	88	Speed	89	Promptness	80	Executive ability	77
Health	65	Knowledge	85	Resourcefulness	85	Habits	92
Industry	86	Leadership	78	Tact	81	Attitude toward work	92

RATING 84.5%

### REMARKS:

This Agent is what may be termed a competent Agent and just above the average in efficiency. She is a well read and cultured woman, seems to have an intense interest in the work and has convinced me that the Bureau's wishes are primary with her at all times. She seems to be conversant with the Bureau rules and regulations, yet will cut a corner when possible in the interest of saving time, which objection I have attempted to iron out of her. Her health cannot be considered good by any means, still she has not attempted to lay down on the job.

While here I used her on a variety of cases, on the investigations of which I could find no objection. I also utilized her for about a week in the capacity of liaison officer between this office and the District Attorney's office, in which capacity she performed with satisfaction.

My only objection to this Agent is one inherent in women and that is her desire to talk. She has taken up a lot of my time discussing the minor details of a case and nothing can seem to subdue her in this respect.

*A. H. Kram*

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

*File  
JH*

MM, DCA

March 17, 1928.

Mr. J. M. Keith,  
Harley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Mr. T. H. Tracy,  
Acting Agent in Charge.

I am transmitting, attached hereto, copy of a communication received by the Department from Mr. John S. Biggs, Special Agent, Federal Trade Commission, referring to a telephonic communication received at his office relative to one Roy E. Watson, applicant for appointment as Special Accountant.

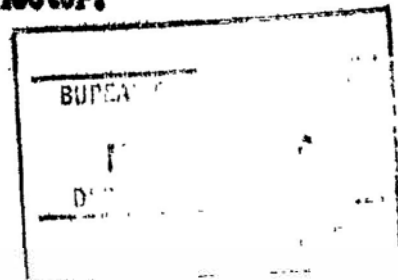
Through telephonic inquiries of your office, it was ascertained that Agent Houston had communicated with Mr. Biggs, by telephone, requesting his opinion of applicant.

Will you please convey to Miss Houghton the Bureau's opinion that telephonic inquiries of this nature should be made only in exceptional instances, where some specific reason has arisen therefor. The Bureau does not approve of telephonic investigations and desires that investigative inquiries be made in person in all circumstances except those of an exceptional nature.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 50148.

Director.



FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

*Watson*

March 15, 1928.

Appointment Division,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Confirming telephone estimate of the  
ability of Roy E. Watson.

Yesterday, March 14, a lady called me from the Department of Justice and made inquiry in regard to the ability and fitness for accounting work of Roy E. Watson, who was employed by the Federal Trade Commission from January 8 to 30, 1920, and who refers to me, in his application for a place with your department, as having knowledge of his work.

At the time Mr. Watson was with the Federal Trade Commission, Mr. L. B. Anderson was examiner in charge of the Commission's inquiry into the war time costs and profits of lumber companies and I was his principal deputy. I had immediate charge of the office force consisting of an economist or two, five or six accountants and several clerks. Mr. Watson was assigned to work under my direction and was employed most of the time on accounting work which consisted in analyzing the investment, earnings, production costs, selling costs and profits of lumber companies from the stumpage through to the retail yard. He was a good accountant, a genial fellow and a versatile and willing worker.

I am sure if he is employed that you will find his service entirely satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

(signed) JOHN S. BIGGS  
Special Agent,  
Federal Trade Commission.

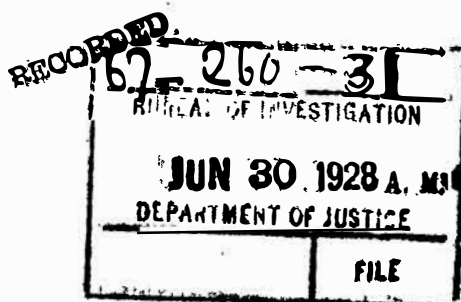
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June 29, 1928.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE APPOINTMENT CLERK:**

This is to advise you that Miss  
Lenore Houston,<sup>0</sup> Special Agent, was on leave without pay  
for ten days, from June 15th to 24th, 1928.

Director.



From  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
To  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

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- Attorney General .....
- General Donovan .....
- General Luhring .....
- General Willebrandt .....
- General Marshall .....
- Mr. Chase .....
- Mr. Carusi .....
- Mr. Baldwin .....
- Mr. Harris .....
- Mr. Stewart .....
- ~~Assistant Director~~ .....
- Chief Inspector .....
- Chief, Division 3 .....
- Chief, Division 4 .....
- Chief, Division 5 .....
- Chief, Division 6 .....
- Chief, Division 7 .....
- Miss Gandy .....
- Personnel Filing Section .....
- .....

*[Handwritten signature]*



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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1928.



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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the personal  
status report of Special Agent LENORE HOUSTON of  
this office.

Very truly yours,

*Grant P. Hall Jr.*

GRANT P. HALL, JR.,  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

GPH-HF  
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*1 copy  
for  
Mr.*

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

Complying with the instructions contained in Section 84 of the Bureau Manual, Agent's personal status with respect to the following particulars is -

- (a) Marital status - Single
- (b) Names of Societies or Organizations with which connected. - None
- (c) Legal residence - Not established.
- (d) Education - Certificate from Oxford Public Schools, Chester Co., Pa. General High School course. 3 years at Swarthmore College; Letters course.
- (e) Office where assignment preferred. - Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

*Lenore Houston*

LENORE HOUSTON,  
Special Agent.

LH:JGD

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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Sept. 7, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the  
resignation of Special Agent Lenore Houston, effective  
September 30, 1928.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TFC:JGD

SEP 19 1928

*Lenore  
HJM*

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January 30, 1929

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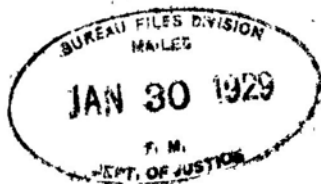
Mr. T. F. Cullen,  
Harley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter dated January 26, 1929, transmitting the per-  
sonal file of Miss Lannan Houston.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

September 7, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

I hereby tender my resignation as Special Agent, Bureau of  
Investigation, Department of Justice, to take effect September 30th, 1928.

Yours very truly,

*Leure Houston*

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*No action*

*9/19/28 J. E. H.*

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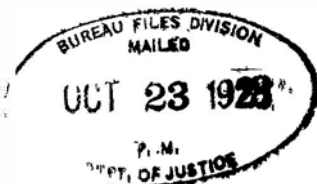
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Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

This is to advise you that Special Agent  
Annie Hanson will be on leave without pay from  
October 20, 1928, to November 7, 1928, both dates  
inclusive, at which time her resignation will be-  
come effective.

Director.



Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

October 20, 1928.



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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the resignation of Special Agent Lenore Houston, effective this date.

The Bureau property which was issued to Agent Houston is being returned under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

*T. F. Cullen*

T. F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

TFC:JGD

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

October 20, 1928.

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

Dear Sir:

I herewith tender my resignation as a Special Agent,  
Department of Justice, to take effect as of this date.

Yours very truly,

*Leona Houston*

*Resignation accepted  
10/23/28  
JEB*

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LENORE HOUSTON

10/9/28

I concur in this rating.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Jm', is written below the typed text.

# EFFICIENCY RATING SHEET

(FIELD)

Office submitting Washington, D. C.

Date submitted September 30, 1928.

Name Lenore Houston Position Special Agent

Entered Bureau Service (date) January 16, 1924.

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

Grade CAF 8 Salary \$3,200

## CHARACTERISTICS

Accuracy	80	Initiative	80	Loyalty	70	Teamwork	80
Aggressiveness	80	Judgment	82	Office work	85	Personal appearance	90
Dependability	50	Speed	80	Promptness	80	Executive ability	70
Health	70	Knowledge	85	Resourcefulness	82	Habits	70
Industry	75	Leadership	70	Tact	85	Attitude toward work	70

RATING 76.7

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76.7% J. E. N.

### REMARKS:

This Agent has performed satisfactory investigative work but her attitude in connection with her position impairs her efficiency to the degree indicated above.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge.



CAT:JSE

October 23, 1928.

Miss Lenora Martin,  
209 Harley-Bright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 20, 1928, in which you tender your resignation as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and the same is hereby accepted as tendered, effective at the close of business on November 7, 1928.

Very truly yours,

*James I. Sargent*

Attorney General.

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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.


January 26, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the field  
personnel file of Miss Lenore Houston, who is no  
longer connected with the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

  
T. F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

File #67-915  
TFC:ARB

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*Ans. 1-30-29  
M.A.P.*

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*M.A.P.*

# Department of Justice

REAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 22 1925

To whom it may concern:

This is to Certify that on January 16, 1924,  
the bearer, whose signature and picture appear hereon, was regu-  
larly appointed a Special Agent 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.



Done  
J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Bureau of Investigation.

John W. Quinn  
Attorney General.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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1. Houston (Surname) L (Given name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial)

2. Department of Justice

3. Bureau of Investigation

4. Field service Special Agent

5. (a) Field station Washington, D.C.

(b) Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

(c) City or town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

6. Pay roll title Special Agent

7. Customary office title Special Agent

8. Present administrative allocation \_\_\_\_\_

9. Present gross rate of pay \$ 200.00

10. Deduction for allowances \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Net rate paid in cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12. Indicate by an "X" in the proper box or boxes the kind of allowances, if any, received by the employee:

- House  Room  Furnished  Heat  Fuel  Uniform Meals per day:  1  2  3  
 Unfurnished  Light  Laundry  Subsistence or rations in kind

13. Describe any other allowance, privilege, or perquisite of value \_\_\_\_\_

14. If any special equipment or a bond is required by law or regulation to be furnished at the employee's expense, state kind and annual cost \_\_\_\_\_

15. (a) Regular hours of work: From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (b) How many hours per week excluding unusual or irregular overtime work? \_\_\_\_\_

Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_\_\_ (c) If not a full time and all-the-year-round position, state number of hours per day \_\_\_\_\_  
 number of days per { week } \_\_\_\_\_ (d) If certain hours of availability for duty, outside of regular working hours, are required, state hours and  
 type of such duty { month } must be available for twenty-four hours of each day.  
 { year }

16. (a) Rate of pay for overtime None (b) Amount of overtime pay in last 12 months \_\_\_\_\_

17. (a) Does the employee in any way direct or supervise other employees? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) How many? \_\_\_\_\_

18. If the employee supervises other persons through immediate contact, give the name and the sheet numbers of such persons. (For such of these as may not be covered by questionnaires, give number and kinds by occupations.) If the employee exercises supervision through section or division heads, give the title of such sections or divisions and the names and sheet numbers of their heads.

19. (a) Is the employee in any way directed, supervised, or instructed, or his work reviewed? Yes (b) If so, in what way? (See Form 16 before answering.)  
My work is directed, supervised and reviewed by the Special Agent in Charge under whose instructions I am performing my duties as a Special Agent.

20. What is the name, official position, and sheet number of the employee's immediate superior? T.F. Cullen, Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office, Bureau of Investigation, Dept. of Justice, Sheet 3430-1

21. Employee's education: Strike an "X" over the number representing the highest grade or year completed in each type of school:

Elementary							High			Normal				College				Postgraduate or professional			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
						X			X					X							

(Kind)

Other education (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

22. What length and kind of experience or other training did the employee possess upon original entrance into this position which was most qualifying or pertinent?  
Most business experience has been associated with legal work.

23. TO THE EMPLOYEE: Describe in detail the work you do. Put each distinct duty, task, or process in a separate paragraph. Explain first those that require most of your time. Explain occasional duties last. In the column at the left opposite each paragraph enter the approximate percentage of your time devoted to the work described in that paragraph. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPOSE THIS STATEMENT WITHOUT FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF P. C. B. FORM NO. 15.

Percentage of working time

24. I hereby certify that the foregoing was composed by me after reading P. C. B. Form No. 15, and that it is a true statement of my duties.

*Rebecca Houston*  
 (Signature of Employee)

25. TO THE PREPARING OFFICER: Write your own description of the employee's work. If in describing the work of the position you would cover the same subject matter and use the same language and expressions, indicate your concurrence in the employee's statement and utilize the rest of the space below by giving further and broader information regarding the position, such as the kind and degree of responsibility involved, the ultimate purpose of the work, its place in your organization, its working conditions, etc. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet. See Instructions in Form No. 16.

The foregoing is an accurate reflection of the employee's duties.

26. How long have the employee's duties been substantially as described above?

*Since about 1/16/24*

27. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made by me on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete.

**October 11**  
 (Date) 1928

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of Preparing Officer)

**Special Agent in Charge**  
 (Title)

28. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ..... In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from \$ 3200.00 to \$ 3700.00

**Special Agent in Charge**

*Oct 11*  
 (Date) 1928

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of head of field office or station)

29. I hereby certify that I have read all of the foregoing and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made on both sides of this sheet are accurate and complete, except as indicated in attached memorandum, marked ..... In my judgment the compensation of this position should be in a range from \$ 2900 to \$ 3400

See attached sheet

**October 31**  
 (Date) 1928

*[Signature]*  
 (Signature of head of bureau or his representative)

**Director**  
 (Title)

My duties are the investigation of violations of the laws of the United States and the collection of evidence in all cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest. My duties are confined to this and to the submission of my official reports thereon. This work requires a knowledge of the rules of evidence, the Federal Statutes, and Court procedure. Among the many Federal Statutes coming under the jurisdiction of an Agent of this Bureau, the following are frequently investigated because most frequently violated: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; White Slave Traffic Act; Impersonations; Theft and Embezzlement of Government Property; Frauds against the Government; Interstate Shipment Thefts; National Bankruptcy Act; National Bank and Federal Reserve Acts; Crimes on Government Reservations and the High Seas, and Anti-Trust violations.

In performing this work my detailed duties are;

- 50% Locating, interrogating and taking statements in proper form from witnesses and defendants.
- 2% Establishing and maintaining proper contacts and sources of information among law enforcement officials and others in order to get initial information concerning violations.
- 6% Under cover inquiries on pretext to locate and cause apprehension of federal fugitives from justice and to obtain information and evidence.
- 2% Shadow work or secret surveillance under some circumstances.
- 5% Conferences with U. S. Attorneys for purpose of launching prosecutions.
- 2% Filing of complaints before U. S. Commissioners.
- 3% Testifying before Federal Grand and Petit Juries.
- 10% Marshaling facts and dictating reports on own initiative, not following form, but setting out admissible evidence in logical sequence. Such reports are submitted to the Special Agent in Charge and forwarded by him to the Bureau and to the U. S. Attorney having jurisdiction. Such reports are then followed through in person by the individual Agent in order to see that prosecutions are completed. When numerous reports have been submitted an Agent must, before presentation in Court, prepare for the Bureau and the United States Attorney a summary report setting forth all evidence collected in logical sequence and by witnesses.
- 20% Necessary travel to perform above duties. Often necessary to travel on Sundays, holidays and at night.

Item #29

**SPECIAL AGENT**

Investigates all cases involving alleged violations of Federal Statutes. In connection therewith develops all "leads" pertaining to the alleged crime. Interviews subjects under suspicion, witnesses, and persons alleged to possess information relative to the crime under investigation. Allocates facts and retains to appropriate Federal Statute. Collects, sifts, and co-ordinates evidence under appropriate Statute for presentation before judicial officers. Prepares summary reports, i. e. memoranda, trial briefs, etc. for use in prosecution. Assists prosecutive officers in trial of alleged violators of Federal Statutes. Collects and sifts evidence, and prepares cases for trial in civil matters coming within Federal jurisdiction. Prepares reports and statistical data in accordance with field office organization and Bureau accounting procedure. Handles special investigations involving conditions in other Governmental offices and services, qualifications of higher Federal officials for appointment; investigates official acts and conduct of the more important Federal officials to determine whether the officers are acting in accordance with law, and prepares reports with recommendations as to action to be taken.

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September 18, 1929.



LENORE HOUSTON

Memorandum of telephone call to Miss Huston.

Mr. Hoover called Miss Huston upon her request.

Miss Huston wanted Mr. Hoover's advice as to whether or not she should testify in a divorce case. She had, as a special agent, investigated a White Slave case which has now resolved itself into divorce proceedings. Mr. Hoover told her he thought it would be proper for her to excuse herself.

General conversation.

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October 25, 1929.



Memorandum of telephone call from Miss Houston.

Miss Houston said that a man who represents Crogan saw her yesterday and she told him that she could do nothing in the case, as she is confined to her apartment taking care of her Mother who is very ill. He has now brought suit, and this afternoon she has been summoned to appear in court. Miss Houston again stated that she positively could not go - and that no Court could make her go. (She appeared to be very much excited.) Mr. Hoover asked her why she did not tell the man that he should communicate with the Department. She said she had told him.

Mr. Hoover said that Little's testimony had been requested but that the decision as to whether he does rests with him.

Miss Houston asked what she can do. Mr. Hoover told her she should call the Clerk of the Court and advise him of conditions, then he could submit it to the Court. She asked if she could send someone else down, and asked if Morris Joyce could take care of it for her. Mr. Hoover said he could.

Miss Houston said the representative of Crogan said he guessed he would have to subpoena the files of the Bureau.

Mr. Hoover advised Miss Houston to have Morris Joyce take care of the matter for her.

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

December 16, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONNEL FILES.

Special Agent Joyce informed me on the 15th instant, that former Special Agent Lenore Houston had called him by telephone and at her request he went to see her. He stated that Miss Houston was in a highly nervous state and talked at some length about the injustices done her and in particular seemed to center her venom on the Director of the Bureau. She stated the Director of the Bureau of Investigation had told a Charles Hamilton, who had in turn informed another man who told one Narcissa Smith, a resident of the Concord Apartment, 1701 Oregon Avenue, N. W., in which place Miss Houston also lives, some story about Miss Houston and that this story had been circulated through the apartment and Miss Houston had been embarrassed thereby.

I informed Mr. Joyce that I had never met a Charles Hamilton and had never discussed Miss Houston or any of her affairs outside of the Bureau.

Mr. Joyce stated he considered Miss Houston to be quite dangerous as she stated she had a Smith and Wesson revolver and would use the same if she met the Director of the Bureau of Investigation. It is the opinion of Mr. Joyce that Miss Houston is mentally unbalanced and judging from the statements made by her it is obvious that she is not in normal condition.

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

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December 30, 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR PERSONNEL FILES.

Special Agent Joyce called yesterday to inform me that Miss Lenore Houston,<sup>o</sup> formerly a Special Agent of this Bureau, who is now confined to the Emergency Hospital, has been sending for him frequently and narrating at great length the persecution against her, particularly by the Director of the Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Joyce stated that it was obvious that Miss Houston was suffering from hallucinations.

Miss Houston stated in her last interview with Mr. Joyce that just as soon as she was released from the hospital she intended to shoot the Director. Mr. Joyce stated that he thought I should be warned of this matter as Miss Houston was certainly not responsible for her actions.

Director.



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Washington, D. C.

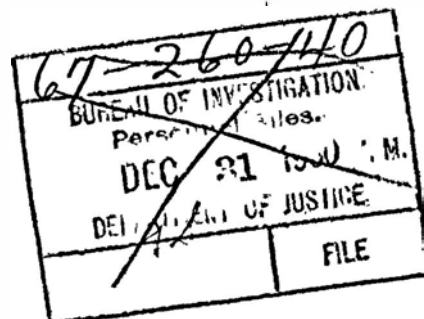
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J. E. Hoover  
Director.





U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C. 20535

Mr. Gary L. Blackwood



Subject of Request: Alaska Davidson  
Lenore Houston

FOIPA No. 349,084 /190-  
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Dear Mr. Blackwood:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and/or Section 552a. In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

Section 552

Section 552a

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 168 page(s) were reviewed and 168 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

- originated with another Government agency(ies).  
These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

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If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy (Attention: Office of Information and Privacy), United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, within thirty days from the receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Kevin O'Brien*

Chief  
Freedom of Information-  
Privacy Acts Section  
Information Management Division

Enclosures (3)

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests concerning Alaska P. Davidson and Lenore Houston.

A search of the index to our central records system at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ) has located two main files (numbers 67HQ-000000 and 67-260) responsive to your request.



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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D.C. 20535

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Mr. Gary L. Blackwood

SUBJECT OF REQUEST Davidson, Alaska P. et al



FOIPA NO: 349084

LENORE HOUSTON

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Dear Mr. Blackwood:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request(s). Information pertaining to your request has been set forth below in appropriate paragraphs.

- The additional data requested from you has been received.
- We have received your request which was referred from our \_\_\_\_\_ Office(s) to FBI Headquarters for handling.
- We are currently conducting a search of indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters to determine if we have the records you are seeking. Upon completion of this review, we will advise you.
- We have located documents which may pertain to your request(s), and we will assign them for processing soon.
- We have received your letter expressing your willingness to pay fees of approximately \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have received your check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_.
- The large number of FOIPA requests received by the FBI has caused delay in processing your request(s). The FBI has allocated substantial resources, including manpower, to insure that delays in responding to FOIPA requests are minimized. We solicit your understanding and assure you that we will process your request(s) as soon as possible.

Your continued patience will be appreciated.

- See Continuation Page for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Chief  
Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section  
Records Management Division

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Lenore Houston

Special Agent-

5-22-28



CAT:JSB

October 23, 1928.

Miss Lenore Houston,  
209 Harley-Wright Bldg.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

I have your letter of October 20, 1928, in which you tender your resignation as Special Agent in the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, and the same is hereby accepted as tendered, effective at the close of business on November 7, 1928.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover".

Attorney General.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

October 23, 1928.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

This is to advise you that Special Agent  
Lenore Houston will be on leave without pay from  
October 20, 1928, to November 7, 1928, both dates  
inclusive, ~~at which time her resignation will be~~  
~~come effective.~~

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

October 13, 1928.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

This is to advise that Special Agent  
L. Houston returned to duty status from leave  
without pay at 9:00 A.M. on October 9, 1928.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

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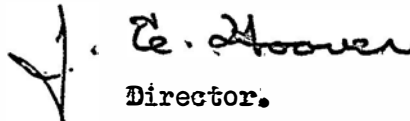
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

September 24, 1928.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

This is to advise you that Special Agent  
Lenore Houston is to be carried on leave without  
pay, beginning at the close of business on September  
15, 1928, for an indefinite period.

  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

June 29, 1928.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE APPOINTMENT CLERK:

This is to advise you that Miss  
Lenore Houston, Special Agent, was on leave without pay  
for ten days, from June 15th to 24th, 1928.

J. E. Hoover  
Director.

CBS:MR

April 1, 1927.

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

Madam:

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$3000 per annum to \$3100 per annum in grade CAF-8, effective today and payable from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. G. Sargent.

Attorney General.

FC 15406

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# PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

Bureau, division, or office \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name in full Leroux Houston (Miss)

2. Legal (voting) residence Pennsylvania, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. Phila. Phila  
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Pennsylvania Calloway When born? Aug. 12, 1878  
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien \_\_\_\_\_

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus:

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White	Colored

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
<u>none</u>								
								<u>9/12/27</u>

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (✓) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
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Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged \_\_\_\_\_ Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_ Discharged \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)	Common school								High school				College			Degrees, if any
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9. State special qualifications 3 yrs. - 8 mos. continuous  
employment - Bureau of Investigation

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs. E. R. Houston Mother  
(Name) (Relationship)  
Burlington Hotel - Washington - D.C.  
(Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Leroux Houston  
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

August 31, 1927.  
(Date)

Present address Burlington Hotel  
Washington, D.C.  
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

CBS:VFM

October 14, 1926

Miss L. Houston,

Bureau of Investigation.

Sir:

Your salary as Special Agent is hereby increased from \$2,900 per annum to \$3,000 per annum, in grade Caf 5, effective on the 15th instant, and payable from the same appropriation.

Respectfully,

(signed) John G. Sargent

Attorney General.

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Special Agent;

oath May 21, 1926, e.o.d.

January 1, 1926 (under)

change in Grade reported

on No. 1138.

*Phila*

I, ..... Lenore Houston ....., do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United State against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of  
..... Special Agent (under change in Grade effective January 1, 1926) .....  
.....  
on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here ) ..... *Lenore Houston*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ) Where born (State only) Pennsylvania  
..... 21<sup>st</sup> day ) Date of birth August 12, 1878  
of ..... May A.D. 1926 ) Whence appointed:  
State Penna. County Philadelphia  
Congressional District 2nd

..... *H. R. Manley* .....  
~~Notary Public.~~  
United States Commissioner  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania



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*See 1138*

Date of entry upon duty ..... January 16, 1926 .....  
Residence Apt. 2-E Lenox Apartments, 13th & Spruce Sts. .....

May 7, 1926.

Miss T. 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 \$3900 per annum,  
in Grade Caf 8, effective May 15, 1926.

Respectfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. MITCHELL

Acting Attorney General.

P. C. 15428. Field.

January 7, 1926.

*Miss* D  
Mr. Lando H. Hoston,  
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 \$2000 per annum.

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CBS:VEM

November 17, 1924.

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

Madam:

Your designation is hereby changed from  
Special Employee to that of Special Agent,  
Bureau of Investigation, without change in com-  
pensation and effective with entry on duty.

You should execute the required oath of  
office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. A. Tamm

Attorney General.

Grade CAF 7 - \$2800 per annum. Field.

Taken up on Auth. #2523.

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

HB:MWB

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



November 6, 1924.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

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 Grimes", effective with entry on duty. Field.

*J. E. Hoover*  
Acting Director.

*H. M. ...*  
Attorney General.

Grade Caf 7 - \$2800 pa.  
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AND REFER TO  
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Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

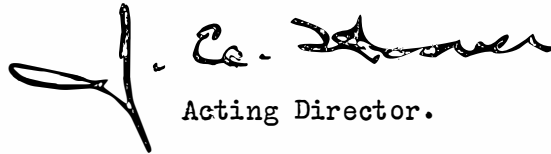
November 8, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MARTIN:

I am attaching hereto the recommendation for the change of status of Miss Lenore Houston, from Special Employee to that of Special Agent.

<sup>but</sup> You will recall that this is the case that Congressman Grand called at the Department in connection with, a few days ago. If you will have the Attorney General approve this recommendation, then the record will be clear and all parties will be satisfied.

Very truly yours,

  
Acting Director.

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I,.....Louise Houston.....,do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of.....Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice..... on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Louise Houston

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Subscribed and.....sworn.....to ) Where born (state only) Pennsylvania  
 before me this.....1<sup>st</sup>.....day ) Whence appointed:  
 of.....December.....A.D.1924 ) State.....Pa......,County.....Phila......  
M. R. Hawley ) Congressional District.....6<sup>th</sup>.....  
 United States Commissioner )  
 Eastern District of Pennsylvania )

(SEAL) ~~NOTARY PUBLIC~~

Date of birth.....Aug. 12, 1878.....  
 Date of entry upon duty.....Dec. 1, 1924.....  
 Official address,.....P.O. Box 451, Philadelphia, Pa......

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October 31, 1924.

Hon. George S. Graham,  
32 South Broad Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Graham:

Received your letter of October 30th relative to the change of designation of Miss Houston.

I wrote you yesterday informing you that the Acting Director of the Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Hoover, had taken this matter up with us. You may recall that during the Senate Investigation this Bureau was subjected to considerable criticism and attack. Attorney General Stone, when he assumed his official position here, made certain rules and regulations such as cancelling all so-called honorary appointments as Special Deputy Marshals, Special Agents of the Bureau of Investigation, and made it a rule that no Special Agents would be appointed hereafter excepting certified accountants and members of the bar.

Because of the rules made by the Attorney General and the question of classification, Miss Houston's designation has necessarily been changed. The Attorney General has made no exception to any of these rules for reasons I am sure you will appreciate. Will be glad to explain in full to you and sorry that the present designation cannot remain.

The Acting Director informs us that the original designation was erroneous and that a change will not affect the amount of salary.

Sincerely yours,

HARREN F. MARTIN

Special Assistant to the  
Attorney General.

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 M. D. TURTON, ASST. CLERK

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1924

My dear Martin:- I received your telegram saying:  
 "Card you mention is identification card and simply replaces old card of Bureau of Investigation Agents which was signed by former Attorney General, for new card signed by Attorney General Stone. Miss Houston evidently misunderstands whole matter."

This does not cover the point of objection which is a change in her designation.

In the card signed by former Atty General Dougherty she was called "Special Agent" and in the card sent up for her signature she is called "Special Employee". Why cannot she still be what she was appointed to be a "Special Agent" it is more dignified and highly appreciated.

Have the new card call her "Special Agent" just as the old one did. I would wish this very much.

Hon Warren F. Martin  
 Special Asst. <sup>Atty</sup> General.

Very truly yours -  
 G. S. Graham  
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 NOV 1 1924  
 MAIL ROOM DIV  
 Martin

I hereby certify that the following person possesses the ability and qualifications that justify the allowance of the additional compensation provided by the Act approved March 4, 1923.

Lenore Houston, Special Employee, \$7.00 per day, effective January 16, 1924.

*M. J. Quinn*  
Director.

I hereby certify that the ability and qualifications personal to the above named employee are such as to entitle her on and after the above mentioned date to the additional compensation of \$240 per annum as provided by the Act approved March 4, 1923.

For the Attorney General,

*Rush W. Hendon*  
Assistant Attorney General.

*Act 913*

CBS:V23

January 14, 1924.

Miss Lenore Houston,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Madam:

You are hereby appointed a Special Employee of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, with salary at the rate of Seven Dollars (\$7.00) a day. You will also be allowed your actual expenses of travel and operation and Four Dollars (\$4.00) a day in lieu of subsistence when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed at Philadelphia, Pa.

Your salary, expenses, and per diem will be paid from the appropriation for "Detection and Prosecution of Crimes".

This appointment will take effect when you enter on duty.

This letter is not to be considered as operating credentials and is not to be so used. Operating credentials are issued separately.

You should execute and file the required oath of office.

Respectfully,

(Signed) H. M. Daugherty,

Attorney General.

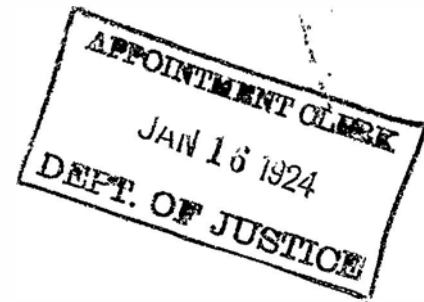
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WM. J. BURNS  
DIRECTOR



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



J.A.R.:M.C.

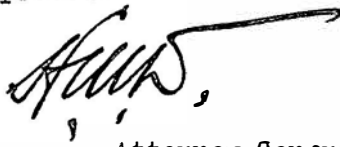
January 14, 1924.

Memorandum for the Appointment Clerk:

You will please prepare a letter appointing Miss Lenore Houston as Special Employee, Bureau of Investigation, salary at the rate of \$7.00 per day and \$4.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and actual expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters, which are fixed at Philadelphia, Pa., payable from the appropriation for "Detection & Prosecution of Crimes", effective with entry on duty. Field. This is a new appointment.

  
Director.

Approved:



Attorney General.

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I, Lezare Houston, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special Employee, Bureau of Investigation,

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here) Lezare Houston

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of Jan, A. D. 1924

Where born (State only) Pennsylvania  
Date of birth Aug 12, 1878  
Whence appointed:  
State Pennsylvania, County Philadelphia  
Congressional District 4th

SEAL

Chas. B. Bornberger  
Notary Public.

Date of entry upon duty, January 16, 1924

Residence 4516 Springfield Ave  
near Phila.

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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