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MEMORANDUM TO SENATOR JOHNSON

FROM: G. W. Siegel *GW*

SUBJECT: Broyhill matter.

On July 17, 1954, Congressman Joel T. Broyhill reported that some members of a Government employees union had attempted to bribe him with a campaign contribution of \$500 in connection with his vote for the employees pay bill in the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee. The initial announcement had come from the Department of Justice which had announced that Congressman Broyhill had turned the matter over to them for investigation.

On July 26, Brownell reported that he had directed the FBI to investigate the matter. We have not today been able to find any further statements on the results of this investigation.

The particular bill which was before the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee at the time the incident was supposed to have taken place was never voted upon, ^{by the House} However, Broyhill did vote against reporting the bill when the Committee voted it out onto the House Calendar.

We will try to ascertain more of the facts as soon as possible.