

June 20, 1924.

JOHN D. WILLARD
AMHERST, MASS.

TALKED WITH PRESIDENT THIS MORNING HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS ON
BOOTLEGGING IN HIS FRATERNITY WILL YOU MAKE QUIET INVESTIGATION AND
ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE THE NAME OF PARTIES SUPPLYING STUDENTS WITH LIQUOR
AND LET ME HAVE THE FACTS. IF NECESSARY I CAN SEND AN INVESTIGATOR
TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER. WIRE REPORT TO ME COLLECT.

HARLAN P. STONE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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Miss Smith -
This matter is
being attended to.
Agent left N.Y. this
morning and we ought
to have report in
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SUPPLIES FROM HOLYOKE PARTIES STOP DO NOT SEND MAN STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

SPECIAL DELIVERY

JOHN D WILLARD.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AND
COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICES IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
COOPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE

June 21, 1924.

AMHERST, MASS.

Harlan F. Stone, Attorney General,
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.
Dear Harlan;

Your telegram was received Friday afternoon. Friday night and Saturday morning (today) I got as far as I could without danger of arousing suspicion, and this afternoon wired as follows "Supplies from Holyoke parties. Stop. Do not send man. Stop. Letter follows special delivery. John D. Willard". This is in further report, and in explanation of the brevity of telegraph report. I feel that our telegraph office is absolutely safe when the regular operator is here. Yesterday a relief operator was on duty, with a strange youth in the office with no apparent reason, and I preferred not to give any warnings by indication; rather to allay suspicions.

All members of the undergraduate chapter have gone from town, the two other resident alumni members of the chapter are gone temporarily, and I have not had as many possible sources of information as would be desirable. I have the full story of the police, with whom I can talk easily because of my own former state police service, because I am a special officer now, because Mrs. Stone's accident made a natural starting point, and because the fact that I am a member of Phi Gamma Delta made it natural for me to want to know the facts. I have also gotten easy reports through Mr. Cushing, attorney at law and partner of Mr. Smart, who is not out of touch with the matter as Smart has a possibility of being asked to represent one of the defendants when his case is disposed of, although the defendant has plead guilty; because Mr. Cushing has also done special State Police work in connection with the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and has contacts with the agencies and courts of Holyoke, and because as an Amherst Man of the class of 1912 and of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity he has kept more or less touch with happenings in college this last year. I have gotten indirect reports from other sources, but did not feel it safe to follow them, nor even probably profitable.

From the police I learn the following. Amherst has seemed to increase in wetness in the last few months, particularly among the foreign element, and the town officers employed a Springfield detective agency to work up the case. Two men came to Amherst as salesmen of aluminum ware, and made a number of purchases from six different individuals. These were with one exception foreigners, and with this one exception were selling products of home manufacture. After getting this evidence raids were made simultaneously on the six places, and supplies found in all cases. One of the six was a student named Waddell, who lived in the Phi Gamma Delta house. In his room were found four full bottles of White Horse whiskey, two bottles partly empty, one empty port bottle, one empty gin bottle, and a number of ginger ale bottles. These raids were mad4

early Thursday Morning, Waddell was arrested and could not give bail, nor could the two or three boys left at the fraternity house give bail. He pleaded guilty in court to keeping liquor with intent to sell, and to making an illegal sale. His case is continued till July 2 for final action. He is out on bail and in Brooklyn.

To the officers he told the story that the liquor was part of a supply that he and friends had bought jointly for their own use, and that his sale was only an effort to get rid of surplus. His Counsel, (if Mr. Smart is finally retained) believes the story; Smart's partner Cushing does not. Waddell implicated another man whose name is reputed to be Ward, another member of the fraternity, with doing a professional business. The police say that Waddell has frequented places of very doubtful repute, and they believe he is more or less of a professional. The claim that they can produce testimony of his offers to sell by the quart or the case. Mr. Cushing reports that he thinks the boy of inferior type, and not of college mould or interest. This confirms my own impression of the boy, whom I know slightly. Why he was interested to get a college education has been something of a mystery to me; also why he was taken into the fraternity. He has no money, and probably found this the easiest way to get along. Waddell's only statement of where he got his supplies, made to both police, Smart and Cushing, is that he got it in Holyoke. He would not be more specific than that. The police are of the opinion that he has the inside track with a drug store there, and that his supplies came in the auto of a student, not of his own fraternity. The police have also been trying to get hold of an early morning source of supply, probably one of the numerous student-owned cars but possibly a Holyoke car, which is suspected of making the rounds of several fraternities in the small hours; and in this list Phi Gamma Delta was not one.

From Mr. Cushing I learn that the Holyoke courts are quite lax, and the police no better. Holyoke has been reputed to be wide open as compared with Springfield. I know by general repute that students can go to Holyoke for rather poor beer and get it without difficulty, but that distilled liquors are much more difficult to get. Mr. Cushing's own fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, is in quite a slump, and has had the name of being one of the most lax, if not the most lax, in college this year. The president of the chapter was expelled from college for drunkenness and disturbance, and one other boy with him. From the remaining members of the chapter Mr. Cushing learns that they were surprised that an arrest was made at Phi Gamma Delta, because the crowd there is one of the most quiet in town. At least six other fraternities have the reputation of being hard, and Phi Gamma Delta is not one of them.

There seems to be little doubt that four or five boys in college have made money this year boot-legging and Holyoke is the source of supply. Beer can be gotten from bar-rooms; whiskey comes from drug stores according to the report. There can be little to remedy this situation without three distinct elements of effort; first, dry up Holyoke as much as possible; second, alumni pressure on fraternities; third administrative action from the College.

My suggestion in the telegram that you do not send a man was a blind. I think that it would be worth while for one of your men to come and find out what he can in Holyoke about general conditions and about Amherst trade; to be here when the boy Waddell comes in court again, and to use his own judgment as to how far he feels it worth while to go in Amherst. I will gladly talk with him.

From the foregoing you can appreciate that what I have learned from Mr. Cushing is in great degree confidential. It should not be used against the boy, but I think it may properly be used to guide investigation as to source.

In the mean time I will get any further possible information on general conditions in college, and will try to get hold of two of the younger alumni who may have intimate knowledge of how matters have been going at the Phi Gamma Delta house this year. I will report again on Monday or Tuesday.

May I suggest that you write Or wire me the name of the man whom you send, and preferably write of there is time. A note in his hand would do as well. I shall be out of town Monday night, but back Tuesday; probably out again Thursday or Friday.

Very sincerely,

John H. Willard.

June 26, 1924.

John D. Willard, Esq.,

Amherst, Mass .

Dear John:

I am obliged for your telegram of the 21st and also for your letter of the same date.

The Bureau of Investigation has instructed one of its agents to investigate the matter and get in touch with you. If it is possible to bring it about, I would like very much to secure the indictment and conviction of the party or parties who supply students with liquor. I think it might help the Amherst situation very much, and incidentally I think it would be personally gratifying to the President.

Did Helen see the portrait, and what did she think of it? I only got a glance at it myself, and hardly know what to think.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

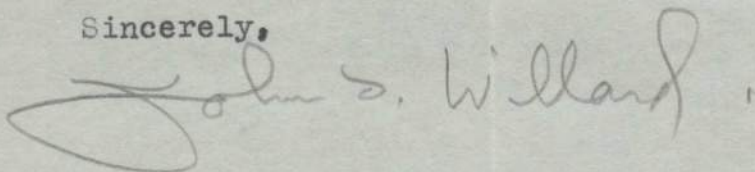
JOHN D. WILLARD
AMHERST, MASS.

En Route, B. & A,
June 26, 1924.

Harlan F. Stone, Attorney General,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Harlan,

I have no further report to make, as neither undergraduates nor alumni of Phi Gamma Delta have been within reach this last seek. I hope to meet casually two of the younger alumni tomorrow in Boston, and next week Mr. Smart will be back in town. He may represent Waddell in court at the time when his case comes up on July 2. I feel hesitant to pump him in any way that may be a breach of professional ettiquette, but he will probably want to go over the case with me. I will write again Sunday. In the mean time I think it would be worth while for one of your men to get familiar with Holyoke, and to be in Northampton when the Waddell case comes up.

Sincerely,

John D. Willard

June 28, 1924.

John D. Willard, Esq.,
Amherst, Mass.

Dear John:

I have your letter of the 26th. As I wrote you, I have sent one of our investigating agents to Holyoke and he will come to see you. It occurs to me that if Waddell will come through so as to help us get a conviction of the people who sold the stuff, that it might lighten up his sentence. In fact, I would be willing to assist him if we could secure a conviction of the parties who are really responsible. Perhaps if this idea were passed along to Smart or whoever represents him, it might be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN D. WILLARD

AMHERST, MASS.

July 1, 1924.
En Route, B. & M.

Harlan F. Stone,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Harlan,

Mr. Maher of the
New York office of the Department of Justice has been in Amherst and left Saturday for New York and Brooklyn to see Waddell, after having talked with Mr. Smart, Mr. Waddell's counsel.

Today I learn that it is common rumor that Waddell has been expelled from College, but could not reach Pres. Olds before leaving to confirm this. I learn further that the other man in Phi Gamma Delta who is implicated by Waddell was Warde, who has just graduated. This leaves the remaining chapter clean, and the chapter has had the reputation, until this came up, of being exceptionally clean and quiet.

This leaves the source of supply as yet untouched, and I am hoping that the work of Mr. Maher will get results in Holyoke. It will be necessary to make constant efforts after any first success, however, as there is a laxity in Holyoke, and a great and persistent thirst there that makes business good.

Hastily,

John D. Willard

~~Wm. C. Clegg~~
DIRECTOR



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Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

August 11, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

On Saturday, August 9th, the Agents of this Bureau who have been making an investigation of violations of the Volstead Act at Amherst, Massachusetts, succeeded in making numerous purchases from the persons who have been violating the Volstead Act and thereupon had a search warrant issued and a quantity of beer, wine, ale and whiskey was seized.

This information I received from Amherst by telegraph and am advised that a more detailed report is being forwarded which I will call to your attention immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hoover
Acting Director.

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Special Agent in Charge
Edward J. Brennan

NEW YORK

P.O.Box 241,
City Hall Station

August 11, 1924.

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

RE: PROHIBITION CONDITIONS
AT AMHERS & HOLYOKE MASS.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the telegram sent you by Agent Richard Maher on Saturday evening, I beg to state that the investigation at Holyoke was brought to a successful conclusion on Saturday.

During the week purchasés were made on several different occasions by Agents Covello and Topoleski care being exercised to secure a variety of kinds of liquor to show the extensive character of the business being conducted and further to make purchases not only from bar tenders but from the proprietors of the cafe themselves. At the time of the raid conducted by Agents Maher, Curtin, Covello and Topoleski, an arrest was made of Patrick Harrington, part owner of the establishment and of one Michael O'Brien, a temporary bar tender. The prisoners will be arraigned today before Commissioner Gordon at Springfield, Mass, at which time I am informed the other partner, Mike Manning, and the bar tender known as "Chick" will also be arraigned. At the conclusion of the proceedings before the Commissioner the agents engaged on the matter will return to New York at which time a full report of the matter will be prepared and forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

Frank X.O'Donnell
Acting Agent in Charge.

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W. M. BURNS
DIRECTOR



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

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August 25, 1924.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General.

In order that you may have the details, I am giving you a synopsis here of the prohibition conditions at Amherst and Holyoke, Massachusetts, which have been the subject of past correspondence and conference.

Beginning on August 4, 1924, our agents made purchases at the place run by Michael Manning in Holyoke and involved his bartenders Aubertin and Haggerty, also bartender known as Chick. The following day they witnessed the open bar and themselves were served beer, ale and whiskey by Manning himself. Haggerty, one of the proprietors, was present and asked whether the bartender was sure the agents "were alright".

The following day they again witnessed the open violations, customers purchasing beer, ale and whiskey and one buying a quart of Port wine for \$4.00. Our men purchased beer, ale and whiskey. Manning, one of the proprietors, was present.

The following day, August 7th, they again witnessed the open violations and repeated their purchases of the previous day. Both Haggerty and Manning, proprietors, were present.

On August 9th, they made additional purchases from Haggerty, one of the proprietors, and on that day caused a search warrant to be issued and served by a deputy marshal. Haggerty and O'Brien were behind the bar at the time and Haggerty claimed that last June, he had been fined on a Federal Charge of the Prohibition Act, pleaded that he be not arrested because it would go hard with him. O'Brien claimed it was his first day in the employ of Haggerty and Manning. Haggerty later admitted that he and Manning had been very lucky, they having run the saloon for approximately four years with only one arrest.

The search of the premises resulted in the finding of the following:

- 6 (six) full quarts of Charter Oak Rye Whiskey
- 2 (two) full bottles labeled Gordon Gin
- 1 (one) full bottle labeled Old Constitution Port Wine.
Garrett and Co. Inc. N.Y.A. 26 Permit.
- 1 (one) full bottle labeled Tokay Wine. Garrett and Co. Inc.
N.Y.A. 26 Permit.
- 5 (five) Burlap bags of Canadian Ale containing twenty-four
quart bottles in each, labeled Frontenac Export Ale.
Frontenac Breweries Lts. Montreal and Wm. Dowd and Co.
Pale Bitter Ale, National Breweries Ltd.
- 30 (thirty) cases of bottled beer, no brewers name on label
thereon. Only one case of this beer was taken from
the premises by the Deputy Marshal.

All of the above was found in a partitioned off enclosure in a room off the left-hand side of the barroom. The following were found behind the bar:

- 1 (one) partly filled bottle of Charter Oak Rye Whiskey
- 1 (one) partly filled bottle of Lawsons Scotch Whiskey
- 1 (one) partly filled bottle of Gordon Gin
- Small amount of whiskey in each of two small pitchers
- 2 (two) dozen bottles of beer
- 6 (six) bottles of Canadian Ale

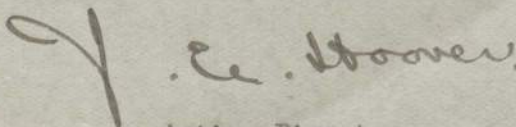
Samples of all were taken for analysis and the report of the chemist at Providence shows percentage of alcoholic content far in excess of the provisions of the law.

Those arrested on the complaints were George O'Brien, Patrick J. Haggerty and Michael Manning for possession; Haggerty for possession and sale and Aubertin alias Chick for sale. All were released on \$500.00 bond and the Commissioner's hearing has been set for September 8th, one day previous to the setting of the Boston Federal Grand Jury.

The premises at 461 - Main Street, Holyoke, Mass. are owned by E. H. Fredericks of Northampton Street and are rented for \$140.00 a month. The saloon is equipped with a bar, a back bar, one table, whiskey and beer glasses and there are three entrances.

Copies of all reports have been forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Willebrandt.

Very truly yours,



Acting Director.



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Confidential

October 10, 1924.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have just received information to the effect that the evidence procured by the Agents on violations of the Prohibition Laws at Amherst and Holyoke, Massachusetts, in which you are interested, was presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Boston, and that an indictment has been returned against MICHAEL MANNING, PATRICK HAGGERTY, GEORGE O'BRIEN and ALEXANDER NAPOLEON AUBERTINE.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hoover
Acting Director.