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*District Attorney's Office
County of New York*

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February 5th, 1912.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the report and statements in
the matter of the death of Fletcher McKay Allen. I wish
to thank you for your courtesy in allowing me to have copies
made of them.

Respectfully yours,

Charles S. Whitman

District Attorney.

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Feb. 5/1912.

Returning papers re-
death of Fletcher, Allan
~~McKay~~ Randall's Island.

*District Attorney's Office,
Kings County,
N.Y.*

Brooklyn, New York City.

February 7th, 1912. 191

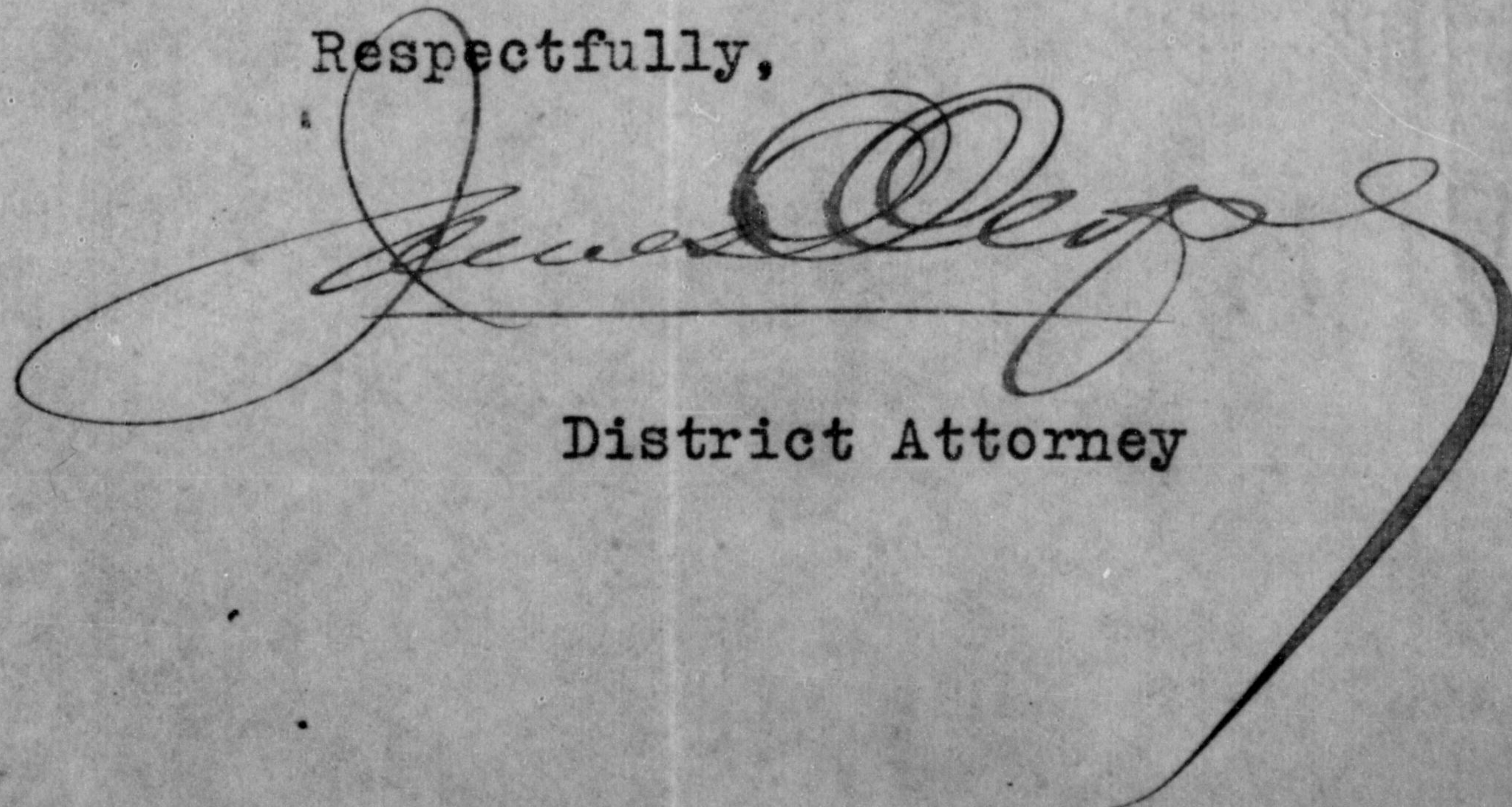
Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 31st ult. enclosing copy of a letter received by you from Lena Wilfert with regard to an alleged violation of the Labor Law in a laundry at 375 Broadway, Brooklyn, was duly received.

I have written Lena Wilfert asking her either to call and see the Assistant who is in charge of complaints in this office or to go direct to the Magistrates Court in the District in which the alleged offense was committed and there make a complaint.

Respectfully,



District Attorney

Feb. 7/12.

Jan. 31/12.

Ack. letter Lena
Wiefert re violations
of Labor Law in Laundry
at 375 Broadway. Dkn

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County of New York

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

February 27, 1912.

Robert Adamson, Esq.,
City Hall,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Adamson:

I have yours of February 26th. I will write at once
to Mr. Merritt and find out his general attitude.

Truly yours,

James Bronson Russell

District Attorney's Office
County of New York

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Tuesday

Dear Mr. Adams:

May I introduce Mr. John S. Bury, formerly Recording Secretary of the Central Federated Union. He has always had the highest standing in the Labor Movement. He wanted to see you and if you think it will be desirable the Mayor and I am glad to introduce him and give you my estimate of his character. He will speak for himself and explain what he wants.

Very truly yours,

James Brown Reeves

*District Attorney's Office
County of New York.*

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

June 18th, 1912.

Hon. Robert Adamson,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Sir:-

District Attorney Whitman directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., enclosing a communication sent to his Honor, the Mayor, by William Brown, the complaining witness against August Bracht, charged with assault.

Mr. Deming, of the District Attorney's staff, had charge of this matter. His investigation convinced him the evidence was not sufficient for a conviction, and he decided to recommend the discharge of the defendant's bail. He made this recommendation, and it was accepted by the Court. Mr. Deming says Brown's visits to this City were voluntary and not at the request of this office.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Deming's recommendation, giving his reasons for his course.

Yours very truly,



B-D.

Private Secretary.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

AUGUST BRACHT

The defendant herein was indicted on the 2nd day of March, 1911 (Indictment No. 81276, Calendar No. 4191), charged with the Crime of Assault in the First and Second degrees, in that it is alleged on the 18th of January, 1911, at the premises 35 Rose Street, in the City and County of New York, he cut one William Brown, of 1566 Avenue A., with the blade of a pocket knife.

William Brown states that he and the defendant were partners; that on the day above referred to they had a quarrel over money matters; that he (Brown) shook his finger in defendant's face, whereupon the defendant slapped him and drew a knife (already opened) from his pocket, and cut him. The complainant stated to me also that a man by the name of Nagy and a woman by the name of Pauline Newald were present at the time.

The Process Servers of the District Attorney's office have been unable to locate Pauline Newald, as more fully appears in the affidavit hereunto attached. Nagy states that he was not present, that he did not know either of the parties, except as tenants of the building on the same floor with him, he having a nearby bookbinding

shop. That he heard a quarrel going on in their room, but that this was not unusual; that half an hour or so later he saw the policeman come up, but that's all he knows about it.

Officer McDermott was called to Brown's office by telephone. When he arrived he found the complainant and the defendant sitting there together. The defendant stated that the complainant had refused to let him, although a partner, see what was in a certain bundle; that he (the defendant) had taken out his pen-knife and opened it for the purpose of cutting the strings about the bundle, and seeing what was in it; that a scuffle ensued in which he unintentionally cut the complainant with the open knife which he had in his hand; that he called the complainant's attention to the fact that he had been cut. The officer tells me that the defendant as soon as the officer entered handed him the knife and said that that was the knife which did the cutting. The officer states that in his opinion the defendant, who is a good-appearing fellow, told a frank and true story at the time, and that he was not impressed by the story of the complainant.

Since in the present condition of the evidence the case against the defendant consists solely of the story told by the complainant, and since the complainant makes a much less favorable witness than the defendant, and since the injury inflicted was a very slight one, I am of the opinion that no jury would convict the defendant

of the offense with which he is charged upon the evidence available, and I therefore respectfully recommend the discharge of bail in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD S. DEMING

DEPUTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

APPROVED:

CHARLES S. WHITMAN,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

DATED: New York, December 1, 1911.

*District Attorney's Office
County of New York*

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

August 8th, 1912.

S i r:--

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours
of August 7th, containing " a report of the Comm-
issioner of Accounts concerning a member of the
bar named William E. Murphy".

The matter will receive the immediate
attention of this office.

Very truly yours,

Charles S. Whitman

District Attorney.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor,
New York City.

*District Attorney's Office
County of New York*

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

August 9th, 1912.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,
Mayor of the City of New York,
City Hall, New York.

S i r:--

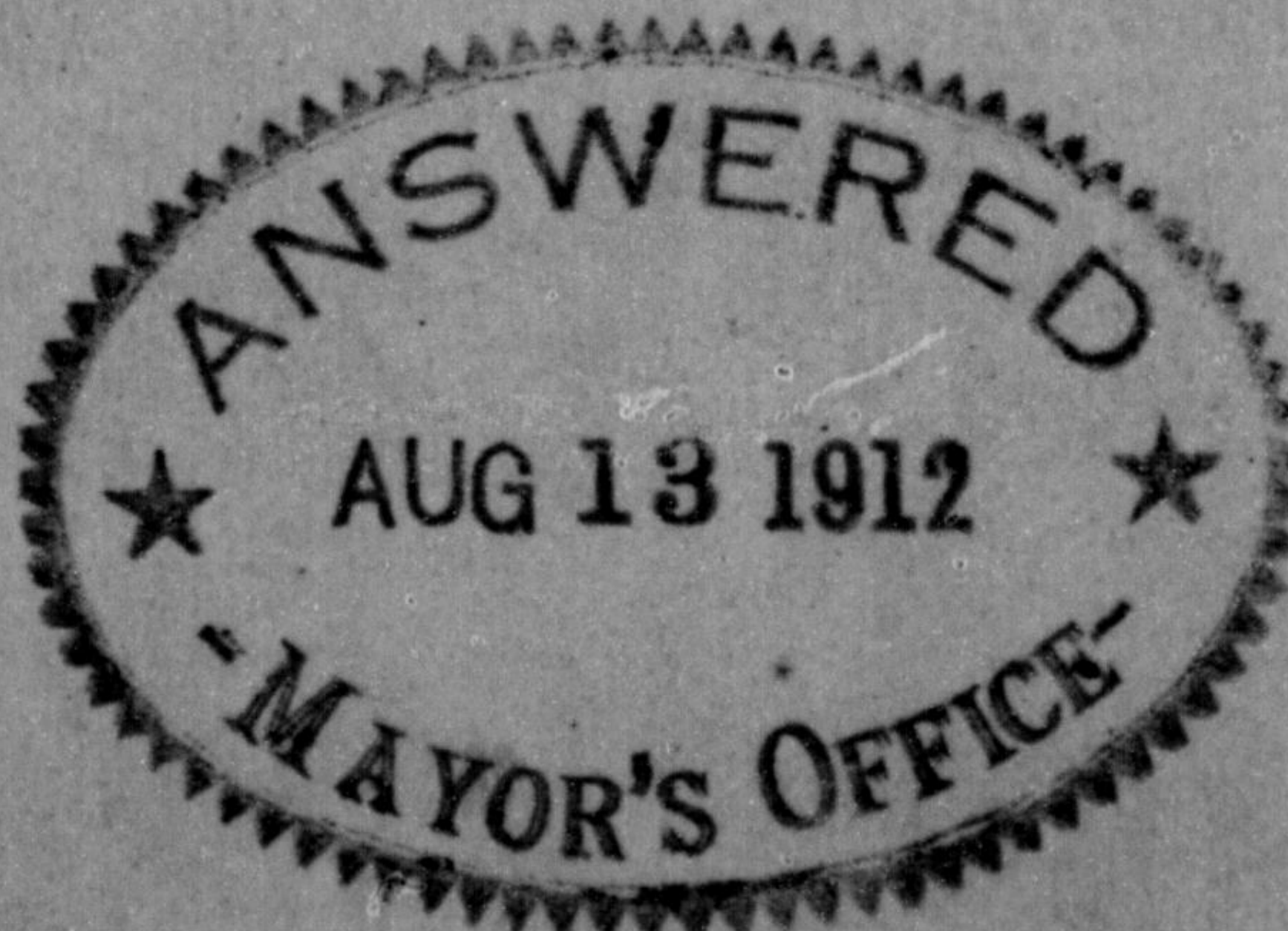
Referring to your letter to me of the 7th instant, accompanied by a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Accounts in the matter of certain payments made by former members of the Doormen's Association to William E. Murphy, I would respectfully ask that you request the Commissioner of Accounts to forward to me a transcript of all the testimony taken by him upon that investigation, together with the books of the Doormen's Association, stated in his report to you to have been secured by him.

Very truly yours,

Charles S. Whitman

District Attorney.

C.C.N., Jr.
F.B.M.



District Attorney's Office
County of New York

CHARLES S. WHITMAN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

November 6, 1912.

Mr. Robert Adamson,
Office of the Mayor,
City of New York.

Dear Sir,-

Your communication of November 1 is
duly received. The matter will be promptly
investigated.

Truly yours,

Charles S. Whitman

District Attorney.

J.B.R.
JBR/a

H.B.