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Francis A. Garrecht, Esquire,
United States Attorney,
Spokane, Washington.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 6th instant, advising of the indictment of William Lonestar Dietz, and asking that the original records of the Draft Board be loaned to you for use at the trial of this case.

This morning the matter was taken up with the Provost Marshal General, and he is issuing instructions that the original draft file be delivered to you. I have assured the Provost Marshal General's Office that upon the completion of this prosecution, and upon the expiration of the time in which the defendant may appeal, if convicted, these papers will be returned to proper draft officials. I accordingly request that you be particularly careful that they are not lost, mutilated, or destroyed, as this Department will be

accountable for the same after they are delivered to you.

Because of the interest shown by the Navy Department in this case, I think it advisable that you delay moving the case for trial until such time as I have advised the Navy Department of the return of an indictment, and until such time as such Department desires to express its views concerning this prosecution. I am today advising the Navy Department of the return of this indictment, and in due course will advise you as to the wishes of this Department in moving the case for trial.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer again to your communication of January 2nd, enclosing a telegram from Colonel Lincoln Karmany, Commanding Officer of the Marine Station at Mare Island, regarding William Lonestar Diets.

As I have already advised you, an investigation was made by this Department to determine whether or not, as alleged, Diets had filed a false questionnaire. From the investigation conducted the United States Attorney was convinced that a prima facie case of a violation of Section 6 of the Selective Service Act by Diets had been established, and the matter was presented to the grand jury at Spokane, Washington, for its determination. On February 6th the United States Attorney advised me that the grand jury had returned a true bill in this case.

Respectfully,
For the Attorney General,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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February 8, 1919.

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United States Attorney,
Spokane, Washington.

Sunnes, William Lonester Dietz. Original draft records will be furnished you. Do not move for trial until receipt of letter of this date.

REPORT FORM No. 1

ORIGINAL

REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Feb. 7, 1919.	Jan.31, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: U. S. -vs- William Henry (Lonestar) Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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At Spokane, Wash.

The Grand Jury, which met here today, returned an indictment against the defendant.

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Madison, Wis.

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January 9, 1919.

Fred A. Watt, Esquire,

P. O. Box 2056,

Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Relative to an investigation being conducted by your office of William Lonestar Deits, alleged to have made false statements in his questionnaire, I quote a telegram transmitted to me by the Secretary of the Navy, received from Colonel Lincoln Karmany, Commanding Officer of the Marine Station at Mare Island. This is for your information:

> "See by local papers that Lonestar Dietz (?) our football coach will be investigated by Department of Justice as slacker. Dietz is same status as many army athletic directors. Came to us with understanding that he would enlist in Marines if number called. Asked for exemption only to enable him to coach team through season. Receiving only nominal sum for services. In no way a slacker. Would appreciate if you took up matter with proper authorities."

Very truly yours,

Acting Chief.

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January 9, 1919.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 2nd instant, enclosing a telegram from Colonel Lincoln Karmany, Commanding Officer of the Marine Station at Mare Island, regarding William Longstar Deits, said to be under investigation by this Department as a slacker.

In reply I would state that a preliminary investigation has been conducted of this man for alleged false statements made in his questionnaire. If the charges made are substantiated, I will be pleased to advise you before any action is taken by this Department.

I am transmitting a copy of Colonel Karmany's telegram to the Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation in charge of this investigation.

Respectfully,
For the Attorney General,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

REPORT MADE BY	PLACE WHERE MADE	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE
A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Dec. 19, 1918.	Dec.13, '18

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Re: William "Lonestar" Deitz,
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At Spokane, Wash.

G. A. Rogers, with offices in the Old National Bank Bldg., interviewed by A. F. S. Steele, Chief of the Local A.P.L., states that his brother-in-law, Dr. W. H. Dunn, is postmaster at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; that Nick Heintz, is a druggist, at Rice Lake, and that both the above can give information regarding Deitz.

Rogers states that Deitz lived in Rice Lake, Wis. in 1885 and that he was not born in Rice Lake, but that he must have been very small when he came there; he states that there can be no question but what William "Lonestar" Deitz' parents, Wm. Deitz, Sr. and his mother are white people; he does not know whether Mrs. Deitz was married before she married Wm. Deitz, Sr. or not, but thinks not. Subject's parents were divorced; his father has since died; his mother has married again and is probably still living at Rice Lake. States that subject went thru the grade schools and the high school at Rice Lake and attended Hamlin University at St. Paul, Minn., and went to Carlyle from Hamlin with a half-breed Indian named "Rogers", who had played end with the University of Minnesota. He thinks that Rogers got subject into Carlyle thru some subterfuge, and if subject ever got an Indian allotment he got it thru having attended Carlyle. Informant states that Dietz' mother could

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give accurate information in regards to Deitz' parentage, and informant states that to the best of his recollection neither of subject's parents were particularly dark as to hair or complexion, and there is no doubt that Deitz, Sr. was a German.

REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
Wm. M. Nolan	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 2, 1919.	Dec.31,'18.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,
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At Spokane, Wash.

Continuing the investigation of subject as to whether he had made false statements in his Questionnaire. Employee went to Elk, Wash. to interview a man by the name of M. E. Madden and his wife; Mr. Madden informed Employee that he knew all the Dietz' well; he first met William "Lonestar" Dietz; when he was about 18; that was in 1902; subject's father's name was William Dietz;; there were three or four brothers of them; they came to Rice Lake, Wisconsin from Germany, when quite young with their parents; "I knew his Grandfather, who died at that place in 1909; subject's mother was a white woman; her madden name was Guinder; subject's parents were separated when I knew them and about 1906 subject's mother married a painter and paper hanger and moved to Sledye, Wis., she still lives there or at Rice Lake; I heard the people say around Rice Lake that the Dietz' came from Germany and lived at that place continuously from the time they came; I never heard anything about subject having Indian blood in him till lately and the people that know him and his parents well laughed about it; I was Sheriff of Sawyer County, the County Seat was at Hayward, Wis., I lived there 31 years; Hayward is 60 miles from Rice Lake, Wis., I had subject's uncle John F. Dietz in jail; he is now serving a life sentence in the Penitentiary at Waupon, Wis., he is the

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notorious outlaw of Cameron Dam, near the town of Winters, Sawyer Co., Wisconsin; "

Employee interviewed Mrs. Emma Madden, wife of M. E. Madden, and she said "I knew the Dietz' in 1905 at Signor, Wis., subject's mother was a white woman, light complected; I heard she was of Swedish descent; her maiden name was Guinder; there was three sisters of them all and they lived at Rice Lake; I saw subject at different times and never heard anyone say that he had Indian blood in him."

Employee then went to see J. J. Jackson, who lives about one-half mile from Elk, Wash., he said in answer to questions put to him by Employee, in regard to subject; "I was born in 1869, at Waukesha, Wis., I went to Rice Lake about 1874; subject's father, Wm. Dietz, Sr. was Marshal there at that time; I first saw subject about 1887; he was about 5 or 6 years old; I saw him on the street a number of times with his mother; his mother was a white woman; her name was Lena Guinder; there were three sisters of the Guinders; I heard her and her folks talked of as Germans; I lived at and near Rice Lake for 15 years; the claim that subject makes that he is part Indian is laughed at by allthat know him and his people; and in my estimation is made to give subject notoriety; I always thought that he was admitted to Carlyle Indian School on account of being such a good Football player; he is also a cartoonist"

Mr. Madden and Mr. Jackson gave Employee the names of

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the following people living in this state and in Oregon that knew the Dietz' and their his-tory very well; M. E. Brown, principal of the public school at Medical Lake, Wash. and his wife; Mrs. Brown played as a playmate of subject when they were quite small; John Signor, of Roseburg, Ore., knew of the time of subject's birth; Signor is in the machinery business at Roseburg. Mrs. Munro Signor, instructor ~~at~~ School for Feeble Minded, at Medical Lake, Wash., Bert ~~Ellis~~ Smith, #2231 Ellis St., Bellingham, Wash., also knew the Dietz' back in the early days and know subject's history quite well.

Copy of this report is sent to Agent Bryon, at Portland, with the idea that his office may be able to ascertain something of importance to this case from John Signor, at Roseburg, Ore. mentioned above.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Dec. 18, 1918.	Dec.15, '18

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Dec. 27, 1918.	Dec. 26, '18.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent was informed by John Argall, of Local Board 2, that one Calhoun, of Elk, Wash., whom Argall thinks was fornerly a Deputy Sheriff at that place, has known the Dietz family for a long time, even knowing them prior to the date of subject's birth and knows that both his father and mother were white and without Indian blood.

An investigation of this will be made as soon as possible.

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Report made by:	Place where made:	Date when made:	Period for which made:
F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Dec. 18, 1918.	Dec. 11, '18.

Title of case and offense charged or nature of matter under investigation:

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Statement of operations, evidence collected, names and addresses of persons interviewed, places visited, etc.:

At Spokane, Wash.

The above subject is well known as a football coach and is now coaching the U. S. Marine football team, Mare Island, California.

One of the members of Local Board 2, gave out an interview to a local paperx branding Dietz as a slacker, in that his Questionnaire shows that he is born in the United States but claims exemption on the grounds that he is an alien, i.e. an Indian.

In this connection, A. F. S. Steele, of the A. F. L. called at the office today and stated that he had information to the effect that Dietz is not an Indian and he later brought to the office Henri Parmelee, manager of the University Club, who states that he knew Dietz when he was a boy at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; does not know where Dietz was born but states that his father, William Dietz, Sr. was sheriff of Barron County, Wis. about 1904, and that he is a German; that subject's mother is white and so far as informant knows Dietz' father and mother are both living at Rice Lake, Wis. where subject attended high school and from which place he went to the Carlyle Indian School and informant understood at the time that Dietz entrance to the Carlyle Indian School was effected not because he had any Indian blood in his veins, but because he was an excellent football

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player and Carlyle needed him. He also understands that since subject left the Carlyle Indian School he has received an allotment of Indian Lands in Wisconsin. John Dietz, uncle of subject, is the one time famous outlaw of Cameron Dam, and is now confined in the State Penitentiary at Waupon, Wisconsin, and knows the facts. Informant also mentions several other prospective witnesses at Rice Lake and vicinity, who he states will know the facts; he also mentions that G. A. Rogers, of Spokane, is well acquainted with Dietz' family and probably knows the facts. Steele will endeavor to get a statement from Rogers as to what he knows.

Agent took the matter up with Local Board No. 2, Spokane, but owing to the operation of the Governor's order #101, was unable to get any information from the Local Board and no progress can be made in the matter until the Local Board can get authority from Olympia to give us a copy of that portion of subject's Questionnaire which deals with his citizenship.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Dec. 26, 191[illegible]	[illegible] 18, '18.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: Wm. "Lonestar" Dietz.
Conscription Matter.

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent received from Local Board #2, a copy of four pages of the Questionnaire of the above, viz: pages 3, 4, 5 & 6. On page 3, under "General Questions" subject states that he was born at Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota; he gives the name of his nearest relative as Sally Eaglehorse, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, sister; in answer to question as to his race, he states "white" and then the word "Indian" in parenthesis; states that he is employed by the U. S. Government at Mare Island, Marine Barracks, California. On page 5, in answer to the question"are you a citizen of the United States"; answers "no"; in answer to the question, "where and on what date were you born" states "Pine Ridge, South Dakota, 1882, date unknown."; in answer to the question"If you are not a citizen of the United States and have not declared your intention to become a citizen, do you claim exemption from service in the Army of the United States on that ground?", answers "yes"; in answer to question "State (a) when you were allotted" answers "1895"with a "?" mark in parenthesis; "(b)" answers "1895-?"; (c) answers "1895-?", interlined in the same "under name "One Star" on Government rolls?-states has not received a patent in fee; states that he lives separate and apart from any tribe; that his intention to return to any tribe is "indefinite"; that he left the reservation 28 years ago

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Milwaukee, Wis.

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and has"spent a portion of time periodically up to 15 years ago," impossible to state just what he meant by this last.

As will be seen by the above, this party claims to be an Indian, but claimed and received exemption on that grounds, whereas certain parties here, who have known him from childhood, state that he has no Indian blood in his veins.

An investigation at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, where W.H. Dunn, postmaster, and Nick Heintz, druggist, are said to know the facts is desired and it is also stated that through these parties the mother of subject can be located and that she can and will disclose the facts, if interrogated. Subject also has an uncle, John Dietz, who was one time famous as "the outlaw of Cameron Dam" and is now doing life at Waupon Penitentiary. It is believed that his father, Wm. Dietz, Sr., who was Sheriff of Barron County, about 1904, has since died, and it is stated that his father and mother separated several years ago; it is probable that his mother is re-married. Subject is a famous athlete and foot ball ~~player~~ coach and has been coaching the Marine Football Team, during the past season, and owing to his prominence it is desired that the investigation be handled expeditiously and with care.

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LF. 339242

REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
Charles I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	Jan. 9, 1919	Jan. 7 1919

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AT BARRON, WISCONSIN

Reference is made to report of Special Agent F.A. Watt, Spokane, Washington, for Dec. 18, 1918, re subject, and also letter of Special Agent in Charge, Parker, and later telegram from Special Agent in Charge, Parker, instructing employee to make immediate investigation re subject.

Acting under instructions from Special Agent in Charge, Parker, employee proceeded to make investigation.

Interrogation of postmaster A.J. Osborne, Barron, Wisconsin, disclosed information in substance as follows:

Subject, whose correct name is William Henry Dietz, and who has assumed the name of William Lonestar Dietz, was born at Rice Lake, Wis. I have known subject since his childhood; was well acquainted with his mother and his grandmother on his mother's side and also with his father. William W. Dietz, subject's father, deceased, is an ex-sheriff of Barron County, Wis.; was a man of German descent and spoke the English language poorly but spoke German fluently. The subject's mother, whose maiden name was Leanna R. Ginder, was married to subject's father at Lodi, Wisconsin. Subject's mother was a white woman, possibly of German descent, light-complexioned, light hair and blue eyes. There is absolutely no Indian blood in either subject's mother or father. However, the father was very dark.

Interrogation of A.F. Wright, County Judge, Barron County, Wis., Barron, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: I have known subject and his parents and grandparents. Subject's father was a full blood German and an ex-sheriff of

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Spokane, Washington, office.

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Barron County, Wis. Subject's mother was a white woman, possibly of German descent, and light complexioned. Subject was born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. There is no Indian blood in subject.

Interrogation of C.D. Blassingham, Register of Deeds of Barron County, Wis., Barron, Wisconsin, disclosed information in substance as follows: I knew subject's mother and grandmother, and neither ever claimed or had any indications of having any Indian blood whatever. Subject's mother was very light complexioned and her maiden name was Leanna R. Ginder. Subject's father was very dark complexioned and a full-blooded German. Subject was born at Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin.

Interrogation of T.E. Washburn, ex-clerk of court, Barron County, Barron, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: I knew subject's mother and father and subject's grandmother on his mother's side. I also was well acquainted with subject. Subject, who signs his name as William "Lonestar" Dietz, was born at Rice Lake, Wis., and his correct name is William Henry Dietz. Subject's father was a full blooded German and was at one time the sheriff of Barron County, Wis. Subject's mother was Leanna R. Ginder, who is at present residing at Lodi, Wis. Subject's mother was a light-complexioned woman, blueeyed, and light hair, and had no Indian blood.

Interrogation of C. Kurschner, ex-sheriff, Barron County, Wis., Barron, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: "I have known subject all his life. Have known subject's father and mother for many years. Subject's father was a full-blooded German and subject's mother was possibly of German descent, although she may have been Yankee. subject was born at Rice Lake, Wis., and after leaving here became connected with the Carlyle Pennsylvania Indian School. Subject later went to Washington and has become

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famous as a football coach. Subject's real name is William Henry Dietz; he has only assumed the name of "Lonestar". Subject has no Indian blood whatever.

Interrogation of Chas. A. Taylor, Chairman, Barron County Council of Defense, Barron, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: Subject, William "Lonestar" Dietz, whose correct name is William Henry Dietz, and I went to school together at Barron, Wis. I have known subject from childhood. Subject did not have any brothers or sisters; was born at Rice Lake, Wis. Subject was only six months younger than I. Subject's father was a German American citizen and an ex-sheriff of Barron County, Wis. Subject's mother, whose maiden name was Leanna R. Winder, and who now resides at Lodi, Wis., was a white woman and very light complexioned. There is absolutely no Indian blood in either of subject's parents. After finishing school, subject became connected someway with the Carlyle Pennsylvania Indian School and some time during his career he assumed the name of "Lonestar". While at Carlyle, Pennsylvania Indian School, subject married a half-breed Indian girl, who was an artist. During the time subject was connected with the Carlyle Indian School, he sent a picture, which I have seen a number of times, of himself dressed in football uniform to J.H. Coe, a former resident of Barron, Wis., and also one of time schoolmate of subject. Subject signed his name on this picture "Lonestar". Subject continued to pass himself as an Indian and became famous down East as an Indian athlete and several years ago the "Literary Digest" published the story of subject's life, told by subject himself, of how his father was a German engineer, and that he was an Indian breed. The "Literary Digest" highly praised subject as a remarkable representative of the Indian race. Subject proceeded to go to Washington and Oregon and continued

to pass himself as an Indian. During his stay in Portland, Oregon, an article was published in a paper at Portland, Oregon, concerning subject being an Indian and story of subject's life. This was about three years ago. After this article was published in a certain paper, another article was published by Rex Lampman of Portland, Oregon, and formerly a schoolmate of subject's in Barron, Wisconsin; said article was an exposure of subject's identity, which stated the facts that subject did not have any Indian blood whatever and was not a ward of Government, but a son of German-American parents and was born in Rice Lake, Wis. The fact that subject claims to have been an Indian and to have been born on a reservation in Dakota and to be a great representative of the Indian race is all a joke at Barron and at Rice Lake, Wis., where subject is known and where his parents have been known by practically all of the older citizens in Barron County for the last 40 or 50 years.

Through the courtesy of C.D. Blassingham, Register of Deeds, Barron County, Wis., employee proceeded to make investigation of the birth record of subject (William Henry Dietz), at the Register of Deeds Office, Barron County Court House, Barron, Wis. The birth record of William Henry Dietz shows the following: Color: white; father: William W. Dietz--Occupation of father: on this date, village marshal:--Mother: Leanna R. Ginder:-- Born: August 17, 1884, village of Rice Lake, Town of Stanfold, County Barron, Wisconsin. Birthplace of father: Saratoga Springs, New York; Birthplace of mother: Iowa

During further interview with C. Kurschner, ex-sheriff of Barron County, Wis., Barron, Wis., said Kurschner presented employee with two photographs, one being the picture of William Henry "Lonestar" Dietz, when he was a boy and was taken in Rice Lake, Wis. The other photograph is that of subject's mother,

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taken with a sister of Mr. Kurschner. The photograph marked with a "x" is subject's mother, whose maiden name was Leanna R. Ginder. These photographs are submitted on a promise that they will be returned to the owner.

Further interrogation of Judge A.F. Wright, Barron, Wis., disclosed the fact that during the settlement of the father's estate, William W.Dietz, certain affidavits were filed and are now in informant's possession. Said affidavits were filed upon request of C.W. Meadows, then county judge of Barron County, Wis. as evidence, in settling the estate of subject's father, to show that subject was a legal heir. These affidavits were made from the fact that William Henry Dietz had done so much advertising himself as an Indian that there might possibly be some dispute in settling his father's estate.

Following is copy of original affidavit, which is in Judge A.F. Wright's possession at this time:Re William Henry Dietz:
Affidavit signed by William Henry Dietz mother.
States that she resided at Lodi, Wisconsin and a former wife of W.W. Dietz, deceased, and states further that William H. Dietz is a son of W.W. Dietz, deceased.
Affidavit sworn to before Herbert Palmer, notary public, Columbia County, Lodi, Wisconsin, October 26, 1916.
Another affidavit subscribed and sworn to bb Mrs. N.P. Barry, Lodi, Wisconsin, states that she formerly resided at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and that she is the grandmother of William H. Dietz, of Pullman, Washington, formerly of Rice Lake, Wisconsin; that said William H. Dietz is a son of W.W. Dietz, deceased late of Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Sworn to before Herbert Palmer, notary public, Columbia County, Lodi, Wisconsin, October 26, 1916.

A further affidavit also being in Judge Wright's

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possession which reads as follows: "Rice Lake, Wisconsin, February 4, 1915.

"We, the undersigned citizens of Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin, hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with William Henry Dietz, now residing in the Carlyle Indian School, Carlyle, Pennsylvania, but formerly a resident of Rice Lake, Wis., and that the said William Henry Dietz holds his legal residence in this city and is an American-born citizen and is a voter in this city.

"Witness our hands and seals day and date above written,

Signed:	Henry Whitney,	Merchant
	C.C. Overby	Assistant cashier, First National Bank
	N.W. Hintz	Druggist
	R.M.Whitaker	Abstractor
	O.M. Sattre	M.D.
	A.J. Hintz	Hotel proprietor"

Copy of affidavit as follows, in possession of Judge Wright, Barron, Wisconsin.

"State of Wisconsin }
Barron County } ss.

Before me the subscriber, a notary public, in and for said county and state, personally appeared William W. Dietz, who being duly sworn, according to law, deposes and says that he is the father of William Henry Dietz above referred to and that said William Henry Dietz is a voter in the city of Rice Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the first day of February, A.D. 1915,

R.M. Whitaker
Notary Public
Signed by William W.Dietz"

Interrogation of A.P. Stebbins, druggist, Barron, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: I have known subject, William Henry Dietz, who has become famous as an Indian, and assumed the name of "Lonestar" all his life. I went to school with him in the common schools at Barron, Wisconsin. Subject's

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Conscription matter

father was a German and his mother is a full-blooded white woman. Subject has no Indian blood whatever. Several of the magazines in the past have published articles concerning the wonderful talent subject and praising him as a splendid representative of the Indian race. This, however, is the story as he has given it to reporters, and when read by people who knew him from infancy, seems quite a joke. Subject's father and mother, as well as himself, are well known in Barron County and Rice Lake for years. Subject's father has been dead, possibly three years, and his mother resides at Lodi, Wisconsin.

Employee finds upon interview with the above mentioned citizens of Barron, Wisconsin, that William Henry Dietz, and William "Lonestar" Dietz, are the same man. That said William Henry Dietz was born and raised at Rice Lake, Wisconsin and lived in Barron, Wisconsin, during the time in which his father was sheriff of Barron County. Employee further finds that subject's mother or father had no Indian blood whatever, and that subject's father was a citizen of the U.S. of German birth. Employee calls attention to the fact that during the settlement of the estate of subject's father, William W. Dietz, in 1916, said affidavits were submitted in order to show that said William Henry "Lonestar" Dietz was a legal heir to his father's estate, a citizen and voter of Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Further report to follow .

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B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 14, 1919.	Jan. 13, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William Henry (Lonestar) Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

Received today report of Agent Rukes, of the Madison office, in re: of the above named subject, and after going over the report carefully and together with such evidence as we had secured at Spokane took the matter up with Asst. U. S. Attorney Leavy, who is convinced that this is satisfactory evidence to start proceedings against Dietz for falsifying his Questionnaire, and he will make out the necessary papers to start prosecution.

As it was necessary to have the original Questionnaire, wrote the following letter:-

"John Argall, Secy, Local Board No. 2,
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Will you please take such steps as are necessary to secure the original Questionnaire of the above named subject to be used as evidence to present to the Grand Jury at its next meeting? We have evidence that the above named subject has falsified his Questionnaire and take this matter up with you at this time so as to secure the Questionnaire before the records are sealed."

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Madison, Wis.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
W. N. Parker	Madison, Wis.	1/10/19	1/9/19

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: WILLIAM LONESTAR DIETZ
ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF QUESTIONNAIRE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

AT MADISON, WISCONSIN

On January 7, 1919, Agent received the following telegram from Special Agent Watt, Spokane, Wash.:

"As records will be sealed near future please hasten investigation re Dietz mailed you December twenty sixth."

Agent immediately forwarded the following telegram to Special Employee C. I. Rukes at Barron, Wis.:

"Rush investigation of Dietz at Rice Lake as per my letter January fourth Mail report promptly."

On this date the report of Special Employee Rukes reached this office, were typed and mailed to Special Agent Watt. The following telegram was also sent to Special Agent Watt:

"Re William Lonestar Dietz. Subject has no Indian blood. Both parents of German descent. Father spoke English poorly, but German fluently. Subject has no brothers or sisters. Full reports being mailed today."

Investigation closed so far as this office is concerned, unless further request should be made from the Spokane office.

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Spokane, Wash., office
U. S. Attorney, Madison, Wis.

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B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 8, 1919.	Jan.7, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,
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At Spokane, Wash.

Received the following telegram from Milwaukee, Wis:-

"Re Dietz matter forwarded to our Madison office.
Your message relayed there.

(Signed) Spencer."

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Milwaukee, Wis.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 10, 1919.	Jan.9, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William " Lonestar " Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

The following telegram was received today from

Madison, Wis:-

"Re William Lonestar Dietz. Subject has no Indian blood whatever. Both parents of German descent. Father spoke English poorly but German fluently. Subject has no brothers or sisters. Full reports being mailed today.

(Signed) Parker."

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Madison, Wis.

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REPORT MADE BY.	PLACE WHERE MADE.	DATE WHEN MADE.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE.
B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 7, 1919.	Jan. 6, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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At Spokane, Wash.

Sent the following telegram to the Milwaukee office:-

"As records will be sealed near future please hasten investigation re Dietz mailed you December twenty sixth.

(Signed) Matt."

This telegram was sent after conferring with John Argall, Sec'y. of Local Board No. 2, Spokane, as he was desirous of having the case speeded up, so that a copy of the Questionnaire could be secured before the records were sealed, which he anticipated would be within the next ten days.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 6, 1919.	Jan.4, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED, NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz.
Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

As per agreement, Mrs. Thos. F. Milligan, of E 25 14th Avenue, Spokane, called at the office, and after assurance that she would not be used as a witness in the case, and that the information imparted would be considered confidential, obtained the following statement:- That Mrs. John R. Lewis, mother of subject, is her step-mother; that Dietz' father died about one year ago, but that previous to his death, they had been separated a number of years; that the mother of subject, Mrs. John R. Lewis, is now living at Lodi, Wis., Columbia County), that she is not a German, or German born; thinks that her parents were born in this country; that subject's father, William Dietz, Sr. was born in this country; that the father of subject, Wm. Dietz, Sr. was also married a second time and his second wife is now living at Rice Lake; that the subject is the only child and that a certificate of his birth can probably be obtained at Barron, Barron Co. Wisconsin; says that subject is not an Indian and has no Indian blood in his veins; that his mother was greived and much hurt to think that he would call himself an Indian, but that his excuse to her was that it was good advertising and a means to make money; that he went from McAllister College, Minneapolis, Minn. to Carlisle University, for the purpose of playing on the football team and

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Report of B. F. McCurdy for Jan. 4, 1919.

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as teacher of athletics; says she does not believe that he was ever adopted by the Tribe, or that he ever had an allotment; that his wife was a half-breed called "Princess" something (the last name, which she is unable to remember) and believes that his wife had the allotment; says that his wife was considerable his senior and they have no children; they are now separated and divorced; that the party called "Sally Eaglehorse", whom he calls his sister, is in no way related to him; says subject is 35 or 36 years of age; says that all of the 'oldtimers' who reside in Barron and Columbia Counties know all about the Dietz family and it is a standing joke in the community that he represents himself as an Indian.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
Charles I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	Jan. 9, 1919	Jan. 8, 1919

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:
In re: William Lonestar Dietz
Conscription matter

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

AT RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

~~In re~~ Reference is made to report of Special Agent F.A. Watt, Spokane, Washington, for Dec. 18, 1918, and also report of Special Employee Rukes for Jan. 7, 1919, re subject.

Employee proceeded to make further investigation.

Interrogation of W.H. Dunn, postmaster, Rice Lake, Wis., disclosed information in substance as follows: I was very well acquainted with subject's father and mother and knew subject from childhood. Subject was born in Rice Lake, Wis. Subject's parents were white people of German descent and had no Indian blood. Subject's mother and father were both light complexioned. Subject's father has pointed out his home, which is located at 16 West Humbird St., Rice Lake, Wis., and told me that that was where his son William Lonestar Dietz was born.

Interrogation of Mrs. Sarah Manheim, Rice Lake, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: I have been very well acquainted with subject's mother and father. I was at subject's home to call on subject's mother (16 W. Humbird St., Rice Lake, Wis.), the day subject was born. Subject's father was German; his mother, a down East Yankee. The German blood in subject is predominant; there is absolutely no Indian blood in subject. Subject's mother has always been humiliated the way subject has posed as an Indian. Informant presented employee with a photograph (tintype) of subject taken in Rice Lake, Wis. when subject was a very small baby, and stated that she was present when the picture was taken and that subject's mother was concealed behind the chair holding subject for the picture.

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Spokane, Wash. Office

In re: Lonestar Dietz

Interrogation of Mrs. H. Drake, 315 South Main St., Rice Lake, Wis., disclosed information substantially as follows: Subject, William Henry Dietz, known as an Indian, and passing under the name of William Lonestar Dietz is my nephew; his mother was my sister. My sister and my mother, that is, subject's mother and grand mother, live at present at Lodi, Wis. Subject's grandfather on his mother's side was born in Alsace, a province of Germany, since 1870, and his grandmother in America. Subject's mother and father were both light complexioned people and did not have a drop of Indian blood in them. Subject assumed the name of Lonester while at Carlyle Indian School, Carlysle, Pa. Subject had no brothers or sister. Subject's father and mother were married at Arkansaw, Wis., near Eau Galle, Wis., six years before subject's birth. I was present at the bedside of subject's mother when subject was born in Rice Lake, Wis., at 16 W. Humbird St., on the morning of Aug. 17, 1884. My mother, that is, subject's grandmother, and Dr. Morgan deceased, were present at subject's birth also. Subject has never received any benefits as an Indian from the government. Subject married a half breed Indian woman who was an artist and teacher at the Carlysle Indian School, Carlysle, Pa. Subject's mother and grandmother live at Lodi, Wis.

Interrogation of Mrs. R.M. Whitaker, 811 North Main St., Rice Lake, Wis., disclosed the following substantial information: The mother of William Henry Dietz, who is known as William Lonestar Dietz, is my sister and lives with my mother at Lodi, Wisconsin. Subject was born at 16 West Humbird St., Rice Lake, Wis., on Aug. 17, 1884. Subject had no brothers or sisters. When subject was about 16 years old, his father and mother separated and subject's mother the next year sent subject to McAllister College, Minneapolis, Minn. Subject had a great deal of talent as an artist and studied art at McAllister College. While subject was attending

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McAllister College, he become intimately acquainted with an Indian student who looked very much like subject. Later on subject, having been quite successful with his art work, and with a newspaper, went with his Indian friend and began working for some publication in Superior, Wis. He did not remain there very long. Subject then decided that he would like to go East with his Indian friend and while in an art institute in New York City, met Angel Decorah, an artist and a teacher at the Carlysle, Pa. Indian School. Through Angel Decorah, subject received a position at the Carlysle Indian School as an instructor and later married her. She was a half-bfeed Indian woman, much older than subject. Subject went West from Carlysle, Pa. and sometime during his past career had assumed the name of Lanestar, which was a great advertisement for him as an Indian athlete. Subject's mother, my sister, was a blonde and one would almost take her for a Scandinavian, but she was a full blooded American. Subject's father was also light complexioned. Subject had no ancestors so far as known except his grandmother on his father's sidel who was a French Canadian woman, that were dark complexioned. I can vouch that subject had no Indian blood and never received benefits from the government as an Indian. Subject's mother is very much humiliated at subject doing so much advertising himself as an Indian, and when subject was in Rice Lake, Wis. on a visit about two years ago, subject's mother said to him, "Why do you advertise yourself as an Indian; do you think I want to pose as a squaw?"Subjectanswered, "Well it don't affect you any;if anyone would see you, they would know different, but you know it means a whole lot to me." At the same time, subject was separated from his Indian wife and were talking about her. Subject said to me, "I hated to leave her as much as I would a sister, but you know, I wanted a younger woman and a white woman." Subject has almost a trunk full of newspaper clippings

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which boast of him as an Indian, but it is all a lot of advertisement and not true. He was born here and has no Indian blood in him.

Interrogation of Rev. N.G. Lacey, Presbyterian Church, Rice Lake, Wis., and examination of the church records, show that there is no baptisimal record of subject.

Employee finds that subject's father was light complexioned and not dark as stated by some witnesses.

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B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Jan. 4, 1919.	Jan.3, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,

Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

Employee addressed a communication to the Indian Agent, Pine Ridge Agency, South Dakota, relative to the above named subject, asking him for what information he could furnish this office in regard to Dietz' parentage, whether or not he had any Indian blood, and if he had received an allotment how the same was obtained.

During the forenoon, Employee received a telephone call from John Argall, Sec'y. Local Board Div. 2, Spokane, to the effect that he had a lady informant who could give reliable information concerning the early life of Dietz. Employee called at the office of Local Board No. 2 and Mr. Argall gave Employee informant's name and telephone number; Employee called up informant by 'phone and she agreed to call at the office Saturday at 2:00 P.M.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Feb. 18, 1919.	Feb.11, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William Henry (Lonestar) Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent received from Special Agent in Charge Parker, Madison, Wisconsin, two photos of defendant and one photo of defendant's mother. These will be of considerable assistance in the trial. It is understood that these photos were to be returned.

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United States Attorney,
Spokane, Washington.

Summed William Lonestar Dietz, Provost Marshal General instructed state draft executive by wire on date of previous telegram to deliver records this registrant to you for use at trial. Suggest you take this matter up direct with state headquarters rather than Local Board. Provost Marshal General is confirming previous telegram.

Report made by:	Place where made:	Date when made:	Period for which made:
F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Mar. 15, 1919.	Mar.3,'19.

Title of case and offense charged or nature of matter under investigation:

Re: U. S. -vs- William "Lonestar" Dietz,

Conscription Matter.

Statement of operations, evidence collected, names and addresses of persons interviewed, places visited, etc.:

MAR 28 1919 Bureau of Investigation

At Spokane, Wash.

Asst. United States Attorney, Leavy, complained that correspondence with the Carlisle Indian School has proven very unsatisfactory, and that virtually no information has been given in response to his requests.

Agent wrote to Todd Daniel, Special Agent, Philadelphia, Pa. asking that he have an Agent call at the School and make a thorough investigation of their efforts, the object being to differentiate between "One Star" or "Lone Star", a bona fide Indian, who attended that school for five years, and William Henry Dietz, who seems to have adopted "Lonestar's" name and personality.

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T. B. Mathews	Phila.Pa.	Apr. 5, 1919	3/12/19

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

RE: WM. H. DIETZ, ALIAS "WILLIAM "LONESTAR" DIETZ"
(Conscription Matter)

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At Carlisle, Pa:

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A letter was received from Special Agent in Charge Watt of the Spokane Office dated March 3rd 1919 in which he requests information concerning the above named subject at the Carlisle Indian School, Carlisle, Pa. This indian school is now General Hospital #31. There are no indians at this school and all records were sent to Washington quite some time ago. I was unable to learn in what department the records could be located in Washington.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	May 23, 1919.	May 19, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: U. S. -vs- William Henry ("Lonestar") Dietz,
Conscription Matter

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MAY 28 1919

At Spokane, Wash.

At the request of Special Assistant U. S. Attorney, Chas. H. Leavy, Employee called on Henri Parmlee, manager of the University Club, 1st Ave. and Wall St., in re: above named subject, and learned from him that all he knew regarding subject was hearsay. Made an appointment with Mrs. Thos. F. Milligan, #E 25 - 14th Ave. to call at the office of the United States Attorney, in re: above named subject, and Employee was present at said conference; no new information was obtained other than that as now contained in the files. Called at the office of John Argall, former secretary of Local Board No. 2, and obtained from him blank Questionnaire, same to be used to make copy of the original Questionnaire a copy of which is in this office, and turn the same over to

Asst. U. S.Attorney, Leavy.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
C. I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	May 24, 1919	May 22, 1919

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: WILLIAM "LONESTAR" DEITZ
Alleged Violation of Conscription Act

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

AT WAUPUN WIS.

Reference is made to report of Special Employee for Jan. 7th, Jan. 8th, and May 18th, 1919:

Acting under instructions from Special Agent in Charge Parker, Employee proceeded to interrogate John Deitz, an inmate of the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun, and received the following information, as given by JohnDeitz:

"William W. Deitz, deceased, an Ex-Sheriff of Barron County, Wis., was my brother, and lived in Rice Lake, Wis. Henry Deitz is also my brother. He has always lived on farm, but I do not know his address at this time. William W. Deitz was Sheriff of Barron County, Wis., at the time of his first marriage. This was his first term as Sheriff. He served three terms of two years each, and was elected on his first term in the fall of 1880. My brother, Wm. W. Deitz, married Leana Ginder, at Eau Galley, Wis., in the winter of 1881. Their only child, Wm. H. Deitz, who was afterwards known as Lonestar Deitz, was born in January 1884. I remember the year the child was born distinctly from the fact that my two oldest children were born in 1883 and 1885, and I remember that Wm. Henry Deitz was born in the year between my two children. At the time when Wm. Henry Deitz was born, the weather was extremely cold. Wm. Henry Deitz was born at the home of his father, Wm. W. Deitz, on Humberg St., in the city of Rice Lake, Wis. At that time I lived on a farm

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Spokane, Wash. office

about five miles from Rice Lake. One morning I walked to Rice Lake, and upon arriving there about nine o'clock I was informed that Wm. Henry Deitz was born the night before, and I immediately went to my brother's home to see the baby, that is Wm. Henry Deitz. Upon arriving at the home, Dr. Morgan was there, and my brother's wife, who was confined, showed me the new baby which she held in her arms at the time. I do not remember who was present at the time I called other than Dr. Morgan. I think my brother William was in town on his horse. My wife and I knew for several months previous to William Henry's birth that a baby was expected at the home of my brother, William Deitz. William W. Deitz and his wife, whose maiden name was Leana Ginder, were never separated previous to their separation and divorce in 1905. They had been married about three years when William Henry was born. During the year previous to birth of Wm. Henry, I probably visited, on an average, at my brother's home once each week. My brother, Wm. W. Deitz, very often took trips into different states and throughout this state for the purpose of getting or delivering prisoners while acting in the capacity of Sheriff, but I never knew of him ever taking a trip on any other occasion when he was gone for any length of time."

Witness stated further that his father, that is, subject's Grandfather, was a German, and his mother, subject's Grandmother, was born in Saratoga, N. Y. Witness stated that he knew well the mother and father of subject's mother, and knew that the father of subject's mother was born in Germany, and the mother

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of subject's mother was born in Illinois. Witness stated that that on the morning he called at the home of Wm. W. Deitz to see the new-born baby, he offended subject's mother when he made the remark that subject looked like a little nigger baby. Subject's mother took offense at the remark, and he believes that she has never forgiven him for making such a remark, and that many times she has challenged him for said remark.

Witness stated that his brother, Wm. Henry Deitz, at that time was working in Rice Lake, driving a team; that he does not remember whether Henry Deitz was at subject's home the morning after subject's birth. Witness stated that subject got his name of "Lonestar" while attending the McAllister College in Minneapolis, where he was first called, "The Big Indian."

Witness stated that there was no question in his mind but that the wife of Wm. W. Deitz, who held subject in her arms the morning after his birth, is the real mother of Wm. Lonestar Deitz, and that there was never any question at any time during the childhood and boyhood of subject as to his real mother and father, the question of his birth having come up in latter years.

Witness stated that he never knew of the mother or father of subject, that is, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Deitz, being associated at any time with Indian people, or having any Indian people about their home; that he had never seen any Indians around his brother's place at any time. Witness stated further that the mother of subject, Mrs. Wm. W. Deitz, got along very well after the birth of subject, and never had any other children.

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Employee finds that there is a difference in the testimony of witness and in the testimony of the sister of Mrs. Wm. Deitz, Mrs. R. N. Whitaker, who resides in Rice Lake, Wis., 811 N. Main Street, in regard to the month in which subject was born in the year 1884. Witness John Deitz stated that subject was born in January, and that he remembers that the weather was extremely cold and that there was snow on the ground; while Mrs. Whitaker stated, as does also the Register of Deeds in the Court House at Barron, Wis., that subject was born on August 17th, 1884. There does not seem to be any other differences in the testimony of any of the witnesses interviewed in regard to the mother having been confined, and in the course of a very short time having shown subject to the above interviewed witnesses.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
C. I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	May 20, 1919	May 18, 1919

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: WILLIAM "LONESTAR" DIETZ
Alleged Violation Conscription Act

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

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AT LODI WIS.

Reference is made to report of Employee regarding subject for Jan. 8th and 9th, 1919, and to telegram received at Madison office from Special Agent in Charge F. A. Watt, Spokane, Washington, which reads as follows, telegram dated May 14th, 1919:

"Tremble wishes John F. Dietz inmate penitentiary Waupun interviewed as to the parentage of his nephew William H. Dietz and ascertain facts in full on which he bases his knowledge Has been interviewed by Warden but we want official files Also ascertain from him address of his brother Henry Dietz said to be an attorney in Sawyer County and interview Henry Also would prefer to have investigation made by Agent Rukes if available as he is familiar with case and will probably be witness Wire results briefly."

Acting under instructions from Special Agent in Charge Parker, Employee proceeded to make further investigation. Employee arrived at Lodi, Wis., 8:20 A.M.

Interrogation of the Village Marshal, Lodi, Wis., disclosed the fact that the mother of William Lonestar Dietz was married to a man named Frank T. Lewis, and was living in Lodi, Wis. Witness stated further that Mrs. Mahlon F. Barry, mother of Mrs. Frank T. Lewis, also lived with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Witness further stated that some time about Feb. 1919, subject came to Lodi, Wis., and since then had been staying with his mother, grandmother, and step-father. Witness stated that during this time subject has not been engaged in any work,

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and is always idle.

Employee, upon learning that subject was at his mother's home, was rather undecided as to whether it was good policy to interrogate Mrs. Lewis. Employee got in touch with Mr. Frank T. Lewis on the telephone, and asked him to come to the city, which he did.

Interrogation of Mr. Frank T. Lewis disclosed the following information:

Subject is his step-son, and is staying at his home at the present time. Witness does not know anything about subject. Subject has to appear in Court in Spokane, Wash. next month. Witness further stated that he knew Henry Dietz, but did not know where he was living. Witness suggested that Employee go to his home with him, and meet his wife and subject, and stated that they would know the address of Henry Dietz.

Employee met subject, his mother, and his Grandmother at their home, and instructed them that Employee had been requested by the authorities in Spokane, Washington, to ascertain the address of Henry Deitz. Employee was informed by each one present that Henry Deitz was a brother to John Deitz and Wm. Deitz, subject's father, and that Henry Deitz was a farmer, but his address was not known.

Interrogation of Mrs. Mahlon P. Barry disclosed the following information:

"Henry Deitz is my son. He never has ~~XXXXXX~~ practiced

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or studied law. He has been a homesteader all his life. I do not know where he is."

Employee occupied about two hours in company with subject, his mother, and Grandmother, and gradually drifted into conversation about the trouble which subject is in.

Employee asked subject the following questions in presence of above mentioned persons:

"Where were you born?" Subject answered, "On the Pine Ridge Agency."

Q. Well, is this lady (indicating Mrs. Lewis) your real mother."

Subject answered, "I always considered her as my mother, but she is not my real mother."

Employee turned and asked Mrs. Lewis, "Is Mr. Deitz here your son?" Mrs. Lewis answered, "He certainly must be; I have raised him."

During this interview each one present continuously intimated to Employee that there was a secret pertaining to subject's birth that had never been revealed, and which would clear subject of the charges against him when it came to light. No one wished to disclose the information, and under the conditions Employee did not press them for the information. At this time, and at different times during the conversation, Mrs. Lewis wept bitterly, and at times Mrs. Barry cried, and tears came to subject's eyes a number of times. They tried to lay their intense feeling to a certain secret which would be humiliating to the whole family when disclosed. Mrs. Barry

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further stated a number of times that said secret was not known to any one except two people, and they would clear subject. All present stated that subject's attorney would arrive at Barron and Rice Lake, Wis., in a few days, and was going to take depositions from subject's witnesses, inferring that subject would have more than two witnesses and whom they claimed to have the secret.

Employee finds subject's mother and Grandmother to be splendid women and good. They are almost at the point where they will make any sacrifice or any statement in subject's behalf. The parental love of a mother was the most conspicuous feature of this interview. Subject was very nice to Employee, and also very curious to know who investigated him at Rice Lake, Wis., afterward presenting Employee with his photograph where subject poses as an Indian and is representing "The Great Spirit."

Investigation to be continued.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	June 9, 1919.	May 29, '19.

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent received a letter from Asst. U.S. Attorney, Chas. H. Leavy, dated at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, in which he states that Mrs. Sophia Geisert (Mrs. Wm. Geisert), now living at Tacoma, Washington, was an next door neighbor of the Dietz family when defendant was born. Asked Agent to at once get in touch with an Agent at Tacoma and have her interviewed.

Agent wrote Agent Beasley, at Tacoma, asking him to get in touch with Mrs. Geisert immediately and interview her fully.

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F.A.Watt	Spokane, Wash.	June 4, 1919.	May 13, '19.

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Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent had conference this morning with Assistant U. S. Attorney Leavy, who is handling this matter, which resulted in Agent sending the following telegram to Agent Parker, at Madison, Wisconsin:-

"United States Attorney wishes John F. Dietz inmate Penitentiary Waupon interviewed as to the parentage of his nephew William H. Dietz and ascertain facts in full on which he bases his knowledge. Has been interviewed by Warden but we want official files. Also ascertain from him address of his brother Henry Dietz said to be an attorney in Sawyer County and interview Henry also. Would prefer to have investigation made by Agent Rukes if available as he is familiar with case and will probably be witness. Wire results briefly.

(Signed) Watt."

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At Spokane, Wash.

Agent received the following wire from Madison, Wis:-

"Short of men and crowded with work from Chief.
Cannot make Dietz investigation until next week.
Wire date information wanted.

(Signed) Parker."

After conference with Assistant U. S. Attorney Leavy,

Agent sent the following telegram to Agent Parker, at Madison:-

"Telegram received. Want information earliest practical date. Not later than twenty second.

(Signed) Watt."

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At Spokane, Wash.

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Agent received the following telegram from Madison, Wisconsin:-

"Important interview with Lonestar Dietz and his mother at Lodi, Wisc. Sunday by Rukes indicates a mystery probably as to male parent of subject. Full report mailed this afternoon.

(Signed) Parker."

The contents of this telegram was transmitted to Asst. U. S. Attorney, Chas. H. Leavy.

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M. H. Wasson	Spokane Wash	June 26, 1919	June 18th

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: William Henry Dietz
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At Spokane Wash:

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Asst. U. S. Attorney Leavy requested me to investigate the claims of subject on his questionaire that he was a necessary employee of a necessary Industrial organization, and the only person who could manage his twenty employees. The company mentioned was the American Indian Film Corporation, organized under Washington State Laws. Signing his affidavits to this effect were George A. Pynn and J. Stewart. Pynn is a dentist in the Old National Bank Building and was interviewed first with a view of determining the following questions: Who has the books of the company? (2) How did he happen to sign the affidavit for subject? (3) When has the corporation, as such, operated? (4) How many employees were actually engaged in the work of the company on September 12, 1918. (this being the date of registration? (5) Did you read all of the questions in the affidavit, as you swore to have done?

In answer to various questions as put by Employee, Pynn gave me in substance the following answers: I signed Dietz affidavit relating to the company, and read all of the questions on that, but I did not read all of his claims, or any other part of his questionaire. No, the corporation is now inactive, in fact it never actually operated. It was, so to speak, in the making. They were just selling stock and making arrangements to operate. They sold, all told, about 13,000 shares, but it didnt bring in any money--it was sold for notes and they were never collected. Why, I happened to sign his questionaire because he sent it in to Miss Stewart with a note and asked her to have me sign it for him and I did so. She just called me up and asked me to look it over and I did so. You see, she was here with him and did some typewriting for him and looked over the books

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and knew what the co mpany was and what it was doing, but she was not connected with the company at all. We had S.S.Bizwiess as a field man, working in the field selling stock, and he had fifteen or twenty men under him. These men were under the control of Bizwiess as he had charge of the sale of the stock. I dont know whether Dietz had any control over them. The company had talked of starting a picture then, or waiting until all the stock had been sold and starting a picture then--the plans as to whether they expected to work during the fall were just talked about because if they decided to start a picture at that time they would be working on it in the fall. I have the books of the company and they consist of a minute book, 4 stock books, bank book, and notes for $50.00 upward. (When asked to produce the books later, Pynn stated that most of them were in the office of his attorney who helped him make out the income tax return but gave me two stockbooks, a check book, bank book, and a file of receipts and letters.)

Interviewing J. Stewart who has since married and whose name is Mrs Harry Frederick. After considerable hunting for her, she was located next to the city limits on Vail Street. Mrs Fredericks, when questioned, said substantially as follows: I did considerable typing for the company and had seen their books and papers. Dietz went to California and Bizwiess was out of town so he sent the questionaire to me and asked me to sign it and send it to Dr Pynn so I read it over and signed it about the corporation. The company had a couple of men on the road selling stock, and already had two scnaries. Dietz told me how many men were working for him and I signed for that number. They wanted Dietz to come back from California and rent a studio and start working last winter, but all they did was mostly to talk about it. Dietz told me he had an idea of joining the marines when he got through coaching them. Dietz,Dr Pynn

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and Bleiweiss were the promoters of the company. I understood Bleiweiss was living at the Parsons Hotel. I also understood the company had sold $35,000 worth of stock and had no debts—I understood the $35,000 was in money.

Sol S. Bleiweiss was then interviewed at the Inland Motor Co. office at Sprague and Lincoln Streets. He stated in substance as follows:

I assisted Dietz in selling stock in the company, and we made a few trips together, and then I went alone. The first time we were gone three weeks in Lewiston Idaho and vicinity. We collected $15,000 in notes, which are as yet not collected, and we sold about $1600 to $1700 of stock for cash. I was vice-president of the company and Dietz was president. He didnt do any work with us after that first trip. He was working for the Washington Motion Picture Company then and then he started playing football and couldnt go out with me. What is that? You want to know how many men were actually hired by us on September 26th? There were none. We only had two men working for the company, and they were working for me. None of them were working for Dietz. They worked for the company, on a commission basis for what they did, and worked under me. That trip he went with me on was in the latter part of April, or early May. In September there were only two men selling stock on commission, but they were not selling any stock—they were not trying to sell any then. As we didnt have capital, we couldnt plan to operate in the winter. We learned we had to have permission from the Government to sell stock, and we didnt have that, so we didnt try to sell stock. As soon as we could operate, we planned that Dietz should act as star actor and was to receive $200 a week—when he did work—but he never got anything but his expenses on his trip to Lewiston.

After this information was conveyed to Mr Leavy, he requested that I bring Bleiweiss to his office, where he told the same story as above quoted.

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At the request of Asst. U. S. Attorney Chas. H. Leavy, accompanied him to hotels to interview witnesses in the above entitled case, and also made arrangements for other witnesses to call at his office, which consumed almost the entire day.

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Employee was in attendance on the trial of the above entitled case throughout the day.

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Max H. Wasson	Spokane Wash	June 28, 1920	June 21.

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Re: William Henry Dietz
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At Spokane Wash:

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Was engaged on request of the Asst. U. S. Attorney this day in locating subject, who was alleged to have arrived in town, and making an attempt to have his alleged sister, Sally Eaglehorse see him with a view of identifying him to her own satisfaction before entering the court room, for fear he would attempt to play a dramatic stunt before the jury when he first met her. After considerable chasing around, I tailed subject to the Carlysle Hotel from his attorney's office in the Paulsen Bldg., and learned from Johnson, clerk at the Pacific Hotel of the nature of Mahan, clerk at the Carlysle, so that I might be able to use Mahan in my plans if necessary. After dinner, about seven o'clock I drove back to the Carlysle Hotel and waited for Dietz to appear, having previously made arrangements with the Indians to wait for me at the Coeur d Alene Hotel. The plan was to locate where Dietz would eat supper, and while he was eating, drive to the Coeur d Alene Hotel and bring Sally Eaglehorse to the resturant where she would be able to see Dietz. While waiting for Dietz to appear, a tire blew out, and immediately following, Dietz appeared and went to a resturant on Second Avenue. I telephoned for a taxi to accomplish my purpose, and drove to the Coeur d Alene Hotel for the Indians, but they, thinking because I was late, that my plans had gone awary, had left and I could not locate them. I returned in the taxi to the resturant and tailed Dietz back to the hotel where he remained the rest of the evening.

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M. H. Wasson	Spokane Wash	June 28, 1919	June 20, 1919

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At Spokane Wash:

Employee was engaged this day with the U. S. Attorney on the Dietz case attending to general matters before the prosecution of the trial. Nothing worthy of a report developed in the work, and nothing worthy of a report developed during the day.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	July [illegible] 1919.	June 23, '19.

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Re: William "Lonestar" Dietz,
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At Spokane, Wash. 339242

This matter came on for trial this morning. Agent was in attendance during the day.

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At Spokane Wash: (Sunday)

Continuing my efforts to have Sally Eaglehorse see subject before the trial, I went to her hotel at 8 A.M. and arrangged she should wait there for me. Then I went to the Carlysle and waited for Dietz to go to breakfast. While waiting I sent for Sally Eaglehorse, William Whitebear, Wm. Garnett and Mr Marsten, to come withing a block of the hotel and await my signal. At the appearance of Dietz I had Sally Eaglehorse and Wm. Whitebear pass him on the street. Sally declared- "He no my brother--he white man with his wife." Being satisfied that she was satisfied, I returned to the office and telephoned the Asst. District Atty. of the result of the meeting. He then requested that I locate witness as whom should have arrived here from the East by this time, and have them together where he could interview them. This I did by calling at various hotels until they were located. They all met at the Couer d Alene Hotel, and I returned home for the day.

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C. I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	June 3, 1919	May 29, 1919

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In re: WILLIAM "LONESTAR" DIETZ
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AT RICE LAKE WIS.

Reference is made to previous reports of Special Employee:

Acting under instructions from Special Agent in Charge Parker, Employee proceeded to make further investigation.

Through the courtesy of Postmaster Dunn, Rice Lake, Wis., Employee was motored from Rice Lake, Wis., to the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dietz, who resides in the rural district about half way between Rice Lake and Barron, Wis. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dietz is the widow and second wife of Wm. W. Dietz, Ex-Sheriff of Barron County, Wis. Wm. W. Dietz is the father of subject.

The following information was received from Mrs. Dietz:

On August 17th, 1914, Wm. Lonestar Dietz came to the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz to visit his father. Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dietz had a son by her first husband whose birthday fell on August 17th, and on this particular day it happened that her son and Wm. Lonestar Dietz were both at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz, and the remark was made by Wm. Lonestar's father that Wm. Lonestar was born on August 17th, 1884, at their old home place on Humbird Street in the village of Rice Lake, Wis. This subject was more prominently brought out on this particular day from the fact that the birthdays of the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz, Norman L. Johnson, Ft. Atkinson, Wis., and Wm. Lonestar Dietz fell on the same day and the same month.

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Mrs. Dietz further stated that Wm. W. Dietz, Lonestar's father, had very often told her that subject was born at their home, which is at 16 W. Humbird St., Rice Lake, Wis., and many times had informed her that Mrs. Leana Lewis, who was W. W. Dietz's first wife, was the mother of Wm. Lonestar Dietz. During the time Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dietz and W. W. Dietz lived together, the latter often made the remark that subject would keep putting himself up as an Indian until he would get into trouble.

Mrs. Dietz also stated that she had no knowledge of any secret between W. W. Dietz and his first wife, Leana Dietz, but that Mr. Dietz had never intimated to her but what Leana Dietz was Lonestar's mother, and never intimated to her at any time that there was any question as to the parentage of subject. Mrs. Dietz further stated that she and Mr. Dietz had lived together very peaceably; never had any trouble whatever; and that she believes if there had been any question as to the true mother of subject, that Mr. Dietz would certainly have disclosed this information to her in so far as it is alleged that Mr. Dietz had given this information to Mrs. John Dietz and Leslie and Clarence Dietz.

Mrs. Dietz produced a volume which is the history of the Chippewa Valley, Wis., published in 1891 and 1892. This gives a short biography of Wm. W. Dietz, in part as follows:

Was Sheriff of Barron County from Nov. 1877 to Jan. 1880; was Sheriff a second term from Nov. 1888 to Jan. 1891. Stated that Wm. W. Dietz was born at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.,

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July 25, 1853; married Leana Ginder Oct. 26, 1879; and stated specifically as follows: "This union has been blessed with one child, Wm. H., born August 17th, 1884."

Further information secured from this history is that the father of W. W. Dietz was born in Germany, and that the mother of W. W. Dietz was of Holland - English ancestory, her people having been in the East many years, and that the maiden name of the mother of Wm. W. Dietz was Almira Swartz; stating further that Leana R. Ginder is a daughter of John Ginder, who is a native of France.

On another page in said history is a short biography of John Ginder, the father of Leana R. Ginder, who was the first wife of Wm. W. Dietz. Such biography describes John Ginder as follows: "Born in Alsace, Germany; married Leana M. Lyar, a native of Central Illinois."

Employee found Mrs. W. W. Dietz to be a very nice woman and a competent witness. Previous investigations in this case have developed the fact that the second wife of Wm. W. Dietz lived very happily and peaceably with Mr. Dietz during his life time. There is no indication that there was ever any domestic trouble at their home. There is considerable evidence to show that Mr. Dietz highly respected his second wife; and Employee has reason to believe, after this interview with Mrs. Dietz, that her testimony is correct; and that had there ever been a question as to the correct parentage of subject, Wm. W. Dietz would certainly have disclosed this information to Mrs. Dietz, in so

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far as he is alleged to have given the same information to his sister-in-law, his nephews, and others.

Employee, while at the home of Mrs. W. W. Dietz, was presented with two tin-types; one being the picture of the Grandfather of subject and the father of Wm. W. Dietz, and the other picture being that of Almira Swartz, later Mrs. W. Dietz, Grandmother of subject and the mother of W. W. Dietz, subject's father.

Employee's purpose in securing the photographs of subject's Grandmother was because Employee believes this photograph will plainly show where the dark hair and high cheek bones of subject came from, as they are very prominent in subject's Grandmother on his father's side.

These photographs were secured from Mrs. W. W. Dietz with the promise that after they had answered their purpose they would be returned to her at Rice Lake, Wis.

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Geo. S. Beasley	Seattle, Wash.	June 2, 1919	[illegible] 1919

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At Tacoma, Washington.

Letter from Agent Fred A. Watt, dated Spokane, May 29th regarding subject, received this date. This letter states that subject is being prosecuted at Spokane for falsifying his questionnaire in which he had claimed he is an Indian. It is requested that Mrs. Sophia Geisert, residing at Tacoma, be interviewed as to her knowledge of subject's parentage (Mrs. Geisert was formerly a next-door neighbor to the Deits family in Wisconsin).

Agent this date ~~notified~~ interviewed Sophia Geisert who resides at 3626 East B. St., Tacoma. Mrs. Geisert stated that she lived very close to subject's home at Rice Lake, Wisconsin; that she distinctly remembers subject and his parents and his grandparents; that there is absolutely no Indian blood in any of subject's four grandparents that she ever knew of or heard of; that having lived in the vicinity of the Deits family most of her life, she is sure that she would know of the fact if subject was in reality Indian, or part Indian; that subject's mother was a blonde and subject's father had red hair; further, that she always understood subject's parents and their parents to be purely German in parentage; that she presumes the supposition that subject is Indian is founded on the fact that while subject was in school he showed a marked ability as a cartoonist; that he obtained a position at the Carlisle Indian School in the East as a cartoonist; that while engaged in this work he attended some classes at the Indian School and married

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Agent Geo. S. Beasley for May 31, 1919

In re U. S. v. William "Lone Star" Deitz
Violation S.S.R.

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an Indian girl. Mrs. Geisert remembers that subject's mother was very much put out at her son's marriage to an Indian and made a great effort to have the marriage annulled or cancelled.

For verification of Mrs. Geisert's statement, subject's people might be referred to. Subject's father and mother were divorced some time ago and have both married again. Subject's mother now resides at Lodi, Wisconsin. Her name at present is Lewis. Her husband is a painter and paper hanger at Lodi. Subject's father, if not dead, is still residing at Rice Lake. Subject's two aunts reside in the Rice Lake district, named Mrs. Ellen Drake and Mrs. Augusta Nichols. Mrs. Geisert stated that her son named Nathan Eytcheson would also well remember subject and subject's family. Her son now resides at 2704 Huron St., Duluth, Minn.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	July 8, 1919.	June 26, '19.

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: U. S. -vs- Wm. "Lonestar" Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

The Jury in the above entitled case failed to agree and was discharged by the Court; in the meantime, other apparent false statements have been discovered in the questionnaire filed by Dietz. The matter was taken before the Grand Jury and another indictment returned which charges him, in addition to falsifying his questionnaire as to his citizenship, with making false industrial claims.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	July 8, 1919.	June 25, 19.

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Re: U. S. -vs- Wm. "Lonestar" Dietz,
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

The trial of this case was concluded and went to the Jury about noon. The Jury did not arrive at a verdict during the day.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	July 8, 1919.	June 24, '19.

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Re: U. S. -vs- Wm. "Lonestar" Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

This case was on trial during the day and not completed.

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E. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	June 28, 1919.	June 25, '19

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Re: U. S. -vs- William "Lonestar" Dietz,

Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

Put in part of the day assisting U. S. Atty. Leavy in prosecution of the above entitled case.

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B. F. McCurdy	Spokane, Wash.	Aug. 8, 1919.	August 1, '19

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: U. S. -vs- Wm. "Lonestar" Dietz,
Conscription Matter.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

At Spokane, Wash.

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At the request of Assistant U. S. Attorney Chas.H. Leavy Employee called at the office of the City Clerk, to see if subject had registered to vote during the year 1918. Upon examinationof the records, find that he did not register.

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F. A. Watt	Spokane, Wash.	Aug. 27, 1919.	Aug.19, '19

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

Re: U. S. -vs- William "Lonestar" Dietz.
Conscription Matter.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

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At Spokane, Wash.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Leavy handed Agent letter from Mrs. Sophia Geisert, of Tacoma, Wash., which states among other things that Mrs. Julias Petterson, now living at Superior, Wis. was present at the birth of William "Lonestar" Dietz.

Agent wrote Agent Parker, at Madison, Wis., requesting that Agent Rukes interview Mrs. Petterson and make report.

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REPORT MADE BY:	PLACE WHERE MADE:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:
Chas. I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	Sept. 29, 1919	Sept.25,1919

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OF NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: WILLIAM LONESTAR DEITZ
Alleged Violation of Conscription Act

OCT 1 1919

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

AT SUPERIOR WIS.

Reference is made to previous reports of Agent:

Reference is also made to letter dated August 12th, 1919, received at office from Special Agent in Charge Fred A. Watt of the Spokane, Washington, office, which reads as follows:

"Asst. U. S. Attorney Leavy is in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Sophia Geisert, of Tacoma, Wn., stating that she was well acquainted with the Dietz family; saw Mrs. Dietz during pregnancy, and saw William "Lonestar" Dietz when he was a few weeks old. She adds the interesting information, however, that Mrs. Julias Pettersom was with Mrs. Dietz during childbirth, and that she is now living at Superior, Wis.

The name, Mrs. Julias Pettersom, does not look good to me, and I presume that when you investigate you will find that she is referring to Mrs. Julias Petterson. However, if Agent Rukes is still in the vicinity of Superior, I wish you would have him interview the lady regardless of what her name may be, having him bear in mind at all times that the essential thing to do in this case is to prove that the child was alive when born and lived for a few days thereafter, in fact is alive yet."

Acting under instructions from Special Agent in Charge Jenkins, Agent proceeded to make investigation.

Agent called at 1322 Tower Ave., Superior, Wis., and received information from parties living at that place that Julias Petterson had lived at that place during winter of 1918 - 1919, but now lived at 1915 North 23rd St., Superior, Wis., with Amos Rathbun. Agent proceeded to this address, and was informed by parties living there that Amos Rathbun lived at present at 5620 Cummings Ave., South Superior, Wis., and that Julias Petterson, who lived with him as Mrs. Rathbun, was Petterson's niece, and Mrs. Julias Peterson was dead.

Investigation to be continued.

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Chas. I. Rukes	Madison, Wis.	Sept. 29, 1919	Sept.26,1919

TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION:

In re: WILLIAM LONESTAR DEITZ
~~Alleged Violation of Conscription Act~~

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.:

AT SUPERIOR WIS.

Reference is made to previous reports of Agent in re subject:

Agent proceeded to 5620 Cummings Ave., South Superior, Wis., and located Mrs. Amos Rathbun, who stated that she was a niece of Julius Petterson, who was at the present time in Montana. Mrs. Rathbun stated further that Mrs. Julius Petterson was born and raised near Rice Lake, Wis., and was well acquainted with the Deitz family, and lived neighbors to them in Rice Lake, Wis. Mrs. Rathbun also stated that Mrs. Julius Petterson died Dec. 17th, 1918, at Superior, Wis., and that previous to Mrs. Petterson's death she, Mrs. Rathbun, had never heard her say whether she was present at the time of the birth of subject.

Agent is satisfied that Mrs. Petterson, deceased, is the witness who is referred to in letter from Special Agent in Charge Watt of the Spokane, Washington, office.

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