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Mr. Wiggins said that Mrs. Hardeman's employment by IUD, AFL-CIO, caused confusion among CAF field people and could have led them to believe that Messrs. Hardeman and Mansfield were behind the union. Mr. Wiggins expressed the opinion that knowledge that Mrs. Hardeman worked for the union could have been a form of pressure on CAF employees to work with the union and could have clouded the issue of union involvement for field workers.

We asked Dr. and Mrs. Hardeman to discuss whether Mrs. Hardeman had been employed by AFL-CIO; if so, the nature of her duties in such employment; and if Mrs. Hardeman did work for AFL-CIO, why she worked under her maiden name. Dr. and Mrs. Hardeman declined to answer these questions on the ground that we could not show any connection between Mrs. Hardeman's employment and the expenditure of Federal funds and that our asking these questions was an unwarranted invasion of Mrs. Hardeman's privacy.

Union connection of CAF and AFSC employees

We were told by Mr. Johnson that he had been contacted at his home on March 2, 1967, by James Pierce, IUD, AFL-CIO; Hank Mayer, AFSC; and a representative of a packing house workers' union and that at that time he (Mr. Johnson) was offered \$15,000 a year plus expenses to work for the union.

Mr. Johnson also told us that Hank Mayer was leaving AFSC as of March 17, 1967, to work for the union. According to information furnished to us by Dan Hoffman, Executive Director of the Management Research Institute, West Palm Beach, Hank Mayer was a labor organizer for the United Furniture Workers of America in Sumter, South Carolina, from 1961 to 1965, and before that he was business agent for Local 17 of the International Hod Carriers in Newburgh, New York.

Distribution of "flyer" linking support of CCFW with support of IUD, AFL-CIO

A "flyer" which was distributed at one or more CCFW rallies contained bold marginal headlines which read "SUPPORT CCFW—JOIN IUD." Both CAF and AFSC are members of CCFW.

Both William Channel, Program Director for AFSC, and Dr. Hardeman told us that this "flyer" was printed by IUD, AFL-CIO, and was distributed by union employees at CCFW rallies. Mr. Channel told us that he had written in November 1966 to Father Walsh, President, CCFW, objecting to the distribution of this "flyer" at CCFW rallies because he (Channel) did not see it to be a function of the CCFW to organize or recruit for the IUD and that he was prohibited from such actions specifically by the terms of the OEO grant under which the AFSC program was operating. Mr. Channel's letter to Father Walsh further stated that he " * * * had attended the meetings of the Coordinating Committee as a single staff member of the American Friends Service Committee and my organization has not authorized nor been requested to authorize such action."

Meeting in Belle Blade—January 1967

Congressman Rogers, in a letter dated February 8, 1967, to Alfred C. Krumlauf, OEO Inspector, Atlanta, Georgia, a copy of which was furnished to the Comptroller General, alleged that (1) Mr. Hank Mayer, an employee of AFSC, was a speaker at a meeting of crew leaders which was held in Belle Glade on January 18, 1967, for the purpose of promoting a farm workers' union and (2) Mr. Mayer and Mr. William Channel, also of AFSC, were at another meeting in the Belle Glade union hall and were accompanied at both meetings by representatives of the AFL-CIO. Mr. Rogers expressed his understanding that the Palm Beach County Sheriffs' Department had full details on the two meetings.

On March 1, 1967, we met with Sheriff Martin Kellenberger and members of his staff and were informed that they had no first-hand information concerning a meeting on January 18. Information furnished to us by the Sheriff's office, which we understand had been obtained from Al French of the Management Research Institute, contained broad statements concerning alleged union organization activities of CAF and AFSC employees. We were shown two motion picture films taken in Belle Glade at the union hall on January 19 and 20, 1967. However, neither we nor employees of the Sheriff's office were able to identify CAF or AFSC employees in the January 19, 1967, film.

In the January 20, 1967, film we were able to identify Hank Mayer entering the union hall and Hank Mayer, William Channel and a man identified by Sheriff's office employees as Tommy Martin, AFL-CIO, leaving the hall and