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Dear Mr. Winslow:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of a communication received from the San Antonio office of the Bureau of Investigation relative to JACK JOHNSON at Mexico City. You will note it is suggested that it would be advisable to have an investigation made in Mexico City of Jack Johnson's activities, in order to endeavor to ascertain to what extent he is exciting the negroes of this country.

I am transmitting this information for such action as you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

*Frank B. Rowse*  
Assistant Director and Chief.

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Mexico, November 18, 1919.

My dear Winslow:

With reference to your telegram of October twenty ninth, in regard to Jack Johnson, the Vice-Consul-in-Charge of the Consulate General here states that he is unable to pin any propoganda stuff on the "nigger". It is true that the colored colony is small - very small, and of but slight importance. Johnson, however, and his white wife, are not only treated as equals, but are made much of, by the Military, Sporting and a few other elements here. They are very much in evidence.

I am expecting reports on his activities from other sources and shall forward them as soon as received.

Yours faithfully,

*J. D. [Signature]*

Lanier Winslow, Esquire,  
Department of State,  
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My dear Winslow:

With further reference to your telegram in regard to the reported activity of Jack Johnson, I am quoting below an extract from a report furnished me by the Military Attaché of the Embassy:-

"The following is an extract from a report of a reliable agent:

"I have become a friend of Jack Johnson and can positively assert that he has sent money and written articles to aid the negroes in their struggle in the United States. He makes collections among the negroes and their sympathizers here. He tried to go to the Antilles, especially Cuba, to foment a rebellion among the negroes. From me and other pupils he has asked financial aid. He is not a Socialist, but calls himself simply, DEFENDER OF HIS RACE."

Yours very sincerely,

*George W. Sumner*

Lanier Winslow, Esquire,  
Department of State,  
Washington.

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RADIO MESSAGE

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March 12, 1920

From : Jose T. Cantu, Manzanillo

To : Federico A. Dato (c/o) Col. Cantu, Mexicali, BC

Capt. Davila is bringing Jack Johnson, boxing champion. Arrange lodging for him, likewise contract to fight with someone; the weight or size of the one contracted with on our account does not matter to him. Affectionately.

D.S.?

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Frank Burke, Esquire,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burke:

It has been reported that Jack Johnson, the pugilist, in company with a Captain Davila, was on March 12, preparing to proceed from Manzanillo to Mexicali where he would endeavor to arrange a prize fight. I understand that Johnson is a fugitive from Justice and this is forwarded for your information in case you should not be advised as to his reported presence immediately across the line.

Very truly yours,

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