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Memorandum of a telephone conversation with Mr. Lieberman of the New York Times (Lackawanna 4-1000, extension 517) held on December 2, 1937, at about 4:00 P.M.

He told me that representatives from forty American Legion Posts had met at the Hotel Pierrepoint, to discuss (I suppose) the flag pole incident and Americanism at Brooklyn College. He further stated that remarks were made by six students of Brooklyn College who represented themselves as constituting an American Defense Committee of Brooklyn College; and also by students who stated that they were members of the American Student Union of Brooklyn College.

After my telling Mr. Lieberman the facts of the case, he wished to know when the petition in favor of the R.O.T.C. had been presented; why we had waited from the Spring of 1937 until the Fall of 1937; if the matter had been discussed in the Committee; if the Committee was a Faculty Committee; if the petition had been referred to this Committee by the Brooklyn College Administrative Committee; and if we had legally recognized the American Defense Committee and the American Student Union. He concluded by taking the correct spelling of my name saying that there would be an article in the Times of to-day (Friday).

I have not found such an article in this morning's Times. Mr. Lieberman was not at all insistent on knowing the reasons why the Committee had made the report which it did make.