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MEMORANDUM concerning appointment of W.L.Mackenzie King  
as Director of the Investigation of Industrial Relations,  
and of conversations between him and members of the  
Rockefeller Foundation.

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- June 1 Telegram, Greene to King, asking, if engagements would permit, "to advise large interests I represent, in regard to present labor difficulties and probable far-reaching studies looking toward future," and requesting coming to New York for preliminary consultation.
- June 3 Letter, Greene to King, on '26 Broadway' paper, requesting K. to bring a copy of the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act, and stating: "It is with reference to the strike in Colorado that I wish to consult you - not so much with a view to the settlement of that strike as to obtain your advice in regard to a very thorough and, I hope, far-reaching study of the labor question in America." Letter explains Mr. Greene's association with Mr. John D. Rockefeller and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. "in the management of their investments", and his representation of them "in the directorates of several corporations and philanthropic institutions, the latter including the Rockefeller Foundation." The letter has the following:

The investments of these three boards alone aggregate One hundred and fifty million dollars, and as a member of the finance committee of each board, I am necessarily concerned with business questions affecting the properties in which their investments are carried. Through the Rockefeller Foundation we are already planning some economic and social studies which may have an ultimate bearing on the solution of the labor problem, but it has seemed to us that if, in our purely corporate capacity as owners or directors of large industries, we can work out on a basis compatible with sound finance, any substantial improvements in the relation of capital and labor, we shall be, perhaps, doing a greater

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