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Chicago, Feb. 2 - A letter from James T. Farrell in to-

day's Voice of the People about Shoeless Joe Jackson prompts me to recall a rather close acquaintanceship I had with another of Chicago's 1919 "Black Sox." This was Buck Weaver



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—and he insisted to the day he died that he took no actual part in selling out to the Cincinnati Reds in that year's world series.

Buck told me and many other old friends that the night before the series began he found an envelope containing \$3,000 tucked under the pillow in his bedroom. There was no note of explanation, but he suspected it was a bribe, so he took the envelope to the team's manager, Kid Gleason, and gave him both the envelope and the money.

Gleason is said to have admitted this was so, but Weaver was ostracized anyway as one of the eight "bribed" players. I knew him well enough to know that he was no liar. It won't do Buck any good now, but his name at least should be cleared of any wrongdoing, without further procrastination.

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