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RALSTON R. IRVINE, Senior Partner, advised that he has been associated with the appointee since 1926 when both were in the Department of Justice. The appointee founded the firm, which bears his name, in approximately 1929, when he returned from Washington. Mr. IRVINE advised that he has been associated both professionally and socially with the appointee and recommended him most highly as to his character, reputation, loyalty to the United States Government and his associates.

Mr. IRVINE stated that the appointee is one of the greatest living Americans from the point of service that he has rendered to the United States. Mr. IRVINE advised that he knows nothing derogatory concerning the appointee and recommended him most highly for a position of trust.

The following partners in the firm who have been associated with the appointee since 1927 and 1929 respectively, both professionally and socially furnished substantially the same remarks as Mr. IRVINE and recommended the appointee and his family most highly: BRECK P. McALLISTER, OTTO C. DERING, JR.

Republican State Committee  
41 East 42 Street

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting agent.

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COLONEL WALTER BLIGH, Acting Secretary, advised that there is no record maintained of the appointee's connection with the Republican Party at the above address. Colonel BLIGH stated that he has known the appointee professionally since World War I. Colonel BLIGH stated that the appointee has a record of loyalty for the United States which cannot be surpassed by any other individual in this country. He stated that during both World Wars and in the interim between them he has handled all types of classified and confidential material. He stated that the appointee is not only a patriotic and loyal American citizen but he is an outstanding attorney as well. Colonel BLIGH stated that the appointee has both a high civilian and military record. He knows nothing derogatory concerning him and recommends him most highly for a position of trust with the United States Government

69th Regiment Armory  
25th and Lexington Avenue

BIAGIO NUCCIO, Clerk, advised the above Armory possessed no record of the appointee's association with the 16th Regiment. b7C

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NEIGHBORHOOD

The following investigation was conducted by SA HARVARD S. KISSIAH.

1 Sutton Place, South,  
New York City

✓ Mr. HARRY HOPKINS, Doorman, advised that the appointee and his wife leased an apartment at the above address during the summer months approximately two or three years ago. Mr. HOPKINS advised that they were excellent tenants and recommended them most highly as to their character, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. He knows nothing derogatory concerning them and recommends the appointee for a position of trust.

✓ HARRY SMITH, Superintendent, advised that the appointee and his wife leased an apartment during the summer months from 1946 to approximately 1949. He stated that they were excellent tenants who caused no trouble in the apartment house and he recommended them most highly as to their character, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. Mr. SMITH knew nothing derogatory concerning them and stated the appointee is a man well qualified for a position of trust with the United States Government.

4 Sutton Place, South  
New York City

✓ HARRY ROBBINS, Rental Agent for the HENRY PHIPPS Estate, advised that the appointee and his wife have resided at the above address since May of 1948. He stated that his association with the family has been of a professional nature and that from this association he would recommend them most highly as to their character, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. He stated that the appointee's son resides at Berryville, Virginia, at the appointee's country estate.

Mr. ROBBINS advised that he knew nothing derogatory concerning the appointee or his family and recommended him most highly for a position of trust.

✓ Mr. HENRY DE FOREST ALEXANDER, a tenant, and Captain PAUL HAMMOND, 230 Park Avenue, who subleased the above apartment to the appointee, both furnished substantially the same remarks concerning the appointee and his family background as did Mr. ROBBINS.

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ASSOCIATES

✓ **LUCIUS D. CLAY**, Chairman of the Board, Continental Can Company, 100 East 42 Street, advised SA **GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF** that he had been acquainted with the appointee for approximately ten to twelve years. He stated that he had worked closely with the appointee while in Washington during the war and had visited with him both in Germany and New York on numerous occasions. He stated that he had the highest regard for the appointee's character, reputation, associates and considers him to be an outstanding citizen of the United States, whose loyalty is beyond question. He stated that due to the appointee's many successful associations with the United States Government he would highly recommend him for any top Government position.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting agent.

✓ **J. EDWARD LUMBARD**, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and a law partner of the appointee, advised that he joined the appointee's firm on November 11, 1945, and has been both professionally and socially related to him since that time. Mr. LUMBARD stated that the appointee is the greatest patriot in the United States, and the most decorated American civilian. During his association with the United States Government, the appointee has been entrusted with responsible and confidential positions by every President since WOODROW WILSON. Mr. LUMBARD stated that the appointee would be the best representative that the United States could send abroad as he has better contacts in foreign countries than any person in the United States with the possible exception of the President himself. Mr. LUMBARD stated that the appointee has great qualities of imagination and resourcefulness. He stated further that the appointee has an enormous amount of energy for a man seventy years old. Mr. LUMBARD recommended the appointee unqualifiedly as to his character, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. He stated that the appointee is known to his intimates as "Wild Bill" DONOVAN. He stated that his son DAVID resides at their country estate in Virginia and his wife resides with the appointee here in New York.

✓ **JAMES M. ACKELL**, Confidential Assistant to Mr. LUMBARD, advised that he had been associated with the appointee's law firm since 1947. He stated that he has known the appointee since that time in a professional relationship. He recommended the appointee unqualifiedly as to his character, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. He knows nothing derogatory concerning him and recommends him for a position of trust.

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Dr. JAMES C. BONBRIGHT, Professor of Economics, Columbia University, advised that he first met the appointee when he (DONOVAN) was serving as a Counsel to the Committee Engaged in the Revision of the Public Service Commission Laws for New York State. Dr. BONBRIGHT stated that his association with the appointee has not been a close one and he last saw him during World War II in Washington, D. C. Dr. BONBRIGHT stated that the appointee is an outstanding lawyer who has a high public record. He recommended him as to his character, ability, reputation and loyalty to the United States Government. He knows nothing derogatory concerning him and recommends him for a responsible government position.

MISCELLANEOUS

ELIZABETH TERRILL BENTLEY, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, has advised to the following:

From 1941 to 1945 she had operated as a courier in a Soviet espionage network which was concerned with the recruiting of highly-placed government employees, and the obtaining of information from them to which they had access. JACOB GOLOS was her Soviet superior. In 1942 GOLOS was advised that EUNICE HARLIN LEE was going to Washington, D. C. with General DONOVAN in the Office of OSS. Thereafter, some material was obtained through LEE which was not very valuable and GOLOS ordered BENTLEY to handle LEE directly. BENTLEY contacted LEE in Washington and from her conversation with him learned what type of material he could furnish, and also learned that LEE himself realized that the information he was giving was destined for Russian intelligence. LEE later was shifted to the Japanese Division of OSS, and was furnishing information about Japanese agents in China, and miscellaneous data, the exact nature of which BENTLEY could not recall. LEE furnished the information either orally or written. BENTLEY stated that LEE through his intimate association with General DONOVAN in OSS, had learned of a proposal by General DONOVAN to have some NKVD representatives come to the United States in exchange for an OSS mission to Russia. This proposal was looked upon unfavorably by the President and Fleet Admiral HARRY. LEE had become frightened and excited over the prospect of such a mission, as he had visions of this group visiting him at his home and thanking him for his cooperation.

BENTLEY advised further that LEE, while on duty with OSS in Washington, and furnishing her confidential data, knew her to be a Communist and later suspected her of being a Soviet agent. LEE also paid her Communist Party membership dues.

In an interview with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1947, in a hearing before a New York Federal Grand Jury in 1948, and in testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948, LEE denied that he had ever furnished any confidential data to BENTLEY or any other unauthorized individuals, or that he had ever engaged in any Communist Party activities.

In testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on July 31, 1948, BENTLEY stated that LEE, a legal advisor to General DONOVAN in OSS, was her first contact in that agency, and there were, however, a number of individuals employed by OSS who were supplying information to her which she turned over to her Russian superior. In addition to LEE, BENTLEY also operated as a courier for other employees of the OSS who were apparently operating independently of each other. One such individual was MAURICE HALPERIN.

During the investigation of the activities of LEE, LEE by the Federal Bureau of Investigation the following was noted.

T-1, an informant of unknown reliability, who has access to information concerning the activities and individuals connected with the appointee's law firm, advised in the early part of 1953 that he was well acquainted with PUNCAN LEE when LEE was employed with the appointee's law firm. T-1 stated that LEE was an extremely nervous and timid individual who he believed lacked the personal courage to have been a Communist or to have engaged in espionage activities. T-1 stated that LEE had been active in the affairs of Russian War Relief because he had been assigned by the firm to assist in the corporate organization of this group. This assignment came about because of the interest of WILLIAM DONOVAN and others in the law firm in the establishment of Russian War Relief.

T-1 stated that he and others in the office had "tensed" LEE because of his connection with Russian War Relief. However, T-1 stated that they did not attribute his connection with this organization to any particular interest in Communism or Soviet Russia. T-1 stated that he did not recall any instance in which he and LEE had ever engaged in the discussion of politics during his association with him at the Donovan law firm.

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In regard to Russian War Relief the following is to be noted:

The Fourth Report of the Senate Fact-finding Committee on Un-American Activities, California State Legislature, lists the Russian War Relief, Inc., as a Communist front organization and states on page 358 as follows: "While it is undoubtedly true that many well-intentioned loyal Americans were tricked into believing that the Russian War Relief was a bona fide American agency, the hard core of Communist influence and direction is evident."

CREDIT

SE RICHARD J. O'HARA caused a search to be made of the credit records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York in regard to the appointee and his family. Nothing of a derogatory nature was noted.

CRIMINAL

SA AUGUST J. NICEK caused a search to be made of the arrest records of the New York Police Department in regard to the appointee and his family. No record was found.

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANT

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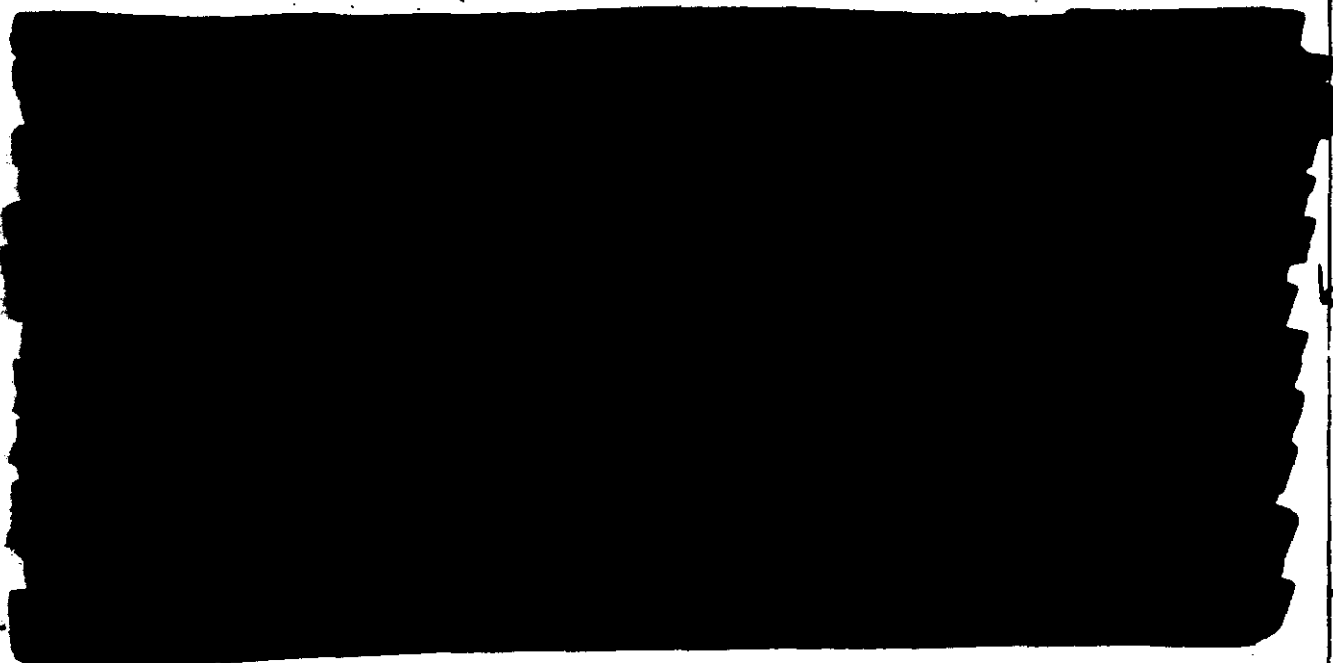
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TITLE WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

ATTN: INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, SPECIAL INQUIRY SECTION

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



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REFERENCE: Teletype dated June 18, 1953 from New York entitled "WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, SI".

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As will be set forth below, Mrs. WALTER R. HANFIELD of Birchside Road, Norwalk, Conn., was formerly employed by the Office of Strategic Services and by the law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lombard and Irving. Her husband, WALTER R. HANFIELD, as of April, 1951, was an attorney with the same law firm.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The Confidential Informants utilized in the report of Special Agent JOHN J. WARD dated June 20, 1953 at New Haven, Connecticut and entitled "WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, SPECIAL INQUIRY" are as follows:

T-1 is Confidential Informant [REDACTED] location of original as set forth in the report of Special Agent FRANCIS W. ZANGLE August 25, 1949 at New York, entitled [REDACTED] b7d.

T-2 is a physical surveillance on January 29, 1949 conducted by SA F. D. O'BRIEN and SA LAWRENCE W. SPILLANE in New York City. Location of original as set forth in surveillance log of [REDACTED] in the Gregory Matter, New York file 65-14603. The information attributed to this source was previously reported in the report entitled [REDACTED] was., ESPIONAGE - R" dated August 25, 1949 at New York City by SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. b7c

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/20/53</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/16-20/53</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEO J. KENNEDY</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN born at Buffalo, New York, 1/1/83. Admitted to practice in U.S. District Court, WDNY, Buffalo, 4/22/13. Served as U.S. Attorney, WDNY, 1922-1924. Record satisfactory. Engaged in general practice of law in Buffalo until 1929. Thereafter, practice confined to New York City. Maintained residence in Buffalo until 1941 but was rarely in city subsequent to 1929. Status in Erie County Bar Association, Buffalo, excellent. Former partner and associate, Federal and state judges and acquaintances recommend DONOVAN's appointment describing him as highly patriotic citizen and capable lawyer of unimpeachable character, reputation and associations. Credit rating satisfactory. No record in files of local law enforcement agencies. Nothing derogatory concerning any member of immediate family developed.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau teletype dated 6/15/53.  
New York teletype dated 6/17/53.  
Albany teletype dated 6/18/53.

**DETAILS:** AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK

The 1952-1953 edition of Who's Who in America reflects the following information:

WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN was born at Buffalo, New York, on January 1, 1883, the son of TIMOTHY P. and ANNA (LANNON) DONOVAN. On July 14, 1914, he married RUTH RUMSEY and two children, DAVID RUMSEY and PATRICIA DONOVAN (deceased), were born of the marriage. Mr. DONOVAN entered the practice of law at Buffalo in 1907 and was United States Attorney for the Western District of New York from 1922 to 1924. He is presently a member of the Buffalo Club.

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BIRTH DATA

The records of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York pertaining to Mr. DONOVAN's admission to practice reflect his birth at Buffalo on January 1, 1883.

ADMISSION TO FEDERAL BAR

The records of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York reflect that WILLIAM J. DONOVAN was admitted to practice in this court on April 22, 1913.

STATUS IN LOCAL BAR ASSOCIATION

Mrs. IRENE TATU, Assistant Secretary of Erie County Bar Association, advised from records of the Association that WILLIAM J. DONOVAN has been continually a member in good standing since September of 1909. No grievances have ever been filed against Mr. DONOVAN.

Mrs. TATU, who has been an attorney in Buffalo since 1915, stated that she has known Mr. DONOVAN only by reputation as a highly capable attorney of excellent character and associates. He is generally regarded as an outstanding patriot.

Mr. DONOVAN's former partners, BRADLEY GOODYEAR, GANSON DEPEW, Jr., JULES RANDALL and FRANK G. RAICHLE, were known casually to Mrs. TATU as highly regarded lawyers of excellent character and reputation. She has heard nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon their loyalty to the United States.

EMPLOYMENT

City Directories disclose that Mr. DONOVAN was a member of the following legal firms:

1917 to 1919 - O'Brian, Donovan and Goodyear  
1920 - Donovan and Goodyear  
1924 to 1925 - Donovan, Raichle and Depew  
1926 to 1931 - Donovan and Raichle  
1933 - Donovan, Raichle and Randall  
1934 to 1940 - Donovan and Raichle

Mr. FRANK G. RAICHLE, Jr., Genesee Building, stated that he made the acquaintance of Mr. DONOVAN shortly after World War I and that several years later they formed a partnership which continued until 1941 when Mr. DONOVAN became Director of the Office of Strategic Services. However, from 1929 until the termination of the partnership, Mr. DONOVAN took practically no part in firm affairs, his only interest being in fees on pending matters of minor character.

While associated with Mr. RAICHLE, DONOVAN became United States Attorney for the Western District of New York. Mr. RAICHLE vaguely recalls, however, that prior to the expiration of his term, Mr. DONOVAN became Assistant Attorney General of the United States. The last several years were spent by Mr. DONOVAN in Washington, D.C., and thereafter, he was almost continually a resident of New York City although maintaining a residence at the home of his mother-in-law in Buffalo at 742 Delaware Avenue.

Continuing, Mr. RAICHLE advised that Mr. DONOVAN's present firm, DONOVAN, LEISURE, NEWTON and IRVINE, 2 Wall Street, New York City, was formed in 1929. The firm has a very large and lucrative practice representing a number of large corporations. Mr. NEWTON was formerly President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad while EDWARD LOMBARD, a former member of this firm, is now United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York. Previously, Mr. LOMBARD was a justice of the New York State Supreme Court. Mr. DONOVAN's firm occupies a high status in legal circles and has an irreproachable reputation.

Prior to his association with Mr. RAICHLE, Mr. DONOVAN had been in partnership with BRADLEY GOODYEAR and GANSON DEPEW, Jr., the latter of whom has been deceased since 1924. Mr. GOODYEAR, now retired, is a resident of Cooperstown, New York. One JULES RANDALL was an associate of the firm for a few years in the 1930's, but died in New York City about ten years ago while associated with one UNTERMEYER. Another former partner of Mr. DONOVAN, EMORY TUCKER, during the period of Mr. DONOVAN's inactive connection with the firm, died about a year ago.

All of these former partners were described by Mr. RAICHLE as reputable attorneys and loyal citizens of good character and associates.

With regard to Mr. DONOVAN's family, RAICHLE stated that his parents have been dead since at least the early 1920's. His father was a laborer and although Mr. RAICHLE does not know for certain, he has heard that the family was in the lower income levels.

Further, Mr. RAICHLE advised that Mr. DONOVAN's wife, RUTH RUMSEY DONOVAN, was a member of a wealthy and socially prominent family. Her brother, DEXTER RUMSEY, is President of the Erie County Savings Bank, Buffalo. Mrs. DONOVAN is well known to Mr. RAICHLE through frequent contacts at various times over a period of approximately 30 years. He considers her a loyal citizen of excellent character, reputation and associates.

According to Mr. RAICHLE, DONOVAN had two children, DAVID RUMSEY DONOVAN, age 35, who is believed to be the operator of a

large experimental farm in Virginia, and PATRICIA DONOVAN who was killed in an automobile accident about 11 years ago while attending college. Mr. RAICHLE had little contact with the children but, to the best of his information and belief, they were of good character and reputation. There was no indication of disloyalty to the United States on the part of either.

*Relations*  
Mr. DONOVAN's brother, TIMOTHY, who died about 12 years ago, was an outstanding Buffalo citizen, Mr. RAICHLE said. His other brother, VINCENT, is a Catholic Priest attached to an order who, for many years, was assigned to New York City. An only sister of Mr. DONOVAN, LORETTA, lived for several years in Ohio, but Mr. RAICHLE vaguely recalls that she later moved to the far west. Mr. RAICHLE has a faint recollection that LORETTA's first husband died and that she remarried.

Nothing derogatory is known to Mr. RAICHLE concerning the loyalty, reputation, character or associates of Mr. DONOVAN's immediate family.

Mr. RAICHLE recommends Mr. DONOVAN's appointment in the most laudatory terms. He said it is difficult to find words to adequately describe the excellent character of Mr. DONOVAN. In Mr. RAICHLE's opinion, DONOVAN is a man of "impeccable honesty in his professional and personal relations." His habits are exemplary and he is a true patriot in fact as well as by reputation. With regard to specific traits of character, Mr. RAICHLE described DONOVAN as "indomitable, aggressive and intelligent." Mr. DONOVAN's personality is "charming and magnetic" and he is an exceedingly capable attorney. In the latter regard, Mr. RAICHLE pointed out that while the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, Mr. DONOVAN successfully tried a number of highly publicized cases and has been outstanding in appellate work. Further, Mr. RAICHLE stated that Mr. DONOVAN is versatile in all phases of legal practice.

Dr. CARLOS C. ALDEN, Dean emeritus of the University of Buffalo School of Law who for several years in the 1930's was counsel for the firm of DONOVAN and RAICHLE, said that at the time of this association Mr. DONOVAN spent practically all of his time in New York City and as a consequence, Dr. ALDEN had little contact with him. However, Dr. ALDEN has known Mr. DONOVAN as an acquaintance over a period of time dating back to approximately 1920.

In Dr. ALDEN's opinion, Mr. DONOVAN is an outstanding American of respectable associations, honest, reliable and capable. As United States Attorney in Buffalo, Mr. DONOVAN rarely engaged in the trial of cases presumably because he had no liking for this phase of the law.



However, he was an excellent administrator and his devotion to duty was unquestionable. In connection with the latter, Dr. ALDEN referred to the fact that DONOVAN, while United States Attorney, had sanctioned a raid upon the Saturn Club of which DONOVAN was then a member. A number of members were charged with violation of the Federal Prohibition Act and as a consequence, DONOVAN lost the friendship of many wealthy and influential men who were members of the club. However, Mr. DONOVAN's action in making no distinction between the various clubs, which at that time were being raided by the Alcohol Tax Unit, was generally applauded by Buffalo citizens. In Dr. ALDEN's opinion, notwithstanding criticism to the contrary, Mr. DONOVAN was perfectly justified in sponsoring the raid.

Speaking of Mr. DONOVAN's former legal associates and partners, Dr. ALDEN described BRADLEY GOODYEAR and GANSON DEPEW, Jr. as respectable citizens who were known to him to be attorneys of good character, reputation and associates. Similar comments were made by Dr. ALDEN relative to EMORY TUCKER, now deceased. JULES RANDALL, former associate of DONOVAN and RAICHLE, was known to Dr. ALDEN only casually as a loyal citizen of good reputation.

#### ACQUAINTANCES

Mr. JAMES W. PERSONS, Official Referee in Bankruptcy, Western District of New York, for more than 30 years, stated that he has known Mr. DONOVAN through frequent contacts as a lawyer until approximately 20 years ago when DONOVAN became inactive in his Buffalo practice. According to Mr. PERSONS, DONOVAN is a man of "great integrity" whose word is his bond and who has a high sense of responsibility as evidenced from the fact that while United States Attorney, he has caused a raid to be made upon lockers of fellow members of the Saturn Club. As a result, DONOVAN was bitterly criticized by a number of prominent citizens and their animosity has continued to the present date. In Mr. PERSONS' opinion, DONOVAN's character is unimpeachable and his associates of the very best. At no time has there ever been any suspicion that Mr. DONOVAN is not the true patriot that he is generally reported to be. Further, Mr. PERSONS stated that Mr. DONOVAN, while practicing in Buffalo, was regarded as a very capable attorney and a very likeable personality. No members of Mr. DONOVAN's immediate family are known to Mr. PERSONS, but with regard to his former partners, BRADLEY GOODYEAR and GANSON DEPEW, Jr., Mr. PERSONS said that these attorneys were men of high repute, excellent character and reputation. Mr. GOODYEAR, a resident of Cooperstown, New York, is now retired and GANSON DEPEW, Jr. has been dead for many years. The latter was the son of a leading citizen of Buffalo.

Included in his remarks Mr. PERSONS said that he would be very happy to recommend Mr. DONOVAN's appointment to any position in the

Federal Government wherein devotion to the welfare of the United States is of prime importance.

Honorable CARLTON A. FISHER, Justice of New York State Supreme Court, Eighth Judicial Division, stated that Mr. DONOVAN prior to leaving Buffalo was very well known to him through professional contacts. On several occasions during DONOVAN's tenure as United States Attorney, Judge FISHER, who was then a practicing attorney, was in frequent contact with Mr. DONOVAN in the handling of cases involving the New York Central Railroad. These contacts with Mr. DONOVAN were highly satisfactory and Judge FISHER had observed that Mr. DONOVAN was undoubtedly a very capable attorney. At that time, DONOVAN was not considered an outstanding trial attorney but in all other respects, his professional status was excellent. In Judge FISHER's opinion, Mr. DONOVAN is a "go getter", ambitious, absolutely trustworthy and exceptionally personable. There is every reason to believe that DONOVAN merited the various honors accorded him by reason of his brilliant war record, Judge FISHER added.

Little is known to Judge FISHER about Mr. DONOVAN's wife other than the fact that her family was socially well established, wealthy and very respectable.

Other members of Mr. DONOVAN's immediate family, excepting his deceased brother, Dr. TIMOTHY DONOVAN, were unknown to Judge FISHER. Concerning Dr. TIMOTHY DONOVAN, Judge FISHER recalled that his brother was an outstanding surgeon of excellent reputation.

As to Mr. DONOVAN's former partners, Judge FISHER said that BRADLEY GOODYEAR and GANSON DEPEW, Jr. were loyal citizens of excellent families, reputable and considered capable. JULES RANDALL, a former associate of the firm DONOVAN and RAICHLE, was unknown to Judge FISHER.

With regard to the Saturn Club incident, Judge FISHER expressed the opinion that Mr. DONOVAN's raid upon this club while United States Attorney was indicative of strong regard for his oath. There was a violation of the law and DONOVAN was willing to risk the possibility that influential members of the Club would resent his action notwithstanding that they had been warned before hand to discontinue the practice of having liquor in the Club.

DONOVAN's appointment was enthusiastically endorsed by Judge FISHER.

Honorable JOHN KNIGHT, U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of New York, stated that while serving as Republican leader of the N.Y. State Assembly at Albany in the 1920's, he had appointed Mr.

DONOVAN counsel to the Commission for the Revision of the New York State Public Service Commission. For several months thereafter, Judge KNIGHT had worked in close collaboration with Mr. DONOVAN on affairs of the Commission. Judge KNIGHT had occasional contact with Mr. DONOVAN while both were engaged in general practice of the law and, in addition, Judge KNIGHT had occasion to discuss several cases with Mr. DONOVAN while the latter was United States Attorney.

Judge KNIGHT has a high regard for Mr. DONOVAN as an attorney and as a man. He described DONOVAN as an outstanding patriot of high principles, dependable and of excellent associates and reputation. Reference was made by Judge KNIGHT to the Saturn Club incident and he expressed approval of the action taken by Mr. DONOVAN.

Concerning Mr. DONOVAN's former partners, GOODYEAR and DEPEW, Judge KNIGHT stated that these attorneys were known to him in a casual way as respectable attorneys of good character and reputation. Nothing which might reflect unfavorably upon their patriotism could be recalled by Judge KNIGHT.

Mr. DONOVAN's immediate family is unknown to Judge KNIGHT.

Mr. DAVID W. SOWERS, Campanile Apartments, who has been a member of the Buffalo Club for approximately 30 years, stated that he has known DONOVAN as a fellow member of this club and also through social contacts since DONOVAN's youth. However, during the past 20 years, Mr. SOWERS has rarely seen Mr. DONOVAN by reason of the fact that the latter has been a resident of Washington, D.C., and New York City. Mr. SOWERS is also well acquainted with the family of Mr. DONOVAN's wife and with his former partner, BRADLEY GOODYEAR. GANSON DEPEW, Jr., now deceased, was known to Mr. SOWERS in only a casual way.

In Mr. SOWERS' opinion, Mr. DONOVAN is "very ambitious" and a "go getter." His reputation in Buffalo is excellent and while practicing here, he was regarded as a leading attorney. DONOVAN's patriotism was never subject to question and he fraternized with the best citizens of Buffalo.

Reference was made by Mr. SOWERS to the Saturn Club incident as an indication of DONOVAN's respectability. His action in this case was very unpopular with a large segment of important people in Buffalo because of their belief that Mr. DONOVAN had betrayed their friendship.

The belief was expressed by Mr. SOWERS that Mr. DONOVAN is well qualified for any position involving complete loyalty to the United States, character and ability.

Concerning DONOVAN's former partners, GOODYEAR and DEPEW, Mr. SOWERS stated that these men were unquestionably loyal citizens of excellent character, reputation and associates. Similar comments were made by Mr. SOWERS with regard to DONOVAN's wife who has been known to Mr. SOWERS since she was a young girl. According to Mr. SOWERS, Mrs. DONOVAN's family was very wealthy and leaders in Buffalo society. No other members of Mr. DONOVAN's immediate family are known to Mr. SOWERS.

NEIGHBORHOOD

City Directories list Mr. DONOVAN as a resident of the following addresses:

1917 to 1919 - 826 West Delavan Avenue  
1924 to 1926 - 810 West Ferry Street  
1927 to 1928 -  
and 1939 - New York City  
1929 to 1938  
and 1940 - 742 Delaware Avenue

Mr. DONOVAN has not been listed in City Directories since 1940.

It is noted that his former residence at 742 Delaware Avenue is now occupied by the University Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars and that all former residences in the immediate vicinity have been occupied for the past several years by business establishments.

Attention is called to the statement of Mr. DONOVAN's former partner, FRANK G. RAICHLE, Jr. that Mr. DONOVAN was rarely in Buffalo during the years 1929 to 1940 and that he has not maintained a residence in this city since the latter year.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The following investigation was conducted by SE  
TERENCE W. KELLEY:

The records of the Buffalo Retail Merchants Credit Association reflect that Mr. DONOVAN has always maintained a satisfactory credit rating and, further, that on September 6, 1941, following his appointment as United States Coordinator of Information, he withdrew from his partnership with FRANK G. RAICHLE, Jr.

According to the above records, the credit ratings of Mr. DONOVAN's wife and son were also satisfactory.

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There is no reference to Mr. DONOVAN or any member of his immediate family in the records of the Buffalo Police Department or Erie County Sheriff's Office.

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With reference to the lead set out in referenced Albany teletype dated June 18, 1953, to interview Mr. WILLIAM J. HICKEY, retired justice of the New York State Supreme Court, who was referred to in reports of the New York State Committee for the Revision of the Public Service Commission as an associate of WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, it is stated that the various persons whose interviews are related in the details of this report, have advised that to their personal knowledge, Mr. DONOVAN was not closely associated with Mr. HICKEY. They explained that HICKEY prior to becoming a Supreme Court Judge was a member of the New York State Assembly and thereafter, Erie County Chairman of the Republican Party, and that DONOVAN's relations with HICKEY were casual and political only in character. By reason of this information, no effort was made to interview Mr. HICKEY in accordance with the aforesaid lead.

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WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, SI. ARBITRATION HEARINGS UNDER NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD IN THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE AMERICAN TRAIN DISPATCHER'S ASSOCIATION AND THE BOSTON AND MAINE RR BEGAN AUG TWELVE NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE OVER THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE CENTRALIZATION TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FROM THE RR TOWER WOULD BE HANDLED BY TRAIN DIRECTORS OR TRAIN DISPATCHERS. HEARING BOARD WAS MADE UP OF COL. WILLIAM J. DONOVAN, NY ATTORNEY, S. E. MILLER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, BOSTON AND MAINE RR AND O. H. BRAESE, VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN TRAIN DISPATCHERS ASSOCIATION. ARBITRATION BOARD DECIDED IN AWARD MEETING NOV NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TRAIN DISPATCHERS WOULD HANDLE. AWARD FILED WITH U.S. DISTRICT COURT, CLERK, DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS. FOR INFO OF BOSTON AND CHICAGO DONOVAN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CHIEF OF MISSION. NEWSPAPERS INDICATE HE IS TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND. BUREAU CONDUCTING THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AS TO CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DONOVAN. CASE MUST BE ASSIGNED TO A MATURE, EXPERIENCED AND WELL QUALIFIED AGENT AND AFFORDED CONTINUOUS ATTENTION TO INSURE THAT JUNE TWENTYTWO DEADLINE IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. BOSTON INTERVIEW MILLER, CHICAGO INTERVIEW BRAESE. SUREP ATTENTION INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, SI SECTION.

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WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, SI. DEPT OF JUSTICE REGISTER REFLECTS DONOVAN  
 APPOINTED ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ON AUGUST FOURTEEN, TWENTYEIGHT,  
 CHARGED WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI TRUST LAWS. APPARENTLY SO SERVED  
 UNTIL NINETEEN TWENTYNINE. WILLIAM D. MITCHELL SERVED AS SOLICITOR GENERAL.  
CHARLES D. LAWRENCE SERVED AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GEN. NY INTERVIEW FORMER AG  
MITCHELL, TWENTY EXCHANGE PLACE AND LAWRENCE, NOW JUDGE U.S. CUSTOMS COURT,  
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TITLE <b>WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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Files of T-1 were reviewed without locating any derogatory information concerning the captioned individual ~~(S)~~

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**REFERENCE:**

**DETAILS:**

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of Baltimore Confidential Informant T-1, another government agency conducting personnel and intelligence investigations, reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a (X) National Agency check, ( ) partial background investigation, ( ) complete background investigation completed on March 26, 1952, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation or loyalty of this individual ~~(S)~~

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Neighbors at Berryville, Va. report that Gen. DONOVAN has owned Chapel Hill Farm for about 15 years but has never lived there, although his wife and son and daughter-in-law reside on farm. Their reputation, character and loyalty unquestioned. No credit bureau Berryville. No criminal record on Gen. DONOVAN

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**REFERENCE:** New York City teletype to Richmond dated 6/17/53.

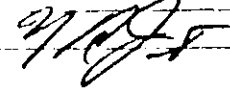
**DETAILS:** AT BERRYVILLE, CLARKE COUNTY, VA.

## NEIGHBORHOOD

Mr. T. M. HOOKER, Mr. CYRUS PINE and Mr. GARIAND M. CARTER, all residing near Berryville and businessmen in the community, informed that Gen. WILLIAM DONOVAN has owned Chapel Hill Farm for about 15 years but has never personally lived there to their knowledge, although he visits his wife, son DAVID, and his daughter-in-law, MARY GRANDIN DONOVAN, who do live on the farm, occasionally on weekends. They reported that the reputation, character and loyalty of Mrs. DONOVAN and Mr. and Mrs. DAVID DONOVAN are above question so far as they know. They also disclosed that DAVID is the owner and operator of the Battletown Transfer Company of Berryville and at the same time operates his father's farm known as Chapel Hill.

## CREDIT

There is no credit bureau in Clarke County, Va.

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p><i>WJ</i> Mr. SAMUEL E. MILLER, 25 Dyer Avenue, Melrose, Massachusetts, advises he is not well enough acquainted with WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN to comment upon fitness for responsible government position.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RUC</u></p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Washington Field teletype to Boston dated June 22, 1953.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p><u>ACQUAINTANCES:</u></p> <p>Mr. SAMUEL E. MILLER, 25 Dyer Avenue, Melrose, Massachusetts, former Assistant General Manager, Boston &amp; Maine Railroad, advised that he met WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN on two occasions while conducting arbitration hearings, but does not feel qualified to comment on his fitness for a position of responsibility with the U. S. Government. He added that DONOVAN impressed him as a person of good character and he personally liked him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RUC</u></p>			
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TITLE <b>WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Records Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, indicate WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN never attended the University. DONOVAN, at the 85th Annual Commencement 6/2/29 at Notre Dame, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Records, Prefect of Discipline, Notre Dame and credit and criminal, South Bend, Indiana, negative.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R U C</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau teletype dated June 15, 1953.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>At South Bend, Indiana</u></p> <p>Mrs. SHARON FALKOVIC, Receptionist, Academic Affairs Office, Notre Dame University, advised after searching their active and inactive records, bulletins, and micro-film, that they had no record of WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN attending the University. The University Bulletins did reflect, however, that WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN at the 85th Annual Commencement on June 2, 1929 at Notre Dame University did receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. The citation read as follows:</p> <p>"A lawyer and soldier, who has served his country well in high civil position and with rare international distinction in the World War as leader of the famous 69th Regiment - Colonel WILLIAM J. DONOVAN of Buffalo, New York."</p>			
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Mrs. PAIKOVIC advised there would be no additional available information concerning WILLIAM J. DONOVAN.

Miss DONNA SCHIACAPASSE, Secretary, Prefect of Discipline's Office, Notre Dame University, advised they had no record on WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN.

JAMES ARMSTRONG, Secretary, Alumni Association, Notre Dame University, advised there would be no additional available information concerning WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN at Notre Dame. He added that Reverend CHARLES O'DONNELL was the president of Notre Dame during this period and is now deceased. He could recall no one at the University that could furnish any pertinent information concerning DONOVAN.

#### CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Mrs. BIANCHE MONTINE, Clerk, Credit Bureau of South Bend, 510 National Bank Building, advised they had no information on the name of WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN.

Mrs. WILHELM GORDON, Clerk, Records Section, South Bend Police Department, advised they had no information of WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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JUN 24 1953

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*Mr. Tolson*  
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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN, SI. REBUTEL TODAY. REPORT OF SA THOMAS L. IAMB, JR., IN CAPTIONED MATTER, SUBMITTED JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST.

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