

This reference sets out information which was received by Special Agents H.O. Hawkins (source not given) regarding a school for commandos which Col. William Donc-van hoped to operate near Frederick, Maruland. This school was to commence 4/20/42.

Memo to the Director from Mr. Ladd dated, 4/25/42
Re: Col. William Donovan's Attempt to Organize a School For Commandos 62-64427-260 (49)

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On 1/15/43 Paul Scheffer, a German journalist of international reputation who was apprehended 12/16/41 as an enemy alien, was paroled by the Attorney General. Brigadier General William J. Donovan appeared on his behalf and endorsed him (Scheffer) as anti-Nazi.

(Source not given)

Memo for the Director, 3/27/44

Re: Paul Scheffer, Alien Enemy Control
61-7566-4810
(87)
SI 62-31615-433
(104) (Statement made by Walter Winchell on his broadcast of 3/26/44)

advised a Bureau Agent (date not given) in the strictest of confidence that Gen. Eisenhower had demanded that Col. Donovan's men be withdrawn from Africa, and that Gen MacArthur had made the same demand with reference to Col. Donovan's men in Australia. Donovan contacted Secretary of War Stimson with reference to having men landed in the Phillipines but Mr. Stimson did not want Donovan fooling around in that country. Apparently the reason for the move on the part of Col. Donovan was that the Signal Corps of the Army had made contact with three different groups of American soldiers which were left on the Phillippines and had apparently taken to the hills.

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Memo for the Director, 1/15/43
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was personally acquainted with William Donovan, who was head of OSS.

Chicago Rpt., 2/19/54
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On or about 3/12/43 an unidentified source advised that Adolfo Rivera Tompkins formerly collaborated of villiam Donovan relative to the procurement of information on French fortifications.

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Correlator's Note: The above data regarding Donovan has been crossed through in pencil in file.

This reference is a Bureau letter dated 4/5/40 to Brigadier General William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, Wash., D.C., enclosing a letter postmarked 3/26/40 which was addressed to Donovan in care of the FBI by the French Military Mission, Wash., D.C.

62-64427-559 (87)



on 4/13/43

NY in the strictest confidence, that his son, was preparing to leave the US on a confidential assignment for OSS. advised that he was a close friend of Col. William J. Donovan of OSS, and that after his son had been turned down by the U.S. Navy because of poor eyes, he contacted Col. Donovan with the nossibility of his son working for OSS. Through associates he was able to obtain a visa for his son. Col. Donovan told that the Japanese and Germans in Dublin were followed constantly by the Irish Secret Service.

NY Let., 4/15/43
Re: OSS -Ireland
62-64427-583
(46,95)
SI 62-60950-10-16
(92) (name searched as William J. Donovan)
SI 62-64427-693
(101) (name searched as William J. Donovan)
SI 62-64427-603
(101) (Name searched as William J. Donovan)

On 4/23/43 Maj. Gen. George V. Strong called the Bureau regarding a memo from Brigadier General William J. Donovan to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Randolph E. Paul with regard to a deposit of American currency in the amount of \$32,200 in a blocked account of the arrangual Rodriguez y cia in the Chase National Ban's of NYC. Gen. Strong had stated that Gen. Donovan had made application to have these funds unblocked.

Mr. Samuel Klaus, Assistant General Counsel of the Treasury Dept. stated that Oscar Schnake, Chilean Ambassador to Mexico, might be a political informant to Gen. Donovan and for that reason Gen. Donovan became interested in an effort to unfreeze the above mentioned blocked account.

Bureau Memo, 8/4/43
Re: \$30,200. Deposited in
NY Bank 12/30/42 by Carlos
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64-25478-3
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Reference was made to a report by at Portau-Prince dated 5/5/43 which included facts concerning the possibility that was an agent for Col. William Donovan.

The files of the Legal Attache. Ciudad Trujillo indicated that in the Dominican Republication Claimed that he was a writer and a Representative of a US Intelligence Agency. It was reported that he presented the American Minister in the Dominican with a letter from Mr. Bob Pell, US Dept. of State. in which letter the statement was made that Pell and had worked together on one of Col. William Donovan's Intelligence Committees. No further information was given indicating that the might have been employed by Col. Donovan.

Ciudad Trujillo Rpt.,

Dominican Republic, Subversive Activities - G 64-21990-8 (32)

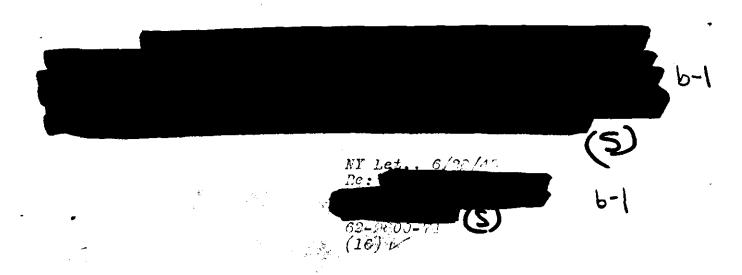
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On 6/8/43 SAC Jerome Doyle at NYC, had an informal chat with Yr. Martin Quigley, owner and publisher of the Auigley Publishing Company and an intimate friend of Bricadier General William J. Denovan. Doyle stated that he was convinced that while Gen. Donovan had an excellent personality and could individually handle any project given him, that nevertheless, Donovan was totally unfit temperamentally is administer any such agency as OSS. Yr. Doyle told Mr. Auigley that he had heard a rumor in MYC that Donovan would be made a Major General and placed in charge of MID. Mr. Quigley said he had heard rothing along this line. Quigley said he believed that he was intimate enough with Donovan that if such were a possible future of Donovan he would have been told by Donovan.

unigley felt that the presence of many former State Department career men in OSS had deterred rather than assisted it (SSS) in its operations.

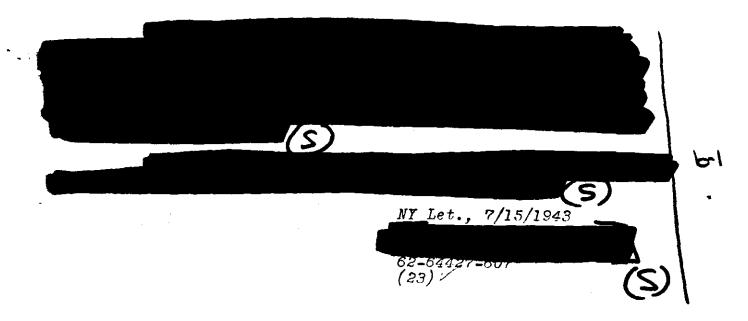
NY Let., 6/8/48 No caption given 63-64427-68776 (94)V 62-64437-68777 (113)K



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On 6/23/43 Martin H. Easton called at the Los Angeles Office by appointment to see the SAC. Easton stated he desired to become acquainted with the SAC in Los Angeles in view of the position he occupied as head of OSS in Los Angeles under William J. Donovan.

Los Angeles Let., 6/25/43 Re: OSS 62-64427-623 (107)



On about March 14, 1946 Malcolm Lovell conferred with Mr. J.K. Mumford of this Bureau, at which time Lovell referred to an entry in his diary for 8/13/43 which stated that on Madison Ave. in NY that evening he was approached by a Swede who said he had a message from his friend Hans Thompson, the former German Ambassador to Sweden. This message stated that German officials were negotiating with the Russians in an agreement whereby the Germans would withdraw from Russia and hold against the Western Allies. Levell was asked to convey this message either to Gen. William Donovan or Harry Hopkins.

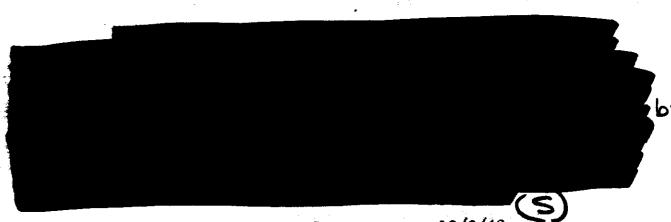
Lovell said that Donovan commissioned him to undertake to offer (date not given) Hans Thompson, then German Ambassador in Washington, \$1,000,000 if the latter would renounce the Nazi Gov't and come out publicly in favor of Western Allies. Thompson refused.

Bureau Memo, 3/14/46 Re: Malcolm Lovell 100-25944-47 (19)/

On Charles Newmark, an assistant to Thomas Dewey, regarding Newmark's chances of obtaining a commission.

NY Let., 9/8/43 with above log
Re:
61-7305-4554
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Bureau nemo, 12/6/43
No caption given,
Enclosing above documents,
Security classification and
evaluation not given
65-33136-39 pg. 1
(119)

This reference is a letter from address not given) dated 10/8/1943 regarding on fidential material which sent to Attorney Ira Chase Keohne and H.V. Broenstrap, 1118 Barr Bldg., Wash., D.C. with instructions that this material was to be delivered to Senator Burton K. Wheeler. On 10/5/43 ceived a letter from Senator Wheeler indicating Wheeler had not received above material. Suspecting that something was amiss made a partial copy of the above material which he planned to transmit to Col. William Donovan of OSS.

43-2423-28 (21)

On Mr. L.R. Pennington had lunch with who had recently returned from duty in said he had secured a transfer from Con and expected to leave within the next two weeks was very distensive with the first fen. Donovan opposed transfer as he (Donovan) wanted to keep from talking concerning the activities of OSS.

made reference to some activity in which the FBI could assist and Donovan immediately deprecated the Director, stating he was no good and not to talk about that guy.

oss were re-hashes of British Intelligence and an additional 10% were re-hashes of data obtained by Polish, Yugoslav and Greek Intelligence. He stated that possibly 5% of the reports submitted by OSS originated with OSS. Tated that the OSS had subordinated itself to British Intelligence. It was felt that Colombia a very conscientious individual.

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The following notation appeared beneath this memo: "I think Pennington and possibly Ladd should see him and get as much of the picture as possible. Then let me have the substance. H."

> Memo for Mr. Tamm, 10/7/43 No caption given 62-64427-688 (112)

On 10/13/43 Mr. Pennington and Mr. Ladd interof OSS relative to the activities viewed vocumed a transfer, which was

contrary to the desires of Col. (William J.) Donovan.

stated that Col. <u>Donovan was losing face</u> rapidly with the President and that felt that the President would be very receptive to a suggestion that I'r.

Hoover take over OSS. he most anxious to see the FBI take over the operation of USS inasmuch as he felt that the operation of OSS had been a miserable failure.

further stated that on numerous occasions. in connection with he had wired Col. Donovan for instructions, but had not received any instructions or advice from hdgrs. of OSS.

Due to the length of this interview the details are not being set out herein. It was believed, however, id not have any particular "Ax to grind", but that he was exceedingly conscientious and that he believed the Donovan organization was a complete failure and a waste of money.

> Memo for the Director. 10/14/43 No caption given 62-64427-689 (105)

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that Najor Ken Downs, formerly with USS who was aide to
General Terry Allen in North Africa had seen Gen. (Villiam)
Donovan during the invasion of Sicily, at which time Gen.
Donovan persuaded Downs to return to the United States and resume his functions with OSS.

tated that Donovan was trying to build up an organization similiar to the FBI, and was very jealous of the achievements and complimentary publicity that the Bureau received.

NY Let., 11/22/43 enclosing NY memo, 11/20/43 Re: OSS 62-64427-747 (30)

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T-6, of known reliability, advised that late in 1942 Gen. William J. Donovan became interested in sending an OSS detachment into China, and such arrangements were made through US Navy. Gen. Donovan was one of the signers of the "Sino-American Technical Cooperative Agreement", known as "SACO" ratified 4/15/43, by the terms of which the US was to supply equipment, material and training to Chinese. The US Navy and OSS participated in "SACO".

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T-6 stated that Gen. Donovan was not satisfied with the intelligence data which the U.S. was receiving.

T-6 stated that in November or December 1943. General Donovan arrived in China and had discussions with Tai-Li. head of Chinese Secret Police.

. This reference also sets out data concerning the following communications written by William J. Donovan which were furnished by T-5 in 1953:

> A memo dated 11/20/43 concerning the Hungarian situation.

A letter dated 1/8/44 concerning the Balkans. A letter dated 11/26/43 concerning British liaison officers in the Balkans.

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This reference is a letter dated 12/3/42 from Calif. D

addressed to Office of War Information setting out information regarding various key positions in both industry and government in California which were held by Nazi sympathizers.

listed Gen. William J. Donovan (Wild Bill) as a personal reference.

Let. from Office of War Information dated 12/8/43 enclosing above let. 100-0-20068 (67)

On 12/8/43 MID, 8th. Service Command, Dallas, Texas, contacted the Dallas Office and advised that representatives of OSS, under the direction of Col. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, were moving into the Dallas area in considerable numbers and requested the SAC in Dallas to find out the reason for this invasion.

The above matter was discussed with who checked with and advised that the obs men were apparently not maxing investigations in the Dallas area but were there for the purpose of recruiting military personnel for OSS purposes.

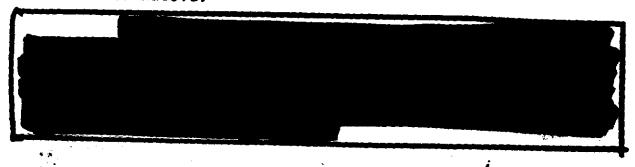
Memo for Mr. Ladd, 1/6/44 enclosing Dallas let. of 12/6/43 No caption given 62-64427-746 (36,67)

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The publication, "Plain Talk" for January 1950 carried an article entitled, "Why Not An Anti-Cominform". This article stated that an Anti-Cominform would work under strictly American control and direction with men like Naj. Gen. William J. Donovan of OSS, and his associate Allen Welsh Dulles, who kept his finger on the pulse of the abortive anti-Hitler rebellion in 1944.

NY Let., 1/11/50 enclosing copy of above publication Re: "Plain Talk" 94-36511-110, encl. pg. 29 (109)/

During interviews with Elizabeth Bentley on April 24, 1951 and January 3, 1952 by a Bureau Agent, Nies Bentley recalled a report given to her by Julius Joseph, an employee in the Japanese Division of OSS, in the last half of 1944, which she believed she delivered to Joseph Katz. This report concerned a proposal by Gen. William Donovan to have NKVD representatives come to US in exchange for an OSS mission to Russia.



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CIA was contacted in March 1953 and requested to determine whether the files of OSS revealed that the Manhattan Engineering District in 1944 furnished any information to OSS or to William J. Donovan concerning a secret project being carried on at Oak Ridge, Tenn. CIA gave a negative reply. (U) unclassified PAL CIA Lt. 9/13/63. Spf. ali

On 7/31/48 Wiss Bentley testified before HCUA regarding exchange of OSS on NKVD Agents as proposed by Gen. Donovan.

WFO Rnt. 8/28/53
Re: was;
Esp-R
65-57913-775, pgs. 7,8,11,
15,17,22
(38,78)

On 3/30/53 CIA was requested to determine whether the files of OSS reflected that the Manhattan Engineering District in 1944 furnished any data to OSS or to William J. Donovan bearing on Miss Elizabeth Bentley's allegations that Lee in 1944 stated that something very secret was going on at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

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WFO Rpt., 12/28/53

Re:
was; Lsp-R, IS Act of 1950

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On 5/23/50 Bureau Agents interviewed Gen. William J. Donovan, former head of OSS, regarding John Stewart Service. Donovan said he met Service in China on several occasions during 1943-1944 on official business and based on first hand knowledge he considered Service loyal.

Donovan stated, however, that Patrick Hurley told him during the war that Service was attempting to sabotage Hurley's efforts in China and Hurley stated at that time that he had documents to show what Service was doing.

Cincinnati memo, 5/25/50
Re: John Stewart Scrvice,
Foreign Scrvice Officer,
Dept. of State, Wash., D.C.
LGE
121-13347-118
(110)

In the May 36, 1944 issue of the Mashington "Post" the Jolunn "Federal Dairy" by Jerry Kluta referred to a "dream" appropriation of OSS and to the fact that for the first time in the course of hearings before the Sub-committee of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives some of the testimony of Gen. Donovan was printed. An examination of the printed matter revealed that on 3/31/44 General Wm. J. Ponovan testified on behalf of OSS but most of his remarks were made off the record.

The committee recommended that the appropriation of OSS be increased from thirty-five million for 1944 to fifty-seven million for 1945. Of the fifty-seven million dollars provided, thirty-five million dollars could be expended for objects of a confidential nature and accounted for solely on a certificate of the Director of OSS.

Memo for Nr. Ladd, 5/30/40 enclosing above column from Wash., "Post".

Re: Testimony of Brigadier General William J. Donovan of OSS Before Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives 62-64437-868 (119)

In the apring of 1944 (exact date not given)

was interviewed regarding his association with Donald Downs, whom he first met in 1942 when they were in OSS School together in Wash., D.C. gave the name of Gen. William Donovan, former head of CSS among a list of persons who might supply information concerning Downs.

Cleveland Rpt., 4/28/44
Re: Donald Chase Downs,
was; Registration Act,
IS-G3
62-67538-223
(21)

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NY Let., 7/17/44
Re: 64-4102/452
(101)

This reference is a letter from CIA, Wash., D.C. dated 11/16/53 which refers to a memo dated 7/29/44 to William J. Donovan in which Donald C. Downs stated he felt he was no longer of use to OSS. This letter carried as enclosures 7 letters pertaining to Downes' employment by Lauchlin Currie and his resignation from OSS which was effective 12/18/44.

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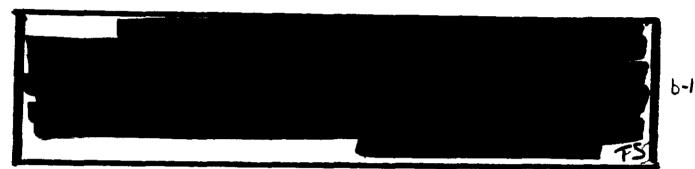
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The above information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

On 5/6/52 Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed by a Bureau Agent in NYC at which time she stated that late in 1944 Duncan Lee had indicated Donovan was considering sending Lee to China. Bentley said that Lee was one of Gen. Donovan's "bright boys" and was particularly close to Donovan in view of Lee's past connections with Donovan's law firm before Lee joined OSS. Donovan felt that Lee could straighten out certain problems in China in view of his having lived in China as a boy.

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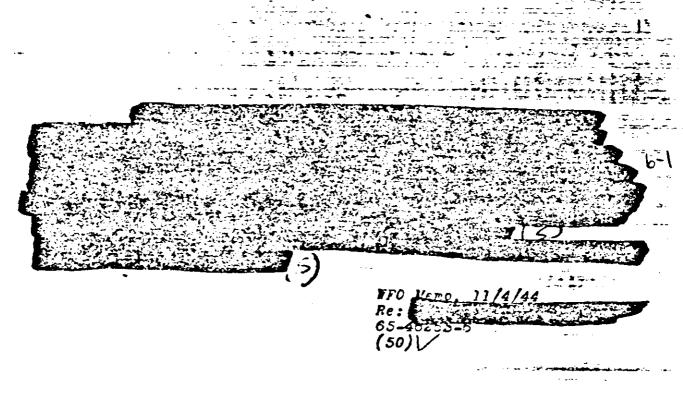
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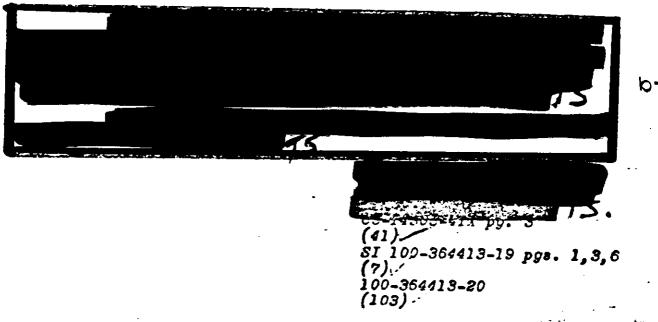
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The personnel files of CIA revealed that Serge Obolenski listed Gen. William J. Donovan as a reference, date not given. Oblenski was assigned outside the U.S. by OSS from September 2, 1943 to October 4, 1944. (4)

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WFO Rn+ 7/25/49
Re:

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65-58277-16
(79)

In the latter part of 1944 according to T-1, of known reliability, John Hamilton went to Washington, D.C. to consult Colonel William Donovan, head of OSS to which organization Hamilton was then assigned. Hamilton approached Donovan to determine the possibility of being sent to Spain to cooperate with the Spanish underground movement in conjunction with OSS, however, Donovan would not make any commitment to Hamilton.

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Los Angeles Rnt. 9/19/50

Re: was;

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100-337177-66
(49)

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On 10/31/44 the President requested OSS Director William J. Donovan to set up a plan for an intelligence service for the postwar period which would be an over-all supervision of all agencies of the Gov't. as to intelligence matters.

On 11/18/44 Donovan made available to the President a memorandum and a suggested plan for above requested intelligence service.

This reference is a memorandum to the Director setting out a synthesis of what the above plan provides, and a summary of its objectionable features as well as errors of omission.

Memo to the Director from Mr. Ladd 11/29/44 enclosing above memo and suggested plan by Donovan as well as the above summary of the plan.

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San Francisco Rpt., 3/15/45 Re: Comintern Apparatus; IS-R 100-209581-4178 (39,46)

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shortly after arrived in the U.S. from Spain he went to Wash., D.C. (date not given) where he had lunch with Eleanor Roosevelt and Henry Wallace at which time they met with Brigadier General William Donovan. Donovan introduced a man named Thompson who had been in Spain for OSS.

San Francisco Rpt., 2/9/45 Re: was; IS-R 100-19248-130 (39) SI 100-203581-3600 (22,40)

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arrived in Mexico On 11/26/44 Shortly after City and secured rooms at the Hotel Reforma. his arrival he was contacted by stated that Maj. General "Wild Bill" Donovan was his commanding officer. He confidentially advised he regarded Donovan as a great soldier, an able lawyer and a smart politician which characteristics made him well suited to his job. He added, however, that Donovan was a poor administrator and stated that this failing was the great weakness of the OSS organization. (4)

unclassified per CIA letter 9/13/83.

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Letter from Office of Civil Attache, Verico City dated 11/28/44 Foreign Wiscellaneous 64-31434-2 $(67)_{1}$

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This reference is a note dated 1/8/45 from Harry
L. Hopkins at the White House enclosing a memo to Mr. Hopkins
from Isidore Lubin, member of the President's Advisory Committee, regarding the establishing of a central intelligence
service. Enclosed with Mr. Lubin's memo was a memo which Gen.
William J. Donovan sent to the President on 12/26/44 relating
to the above intelligence service.

Harry Hopkins note, 1/8/45 with the two memos described above 62-76274-32X (102)

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The State Department sent a letter dated 12/27/44 to General William J. Donovan giving the State Department views relative to the various plans of Postwar Intelligence. The State Department took the position that until such time as all plans from the various interested agencies were in they would prefer to make no statement concerning their views.

Bureau memo, 1/23/45 with above let. attached Re: Postwar Intelligence Plans 62-76274-26 (90)

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Elizabeth Terrill Bentley advised that her last meeting with Maurice Halperin was late in 1944 at which time he was employed by OSS. Early in 1945, she recalled that "Jack", the Russian contact at that time, told her that Halperin had been accused by Gen. William Donovan of being a Soviet Agent and that after this accusation Halperin failed to appear to meet his contact.

WFO Let., 12/11/45
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was, Kaurice Halperin, etal; Esp-R
65-56402-283
(40)

On 2/8/51 T-1, reliability not given, stated that Harry Arthur Husted had previously been employed at the Pit-man Dunn Laboratory, Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia where he described the make-up of the atomic bomb to persons not entitled to such data.

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advised that Husted began telling how helpful he was to the U.S. Gov't. during World War II shortly after he arrived at above laboratory. Husted mentioned having done special jobs for Gen. William Donovan, Head of OSS.

Philadelphia Rpt. 3/12/51
Re:
Atomic Energy Act - Esp.
117-999-12
(50)

During the spring or summer of 1953
and his wife California advised a
Bureau Agent that they were suspicious of
because of his associations with Dr. Alex Bajov, a
white Russian, employed at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton,
Ohio, who had regular contacts with relatives behind the
Iron Curtain.

was a close jivena of Col. Lafever, who was in the printing office of the State Dept. in Wash., D.C. and that LaFever had considerable influence with CIA because his uncle was "Wild Bill" Donovan, wartime head of OSS, and through this friendship with Col. LaFever in Washington he could obtain materials that were scarce during wartime.

San Francisco Rnt. 7/23/53 Re: wa Lu; IS-R 105-22852-9 (70)

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Burlington, Vermont, furnished a 25 page document, the first part of which was entitled, "The Red Thread" and the second part, "The Department of State." This document was prepared by Benjamin
Stolberg, 222 W. 23rd. St., NIC. "The Department of State"
portion of this document sets out information regarding
David Zablowdowsky who was an assistant to Alger Hiss during
the San Francisco conference which organized the United
Nations. During the war Zablowdowsky was with the OSS, where

he was an active member of the Communist "faction" -- General "Wild Bill" Donovan, head of OSS, according to this document had the wild idea that he needed both Communist and Fascists in his outfit, and that he knew how to handle them.

NY Nemo, 3/1/47 with above document
Re: Survey of the U.S.
State Department by
Benjamin Stolberg; IS-C
62-39749-828 pg. 9
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The Kaval Attache, Tel Aviv, advised the Division of Biographical Information, Dept. of State, in April 1949 that had worked in close relationship with the Cairo hages. of USS from 1943 to 1945. He was reported to be personally acquainted with and an admirer of Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, former OSS chief.

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WFO Summary Rot. 7/16/52 Re: Esp-13 65-58621-210 pg. 8 (103)

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