

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 Memo, 3/1/47 with
above document
Re: Survey of the U.S.
State Department by
Benjamin Stolberg; IS-C
62-39749-828 pg. 9
(65)

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The Naval Attache, Tel Aviv, advised the Division
of Biographical Information, Dept. of State, in April 1949
that [REDACTED] had worked in close relationship with the
Cairo Hqrs. of OSS from 1943 to 1945. He was reported to be
personally acquainted with and an admirer of Maj. Gen. William
J. Donovan, former OSS chief. b7C

WFO Summary Rpt. 7/16/52
Re: [REDACTED] b7C
Esp-15
65-58621-210 pg. 8
(103)

was
referred to
DIA by NIS
not heard from
95 of 2-28-80
OK to go per letter
from 1-3-79-80

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[redacted] advised that while an officer in OSS,
date not given. He was assigned by Col. William Donovan to
act as [redacted]
(Donovan was head of OSS from about 1942 - 1945)

Baltimore Rpt., 9/8/49
Re: Owen Lattimore;
IS-R, Esp-R
100-24628-80 pg. 47
(47)✓

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[redacted] (S)
[redacted] (S)

Classified per CIA ltr 9/13/83.

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10-28-83

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Classified per CIA
Letr 9/15/83.

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Bureau Memo, 2/25/53
enclosing above copies
Re: OSS Activities in
Rumania, Information
concerning
100-345605-17
(113)✓

In Donald Chase Downes' book, "The Scarlet Thread, Adventure in Wartime Espionage", there appeared on page 156 an indication that General William Donovan, the head of OSS approved a project to poison cows in Bulgaria during World War II. It was recommended that Liaison determine through CIA whether any record existed in the files of OSS regarding approval by Donovan of the above proposal.

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Bureau Memo 1/26/54
Re: [REDACTED]
was; Registration Act;
IS-GB
62-67538-163
(48)✓

On 4/24/51, Elizabeth Terrill Bentley advised that in January or February 1945 her principal at that time was Jack (Joseph Katz) who told her that Gen. William Donovan had called Maurice Halperin and told him that he knew he was a CP member.

WFO Memo, 8/20/51
Re: Maurice Hyman Halperin
Esp-R
65-14303-50
(26)

This reference contains a memo dated 2/7/45, outlining in general summary form the objections to the plans proposed by General William J. Donovan and the Army SIS plans for U.S. secret world wide intelligence coverage.

Bureau Memo, 2/12/45 enclosing a summary of above plans by Donovan, the Army and the FBI
No caption given
62-76274-74
(69)

This reference is a newspaper clipping received from an anonymous source in NYC postmarked 2/9/45. This clipping is an article from an unidentified newspaper dated Washington, February 9 (INS) and entitled, "New Deal Ducks on U.S. Gestapo." This article stated that the highest administration officials were silent about a front page story in the Washington "Times Herald" asserting Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, director of OSS, had proposed to President Roosevelt the creation of a "super spy system for the postwar New Deal."

62-108-4964
(120)/

This reference is a letter dated 3/2/45 from [REDACTED] Ala., enclosing a newspaper clipping from the Mobile "Press" for 2/9/45 entitled, "Central Intelligence Unit To Replace FBI Proposed." This article stated that President Roosevelt had received a proposal to establish a central intelligence service charged with co-ordination of postwar intelligence work. This memorandum was given the President by Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan. b7D

94-4-2411-25
(75)/

This reference contains newspaper clippings from the Washington, "Times Herald" for 2/9/45 and 2/10/45; the NY "Daily Mirror" for 2/10/45 and the Washington "Daily News" for 2/10/45 concerning a new postwar intelligence service which was under consideration. According to these articles Maj. General William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, had outlined an organization to coordinate the intelligence activities of the armed forces and various civilian agencies.

Bureau Let. to all SAC's.
2/16/45 enclosing above
newspaper clippings.

Re: News Clippings

66-04-36

(106)

SI 62-76274-A Wash.

"Times Herald" 2/10/45

(115)

SI 62-76274-78

(104) (Wash. "Times

Herald", 2/9/45)

SI 62-76274-A, Wash.

"Times Herald" 2/9/45

(121)

The "Diario De Noticias", a newspaper in Lisbon, Portugal, for 2/10/45 carried an article concerning the Donovan Plan which appeared in the "Chicago Tribune", the Washington "Times Herald" and the NY "Daily News" (dates not given). This plan was a proposal, sent to President Roosevelt by Brigadier General William J. Donovan, to establish a powerful information service in order to learn what was happening in the world after the war.

Let. from the Legat Attache,
Lisbon ~~Let.~~, 2/16/45
enclosing above news-
paper clipping along
with a translation of
same.

Re: The Donovan Plan
62-76274-72
(110)

The Washington "Times Herald" for 2/11/45 carried an article entitled "Army, Navy Want Control of 'Spy' Setup". This article stated that a battle for control of the super-intelligence agency had developed between the high command of Army and Navy and Brigadier General William J. Donovan, OSS Director, who advanced a scheme for unification of intelligence activities abroad ~~and~~ superseding existing intelligence agencies at home.

62-76274-A
(89)

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] Discreet efforts were made by [REDACTED] to determine the attitude of Maj. Gen. Smith relative to the OSS, William J. Donovan and his World Intelligence Plan. Maj. Gen. Smith stated that he could see little merit in the plan of Donovan's and he added that Donovan appeared to him to be a most ambitious and power-seeking individual. He added that if he ever had to choose between the FBI and the OSS, there would be no question that he would place his trust in the FBI.

NY Let. 2/21/45

Re: [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]

66-16300-16
(107)

This reference contains a short, detailed, documented analysis of plans submitted for world-wide intelligence coverage by Gen. William J. Donovan of the Joint Intelligence Committee, as well as a detailed summary of the Bureau's plan for the world wide secret coverage.

Bureau memo, 2/15/45
with above plans enclosed
Re: World-Wide Secret
Intelligence Coverage
62-76274-75
(119)

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(S) NY Rpt. 3/31/45

Re: [REDACTED] (S)

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100-334430-99

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The data set out below is ~~excerpts~~ from the book entitled, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation" by Lowenthal: ^{NY}

"On October 18, 1924, two months before Mr. Hoover's title was changed from Acting Director to Director, he submitted a memorandum to his superior, Assistant Attorney General William J. Donovan, reading: It is, of course, to be remembered that the activities of Communists and other ultra-radicals have not up to the present time constituted a violation of the Federal statutes, and consequently, the Department of Justice theoretically, has no right to investigate such activities as there has been no violation of the Federal law."

In March 1945 the OSS discovered copies of State Department and other Gov't. papers in the office of "Amerasia", an American magazine specializing in Oriental matters. Gen. William J. Donovan, head of OSS, took these papers to Secretary of State Stettinius. In their secret conference, two possible courses were mentioned. One was to turn the case

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over the the FBI, the other to present the material to a Federal prosecutor. Gen. Donovan, a former Assistant Attorney General, recommended that the case be referred directly to a Federal prosecutor, his recommendation was rejected.

Bureau Memo, 2/1/51 with
above book enclosed
Re: Max Lowenthal
62-25733-326, encl. pg.
299, 430, 554
(109)✓

This reference carried as an enclosure copies of certain documentary material which was furnished to a representative of this Bureau by Senator Joseph R. McCarthy on 3/31/50. Included in this material was an unidentified page dated 1947 entitled "Communist in Government" which referred to the success which Soviet Agents had in finding Canadians who were willing to betray their country by supplying information to a foreign power. "An application of this idea to American conditions was made by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, former Chief of OSS. As late as March 1945, General Donovan had defended the employment in OSS of such well known Communists as Irving Goff, Irving Fajans, Milton Wolff, and Vincent Lossowski. A number of pro-Communists in OSS were subsequently blanketed into strategic intelligence posts in the State Department. Granting the General's thesis that 'no foreign policy can be stronger than the information upon which it is based,' it can be seen how considerations of wartime expediency have endangered our safety.

In "Life" magazine for 9/30/46 Gen. Donovan declared "The NKVD, the USSR's secret service, operates everywhere and in a highly distinctive manner....NKVD depends characteristically on sheer mass. It has thousands of operators scattered throughout the world in countries friendly and not so friendly. It draws information from a vast number of sources-trained secret agents, agents provocateurs, fellow travelers, Communists, as well as the customary diplomatic channels."

Above document enclosed with
Memo to the AG dated 4/5/50
Re: Owen Lattimore; Esp.-R
121-13347-50X
(80)✓

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On 5/16/50 Bureau Agents interviewed [REDACTED] 670
[REDACTED] in NYC, at which time [REDACTED] that on 3/11/45
he and other OSS officers entered the Amerasia office and
found numerous classified Gov't. documents. These documents
were turned over to Archibald Van Beuren, security officer
for OSS, who in turn gave the documents to Gen. William Donovan,
head of OSS. [REDACTED] said he understood Donovan and Van
Beuren turned over the documents to Secretary of State Stettinius
and that Donovan told Stettinius that it was their problem
since all of the OSS documents found bore State Dept. stamps
indicating they were copies of documents which OSS distributed
to the State Dept.

NY Rpt. 6/22/50

Re: [REDACTED]
was, et al; Esp-C
100-267360-1296 pg. 1,20
(49)

The Washington "Star" for 3/13/45 carried an article
entitled "Donovan Questioned In Probe of 'Reds' Reported in
OSS Jobs." This article stated that Maj. Gen. William J.
Donovan, Chief of OSS, was called before a House Military
Affairs Subcommittee, on above date, to answer questions about
the alleged presence of Communist sympathizers in the OSS.

61-7557-A
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62-62596-A
(115)

This reference is a newspaper clipping from the Washington "News" for 5/6/50 entitled "Donovan Urged Speed After Raid". This article stated that on 3/12/45 Gen. William J. Donovan gave Secretary of State Stettinius 14 secret Gov't. documents which had been found earlier that morning in a raid by OSS agents on the offices of "Amerasia" magazine in NYC.

Gen. Donovan proposed that the whole thing be turned over to the district attorney so he could start grand jury proceedings the following morning. That way, Donovan explained, Philip J. Jaffe and everyone else connected with "Amerasia" could be subpoenaed and questioned with no chance to compare notes.

100-267360-1164
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The Washington "Post" for 3/12/45 carried an article entitled, "Donovan to Face Communist Hunt Among His Aides" which stated that a House Committee would question Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan about reports that some Communist sympathizers were working in the OSS.

61-7557-A
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This reference is an unidentified report dated 1/31/47, NYC, which pertained to a column by George E. Sokolsky in the NY "Examiner" for 1/25/47 concerning Carl Aldo Marzani alias Tony Whales. This column stated that in 1943 the Dies Committee discovered that Marzani was employed by the Office of Coordinator of Information, headed by Gen. William J. Donovan. The OCI eventually became the OSS, the most secret of military organizations in America.

Sokolsky stated, "What I want to know is why Bill Donovan employed Communists in OSS, why they were sacred cows, who protected them, who falsified their records so that in 1947 the 1941 facts are obscured."

Sokolsky further stated that it was essential that General Donovan make the facts of his own relations clear-and his prominence as a Republican should be protective with a Republican dominated committee of congress.

Sokolsky stated that on 3/12/45 Gen. Donovan denied before a congressional committee that the OSS had hired Communists.

77-23443-63
(100)

The Washington "Times Herald" for 3/14/45 carried an article entitled, "Stimson Bars Disclosure of Army Red Data" which stated that during a Congressional inquiry into Communism in the army, Secretary of War Stimson forbade disclosure of loyalty records of commissioned officers before they entered the army. This article stated that Maj. Gen. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, Director of OSS, was questioned by the above Congressional Committee concerning Communistic affiliations in OSS. Donovan stated that "he never took a man into OSS about whom he had any doubt".

61-7557-A
(62,68,108,120)

The Washington "Times Herald" for 3/17/45 carried an article entitled, "House Unit Probe Reveals Red Link of OSS Official." This article stated that Communist affiliations of a key official on Polish affairs in the highly confidential OSS was disclosed as Polish-American groups, denouncing the Yalta agreement, called on the Senate to secure free elections in Poland. Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, head of OSS, was a caller at the White House on 3/16/45 but President Roosevelt said the visit had no relation to Donovan's plans.

62-64427-A
(114)

The "Worker" for 3/18/45, pg. 2, carried a column entitled, "Washington Notes" by Virginia Gardner and Art Shields. This column stated that during the House Military Affairs Committee hearings (date not given) on Communists in the army, the nervous old Ohio Republican, Rep. Charles H. Elston, kept brushing aside the testimonies of two-star generals like Clayton Bissell and William J. Donovan, and reminding the audience of Attorney General Francis Biddle's ruling in 1942 in the Harry Bridges case that the Communists wanted to overthrow the Govt.

100-28126-A

(93)

This reference is a letter from [REDACTED] dated 3/19/45 in which [REDACTED] stated he had found a copy of an article by Dr. W. Langer, of the Research Division of OSS. [REDACTED] stated that this article was the first literary attempt to promote Brigadier General William Donovan's plan for a centralized intelligence agency. b7D

Above letter of 3/19/45
enclosing article by Dr.

Langer

62-76274-82

(51)

On 3/24/45 Lt. Commander R. Davis Holliwell, OSS representative in Hawaii, requested permission to review a report of S.A. Frederick G. Tillman which was a summary of activities in Hawaii on 12/7/41 and prior thereto. Holliwell said that when Brigadier General William J. Donovan was in

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Hawaii, he (the General) instructed him to make this request. Donovan had indicated that he had seen the report and was given to understand it would be available to OSS representatives upon request. It was believed Gen. Donovan was referring to the report of SA John Sterling Adams dated 11/15/42 at Honolulu entitled, "Summary of Intelligence Activities of Honolulu Field Office Leading Up To, During and Following the Japanese Air Attack of 12/7/41."

Honolulu Radiogram, 3/24/45
(Decoded)
No caption given
62-64427-1015
(105)✓

This reference is an unidentified report dated 3/25/41 setting out data which was received from a source close to the German Embassy, entitled "European Situation." This report mentioned the cooperation between the US and Britain and stated that the US was contemplating establishing patrol bases at Newfoundland, Iceland and Ireland. (P) u

It was the opinion of the German individual (the source) that Eamon De Vallera of the Irish Free State would not acquiesce in such a plan as proposed by the US inasmuch as this would make the Irish Free State vulnerable to bombing by the German Air Force. (P) u

The report also stated that ~~Samon~~ De Valera gave Col. William Donovan little encouragement. ~~Mr.~~ De Valera had the highest representative of the Catholic clergy of Ireland present at the discussion with Donovan. Donovan was told, very bluntly, about the subjugation of Ireland from a religious point of view, by England.

66-5424-3-243
(29)

This reference contains a memo dated 4/13/45 for the Attorney General enclosing an analysis of the world - wide intelligence plan proposed by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, Director of OSS. The memo for the Attorney General referred to the principles of the proposed plan as submitted by Gen. Donovan to the Attorney General on 4/6/45. The memo to the Attorney General pointed out weaknesses in and objections to the plan as proposed by Gen. Donovan.

Bureau Memo, 4/13/45 enclosing
above memo and an analysis
Re: World - Wide Intelligence
Plan Proposed by Maj. Gen.
William J. Donovan
62-76274-86X
(112)

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Bureau Liaison Representative
Rome, Italy Rpt., 10/20/45
Re: [REDACTED]
Registration Act
65-10099-95
(13)✓

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On 4/27/45 an individual calling from Loanoke,
Virginia, when informed that Mr. Hoover was out of the city,
stated that he would like to talk with William J. Donovan.
He was informed that Gen. Donovan was not associated with
the FBI.

Director's telephone room
memo, 4/27/45
No caption given
66-3182-404
(109)✓

During the United Nations Conference on International Organization held in San Francisco during April and May 1945, the San Francisco office furnished the State Department numerous memoranda regarding various organizations and individuals.

One of the above memoranda dated 5/1/45 pertained to General William Donovan. According to this memo General Donovan was residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Roth, 1918 Jackson St., San Francisco. This information was obtained from [redacted] and a phone call to [redacted] in San Francisco.

Bureau memo 6/26/45 with
above memoranda enclosed
Re: Golden, Intelligence
memoranda furnished the
State Department
62-77787-1081 pg. 161
(39)

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In May 1945 Mr. DeWitt C. Poole, Chief Foreign Language Adviser to the State Department, made available to this Bureau a pamphlet entitled, "The Study of Foreign Political Developments in the United States - A New Field of Political Intelligence." The first steps toward the organization of the Foreign Nationalities Branch were taken in November 1941 following an intimation by officers of the Department of State to Gen. William J. Donovan that a systematic reading of the foreign language press in the U.S. would be helpful in the conduct of our foreign relations.

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Memo for Mr. Tamm from
Mr. J.P. Coyne, 5/12/45
enclosing above pamphlet
Re: FBI - State Department
Liaison UNCIO
62-77787-1066 pg. 2
(106)

On 5/2/45 the Attorney General advised Mr. E.A. Tamm that he had seen President Truman on 5/1/45 at which time they discussed the (William J.) Donovan plan for world-wide intelligence. The President stated he did not like Donovan's plan. The Attorney General stated that it was believed that the FBI through its Legal Attaches was working highly satisfactorily with the Military and Naval Intelligence Agencies in the U.S. and South America, and following the war, ~~in order that~~ intelligence coverage should be arranged, but that it should not be the Donovan plan. The Attorney General stated that it was not believed that Donovan should handle such a program and the President agreed thoroughly. President Truman stated that he was not convinced as to Donovan's loyalty to President Roosevelt.

Bureau memo, 5/2/45
No caption given
62-76274-88
(117)✓

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This reference is a letter dated 5/2/45 from Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, enclosing a letter from Secretary of War, Stimson, dated 5/1/45 to Gen. William J. Donovan in connection with Gen. Donovan's request for the views of various departments on his central intelligence service plan.

(Evaluation not given)

62-76274-91
(119)✓

SI 62-76274-89

(112) above let. received
from Attorney General
5/3/45 and returned
5/8/45

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Senator Styles Bridges advised Supervisor Auerback of the Bureau that on 5/2/45 he was invited to dinner at the Alibi Club in Wash., D.C. by Hugh Wilson, former Ambassador to Belgium, in order to hear General "Wild Bill" Donovan of OSS tell about his organization. Bridges stated that Donovan's account was very interesting, very definite, and with practically no details. Bridges stated that during the evening Donovan did not mention the FBI by name at any time but "skirted" this by mentioning "other existing agencies."

Memo from C. H. Carson
~~Memo~~ for Mr. Ladd, 5/9/45
Re: General William Donovan, OSS
62-64427-1054
(36)

A memo dated 5/16/45 set out a list of documents which were furnished to Dr. DeWitt C. Poole, Associate Public Liaison Officer and Foreign Language Adviser of the U.S. State Dept., regarding the "FBI Plan for Post-War Intelligence Coverage." Included in this material was a memo entitled, "World-Wide Intelligence Plan Proposed by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, Director of OSS", as well as a memo bearing no caption, dated 4/7/45, wherein the Donovan plan was discussed and to which were attached several photostatic copies of newspaper articles from the Washington "Times Herald" at the time Donovan's plan was exposed.

It was requested that the above documents be returned together with any observations which Dr. Poole might have concerning their content.

San Francisco Memo, 5/17/45
enclosing above memo
Re: Post-War Intelligence
coverage
62-76274-98
(114)✓

The Washington "Daily News" for 5/16/45 carried an article entitled "Donovan, Alderman Named Jackson Aides". This article stated that former Assistant Attorney General Sidney S. Alderman and Major General William J. Donovan had been chosen to aid Supreme Court ^{Justice} Robert H. Jackson in preparing and presenting the case of the U.S. against leading axis evildoers.

62-76878-A
(120)
62-76878-A NY "Times",
5/17/45
(95, 98)

The Washington "Times Herald" for 5/19/45 carried an article entitled, "British Control of OSS Bared in Congress Probe," which stated evidence of the domination of the OSS by the British Intelligence was uncovered by members of Congress looking into operation of the 125 million dollar propaganda and intelligence unit after victory in Europe. The officer in charge of the Calcutta Office of OSS, headed by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, was Lt. Col. Lynn M. Coffey of the British Army, who was on loan to OSS. His assistant was an American, Lt. Sidney Schaeffer.

62-64427-A
(87)

The New York "Times" for 5/31/45 carried an article entitled, "Jackson Reports Accord on Crimes". This article stated that Justice Robert J. Jackson, Chief American War Crimes prosecutor, left London for Washington on 5/30/45 to attend the closing session of the Supreme Court. Mr. Jackson appointed Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan to act in his absence in the trial of war criminals.

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(101, 110)

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On 6/9/45 [redacted] called from San Francisco and stated that with regard to Bishop Paul Yu-Pin, [redacted] advised [redacted] on 6/8/45 that he was well acquainted with Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, in that Donovan's brother, Father Vincent Donovan was a Dominican priest and received his training with [redacted] advised that Mr. Hennessey, an OSS agent, contacted [redacted]

Bureau memo, 6/9/45
Re: Golden
62-77787-948
(89)

A letter to the Director, attention Mr. Ladd, dated 6/10/45 from Donald L. Daughters in Paris made reference to counter-intelligence operations of X-2, OSS. This letter stated that Gen. William Donovan of OSS was responsible for insisting upon absolute and exclusive operation for X-2 in the apprehension of one of the managing directors of the I.G. Farben Company who was held in custody by X-2. (u)

Representatives in Paris refused to make the above official of the I.G. Farben Company available to any Allied Gov't. Agency. Col. H. Gordon Sheen was obliged to intervene and overrule the order of Gen. Donovan. (u)
(Source not given)

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per CIA letter 9/13/83
SP4 elw/ahr
10-31-83

Let. from the Legal Attache
in Paris, 6/10/45
No Caption given
62-76274-101
(14)

State Dept. info
unclassified per
their letter 5-12-81
SP4 elw/ahr
10-31-83

Released as is by letter dated
12-9-83 (190-5134-74)

The "PM" newspaper for 6/11/45 carried an article datelined Washington, June 11, entitled, "Super-Secret-Only 7,500,000 Know It" which referred to how far secrecy was carried in the Gov't. This article stated that on 5/8/45 WJD (William J. Donovan) sent a telegram to William L. Langer, head of Research and Analysis Division of OSS, which was marked confidential in no fewer than three places, but the message was nothing more than a quotation from Drew Pearson's radio broadcast for May 6. Pearson's report, if true, indicated that little gremlins in Donovan's entourage were playing with matches.

100-267360-A
(90)

The "Daily Worker" for 7/28/45, pg. 9, carried an article entitled, "Reveals Big Business Domination of OSS." This article stated that almost every key man in the OSS had direct connections with large international industrial and banking interests. Among those listed as having been key OSS executives were Julius Spencer Morgan and Henry Sturgis Morgan, sons of the late J.P. Morgan, who were special assistants to Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, head of OSS.

62-64427-A
(95)

On 8/9/45 Washington newspapers carried stories following Gen. George Marshall's testimony before the Congressional Committee Investigating Pearl Harbor to the effect that leaks concerning the breaking of the Japanese codes were getting so bad that Marshall asked the FBI to investigate but the Director was afraid of what people would think.

The Washington "Times Herald" for 12/8/45 carried an article which stated that William J. Donovan's agents, in the fall of 1943, without informing the War Dept. raided the Japanese Embassy offices in Portugal and as a result the entire military attache code all over the world was changed. Thus this valuable source of information regarding the European situation was lost.

Bureau Memo, 12/13/45
enclosing numerous newspaper clippings.
Re: Marshall's testimony
concerning Secrecy of Jan
Codes (Magic)
100-97-1-410X
(110)✓

The Washington "Times Herald" for 8/22/45 carried an article entitled "OSS Survival Plan Attacked as Plot for U.S. Super-Gestapo". This article stated that Maj. Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan, head of OSS, was marshaling his resources and ingenuity for a desperate battle to save his organization. He planned to make it a super-intelligence agency controlling the gathering and shifting of intelligence abroad and correlating such units of the Gov't as military and naval intelligence,

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the FBI, postal inspectors and Treasury agents. This plan was denounced in congress as providing for the creation of a super-gestapo.

62-64427-A
(68)

On 8/22/45 Jim Murphy of OSS, told Col. Harry Cooper that General Donovan (probably Gen. William J. Donovan) wished to talk with Cooper. Cooper gave Murphy his telephone extension at the Department of Commerce. Murphy stated he would make an appointment and advise Cooper as to when he was to see Donovan.

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WFO memo, 8/28/45

Re:

Black Market
Activities in NY Area; FAG-
Miscellaneous
46-10937-46
(106)

This reference is a newspaper clipping (date and name of newspaper not given) entitled, "Future of OSS Up to Congress by Revel S. Moore, United Press Staff Correspondent, datelined Washington, 8/31/45. This article stated that since the OSS was a wartime agency, it was planning to go out of its creator and head, was planning to return to private law

practice. The General felt that the country's interests required a peacetime agency performing comparable functions. The General outlined his views to the White House, to governmental agencies concerned and to members of Congress.

A Director's office routing slip attached to this newspaper clipping contained the following notation: "Obviously inspired. H."

62-64427-1116
(66,120)

While President Truman was visiting his family in Independence, Mo., in September 1945, he extended an invitation to Morton P. Chiles, Bureau Agent, (through Chiles' father) for Chiles to visit him at the White House. Chiles stated that his visit with Mr. Truman would afford a good opportunity to discuss with him informally the merits of the Bureau's participation in World Wide Intelligence. Chiles stated that on [REDACTED] he met with [REDACTED] for the purpose of discussing the World-Wide Intelligence plan proposed by Gen. William J. Donovan. [REDACTED] advised confidentially that the President was not impressed with Donovan's plan. A blind memo setting forth concisely the Bureau's position in this field was suggested in order that this information might be available to the President during Chiles' visit with him.

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This reference contains the following notation:
"It would be desirable to do it orally. H."

Memo to the Director from
Morton P. Chiles 9/22/45
No caption given
62-76274-131
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This reference contained a Bureau letter to Gen. Vaughan outlining in summary form the accomplishments of the SIS program, as well as a 7 page memo dated 9/3/45 which analyzed the new Gen. William J. Donovan plan, the FBI plan, the former Gen. Donovan plan, and the Army plan, together with a memo dated 9/3/45 which was a shorter memo analyzing the Gen. Donovan new plan and the FBI plan with emphasis on the relationship between policing operations and intelligence operations.

Bureau Memo, 9/3/45 enclosing above documents
No caption given
62-76274-121X
(110)

On 9/5/45 Bureau Agent C.H. Carson advised that while stopping over in Uruguay, in route to the U.S. from Argentina, he talked with U.S. Ambassador William Dawson regarding the Bureau's SIS work. Ambassador Dawson stated that in his opinion an independent intelligence organization such as Gen. Donovan seemed to be espousing would merely send in a lot of uncoordinated and uncorrelated reports from other sources and would contradict the reports of the secret intelligence agency involved.

Bureau Memo, 9/5/45
Re: William Dawson -
U.S. Ambassador to
Uruguay
64-4478-215
(78)/

This reference is a memo to the Attorney General dated 9/6/45 which set out information received from two independent outside sources relating to Gen. (William) Donovan's plans for a new agency under the name World-Wide Intelligence. According to the above sources Gen. Donovan had selected Brigadier General John Magruder to head the new organization.

62-76274-130
(36) /

This reference is a newspaper clipping entitled "The Great Game of Politics" by Frank R. Kent which appeared in the 9/7/45 issue of the Washington "Star." This clipping stated that before the war there was no adequate coordination between the Army, Navy, State, Treasury or FBI. Right after Pearl Harbor, Gen. William J. Donovan pointed out the absurdity and danger of this situation to President Roosevelt and convinced him of the necessity of coordination. Mr. Roosevelt created the position of Coordinator of Information for the then Col. Donovan, ordered every intelligence service to turn over to him what it had and what it got. Donovan recruited an organization of experts mainly from the faculties of big universities, and in a few months gave us for the first time in American history a really coordinated intelligence service.

The following notation appeared beneath this clipping:
"He must be on Donovan's payroll. H."

62-64427-1129
(111)

TREASURY

On 9/26/45 William J. Donovan addressed a letter to [REDACTED] thanking him for the splendid service that he rendered to the OSS organization. Donovan stated that [REDACTED] leadership and achievements had contributed mightily to the part played by the OSS and the successful conclusion of the war. Above information from [REDACTED] personnel file at the Treasury Dept.

OK to release

WFO Rpt. 3/10/54

Re: [REDACTED]

IS-R

105-25863-12

(75)

TOP SECRET

An OSS inter-office memo dated 9/10/45, Latin American Division, to Gen. William J. Donovan, from Maurice Halperin, via William L. Langer, was concerned with "Latin American Division Outpost Operations" and set forth the need for a unit to examine 50,000 pages of Italian and German documents collected by the division's target operatives, which were being sent to Washington. Above received from T-1 [redacted] CIA, on 7/16/53.

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unclassified per
CIA ltr dtd 9/13/83.
SP4 elw/ahr
10-28-83

WFO. Rpt., 10/19/53
Re: Maurice Hyman Halperin;
Esp-R, IS Act of 1950
65-14303-116 pg.5
(85)✓

On about 9/21/45 Ambassador Spruille Braden stated that he had talked with the Director concerning World-Wide Intelligence when the possibility of William Donovan, OSS head, obtaining control of the field was discussed. Braden indicated his willingness to discuss the matter with the Director on his (Braden's) arrival in Washington (date not given.)
(Source not given)

Buenos Aires Radiogram,
9/21/45 (decoded)
No caption given
62-76274-135
(8)✓

letter
by
date 12-9-83
(100-5134-74)

The St. Louis "Post - Dispatch" for 9/23/45 carried an article entitled, "To Arm With Facts." This article stated that Maj. Gen. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan recommended an independent permanent agency to take over where the Wartime OSS left off but President Truman did not accept this recommendation. Donovan proposed Sumner Wells to head a unified, independent intelligence agency.

62-64427-A
(66,115)

On 4/10/53 the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee commenced a series of hearings on interlocking subversion in Government. The subcommittee made public a secret memorandum on espionage in the Gov't., dated 11/25/45 which was prepared by an intelligence agency of the Gov't. This memo concerned the case of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster which was brought to the attention of the Bureau on 11/8/45 by Elizabeth Bentley. The head of one of the important groups of Soviet espionage with whom Bentley maintained liaison was Victor Perlo of the War Production Board. Among the individuals in this group was Maj. Duncan Lee of William Donovan's law firm in NYC who also was in the OSS.

Bureau Memo, 8/25/52 with
report of above sub-
committee enclosed
Re: Report of the Senate
Internal Security Sub-
committee on Interlocking
Subversion in Gov't Depts.
62-88217-1200 encl. pg. 2
(46)
~~62-88217-1200~~
~~(46)~~

On 11/26/45 Elizabeth Bentley advised that Maj. Duncan Lee had learned through Col. William Donovan of a proposal made by Donovan to have some NKVD representatives come to the US in exchange for an OSS mission to Russia. Miss Bentley said Mr. Hoover was supposed to have remarked that it wouldn't make too much difference if the NKVD did come over because they had been here since the establishment of Amtorg.

NY Teletype, 11/28/45
Re: Gregory Silvermaster,
was, etal; Esp-R
65-56402-86
(30)
SI 65-56402-142
(47)
SI 65-56402-2452 pg. 2
(100)

The "Daily Worker" for 11/29/45, pg. 12 carried an article which stated that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan of NYC, who had been assisting in the American prosecution of Nazi War criminals, was leaving the staff to rejoin his law firm in NY. Donovan denied reports that he was going home to report to President Truman a complaint that conduct of the trial was unsatisfactory.

62-76876-A
(109)

[REDACTED]

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Bureau memo, 10/21/46 enclosing a summary entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of U.S. Gov't." Re: Gregory; Esp-R 65-56402-1862 pg. 164 (90)✓

OK to release

ARMY

This reference is a report from MID dated 12/12/45 which set out data obtained from Max Manus, a Norwegian citizen, who arrived in the U.S. on 10/24/45 on business as an office equipment sales manager. Manus served with the resistance forces in Norway during World War II and worked in connection with OSS and the British Intelligence Service. Manus was reported to be uncooperative. He (Manus) had a letter of commendation which was endorsed by Maj. Gen. William Donovan.

(Source evaluated as fairly reliable, information as possibly true)

109-12-260-23 (23)✓

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[REDACTED]

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NY rpt., 10/17/46
Re: Gregory; Esp.-R
65-56402-1079, p. 3, 6, 8
(96)

TOP ~~SECRET~~

In the latter part of 1946 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he first became acquainted with Aubrey Wellington Nelson in [REDACTED] when both were employed by OSS. Nelson later went to Wash., D.C., where he worked directly under William J. Donovan. Donovan was out of the country at the time of this investigation and therefore was not interviewed.

[REDACTED] an employee of Central Intelligence Group, advised that Nelson worked in Wash., D.C., under the supervision of OSS Director William Donovan prior to his first trip out of the country (date not given).

WFO Rpt. 12/13/46

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Applicant -
Central Intelligence
Group
118-84-9
(7,79)

This reference is a resume of information contained in Bureau files in March 1949, concerning John Foster Dulles. In 1946 [REDACTED] MID, advised the Bureau that he was periodically contacted by George Michanowsky, [REDACTED] according to Local Board #31 in NYC, who reported that when Gen. William Donovan was director of OSS he made all information available to Allen Dulles, one of his assistants. Dulles in turn made all information available to his brother John Foster Dulles.

Memo for Mr. Nichols from Mr. Jones,
3/28/49
Re: John Foster Dulles
62-84466-7 pg. 13
(16)✓

~~TOP SECRET~~

The personnel records of McGraw - Hill Publishing Co., where John Donald Wilson was employed as Economics Editor from January 1, 1946 to May 5, 1950, revealed that Wilson gave William J. Donovan, OSS, 2 Wall St., NYC as a reference.

NY Rpt., 5/1/51

Re: [REDACTED]

IS-R

105-14337-4

(84)✓

Newspaper clippings from the Washington "Daily News" and the Washington "Post" of January 3, 1946 indicated that Maj. Gen. John R. Deane, who headed the U.S. Military Mission to Moscow, had retired from the Army and had written the book, "The Strange Alliance" which was published by the Viking Press in NYC.

Among the revelations in this book was the fact that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, head of OSS, had made an agreement for liaison with two officials of the Soviet NKVD, Lieutenant General P.M. Fitin and Maj. Gen. A.P. Ossipov, under which OSS-NKVD cooperation was carried out in 1944 and 1945.

Facts concerning the OSS-NKVD agreement are set out in this serial.

Bureau Memo, 1/6/47

Re: "The Strange Alliance"
by Maj. Gen. John R. Deane
100-348290-4

(103)✓

ARMY

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War Department records revealed that Duncan C. Lee gave Col. William Donovan, OSS, Wash., D.C., as a reference on his War Department questionnaire. The above records also indicated that Duncan C. Lee was employed by the law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton, and Lumbard in NYC from September 1939 to July 1, 1942.

On 1/4/46 Duncan Lee made reservations for Gen. Donovan and Oswald Doering at the Shoreham Hotel in Wash., D.C. for January 5 and 6, 1945.

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WFO Rpt., 1/28/46
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., etal;
Esp.-R
65-56402-466, pgs. 69, 72
(41)✓
SI 1st paragraph above
65-56402-3311
(100)✓

The Oakland, California, "Tribune" for 1/16/46 carried a column entitled, "Matter of Fact" by Joseph and Stewart Alsop. The column stated that the decision to create an effective intelligence service represented a victory for able, hard-working Brigadier General John Magruder. Magruder inherited from "Wild Bill" Donovan what was left of OSS after its numerous enemies in the Gov't. persuaded Truman to dismember the OSS.

San Francisco Memo, 2/1/46
enclosing letter dated
1/17/46 and above newspaper
clipping which was received
from [redacted]
Re: OSS
62-64427-1161
(68)✓
(b)(1)(A)

In connection with the publication of his book, "The Great Conspiracy", Albert E. Kahn furnished the Little, Brown Company, date not given, with a list of persons in the U.S. with whom he claimed to have a personal relationship. This list revealed the name of Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, OSS, Wash., D.C.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
Bos. let., 1/22/46
Re: Albert E. Kahn;
IS-R
100-74021-55
(104)
SI 100-74021-70
(118)

Albert E. Kahn's book, "The Great Conspiracy" was published 2/6/46 by the Little, Brown Company at which time Major General William J. Donovan received an autographed copy.

[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
Bos. Rpt., 4/19/46
Re: Albert E. Kahn;
IS-C
100-74021-83
(104)

On 1/24/46 Maurice Halpern went to the building
in which William Donovan's law office was located.
(fisur)

NY Tel., 1/24/46
Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, was; et al
65-56402-398
(31)✓

The "Washington Daily News" for 2/11/46 carried
an article entitled, "Nazi Spy Secrets" which was the first
of a series of nine articles dealing with exploits of Nazi
spies as revealed by Herr X, chief code teleprinter for the
Nazis until the end of the war.

An insert to the above article gave Maj. Gen.
William (Wild Bill) Donovan's comments on the articles.
Donovan stated that these dispatches emphasized the need for
a coordinated, central intelligence service in the U.S. Dono-
van also stated that these stories pointed out that spying among
nations was not a haphazard cloak and dagger business but
called for the hardest kind of intellectual sweat.

65-47826-267-A
(23, 60)
65-37198-267-A Wash. News,
2/11/46
(23, 69)

The Washington "Evening Star" for 3/25/46 carried an article entitled, "300,000 Jews Killed By Gestapo in Warsaw In '43, Donovan Says". This article, datelined Cleveland, March 25, stated that Gestapo agents in Warsaw segregated 400,000 Jews from the rest of the city by walls with all outlets sealed and in the summer of 1942 300,000 of the victims were destroyed according to Major Gen. William J. Donovan.

100-211446-A
(111)

This reference is a letter dated 5/16/46 from ~~John~~ J. Bioussé, Director, Department of Radio talks, Columbia Broadcasting System, NYC, inviting Mr. Hoover to participate in the program, "In My Opinion" on 5/27/46 when the subject for discussion would be, "What Kind of Overseas Intelligence Unit Should We Have in Peacetime?" The other speaker was to be Major General William J. Donovan. Above invitation was declined by letter dated 5/21/46.

94-4-925-118
(108)

[REDACTED] (S)

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[REDACTED] (S)

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General William Donovan was listed as one of the principal contacts of Duncan Chaplin Lee. Lee was employed by the law firm Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Lombard in NYC before he obtained a commission in the US Army. (date not given)

Specific source not given

Above [REDACTED]

enclosed with

NY memo. 5/10/46

[REDACTED] (S)

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100-342434-7
(115)✓

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In accordance with a request from the Los Angeles Office the WFO set out information regarding numerous individuals who were either close friends or contacts of [REDACTED]. One of these individuals was James Russell Murphy who, according to his application for admission to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia dated 12/9/30, was employed as law clerk for William J. Donovan, Wash., D.C., from July 1929 to December 1930. On this application Murphy stated he hoped to practice law continuing his association with Donovan's law firm. On 5/12/47, Murphy advised WFO that during the war when Donovan was head of OSS he (Murphy) was Donovan's executive officer.

Another of these individuals, Robert Prather Joyce, worked under Gen. Donovan in OSS from May 1945 to June 1946. In his application for re-employment in the State Dept., (date not given) Joyce gave Gen. Donovan as a reference, according to State Dept. files. (u)

State Dept info unclassified
per their letter 8-12-81.

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10-31-83

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CIA etc 9-13-83

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10-31-83

WFO Rpt. 11/23/48

Re: [REDACTED]

was; [REDACTED]

was; IS-R

100-346290-27

(16,76)

Released as is by letter
dated 12-9-83
(190-5134-74)

[REDACTED]

On [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (b)(7)(D)
WFO Rpt., 7/2/46
Re: Nathan Gregory
Silvermaster, was, et al;
Esp-R
65-56403-1350 pg. 37, 39, 40
(50, 62, 117)

On 6/10/46 Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan was one of the speakers at a rally sponsored by the Committee for a Just Peace With Italy held at Madison Square Garden to celebrate the new born Italian Republic.

(Bureau Agent attended above celebration)

NY Rpt., 10/21/46
Re: The Committee For A
Just Peace With Italy;
IS-C
100-344870-3
(93)

[REDACTED] b7D

WFO Tel., 6/20/46
No caption given
65-56402-1287
(41)
SI 65-56402-1-615
(69) [REDACTED] b-2

A report compiled by [REDACTED] dated 6/27/47 indicated that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan was a member of the Board of Directors of World Commerce Corporation. b7D

NY Memo, 8/4/47
Re: British Intelligence
Service
65-5081-578
(93)

[REDACTED] made available to the SAC in Los Angeles correspondence which [REDACTED] had received from Gen. William J. Donovan, dated 7/5/46. In this correspondence Donovan was objecting to script which 20th Century-Fox was using to make a picture on OSS. It was finally decided to make the picture purely fictional.

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Memo to Mr. Tolson from
Mr. Nichols 7/19/46 en-
closing above correspondence
No caption given
62-64437-1175
(73)

On 7/16/46 [REDACTED] advised that he had discussed with Messrs. Hottel and Hennrich the facts concerning the Chemical Warfare Division of the War Department. At that time, [REDACTED] stated that confidential information had been received reflecting that Gen. English, Assistant Chief of the Division, attempted to be appointed Division Head. Gen. English had considerable political support, including that of Gen. William Donovan (Wild Bill), although Gen. English remained as Assistant Chief.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd from
[REDACTED] 7/16/46
Re: Interstate Machinery
Company, Inc.; et al;
FAG
46-11508-92
(35, 62)

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It was believed that the close association between Thayer and Col. Donovan was the basis for Thayer's reputed claim of being able to get information.

NY Let., 7/15/48
Re: Nicolae Malara, was
IS-R-Rumanian
100-344488-80
(60,84)

STATE
&
CIA

This reference is ^{copy of} an incoming airgram ^{from the American Embassy Panama.} to the State Dept. dated 7/20/48 which was received from the State Dept. through Liaison. This communication refers to a suggestion of Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan that the Panama Canal be closed to Russian ships. This reference stated that only 23 Russian vessels transited the canal during the fiscal year just ended. (U)

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Dept. ltr. 5-12-81

64-2502-41
(114)

and
CIA ltr 9-13-83
SP4 elw/ahr
10-31-83

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