On 5/23/51

contacted Mr. Wichols at the Bureau.

advised that in 1945 a Major Holohan was killed in

Italy. At the time he (Major Holohan) had \$100,000 on his

person which was never found.

advised that

the American major was

muracrea by Lieutenant Alab Icardi, who was then with 055, and Sergeant Lodoloc, who originally came from Rochester, NY.

stated that one of the two Americans had confessed to the murder, but they were not prosecuted as a result of a ruling from the Department of Justice. stated that his source for this information was the US Embassy in Rome.

stated that in the early part of 1951 Gen.

William Donovan said
he had heard
found out.

Stated that obviously Donovan was werried.

Stated he gave Donovan only the facts on which he had documented proof.

Burecu Memo, 5/36/51 No caption given 94-3-4-166-109 (42)

During the radio broadcast of Walter Winchell on 5/27/51, Winchell stated, "General 'Wild Bill' Donovan arrives in New York City Tuesday with one of his wings in a sling. The official version, ladies and gentlemen, is that 'Wild Bill' had a fall at Strasbourg. I hear he was wounded in a fight between intelligence agents in Arabia.

Bureau Memo, 5/28/51
Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast, 5/27/51
62-31615-600
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A letter to the Bureau dated 3/1/54 from

WFO Rpt., 4/27/54
Re: Duncan Chaplin Lee, was;
Esp-R; IS Act of 1950
100-364413-194
(86)

During Walter Winchell's radio broadcast for 9/23/51, Winchell stated that Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan, head of OSS in wartime, was back in Italy on an undercover assignment checking the murder of Captain Holohan.

Bureau Memo, 9/24/51 Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast, 9/23/51 62-31615-691 (66) This reference is a report dated 9/29/51 from CIA which stated that William J. Donovan, NI, was a member of the Promotion Committee of the World Fraternity of Scholars. According to the bylaws, this organization was founded by men and women who believe in a spiritual interpretation of the universe which they use as an inspiration for prompting justice, friendship, understanding and collaboration among people of all nations, races and religions.

CIA lth 9-13-83.

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(Source evaluated as usually reliable, information as probably true)
62-93038-2
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T-4, of known reliability, advised that John Galway Foster while residing at the St. Regis Hotel, NYC, from December 17, 1951 to January 2, 1952, made a telephone call to REctor 2-4100 on December 26 and 28, 1951.

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advised that telephone # REctor 2-4100 was listed to Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lumbard and Irvine, attorneys at Law, 2 Wall St., NIC. William J. Donovan was a senior partner in the above law firm.

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Re: Esp. -R 65-60260-17 (102) b-1 Clasified F CIAltr 913-83. SPJ elw/ahr 10-28-83 (5)

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WY Rpt., 2/13/52

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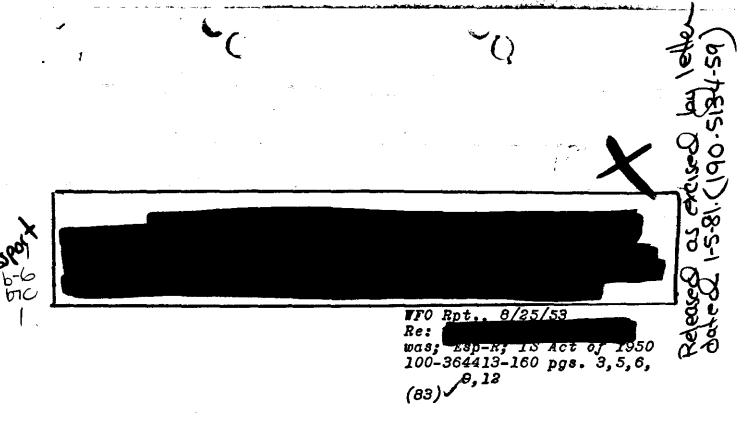
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On 3/12/52 Congressman Judd of Minnesota called this Bureau and stated that the airline which General Chennault headed in China had been the cause of great concern to him. He stated that following the British recognition of China, several pilots tried to deliver planes belonging to the airline to the Communists. "Wild Bill" Donovan was handling this matter for Chennault in China.

Congressman Judd mentioned a story which Duncan Lee had told to Elizabeth Bentley regarding a conference attended by Lee, Mr. Hoover, Admiral Leahy and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during the war years, at which time the question arose as to whether our Gov't. would permit NKVD Agents to come to this country and Mr. Hoover took the position that there were so many Russian Agents in America then that a few more would make no difference. Congressman Judd was advised this statement was untrue.

This reference contains the following notations:

"I never attended any such conference. H." It is not only untrue but I personally protested to Pres. Roosevelt about the plan (It was one of Bill Donovan's brain children) and the President took my

Memo to Mr. Tolson from Mr. Wichols, 3/15/52 No caption given 100-364413-56

T-2, of known reliability, advised that Notice L. Amoss was closely connected with Col. William Donovan of Office of Coordinator of Foreign Information in Wash., D.C.

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The Reserve Officers file on William J. Donovan requested the Adjutant General of the Far Dept. on 4/28/42 to commission Amoss be a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserve Corps.

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NY Rpt. 10/8/53
Re:
aka, Miscellaneous,
Information concerning,
Esp.
65-58025-50
(14)

In the spring of 1952 a name check request was received from G-2 for information of a subversive derogatory nature contained in Bureau files concerning William J. Donovan. A review of Bureau files revealed a quantity of material pertaining to Donovan and his activities in connection with OSS during World War II, however, it was noted no information of a subversive derogatory nature concerning Donovan was contained therein.

It was recommended that G-2 be advised that no information appeared in FBI files pertinent to their inquiry.

Bureau Memo, 4/22/52
Re: William J. Donovan
Name Check
62-60527-29416
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This reference sets out information concerning who was formerly connected with the OSS (dates not given) used as references individuals such as William J. Donovan and others. was not considered to be friendly toward the Bureau, and was somewhat of a controversial figure in intelligence circles (Source not given)

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Bureau Nemo. 5/10/52

Re:

aka

02-00974-144

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The Congressional Record for 6/6/52, page 6913, set out information concerning the Committee to Defend America by Aiding Anti-Communist China which became active in the latter part of 1949 and issued a quantity of literature urging China aid. Gen. William J. Donovan was one of the officers of this organization.

Above Congressional Record enclosed with Bureau Memo, 6/12/52 Re: China Lobby 97-3076-19 encl. pg. 6913 (100)

Casafied per Memo to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Ieay, 7/8/52

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On 9/11/52 Bureau Agents interviewed at which time stated was trying to develope an invention which would take smoke out of the air, and in this regard, a corporation had been formed called the Electronatom Corporation with offices at 30 Rockefeller Plaza and laboratory at 7 West 45 St., NYC. This corporation was being promoted by Gen. William Donovan.

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NY Rpt. 9/29/52 Re: was; 18-R 100-348703-65 (51) On 10/13/52 a Bureau Agent interviewed in Honolulu concerning statements made by indicating that was a friend of Mr. Hoover. related that was the third man recruited by "Wild Bill" (William) Donovan when he (Donovan) organized the OSS.

Honolulu Memo, 10/14/52
Re: aka;
Impersonation
47-42412-3
(14,60)

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The Washington "Post" for 10/24/52 carried an article entitled, "16 Lawyers Assail Adlai On Hiss Case" which stated that 16 NY attorneys accused Democratic Presidential nominee Adlai E. Stevenson of displaying "bad judgment" in testifying for Alger Hiss in Hiss' perjury trial. Included in this group of 16 lawyers was J. Edward Lumbard, Jr., former Justice of the Supreme Court of NY County and a law partner of William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan.

74-1333-A (61,81)

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On 3/25/54 the WFO submitted an affidavit dated 1/14/53 in which Bernard Joseph Reis explained or denied Communist front associations and specifically denied CP membership. In this statement Reis stated that he was Treasurer of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, Inc. on which Board, among others, was Gen. William J. Donovan.

Above affidavit enclosed with Bureau memo. 4/2/54
Re: SU-C
100-371065-14 encl. pg.5
(87)

6-6 670 On 1/16/53. In the made various comments to Liaison Agent Papich regarding nimself and the future of CIA. Said that President-elect Eisenhower had assured him that Allen Dulles was definitely assuming the duties of CIA Director. Stated that William "Wild Bill". Donovan was exerting all ejjorts to become Director of CIA. admitted that Donovan was getting some support, but he personally felt that Donovan would be "bad for the agency."

Bureau Memo, 1/17/53 Re: CIA 62-80750-2032 (1/4,69)

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On 3/4/53

Induised Bureau Liaison Agent Bates that

William J. (Wila Bill) Donovan had been designated as a Consultant to Mutual Security for East-West trade.

Stated that Governor Stassen was interested in a check of Bureau files on Donovan for any subversive derogatory data and also desired to know whether the Bureau had conducted an investigation on Donovan. It was recommended that be advised the Bureau conducted no investigation on Donovan.

The following notation appeared on this memo: "O.K. Suggest to the would be better procedure to check before such appointments are made or announced. H."

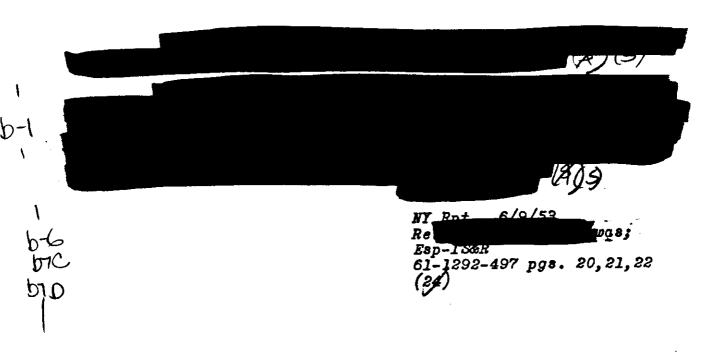
Bureau Memo, 3/11/53
Re: William J. (Wild Bill)
Donovan, Consultant
77-0-521
(63,113)

Regarding the above request of 3/4/53 from for a check of Bureau files on William J. (Wild Bill)
Donovan, tated he had informed Governor Stassen of Donovan's efforts to subvert the Bureau in the domestic intelligence field. Stassen stated that Donovan was being used only as an intermittent consultant for a short period.

According to Kenneth Hansen of Mutual Security, stated that Donovan wanted to set up an intelligence office in connection with his work for Mutual Security, but that Hansen had discouraged this and had told that if Donovan insisted he would go directly to Stassen to keep Donovan from doing this.

The following notation appeared on this reference: "All Donovan needs in anything is an entering wedge. H."

Bureau Memo, 3/17/53
Re: William J. (Wild Bill)
Donovan, Consultant, Mutual
Security Agency
77-0-522
(63,78)



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NY Memo. 4/7/53

NY Memo, 4/7/53
Re:
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61-1292-467
(31)

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Memo to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Keay, 4/30/53
Re:
Information concerning
62-80750-2109
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On 6/16/53 Commission in Wash., D.C. was interviewed by a Bureau Agent at which time she stated that she recalled Gen. William Donovan having visited Gen. Leslie Grove's office but to her recollection this took place after 1944.

On 6/18/53 advised a Bureau Agent that

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ne had contact with Gen. Donovan who appeared anxious to learn what was going on in the atomic energy field, but said he did not relay any information to him.

WFO Rpt. 6/25/53 Re: was; Esp-n, 15 Act of 1950 100-364413-154 (35)

On 8/18/53 the NY office requested WFO to review "Romanul" Rumanian language newspaper (date not given). Page 11 of this paper was devoted to the political testiment of Gen. Radescu. In this testiment Radescu stated that during his exile he had received advise and help from a number of prominent Americans. Among those considered as a friend to the Rumanian liberation movement was William J. Donovan.

WFO Memo, 9/25/53
Re: Rumanian Activities in the U.S.; IS-R & RU
100-46-93
(122)
SI 100-368275-10
(109)



On 8/25/53

was interviewed by Bureau Agents.
advised that Gen. William Donovan, former head of OSS, personally recommended that Peppino Puleo, brother of the son-in-law
of the former head of Mafia, be commissioned in the field, his D
services being so outstanding during World War II.

Boston Memo, 9/22/53
Re: Italian Communist
Activities in the U.S.,
- Informant
100-365517-8
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Memo from Legal Attache in
Havana 9/30/53

Havana 9/30/53.

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and other Public International Organizations - IR

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During World War II, William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, became interested in sending an OSS detachment into the Republic of China to organize Guerrilla forces to combat the Japanese. Donovan went to the Navy Dept. and advised he wished to appoint Admiral Miles in charge of OSS in the Far East. Donovan was one of the signers of the Sino-American Technical Cooperative Agreement which was referred to by US as the "Friendship" agreement and by China as SACO.

This reference sets out data concerning disagreements between Admiral Miles and Gen. Donovan with regard to the OSS portion of SACO as administered by Admiral Miles. Donovan relieved Admiral Miles of his OSS duties in December 1943 as Donovan felt that since Miles performed many duties purely as a Naval officer he could not be of use to OSS.

While in China in December 1943 Gen. Donovan had a conference alone with Tai-Li, at which time Gen. Donovan stated that he was not satisfied with the return he was getting for US expenditures. In October 1953 Donovan was serving as Ambassador to Siam.

(Above furnished by ONI, Wash., D.C.)

WFO Memo. 10/27/53
Re: was; 25p-R
IS Act of 1950
100-364413-168
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On 11/18/53 Bureau Agents interviewed at the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, at which advised that he did not think that Gen. (William) Donovan, jormer Head of OSS, was cognizant of the OSS with-holding information from the FBI regarding Harry Dexter White. Stated that the OSS protected White because he was one of the main contacts in the Treasury Department for unvouchered funds used by OSS in their operations. Stated that subversive information concerning White was nown to OSS as early as 1943.

Atlanta Rpt., 12/4/53
Re: Harry Dexter White;
Eap-R
62-100568-2
(37)

On 12/15/53 was interviewed by Bureau Agents in NYC concerning a statement in Donald Downes' book, "The Scarlet Thread - Adventures in Wartime Espionage" which stated that

penied the above statement and said he was never under the impression that Downes was engaged in intelligence work for the British. Stated that he was working for the British which interpreted to mean the British Purchasing Commission. Sure further stated that the British Purchasing Commission was working closely with Col. William Donovan's office of Coordinator of Information

NY Rpt., 2/2/54
Re: Donald Chase Downes, was; Registration Act, IS-GB
62-67538-172
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On 1/28/54

NIC was interviewed in an effort to establish the truth or falsity of certain statements made by Donald Downes in his book, "The Scarlet Thread - Adventures in Wartime Espionage". stated:

NY Rpt., 2/9/54
Re: Donald Chase Downes,
wa; Registration Act;
IS-GB
62-67538-189
(35)

This information should not be disseminated. release is 5-28-53 64-31479-627 (36) k7C

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During Walter Winchell's simulcast for 4/4/54, Winchell said that in Bangkok, Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan had just turned over the first squadron of American jet fighters to the Thailand army.

Bureau Memo, 4/5/54
Re: Walter Winchell, Simulcast (Radio - Television)
4/4/54
62-31615~844
(60)

On 4/16/1954

VIC, contacted the NY office and jurnished information regarding Mrs. Hugo Steiner, a native of Germany, whom she stated was employed by Gen. William Donovan to do research work relative to sabotage during the Revolutionary War in preparation for a book General Donovan was writing. Mrs. Steiner advised that Gen. Donovan was serving as US Ambassador in the Far East.

Said that Mrs. Steiner sent a large amount of microfilm overseas, presumably to Gen. Donovan, and felt that Mrs. Steiner might be sending classified information she obtained from Gen. Donovan to unfriendly nations.

NY Memo. 5/5/54

On 6/19/54 Drew Pearson in his broadcast, predicted that Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan would resign as Ambassador to Thailand because he was irritated with the changing policies in Washington.

Bureau Hemo, 6/21/54
Re: Drew Pearson's
Broadcast, 6/19/54
94-8-350-612
(60)

The references listed below contain information regarding the OSS or other US Intelligence coverage referred to as Colonel (William) Donovan's organization, Donovan's Committee and Donovan's plan. These references do not contain any information regarding Donovan personally.

File #	Search Slip pg. #
62-64427-478X	(16)
63-64427-361	(30)
62-64427-151	(22)
62-62405-113	(24)
62-60925-24X	(26)
61-7566-3158 (referred to as Col. Donor	(27) van's Committee)
65-35123-52	(50)
65-36220-226X2	(22)
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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following references which were found to be identical with the subject contain information of a confidential nature:

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66-8603-151	(29)
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The following references contain information which is set forth in the corresponding serial of main file # 94-4-4672 on William Donovan:

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40-3798-69	(80)	10 pg.2
62-64427-458	(85)	10 pgs. 1, 2,3,4
65-26112-146	(95)	18

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The following references which have not been reviewed contain information which has been placed under restricted dissemination:

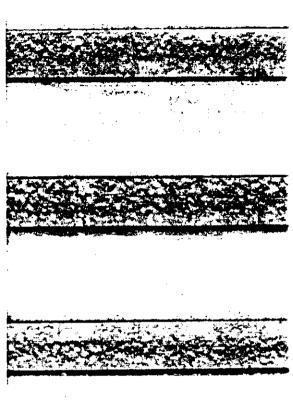
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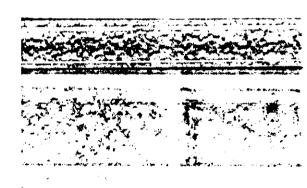
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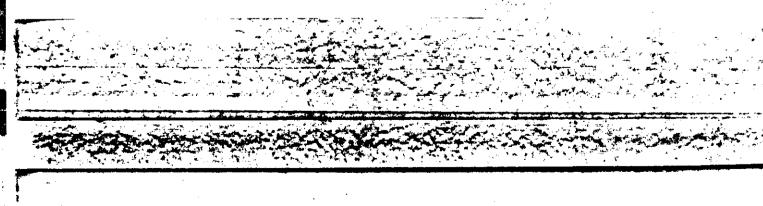
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July 10, 1956

WILLIAM JOSEPH DONOVAN Born: January 1, 1883 Buffalo, New York

With reference to your request for copies of investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau, you are advised that during June and July, 1953, William Joseph Donovan was the subject of an applicant-type investigation and on July 15, 1953, a summary reflecting the results of this investigation was forwarded to the White House. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Sherman Adams should you desire the detailed results of this investigation.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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NOTE:

Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advsed that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Reason for request: Program for People*to-People Partnership (formerly President's Program for World Understanding).

Donovan former head of the Office of Strategic Services. Two informant failed to recommend him in view of his "soft" treatment of communist in organization under

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terrond le. Rook his control. Donovan allegedly headed a then recent committee to ask the President to oust Senator McCarthy. Elizabeth Bentley in testimony before HCUA identified five individuals as her contacts for information in OSS at the time subject headed the organization. Donovan's mame appears as sponsor of September, 1939, issue of "Equal Justice," a monthly publication of International Labor Defense. (Cited by California Committee) Whittaker Chambers in testimony before HCUA identified Nathan Witt as head of CP underground in Washington, D. C., end of the 1930's. Witt formerly employed in Donovan's law firm in 1932-33. Mrs. Walter R. Mansfield, former employee of Donovan's law firm.

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