

This reference is a Bureau letter dated 12/3/41, to Col. William J. Donovan, Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C. enclosing a copy of a report made by a missionary who had just returned from Japan, concerning conditions in that country. This report was furnished to the Bureau by an outside confidential source.

62-64427-18
(116)

This reference is a letter dated 12/5/41 from William J. Donovan, Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C., thanking Mr. Hoover for his letter of 12/4/41 concerning the firm of "Herm, Dreier, Quito, Ecuador."

64-3311-A-2
(77)

On 12/8/41, Colonel William Donovan of Washington called the Los Angeles Field Office in an effort to reach Col. G. Edward Burton and was advised that Burton had departed for San Francisco. Donovan asked if there had been rumors about the bombing in San Francisco and he was advised there were such rumors but that definite information had been received that no bombings took place.

(Source not given)

Los Angeles Tel., 12/8/41
No caption given
62-19253-316
(40)

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



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This reference is a Bureau memo dated 12/8/41 enclosing a note from the State Department which was attached to a memo prepared for Mr. Winthrop Crane of the State Department by Mrs. Ruth Shipley, Chief of the Passport Division, with reference to [redacted] This was brought to the attention of the Bureau inasmuch as it was possible that Col. Donovan had attempted to use this man as a foreign agent. (u)

On 3/6/42 the Miami Office was advised that [redacted] had some connection with Col. William Donovan, Coordinator of Information, at whose office the State Department learned that [redacted]

[redacted] / R (u)

Released by [redacted] dated
12-9-83 190-5134-74

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CIA ltr 9-13-83.

spt elw/ahr
10-31-83

62-29542-3
(22)

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b1 info per
CIA ltr 9-13-83.
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10-31-83

On 12/11/41 Col. (William) Donovan called and talked to Mr. Tamm regarding instructions he had received from the President to see what could be done about integrating information concerning Axis tension and the creation of a committee for this purpose. Col. Donovan stated that as soon as he prepared a memorandum on this he would send it to the Bureau.

Memo for the Director
12/11/41
No caption given
62-64427-76
(48)

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On 12/11/41 the Director conferred with Gen. Miles at which time Gen. Miles stated that Col. Black had told him (Miles) that Col. (William) Donovan was unable to control short wave radio matters. Gen. Miles said that the Army's monitoring system found that the axis powers were making great to-do over the short wave broadcast of the panics on the East and West Coasts.

Gen. Miles was advised that this had been left for Gen. Miles to handle.

Memo for Mr. Tolson, Mr.
Tamm and Mr. Ladd, dated
12/11/41
No caption given
62-62736-93
(39)

On 12/19/41 [redacted] contacted this Bureau with reference to his [redacted] trying to go to Switzerland to be in touch with certain people. [redacted] stated that Col. William J. Donovan had advised [redacted] that he could not go through with this because Mr. Hoover had declined to approve [redacted] and Mr. Hoover had stated that [redacted] was too "weak a character" to withstand Nazi propaganda, etc.

[redacted] was advised that this matter would be discussed with Mr. Hoover and he would be advised.

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This reference contains the following notation:
"It is preposterous for this statement to be made. I have no authority over Donovan and of course he doesn't check with me before he acts. H."

Memo for the Director
from Mr. Tamm, 12/19/41
No caption given
100-25944-8
(86)

This reference is a letter dated 10/23/42 from [redacted] NYC, regarding the above statement which Col. Donovan attributed to Mr. Hoover. b7C

100-25944-30
(100)

On 12/20/41 [redacted] made available a report covering a conversation he had with [redacted] b7D

[redacted] asked [redacted] to see Mr. Mellett on his next visit to Washington to discuss various problems including information concerning Col. (William) Donovan's office. [redacted] stated that Mellett was directly responsible to the President for Donovan. Certain faux pas committed by James Roosevelt in the Donovan office and the problem of having him removed to another agency were discussed.

NY let., 10/22/41 with
above rpt. from [redacted]
No caption given
61-7566-2949
(30)

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On 12/29/41 [redacted]
[redacted] University of Washington, advised a Bureau
Agent that she had attended a party on 12/28/41 at which
time Maxim Von Brevern stated he had been working for Col.
William Donovan at Princeton University.

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Seattle rpt. 5/25/42
Re: [redacted]
wa; IS-G, Custodial
Detention
65-29936-11
(40)

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On 12/23/41, the President signed a confidential directive setting up a Special Intelligence Service. The FBI was directed to set up a Special Intelligence Service in the Western Hemisphere to conduct investigations throughout Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America for dealing with financial, economic, political and subversive activities. (D)(u)

On 12/29/41 Col. William Donovan called and seemed considerably "put out" that the President had signed the above directive. Donovan felt the Agents of the FBI could not gather material necessary for his purposes, but that his agent should work together with the FBI.

It was recommended that Donovan's organization assume responsibility for all intelligence in Mexico, Caribbean, Central America and South America, and that the FBI be responsible for the continental US and its territories. (D)(u)

Memo for the Attorney
General, 12/31/41
No caption given
66-13825-11
(20)✓

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This reference is a letter from William J. Donovan, Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C., dated 12/30/41 in which he stated that [redacted] had suggested that UFA (not identified) firm corporation and the Spanish Information Service might have some valuable moving pictures which they (OSS) could seize. This letter asked what the situation was in that regard.
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A Bureau letter to Donovan dated 1/10/42 set out information from Bureau files in accordance with above request.

65-22931-26
(121)
SI 100-67769-1
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In the spring of 1947 [redacted] advised that David Karr was well acquainted with Duncan Lee, the former law associate of General William Donovan. Lee was employed as an administrative aide to Donovan when Donovan headed OSS.

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WFO Rpt., 1/8/51
Re: [redacted]
wa; IS-R
65-32550-69
(20)

CIA

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In 1952 CIA advised that Benjamin Cowley Olsen's wife, Lynn T. Olsen, was one of the incorporators of Presentation, Inc. which was incorporated 4/1/46 in Wash., D.C. and was composed of officials of the State Dept. [redacted]
These individuals were transferred to the State Dept. from OSS by Executive Order.

unclassified per CIA ltr. 9/12/83

spt slw/ahr
10-28-83

Released as excised by
letter dated 12-9-83
100-5124-741

In 1949 [REDACTED] advised that when William Donovan set up the OSS, Hugh Barton, a member of above organization was placed in charge of the Field Photographic Branch. b7D

WFO Rpt. 12/5/52

Re: [REDACTED] CIA; b7C

LGE

121-41427-2

(48)

SI 140-2092-27

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Gregory advised that in 1942, [REDACTED] mentioned to Jacob Golos, Soviet Esp. Agt., who died in November 1943, that D.C. Lee was going to Wash., D.C. with Gen. Donovan in the OSS. Gregory said Lee was upset when Gen. William J. Donovan proposed to have some NKVD representatives come to the U.S. b7C

Duncan Lee told Gregory that he was in an advisory capacity to Gen. Donovan and was cognizant of most of the material directed to Gen. Donovan's attention.

Bureau Memo, 2/21/46 enclosing a memo concerning activities of subject of the Silvermaster case
Re: Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, was, et al;

Esp-R

65-56402-573 pgs. 118,

119, 127

(109)

SI 65-56402-220 pg. 34, 35

(94)

SI 1st paragraph above

100-345686-4

(42)

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T-1 of unknown reliability, advised that Solomon Trone came to Wash., D.C. in about 1942 indicating he was interested in obtaining employment. While in Washington, Trone contacted many prominent Gov't. officials. Trone was a close associate of William Donovan, [redacted] T-1 further stated that Trone was a believer in Socialism, Marxism and revolution but that he hated Stalin.

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T-1 [redacted]

- WFO Rpt., 1/20/51
- Re: Unknown Subject; Un-
known Consultant at Aswan
Dam, Egypt, 1946-1949;
- Esp-R
- 65-59341-36
- (41) ✓
- SI 100-4326-857 pg. 12
- (15) ✓
- SI 100-81015-66
- (49) ✓
- SI 100-385829-42 pg. 12
- (15) ✓
- SI 101-4750-94
- (43) ✓
- SI 101-352-86
- (43) ✓
- SI 105-13493-1
- (42) ✓
- SI 100-15877-282
- (49) ✓
- SI 100-344728-18
- (35) ✓
- SI 65-28762-28
- (19) ✓
- SI 77-27252-48
- (16) ✓

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Memo for the Attorney
General sent from the
Director's Office, 4/7/42
No caption given
62-9800-28
(105)✓

In the early part of 1942 Col. Bissell advised that Herbert Yardley was reported to have been selected by Col. (William) Donovan to head an American black chamber, and that his backing was reported to have come from the White House. Bissell later advised that Yardley's appointment had probably been killed.

Col. Bissell advised that he had been reliably informed that Col. Donovan was trying to get into the field with troops.

Source not given
Bureau Memo, 1/13/42
No caption given
62-27581-22
(37) ✓

[REDACTED]

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(S)

100-65157-1
(105)

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62-64427-42
(106)

The "New Republic" magazine for 1/5/42 carried an article concerning the weakness of the State Department. This article stated that besides the State Department the President had created agencies like those of Col. Donovan and Mr. Nelson Rockefeller, which encroached on its normal prerogatives.

WFO memo, 2/15/45 with material, including above, furnished by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (S)
Wash., D.C.
Esp - F
100-181575-35X pg. 84
(17)

On 1/5/42 Mr. Hoover advised that he had communicated with Gen Lee and Admiral Wilkinson regarding a conference which was to have been held with the Attorney General in his (the Attorney General's) office that morning concerning the Col. (William J.) Donovan matter. This conference was postponed until 1/6/42.

Memo for the Attorney General from the Director, 1/5/42
No caption given
62-64427-52
(77)

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This reference is a memo to the Attorney General dated 1/6/42 regarding a conference attended on above date (place not given) by Assistant Secretary of State, Berle; Col. Donovan; Gen Lee; Admiral Wilkinson; Col. Bissell and the Director. During this conference the conclusion was reached that Col. Donovan intended to initiate operations in the Western Hemisphere. These operations would consist of sending a representative to Central or South America for the purpose of gathering information concerning general conditions as well as special matters. Donovan said these assignments would be cleared through the State Dept. or the Justice Dept. It was felt that it would be better for Col. Donovan to take over the work of the FBI in the SIS field since he was going to embark into certain phases in that field. (A)(u)

62-64427-133
(32)

In the early part of 1942 Paul Scheffer, a German newspaper correspondent was being detained at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. While Scheffer was being X-rayed at the hotel following an accident, he (Scheffer) requested S.A. J.E. Lawler to remove any documents in his (Scheffer's) room. Lawler complied with this request and among the documents found was an incomplete manuscript* addressed to "Dear Bill". This manuscript dealt with the possibilities of a solution to the menace of Hitlerism, and was intended for Col. William J. Donovan.

* Photostatic copies are filed with reference # 65-3050-76.

In a letter from Donovan to the Director dated 1/13/42, concerning Sheffer, Donovan stated that he had talked with Foxworth, and understood that there was a letter in Sheffer's effects which was addressed to him (Donovan) and that it had been left in Scheffer's room. Donovan felt that an effort should be made to locate the letter as Donovan felt the letter would indicate Scheffer's intentions.

The following Directors notations appeared beneath the above letter from Donovan:

"Did Foxworth advise use of Donovan's contact,"
and "Get it to Donovan at once. H"

Information set out above was taken from the serials designated below.

65-3050-75
(81)
65-3050-75
(116)

This para remains
unclassified per State
Dept. letter dated
3-26-81
SP-45/20/14

STATS

On 1/21/42 Mr. Fletcher Warren of the State Dept. advised Mr. Berle of the Dept. of Justice, that the Executive Directive matter had been straightened out and that it was satisfactory to go ahead with the conference*. Mr. Berle thought it might be well politically to have Mr. (William) Donovan to attend the above conference which was to be held in the Director's office, date to be decided later. u

Memo for the Director, 1/21/42
No caption given
66-13829-19
(36)
SI 66-8603-329
(36)

* The International Intelligence Conference originally scheduled for 1/5/42.

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On 2/2/42, SAC Madigan, New Haven, called and advised that Yale University had just received a letter from Col. (William J.) Donovan's office, written in a very mandatory tone, practically ordering Yale University to go through its files of all its students and to submit a background of history and activities during school and since, of all Japanese and German Nationals. The authorities at Yale were annoyed at this request because they had approximately 45,000 files. They figured it would cost them 20,000 and take them about two years to go through these files.

Bureau Memo, 2/2/42
No caption given
94-1-4470-40
(114)

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This reference is a visa application from the State Dept. dated 2/10/42 for Massimo Fraccia, an Italian National, which listed William J. Donovan, of Donovan, Newton, Leisure and Lombard, 2 Wall St., NYC, as a sponsor. Since Donovan was identified as coordinator of Information the Bureau files were not searched.

40-26645-2
(73)

On 2/10/42 a Bureau Agent conferred with Paul Scheffer, a German newspaper correspondent who was being detained at White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Mr. Scheffer stated that if possible he would like to make overtures to William Donovan to return ~~the~~ certain manuscript in order that he might complete it. Mr. Scheffer was advised his request would be given consideration.

Memo for Mr. Ladd, 2/10/42
Re: The Greenbrier Hotel
Mission
65-3050-78
(43)

On 2/24/42 the SAC in San Francisco advised that Major Carroll T. Harris, Assistant to the Officer in Charge, MID, San Francisco requested that the Los Angeles Office be asked to take up a surveillance of [redacted] as [redacted] was being considered by Col. William Donovan for employment as a secret agent in the office of the Coordinator of Information. Major Harris' request was declined.

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San Francisco Let., 2/24/42
Re: [redacted]
IS-6
100-30330-13
(40)

During an interview with [redacted] advised that Count Oleg Cassini was going to work in the Italian section of the Office of the Coordinator of Information, headed by Colonel William Donovan.

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NY Let., 5/12/42
Re: Count Oleg Cassini,
[redacted]
IS-1
100-88086-11
(22)

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STATE

On 3/11/42 the Attorney General advised that he had conferred with Assistant Secretary of State Berle, the British Ambassador and other officials of the British Embassy on the previous night relative to the operation of British Intelligence Service in the U.S. under the direction of William S. Stephenson. The British Ambassador stated Stephenson worked closely with the FBI and also with Col. (William) Donovan of the Office of Coordinator of Information. It was stated that Stephenson had collaborated and worked with Col. Donovan on certain matters.

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Dipt memo DATED 3-26-81
Sp-4 JAM/WR

Memo for Mr. Tolson, Mr. Tamm, Mr. Ladd and Mr. Clegg from the Director, 3/11/42
No caption given
65-5081-101
(48) ✓

This reference is a censorship report dated 4/7/42 Honolulu which sets out a letter from [redacted] addressed to Col. William J. Donovan, U.S. Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C. Enclosed with this letter was four newspaper clippings labeled "Confidential Memorandum". One of these clippings pertained to one Ather-ton Richards' work in Hawaii, the second clipping referred to the appointment of Mrs. H.S. Crowley in Washington, the third clipping dealt with the Advertiser's "Well, Well, Well" story on Crowley and the fourth clipping concerned a fictitious story which was to appear in the "Saturday Evening Post" re-garding Hawaii.

62-62736-2-1533
(105) ✓

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This reference is a censorship report dated 4/7/42, Honolulu, setting out a letter from ██████████ Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu, T.H. and addressed to Editor, Collier's, 250 Park Ave., N.Y. This letter refers to a letter from ██████████ to Col. William Donovan dated 4/2/42 regarding a story which ██████████ had written concerning the Japanese situation in the Hawaiian Islands. b7C

62-62736-2-1117
(46)

~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~

In May 1942 Special Agent H.O. Hawkins of the NY office furnished information relative to individuals connected with Col. William Donovan's sabotage schools.

Bureau Memo, 5/30/42 with NY letter dated 5/28/42 enclosing a memo prepared by Special Agent Hawkins regarding the above sabotage schools.
Re: Col. William J. Donovan's Schools of Saboteurs
62-9800-50
(29)
SI 62-64427-313
(30)

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ARMY

This reference is a memo from G-2 dated 9/12/51 enclosing a statement by Duncan C. Lee, dated 6/21/51, in which Lee said that in October 1940 he was practicing law in NYC with the Wall Street law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Lumbard. Lee advised that he also acted as General Counsel and a member of the National Board of Directors of Russian War Relief (RWR) from its organization in September 1941 until June 1942.

Edward C. Carter, Chairman of RWR asked Gen. William J. Donovan, senior partner of above law firm, for the part time services of Lee for this work and the request was granted. Lee stated that after he left NYC another young lawyer with Donovan's firm, Richard Cutler, carried on as RWR's attorney under the same arrangement.

(Evaluation not given)

100-364413-25, Encl. pg. 27
(93)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

This reference is a letter from William J. Donovan dated 6/1/42 on the letterhead of U.S. Gov't., Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C. which acknowledged receipt of a General Intelligence Survey in the U.S. (date not given.)

66-7777-50
(89)

On 6/13/42

[REDACTED] advised that the "Book
Tab Publication" was sponsored by Col. William Donovan and
the Office of Facts and Figures. (Source not given)

NY Rpt., 12/19/42
Re: Irish Republican Army;
Internal Security - Irish
61-7606-143X pg. 28
(26)

By Military Order of June 13, 1942 the Office of
Coordinator of Information, exclusive of foreign information
activities, was designated as the OSS, under the U.S. Joint
Chiefs of Staff. The address was Col. William J. Donovan,
Director of OSS, 25 and E. Sts., N.W., Wash., D.C.

Let. for Bureau Supervisors,
6/25/42
No caption given
62-68338-4
(77)

On 6/15/42 Mr. E.A. Tamm advised that he had talked with Mr. Berle about the designation of William J. Donovan as Director of OSS. It was pointed out to Mr. Berle the possibility that Donovan would attempt to take over the legitimate functions of the FBI particularly those relating to SIS operations. Mr. Berle stated Donovan's position and assignment would not affect the FBI. Mr. Berle continued that Donovan would operate under the Joint Intelligence Committee, of which he, Berle, was the ranking member. Mr. Berle stated that he was going to request that the FBI have a representative on this committee.

Memo for the Director,
6/15/42
No caption given
62-64427-324
(113)
SI 62-68336-5
(114)

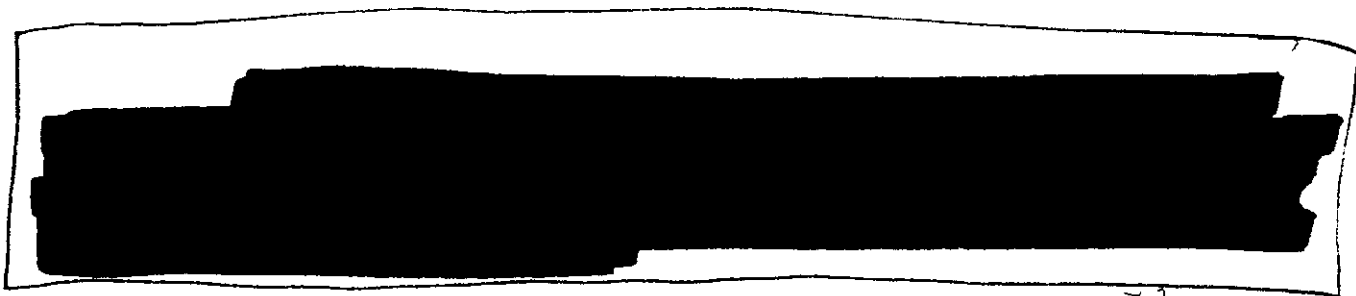
This reference is a letter dated 6/17/42 to Col. William J. Donovan, Coordinator of Information, Wash., D.C. regarding motion picture film used in training agents which Col. Donovan wanted to borrow. Col. Donovan was asked to advise to which film he referred or more definitely state the purpose of the film.

80-7-1776
(106)

Correlator's Note: This information was taken from the abstract as the mail for this reference was not available at the time this memo was written.

The 6/21/43 issue of "PM" carried an article entitled "How Anaconda Got Rid of Prying Inspector" which stated that the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company of Marion, Ind., preferred to plead nolo contendere and throw itself on the mercy of the court for supplying \$5,000,000 in fraudulently tested wire and cable to the armed forces. This article stated that one of the first steps taken by Anaconda after the fraud was uncovered was to attempt to stop prosecution. Col. William J. Donovan's firm in NYC was one of the law firms retained in this case.

46-2525-A
(108)



40-36524-1
(29)



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NY let., 9/10/42 enclosing
rpt. from [redacted] dated
8/22/42. NY [redacted]

65-28680-35
(12)

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On 8/1/48 Duncan Lee contacted one "Shag" (probably Quinn Shaughnessy). The latter stated that "he" (possibly William Donovan) believed in the counter-attack theory and also that Duncan Lee should do a lot of positive work about what a great man Lee was and that he should not be defensive. Shaughnessy stated that he agreed with this. [redacted] and [redacted]

Shaughnessy said he would not mind going down and talking with Stripling* but that he did not want to do so without talking to Bill. Lee suggested that they leave things until Bill got there. [redacted] and [redacted]

In connection with the individual referred to as Bill, a former Bureau Agent connected with the HCUA advised that he had heard confidentially that former Gen. William Donovan was enroute to Washington in connection with the Lee matter.

WFO memo, 8/3/48
Re: Gregory - Esp-R
65-56402-2242
(~~2~~) (40)

Correlator's Note: The above statements were not further clarified

On 8/4/48 the NY office requested WFO to interview Mr. William F. Donovan, Director of the National Catholic Welfare League, Wash., D.C. regarding [redacted] who was on the SS Gripsholm and who claimed to be a clergyman returning from China where he was employed by the American Catholic Missions. b7C

Mr. William F. Montavon, Director of the Legal Staff of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, advised that Col. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan participated actively with Father Burke in the organization of the National Catholic Welfare Council or conference, and that Col. Donovan's friendship with Father Burke continued while Col. Donovan was Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division after World War I. Montavon stated that Father Burke might have been assigned to duty in the Far East shortly after the

* not identified.

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First World War. It was believed that William F. Donovan and Col. William J. Donovan might be identical.

WFO rpt., 6/5/42

[REDACTED]
passenger SS Gripsholm
100-129487-1
(66, 90)

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The NY "Compass" for August 5 and 7, 1952 carried a story relative to the murder of George Polk, a correspondent for the Paris "Herald Tribune" who was killed in Greece in 1948. This story alleged that the Overseas Writers Club was investigating leads indicating the Rightists were responsible for the murder and that the Greek Gov't. influenced the American Embassy in Athens in having the chief investigator recalled. The Overseas Writers Club was chaired by Walter Lippman and Gen. William Donovan.

NY Summary rpt., 2/17/53

Re: [REDACTED]
was; [REDACTED]
100-398175-7
(31) -

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On 8/11/42 [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed by a Bureau Agent at which
time she advised that she [redacted]
Lieutenant William H.G. Fitzgerald, US Navy, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished information
indicating pro-German tendencies on the part of Fitzgerald.
[redacted] stated that Lt. Fitzgerald was friendly with
Col. William Donovan.

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Bureau Memo 8/11/42
Re: [redacted]
[redacted] US Navy
100-0-15129
(18)

On 8/27/42 WFO furnished photostatic material
concerning the Fight for Freedom Committee which was ob-
tained from the files of Walter Steele. This material re-
vealed the name of Col. William J. Donovan as a sponsor of
the Fight for Freedom Committee.

Bureau Memo, 10/3/42 en-
closing above described
material
Re: The Fight for Freedom
Committee
100-24467-44
(96)

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This reference is a Bureau letter to Col. William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, dated 10/21/42. This letter stated that it was understood that certain material concerning subversive activities in South America had been furnished to Donovan by a representative of "Click" magazine. This letter also stated that it would be appreciated if Donovan would furnish to the FBI any data which dealt with subversive activities of an intelligence nature.

62-64427-397
(88)

On 10/28/42 Paul Scheffer, a German newspaper correspondent, was given a hearing before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board in the District of Columbia, which was attended by a Bureau Agent.

During the above hearing Mr. Burling of the Alien Enemy Control Unit of the Dept. of Justice stated that when Scheffer fell in his hotel room on 2/1/42^{*} he requested one of the Immigration guards go to his room and find some papers which he feared might fall into the hands of the Germans. One of these letters was a letter to Col. William Donovan. Mr. Burling stated that according to one Mr. Dulles, Col. William Donovan of OSS, desired to employ Scheffer as a consultant if he was released.

Memo for Mr. Ladd, 11/21/42
No caption given
65-3050-134
(21)
65-3050-157
(104)

* see page 67 of this summary for additional detail

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This reference is a letter dated 11/14/42 from William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, enclosing a copy of the OSS secret weekly publication entitled, "The War This Week" for the week of November 5-12, 1942. Donovan stated a copy of this publication would be sent each week if the Director was interested in having it.

A letter dated 11/18/42 acknowledging above publication was directed to Donovan which stated this Bureau would appreciate receiving the publication each week.

62-64427-413
(90)

On 11/25/42 the SAC in Los Angeles interviewed [redacted] for the purpose of discussing with him the possibility of the Bureau utilizing the services of his company in connection with counter-intelligence work in foreign countries. [redacted] said that some months ago Col. William Donovan had spoken to him about the same thing and he had placed some representatives in South America through [redacted] [redacted] showed considerable friendship toward Col. Donovan. (S)(u)

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Los Angeles Let.,
11/30/42
No caption given
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This reference refers to a WFO report dated 12/17/42 entitled Renee J. H. Stein. On page 6, paragraphs 3,4 and 6 it was pointed out that the correct spelling of the Coordinator of Information was William J. Donovan, not William J. Donavan.

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WFO Let. 12/24/42
Re: [REDACTED]
was; Esp.
65-7433-12
(82)

On page 6 of the above report T-3 (reliability not given) advised that William H. Von Rath, Vice President of General Aline Film Corporation and Uncle of Renee J.H. Stein, was a close personal friend of William J. Donavan. Stein's roommate allegedly held a confidential position under William J. Donavan in the Office of the Coordinator of Information in Wash., D.C.

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T-3: [REDACTED]
General Consul Staff,
Treasury Dept., Wash., D.C.
WFO Rpt., 12/17/42
Re: Renee J.H. Stein, wa;
Esp.
65-7433-13
(not listed on search slip)

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(Informant No. not given)

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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 Donovan hoped to operate near Frederick, Maryland. This school was to commence 4/20/42.

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