

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: CHARLES FRANKLIN KETTERING

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS - All sections must be completed - Write none when applicable - Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form. All addresses must show Street Number, Street, City and State.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)

KETTERING, Charles Franklin No. 1

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

"Boss Kett"

3. PRESENT ADDRESS

DATE 1938-Date

Book Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 10 YEARS DATE

None Other

APPLICANT

5. DESCRIPTION (Check which)

☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE

RACE

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

COLOR EYES

COLOR HAIR

White

6'0"

170

Grey

Grey

6. (Check which)

☐ SINGLE

☐ DIVORCED

☐ MARRIED ☒ WIDOWER

7. BIRTH DATE

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

29

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1876

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, County, State and Country)

Loudenville, Ohio

9. CITIZENSHIP:

U. S. ☒

ALIEN ☐

IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:

a. BY BIRTH

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c. BY NATURALIZATION

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b. DERIVATIVE

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Petition No.

Date:

Date

Certificate No.

Certificate No.

Place

Place

IF ALIEN, INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

DATE

PORT OF ENTRY

10. DRAFT BOARD NO. AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED-

None

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

364-07-8466

12. PERMANENT STATION AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERV.

None

12A. PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE:

SERIAL NUMBER

BRANCH

FROM

TO

(YEAR).

13.

EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL

ADDRESS

FROM

TO (Yr.)

DEGREES

County Dist. School
Loudenville High School
Wooster Ohio Normal
Ohio State University

Loudenville, Ohio
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Wooster, Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

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from various schools

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14. EMPLOYMENT (LIST ALL EMPLOYMENT DATES) GIVE NAME UNDER WHICH EMPLOYED IF DIFFERENT FROM NAME NOW USED.

DATE FROM TO	TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (where employed)
1947 Date	Research Consultant & Vice-President	General Motors Corporation	Detroit, Michigan
1925 1947	Vice-President & Gen'l Mgr.	Research Laboratories Div. General Motors Corp.	Detroit, Mich.
1920 1925	President	General Motors Research Corp.	Dayton, Ohio
1916 1919	Vice-President	United Motors Corporation	Dayton, Ohio
1908 1916	Co-Owner	Dayton Engineering Laboratory Co. (Delco)	Dayton, Ohio
1904 1908	Electrical Designer	National Cash Register Co.	Dayton, Ohio
1900 1901	Telephone Lineman	Star Telephone Company	Ashland, Ohio

15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RET'D U.S.A.	PURPOSE
England, France & Germany			Several times of company business



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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4/27/48

AIR MAIL

SAC, DETROIT

RE: CHARLES FRANKLIN KETTERING - CR-165
aka, "BOSS KETT"
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT (✓)
EMPLOYEE ()

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau (original and two copies only of synopsisized reports) by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than 5/14/48.

Present address:
Birthdate and birthplace:
Social Security Number:
Firm to Employ and Position involved:

Submit briefed reports.

C Letter AEC May 19-48

REW:mlvd

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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16. ALL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP FOR PAST 15 YEARS (RELIGIOUS AND LABOR OPTIONAL)

NAME ADDRESS, TYPE (Inclusive dates and any office held)

Soc. of Auto Engrs.

Am. Chemical Society

Am. Soc. of Mech. Engrs.

Detroit Engr. Soc.

Am. Inst. of Elec. Engrs.

Dayton Engrs. Club

Am. Soc. for Testing Metals

The Army & Navy Club

Am. Soc. for Metals

Detroit Yacht Club

Am. Academy of Sciences

Committee of 100

Am. Physical Society

Am. Academy of Soc. & Pol. Sc.

Am. Assn. for Adv. of Sc.

Am. Philosophical Soc.

Soc. of Military Engrs.

Nat'l Gas Engine Assn.

Sigma Xi

Tau Beta Pi

17. RELATIVES (Parents, Spouse, Divorced Spouse, Children, Brothers and Sisters, living or dead)

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRES. CITIZENSHIP
Wife	Olive Williams Kettering		Deceased		
Sister	Mrs. Charles Heyde		Loudonville, Ohio	USA	USA
Sister	Mrs. Earl Culler		Ashland, Ohio	"	"
Brother	Adam Kettering		" "	"	"
Son	Eugene W. Kettering		Hillsdale, Illinois	"	"

18. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Dr. R. D. McClure	FILES DIVISION Henry Ford Hospital FORWARDED Columbus, Ohio APR 27 11 27 AM '48 Owosso, Michigan FBI U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	40
Julius Stone		40
Calvin Bentley	FILES DIVISION RECEIVED APR 23 3 22 PM '48	30

19. ARREST RECORD (all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)

CHARGE	DATE	PLACE WHERE ARRESTED	DISPOSITION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE			
NONE			

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION GIVEN ABOVE IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I MAKE THE ABOVE STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING AND INTENT THAT MY STATEMENT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF RESTRICTED DATA. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAKING OF A FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 80, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

Charles P. Mettleson

USUAL SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE (Sign original only)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

AGENCY OR FIRM TO EMPLOY APPLICANT	ADDRESS
NEPA DIVISION Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corporation	P.O. BOX #415 Oak Ridge, Tennessee
BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION (Job Title, Duties and Location - Description should not reveal classified information)	WILL APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA? ☒ YES ☐ NO
RESEARCH CONSULTANT General Motors Corp., Detroit, Michigan	WILL APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA? ☒ YES ☐ NO
Subject will have access to an exclusion area and to "RESTRICTED DATA" in the course of discharging official duties.	(Check the one block applicable) ☒ FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED ☐ T - 1 ATTACHED (RESULTS OF FBI FINGERPRINT FILE CHECK) ☐ T - 2 ATTACHED
NEPA MEMBER COMPANY EMPLOYEE	DO NOT COMPLETE SPACE BELOW
<i>S. J. Hamby</i> Personnel Director	REFERRED TO F.B.I.
SIGNATURE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY (OFFICIAL OF EMPLOYING COMPANY CERTIFYING AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT)	RECEIVED FROM F.B.I.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUREAU

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FILE NO. 116-4341

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/13/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/12/48	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] YRW b7c
TITLE CHARLES FRANKLIN KETTERING - OR - 165 aka "Boss Kett"			CHARACTER OF CASE AEA-A
AGENCY <i>Photo Unit</i> REQ. REC'D <i>5-24-48</i> REF'T FORW. <i>6-9-54</i> BY <i>J. J. [REDACTED]</i> REFERENCE: Bureau letter, April 27, 1948. DETAILS: <u>At Detroit, Michigan:</u> <i>b7c</i> [REDACTED] General Motors Corporation, General Motors Building, who has known Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] stated <i>b7c, b7d</i> KETTERING was born August 29, 1876 at Loudonville, Ohio. [REDACTED] related that <i>b7c</i> KETTERING was co-owner of the Dayton Engineering Laboratory Company (DELCO) in Dayton, Ohio, in approximately 1909, and was later Vice-President of the United Motor Corporation, Dayton, which later grew into the General Motors Corporation. Mr. KETTERING, for many years, was President of the General Motors Research Corporation at Dayton, Ohio, and from approximately 1925 he was General Manager of General Motors Corporation Research Laboratories Division until June 30, 1947, when he retired. Mr. KETTERING is now Research Consultant for General Motors Corporation. Mr. KETTERING also was a Vice-President of General Motors Corporation in the 1925 - 1947 period. [REDACTED] stated Mr. <i>b7c</i> KETTERING's loyalty to the United States is absolutely unquestioned and his character is above reproach. [REDACTED] said that down through the years Mr. <i>b7c</i> KETTERING has proven himself over and over as a staunch American and anything he might add on this subject would be superfluous. <i>b7c, b7d</i> [REDACTED] General Motors Corporation, who has known Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] General Motors Research Laboratories who held that position under Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] and has known Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] General Motors Research Laboratory, who knew Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] General Motors Research Laboratory who knew Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] all of whom recommended the Applicant in			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
<i>do - [REDACTED]</i> 5 - Bureau 2 - Detroit 52 JUN 1 1948 TWO COPIES MAY 19 48		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 116-40535-7 32 MAY 20 1948 EX-103	

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the very highest possible terms with regard to character, reputation, and associations, stated they would not question Mr. KETTERING's loyalty to the United States any more than they would question their own loyalty.

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[REDACTED] stated he felt more certain of Mr. KETTERING's loyalty than any other individual he knows. [REDACTED] further stated he would unreservedly recommend the Applicant so far as character, reputation, and loyalty are concerned.

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[REDACTED] who was described by [REDACTED] as being a close friend of the Applicant for the past [REDACTED] b7c b7c

b7c [REDACTED] who has known the Applicant [REDACTED] b7c b7c
advised the Applicant is a patriotic American whose loyalty is above question. Both persons advised that they considered his character and associates to be of the very best and they considered Mr. KETTERING to be an exceptionally high type man from every possible viewpoint.

Reference, [REDACTED] Henry Ford b7c, b7d
Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, has known Mr. KETTERING [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] further stated he considered Mr. KETTERING's character and associations to be b7c above question. [REDACTED] said Mr. KETTERING has proven his loyalty to the United States time after time and he personally would stake his life on KETTERING's loyalty to the United States.

The files of the Detroit Police Department contained no record on the Applicant and the files of the Merchants Credit Bureau contained no information of an unfavorable nature regarding the Applicant.

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November 26, 1958

Mr. Eugene Kettering

[REDACTED] b7c

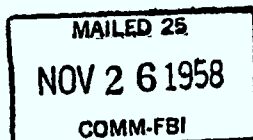
Dear Mr. Kettering:

I was extremely saddened to learn of your father's passing, and I wish to send you my heartfelt sympathy.

Few men have given more to our Nation, and, certainly, his contributions to our society will serve as a living memorial to his inventive genius. I do hope the knowledge that your father's many friends are sharing your sorrow with you will be a help to you in the days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Address per Hinsdale, Illinois, telephone directory

KETTERING RECEIVED
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M (KETTERING)
DAYTON, OHIO--CHARLES F. KETTERING, 82, MILLIONAIRE-INVENTOR AND
PHILANTHROPIST, DIED AT 2:40 P.M. EST TODAY AS A RESULT OF A STROKE
SUFFERED SUNDAY NIGHT AT HIS HOME IN NEARBY KETTERING.

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ENCLOSURE

Kettering Dies; Top Inventor

DAYTON, Ohio, Nov. 25 (UPI). —Charles F. Kettering, 82, inventor of the automobile self-starter, died at his home at nearby Kettering today as a result of a stroke suffered Sunday night.

The condition of Kettering, known affectionately as "Boss Ket" during his career at General Motors, had worsened steadily since the stroke. Kettering's only son, Eugene, was at the bedside of his father.



Dr. Charles F. Kettering

A DIRECTOR and former vice president of General Motors and former general manager of the General Motors Research Laboratories, Kettering was born on a farm near Loudonville, Ohio, on Aug. 29, 1876.

Kettering's innovations ranged from punting the ethyl in gasoline, to building a fever machine that promises relief from many human ailments.

Doctors listed the cause of death as a cerebral hemorrhage. Kettering never regained consciousness after suffering a second stroke early today and falling into a coma.

The towering Sloan-Kettering Institute for cancer research, founded with his long-time General Motors boss Alfred P. Sloan Jr. in 1945, stands in New York's Memorial Center as a monument to Kettering's conviction that no problem can resist the patient, continued application of man's ingenuity and shirt-sleeved tinkering.

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Wash. Star _____
N. Y. Herald Tribune _____
N. Y. Journal-American _____
N. Y. Mirror _____
N. Y. Daily News _____
N. Y. Times _____
Daily Worker _____
The Worker _____
New Leader _____

Date _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 25, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: DEATH OF CHARLES F. KETTERING
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH
GENERAL MOTORS
11-25-58

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As you recall, Mr. Hoover received on April 28, 1958, from the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, one of the "Seven Great Living Americans" awards. Ceremonies were held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington. One of those so honored at the time was Charles F. Kettering who died today. Others were Miss Calla Varner, 4-year-old school teacher.

Mr. Kettering died at 82 in Dayton today. His home address is Ridgeleigh Terrace, Dayton, Ohio. (According to the Associated Press, his wife died in 1946 and his only son, Eugene Kettering, resides at Hinsdale, Illinois.)

DEVELOPMENT:

We are having a letter sent to the son. At 5:25 p.m. today, Dick Cull of the "Dayton News," who is extremely friendly to the Bureau and who attended the "Seven Great Living Americans" awards ceremonies, telephoned Wick and asked whether Mr. Hoover would have anything to say about the life and death of Mr. Kettering.

It is recommended that the attached statement be made available to Dick Cull in this connection at once.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Jones

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After approval by Mr. Tolson, the statement was given to Mr. Cull at 6:30p 11/25/58 by Wick.

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"I was extremely saddened to learn of the passing of Charles F. Kettering. His inventive genius has had a personal impact on the life of every American and his talents will be sorely missed. His range of interest was far flung--his influence as an inventor, businessman and humanitarian will live for generations to come."

J. EDGAR HOOVER

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EUGENE W. KETTERING
THE WINTERS NATIONAL BANK & TRUST CO.
DAYTON 2, OHIO

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Charles E. Kettering, December 17, 1958

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Mrs. Kettering and the family join me in deep appreciation for your very kind expression of sympathy at the time of my Father's passing.

We know how very much Father admired you, and we were pleased and proud to find a number of your autographed publications in his Library.

We are very grateful for your thoughts of us.

Most sincerely

Eugene W. Kettering

Eugene W. Kettering

Ohio

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

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