

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]

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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)

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

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. b7D.

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

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 [REDACTED] 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.

Seattle rpt. 5/25/42

Re: [REDACTED]

wa; IS-G, Custodial

Detention

65-29936-11

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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) film 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
(99)

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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. (u)

unclassified per CIA ltr. 9/12/81

spt slw/ahr
10-28-83

Released as excised by
letter dated 12-9-83
100-5124-74

In 1949 [REDACTED] b7D
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.

WFO Rpt. 12/3/52

Re: [REDACTED] CIA; b3

LGE

121-41427-2

(48)

SI 140-2082-27

(32)

Gregory advised that in 1942, [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] mentioned to Jacob Golos, Soviet
Esp. Agt., who died in November 1943, that E.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.

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 en-
closing a memo concerning
activities of subject of
the Silvermaster case

Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, 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.

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 101-4750-34

(43)✓

SI 101-352-86

(43)✓

SI 105-13493-1

(42)✓

SI 100-15877-282

(49)✓

SI 100-344728-18

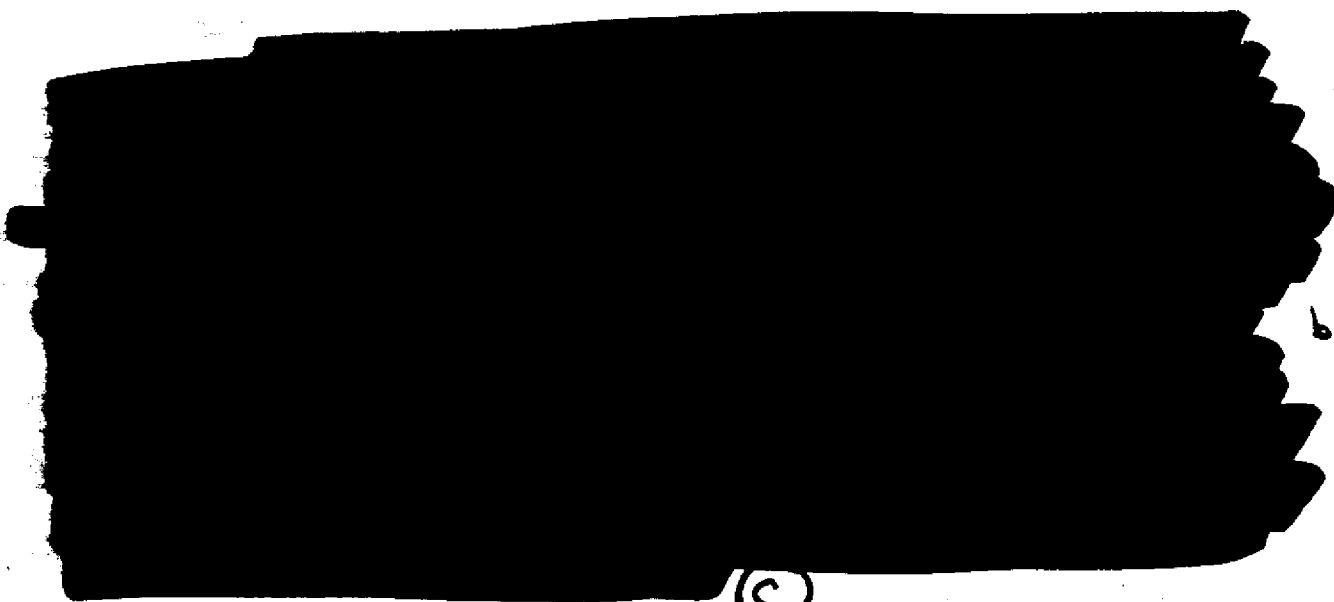
(35)✓

SI 65-28762-28

(19)✓

SI 77-27252-48

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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)✓

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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.

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100-181575-33X 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
62-64427-53
(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)

62-64429-133
(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 Forworth, 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 Forworth 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

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This para remains
unclassified PER State-
Dept. 10/17/81 DATED
3-26-81 SP-45/2m/N.

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.

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 Greentrier 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. b7C

San Francisco Let., 2/24/42

Re: [REDACTED]

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100-30330-13

(40)

During an interview with [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that Count Greg Cassini was going to work in the Italian section of the Office of the Coordinator of Information, headed by Colonel William Donovan.

NY Let., 5/12/42

Re: Count Greg Cassini, [REDACTED] b7D

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100-88086-11

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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.

DECLASSIFIED per State
Dept memo DATED 3-26-81
SP-4 JAM/ur

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

62-62736-2-1117
(46)

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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 sabo-
tage schools.
Re: Col. William J. Donovan's
Schools of Saboteurs
62-9800-50
(29)
SI 62-64427-313
(30)

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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 Lombard. 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., 12/13/42
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.

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(108)

State
[REDACTED]

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)

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] b7d

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
65-56402-5542
(S) (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., 8/5/42

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

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]

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was; [REDACTED]

100-396175-7

(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.

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)

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] showed considerable friendship toward Col. Donovan. (u)

Los Angeles Let.,
11/30/42
No caption given
64-4680-1
(21)

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TOP SECRET

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. Donuvan.

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. Donuvan. Stein's roommate allegedly held a confidential position under William J. Donuvan in the Office of the Coordinator of Information in Wash., D.C.

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.

Memo to the Director
from Mr. Ladd dated,
4/25/42
Re: Col. William Donovan's
Attempt to Organize a
School For Commandos
62-64427-260
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On 1/15/43 Paul Scheffer, a German journalist of international reputation who was apprehended 12/16/41 as an enemy alien, was paroled by the Attorney General. Brigadier General William J. Donovan appeared on his behalf and endorsed him (Scheffer) as anti-Nazi.

(Source not given)

Memo for the Director,
3/27/44

Re: [REDACTED] Paul Scheffer,
Alien Enemy Control
61-7566-4810

(87)✓

SI 62-81615-433

(104)✓ (Statement made
by Walter Winchell on his
broadcast of 3/26/44)

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

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[redacted] summed this matter up from the stand-
point of the War Department by saying, "Donovan's past sins
are at last catching up with him."

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Memo for the Director,
1/15/43

No caption given
62-64427-475
(36)✓

On 2/2/50 [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed by a Bureau
Agent in Chicago. [redacted] said he had known [redacted]
from approximately [redacted] to [redacted]
said that [redacted] was personally acquainted with
William Donovan, who was head of OSS.


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Chicago Rpt., 2/19/50

[redacted]
was; Registration Act;
IS-GB
62-67538-187
(48)✓

On or about 3/12/43 an unidentified source^W advised that Adolfo Rivera Tompkins formerly collaborated ~~with~~ William Donovan relative to the procurement of information on French fortifications.

Havana Rpt., 6/19/43

 was;
Cuba - Subversive
Activities - F
65-37958-26X3
(15)✓

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

This reference is a Bureau letter dated 4/5/43 to Brigadier General William J. Donovan, Director of OSS, Wash., D.C., enclosing a letter postmarked 3/26/43 which was addressed to Donovan in care of the FBI by the French Military Mission, Wash., D.C.

62-64427-559
(87)✓

On 4/13/43 [REDACTED]

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

NY Let., 4/15/43
Re: OSS -Ireland
62-64427-583
(46,95)✓
SI 62-60350-10-16
(92) (name searched as
William J. Donovan)
SI 62-64427-603
(101) (name searched as
William J. Donovan)
~~SI 62-64427-603~~
~~(101) (Name searched as~~
~~William J. Donovan.)~~

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

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

Bureau Memo, 8/4/43
Re: \$30,200. Deposited in
NY Bank 12/30/42 by Carlos
Regas to account of
Irrarrazaval Rodriguez y cia
64-25478-3
(116)✓

Reference was made to a report by [redacted] at Port-au-Prince dated 5/5/43 which included facts concerning the possibility that [redacted] was an agent for Col. William Donovan.

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

Ciudad Trujillo Rpt.,
9/20/43

[redacted]
Dominican Republic, Sub-
versive Activities - G
64-21990-8
(32)✓

On 6/3/43 SAC Jerome Doyle at NYC, had an informal chat with Mr. Martin Quigley, owner and publisher of the Quigley Publishing Company and an intimate friend of Brigadier General William J. Donovan. Doyle stated that he was convinced that while Gen. Donovan had an excellent personality and could individually handle any project given him, that nevertheless, Donovan was totally unfit temperamentally to administer any such agency as OSS. Mr. Doyle told Mr. Quigley that he had heard a rumor in NYC that Donovan would be made a Major General and placed in charge of MID. Mr. Quigley said he had heard nothing along this line. Quigley said he believed that he was intimate enough with Donovan that if such were a possible future of Donovan he would have been told by Donovan.

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

NY Let., 6/3/43
No caption given
62-64427-62716
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62-64427-62717
(112)✓

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NY Let., 6/22/43
Re: [REDACTED]

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62-64427-62717
(16)✓

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

Los Angeles Let., 6/25/43

Re: OSS

62-64427-623

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NY Let., 7/15/1943

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62-64427-607

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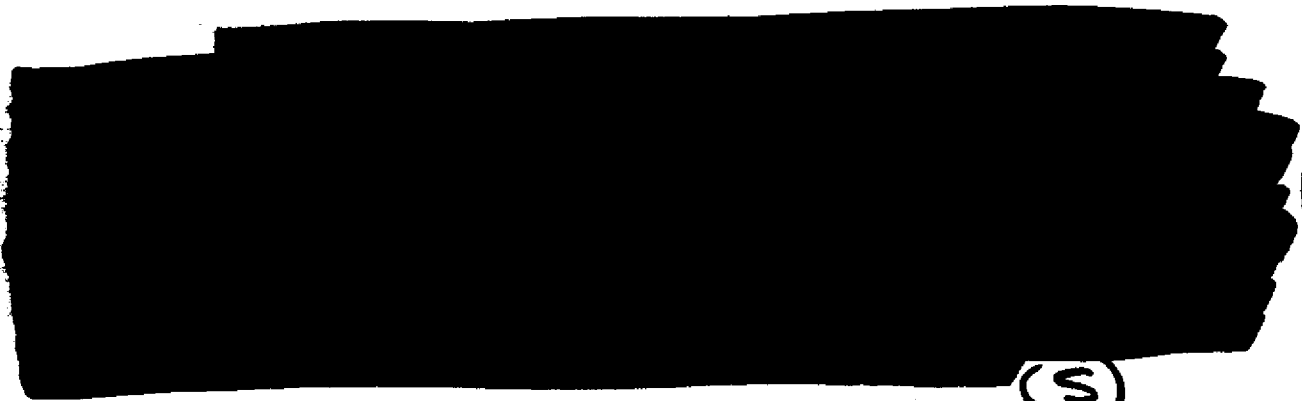
On about March 14, 1946 Malcolm Lovell conferred with Mr. J.K. Mumford of this Bureau, at which time Lovell referred to an entry in his diary for 8/13/43 which stated that on Madison Ave. in NY that evening he was approached by a Swede who said he had a message from his friend Hans Thompson, the former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

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

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

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

NY Let., 9/8/43 with above
log [REDACTED]
Re: [REDACTED]
61-7555-4654
(63)✓



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Bureau memo, 12/6/43
No caption given,
Enclosing above documents,
Security classification and
evaluation not given
65-38136-38 pg. 1
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██████████ stated that 85% of the reports submitted by OSS were re-hashes of British Intelligence and an additional 10% were re-hashes of data obtained by Polish, Yugoslav and Greek Intelligence. He stated that possibly 5% of the reports submitted by OSS originated with OSS. ██████████ stated that the OSS had subordinated itself to British Intelligence. It was felt that Col ██████████ was a very conscientious individual.

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

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

On 10/13/43 Mr. Pennington and Mr. Ladd interviewed [redacted] of OSS relative to the activities of OSS [redacted] until he obtained a transfer, which was contrary to the desires of Col. (William J.) Donovan.

[redacted] stated that Col. Donovan was losing face rapidly with the President and that [redacted] felt that the President would be very receptive to a suggestion that Mr. Hoover take over OSS. [redacted] he most anxious to see the FBI take over the operation of OSS inasmuch as he felt that the operation of OSS had been a miserable failure.

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

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

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

On 11/8/43, T-1 [REDACTED] advised that Major Ken Downs, formerly with OSS who was aide to General Terry Allen in North Africa had seen Gen. (William) Donovan during the invasion of Sicily, at which time Gen. Donovan persuaded Downs to return to the United States and resume his functions with OSS. b7D

T-2 [REDACTED] stated that Donovan was trying to build up an organization similar to the FBI, and was very jealous of the achievements and complimentary publicity that the Bureau received. b7D

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

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

* Reliability not given.

ONI info released as is by letter dated 1-5-81. (190-5134-59) ↓

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

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

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

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

A letter dated 1/8/44 concerning the Balkans.

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

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CIA etc 9/13/83

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← T-5 [REDACTED] (R)(U)

T-6 [REDACTED] Office of
Chief of Naval Operations,
Wash. D.C.)

WFO Rpt. 1/12/54

Re: [REDACTED] was;

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65-57913-919, pg. 16, 17,

18, 24
(105)✓

Released as excused
by letter 12-9-83 190-5134-74

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This reference is a letter dated 12/3/43 from [redacted] Calif. addressed to [redacted] Office of War Information setting out information regarding various key positions in both industry and government in California which were held by Nazi sympathizers. [redacted] listed Gen. William J. Donovan (Wild Bill) as a personal reference.

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Let. from [redacted] Office of War Information dated 12/8/43 enclosing above let.
100-0-20063
(67)

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

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

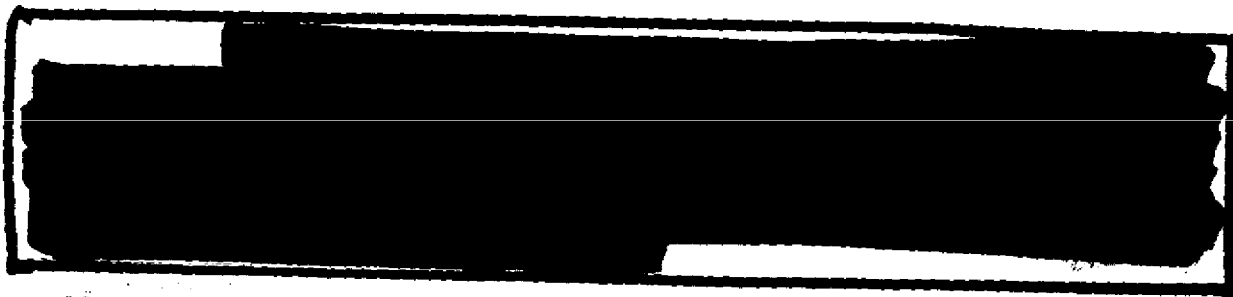
Memo for Mr. Ladd, 1/6/44 enclosing Dallas let. of 12/8/43
No caption given
62-64127-746
(36,67)

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

NY Let., 1/11/50 enclosing
copy of above publication
Re: "Plain Talk"
94-36517-110, encl. pg. 29
(109)✓

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

7-20-52



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

CIA

CIA was contacted in March 1953 and requested to determine whether the files of OSS revealed that the Manhattan Engineering District in 1944 furnished any information to OSS or to William J. Donovan concerning a secret project being carried on at Oak Ridge, Tenn. CIA gave a negative reply. (U) unclassified per CIA ltr 9/13/83. SP4 elw/ahr

10-28-83

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

WFO Rpt., 8/28/53

Re: [redacted] was;

Esp-R

65-52913-775, pgs. 7, 8, 11,

15, 17, 22

(38, 78)

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CIA

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

unclassified per
CIA ltr 9/13/83.

SP4 elw/ahr
10-28-83

WFO Rpt., 12/28/53

Re: [redacted] was; Esp-R, IS Act of 1950

100-364413-174-pgs. 4, 6,

10, 16, 17, 18, 23
(98)

Released as above

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

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

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

In the May 26, 1944 issue of the Washington "Post" the column "Federal Dairy" by Jerry Klutz referred to a "dream" appropriation of OSS and to the fact that for the first time in the course of hearings before the Sub-committee of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives some of the testimony of Gen. Donovan was printed. An examination of the printed matter revealed that on 3/31/44 General Wm. J. Donovan testified on behalf of OSS but most of his remarks were made off the record.

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

Memo for Mr. Ladd, 5/30/44
enclosing above column from
Wash., "Post".
Re: Testimony of Brigadier
General William J. Donovan
of OSS Before Subcommittee
of the Committee on
Appropriations of the
House of Representatives
62-64427-86C
(119)

In the spring of 1944 (exact date not given) [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] was interviewed regarding his
association with Donald Downs, whom he first met in 1942
when they were in OSS School together in Wash., D.C. [REDACTED]
gave the name of Gen. William Donovan, former head of OSS,
among a list of persons who might supply information con-
cerning Downs.

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

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

Do not disseminate data in this reference.

WFO Rpt., 12/1/50
Re: Unknown Subject
100-361126-10 (S)
(86)✓

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[REDACTED] expressed amusement at the fact that on [REDACTED] he was to have lunch with Brigadier General William J. Donovan. Gen. Donovan was reported to be interested in meeting him and discussing

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with him the possibility [redacted] taking an assignment with
OSS.

NY Let. 7/17/44

Re: [redacted]
64-4102452
(101)✓

CIA

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

declassified per
CIA ltr 9-13-83.

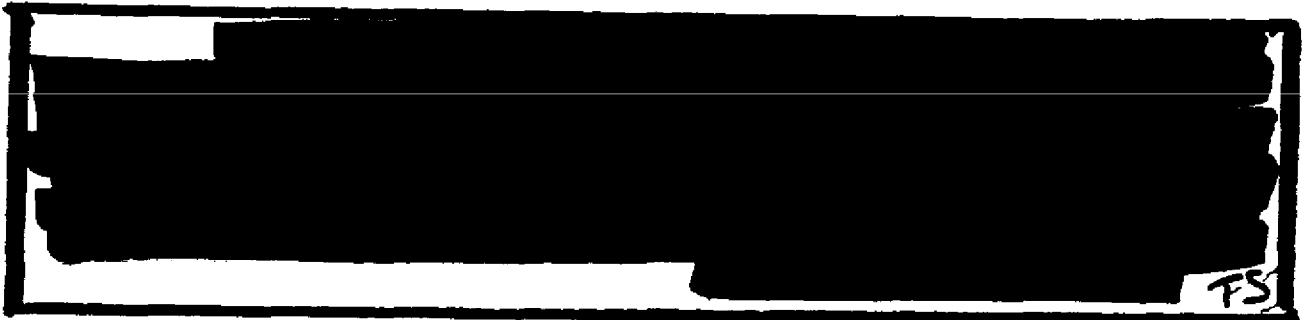
62-67538-130
(121)✓

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10-28-83

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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




The above information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau.

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

NY Rpt., 5/20/52

Re: Unknown Subject was;

 TS
cc-3300-73 pgs. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8
(52,102)

[REDACTED]

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WFO Memo, 11/4/44
Re: [REDACTED]
65-46253-5
(50)✓

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 15.
65-46253-11 pg. 3
(41)✓
SI 100-364413-19 pgs. 1,3,6
(7)✓
100-364413-20
(103)✓

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

CIA

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

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CIA ltr dtd 9/13/83
SPT elw/che
10-28-83

WFO Rpt 7/25/49
Re: [redacted] was;
Esp-R
65-58277-16
(79)✓

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

T-1 [redacted]
Los Angeles Rpt. 9/19/50
Re: [redacted] was;
SM-C
100-337177-66
(49)✓

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

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

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

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

No caption given

62-76274-28

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[REDACTED]
(X) (C)
San Francisco Rpt.,
3/15/45
Re: Comintern Apparatus;
IS-R
100-203581-4178
(39, 40)

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On 12/12/44 [REDACTED]
shortly after [REDACTED] arrived in the U.S. from Spain
he went to Wash., D.C. (date not given) where he had lunch
with Eleanor Roosevelt and Henry Wallace at which time they
met with Brigadier General William Donovan. Donovan intro-
duced [REDACTED] a man named Thompson who had been in Spain
for OSS.

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

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[REDACTED]

65-54287-17
(21)

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

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

Letter from Office of
Civil Attache, Mexico
City dated 11/28/44
Re: [REDACTED]
Foreign Miscellaneous
64-31434-2
(67)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WFO Let., 12/11/45
Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, was, Maurice Hal-
perin, etal; Esp-R
65-56402-283
(40)✓

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

(T-1) [REDACTED] Frank-
ford Arsenal, Phila.)

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

Philadelphia Rnt. 3/12/51
Re: [REDACTED]
Atomic Energy Act - Esp.
117-999-12
(50)✓

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

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

San Francisco Rpt. 7/23/53

Re: [redacted]

wa Lu; IS-R

105-22852-9

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In the early part of 1947 [redacted] Burlington, Vermont, furnished a 26 page document, the first part of which was entitled, "The Red Thread" and the second part, "The Department of State." This document was prepared by Benjamin Stolberg, 222 W. 23rd. St., NYC. "The Department of State" portion of this document sets out information regarding David Zablowsky who was an assistant to Alger Hiss during the San Francisco conference which organized the United Nations. During the war Zablowsky was with the OSS, where

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

NY 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)

IND
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)

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referred to
DIA by NIS
not heard from
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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)
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[redacted] (S)

Classified per CIA ltr 9/13/83.

SP4 elw/pkr
10-28-83

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Classified per CIA
9/15/83.

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10-24-83

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] b7D
[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.

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 62-76274-73

(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)

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[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

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)
IS-R
100-334430-99
(85)v

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
100-267360-1298 pg. 1,20
(49)

The Washington "Star" for 3/12/45 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
(114)
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
(111)

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
(90)

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 3/10/45 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

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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 3/18/45
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

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

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The report also stated that ~~Eamon~~ Eamon 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]

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Registration Act
65-10099-95
(13)✓

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 82-76274-89

(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.

62-76878-A
(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)

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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)

unclassified
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 7/23/45, po. 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)

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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)
100-37-1-410X
(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
(111)

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)

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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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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
12-9-83
190-5134-74

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 this 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 Dpts.
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.

62-76878-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)✓

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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)✓

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[REDACTED]

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NY rpt., 10/17/46
Re: Gregory; Esp.-R
65-56402-1679, 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)✓

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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)(D)

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 100-74021-76
(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)
65-37193-267-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. Housso, 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.

94-4-925-116
(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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100-842434-7

(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 9-12-81.

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10-31-83

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CIA ltr 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
65-56403-1352 pg. 37, 38, 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., 10/27/46
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, 6/4/47
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 7/3/46. 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 enclosing above correspondence
No caption given
62-64434-1175
(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

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