

On July 23 to 25, 1946 the 46th Annual Conference of the NY State Association of Chiefs of Police was held in Utica, N.Y. Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan was guest speaker at the banquet on 7/24/46 and made a talk concerning what was meant by Intelligence and the necessity for it. He also gave a few incidents which occurred in OSS during World War II.

(Conference attended by
Bureau Agents)

Albany Memo, 7/29/46
Re: 46th Annual Conference NY State Association
of Chiefs of Police
94-1-140-235
(108)

[REDACTED] advised that the "Herald Tribune" for 7/29/46 carried an article which stated that the American Institute of International Information would be established in the near future. This institute was to be a non-profit research and information agency which would seek and publish comprehensive data concerning the problems following the war. Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan was named as President of the Institute.

[REDACTED] advised that Donovan later withdrew from the Institute because of its leftist tendencies.

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NY Memo, 2/17/47

Re: American Institute
of International In-
formation, Information
Concerning

62-82062-3

(101) ✓

SI 100-334430-168, pg. 13

(101) ✓ (Herald Tribune,
8/26/46)

SI 62-82062-4

(87) ✓

Dr. Vlatko Macek, head of the Croatian Peasant Party, who was in the US from August 29, 1946 to the middle of September 1946 was at various times the guest of Gen. William Donovan. (CGO-5385)

Chicago Let., 10/18/46
Re: United Croations of
the US and Canada;
IS-YU
105-9072-6
(17)✓

[REDACTED]

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WFO rpt., 10/1/46
Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, was., etal; Esp.-R
65-56402-1655, pg. 45
(62)✓
SI 65-56402-1638X, pg. 211
(62)✓
SI 65-56402-1-791
(65)✓

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A memo addressed to the Chief of Staff, dated 9/9/46, from Col. Carter W. Clarke of G-2, concerned the American Institute of International Information. This memo stated that the NY "Herald Tribune" reported that on 8/29/46 a new organization The American Institute of International Information, had been formed which was headed by Gen. William J. Donovan.

The purpose of this organization, according to above article, was to offer for sale to government agencies, libraries, educational institutions, newspapers and any other who might desire the fullest information available on a specified subject.

From a previously reliable source G-2 learned that the Institute expected to obtain the information which it would offer for sale from former members of Gen. Donovan's OSS organization who were later installed in the State, War and Navy Depts.

This source further stated that Gen. Donovan had become so embittered over his failure to secure the Republican nomination for Senate in NY that "to say the least his judgement is open to question."

The above memo was procured by the Bureau from a confidential source and the fact that the Bureau was cognizant of the existence of this data should not be discussed outside the Bureau.

Above memo enclosed with
Bureau Memo dated 9/10/46
Re: American Institute of
International Information
62-82062-1
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The Wilmington, Delaware, "Morning News" for 9/14/46 carried an article entitled, "U.S. Intelligence System Lacking OSS Chief Asserts" which pertained to an address of Gen. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan before the Delaware Bar Association.

Baltimore Memo, 9/20/46
enclosing above newspaper
clipping
Re: Gen. W.J. Donovan
94-8-730-13
(63, 111)
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This reference is an MID report dated 9/20/46 which stated that on 9/16/46 Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan made a speech to the Advertising Men's Post of the American Legion in NYC in which he strongly attacked the intelligence set-up in Wash., D.C.

(Source evaluated as completely reliable; information as possibly true)

100-7660-4002. pg. 13
(89)✓

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WFO rpt., 11/19/46
Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, was., et al;
Esp.-R
65-56402-1902, pg. 41
(64)
SI 65-56402-1-886
(66)✓

[REDACTED] Wash., D.C.
dated 10/28/46, Entitled
"MI Summary"
[REDACTED]

65-10000-1-20
(63)

The New York "Daily Mirror" for 10/31/46 in Drew Pearson's column "Washington Merry-Go-Round" stated that in August 1946 Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan asked Gov. Dewey for support for Senatorial nomination, but got the brush off. Dewey told Donovan that Senator Wagner was sick and might not be long for this world. Donovan was promised this vacancy when it occurred. Donovan supporters charged Dewey made a deal with the officers of the State Federation of Labor to scuttle Donovan in favor of Irving M. Ives, Dean of the School of Industrial Relations, Cornell. Donovan yielded and became Ives' campaign manager.

94-8-350-A
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The Washington "Post" for 1/3/47 carried an article entitled, "How OSS, Russians Cooperated Told" which stated that the OSS and the NKVD worked closely together in the latter stages of the war. Maj. Gen. John R. Deane said that the OSS and the NKVD worked together in 1944 and 1945 under an agreement between Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, OSS Chief and Lieut. Gen. P.M. Fitin and Maj. Gen. A.P. Ossipov, two men in the secret police.

62-64427-A
(93) ✓

The NY Herald Tribune for 1/10/47 carried an article entitled, "Donovan Points to Russians in Defense Appeal" which stated that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, head of the war-time OSS, referred to the Russian situation in renewing his demand for a central intelligence system in the US during a speech at a luncheon of the NY Young Republican Club.

65-37922-A
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On 1/14/47 Mr. Roach of the Liaison Section called on Mr. George Allen and furnished information concerning Joseph Panuch, Allen Dulles, et al. Mr. Allen was advised that Allen Dulles, the brother of John Foster Dulles, was a friend of Gen. (Wild Bill) Donovan and an individual whom Donovan was sponsoring to become Executive Director of CIG (Central Intelligence Group) and that should Dulles receive the job, he would undoubtedly be a "Charley McCarthy" for Donovan.

Memo to Director from Mr.
Ladd, 1/14/47
Re: Joseph Panuch, Allen
Dulles, et al
62-81909-11
(16,63)

On 1/15/47 SAC McSwain, Chicago, called and advised that Mr. Charles Hinkle, President of the Union League Club, had invited him (McSwain) to attend a meeting on the following Tuesday which was to be addressed by "Wild Bill" Donovan who was to speak on "Our Potential Enemies". McSwain was advised to decline the invitation. The following notation appeared on this memo: "I agree. H."

Bureau Memo, 1/15/47
No caption given
94-1-3789-21
(62)✓

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The NYC Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, revealed that on 1/17/47 Gertrude R. Gangadharan was married to Walter W. Mansfield. One of the witnesses to this marriage was William J. Donovan.

NY Rpt., 8/25/49

Re: [REDACTED]

was; Esp-R

100-362715-5

(84)✓

[REDACTED]

On the above date Bureau Agents observed Halperin leave the Hotel Embassy at 154 W. 70th St., NYC and proceeded to #2 Wall St., NYC, which was tenanted by the law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Lombard.

[REDACTED]

WFO Rpt., 5/5/49

Re: Maurice Halperin;

SM-C

65-14303-38 pg. 12, 21

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On 2/5/47 David Wahl told Woodrow Borah that he had learned the answers to their inquiries and it was their friend (Halperin) as suspected. This reference undoubtedly was made to Drew Pearson's broadcast concerning a Communist in the State Dept. who was formerly an Oklahoma professor. Wahl asked Maurice Halperin about the advisability of seeing Old General (William Donovan?) and Halperin said he planned to see the General. On 2/6/47 Halperin told Wahl that he had seen the General who was a very decent individual, however, he was not interested in being attorney in case one was needed.

(Source not given)
WFO Tel., 2/7/47
Re: Gregory; Esp-R
65-56402-2170
(50)

On [redacted] Bureau Agents interviewed [redacted]
[redacted] During this interview [redacted] furnished background data regarding George P. Skouras who was assigned to OSS stationed in Cairo, Egypt in 1943. [redacted] stated that Skouras was sponsored by Gen. William Donovan, who he said was commonly known to have used his high position during the war to play personal politics calculated to have post-war benefits.

WFO Memo, [redacted]
Re: Interview of [redacted]
[redacted]
65-56402-2170
(50)

On 4/15/47 [REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents at which time she stated that she was of the impression that Elizabeth Bentley was employed by William Donovan of OSS during World War II. b7D

WFO summary rpt., 11/2/48
Re: Nathan Gregory Silver-
master, was; IS-R
101-786-96 pg. 51
(15)

The 6/5/47 issue of the New York "Journal American" carried an article entitled "Senator McMahon Aided Rubenstein" which stated that Brien McMahon, US Senator from Connecticut, was counsel for Serge Rubinstein, the millionaire draft dodger. When new interests took over Rubinstein's company (Panhandle Producing and Refining Co.) the law firm of Gen. William Donovan - Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lumbard and Irvine, was engaged.

65-5793-A
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The Washington "Evening Star" for 6/17/47 carried an article entitled, "This Changing World". This article stated that the authors of the memorandum for organization of a security and counterintelligence organization in the State Department had very advanced ideas. For example they maintained that the employment of fellow-travelers and "so-called" subversives was not the security risk it had been painted, since they could provide important and useful information. This was the argument used by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan when he was asked why he used this kind of person in OSS.

62-76274-A
(113)

On 7/17/47 [REDACTED] continued his testimony
before a Grand Jury in NYU

[REDACTED]

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NY Tel., 7/17/47
Re: Gregory; Esp-R
65-56402-2705
(93)

On 8/18/47 [redacted] was interviewed by Bureau agents in NYC at which time she stated that she was introduced to [redacted] Eliscu by [redacted] who she knew to be [redacted]. She said that they met Eliscu in the office of Gen. William Donovan, 2 Wall St., NYC. [redacted] stated that Eliscu was General Donovan's aide in the World War II and that Donovan had placed him in the British Canadian American Corporation, an import-export firm.

NY Rpt. 2/25/49
Re: [redacted]
et al, Glossier Trading
Co.; Bills of Lading Act.
71-2460-8, encl. pg. 19
(27)✓

This reference is Westbrook Pegler's column (date not given) entitled "Fair Enough" from an unidentified newspaper (block date on mail is 9/9/47). This column stated that Garson Kanin went to Washington as a character witness for a Communist platter who stowed away in the State Dept. under false representations. Kanin testified that he served during the war with OSS. Pegler stated that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, was so naive after all his service among Communists that he didn't suspect where Kanin's sympathies might be.

46-11506-2013
(106)

On 9/15/47 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Intelligence Society of the United States contacted the NY office regarding an applicant for Special Agent in whom he was interested. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of G-2, advised that the Intelligence Society of the United States was a group composed of former employees of OSS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that this group was banded together under Gen. William Donovan to keep in touch with each other, and it was his [REDACTED] impression that they had some kind of office in Wash., D.C. and more or less utilized Gen. Donovan's office in NYC.

NY Memo, 9/20/47

Re: Intelligence Society
of the United States,
Miscellaneous Information
concerning
62-84783-1
(27)

The application for federal employment of [REDACTED] dated 5/20/47 revealed Gen. W.J. Donovan as a reference. Inquiry at the law offices of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Irvine, 2 Wall St., NYC, on 11/20/53 indicated that William J. Donovan was serving as US Ambassador in Thailand.

NY Rpt. 12/10/53

Re: [REDACTED] State
Dept., Wash., D.C.; SGE
140-1602-5
(83)

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This reference is a letter written in the German language dated 11/24/47 from [REDACTED] Refugee Camp, 961 East Steward Road, Shanghai 19, China. A translation of this letter revealed that it dealt with his [REDACTED] activities in China and his arrest in Japan on the suspicion of espionage in June, 1940.

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[REDACTED] stated that on July 1 or 2, 1940 his passport was confiscated by the German Consul Heinrich Seelhelm in Yokohama. [REDACTED] continued that on the assumption that his passport might be used by the German consulate for espionage purposes, he [REDACTED] so notified the "OOS (OSS) Bureau" in a letter addressed to William Donovan in the summer of 1940.

105-10344-1
(42)✓

On 12/7/1947 a highly confidential source made available to Bureau Agents the contents of [REDACTED] included in this material was [REDACTED] address book which contained the name of Gen. William J. Donovan, Re 2-4100 (Mr. Kazazean, Ext. 108) 2 Wall St.

This information should not be disseminated without permission from Mr. Boardman.

NY rpt., 4/12/49
Re: [REDACTED]
Esp.-R
100-182607-34, pg. 13
(99)✓
SI 40-46866-154
(100)✓

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This reference is a letter dated 12/8/47 from James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, Washington, enclosing a letter from William J. Donovan concerning a Jewish Rabbi who escaped from Russia, entered Czechoslovakia and arrived in America.

A pencilled notation on this reference indicated the above letter from Donovan was detached in Atomic Energy Section for handling on 12/17/47.

117-319-3
(81)

In April 1948 [REDACTED] Chicago, was interviewed by Bureau Agents regarding [REDACTED] advised that he was an acquaintance of William Donovan, formerly of OSS, believed to be connected with a NY law firm at the time of this interview. b7D b7C

Chicago Rpt., 4/8/48
Re [REDACTED] aka; b7C
Metals and Minerals Consultant, Dept. of Commerce;
LGE
121-3161-25
(46)

State

The files of the Security Division, State Department, contained a memorandum entitled "Affairs of the Institute of Pacific Relations Confidential, dated 8/25/47 which set out an investigation of Special Agent Daniel H. Clare, Jr. who was assigned to the NY Office of the Department of State in May 1950.

This memorandum revealed that Gen. Patrick Hurley told an unidentified informant that he (Hurley) was in London in April, 1945 and was to depart shortly for Teheran. A few minutes before his plane left the airport Gen. William Donovan arrived at the airport seeking him. Gen. Donovan told Gen. Hurley that a telegram, which had been prepared for President Roosevelt to send to Chungking, China had been picked up at Moscow; that an investigation had precluded the possibility that the leak of information could have occurred in Washington, because the information in the telegram reached Moscow before the actual telegram left Washington, D.C. Gen. Donovan stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been observed contacting a man in Washington and that this man, after leaving [REDACTED] had been followed to the Soviet Embassy. Gen. Donovan was greatly disturbed by this occurrence and warned Gen. Hurley against divulging information of a secret nature which might reach [REDACTED]

According to this memo the unidentified informant had not attempted to confirm the story and had not seen Gen. Donovan or attempted to examine the files of OSS.

On 1/15/48 Daniel H. Clare was directed to interview Gen. William J. Donovan concerning his knowledge of the above episode. In a report dated 1/16/48, concerning the interview, it was set out that Gen. Donovan confirmed the meeting with Gen. Patrick Hurley at the airport outside of London and stated that he had talked with Hurley for about 5 minutes. Donovan told Gen Hurley the principal highlights of the Amerasia Case and informed him that while he could not evaluate its importance he felt that Gen. Hurley should be aware of what was going on. Gen. Donovan stated that early in 1945 his agents discovered that material from their office had appeared in the magazine Amerasia, and that suitcases full of documents from the State, Navy Department and OSS had been procured from the office of the magazine and taken to the State Department.

Gen. Donovan stated that he had not told Gen. Hurley, nor did he know anything about a telegram conceived in Washington reaching Moscow before its official release nor did he tell Gen. Hurley anything about Mr. Vincent having been observed contacting a man who was later followed to the Soviet Embassy.

Baltimore memo, 5/10/50
Re: Owen Lattimore;
Esp.-R
100-24632-1473
(35, 88)

The references designated below revealed that on 1/21/48 the Bureau advised the AG of a conference which had been held on 1/9/48 which was participated in by Gen. William Donovan, Louis F. Budenz, his wife, and Mario Noto and Raymond Farrell of INS. At this conference Donovan cast aspersions at the work of the FBI and indicated that a different type of investigation should be launched against the Communists.

On 2/13/48 Peyton Ford, Assistant to the AG, furnished a memo setting out details of statements made by [REDACTED] INS employee, and [REDACTED] who were placed under oath and asked questions concerning their meetings with Gen. Donovan.

[REDACTED] advised on two occasions during the latter part of 1947, they took [REDACTED] to see Gen. Donovan. Donovan [REDACTED] engaged in a friendly conversation but [REDACTED] stated that he heard no criticism of the FBI.

[REDACTED] alleged that they arranged these conferences in order to further their information on Communist activities, and because of the extremely high regard they had for Gen. Donovan and his knowledge of Communist activities.

100-63-273

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[REDACTED] (S)

Classified per CIA
[REDACTED] ltr dtd 9/13/83.
SP4 elw/ahr
10-28-83

65-58700-388
(115) ✓
65-59186-14
(87) ✓

Released as excused by letter dated 12-9-83
(190-5734-74)

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Murphy worked in the office of William J. Donovan when Donovan was special assistant to the Attorney General. Murphy also served as executive officer in OSS to Gen. Donovan during World War II.

This data should not be disseminated.

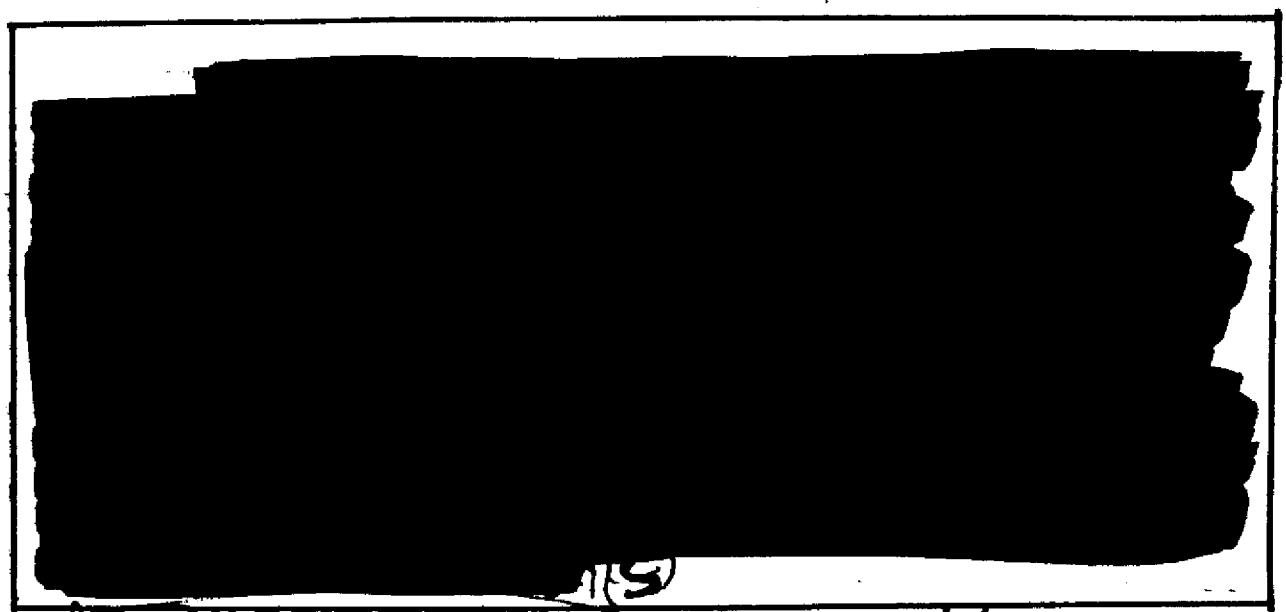
WFO Rpt. 11/24/48
Re: [REDACTED] Esp.-R
65-57976-9, pg. 17
(117)✓

On 4/22/48 Bureau Agents overheard Peter Hoguet, an attorney, say that on 4/21/48 Gen. William Donovan had contacted him and suggested that plans for the Americanization Day Parade, which was to be held 5/1/48, be cancelled. Hoguet believed that Donovan was sent to him by Julius Ochs Adler, publisher of the New York "Times", who was pressing cancellation because of an attack in the "Daily Worker" on Adler. Hoguet was to confer with Donovan on the participation of the 69th Regiment in above parade.

NY Tel., 4/23/48
Re: United May Day
Committee; IS-C
100-16912-100
(53)✓

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9/12/81 and OGA ltr 9-13-83
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10-31-83

WFO Rpt., 5/6/48
Re: [redacted]
105-10199-22
(16)✓

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An interview, date not given, with [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] Nicholas Malara, revealed that
[REDACTED] Malara felt the charges of Malara being pro-
Nazi and pro-Russian had originated with the Ausnits brothers
who were business competitors of Malara. [REDACTED] stated
that William Donovan (probably William Donovan, formerly of
OSS) was representing the Ausnits. [REDACTED] said he would
not put it past Donovan to employ such tactics as the above
pro-Nazi and pro-Russian charges.

NY Let., 5/7/48
Re: Nicholas Malara,
was; IS-R and Roumanian
100-344488-62
(42)

On 5/25/48 [REDACTED] confidentially advised S.A.
DeLoach of the Liaison Section that a reliable ONI informant
had advised him that various remnants of OSS personnel who
had previously operated in and around Paris, France, were
operating in that same locality on a private commercial basis
under the leadership of their former director, William Donovan. b7D

[REDACTED] stated that former OSS personnel had made
arrangements with British SOE (Special Operations Executive
Branch) to work strictly for British Intelligence, and that
those individuals were being compensated accordingly by the
British Gov't. [REDACTED] stated that Donovan had made a trip
to Paris for the purpose of surveying and inspecting the
activities of the above group. b7D

Bureau Memo, 3/27/48
Re: OSS Personnel Presently
Operation in France
62-64427-1192
(13)

INS

On 6/9/48 [redacted] of INS in NYC contacted the NY Office and stated he had been advised by Mr. Arthur Kaszian of the law office of William J. Donovan, that George Heltai, Hungarian Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs, arrived in NYC on 6/7/48 and was staying at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel. [redacted] stated that Heltai was attached to the Russian army of occupation in Hungary and that the purpose of his trip here was to discharge any officials in the Hungarian Embassy or Consulate who were not members or would not join the CP.

NY Memo, 6/22/48
Re: William J. Donovan
Information Concerning
100-356311-2
(98)

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This reference is a letter dated 7/29/48 from the State Department concerning the 6/11/48 edition of "La Tribune des Nations", Paris, France, which carried an article entitled "American Opinion becomes very Enthusiastic over the Discussion of the Secret Services of the United States". This article sets out data concerning William J. Donovan's activities in attempting to set up a post war intelligence service, and refers to articles by Donovan in the May and June 1947 issues of the "Atlantic Monthly".

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Translation of above article
enclosed with this letter
105-6574-27
(104)✓

INS

On 7/14/48 [redacted] of INS in NYC, advised that Walter R. Mansfield and one Langstaff of the law firm of Donovan, Leisure, Newton and Lumbard, 2 Wall St., NYC, called at INS regarding Nicolae Malara. [redacted] said he talked to them himself inasmuch as they worked for "Wild Bill" Donovan. [redacted] stated that Donovan seemed to carry quite a bit of weight with some INS employees and [redacted] wondered whether Donovan got more information than he gave.

It was noted that the Donovan firm was representing Max Ausnit in his suit against Nicolae Malara.

NY Let., 7/16/48
Re: Nicolae Malara
IS-R-Roumanian
100-344488-82
(12, 62)

On 7/8/48 [redacted] advised a Bureau Agent that Nicolae Malara had hired Walter Thayer as his (Malara's) attorney upon his (Thayer's) representation that for \$15,000 he could find out what the FBI had on him.

On 7/17/48 a Bureau Agent called at the office of Walter N. Thayer and overheard a telephone conversation between Thayer and William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan in which Thayer asked Donovan to use his influence on behalf of an individual who desired to obtain a position with the US Navy. The conversation indicated that Donovan agreed to do so.

[REDACTED] b7D

the U.S. Navy advised the Boston Office that he attended a private dinner party at the Waldorf Astoria, NYC, during the week of 7/26/48, given by Admiral Flannigan in honor of Herbert Brownell, Campaign Manager for Presidential Candidate Dewey. The conversations at the above dinner indicated that Mr. Dewey was well acquainted with and admired Col. William ("Wild Bill") Donovan, former head of OSS. While Mr. Donovan's friends wanted Mr. Dewey to promise to appoint Col. Donovan Attorney General, there was a feeling that Donovan and the Director did not get along well. Although Mr. Dewey did not wish to make an appointment which might deprive his Attorney General of the complete cooperation of this Bureau, he did not wish to offend Col. Donovan. It was decided to appoint Brownell because of his energetic participation in two election campaigns.

Boston Memo, 8/19/48
Re: Herbert Brownell,
Campaign Manager for
Thomas E. Dewey
62-45146-127
(51, 61)

In August 1948 [redacted] received a Special Delivery letter written in French, [redacted]

[redacted] one of the people who was aware of this incident was Gen. William Donovan. b7D

NY Rpt., 11/22/51

Re: Unknown Subject, was.;

Esp.-R

65-56248-95

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SI 100-275663-419

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The references designated below pertain to information furnished by [redacted] an inmate of the New Jersey State Prison. Although [redacted] had previously furnished detailed information concerning an alleged German espionage network in the US which later proved unreliable, and although it was apparent that he [redacted] there appeared to be some truth in his statements which indicated the existence of a fraudulent passport ring in NYC which was used by agents of the Soviet Intelligence Service. b7D b7C

[redacted] stated that he had information, the source of which he would not divulge, that the son of a participant in a political election in an unnamed state had been fingerprinted on an FBI card by the opposing faction. A notation was placed on this card that the person fingerprinted had been convicted and had pled guilty of being a homosexual. The mother of this boy referred [redacted] to her attorney whose name was Newton, 1 Wall St., NYC. Newton was reportedly associated with the law firm of Donovan and Newton.

According to the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory the Donovan connected with this firm was William J. Donovan. It was believed that if the story related by [REDACTED] contained any truth, "Wild Bill" Donovan was probably in the know.

Although [REDACTED] did not name General William J. Donovan he indicated that Donovan was a member of a group to whom [REDACTED] originally made his report concerning Soviet espionage activity in the US. b7D

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(67, 97)
65-53010-42
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On 9/14/48 Thomas J. Donegan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, advised that [REDACTED] b-3

Gen. William J. Donovan, because the latter had made a statement to the press that he still had confidence in Duncan Lee. No decision was reached.

NY Rpt., 11/22/48
Re: Gregory; Esp.-R
65-56402-3707
(97)
SI 65-56402-3555
(101)

[REDACTED] (S)

[REDACTED] (S)

In October 1948 Lisa Kincaid, aka Elizabeth Feher Kincaid, estranged wife of Elmer Kincaid, a former colonel in the US Army, visited Gen. William Donovan's office and requested assistance in connection with her naturalization. She went to Donovan because of her OSS work in Roumania.

(Source not given)

NY Rpt., 3/14/49

Re: [REDACTED]

was; IS-R

105-3652-19

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William J. Donovan was a member of the Board of Sponsors of the "The Polish Review", a magazine published in the English language supposedly devoted to the question of a free and independent Poland with offices at 516 Fifth Ave., NYC, (date not given)

WFO Memo, 10/12/48
Re: Polish Intelligence
Activities in the US;
IS-R & POL
100-350264-302
(97)

On 11/22/48 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in a discussion with a Bureau Agent mentioned that he felt that [REDACTED] would be an excellent contact for the Bureau and might be utilized by CIA for intelligence work outside the US. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was known personally to William (Bill) Donovan, Director of OSS. b7C

WFO Memo, 12/21/48
Re: [REDACTED] was;
IS-R and CZ
97-2590-12
(45)

An article entitled, "Loyalty Among Government Employees" written by Thomas I. Emerson, Professor of Law, and David M. Helfeld, Graduate Fellow, both of the Yale Law School, appeared in the December 1948 issue of the Yale Law Journal. This article was an analysis of the Loyalty Program and was sharply critical of the FBI.

A footnote to the above article stated that a second article on loyalty investigations written by Gen. William J. Donovan would appear in a later issue of the Yale Law Journal.

Bureau Memo, 1/27/49
Re: Article in the Yale
Law Journal on "Loyalty
Among Government Employees"
by Thomas I. Emerson and
David M. Helfeld
94-34122-6
(118)

On 12/16/48 [REDACTED] (not further identified), contacted him on 12/15/48 and advised that he was conducting an investigation for William Donovan, former chief of OSS, who was representing William Remington of Stamford, Conn. [REDACTED] Donovan was of the opinion Bentley was wrong in the testimony she gave against Remington and was trying to break down her testimony in this connection. b7D

New Haven Tel, 12/16/48
Re: Elizabeth Bentley,
Information concerning
134-435-6
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An INS news dispatch, datelined 1/24/49 at Hollywood, Calif., quoted Elizabeth Feher Kincaid, Hollywood screen actress and former worker for OSS in the Balkans, as saying that her marriage to Elmer T. Kincaid, Jr. a colonel with the air transport command during the war, had not worked out and she had retained Gen. William J. Donovan to represent her in NY.

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WFO Rpt., 3/14/49

Re: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was; IS-R
105-9852-21
(95)✓

Reference is made to a memo from Mr. Fletcher of the Bureau dated 2/25/49 which set forth a list of seven individuals on whom a check was desired by the Office of Secretary of Defense in connection with a meeting of a committee to study "defense against unconventional attack." William Joseph Donovan was one of the individuals on whom the above check was requested. A review of Bureau indices indicated no investigation had been made by the FBI pertinent to Donovan.

Bureau Memo, 3/10/49
Re: Committee to Study
"Defense Against Un-
conventional Attack"
62-89223-19
(58)✓

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On 3/4/49 [redacted] Indiana, was interviewed by a Bureau Agent in Hammond, Indiana. [redacted] stated he was personally very much alarmed regarding the lack of a properly coordinated intelligence service in the US. [redacted] stated that to his knowledge there were only two individuals in the US capable of heading a proper intelligence service, namely, John Edgar Hoover and "Wild Bill" Donovan.

Indianapolis Memo 3/8/49
Re: [redacted]
Ind.
Research
62-84929-15
(65)✓

CIA

On 3/23/49 Special Agent De Loach called at Admiral Hillenkoetter's office upon the request of Hillenkoetter (Director of CIA) at which time Hillenkoetter stated that General "Wild Bill" Donovan had accused an investigator of CIA of making accusations to Donovan's daughter-in-law, and others, intimating that Donovan was a "front" for Communists in the US and that he was a traitor to his country. (u)

unclassified per CIA ltr
9/13/83.

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10-28-83

Released 9/15/83 by [redacted]
dated 12-9-83.
(190-5/34-74)

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CIA ltr 9-13-83

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10-31-83

Admiral Hillenkoetter explained that the CIA investigator called on Mrs. Donovan to discuss with her the character and background of Mary Page Morris, who was being considered for employment by CIA. The CIA investigator stated that the interview in question was carried on in a mutual sense of understanding and no statements whatsoever were directed at Gen. Donovan. During the interview Mrs. Donovan told the investigator that Mary Page Morris had been an informant of Gen. Donovan since 1944. Frank Wisner, head of the Office of Policy Coordination, CIA, advised that

[REDACTED]

Memo to Mr. Ladd from Mr. Keay, 3/23/49

Re: [REDACTED]
Information concerning
62-89781-4
(67)✓
SI 100-344442-138
(17)✓

This serial refers to a controversy between Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director of CIA, and Frank Wisner, Assistant Director of CIA in charge of Policy Coordination. The controversy was raised over the possibility of Wisner's outfit transmitting information to General "Wild Bill" Donovan, former Director of OSS, an agency with which Wisner was once connected. Louise Page Morris, reported to be Donovan's informant, was recommended to become a CIA employee by Wisner. (u)

unclassified per CIA ltr 9-13-83.

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

CIA

On 3/30/49 Admiral Hillenkoetter confidentially advised Special Agent DeLoach that the President had bitterly criticized Gen. Donovan for trying to meddle in CIA affairs and also termed him "a prying SOB." (u)

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CIA ltr 9-13-83.

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Bureau Memo. 3/31/49

Re: [REDACTED]
Information concerning
62-80750-899
(68)✓

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letter dated 12-9-83
(190-5134-74)

The NY "World Telegram" for 4/11/49 carried an article entitled "50 Iron Curtain Exiles To Take Part in Rally" which stated that more than 50 political leaders who had been exiled from nations behind the Iron Curtain would take part in a Carnegie Hall rally at which time they would pledge themselves to forget national differences in a common struggle against Soviet domination.

The theme of this public rally which was to take place on 5/5/49 was to be "Peace Without Appeasement" and William J. Donovan was listed as one of the sponsors.

100-348490-A
(98)✓

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In the early part of July 1949 Bureau Agents interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that Elizabeth Fajer Kincaid had been engaged to Lt. William Spector. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] a friend of Mrs. Kincaid was in some trouble in Bucharest in connection with black market but that court martial proceedings against [REDACTED] were nolle prossed by Gen. (William) Donovan, head of OSS. [REDACTED] said that it was his opinion that Gen. Donovan desired to preserve the good name of OSS and thus did not wish to proceed against [REDACTED]

WFO Rpt. 8/5/49

Re: [REDACTED]

was; IS-R

105-9852-35

(16)✓

This reference is a letter dated 10/28/49 from William J. Donovan, attorney, at 2 Wall St., NYC, enclosing an article on the loyalty program which was published in the July 1949 issue of "The Yale Law Journal" entitled, "Program for a Democratic Counter Attack to Communist Penetration of Government Service." This article was written by William J. Donovan and Mary Gardiner Jones.

94-34122-78

(80)✓

SI 94-34122-79

(107)✓ (Copy of Yale Law Journal for July 1949 enclosed)

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NY Rpt., 9/1/49

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100-361252-44 encl. pg.

14, 19, 29

(13, 62)

SI 1st paragraph above

100-361252-50

(61)

SI 1st paragraph above

100-361252-19

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SI 1st paragraph above

100-361252-24

(103)

The Norwalk, Conn., "Norwalk Hour" newspaper for 9/24/49 carried a news item which stated that a reporter from that newspaper had conducted an interview with Gen. Ivan Todorov who fled from Bulgaria in December 1947 and was employed as a sexton at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norwalk. During this interview Todorov stated that a few months prior to the Bulgar-German alliance he (Todorov) had an interview with Col. Donovan of OSS and Gen. Dascalov, Minister of War. Donovan was attempting to forestall the impending alliance. Todorov agreed with Donovan but Gen. Dascalov disagreed, a treaty was signed and the Germans came in, throwing out the government.

New Haven Memo, 6/12/50
Re: Gen. Ivan Todorov,
wa; IS-Bulgarian
100-363566-2
(47)

 advised in the fall of 1949 that Satvet Lufti Tozan was in the US for the purpose of offering his services to various Gov't. agencies regarding the extent of Communist infiltration in the Turkish Gov't. Tozan felt that Gen. William Donovan seemed to be interested in him. 67D

WFO Rpt., 11/2/49
Re: Satuet Lufti Tozan,
was; Esp-R&TU
105-11430-7
(17)

On 11/14/49 Satu Lufti Tozan of Turkey was interviewed by Bureau Agents in NY at which time Tozan stated that during his stay in the US he had negotiated through Gen. William Donovan for the securing of a "Marshall Plan" loan from the International Bank of Andre de Saint Phalle.

NY Rpt., 12/8/49
Re: Satwet Lufti Tozan,
was; Esp-R and Turkish
105-11430-15
(53)

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NY teletype 11/20/49 (decoded) -

[REDACTED] (S) b-1
100-364694-7
(13)

[REDACTED] b-1
(S)
NY Tel., 11/28/49
Re: NY Tel., 11/28/49
[REDACTED] (S) b-1

100-342609-242
(12)/

The New York "Daily Mirror" for 12/2/49 in the Walter Winchell column stated: General Wild Bill Donovan (Chief of Intelligence during the war) told intimates: "There isn't going to be any shooting war for a long time, because the Reds are winning what they want without shooting. They've taken nine countries in Europe. They've revived the Nazi State and they have the atom bomb. They've taken China. The Road to Malay and Singapore is wide open. When they march again India will be all but isolated and so will we. If they keep going the way they are, we won't be able to fight a war. The newest weapons are falling before the oldest one of them all-subversion. It is time to stop wondering if we will win the next war and find out why we are losing the one we're in."

94-8-93-A
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ARMY

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This reference is a letter dated 8/9/54 from G-2 enclosing a report which set out identifying data concerning Herman Frederick Broch de Rothermann, a US naturalized citizen who escaped from Austria in 1939. In 1950 Rothermann made application for employment with the office of US Commissioner for Austria, and listed Gen. William J. Donovan, 2 Wall St., NYC, as a character reference.

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

105-23476-21
(74)

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President in office of the Austrian National Party. Dr. Vladko Macsek, [redacted] reference. [redacted] listed as Gen. William J. Donovan as

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Above memo enclosed with
WFO Memo 1/16/50
[redacted]
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66-2542-9-53-1342
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On 2/8/50 T-6, of known reliability, attended a meeting held at the Folk's Shule, 420 North Solo, Los Angeles, at which meeting William Mandel, a recognized authority on the Soviet Union, was the featured speaker. Mandel stated that Gen. Claire Chennault, with Gen. William Donovan as his lawyer, went to China, date not given, ostensibly to take over an airlines but actually had gone for espionage purposes and to establish air bases for bombing Russia in event of war with that country.

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Los Angeles Ent. 7/10/50
Re: [REDACTED]
was; SM-C
100-102224-36
(47)

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

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This reference is a report from CIA dated 2/14/50 which was received through liaison channels. This report carried as an enclosure a brochure published by the National Committee for Free Europe, Inc., NYC, which revealed the name of William J. Donovan as a member of this committee. (U)

unclassified per CIA
ltr. 9-13-83.

100-364183-14 encl. pg. 5
(85)

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WFO Memo, 2/22/50

65-29441-54-371
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A review of articles in the New York "Times" for February 21, 1950 and March 31, 1950 revealed that Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan was chairman of the American Committee for United Europe.

NY Rpt., 7/20/50
Re: [REDACTED] was;
Esp-R
65-58487-47
(99)

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On or about April 5, 1950 Admiral Milton E. Miles was interviewed on a confidential basis at the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. Admiral stated that he worked for one year (date not given) as head of OSS operations in all the Far East. Miles said he was "fired" by Gen. William Donovan because he disagreed wholeheartedly with Donovan's selection of personnel, claiming that Donovan selected Communists, Pinks and sexual perverts.

Bos. Memo, 4/6/50
Re: Owen Lattimore;
Esp.-R
100-24628-606
(46)

The "New Leader" for 4/8/50, pg. 5, carried an article entitled, "Defending Southeast Asia" by Gen. William J. Donovan, member of the executive board of the National Committee for a Free Europe. According to Donovan the area of southeast Asia should be treated as one theatre.

100-3-81-A
(117)

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The Washington "News" for 5/10/50 carried a column entitled, "Eight Questions" which stated that if the Tydings Committee really wanted to disclose the whole truth about the Amerasia case it should start by calling Gen. William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan and Archbold Van Buren, the two key men in wartime OSS, to the witness stand. This article sets out eight questions which should be asked of Mr. Donovan and Mr. Van Buren.

100-267360-A
(69,110)

A report on hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, US Senate, of the 81st Congress, 2nd Session set out information obtained during an interview with William J. Donovan on 5/25/50 at his apartment in NYC, for any knowledge which Donovan had concerning the Amerasia case. Donovan said he took the matter up with Stetfinius in the latter's apartment and that he (Donovan) knew nothing of the case thereafter. Details of Donovan's interview set out in file.

Above Rpt. enclosed with
Bureau Memo, 10/2/50
Re: Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations, US Senate
121-23278-267X12 encl.
pg. 1918
(90)✓

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The NY "Journal American" for 5/26/50 carried a column entitled "Fulton Lewis, Jr.", which stated that Gen. William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan had important information in support of charges made by Senator McCarthy, and that two members of Sen. Tydings investigating Committee had been sent to NY to interview Gen. Donovan.

100-24628-A
(66, 99)

The NY "World Telegram" for 5/28/50 carried an article entitled "Amerasia Inquiry Takes New Tack - A White-wash?" This article stated that Sen. Millard E. Tydings, chairman of the Tydings Senate subcommittee, handed to newspaper men the Justice Department's version of the Amerasia case, which blamed failure of the Amerasia prosecutions on the Wartime OSS, headed by Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan.

100-267360-A
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10-28-83

Above report enclosed with
Bureau Memo. 10/23/53

[REDACTED]

62-68459-47
(38)

Released as requested by letter
dated 12-4-83. (190-5734-74)

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The Washington "Times Herald" for 6/10/50 carried an article entitled, "Amerasia 'Fix' Probers Urged To Supoena Forrestal Diary" which stated that Senator Knowland demanded that Senate investigators looking into the 1945 Amerasia case subpoena the diary of the late Defense Secretary James Forrestal. O.C. Doering, Jr., an attorney in NYC, issued a statement which he said was an answer to criticism of OSS by an assistant attorney general regarding the Amerasia case. Doering said that Gen. William Donovan, OSS director, informed of the results of the investigation, roused Edward R. Stettinius, then Secretary of State, out of bed and held a conference with the secretary within the same hour. Donovan also delivered to Stettinius all of the official documents recovered from the Amerasia office, according to Doering.

100-267360-A
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On 7/12/50 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished information concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who became affiliated with the CP from about 1930 to 1934. [REDACTED] made reference to [REDACTED] intimate connections with Gen. William Donovan and other prominent political figures.

NY Memo, 7/13/50

Re: [REDACTED]

Far East Division State

Dept; LGE

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On or about 8/30/50 Bill Boyle, chairman of the Democratic Party, advised a Bureau Agent that "Wild Bill" Donovan had reported that approximately 12 to 15 hundred Russians were coming into the US Zone and no attempt was being made by the U.S. authorities to develop them as informants. Donovan indicated that this was a weakness on the part of the U.S. Intelligence Group in Germany.

Memo to Mr. Ladd from
Mr. Belmont, 8/30/50
No caption given
64-175-232-876
(61)✓

In her application for employment with Voice of America filed in September 1950, [REDACTED] listed Maj. Gen. W. Donovan as a reference. During an interview in December 1950, Maj. Gen. William J. Donovan, 2 Wall St., NYC, former head of OSS, advised that he first became acquainted with [REDACTED] when she was serving with OSS at Bari, Italy. Donovan recommended the applicant favorably.

NY Rot., 1/3/51
Re: [REDACTED]
Special Inquiry, Voice
of America
123-7435-13
(99)✓

This reference is a letter from [REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] dated 9/2/50 (place not given). [REDACTED] stated that while talking to Vitalis Chalif (described in serial 15 of this file as an attorney in NYC) concerning sponsors for Youth, Inc., such names as John Edgar Hoover, Eisenhower and so on came up. Chalif was in favor of or rejected some of these individuals. "Wild Bill" Donovan was among those rejected.

A marginal pencil notation stated [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED]

62-91825-21
(60)

On 9/25/50 Mr. Scheidt, SAC in NY, accepted the Jacob Hays award for Mr. Hoover in his (Mr. Hoover's) absence for outstanding contribution in the field of crime detection. Enclosed with this reference is a photograph showing William J. Donovan making the above presentation.

Above photograph enclosed
with NY Let., 10/2/50
Re: Jacob Hays Award For
Outstanding Contribution
In The Field of Crime
Detection
94-42984-6
(108)

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The "San Antonio Express" for 10/4/50 carried an editorial entitled, "Jacob Hays Award Goes To J. Edgar Hoover." This editorial stated that it was characteristic of Mr. Hoover that he was too busy with "pressing matters at the seat of government" to attend ceremonies in NY at which Gen. William J. Donovan - for American Mercury magazine - was to bestow upon him the first annual Jacob Hays Award. This award was accepted by the SAC in NY.

Above newspaper clipping
enclosed with NY Let.
dated 10/5/50
No caption given
94-3-4-1-73
(108) ✓

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On 10/30/50 [REDACTED] a staff writer for the NY "World Telegram and Sun" confidentially advised the NY office that Frank Bielaski, who operated a private detective agency in NYC, was investigating Elizabeth Bentley. Bielaski was not in favor of accepting this commitment but did so at the request of Gen. William Donovan.

NY tel., 10/30/50
Re: Gregory; Esp-R
134-435-29
(52) ✓

On 11/1/50 Mr. De Loach of the Liaison section, called upon [REDACTED] was advised that Mr. Hoover wished to informally advise him that Frank Bielaski, a former OSS operator, had reportedly indicated to certain sources that he had been requested by Gen. William Donovan to investigate the activities of Elizabeth Bentley. [REDACTED] was advised that the FBI had received information that certain newspapers might carry an expose of Bielaski's investigation. [REDACTED] was advised such articles might prove embarrassing to CIA as Bielaski had worked on the CIA payroll. [REDACTED] agreed with this viewpoint and stated that he received approximately six letters each week from Gen. Donovan, advising him how to run the CIA. [REDACTED] said he was tired of receiving such "trivial tripe" and that he was going to tell Donovan that he should keep his hands off matters pertaining strictly to Governmental affairs. [REDACTED] stated he would not mention to Donovan that he had discussed this matter with the FBI.

This reference contains the following notation:
" I thought [REDACTED] would get fed up with Gen. D. H."

Bureau Memo, 11/1/50
Re: Investigation of
Elizabeth Bentley by
Bielaski Detective Agency
134-435-31
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[REDACTED]

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(Source not given)

[REDACTED]

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NY rpt., 2/28/51

Re: [REDACTED] was.;

Esp.-15

61-1292-191, pg. 7, 14

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In the latter part of 1950 or the early part of 1951 [REDACTED] NYC advised that the full name of Pepper was John A.R. Pepper. [REDACTED] was associated with Gen. William J. Donovan, [REDACTED] in the firm Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lombard and Irvine, Attorneys.

NY Memo, 1/23/51
Re: [REDACTED] (FNU);
IS-GB
105-13431-2
(100)✓

This reference is a letter dated 1/30/51 from Gen. William J. Donovan, attorney at 2 Wall St., NYC, enclosing a letter he had received from Sir William Stephenson, NYC, regarding a fight for political control of Jamaica.

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PER AGENCY LETTER
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3-18-80

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[REDACTED] (S)

Above data should not be disseminated.

WFO Rpt., 3/2/51
Re: Unknown Subject:
100-374183-10
(18)
SI 100-361126-11
(18)

The references designated below contain more complete details of the following:

On 3/13/51 William J. Donovan furnished the Bureau a letter dated 2/12/51, from Alpheus Thomas Mason of Princeton University, who was the authorized biographer of Chief Justice Stone. In his letter Mason stated he had been working on the biography of the late Chief Justice Stone and desired additional information regarding the indictment of Senator Burton K. Wheeler (in 1934) and the prison situation (also in 1934). Donovan requested assistance from the Bureau in furnishing this information to Mason.

On April 12, 1951 the Bureau directed letters to both Donovan and Mason with each enclosing a four page memo setting out the information requested above.

62-8732-43
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62-8782-46
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62-8782-47
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[REDACTED]

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The following notation appeared beneath this teletype: "(Scheidt, et al) If they can do so they should tactfully try and find out what the recommendations are."

NY Tel. 3/25/51

Re: [REDACTED] Esp-IS

61-1292-161

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SI 61-1292-167

(26) (This reference is a complete text of above

SI 61-1292-164

(35) (portions of above contact set out, source not given)

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[REDACTED] (S) (S)

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NY Rpt.. 5/23/51
Re: [REDACTED] Esp-IS
61-1292-198 encl. pg. 18, 21,
23, 24, 26
(25) ✓

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On 5/23/51

[redacted] contacted Mr. Nichols at the Bureau. [redacted] advised that in 1945 a Major Holohan was killed in Italy. At the time he (Major Holohan) had \$100,000 on his person which was never found. [redacted] advised that [redacted] the American Major was murdered by Lieutenant Aldo Lucardi, who was then with OSS, and Sergeant Lodoloc, who originally came from Rochester, NY. b7D

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

[redacted] stated that in the early part of 1951 Gen. William Donovan [redacted] Donovan said he had heard [redacted] and wondered what he had found out. [redacted] stated that obviously Donovan was worried. [redacted] stated he gave Donovan only the facts on which he had documented proof.

Bureau Memo, 5/26/51
No caption given
94-3-4-166-109
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During the radio broadcast of Walter Winchell on 5/27/51, Winchell stated, "General 'Wild Bill' Donovan arrives in New York City Tuesday with one of his wings in a sling. The official version, ladies and gentlemen, is that 'Wild Bill' had a fall at Strasbourg. I hear he was wounded in a fight between intelligence agents in Arabia."

Bureau Memo, 5/28/51
Re: Walter Winchell Broadcast,
5/27/51
62-31615-620
(61)✓

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A letter to the Bureau dated 3/1/54 from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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

Bureau Memo, 9/24/51
Re: Walter Winchell Broad-
cast, 9/23/51
62-31615-691
(66)✓

CIA

This reference is a report dated 9/29/51 from CIA which stated that William J. Donovan, NY, was a member of the Promotion Committee of the World Fraternity of Scholars. According to the bylaws, this organization was founded by men and women who believe in a spiritual interpretation of the universe which they use as an inspiration for prompting justice, friendship, understanding and collaboration among people of all nations, races and religions. (S) (U)

declassified per
CIA ltr 9-13-83.

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10-28-83

(Source evaluated as usually reliable, information as probably true)

62-93038-2
(85)

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T-4, of known reliability, advised that John Galway Foster while residing at the St. Regis Hotel, NYC, from December 17, 1951 to January 2, 1952, made a telephone call to Rector 2-4100 on December 26 and 28, 1951.

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[redacted] advised that telephone # Rector 2-4100 was listed to Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lombard and Irvine, attorneys at law, 2 Wall St., NYC. William J. Donovan was a senior partner in the above law firm.


NY rpt., 2/6/52

Re: [redacted]

Esp. [redacted]


65-60260-17

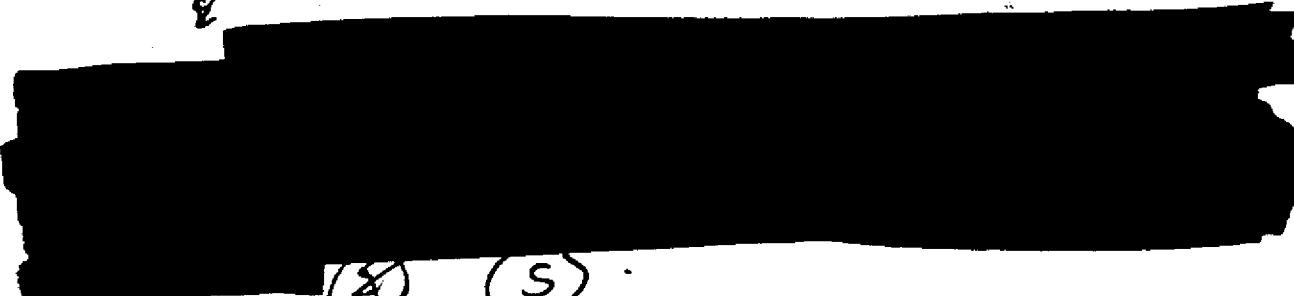
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CIA ltr 9-13-83.
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10-28-83





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letter dated
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(190-5134-2037)
12-9-83
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NY Rpt., 2/13/52

Re: [REDACTED]

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61-1292-295 encl. pg. 12,
16, 17

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Released as excused by letter
dated 1-5-81 (190.5134-59)

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WFO Rpt., 8/25/53

Re: [REDACTED]
was; Esp-R; IS Act of 1950
100-364413-160 pgs. 3, 5, 6,
(83) ✓ 8, 12

Released as excised by letter
dated 1-5-81 (190-5134-59)

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

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

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

Memo to Mr. Tolson from Mr.
Nichols, 3/15/52
No caption given
100-364413-56
(61)

in 1942
T-2, of known reliability, advised that Julius L.
Amoss was closely connected with Col. William Donovan of
Office of Coordinator of Foreign Information in Wash., D.C.

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The Reserve Officers file on [redacted] revealed that
William J. Donovan requested the Adjutant General of the War
Dept. on 4/28/42 to commission Amoss as a Lieutenant Colonel
in the US Army Reserve Corps.

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

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

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

Bureau Memo, 4/22/52
Re: William J. Donovan
Name Check
62-80527-29416
(102)

*reference page 227 indicates this
date should be 3-9-53
**date not given

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This reference sets out information concerning [redacted] who was formerly connected with the OSS [redacted] (dates not given) [redacted] used as references individuals such as William J. Donovan and others. [redacted] was not considered to be friendly toward the Bureau, and was somewhat of a controversial figure in intelligence circles. (S) (u)
(Source not given)

Bureau Memo. 5/10/52

Re: [redacted]

aka [redacted]

62-86974-144
(62) (S) (u)

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

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

[REDACTED]

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

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SPt elw/ahr
10-28-83

Memo to Mr. Belmont from
Mr. Keay, 7/8/52
Re: CIA Operations
62-80750-1876
(35)✓

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

NY Rpt. 9/29/52
Re: [REDACTED]
was; IS-R
100-348703-65
(51)

On 10/13/52 a Bureau Agent interviewed [REDACTED] in Honolulu concerning statements made by [REDACTED] indicating that [REDACTED] was a friend of Mr. Hoover. [REDACTED] related that [REDACTED] was the third man recruited by "Wild Bill" (William) Donovan when he (Donovan) organized the OSS. b7D

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

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

74-1333-A
(61,61)

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

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

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

Bureau Memo, 1/17/53
Re: CIA
62-80750-2032
(14, 69)

On 3/4/53 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised Bureau Liaison Agent Bates that William J. (Wild Bill) Donovan had been designated as a Consultant to Mutual Security for East-West trade. [REDACTED] stated that Governor Stassen was interested in a check of Bureau files on Donovan for any subversive derogatory data and also desired to know whether the Bureau had conducted an investigation on Donovan. It was recommended that [REDACTED] be advised the Bureau conducted no investigation on Donovan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

[REDACTED] (A) (S)
[REDACTED] (A) (S)

NY Rpt. 6/9/53
Re [REDACTED] pgs;
Esp-18&R
61-1292-497 pgs. 20, 21, 22
(24)

[REDACTED]

(S)

NY Memo, 4/7/53

Re: [REDACTED]

Esp-15 & R
61-1292-467

(31)

In the latter part of March or the early part of April, 1953, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was connected with the OSS during World War II and allegedly was a protégé of William Donovan. (Source not given)

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Memo to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Keay, 4/30/53

Re: [REDACTED]

Information concerning 62-80750-2109

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On 6/16/53 [REDACTED] of the Atomic Energy Commission in Wash., D.C. was interviewed by a Bureau Agent at which time she stated that she recalled Gen. William Donovan having visited Gen. Leslie Grove's office but to her recollection this took place after 1944.

On 6/18/53 [REDACTED] advised a Bureau Agent that [REDACTED] said he had contact with Gen. Donovan who appeared anxious to learn what was going on in the atomic energy field, but said he did not relay any information to him.

WFO Rpt., 6/25/53
Re: [REDACTED]
was; Esp-R, IS Act of 1950
100-364413-154
(35)

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

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

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On 8/25/53 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Bureau Agents. [REDACTED] advised that Gen. William Donovan, former head of OSS, personally recommended that Peppino Puleo, brother of the son-in-law of the former head of Mafia, be commissioned in the field, his services being so outstanding during World War II. b7D

Boston Memo, 9/22/53
Re: Italian Communist
Activities in the U.S.,
[REDACTED] - Informant
100-365517-8
(22)

(C) [REDACTED] b-1
Memo from Legal Attache in
Havana, 9/30/53
Re: [REDACTED], b7C
Public Information, World
Health Organization, United
Nations, NYC, Loyalty of
Employees of United Nations
and other Public Inter-
national Organizations - IR
138-1544-3X16
(61)

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

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

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

(Above furnished by [REDACTED]
ONI, Wash., D.C.)

WFO Memo. 10/27/53

Re: [REDACTED]

was, [REDACTED]

IS Act of 1950

100-364413-168

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Released as excised by letter dated 1-5-81. (190-5134-59)

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On 11/18/53 Bureau Agents interviewed [redacted] at the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta, at which time [redacted] advised that he did not think that Gen. (William) Donovan, former Head of OSS, was cognizant of the OSS withholding information from the FBI regarding Harry Dexter White. [redacted] stated that the OSS protected White because he was one of the main contacts in the Treasury Department for unvouchered funds used by OSS in their operations. [redacted] stated that subversive information concerning White was known to OSS as early as 1943.

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

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

[redacted] denied the above statement and said he was never under the impression that Downes was engaged in intelligence work for the British. [redacted] stated that he was working for the British which [redacted] interpreted to mean the British Purchasing Commission. [redacted] further stated that the British Purchasing Commission was working closely with Col. William Donovan's office of Coordinator of Information. (Du)

NY Rpt., 2/2/54
Re: Donald Chase Downes,
was; Registration Act,
IS-GB
62-67538-172
(31)

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On 1/28/54 [REDACTED]

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

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NY Rpt., 2/9/54
Re: Donald Chase Downes,
wa; Registration Act;
IS-GB
62-67539-189
(35)

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This information should not be disseminated.

64-21479-627

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2-28-68

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

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

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On 4/16/1954 [REDACTED] NYC, contacted the NY office and furnished information regarding Mrs. Hugo Steiner, a native of Germany, whom she stated was employed by Gen. William Donovan to do research work relative to sabotage during the Revolutionary War in preparation for a book General Donovan was writing. Mrs. Steiner advised that Gen. Donovan was serving as US Ambassador in the Far East. [REDACTED] said that Mrs. Steiner sent a large amount of microfilm overseas, presumably to Gen. Donovan, and felt that Mrs. Steiner might be sending classified information she obtained from Gen. Donovan to unfriendly nations.

NY Memo. 5/5/54
Re: [REDACTED]
was: [REDACTED]

Miscellaneous
62-0-55874
(52)

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

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

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

<u>File #</u>	<u>Search Slip no. #</u>
62-64427-478X	(16)
62-64427-361	(30)
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62-60925-24X	(26)
61-7566-3158 (referred to as Col. Donovan's Committee)	(27)
65-35123-52	(50)
65-36220-226X2	(32)
62-64427-X1	(20)

62-64427-X7

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62-64427-69

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62-68060-14

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62-39749-168

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62-76274-212

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

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

<u>File #</u>	<u>Search Slip pg. #</u>
66-8603-151	(29)
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66-8603-1-34-102	(80)
65-23770-173	(12)
65-23770-174	(47)
100-93216-179	(98)
100-93216-191	(89)

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

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40-3798-69	(80)	10 pg.2
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65-26112-146	(95)	18

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100-364413-140	(45)	47, pg.14
100-361126-12	(88)	47, pg. 13
100-158240-14	(102)	43
65-14303-42X	(112)	47, pg.13
100-3-65-548	(112)	47, pg.16
65-56402-621	(119)	47, pgs. 13, 14,15

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

<u>File #</u>	<u>Search Slip pg. #</u>
65-58068-381	(19)
65-58068-449 encl. pg. 7	(50)
64-330-246-3571	(79)
65-58068-377	(97)

The following reference was not available during the time this summary was being prepared:

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61-7560-A Wash. News, 8/22/40	(88)

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NAME CHECK

July 10, 1956

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

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

(77-58706)
The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

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Req Rec'd 6-26-56
W. L. Marshall/do
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NOTE:

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

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NAME CHECK

November 6, 1957

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Born: January 1, 1893
Buffalo, New York

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Rec rec'd: 10/22/57
S. V. Gronquist/ckb
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Note: ONI name check request in connection with global strategy meeting to be held by Navy in 1958. Donovan was former head of Office of Strategic Services. Two informants failed to recommend him in view of his "soft" treatment of communists in organizations under his control. He allegedly headed a committee to ask the President to oust Senator McCarthy. Elizabeth Bentley before HCUA identified 5 individuals as her contacts in OSS at time subj headed the organization. Donovan's name appears as sponsor of September, 1933, Issue of "Equal Justice," a monthly publication of International Labor Defense, cited by California Committee. Chambers testified before HCUA that Nathan Witt was head of CP underground at end of 1930's. Witt formerly employed in Donovan's law firm 1932-33. USIA referred to White House for copy of investigation on July 10, 1956.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : MR. BASSETT

DATE: October 22, 1974

FROM : R. D. COTTER

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Exempt from GDS, Category 3
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO FBI RECORDS

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This memorandum recommends that on a carefully controlled basis we allow a review of certain historical FBI records by [REDACTED] who is conducting a detailed study of events during period (1940 - 1947) which led to establishment of CIA.

During December, 1973, we offered no objection to the release to [REDACTED] of various 1940 - 1942 documents regarding these matters which had been prepared by Director J. Edgar Hoover and other FBI officials and which [REDACTED] had located in the Archives. In the Spring of 1974, the results of [REDACTED] research to date was published by CIA as a special supplement to its series "Studies in Intelligence," which was classified "Secret" (copy attached).

[REDACTED] personally contacted me, as the Bureau's Document Classification Officer, on 10/3/74 and expressed the hope that he could be granted access to additional FBI records during the 1940 - 1947 period to assist him in his continuing studies. At my suggestion, he has incorporated his request in the attached letter which was forwarded by letter of 10/10/74 from [REDACTED]

In his note [REDACTED] has cited the following areas of particular interest: Stephenson's activities in the United States; the latter's relationship with President Roosevelt [REDACTED]

Enclosures

1 - Messrs. Adams, Bassett, Wannall (Att: Schwartz), Mintz (Att: Farrington)

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Memorandum to Mr. Bassett
Re: Request for Access to FBI Records
[REDACTED] CIA

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a separate memorandum will be submitted detailing any material which [REDACTED] would be interested in using.

ACTION

If you approve, arrangements will be made with [REDACTED] to proceed under the above-outlined conditions.

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ADDENDUM BY INTELLIGENCE DIV.: WRW:lm1 10/23/74

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Accordingly, it is recommended that after the Bureau's Document Classification Officer has compiled material which he feels may be of such nature that it can be offered to [REDACTED] for his review, such material be reviewed both by the Intelligence Division and the Division of Legal Counsel prior to its being exhibited to Mr. Troy (X)

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I want to see any matter which is critical of Bureau, G-2 or other agencies -
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[REDACTED] CIA

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[REDACTED] the FBI's collaboration with G-2 and ONI in the formation of the "Special Intelligence Service" (SIS) and FBI - G-2 disagreement as to the scope of SIS operations; the role of Commodore Vincent Astor as a special intelligence advisor to Mr. Roosevelt beginning in 1941; the FBI's attitude towards Major General Donovan [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] main areas of interest are in the events which led to the organization and in defining the jurisdiction of the Coordinator of Information and OSS. (X)

[REDACTED] letter points out that access to Bureau records in these areas is for official and classified use and that no publication of our material would be made without the FBI's prior concurrence. In my discussion with [REDACTED] he also gave his assurance that, if he is allowed access to any of our records, he will not publish anything, either as a CIA document or otherwise, without our specific approval.

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OBSERVATIONS

This request appears to be a valid one aimed at a legitimate historical purpose. In view of the lapse of time involved, it is most unlikely that disclosure of any of the material involved would jeopardize any current Bureau sources or operations or would otherwise warrant classification under terms of the existing guidelines as set forth in Executive Order 11652. Our main concern would be to not release any material which would represent an invasion of the privacy of the various individuals involved. It is unlikely that much material of this type would be involved, however, since the files would consist almost entirely of copies of official correspondence (memoranda or letters between the Bureau and other agencies).

Under the circumstances, it is felt that we should accede to this request with the following caveats to be agreed to in advance by [REDACTED]

I will check logical Bureau files concerning the topics of interest to [REDACTED] (eliminating any material which might still be sensitive or which otherwise appears undesirable to grant access to). Thereafter, I will arrange to have [REDACTED] review this material in our space and under my personal supervision. I will further obtain [REDACTED] agreement to obtain our specific clearance to quote or copy material from any particular item as well as to submit for our prior approval any material he plans to publish based on FBI material. Following [REDACTED] review,

Mrs. Mildred Stegall

The VSS has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI and our files reveal no derogatory information concerning it. It was the intention, in 1948, that the VSS would be organized into chapters of fifteen or more persons in any county, city, town or village throughout the country and was to be an "entirely civilian organization." No additional pertinent information has been received concerning the VSS since that time.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

November 16, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning the William J. Donovan Award and the Veterans of Strategic Services.

The central files of the FBI reveal no information identifiable with the William J. Donovan Award, which is probably an award established in honor of William J. Donovan, who was born on January 1, 1883, at Buffalo, New York, and who died in February, 1959. During World War II, Mr. Donovan was the head of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

Our files further reveal that in May, 1948, information was received that Mr. Donovan and a group of former members of the OSS incorporated a national society to be known as the Veterans of Strategic Services (VSS). The statement of objectives of the VSS noted that the objectives of this organization were of a social, historical and fraternal nature. A further purpose of this organization was to perpetuate the history of the war-time records of OSS among their fellow Americans, and at the same time to permit all former members of OSS to familiarize themselves more fully with the accomplishments of the various branches of OSS. It was specifically noted that the organization was not to become the "political instrument" of any individual or group, nor was it to become in any way a "pressure group" in either the political or economic life of our country. REC 39
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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct)
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