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GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND; GERMAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE; INTERNAL SECURITY (G); VOORHIS ACT. THE BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INSTITUTE A THOROUGH, COMPREHENSIVE AND CONTINUOUS INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE CAPTIONED ORGANIZATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE VOORHIS ACT, THE PERTINENT PART OF WHICH IS SET OUT HEREIN. THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED:

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TWO: EVERY ORGANIZATION WHICH ENGAGES BOTH IN CIVILIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY AND POLITICAL ACTIVITY;

THREE: EVERY ORGANIZATION SUBJECT TO FOREIGN CONTROL WHICH ENGAGES IN CIVILIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY; AND

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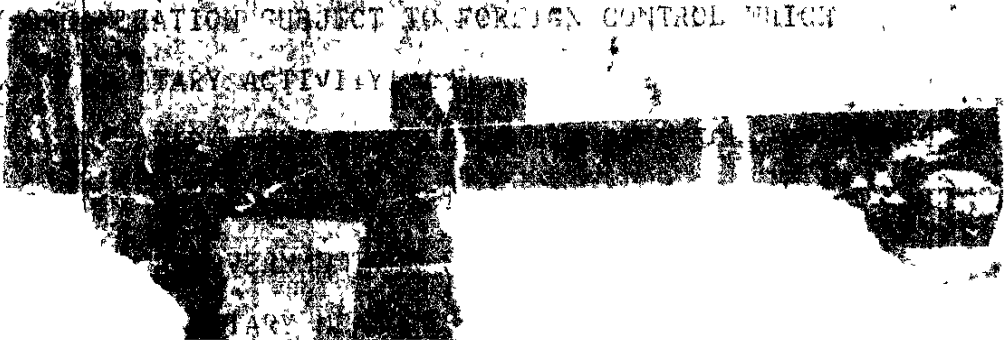
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April 25, 1941

**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER**

Captain Alan Goodrich Kirk
Director, Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Kirk:

There is being transmitted herewith a list of individuals who have been reported to this Bureau as being members of the German-American Bund.

This information you desired in connection with maintaining possible surveillance on Naval personnel who might be suspected in connection with subversive organizations.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT
MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH

Reference is made to your memorandum of May 26, 1941, regarding the German-American Alliance.

I wish to advise that the suggestions contained therein will be kept in mind in future investigations by this Bureau.

With reference to the various newspapers listed in your memorandum, it is noted that these are to be used for source material and inasmuch as this Bureau is an investigative agency, I do not believe that the securing of these periodicals comes within the jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Copies of the sample ballot referred to in my memorandum of April 29, 1941, addressed to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General, and which was apparently distributed by the German-American Alliance, are being prepared and will be forwarded to you within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 26, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 29, 1941, addressed to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, the Assistant to the Attorney General.

We shall appreciate your furnishing us with the following:

W Copies of the *W* Weckruf-Beobachter, a newspaper published by the A. V. Publishing Corporation, located in New York, N. Y., beginning with the January 1, 1939, issue, up to and including the issue of September 1, 1940. Most of the later issues are available to us in the Nationalities Section.

W Copies of all other literature published by the A. V. Publishing Corporation from January 1, 1939, to date.

C If possible, the proceedings of the German-American Bund's meetings should be closely followed, and statements made by members and speakers fully reported. Of course, exact transcriptions would be desirable. We also believe that the activities in the camps operated by the Bund should be closely watched in the weeks immediately ahead.

W We should appreciate your furnishing us with copies of the "News Letter" published by the German-American Alliance, beginning with its issue of January 1, 1939, to date, and recordings, if available, or other copies of the radio program formerly sponsored by the Alliance.

W We are also interested in obtaining the following information about papers listed below. The names and addresses of editors, owners, managers, and stockholders; their circulation; and sources of information published. We also would like to have copies of these papers from January 1, 1939, to September 1, 1940. Most of the later issues are available to us in the Nationalities Section:

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D Der Landmann)	Publishing Company, 1307
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T Tagliche Volkszeitung)	Address given as 1307
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S St. Joseph Volksblatt)	Nebraska
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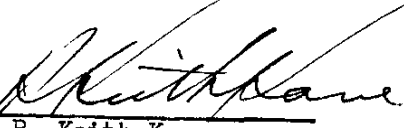
In regard to the last four groups of papers above-mentioned, reference is made to a report by L. J. McGee, dated October 22, 1940, for the period of September 24, 1940, entitled "Paul August Friedrich Wernholtz, et al" which contains information regarding Val J. Peter, the owner and controlling stockholder of these papers. The report does not, however, give the circulation and sources of news in the Peter chain.

We are following the foregoing papers closely in order to determine whether or not, and to what extent, they follow and collaborate with the known official publications of the German Government. Moreover, it is well to bear in mind that even if an organization, as defined by the Voorhis Act, directly or indirectly aims to aid or advocate the overthrow of the British or other foreign government by military measures or force, it may fall within the purview of the Voorhis Act. We shall communicate with you further in this connection when a preliminary examination of available material has been completed.

We shall be glad to have furnished to us a copy of the sample ballot which was apparently distributed by the German-American Alliance, referred to in your memorandum of April 29, 1941. We understand that the German-American Alliance consists of some three hundred and seventy-two member societies, many of which were in existence in this country for several years prior to the ascension of the Nazi Party to the control of the German Government. We should appreciate your ascertaining, as far as possible, the exact number of these societies, the names and addresses of their present officers, and, if possible, the lists of present members.

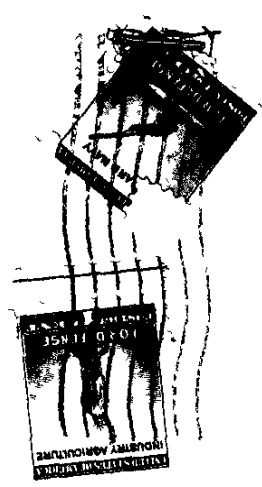
Careful study is being given the possibility and advisability of utilizing legal process for the purpose of obtaining evidence.

LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
Chief, Special Defense Unit

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R. Keith Kane
Assistant Chief

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While the Bunds Go Marching On

Amid growing world tenseness America is arming for defense, hastening aid to Britain—and permitting pro-Nazi organizations to fortify themselves inside the breastworks

Such complacency is dangerous folly. It plays into Hitler's hands. It is an invitation to serious trouble.

The Axis Powers are desperately anxious to cripple our national rearmament program, to destroy our aid-to-Britain projects, to promote disunity, strikes, dissension, defeatism in the United States

Axis agents carry on their undermining work wherever they can. Powerful instruments at their command are the various Bunds and other Nazi outfits, under whatever name and guise, that operate all around us

These organizations place Hitler first, America last

So what do we do about them?

The German Bund, most notorious group of the Hitler-heilers, is doing business at the old stand, brazenly plugging the Nazi game, contemptuously taking advantage of American tolerance and freedom of speech.

The Kyffhaeuser Bund, strong network of German sympathizers continues to solidify Nazi sentiment at meetings here and in other cities.

Camp Nordland, parade ground and vacation spot operated by the German Bund near Andover, N. J., will open, on schedule, in two weeks' time—in a section close to important munition plants and powder depots

How long is this country going to tolerate such agencies and their activities? How soon will the authorities realize that the Bunds are the bundling grounds of potential saboteurs, spies and storm-troopers?

It is not enough to nourish ourselves on the conviction that our intelligence services are keeping watchful eyes on all Nazi and Fascist and Communist suspects, and that Axis and Moscow agents cannot actually do anything very momentous without the G-men knowing about it.

In other countries, too, the secret services could spot the agents of foreign powers, but the agents kept coming in, kept operating, kept laying the groundwork for eventual invasion. Those countries are now tied to Herr Hitler's chariot wheels, victims of Fifth Column treachery as surely as of guns and planes.

If ever there was ready-made material for Fifth Column fabrication it lies in the Nazi Bunds in the United States. Can anyone believe for a moment that these imitation storm troopers, these strutting goose-steppers, these Hitler-worshippers, these feeders on race hate, are not the stuff from which Nazi advance guards are made?

Do we want them lying in ambush on our own home-grounds? Can we build ships and guns and planes, create a great Army and erect a huge defense system—and then let foreign Powers establish branch offices right where they can get all the information they want and where, perhaps, they can wreck the program we are at such pains and expense to promote?

The German Bund's one-time Fuehrer, Fritz Kuhn, was sent to jail for stealing his organization's money. His successor, Wilhelm Kunze, was sentenced to prison for anti-Semitic utterances.

But the Bund carries on. Its New York office prepares for the seasonal opening of Camp Nordland as usual. Its office walls display portraits of Hitler, its tables copies of the weekly "Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter." It has on hand booklets of the Deutscher Konsum Verband, Inc., containing a directory of "approved" business firms in New York and Long Island.

The list is prefaced by this injunction: "We ask you to patronize the firms listed in the Trade Guide because they are people of your own kind and convictions. In times of boycotts and oppression it is well to remember that the right to spend your money is still your right. Use this right by trading in D. K. V. stores only."

The Bund and its affiliates are trying to mass together in solid organizations those of their "own kind and convictions." Because their convictions are so diametrically opposed to American democratic ideals, because they are steeped in Nazism and the glorification of Hitler, the Bund movement is a menace we must not overlook or underestimate

National defense calls for the eradication of potential Fifth Columns just as it would for invading parachute troops. It happens that these particular parachute troops have already landed. The way to wipe them out: is to wipe them out. That means definite, unequivocal breaking up of the un-American Bunds, and every other form of undercover life, Nazi or Communist, that threatens our defenses.

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MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1941

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND
INTERNAL SECURITY G
REGISTRATION ACT

The official publication of the German American Bund, Volume 6, number 28, New York, New York, January 2, 1941, contains the following article on the first page which is being set out herein in view of the fact that American citizenship has been alleged to be a prerequisite to membership in the German American Bund:

~~No Bund Membership List~~

Chairman Dies is quoted in the papers as having promised to furnish a list of members of the German American Bund and having stated that the list will be made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Dies is said to be under a misapprehension. No such list exists, and no names of Bund members will be given out except with the consent of individual members. The publicity given out in this connection seems designed to scare members and harm the Bund.... No Bund membership list is kept and none will be available to the enemies of German citizens.

It may be inferred from this article that the German citizens referred to are synonymous with the Bund members whose identities will not be revealed. In this connection it may be assumed that American citizenship is not a prerequisite to Bund membership.

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April 20, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 11, 1941 and enclosure, wherein you authorized this Bureau to make the investigation outlined in the memorandum dated March 25, 1941 from Mr. R. Keith Kane, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Special Defense Unit.

As you are aware, considerable investigation relative to the German-American Bund and the German-American National Alliance has been previously conducted by this Bureau and information which was believed to be of a pertinent nature has been forwarded to the Department.

In connection with the investigation concerning the Bund, your attention is directed to the memorandum entitled "Investigation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation into Nazi Military Training Camps in the United States", dated December 31, 1937, which was submitted to the Department on December 31, 1937. (61-7560)

With a memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge dated June 30, 1939, I furnished one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City on June 14, 1939 in the case entitled "Fritz Kuhn - Perjury; Immigration; Naturalization". This report contains information relating to a possible violation of the Bund in connection with the Act of June 8, 1938, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals.

On July 1, 1939 with a memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge, I transmitted a copy of an English translation of an item which appeared in

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the German language in the official organ of the German-American Bund, the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, Volume 4, Number 46, dated at New York City, May 11, 1939. This article is quoted in part as follows:

"William Kunze admonished that the Bund must always remain a German organization in order to attain its goal of allying all Germans in America. It is assuredly necessary to draw along with us all Americans who want to participate in our anti-Communist work; but the foundation of our Bund was and must always remain the German with his German culture."

Additional information was set forth in my memorandum dated July 1, 1939 to former Assistant Attorney General Rogge indicating the sentiments of the Bund.

My memorandum to former Assistant Attorney General Rogge dated June 30, 1939 transmitted one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 29, 1939 at New York, New York in the case entitled "German-American Bund; Registration Act", which contains a report of the denials on the part of Bund leaders concerning possible relationship of the Bund to any foreign principal.

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By memorandum dated June 29, 1939, I transmitted a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 18, 1939 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which indicates that numerous leaders of the German-American Bund of Pittsburgh had returned to Germany without having become citizens of the United States.

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I am transmitting herewith for your information one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 28, 1939 at Chicago, Illinois in the case entitled "German-American Bund; Registration - Agents of Foreign Principals", which contains information indicating that there is an affiliation between the German-American Bund in Chicago, Illinois and the German-American National Alliance.

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As of possible interest a memorandum dated July 7,

Mr. Matthew F. McGuire

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1939, dealing with totalitarianism, National Socialism and the identity of the party and state in the Third Reich, was transmitted by memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge dated July 8, 1939.

By memorandum to former Assistant Attorney General Rogge dated July 5, 1939, I transmitted one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 28, 1939 at Los Angeles, California in the case entitled "German-American Bund; Communist Party; Registration Act", wherein it is noted among other things that Hermann Schwinn, former Pacific Coast leader of the German-American Bund, stated that the aims, principles and policies of the Bund in the United States are one hundred per cent American and against Communism and are not inspired by the German Government or its representatives. A distinction was drawn between the leadership principle of the Bund and the supreme political leadership of the German Government.

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On July 8, 1939 I transmitted a copy of a memorandum dated July 7, 1939 entitled "German-American Bund", which set forth extracts of speeches attributed to Bund leaders as compared to totalitarian statements made by leaders of the Third Reich in Germany.

On July 11, 1939 I forwarded by memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge one copy of a photograph showing Fritz Kuhn in the presence of Hitler in Germany and a photograph showing several German-American Bund members in the presence of Hitler which bore the caption "Hitler Receives the Delegation of the Bund". These photographs were reproduced from photographs appearing in the Year Book of the German-American Bund for 1937.

On July 18, 1939 I transmitted by memorandum to former Assistant Attorney General Rogge one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 17, 1939 at Chicago, Illinois entitled "German-American Bund; Registration - Agents of Foreign Principals", which reflects the activities of individuals who had been formerly associated with the Bund newspaper.

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On July 24, 1939 I forwarded one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1939 at Los

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Angeles, California entitled "German-American Bund Activities; Espionage", which contains information concerning the financing and possible sources of income of the Bund in Los Angeles, California.

On July 18, 1939 by memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge, I transmitted one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 12, 1939 at New York City entitled "German-American Bund; Registration Act", which sets forth the alleged purpose of the Bund in the United States as being the elimination of all Jews from their positions in control in this country and to awaken America to the "menace of the Jews".

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For your information and pursuant to the request contained in the memorandum which you forwarded, I am transmitting herewith the following material:

1. German-American Bund Year Book for 1937 and a photostatic copy of the translation of the pertinent parts therein.
2. German-American Bund Year Book for 1938 and translation.
3. Photostatic copy of the application for membership to the Bund printed in English.
4. Photostatic copy of the application for membership to the Bund printed in German.
5. Photostatic copy of Sympathiser's Registration printed in English.
6. Photostatic copy of Sympathiser's Registration printed in German.
7. Photostatic copy of membership card printed in English.
8. Photostatic copy of membership card printed in German.

9. Photostatic copy of membership book printed in German.

By memorandum dated July 25, 1939, I advised that the official organ of the German-American Bund, the Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, prints extensively news items made available in Germany by the Nationalistic Socialist Partei Korrespondenz. It was suggested at that time that it was very possible that a law was in existence in Germany providing that this news service, being the official press service of the National Socialist Party, could only be used by subsidiaries of that Party.

By memorandum dated July 18, 1939, I forwarded one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 7, 1939 at San Francisco, California in the case entitled "German-American Bund; Communist Party; Registration Act", which contains denials by a Bund leader to the suspected connection between the German-American Bund and the Nazi Party in Germany.

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In a memorandum dated July 29, 1939 for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge, I set forth an article which appeared in the official organ of the German-American Bund containing an account of a celebration which took place at Los Angeles, California, the festivities being in connection with the birthday of Adolf Hitler, and set forth the unity of German nationals throughout the world.

On September 2, 1939, I furnished one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 10, 1939 at New York City entitled "German-American Bund; Registration Act", which contains information concerning the apparent omission of reference to the German-American Bund from news dispatches published in German papers at that time.

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On August 19, 1939 by memorandum for former Assistant Attorney General Rogge, I transmitted a photostatic copy of a pamphlet entitled "Die kulturelle Mission des Bundes Freunde des Neuen Deutschland in U. S. A. von Walter Kappe" ("The Cultural Mission of the League 'Friends of the New Germany' in the U. S. A." by Walter Kappe"). I also forwarded at that

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time a photostatic copy of the translation of this pamphlet.

On August 25, 1939 by memorandum for the Attorney General, I submitted a copy of a memorandum dated August 24, 1939 which summarized the status of the investigation conducted by this Bureau into the activities of Fritz Kuhn and William Dudley Pelley. The investigation concerning Fritz Kuhn also involved the German-American Bund, as being a possible violator of the act requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals.

A copy of a memorandum dated March 29, 1939, which incorporated all information of value in the files of this Bureau concerning Fritz Kuhn and the German-American Bund was sent to Mr. Brian McMahon on March 30, 1939, by a memorandum of that date. All available material obtained during this investigation was furnished to the Department as is indicated above and constitutes a summarization of available data which may indicate a violation of the Voorhis Act.

As of possible interest, I am transmitting herewith one copy of the translation from the German of a pamphlet reflecting the organizational structure of the women's division of the German-American Bund.

With respect to the investigation of the Bund in general, I wish to draw your attention to my memorandum dated April 3, 1941 for the Attorney General, a copy of which was transmitted to you by cover memorandum of the same date, reflecting that recent news bulletins have indicated the Dies Committee is in possession of an official confidential manual of the German-American Bund which indicates that the Bund is a "completely military" organization patterned after the "ruthless, efficient machine set up in Germany by Adolf Hitler" and further indicating that advice has been received to the effect that this material is scheduled to be printed at the Government Printing Office.

I have noted that newspapers throughout the United States have published verbatim extracts from this so-called manual which would indicate that copies of this manual were released to the press by the Dies Committee.

By reference memorandum, I requested that if possible a copy of the papers upon which the afore-mentioned

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press releases were predicated be obtained for official use by this Bureau. In the event these data are available to you and are of such nature that they may be used in a legal procedure, they may be of considerable value in the instant investigation.

With reference to the German-American National Alliance, which is believed to be the organization referred to in your memorandum as the German-American Alliance, the following information has been obtained through investigation, confidential informants and various sources of information:

In order that you may be apprised concerning the purported purposes of this organization as indicated in material furnished by it, I am transmitting herewith one copy of the translation from the German entitled, "Outline for the Establishment of a Platform for the German American National Alliance". (97-441-7 - Enclosure)

There is also being transmitted herewith a copy of the translation of a letter captioned "German-American National Alliance" dated October, 1938, signed Ernst A. ten Ricken, President, which sets forth the aims and objectives of this organization with reference to the unification of German-Americans. (97-441-7 - Enclosure)

As typical of unsubstantiated information which has been brought to my attention concerning the Alliance, I am transmitting herewith a photostatic copy of an anonymous memorandum entitled, "Expose of the German American National Alliance". This memorandum which is undated sets forth allegations concerning the propaganda activities engaged in by this group and although the information contained therein has been generally substantiated, the conclusions which have been drawn by the author are apparently conjecture and not based upon any definite factual material. (97-114-98)

Original information concerning this organization was received prior to 1939, when information concerning the dissemination of propaganda and the sponsorship of a radio program in Chicago, Illinois, was furnished to this Bureau.

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On December 14, 1939, a letter was directed to the German-American National Alliance, Inc., Post Office Box 492, Chicago, Illinois, acknowledging the receipt of a communication from the afore-mentioned group which stated that the Alliance claimed to be neither the agent of a foreign principal within the meaning of the Act of June 8, 1938, as amended, requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals, nor the agent of a foreign government within the meaning of Title 8 of the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917.

For further background information concerning this organization, your attention is directed to the Quarterly Intelligence Summary dated November 20, 1940, a copy of which was transmitted to the Department under date of November 25, 1940.-

On July 2, 1940, a letter was directed by Paul A. F. Warnholts, Director of the German-American National Alliance, to the Department of State, alleging that the organization was not engaged, nor had been engaged in the solicitation or collection of contributions for use in belligerent countries within the meaning of Section 8 of the Neutrality Act of 1939.

It was stated therein that the organization carried on a daily radio hour and the following announcement was made on this program:

"The Kyffhauser relief undertaking for general Red Cross purposes in Germany and the German war territory calls upon people of German descent to support this work which is carried on in order to mitigate the distress of innocent war sufferers and their relatives. The Kyffhauser relief work requests you to send your contributions to Kyffhauser Band, 3700 North Clark Street, Room #3."

The letter alleged no active participation in such solicitation.

Preliminary inquiry concerning this group was instituted and on December 17, 1940, one copy of the report of Special Agent dated July 8, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled "Paul August Friedrich Warnholts; Et Al.; Espionage"

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was furnished to the Division of Records. This report indicates that the Alliance had a regular radio hour over Station WHIP, Hammond, Indiana, and also published a News Letter each month, as well as guides of the radio talks, which publications are apparently propaganda material which points out that the Germans in the United States are being treated as a minority and do not have proper representation in state and national affairs.

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Newspaper articles reflect that closed meetings were held by members of the Alliance in Chicago, Illinois, under the guidance of the afore-mentioned Paul A. F. Wamboldt, who allegedly claimed to be the Chairman of the National Federation of Americans of Germanic descent. The organization was indicated as sponsoring a "peace" rally to be held August 4, 1941, at Soldiers' Field, Chicago, Illinois, which was sponsored by the Citizens Keep America out of War Committee. Wamboldt stated that the Alliance had 320,000 members in Chicago, Illinois, and he claimed that 372 of the 400 German organizations in Chicago are associated with this group. He further claimed that there were several million members in the national organization.

In this connection it will be noted that confidential information in the possession of this Bureau indicates that these figures are considerably exaggerated.

b7C On December 17, 1940, a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 30, 1940, at Indianapolis, Indiana, in the case entitled "Paul August Friedrich Wamboldt; Et Al.; Espionage" was forwarded to the Division of Records. This report set out information relative to the activities of delegates of the Alliance concerning enlistment of a German organization in Indianapolis, Indiana. With this memorandum there is being transmitted a photostatic copy of the material which was distributed by representatives of the Alliance in that city.

The July 20, 1940, edition of the publication "The Hour" contained the following information:

"Within the last week Ernst von Fischen, recent president of the German-American National Alliance (Einheitsfront) arrived in New York City. He was transferred to this city from Chicago by the firm for which he works, H. A.

Brassert & Company, Consulting Engineers. In Chicago, in addition to directing the Alliance, Eicken headed the German Veterans of the World War and was on chummy terms with the Nazi Bund. It is rumored that among Eicken's non-commercial activities in New York, will be the organization of a new branch of the German-American National Alliance, which has already become a powerful pro-Hitler influence among German societies in the Midwest."

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On December 17, 1940, a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 13, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "Paul August Friedrich Warnholts; Et Al.; Espionage" was forwarded to the Division of Records. This report makes reference to a so-called expose of the German-American National Alliance, Inc., in a Chicago newspaper. Also contained therein was information to the effect that a confidential informant advised there has been nothing inimical to the United States discussed at the meetings of the Alliance and a statement attributed to Mr. Warnholts, the ostensible leader of this group, indicates that he wants no Nazis in the organization.

An unidentified correspondent forwarded to the Bureau a newspaper article from an unidentified paper dated July 24, 1940, apparently from the Chicago Daily News, captioned, "German Society Prepared for purge of Congressmen". This article reflects among other things that a purge of United States Congressmen from Chicago has apparently been added to the program of the German-American National Alliance. Supplemental to the organization's lament of persecution of everything Germanic and the constant castigation of Great Britain, the program of the Alliance, as attributed to Mr. Warnholts is "We will oppose anyone who will oppress us." The members of the organization are reported to have admitted that "naturally, we have strong German sentiments and sympathies". The substance of the article is to the effect that intensive political activities would be carried on by this organization and candidates who were favorable to German policies would be supported.

A clipping from the Chicago Daily Times dated in April, 1940, reflects that an organization of a Hitler Youth Movement

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sponsored by the Alliance is being undertaken at Chicago, Illinois. It was indicated that outdoor physical instruction similar to that of the Hitler Jugend was planned, together with instruction in the German language and German history from the Nazi viewpoint. There was no indication that military training would be given.

A communication from the Office of Naval Intelligence dated September 12, 1940, indicates that the German-American National Alliance is reported to be regularly sending Nazi literature and propaganda to Chile.

b7C On December 17, 1940, a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 14, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois, entitled "Paul August Friedrich Wernholts; Et Al.; Espionage" was forwarded to the Division of Record. This report indicates that the daily radio hour formerly sponsored by the Alliance was suspended by Radio Station WHI at Hammond, Indiana. Information indicating continued activities in the dissemination of propaganda material and contacts with the German Consul at Chicago, Illinois, are set out therein.

b7C Additional information concerning the activities of this group is contained in the report of Special Agent (A) [redacted] dated November 2, 1940, at Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled "Paul August Friedrich Wernholts; Et Al.; Espionage ()", a copy of which was furnished to the Division of Records on December 17, 1940.

I am in possession of a sample ballot apparently distributed by the Alliance which recommends that persons vote for the candidates designated as being favorable to the Alliance. This apparently indicates that the Alliance is definitely engaged in political activities. In the event you so desire, a copy of this ballot will be made available to you for the completion of your records.

b7C On February 12, 1941, one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 8, 1941, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the case entitled "Paul August Friedrich Wernholts; Et Al.; Espionage ()" was furnished to the Department. This report indicates that German organizations in Pittsburgh are members of the

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Alliance but that from information available to a confidential informant of this Bureau, the German-American National Alliance is more predominantly pro-American than pro-German.

Numerous copies of a News Letter distributed by the German-American National Alliance have been forwarded to the Bureau by recipients of this letter in various parts of the country. A perusal of the content of this letter reflects that it contains pacifist and anti-British sentiment, together with a definite request for nonintervention, although there is no indication of un-American sympathies. A pamphlet which was apparently distributed with this letter solicits contributions for the "Citizens Keep America out of War Committee", 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, and the "America First Committee", Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Intensive inquiry relative to the spread of activities concerning this organization indicates that it is not known to be operating within the territory covered by the following Field Divisions of this Bureau:

Albany, New York	New Orleans, Louisiana
Atlanta, Georgia	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Birmingham, Alabama	Omaha, Nebraska
Boston, Massachusetts	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Buffalo, New York	Phoenix, Arizona
Cincinnati, Ohio	Portland, Oregon
Cleveland, Ohio	Richmond, Virginia
Dallas, Texas	St. Louis, Missouri
Denver, Colorado	St. Paul, Minnesota
Honolulu, Hawaii	Salt Lake City, Utah
Huntington, West Virginia	San Antonio, Texas
Kansas City, Missouri	San Diego, California
Little Rock, Arkansas	San Francisco, California
Louisville, Kentucky	Savannah, Georgia
Memphis, Tennessee	Seattle, Washington
Miami, Florida	Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Definite evidence of activities is available at the present time only in Chicago, Illinois, Indianapolis, Indiana, New York, New York, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It will be noted,

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however, that complete inquiry in all sections of the country has not been as yet completed.

In your reference memorandum you requested samples of newspapers and other material distributed by each organization, together with reports or oral statements of members of each organization at meetings, on radio and elsewhere. In this connection I would appreciate being advised if you desire to have furnished to you copies of the official publication of the German-American Bund, copies of the News Letter as published by the German-American National Alliance, and photostatic copies of the radio programs formerly sponsored by the Alliance. Much of this material is presently in my possession and constitutes considerable volume so it is not being forwarded pending advice from you concerning the exact identity of the material which you desire.

As you will note from a perusal of the material which has been previously forwarded to the Department by this Bureau and the resume of the material obtained and information in the possession of this Bureau, it consists for the most part of informative data which are not susceptible to proof in a legal proceeding.

It is believed that material of an evidentiary nature which may establish a violation of the Seditious Act (Public No. 870) under which the investigation requested by you is being conducted, may be obtained more readily by the use of legal process. It is therefore requested that consideration be given to utilizing the power of subpoena or the possible issuance of search warrants in order that representatives of this Bureau may have access to confidential records which may be in the possession of the organizations under investigation.

A comprehensive investigation has been instituted in every Field Division of this Bureau in an effort to obtain evidence which may tend to establish a violation of this act and an effort will be made to obtain all of the material and information which has been requested in the memorandum which you forwarded. You will be kept promptly advised concerning developments in this matter and your suggestions concerning the material and evidence necessary for possible prosecution will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1941

RE: GERMAN AMERICAN BUND
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REGISTRATION ACT

The official publication of the German American Bund, Volume 6, number 28, New York, New York, January 2, 1941, contains the following article on the first page which is being set out herein in view of the fact that American citizenship has been alleged to be a prerequisite to membership in the German American Bund:

~~No~~ Bund Membership List

Chairman Dies is quoted in the papers as having promised to furnish a list of members of the German American Bund and having stated that the list will be made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Dies is said to be under a misapprehension. No such list exists, and no names of Bund members will be given out except with the consent of individual members. The publicity given out in this connection seems designed to scare members and harm the Bund.... No Bund membership list is kept and none will be available to the enemies of German citizens."

It may be inferred from this article that the German citizens referred to are synonymous with the Bund members whose identities will not be revealed. In this connection it may be assumed that ~~American~~ citizenship is not a prerequisite to Bund membership.

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October 12, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With further reference to my memorandum of October 4th concerning the conference held in the office of Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long with representatives of various governmental departments, I desire to inform you that another conference was held in Mr. Long's office on Thursday afternoon, October 10th. In attendance at the conference were General Sherman Miles of the War Department, Captain Nixon of the office of Naval Intelligence, Mr. Stripling, Secretary of the Dies Committee, Mr. Ray Atherton, Chief of the European Division of the State Department, and Mr. Tamm of the Bureau. You will recall that this conference had been scheduled to determine the action to be taken by the various governmental departments upon the information turned over to the State Department by Mr. Stripling of the Dies Committee.

Mr. Long informed the conference that the breach of diplomatic relations with Germany appeared to be much more remote than it had on the occasion of the previous conference. Mr. Long inquired of Mr. Tamm what action the Federal Bureau of Investigation had taken upon the list of names furnished by the Dies Committee. Mr. Tamm informed the conference that these names had been checked against the indices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it was determined that the Bureau files contained considerable information relative to a number of these individuals, some of whom were the subject of pending espionage investigations at the present time, others of whom had been the subject of investigations conducted in the past, and still others of whom appeared on the Bureau's "suspect list". Mr. Tamm pointed out, however, that the information furnished by the Dies Committee consisted from an evidentiary viewpoint only of the license number of a particular automobile approaching a German-American Bund Camp on a specified date. He inquired whether the Dies Committee was in a position to

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produce evidence which would assist in identifying the driver of the car on the date it approached the Bund Camp, whether the driver was a man or a woman, whether the cars contained more than one person and other appropriate identifying material. Mr. Stripling stated that for the most part the original records of the Dies Committee contained only the date, place and license number of a car entering a German-American Bund Camp, with the names of the person who recorded the license plate. Mr. Stripling informed that the balance of the data had been obtained through forwarding the license plates to the State Registrar of Motor Vehicles and thereafter checking the names furnished against the records of the Social Security Board for data relative to the employment of the person to whom a particular license plate was issued. It was pointed out to the conference by Mr. Tamm that from an evidentiary viewpoint the material furnished was insufficient and inadequate to justify any action being taken upon it. All of the members of the conference agreed, and in fact General Miles made the statement that the Federal Government in this situation in attending these conferences and discussing the matter, appeared to be "using a sixteen inch gun to shoot a sparrow".

Mr. Long was compelled to leave the conference at this point, but the conference continued under the direction of Mr. Atherton of the State Department. General Miles and Captain Nixon stated that the War and Navy Departments would have no interest in having copies of this list furnished to them. Mr. Tamm stated that the position of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in all such matters was to accept any and all information which might be furnished to it in the belief that a proper reservoir of general intelligence data would only be maintained by the retention of all possible information for its potential future value. It was agreed that the information turned over to Mr. Long by the Dies Committee and subsequently furnished by him to the Federal Bureau of Investigation was of value and interest only to the extent that any list of names of persons visiting a German-American Camp might be. The conference was unanimously of the opinion that no further action should be taken upon the information other than its incorporation in the indices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for possible future use.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

WASHINGTON CITY NEWS SERVICE

ORANGE, TEX.--REP. MARTIN DIES SAID TODAY HIS COMMITTEE HAS OBTAINED SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO EXPOSE "ONCE AND FOR ALL THE WHOLE FIFTH COLUMN IN THE UNITED STATES."

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THE EVIDENCE, HE SAID, HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND ANY REVELATION OF DETAILS MUST COME FROM THEM.

ADD DIES, ORANGE

DIES WAS ASKED FOR COMMENT ON THE COLUMN WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND OF TODAY.

"I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM WASHINGTON," DIES SAID, "AND THIS STORY WAS READ TO ME. I CANNOT COMMENT ON IT.

"MY COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAS BEEN DIGGING UP VITAL INFORMATION ON THE FIFTH COLUMN, WHICH WE HAVE GUARDED TO OUR UTMOST ABILITY, AND IT HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO SECRETARY OF STATE CORDELL HULL AND TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

"I AM RESOLVED THAT NOTHING I SAY OR DO WILL COMPLICATE THIS NATION'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

"I HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT MINE IS AN INVESTIGATIVE BODY AND THAT I SHOULD LEAVE IT UP TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO FORMULATE ANY POLICY WHICH MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY COMMITTEE FINDINGS.

"I HAVE BEEN STAYING AWAY FROM WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO FACILITATE UN-INTERRUPTED STUDY BY MR. HULL AND THE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION WE HAVE COME ACROSS.

"I CAN SAY THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS UNEARTHED EVIDENCE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER TO EXPOSE ONCE AND FOR ALL THE WHOLE FIFTH COLUMN IN THE UNITED STATES BUT FURTHER THAN THIS GENERAL STATEMENT I CAN SAY NOTHING.

"HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE'S EVIDENCE IS BEING ACTED UPON. NO STEPS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED TO PREVENT HARM COMING TO THE NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAM."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

This morning at the request of Assistant Secretary of State Brackinridge Long, I called at his office. Mr. Long referred to the two conferences which had been held in his office which Mr. Tamm had attended in connection with the list of names which had been submitted to the State Department by the Dies Committee. He stated that he understood this original list of names had been checked by the various intelligence services and that a number of names on the original list from Congressman Dies had been corroborated - that is to say, information had been found in the intelligence files upon these names. He stated that he understood those names which were of persons who were employed in Naval or Army establishments would be taken care of by the Army and Navy, but that the President had felt some action should be taken relative to the names of persons employed in industrial plants, and believed that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should call these names to the attention of the plant owners.

I told Mr. Long that we would be very glad to do this, but that of course in calling these names to the attention of the plant owners it should be done so as not to in any way indicate that the FBI was recommending dismissal or disciplinary action of these employees, but was merely calling to the attention of the plant owners the fact that information had been received by the FBI indicating that these employees were associated with, or involved in subversive activities. I told Mr. Long that I thought it was very important that it be handled this way and that no one could claim that the FBI was endeavoring to interfere with any legitimate labor activity, and Mr. Long agreed with me in this respect.

Therefore, I wish that you would arrange to have the names of persons submitted in the original Dies list, which has been checked against our files and upon which we have information, are promptly called by our field offices to the attention of the respective employers, and we should emphasize to our field offices that no recommendations are to be made as to dismissal, but that it is as a matter of practice, calling this information to the attention of the plant owners. This would be in line with the circular which was issued just as regards our field offices along similar lines.

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A letter should be addressed to Mr. Long advising him of the action that is being taken.
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During the course of my conversation with Mr. Long, he stated that Congressman Dies had submitted a large number of documents to the State Department, and that they had been analyzed and a number of them found to be quite important and incriminating in regard to certain groups whose papers Congressman Dies had subpoenaed. Mr. Long stated that the State Department had transmitted these documents to the Department of Justice for study and determination as to whether there should be any prosecution. So far as I know, this is the first knowledge that I have had that any of this material was sent to the Department of Justice. I think it would be well for you to make a check with the Criminal Division and the Neutrality Unit to see whether these documents are there, so that we can at least examine them for our intelligence information.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Mr. Tolson
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October 21, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Information has been received by the Bureau that certain individuals believed to be presently employed in plants surveyed and to be surveyed by the Bureau are registered owners of automobiles which have been observed at various known German American Bund Camps.

It is desired that offices receiving copies of this letter promptly advise the officials of the plants located in their respective field office territories of the above information with reference to the individuals listed in the enclosed memorandum which sets forth the names and addresses of these individuals under the name of the plant in which they are reported to be employed.

It must be emphasized that in advising the various plant officials of this information you are not to make any recommendation whatsoever as to dismissal of the employees or the taking of other disciplinary action against them. You should affirmatively advise each person contacted by you that the Bureau is not demanding, suggesting or advising that these employees be discharged or that other action be taken against them. You should advise the plant official that this information is being brought to his attention by the Bureau solely in order that he may be advised as to the conduct of the employees of his organization. It should be impressed upon the plant official that any action which he desires to take concerning these employees must be taken upon his own initiative and of his own volition.

These instructions should be carried out orally. Care should be exercised in assigning this matter in your district to a competent and capable Special Agent to make each contact.

It is desired that you advise the Bureau immediately when you have complied with the above instructions.

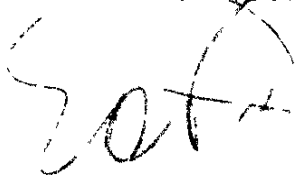
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Enclosure

CC - New York (with enclosure)
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John Edgar Hoover
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MEMORANDUM

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 25, 1940

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Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Attached hereto is an Internal Security card which was prepared from a photostatic copy of an application for membership in the German-American Bund, the same being obtained from the Office of District Attorney, Thomas E. Dewey, who had occasion to examine the records of the German-American Bund in connection with the case of Fritz Kuhn, former national leader of the Bund. Bureau file 61-7591 contains numerous applications of this nature, some of which upon being checked, reflect additional references in other files indicating that the individuals signing the application are definitely associated with the German-American Bund. The above mentioned file also contains numerous photostatic copies of "Sympathizer's Registration" for the German-American Bund, which were obtained from the same source and wherein the registrant agrees to register as a sympathizer of the Bund and obligates himself to support the aims and purposes of the Bund to the best of his ability.

Please advise whether it is considered desirable to prepare Internal Security cards on these individuals based on the fact that the Bureau's file contains a photostatic copy of their application for membership in the German-American Bund and whether it is desirable to have cards prepared on individuals who execute "Sympathizer's Registration" forms.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. [Signature]

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GUHRKE, WERNER
464 Chestnut Street
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GERMAN

Executed application for membership in the German-American Bund on 2/28/38. Indicated therein he received his Second Naturalization papers #668682 in the Common Pleas Court, Hudson County, Jersey City, New Jersey on 6/30/16. Born Germany. Occupation - baker. (Photostatic copy of application obtained from the office of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey, New York City, N. Y., who obtained same from the records of the German-American Bund in connection with the prosecution of Fritz Kuhn, former National Leader of the Bund, 6/4/40; ~~61-7591-252X1~~).

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October 28, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has received information to the effect that a Nazi Band camp was recently opened near Passaic, New Jersey, and will operate under the name of Camp Bergwald.

It has been stated that the purpose of this camp is to train 1,000 American born children of German parentage to love Nazism, and the 180 acres were purchased with Nazi coin not American money.

You are instructed to conduct an appropriate investigation in line with the above allegations in the event this camp is presently in existence. You are instructed also to take appropriate steps to develop confidential informants for sources of information in that area whereby you will be advised of activities of interest to the Bureau taking place there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr Tolson _____
- Mr Clegg _____
- Mr E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr Foxworth _____
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Walter Winchell On Broadway

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The Winchell Column vs The Fifth Column

WASHINGTON: Every member of Congress must take the following oath: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States—against all enemies—foreign and DOMESTIC" . . . Congressman Jake Thorkelson of Montana, of course, took that oath . . . He has also denied being a Nazi sympathizer . . . I now refer you to the Congressional Record for May 14th, 1940—pages 9601 to 9605—to decide for yourself . . . The Honorable A. J. Sabath, Congressman from Illinois, on that day accused his colleague Thorkelson of being the mouthpiece in Congress—for the propaganda of several questionable Americans. These include William Dudley Pelley of Asheville, N. C., James True of Washington, D. C., and Joseph McWilliams of New York City . . . "These professional vilifiers," to quote Mr. Sabath, "have been carrying out the policy of the Hitler-Nazi regime in the U. S. . . Unfortunately, I regret to say," added Mr. Sabath, "the co-operation of Mr. Thorkelson has been enlisted."

WICHITA, KANSAS: Mrs. Gerald Winrod, wife of the Reverend Winrod of Wichita, is in the courts suing for legal separation . . . She testified that Winrod's Nazi propoganda and activities had frightened her and her children. She said Winrod was for Hitler and against our government, and that he told her of a hideout in Wyoming when the revolution came . . . This finally confirms charges made by this reporter when Winrod ran for the Senate as a Republican a few years ago . . . He came in a poor third . . . Let it be noted, however, that Republican leaders repudiated Winrod—which greatly helped to defeat him.

NEW YORK: A German secret agent has just arrived in New York by way of San Francisco . . . What he is doing here is something Government agents should find out quickly . . . His name is Captain Otto Mennes, who was Germany's chief agent in the Ruhr and Rhine regions, where there was heavy sabotage.

PASSAIC, N. J.: About two weeks ago a new Nazi Bund camp was opened near here for The Hitler Youth of America . . . It is Camp Beresford . . . Its purpose: To train 1,000 American born children of German parentage to love Nazism . . . The 180 acres were purchased with Nazi coin, not American money . . . The Bund camp at New Foundland, N. J., has celebrated Hitler victories recently . . . This camp is a short distance from The Picatinny Arsenal—a naval base . . . Congressional committees know all about these Bund camps and their close locations to arsenals, munitions plants and military bases . . . But they never do anything to stop them! . . . Will you ask yours why?

SANTA MONICA, CAL.: Many of the West Coast airplane factories are infested with Nazis and Hitler admirers, according to newspapers . . . George Britt, in a series of enlightening articles, said that in Southern California they are saying: "If you want to keep your job in an airplane plant, just take a course in broken English!"

NEW YORK: Last week at Rex Hall, in the Bronx, a meeting of the Mario Sogzini Society was held . . . This is a group of Italian-Americans . . . They announced the meeting was to campaign against Fifth Column in the U. S. . . But the principal speaker was Italian Consul-General Vecchiotti, who praised the work of Fascism in Italy . . . Every listener greeted each mention of Mussolini with cheers and arms raised in the Axis salute.

NEW YORK: Last week the Italian Consul-General (G. Vecchiotti) told a group that Italians in this country must avoid all 5th Column activity—that Italians and 5th Columns do not mix . . . A few days later, Geoffredo Pantaleoni (for many years head of the Italian Tourist Information Office at 626 Fifth Avenue) resigned that job in order to organize "right-thinking Italo-Americans to discourage Italy's entry into the war on the side of Hitler's mechanized forces of destruction" . . . He then made this statement which conflicts with the Italian Consul-General's remarks . . . Said Pantaleoni: "Italian publications have been giving full encouragement to the spread of propaganda issued by Goebbels of Germany."

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
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WASHINGTON: The Defense Fund Committee of The Communist Party has adopted a slogan in connection with its campaign drive: "Browder and Dies have come to our city, the emergency is here, let us act busy" . . . A rhyme that doesn't— to be sure . . . the Commys' next slogan for their campaign in North and South America will be: "Down with Yankee Imperialism" . . . The Communist Party in Moscow has requested Earl Browder's outfit to supply at once—the number of qualified propagandists who can be spared for this new drive . . . Government authorities have evidence that the National Maritime Union has numerous Communist members on many American vessels. These Communists have mercury and emery dust for sabotage purposes.

NEW YORK: The N. Y. Times on June 1 reported that in every South American country there are Nazi Sports Clubs. These so-called Sports Clubs have motorcycle groups and glider groups. This reminds us to remind you that when Germany was restrained (by treaty) to a small air force, General Goering boasted that he built up his air force secretly—by sports clubs interested in so-called "gliding activities."

SAN FRANCISCO: A few weeks ago a man arrived from Germany very quietly. . . When reporters discovered him in New York—he said he was here only to buy material for Germany—strictly business. . . And that his visit did not concern propagandist activities. His name is Dr. Westrick. He is the law partner of Dr. Heinrich Albert, who was once chief German propagandist. . . Last week Dr. Westrick conferred with Fritz Westmann, German Consul-General of San Francisco, who gives orders to the German Embassy at Washington.

Where is William Dudley Pelley? . . . What's stalling his prison term or appeal? . . . And Earl Browder's? . . . Joe McWilliams, who boasts he is a Fifth Columnist, made a special trip recently to Washington. . . He got in to see a Government biggie via an old friend of the executive, who didn't know the identity of Herr McWilliams. "I have come to demand protection," he said, and then went into a soap-box speech. . . He was given the chill. . . What's the matter, boy? Scared?

Up at Dannemora Prison Fritz Kuhn is the most despised man there. Nobody talks to him. His loyal comrades stopped sending Mrs. Kuhn the promised \$25 weekly the second week. Ach, Ach pain! . . . You probably heard about the latest hate group, The City Party. . . Well, list it among the dead. It died in two weeks after The Daily Mirror courageously exposed Burke, the leader, by publishing his criminal record and regurgitated gallery screen test. That hate-dresser in a 89th Street Hotel thinks the FBI isn't here to get a hold of him. . . Helps man out Herr Curtiss Weedy, not Yank! . . . What this country needs most is Concentration Camps!

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York

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November 26, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: LIST OF MEMBERS
GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND

Dear Sir:

Lieutenant CRANE of the office of Captain GEORGE B. MITCHELL, New York City Police Department, turned over to this Division a list of members of the German-American Bund for the New York City, Newark and Chicago areas, which list he indicated was obtained by the New York City Police Department from the files of District Attorney THOMAS E. DEWEY.

Appropriate photostatic copies were made of this list and one complete set thereof is being forwarded to the Bureau herewith, whereas a photostatic copy of the members in the Newark and Chicago areas are being forwarded to the Newark and Chicago Divisions, respectively for their information and any attention that might be deemed appropriate.

In accordance with Lieutenant CRANE's request, the original of this list has been returned to the New York City Police Department.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ~~F~~ FREUNDES NEUES DEUTSCHLAND
(Friends of New Germany)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Please be advised that ~~C~~ Confidential Informant [redacted] has related to Special Agent [redacted] of this office that Mr. ~~F~~ FRED WEISSNER, JR. a member of the above organization has informed him that the Washington Chapter of this organization is comprised of approximately one thousand German Americans who are "Friends of the New Germany"; that this organization meets in the vicinity of 12th and G Streets, N. W. and that most of its membership is employed presently by the Federal Government; that recently it was discovered that there were three German Secret Service Agents in this organization and due to this fact, it was necessary to create an "Inner Circle" for the purpose of carrying on meetings that dealt with confidential information; that this "Inner Circle" group was comprised of true, loyal Germans, and that by creating this new group they were able to eliminate undesirable members that they were not able to dismiss from the organization due to their connection.



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The informant advises that [redacted] membership in this organization which will necessitate going to New York City for the purpose of parts in the ritual, that is reportedly in German throughout. **6 NOV 29 1941**

The informant is contemplating accepting membership in this organization for the purpose of cooperating with this Bureau. **FIVE**

Very truly yours,
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New York, New York

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December 9, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: LIST OF BRANCHES OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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Dear Sir:

There is being attached hereto for the information of the Bureau, a memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] of this Division, which sets forth the location of various branches of the German-American Bund in the United States, together with the name of the individual who is allegedly at the head of those various organizations, which list was obtained from Mr. INGRAM FRASER, the head of the British Purchasing Commission in New York City.

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It will be noted that copies of this memorandum are also being designated for each of the Field Divisions in whose district one of the branches of the Bund mentioned herein is located for their information and any attention that they might deem appropriate.

- cc: Philadelphia
- cc: Washington Field
- cc: San Diego
- cc: Cincinnati
- cc: Indianapolis
- cc: Boston
- cc: Seattle
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- cc: Cleveland
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- cc: Pittsburgh
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- cc: San Francisco
- cc: Buffalo
- cc: Saint Louis
- cc: Portland
- cc: Salt Lake City
- cc: Detroit
- cc: Baltimore
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Very truly yours,

D. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice**

New York, New York
December 2, 1940

MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

Re: LIST OF BRANCHES OF GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND IN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. INGRA FRASER, head of the British Purchasing Commission in New York City, furnished this agent with the following list of branches of the German-American Bund in the United States, the addresses thereof, and where available, the name of the party in charge, which list appeared on 3" by 5" slips and has been appropriately returned to Mr. FRASER:

BRANCH	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON IN CHARGE
Reading, Pennsylvania	MARY KADEJUNG , Box 203 RFD 2, Bellevue Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania
Astoria, New York	LUDWIG ALBERT , 40-14 - 149th Place, Flushing, New York, telephone IN 3-6171
Washington, D. C.	BERNICE BATHELISS , 33 Madison Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
San Diego	T. P. BAUER , 644 Eighth Avenue, San Diego
Brooklyn, New York	FRED VAN DEN BERGH , 660 Saint Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone South 8-0053
Hamilton, Ohio	FRANZ BIRKHOFF , 537 North Fifth Street, Hamilton, Ohio. ALBUECHT DOPPLEB , 937 Schuler Ave, Hamilton, O.
Jamaica, New York	WALTER BORCHERS , 166-06 Foch Boulevard, Jamaica, New York
Hammond, Indiana	BERNHARD GLASCEN , 960 Wilcox Avenue, Hammond, Indiana
Boston, Massachusetts	PAUL DORFACHTER , 9 Woodside Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Boston, Massachusetts
Sheboygan, Wisconsin	Dr. WEIGENBERGER , 1003 North Eighth Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Yonkers, New York	GOTTHILF FRAGLE , 634 Park Avenue Terrace, Yonkers, New York

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Brooklyn, New York ~~KARL FLICK~~, 864 Hart Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

New Rochelle, New York ~~DUNCAN C. FOLNER~~, POB 724, New Rochelle, New York, telephone Con. 7-7700, Extension 269

Toledo, Ohio ~~ILIELE TRITZ~~, 244 Islington Street, Toledo, Ohio

Milwaukee, Wisconsin ~~GEORGE PROBOSE~~, 3227 North Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (also leader of North-western District of Bund)

Brooklyn, New York ~~KARL FLICK~~, 267 Saint Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, telephone ME 3-0471

New York City ~~JAMES WHEELER HILL~~, Executive Secretary of Bund, P. O. Box 75, Station K, New York City, telephones BU - 8-8347, SA 2-6039

Los Angeles, Cal. ~~HERMANN SCHINN~~, Deutsches Haus, 634 West Fifteenth Street, Los Angeles, California

Spokane, Washington (Leader not given) 128 West Second Avenue, Spokane, Washington

Chicago, Illinois ~~PETER GISSIBL~~, c/o German American Bund, 3855 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ~~ALLEN GOEPEL~~, 212 East Ohio Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

New Haven, Connecticut ~~HENRY GRITS~~, 552 Howard Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut

Philadelphia, Pa. ~~ALEXANDER HARTMANN~~, 1821 West Vanango Street 2718 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. telephone Radcliff 8363

Rockland County, N.Y. ~~HERMANN J. NOEFLICH~~, New City, Rockland County, New York

Bronx, New York ~~HENRY VON HOLT~~, 1236 Webster Avenue, Bronx, New York, To 2-7299. ~~KARL HORNUNG~~, RE 7-0954, Storm Troop Leader of Bronx District.

Oakland, California ~~GOTTFRIED HEIN~~, Deutsches Pionierhaus, 32 Home Place, Oakland, California

Staten Island, New York ~~HERMANN MUTTER~~ (temporary) 15 Florence Street,
Great hills, Staten Island, New York

Concord Branch ~~ANDREAS JESSEN~~, 27 Paron. Avenue, San Francisco,
California

Stamford, Connecticut ~~WOLFGANG T. JUNG~~, 943 East Main Street, Stamford,
Connecticut

Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ~~WILLIE KEPLER~~, 141 Pine Street, Poughkeepsie,
New York

Cleveland, Ohio ~~MARTIN KESLER~~, 1420 East 95th Street,
Cleveland, Ohio

Brooklyn, New York ~~WILHELM KOCH~~, 32 Tenox Road, Brooklyn, New York
(Storm Troop Leader of South Brooklyn District)

Newark, New Jersey ~~ATHIAS KOHLER~~, 509 Stuyvesant Avenue,
Irvington, New Jersey, telephone Es 3-5386

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 19, 1940

10:15PM

The United Press telephoned and advised they had a flash from Chicago stating that SAC Devereaux and United States Attorney Matthew Woll and two or three others are presently checking over the "Black Book".

The United Press inquired if there was any comment the FBI would care to make. I informed him there was no comment that we could make.

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Previous call sent to Mr. Tamm.

- Mr Tolson _____
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- Mr. Nichols
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Bundsters in Army Revealed

2,000 Names On Nazi List Taken in Raid

Navy and Marine Men in Black Ledger Seized in Chicago

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The ledger and another book which listed the names of 3,000 Midwestern Bund members were seized by Sergt Steve Leddy of the staff of State's Attorney Courtney, and Benjamin Eisenstein, personal bailiff of Municipal Judge Oscar S. Caplan. Judge Caplan had ordered the raid in connection with a suit by the city to collect \$100,000 in damages for property destroyed during the Bund's activities.

FBI Given Records

William S Devereaux, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago, said his men had "nothing to do" with the case. An official city source said the records had been turned over to the FBI for investigation. Judge Caplan ordered seizure of the Bund's books and records after Dr Otto Willumeit, Chicago chairman of the Bund, had been accused in court of being evasive on questions about the Bund's finances.

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Visits to

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List of Bundists in Army Seized

Nazi Group's Books Name 2,000 Men In U.S. Forces

Cells Among Regular And Reserve Units Reported Disclosed By Chicago Raid

By the United Press

Chicago, Dec 19—A black ledger listing the names of an estimated 2,000 members of the German-American bund, allegedly serving in the regular United States Army, Navy or Marine forces or the Reserves, was seized late today in a raid on the offices of the bund and the Teutonia Publishing Co., Inc.

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Judge Caplan had ordered the books in connection with a suit by the State to collect \$300 in damages for property seized from the bund for non-payment of taxes.

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F. B. I. Won't Comment

By the United Press

Officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington tonight declined comment on the raid.

One official said the matter was being handled by local authorities, intimating that FBI had no connection with the case.

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ccy Mr. Jim Strebig telephoned advising that the AP has a report from Chicago that as a result of a raid made by the State's Attorney's Office at Chicago today, a list of names of from 1,500 to 2,000 members of the German American Bund were seized at the German American Bund Headquarters. A check of these names by local authorities assisted by two FBI Agents discloses that Army Officers and Privates in the Army are listed as members of the Bund. The raid was made under a Court Order looking for assets to pay delinquent tax bills.

- Mr Tolson _____
- Mr. Stagg _____
- Mr E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr Ladd _____
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- Miss Boehm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

It was reported that SAC Devereaux of the Chicago Office of the FBI advised he had no comment to make.

I informed Mr. Strebig that there was no comment the FBI could make, that it was a matter being handled primarily by the local authorities.

Mr. McGruder of the UP subsequently telephoned and was given the same answer.

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ADD BUND, CHICAGO

ALSO SEIZED WAS ANOTHER BOOK WHICH LISTED 3,000 MIDWESTERN BUND MEMBERS. MUNICIPAL JUDGE OSCAR CAPLAN HAD ORDERED THE RAID IN CONNECTION WITH A SUIT BY THE CITY TO COLLECT \$380 IN DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE BUND FOR 1938.

WILLIAM S. DEVEREAUX, AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE CHICAGO FBI OFFICE, SAID HIS MEN HAD "NOTHING TO DO" WITH THE CASE. AN OFFICIAL CITY SOURCE SAID THE RECORDS HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE FBI FOR INVESTIGATION.

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ADD BUND, CHICAGO

JUDGE CAPLAN ORDERED THE SEIZURE OF THE BUND'S BOOKS AND RECORDS AFTER DR. OTTO WILLUMEIT, CHICAGO CHAIRMAN OF THE BUND, HAD BEEN ACCUSED IN COURT OF BEING EVASIVE ON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUND'S FINANCES.

WHEN LEDDY AND EISENSTEIN ARRIVED AT THE BUND'S OFFICE, WHICH IS SHARED WITH THE PUBLISHING COMPANY, THEY FOUND MRS. IRENE MATZ, AN OFFICE EMPLOYEE.

SHE GAVE THEM SEVERAL DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE LEDGER, THEN CLOSED THE SAFE. IT WAS REPORTED A FEDERAL SEARCH WARRANT WAS BEING SOUGHT IN ORDER TO SEIZE ADDITIONAL RECORDS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE SAFE.

THE BLACK LEDGER IS 11 BY 14 INCHES, CONTAINING ABOUT 25 OR 30 LOOSE-LEAF PAGES. IT WAS REPORTED THAT NOT EVERY PAGE WAS COMPLETELY FILLED, BUT A STATE'S ATTORNEY SOURCE SAID IT CONTAINED PERHAPS 2,000 NAMES OF MEN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BUND AND ARE SERVING IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES OR THE RESERVES.

A MUNICIPAL COURT OFFICIAL WHO INSPECTED THE BOOK SAID SOME OF THE NAMES WERE ACCOMPANIED BY NOTATIONS ON THE EXACT STATUS OF THE MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES. THE NOTATIONS ALSO SHOWED, THE OFFICIAL SAID, THAT SOME OF THE BUND MEMBERS HAD BEEN IN THE U. S. ARMY, HAD BEEN DISCHARGED, RETURNED TO GERMANY, AND THEN REJOINED THE U. S. ARMY.

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Miss Mabel Woolsey
14 Catalpa Road
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Miss Woolsey:

I have for acknowledgement your letter, with enclosures, postmarked December 21, 1940 which was received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation by reference from the White House. Your courtesy and interest in corresponding with the Federal Government are indeed appreciated.

You may be assured that the FBI is making every effort in these critical times to give prompt and appropriate attention to all matters affecting the internal security of this country.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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~~Mr.~~ Mr. President,

Why can we not have all members of Bund, Communist, Fascist or Japanese subversive groups discharged from our army, navy and air services?

Mabel Woolsey
14 Catalpa Road,
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President Roosevelt,
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RAIDERS GET LIST OF NAZI BUNDISTS IN ARMY OR NAVY

FBI Checks 1500 to 2000

Names to Learn if Men Are

Still in Service.

Chicago, Dec 20—(AP)—Working in strict secrecy, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation today studied records to determine whether the German-American Bund has members in the United States armed forces.

The records were seized yesterday in a raid on the Chicago headquarters of the Bund. Among them, an investigator for the State's Attorney's office said, was a loose-leaf book indicating that 1500 to 2000 members were in the Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines.

Checking Names

Federal agents were reported to be checking the names against naval and military lists to ascertain whether the men listed were now active in the armed forces or had completed service.

William S. Devereaux, in charge of the FBI office here, answered "no comment" to inquiries about his findings.

The records were seized in a search for assets of the Bund and an affiliated organization, the Teutonia Publishing Company, which occupy joint offices. Municipal Judge Oscar S. Caplan ordered the search in connection with a county suit against the organizations for non-payment of \$380 in personal property taxes.

The State's Attorney's investigator, who declined to be quoted by name, reported that the "military membership" book was written in German and listed "Bund members in the service" together with their home town addresses and their rank in the various branches of the armed forces.

Safe Is Guarded

Four rolls of foreign scenic motion pictures, a private telephone book, a book containing the names of midwestern Bund members, and a hundred applications for membership also were reported seized.

The investigator said the latter included data on applicants' service in the German army—their grade, regiment, company or battery, and the front on which they had served.

A policeman stood guard at the Bund offices during the night to prevent removal of the contents of a safe. Detective Stephen Leddy reported a woman secretary in the Bund office locked the safe during

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Any New Defense Set-Up Needs Roosevelt Backing

Full Moral Support in Addition to Any Legal Authority Called Essential to Co- ordination of Effort

From the Washington Bureau
of the Evening Bulletin
723 Fifteenth Street

By Sevellon Brown, 3rd

Washington, Dec 20—Whichever of the several plans now under consideration for revamping the defense set-up is finally selected (and the three-member "over-all" council is still considered to have the best chance) the new leadership will need the full moral backing of the President in addition to whatever legal authority it may be given.

This is true first because Congressional action cannot be obtained with the speed which the situation so urgently demands so that the defense chiefs will have to operate at least in the beginning largely on powers derived directly from the White House. It is true secondly because, as Defense Commissioner William S. Knudsen suggested in his memorable address last week, industry, labor and perhaps the people as a whole are still not sufficiently "sold" on the fact that an emergency exists which calls for extraordinary measures.

Up to Roosevelt

It will be up to President Roosevelt to provide the defense leaders with real authority, and to rally behind them industrial efficiency, labor co-operation and popular support. For this job, he may take a leaf from Woodrow Wilson's World War book.

Wilson made frequent and effective use of direct appeals from the White House. He appealed to workers through Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, and obtained a marked reduction in stoppages of armament work due to labor disputes. His requests for industrial effort were so well heeded that in only two cases throughout the war period did the government have to step in and take over private plants. Finally, it was Wilson's voice that made it possible for Herbert Hoover, as United States Food Administrator, to secure national co-operation for conservation efforts in the meatless, wheatless and sugar-

less days these skeptics look to the leadership of another man who is just as deeply concerned about the world situation as Roosevelt is—Wendell Willkie Willkie, it is reliably reported, is about to break his long silence with a vigorous discussion of the immediate peril which he believes the nation faces. If his voice could be added to that of the President, the two men together might swing the entire nation behind a rearmament

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National Policy

The moment seems ripe for Roosevelt to use the same technique AFL president William Green and Sidney Hillman, the CIO executive on the Defense Commission, are both on record as opposing any stoppage of armament production through strikes or slow-downs. Through the President, such individual pronouncements might be formulated into a national policy to prevent in advance defense labor troubles, which so far have been much less serious than in Wilson's day.

Similarly, Roosevelt might appeal directly to industry as a whole to compromise with labor the problems of an extended work week and overtime pay. Or he might bring his influence to bear on individual segments of industry, urging more speed in producing certain vital items. So far the only efforts of this kind have come from Knudsen himself. The effectiveness of his direct appeals to the machine tool industry is indicated by his own statement that "this industry has set a very good example of speeding up."

Popular Appeal

For the public generally, a rallying cry from the White House might be most valuable of all. Suspicion is growing in Washington that popular opinion, hardened to successive emergencies through eight tumultuous years of the New Deal, is tending toward indifference in the present crisis.

From this it might be argued that Roosevelt, like the boy who cried "wolf!", cannot stir a large body of citizens who have heard his warnings too often before. However, it should be remembered that many of

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking telephonically with Judge Holtzoff he advised that he had received our memorandum for the Attorney General relative to the action of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in connection with the Chicago Bund investigation.

Mr. Holtzoff stated he called Mr. Hart in the Immigration and Naturalization Service about this situation. Mr. Hart stated they did not desire to interfere with the work of the FBI on this matter but felt they should handle the investigation in connection with the immigration angle and that the FBI should also continue its investigation. He stated it was his understanding this had been the policy in the past whereupon Judge Holtzoff informed him that the practice in the past had been whenever a deportation or naturalization angle developed in an investigation being conducted by the FBI, the FBI completed the investigation and then turned over to the Immigration and Naturalization Service the information pertaining to this angle; that in the past the information was frequently not welcome and more often not used, but that it was nevertheless turned over to the service. Judge Holtzoff pointed out various reasons why it is unwise for two investigative agencies to work the same case and Mr. Hart agreed with him but did not want to withdraw. Judge Holtzoff believes that Hart probably can be persuaded to withdraw eventually. Hart claims to have had authority from the Attorney General to go ahead with the investigation, however, and wants to check with him.

Judge Holtzoff stated he would check to see just what authority the Attorney General has given Hart but in the meantime we should go ahead with the investigation. He stated he would probably receive a memorandum on Monday to the effect that this matter relates to National Defense and is within our jurisdiction and any investigation started should be continued. I mentioned to Judge Holtzoff that we are forwarding photostatic copies of the list of names of Bund Members in Chicago to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in accordance with a request made by Mr. Shoemaker.

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GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND

Information from an unknown, outside source dated at New York, New York, on November 16, 1940 points out that the publication "The Hour" reported on October 12 that after the imprisonment of Fritz Kuhn, the German-American Bund decided to modify its anti-Semitic propaganda in order to present a more American appearance and that Wilbur V. Keegan was the strictest exponent for elimination of open anti-Semitism from the Bund program.

It is stated that Keegan did not completely succeed, as in the case of the Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter a compromise was necessary since the editors of this official Bund organ would not entirely sacrifice their favorite of anti-Semitism. The compromise was to the effect that future attacks on the Jews would be placed in the German language section of the paper while the English section would be kept free of such attacks. It is stated that the current issue of the Deutscher Weckruf denies the truth of the above story, the denial being in the form of an editorial which makes reference to the Jewish Examiner, one of the papers which reprinted the story in "The Hour".

It is pointed out by "The Hour" that recent issues of the Weckruf have been partitioned into a German section attacking the Jews and an English section which does not mention them. It is said that the later issue of the Deutscher Weckruf contains an article entitled "Why Germany is Going to Win the War" purporting to be a letter written by one Dr. F. Roscoe, "an American traveling and studying in Europe", written from Berlin.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Investigation at 1212 G Street, N. W. indicates this building is occupied by **MANNING M. CROWDER**, Mrs. **ALBERTINE R. PULLMAN**, and **Lucky Strike Dress Shops, Inc.**. Credit and criminal check up fail to reveal any connection with **FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY**. Surveillance revealed no meeting held Monday, December 16, 1940.

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DETAILS: **AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on the basis of a report by Confidential Informant who has advised that he received information that the **FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY** were meeting every Monday evening at 1212 G Street, N. W. No exact location of the meeting place was given so a check of the occupants of the building revealed the following tenants:

The first floor is occupied by **Lucky Strike Dress Shop, Inc.** A check of the records at **Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N. W.** was made by Mrs. **Ruth Merchant**, which reflected that this corporation was chartered under the laws of New York on July 23, 1930. The officers are **JULES JAMES**, President and Manager, **CYRIL F. LANDON**, Vice-President, and Mrs. **JULES JAMES**, Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. **JAMES** is 39 years old and resides at 4000 Cathedral Avenue, N. W. He formerly was from New York, operating a dress shop

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partnership with IRVING GILBERT at 224 Bleeker Street, Utica, New York under the name and style of JAMES & GILBERT. He has a good credit rating. Mr. LANDON is a Certified Public Accountant, a resident of New York City and formerly with the firm of SHERMAN & SHERMAN. The store has had only a fair credit rating since 1931. No one of the officers has a criminal record in the District of Columbia.

The second floor is occupied by Albertine's Beauty Salon under the control of Mrs. ALBERTINE R. PULLMAN, Route No. 3, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia. A report at the Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W. exhibited by Miss HELEN AMISS and dated September 30, 1938, reflected that Mrs. PULLMAN is 38 to 40 years of age and is married. She has resided in Alexandria, Virginia since 1925 and is said to own the property at that address. She established the beauty salon on her own responsibility in February, 1931. Her husband, JAMES PULLMAN, is a clerk in the Inspector's office of the Post Office Department since June of 1931, receiving \$2,000 per annum. The shop has a high credit rating. No criminal record in the District of Columbia was located on Mrs. PULLMAN.

Since 1930 MANNING M. CROWDER has resided in the basement of 1212 G Street, N. W. Credit report at the Credit Bureau dated October 23, 1935 indicates he is 45 years of age, and a widower. He is a carpenter by trade and since 1930 has done work for small shops in the vicinity of 12th and G Streets, N. W. His income was not thought to be in excess of \$100 per month. He is considered honest and reliable, paying his small rent satisfactorily. Mr. E. K. O'BRIEN of the Records Section, Metropolitan Police Department, examined his files which revealed no record against CROWDER.

Since the above investigation failed to indicate which of the tenants, if any, might be connected with the FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY, surveillance of the building was made on Monday evening, December 16, by Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office. He reported no activity whatever in the locality from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. which would indicate the FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY were not holding any meetings at 1212 G Street, N. W. In addition the Special Agent confidentially ascertained that the Naval Intelligence has maintained a surveillance at 1212 G Street, N.W. for the past three weeks to ascertain the meeting place of FRIENDS OF NEW GERMANY with negative results.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Brigadier General Sherman Miles
Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Miles:

Reference is made to your request of November 25, 1940, for the names of any suspected members of subversive organizations.

There are being enclosed herewith two photostatic lists of individuals who have been reported as belonging to the German-American Bund.

Additional names will be submitted to you within the near future.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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April 11, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Re: The German-American Alliance
The German-American Bund - General

Annexed hereto is a memorandum dated March 25,
directed to me by the Special Defense Unit requesting that
an investigation be made by the Federal Bureau of Investi-
gation of the German-American Alliance and the German-American
Bund.

You are authorized to make the investigation
outlined in the annexed memorandum.

Matthew F. McGuire
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. MCGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: The German-American Alliance
The German-American Bund

In connection with the enforcement of the Voorhis Act (Public No. 870), requiring the registration of certain organizations carrying on activities within the United States, it is requested that investigations by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the German-American Alliance and the German-American Bund be conducted for the purpose of determining whether or not either of such organizations come within the purview of the aforementioned Act. The latter organization was mentioned by the Director of the F.B.I. in a memorandum of November 29, 1940, setting forth a list of organizations which in his opinion might possibly come within the terms of the Act.

In conducting such investigations, particular emphasis should be given to any facts which would tend to disclose the following information:

1. The existing and proposed aims and purposes of either of the said organizations:

- a. Does it advocate the establishment of some other form of government in the United States?
- b. Does it advocate the control by force or overthrow of the government of the United States or a political subdivision thereof?
- c. Is one of its purposes the establishment, control, conduct, seizure, or overthrow of a foreign government or a subdivision thereof, by the use of force or violence or by threats of such?

2. The means by which these aims or purposes are being attained or are to be attained.

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3. Whether or not the members of either organization receive instruction in the use of firearms or other weapons or substitutes therefor, or military or naval science.

4. Whether or not the members of either organization engage in any military or naval maneuvers or activities or drill or parade in a military or naval character (either with or without arms).

5. Whether either organization solicits or accepts financial contributions, loans or support of any kind, directly or indirectly, from, or is affiliated directly or indirectly with, a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or an agent or instrumentality of a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or of a political party, a foreign country, or an international political organization.

6. Whether any of the policies of either organization are determined by or at the suggestion of, or in collaboration with, a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or an agent or instrumentality of a foreign government or political subdivision thereof, or a political party in a foreign country, or an international political organization.

The agent should, if possible, also obtain such data as may be available with reference to the following:

1. Identity of leaders and members of each organization.
2. Copies of constitution, charters, by-laws and resolutions of each organization. We would like, if possible, to have a copy of the yearbook published by the Bund for the year 1937 and any yearbook published for a later year.
3. Identification of assets and liabilities of each organization.
4. Identification of materials and services accepted and used by each organization together with the sources thereof (movies, news service, etc.)
5. Identification of persons reached by each organization or to whom each organization aims to appeal.
6. Samples of newspapers, pamphlets, periodicals, and other printed material emanating from each organization and the identification of the source of such material, i. e., where the organization procured the material or contents.

7. Reports or oral statements of members of each organization, at meetings, on radio and elsewhere.
8. Complete description of movies (newsreels, shorts, features) shown or distributed by each organization, or report as to where they may be seen.
9. Symbols used by each organization such as flags, emblems, etc.

Anything that may be developed in the course of obtaining the above information which may tend to furnish facts concerning the existence, or activities, of other German organizations with Nazi affiliations which may indicate a violation of the above-mentioned Act should be carefully noted by the agent for the purpose of forming a basis for further investigation in regard to such organizations.

R. Keith Kane
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Special Defense Unit

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May 5, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: German-American Bund
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 21, 1941 entitled "Amerikadeutscher Volksbund, German-American Bund; Internal Security - C" and enclosure, wherein you requested that the material forwarded by you be furnished to the Department for an opinion relative to possible prosecution.

A careful perusal of this material fails to reflect any information indicating the advisability of such action. Similar material reflecting the purposes and aims of the German-American Bund is in the possession of the Bureau and has previously been forwarded to the Department in the course of regular investigations.

In view of this fact no further action will be taken in this matter at the present time although the information forwarded by you will be incorporated into the Bureau file in connection with the extensive investigation presently being conducted relative to the Bund and its activities in connection with a possible violation of the Voorhis Act.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

April 21, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰ ALERIKADEUTSCHER VOLKSBUND
⁰ GERMAN AMERICAN BUND — *Deutsche*
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Dear Sir:

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There is set forth hereinafter a complete copy of a leaflet which was turned over to this office by confidential informant [redacted] whose identity has already been made known to the Bureau. It concerns the purpose and aims of the ALERIKADEUTSCHER VOLKSBUND, GERMAN AMERICAN BUND. The informant mailed this material to the Philadelphia Office and inquiry will be made of him promptly to determine from what source he received the same.

It is requested that the Bureau refer this matter to the Department for an opinion as to whether or not the expressions of German propoganda contained herein are sufficient, either to warrant prosecution under the recent act making it unlawful to be a member of any organization, the purpose of which is the overthrow of any government in the United States by force as well as for the opinion as to whether or not the material as expressed herein would constitute a basis for prosecution for the failure to register with the Department of Justice as an organization of political nature controlled by a foreign government.

There is set out hereinafter a complete copy of this leaflet, the original of which is being forwarded to the Bureau for reference to the Department if desired:

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- 1--To do Honor to and defend the Constitution, Flag and Institutions of these United States of America in accordance with the Oath of Allegiance of the U. S. Citizen, which to the German American has always been and continues to be a binding obligation of the highest conceivable order, in regard to which he defers to no one!
- 2--To force nation-wide recognition of the incontrovertible fact that our Movement accords the same respect to every other Element of our Country's Citizenry which it demands for ours, is as American as ANY other and is entitled to the same Rights and Privileges under the Bill of Rights as are accorded to ANY other Organization in the Country!
- 3--To demand, obtain and defend, for the German Americans, an absolutely unqualified Equality of Rights with ALL other U. S. Citizens, as being inalienably due an Element comprising one fourth of the Nation and which has given more than one fourth of the blood heretofore shed in our Country's Development and Defense.
- 4--To consequently combat all Anti-Germanism reflected in the libellous, slanderous attacks in the political, economic, cultural, religious and civic fields, as a result of which the very word "German" and with it all Americans of German Origin are suffering under intolerable, degrading discrimination in favor of truly Alien Powers, not bound to this Land by either Blood and Tradition or by Religious and Ethical Standards!
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Very truly yours,



J. F. SEARS
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