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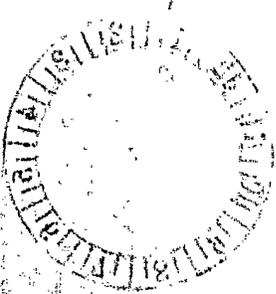
Dear Colonel Donovan:

My attention has just been called to an article in the Soviet periodical Bolshevik, July 1942, on subversive activity of Hitler's agents in the United States of America. On page 54 of that number is mention of the Office of the Coordinator of Information and I enclose a photostat of that page as well as of the first page of the number.

Sincerely yours,

Luther H. Evans
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Chief Assistant Librarian

Col. William J. Donovan, Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.



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Об уборке урожая и заготовках сельскохозяйственных продуктов в 1942 году

Колхозы и совхозы в обстановке войны с немецко-фашистскими захватчиками успешно справились с задачей проведения весеннего сева. Несмотря на запоздалую весну, колхозы и совхозы привели посев в более сжатые сроки, чем в прошлом году, перевыполнили план сева зерновых и увеличили уборочную площадь.

Совет Народных Комиссаров Союза ССР и Центральный Комитет ВКП(б) постановили:

Обратить внимание советских и партийных организаций, колхозов, директоров МТС, совхозов, начальников политотделов на то, что уборка урожая и выполнение планов заготовок сельскохозяйственных продуктов могут быть проведены так же успешно, как и весенний сев, если все партийные, советские организации республик, краев, областей и районов, МТС, совхозы и колхозы возьмутся немедленно за подготовку к уборке урожая и проведению государственных заготовок сельхоз-

Этому и широкому потоку фанси... ставили... мистическим... не более 8-10... государственная... стал привлекать интерес к радиогимназиям... границы. Создан также отдел... в управлении гражданской обороны... Нью-Йорка, Л. Гарта.

В июне 1941 года по указу президента США было учреждено - «Офис по координации радио... которого был поставлен... участник первой мировой войны... дать соответствующий ответ... в США, протестовать...

Подполковник Донован превратил... стов и эмитеров отдельных стран... стые станции, предназначенные для... Европы, Африки, Азии, Ближнего Востока и Латинской Америки... прием и передачи... через радиостанции, ежедневно обрабатывается и... чины военно-морской и военной разведки, с... министерством иностранных дел... ницей, и с другими источниками.

Деятельности борд полковника Донована... комиссия связи», составившая вместе с «Объединенным... выаемую «Федеральную контрольную радиослужбу». В... «Федеральной радиослужбы» имеется четыре... коротковолновые радиопередачи из определенных... этих радиоперехваточных пунктов... лучать информацию о вражеской радиопропаганде, в... ление, сущность и цели и протестаовать... и конкретные меры противодействия. Количество между... дач теперь огромно.

О размерах фансиетской пропаганды можно судить хотя бы по тому, что одна лишь германская радиостанция «Тейтман»... ежедневно в течение 11 часов специальные программы... США.

Немалое внимание уделяла гитлеровская Германия радиопротипивной кинопропаганды в США.

Немцы демонстрировали в США фильмы, изображавшие... германских бронированных полчищ на Европу и... димость германского оружия! Демонстрировались... американцам мысль о беспощадности сопротивления... манской армии и о неизбежности торжества немецкой... Страшные батальные кадры этих кинокартин... хической атакой на американского... их авторов, терроризировать зрителя и... ким» фильмам относится, например, демонстрировавшийся... немецкий боевик «Победа на Западе», который... ством германского верховного командования.

Американский профессор психологии Гарри... фильм «Молниеносная война на Западе», так... действие подобных фильмов на зрителя... оборимый натиск огня пикирующих бомбардировщиков и... ствительные батальные сцены - во ми от...

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

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Information Office

Date: June 1 1964

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: COLONEL LOGOVAN
From: WILLIAM A. KIMBEL
Subject:

HERewith THE ARTICLE ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE COI
WHICH APPEARED IN A FRENCH NEWSPAPER.

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Summary of articles in French in Le Jour, Beirut, March 21, 1942.

"The article describes the conscientiousness and accuracy of the service of the office of the Coordinator of Information, describing it as "the most mysterious bureau of Washington". "It does not issue communiques to the press. Its only regular clients are: (1) The President of the United States; (2) the listeners of short-wave radios throughout Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands." The article continues:

"The duties of Colonel Donovan are unique in the world. The institution which he directs surpasses in efficiency even the famous German geopolitical institute. Donovan is an assiduous collector of facts which he assembles on the spot: diplomatic facts, military facts, naval economic facts, psychological facts. All these events reach him in bulk. It is his difficult job to combine, coordinate and compare this mass of facts in order to draw therefrom an efficient weapon of information and action."

According to this article, the services of his office have two principles to which they hold strictly: "We must not answer German lies with American lies. We must answer with true facts."

"But Donovan is not only the Minister of Psychological Warfare. He is also the Secretary of State for strategical warfare. In this latter domain, his activities are much less known, and one is obliged to guess about them. The conversations of the Colonel with President Roosevelt are strictly private, and no journalist has ever attended them. But it is known that Donovan's information is always exact."

The article concludes with a review of Colonel Donovan's career and states that he has studied the internal politics of all the nations that he has visited, with the eye of an American soldier conscious of the

fact that one day his country would have need of this knowledge.
"This day has arrived. Today the soldier is at work in the task of
assisting the Chief of the American nation to know everything that
he should know about the strategy of the rest of the world."

Robert AAAAAAB

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August 18th, 1941.

Dear Bill:

On Friday I had a long and very interesting session with Edmond Taylor, Wallace Deuel, Joe Barnes and others. All of them are ready to go to work full time by next Monday. Some of them (especially Barnes) are, of course, doing a considerable amount of preliminary work now.

Deuel told me that you and he had agreed on the salary he is to be paid. He said you had mentioned the sum of \$7500.00. I have had no discussion of salary with Edmond Taylor but if Deuel is to receive this sum, Taylor certainly should receive the same. I mentioned that same sum to Barnes as the salary when I first suggested that he leave the Herald Tribune to come with us. Certainly the responsible position of head of the News Bureau in New York should, I believe, carry a \$7500.00 salary.

There is also Jimmy Warburg, who is on the same basis as Deuel and Taylor. I have never discussed salary with him.

Naturally, I don't want the organization here in New York to get out of hand in the matter of salaries, but if there is to be any embarrassment, it should be settled now, once and for all. I am certain that Deuel, Taylor and Warburg will all do extremely important work; in fact, it is quite possible that any or all of them will end up in Washington rather than here in New York. Taylor has already written a remarkably clear outline of problems and purposes of this work, which I shall have copied and sent to you.

Yours,

Robert Sherwood

Col. William J. Donovan,
1647 - 30th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Exhibit AAAAA

Col. William J. Donovan,

Dear Bill,

This report will probably be messy, because I'm typing it myself. It will also be long because I've had a full and satisfactory day.

I saw Jimmy Warburg several times. Having put him tentatively to work investigating people for a Foreign Language Dep't, I am impressed with his zeal and competence. He brought in an American named Lewis, who is an expert on Czechoslovakia and speaks Czech perfectly. He could work for us half time for anything we care to pay. He is well vouched for. Jimmy also brought in an American citizen of Chilean birth named De Los Rios who is head of the Pan American Goodwillie, recruiting and training flyers for a hemispheric aviation force. He has great material on Latin America for broadcasting to Spain. It is my conclusion that Jimmy Warburg could be an excellent man to organize and head the foreign language staff in the N.Y. office and also to be the main liaison officer with the Rockefeller crowd.

I assigned a good man named Francis Robinson to work with Stanley Richardson for the time being. I particularly want Robinson to make an immediate survey of the staffs of all the short-wave broadcasting stations, obtaining lists of their staffs and particulars of each individual. He must check on all of these, especially the translators. Robinson is very agreeable and tactful and will handle this diplomatically with Richardson's cooperation. I am seeing Richardson early tomorrow morning.

I saw Mr. Olear twice (he's the O.E.M. man who has been working with Livermore on the office space.) He brought the lease for me to sign, assuring me that it was O.K. for me to do this bold deed. He has obtained essential basic equipment and engaged two or three stenographers. He hopes we may move in next Monday. The address is 270 Madison Ave., at 59th Street. He feels that Mr. Livermore should have as assistant someone who is well versed in government office procedure, and I told him to suggest this to Mr. Early when he (Mr. Olear) returns to Washington. He will be there probably Saturday morning. I think it most advisable for Messrs. Early and Richards to come to New York next week and inspect the premises and the organization (if there is any, by that time.)

Following up the suggestion from Bill Paley and Mr. Chester, I visited the C.B.S. news room and talked to Chester, Bob White and Ed Johnson. Chester is assistant on the C.B.S. foreign news broadcasts, and Johnson is head of their short wave listening posts. Bill Paley indicated he might lend us one of these two excellent men. Johnson is the one I wanted most, and he is the one I got. He is an extraordinary man, probably the best in the country, on short wave propaganda. He is the man to select and direct the staffs of the listening posts in Porto Rico, Portland, Ore., etc. He said he is single and independent and has been rejected for military service and is anxious to get into this at whatever financial sacrifice. He said that although he doesn't know you he has profound admiration for you because he has heard so many hymns of hate against you from Berlin. He asked me who would head your news bureau in Washington, and when I said it might be Nelson Poynter he voiced the opinion that this was the ideal choice. His enthusiasm for the whole set-up was heartening. I hope Poynter can go ahead with his plan for a Washington bureau, and if you want me to attend to this I shall do so. All that is really necessary is to tell Poynter to make his own staff set-up as he outlined it in his report.

I approached Joe Barnes, foreign editor of the Herald-Tribune, with the proposition that he be the head of the news bureau in New York. Ed Johnson could be his assistant in charge of short wave news. Barnes is a conspicuously good man with experience as a correspondent in Japan, Russia, Germany and elsewhere. He is thinking it over and I shall see him tomorrow afternoon. If he decides to do it, as I hope he will, I shall try to arrange with Helen Reid for a leave of absence for him. I shall also have to see Bill Paley about Johnson, but that is in the bag.

(Friday)

Tomorrow/I shall see a number of people, including Edmond Taylor (all set to go) and a Mr. Irwin, representing Station WRUL - the latter sent by Carter. I am keeping in touch with Elmo Roper and today saw one of his recommendations, a Mr. Matham, who seemed a good man but too much on the research side for immediate use.

Now you can send this report to Archie MacLish for the archives.

Yours, Bob Shannon

9 The radio people after dinner last night

Exhibit AAAB

Personnel Report

Circle 9 - 1936

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July 25, 1941

Dear Bill,

I have made arrangements with Stanley Richardson for dinner at your house in Washington on Tuesday evening, July 29th. He thinks he can get the head man of all the six companies whom he represents -- or, at least, the ~~man~~ in command. He will come to the dinner himself and I hope you will give him very close scrutiny. I have come to the conclusion that he is the man I want to have with me. Elmo Roper did some investigating work on him and gives a marvellously favorable report. I hope to arrange to have Roper meet Richardson on Monday.

When I see you tomorrow I want to talk to you about another exceptionally able man, Nelson Poynter who was first recommended by Lowell Mellett and whose praises have been sung by a great many others to whom I have talked. Roper also rendered a very fine report on him. There are reasons, however, why I don't believe he belongs in my part of the organization; but I do believe that he can be extremely useful to you in Washington. →

I venture to enclose herewith the copy of the current issue of the Ladies' Home Journal. It contains an article by me which shoots the works in hopfulness.

Yours,

Bob

Colonel William J. Donovan,
One Beekman Place,
New York City

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June 3, 1941

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June 18th, 1941.

Dear Bill:

Two men who come first to mind for the work we discussed are Edmund Taylor, author of "The Strategy of Terror", and Douglas Miller, author of "You Can't Do Business With Hitler" (to be published this week.) The latter was commercial attaché at our embassy in Berlin from 1924-1939 and is now, I believe, doing some sort of government service. He would be invaluable.

I think full use should be made - in advisory capacity, at least - of our remarkable foreign correspondents such as Edgar Ansell Mowrer, H. R. Knickerbocker, John L. Balderston, John Gunther, William L. Shirer, Raymond Gram Swing, Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Dorothy Thompson, etc. Also, of the many brilliant Europeans now here - such as, Raoul de Sales and Ewe Curio, of France, Max Ascoli, of Italy, Carl Friedrich, of Germany, etc. Hermann Raushning is in England, but I wish he were here.

Far more use should be made of the listening posts of CBS and NBC, and more study made of the already considerable results achieved by such stations as WRUL in Boston.

There is certainly an abundant supply in this country of the material that we need and I hope that the day is at hand when all this material can be used.

I have to go to New Haven tomorrow (Tuesday) to become a Yale man, but I shall be back Wednesday afternoon and expect to be in New York all the rest of the week.

Yesterday evening at your house was a wonderfully interesting one. I saw the Ambassador again today. He's a honey.

Yours,

Bob

Col. William J. Donovan,
1 Beekman Place,
New York City, N. Y.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
NEW YORK, N. Y.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel Buxton

FROM: Leslie T. Fossel

April 27, 1942

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P.O. 1

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Please tell

*I will
want this*

I realize that I am not well enough acquainted with the organization of the COI nor in a position to make any startling suggestions, but I do not intend this as an idle criticism because I think our experience here has shown us some shortcomings that may be more difficult to perceive from another point, so for what it is worth may I present this discussion?

(I shall use as an example "Country A" -- a typical country in which all branches of COI are interested for their own individual purposes)

It seems to me that if COI's dealings with the problems of "Country A" are to be most effective, the knowledge of -- and the information gathered about -- "Country A" by each person concerned with that country, regardless of the phase of his work, must be exchanged to make the effort as consistent and as accurate as possible. For example, the man most concerned with "Country A" in the FIS branch may possess knowledge or receive some information that would be most helpful to a man concerned with "Country A" in another branch. Under present conditions he probably does not know that other man nor does he have much opportunity to pass along his knowledge because it must be sent by direct request through the head of the branch. Then too, one can, without criticizing the effectiveness of any branch chief, point out that while he is an expert in his field, he cannot be expected to have complete and accurate knowledge of every country in the world, so that he is not always the best source of advice for the man working with him on "Country A." Nor is that branch head always capable of judging his "Country A" man's real knowledge of the country. Also, under the present set-up, men from many branches concerned with "Country A" must consult with government officials from "Country A" and it seems that in many cases requests are duplicated.

To obviate some of that difficulty, to make our efforts toward the country more consistent, to make our understanding of "Country A" more accurate and to make more efficient our dealings with "Country A," it may be helpful to set up an inner organization of "Nationality Chiefs," whose responsibility it would be to acquaint themselves with all efforts of this organization so far as individual countries are concerned. In other words, the "Country A" chief should serve as an adviser and clearing house for all COI activity concerning "Country A." He should know the people in the branch concerned with that country. He should see that information gained -- or knowledge possessed -- in a branch is made available where it is needed. He should see that duplication of effort and duplication of contacts concerning "Country A" are avoided. He should be or become enough of an expert so that mistakes in the treatment of "Country A" could be avoided. It would then be his duty to keep in close personal touch with activities of the COI which affect his country and also to

Colonel Buxton

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April 27, 1948

keep himself so informed by that country's officials and/or news from that country that he can serve as an adviser on its problems without ever having to confuse his thinking with the problems of other countries.

Obviously, in the cases of some larger countries, one or two assistants may be needed to deal with certain phases of the work on those countries. Obviously, in some cases several people in a branch work on one country and in other cases one person in a branch works on several countries. At any rate, each branch could be sub-divided so that each country is accounted for, even though there may be little or no work necessary on some countries in some branches at least for the time being.

Such a plan would in no way change the present set-up of branches. Of course, all employees of the branch would continue to work under the direction of the branch chief but they would be in close touch with "Nationality Chiefs" to keep up with current information and to secure the advice of others concerned with the same countries.

Such a plan would seem to demand an increased personnel but a reduction in duplication would probably tend to minimize this.

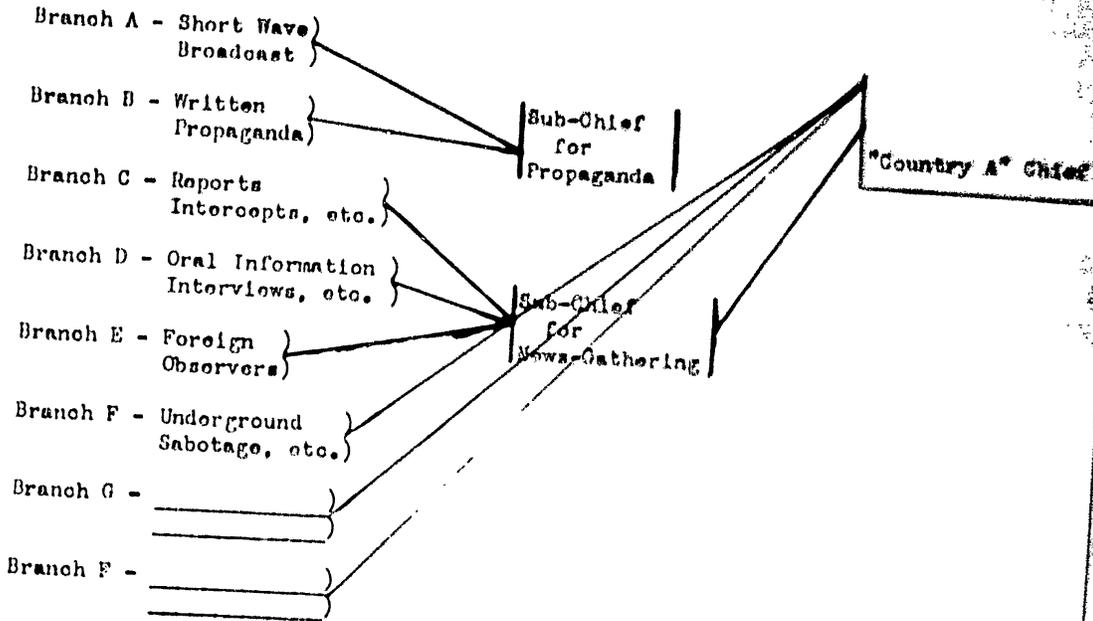
It also has the advantage that it could be tried for one -- or a few countries -- without disturbing the organizations, so that a test of its desirability could be made.

Such a "Nationality Chief" would also be in the position of being able to see more clearly weaknesses in COI's overall coverage of his country.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

NEW YORK, N. Y.



Branches: I am not well enough acquainted with COI branches to call them by their proper titles. I refer however, to FIS, Oral Information, etc. Each "Nationality Chief" would have in each branch a man or men spotted, who would be working on the problems of that country. These men would of course, be responsible to the branch chief but would receive suggestions and information from the "Nationality Chief," who would check their work.

Sub-Chiefs: These people would be unnecessary except in cases of larger countries. In the cases they would be needed they would deal with only certain phases of activity concerning "Country A."

"Country A" Chief: He should have at his finger tips all knowledge and information available about his country in the COI. He would also be in a position to distribute needed information and furnish ideas concerning necessities for that country.

Jim:

WJD suggest you make this into
a memo for the President.

Nelson.

C. G. P. ... 1962

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

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MEMORANDUM

APR 27 1962

TO : SECRETARY OF STATE

FROM : [illegible]

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The conversation was much more extended than this
minute may reflect, but I have left the main part of it here. He
is the highly intelligent and brilliant.