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Attached for your information
is a reply to your inquiries
concerning the attached cables
from G-2 from London and (S) 14
Also find enclosed a memorandum
from Mr. George Eastwell.

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Director, State Department

X War Dept

18 October 1943

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To: Mr. Alvah Solloway

From: George F. Ingarsoll

Subject: Captain Harry A. Granary - Subject of cable #04207 from London
 Howard A. Armstrong - Subject of cable #06183 from London

Captain Harry A. Granary

Captain Granary was originally recruited some time in the fall of 1942 for a mission in Portugal. Oath of office contained in his file is dated July, 1942. He was to work under U. S. Commercial Co. cover in Portugal. His job was to contact SOE and arrange possibility for SO activities and report recommendations on the part SOE should take in that country. From his file it would indicate that both Mr. Butterworth, Chief of USCC in Lisbon and Mr. Fish, American Minister in Lisbon, were to be advised of his activities.

When Captain Granary arrived in Lisbon he saw Mr. Butterworth and Mr. Butterworth explained that due to the delicate commercial negotiations he was undertaking, he could not risk having somebody in his office suspected of undercover activities. Mr. Williamson was also in Lisbon at the time - 15 October 1942 and advised Colonel Huntington by letter that "Butterworth was all for sending Granary home on tomorrow's clipper". Since that time Granary has been virtually immobilized. There have been repeated requests by him to return for consultations, etc. Between that time and the present different steps were taken in an effort to give Captain Granary more leeway in his work. At one time it was thought that Butterworth had become more lenient. Also, attempts were made to find cover for Captain Granary either with the Military Attache or as a representative attached to the Press Section of the Legation. None of these were productive.

Captain Granary's transfer became apparent just about July of this year, but because of the recent transportation freeze to London, this transfer has just taken place.

Captain Granary's file is very informative on all aspects of his case, and any missing links or details can be found therein, I am sure.

Mr. Howard A. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong has been employed by the Personnel Office of PWG, formerly SO, since about June, 1943.

Major von der Stricht met Mr. Armstrong when he was recently here in Washington. Mr. Armstrong's background, which was with an American corporation in Lisbon for the last twenty years, seems to fit him for the type of administrative job which Major von der Stricht now looks for in London. It was for this reason that Major von der Stricht has requested his specialist presence in London.

[Handwritten initials]

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SECRETWAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 220.31 (10-5-42)FC-1

JHD/sbs/LU15-stu
Br. 2790-3021-74520-74521

Subject: Orders

October 12, 1942

Thru : Director of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.**SECRET**
Auth: T.J.D.
Initials: J.F.R.
Date: 10-12-42

To : Capt. Henry A. Granary O-914280, AUS.

1. The Secretary of War directs as necessary in the military service that Capt. Henry A. Granary O-914280, AUS, proceed on temporary duty from Washington, D. C., by any route, on such foreign duty as the Director of Strategic Services may direct. Upon completion of this temporary duty, he will return to Washington, D. C.
2. Travel by military or commercial aircraft, belligerent vessel or aircraft, commercial steamship, Army or naval transport, and rail is directed. TD by air from Washington, D. C., to any points necessary in the performance of this mission, and return, is necessary for the accomplishment of an emergency war mission. In lieu of subsistence a flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling on official business and while absent from permanent station (Public Law 588, 77th Congress, approved April 28, 1942). A baggage allowance of fifty-five (55) pounds while traveling by military or commercial aircraft is authorized.
3. The duties to be performed being exceptional, may require more than seventy-two (72) hours at different places for their performance; therefore, a delay for any period required at any place where necessary is authorized.
4. Prior to departure from Washington, D. C., he is authorized to draw necessary equipment for extended field service, including steel helmet, gas mask and side arm.
5. Travel is chargeable to TD 34 P 434-02, O3 A 0425-23.
6. Reimbursement for the expenses incurred in connection with the travel will be made to the War Department by the Office of Strategic Services. The Finance Officer making payment in connection with the travel performed will submit a copy of the voucher, showing the amount paid, month in which paid, voucher number, and citation of this order, by letter of transmittal to The Adjutant General's Office, attention Fiscal Section, stating that the enclosed copy of voucher is furnished for the purpose of securing reimbursement from the Office of Strategic Services.
7. Attention is invited to Sec II Cir 220 WD 1941, regarding the preparation and distribution of extract copies.

2 Incls. (Dry Guide & Instr. Memo)
OFFICER IN CHARGE, RECORD SECTION, AGOJ. F. Ruth
Adjutant General.**SECRET**

William J. Donovan

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October 5, 1942

SUBJECT: Orders

TO: The Adjutant General (Att: Lt. Col. James H. Dailey)
War Department
Washington, D. C.

1. It is requested that the necessary orders be written relieving Captain Henry A. Grenary, AUS, ASN O-214280, from duty at his present station, Washington, D. C., and authorizing him to proceed on such foreign duty as the Director of Strategic Services may direct.

2. The mission assigned to Captain Grenary being unusual and highly secret, the officer himself will be responsible for arranging for any transportation involved. The cost of transportation involved will be directly born by the Office of Strategic Services.

William J. Donovan
Director

William J. C

Subject:

Here is a draft of the letter you dic-
tated to Col. Guenther Friday nite. I did not
send it because Col. Guenther is enroute to
Washington and will be here tomorrow.

I do not find any General Kessinger listed.
Is he Colonel Kessinger?

*W.F. ...
lead to Guenther*

Ea.

Dr. C. to 6 Cases 15807 / [Signature]

Dear Gus:

Thompson
x Gordon S.O
x J.C.S. "11"

I talked with General (?) Kessinger. He told me that if you were to stay with us promotion would be impossible - and if you were to go back to ground forces it would be questionable. I repeated to him that we did not wish you to be penalized. Knowing how you feel, I told him that "questionable" was at least better than "impossible;" that you felt that at this moment in your professional life you had to be in a position where at least you had a chance to be promoted.

I told him also that we had asked for your promotion and that I did not wish to have your position jeopardized. He seemed to want to have you stay with us, but I told him from what you had said to me that I was sure that even though at present there is no position for you in the regular army you felt it your duty to yourself that you should be reestablished there.

Colonel Buxton concurred with me in interpreting your position, and I hope it is what you wanted us to do.

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Even tho today they may say that promotion is questionable, the activities just ahead of us inthe Far East will create opportunities if you are properly placed.

What might complicate your position here is the fact that both General Smith and General Magruder have now been assigned to this organization.

Best of luck.

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27 October, 1943

Captain Forrest B. Royal, U.S.N.
Secretary, Joint U.S. Chiefs of Staff
Public Health Building
Washington (25), D.C.

My dear Captain Royal:

1. Colonel G. S. Guenther has been a member of this organization since June 30, 1942. He served first as head of our Special Operations in the European Theatre and for the past nine months he has been the Strategic Services Officer in charge of our activities in Cairo.

2. Enclosure A is a copy of a letter of recommendation dated 4 September, 1943 from Major General Louis H. Brewster, then Theatre Commander at Cairo, to the Adjutant General recommending Colonel Guenther for promotion to Brigadier General.

3. Enclosure B is a cable from the Adjutant General to the Commanding General, USAFIRM, advising that Colonel Guenther's position in what we consider a key post does not warrant the rank of Brigadier General.

4. Colonel Guenther is a graduate of West Point who has had creditable service in the military profession. Since we do not wish anyone to be penalized for service with us, we respectfully request that Colonel Guenther be given a different assignment where he may have the opportunity to advance in his profession.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D C

22 October 1943

To: General William J. Donovan
From: G. B. Guenther

Attached is a true copy of a letter of recommendation from Major General Lewis H. Brereton then Commanding General of the U.S.A.F.I.M.E. with respect to my promotion.

G. B. Guenther
G. B. Guenther
Colonel, G.S.C.
Director, OSS - ME

sent with memo to
Capt Royal.

September 3, 1942

Brigadier General W. B. Smith
W. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff
Public Health Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

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Would it be too much trouble for you when you reach London to look into the question of the promotion of Colonel Guenther, who is representing us as head of our SO service there. He has established excellent relations with British SOE Headquarters, but I would like to have you determine whether or not his prestige with his British colleagues would not be greatly increased with a promotion. Many of his contemporaries with ETC Headquarters have been promoted leaving him in a lower grade.

If you find that his promotion would be a recognition of the importance that SO work has there attained, I would greatly appreciate your doing something about it.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

October 19th, 1954

Dear Mr. Roy,

After my telephone conversation with you, by chance I saw General Donovan in New York, and spoke to him about the matter we had discussed. I tried last week to reach him by telephone, but had no success.

I know he is very busy and that is why I am writing to you. Would you be kind enough to find out what decision he has made and let me know, either by letter or if more convenient by telephone. My number is listed above.

I understand what trying says General Donovan has and you also, and I am sorry to add anything more to your trouble. I appreciate all you have done and to thank you for all the trouble you are taking. With all my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison Williams
(Mrs. Harrison Williams)

Mr. Seward Roy,
25th and E. Street,
Washington, D.C.

11/3 - Mr. A. called & said there was nothing to be done -

October 1951

Dear Mr. Roy,

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I understand what trying to reach General Donovan has and you also, and I am sorry to add anything more to your burdens. I appreciate all you have done and wish to thank you for all the trouble you are taking. With all my thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Franka Williams

(Mrs. Harrison 411) 100

Mr. Edward Roy,
25th and K. Street,
Washington, D.C.

*11/3 - A.F.D. called & said
there was nothing
to be done -*

Wednesday

1617 1/2 - 1/2 MILE FROM 17TH AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

Dear Mr. Ray

I am enclosing in this letter a copy of a letter which concerns a great friend of mine and explains it all. His draft board is requiring a new letter to maintain him in his present status 2 B. as General Workman is away and also for the time being the paper was used Mr. Grant I wonder if you can arrange the matter, if not to leave it over until the return of General Workman. It is urgent and I shall

COPY

*General, Jacques 3617
* Selective Service System*

January 26, 1942

Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey
Selective Service System
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Hershey:

In connection with certain plans now under way in which we are vitally interested and which concern the war effort, it is necessary that the services of a man by the name of Jacques Conat be available. The nature of this service is so highly confidential that it cannot be disclosed. He was called in on January 20, reclassified under the draft and given a rating of 1-A. It is respectfully requested that his classification be now changed to at least class 2-B, in order that his services may be available to us.

In view of the urgency of this matter, if favorable action is taken, it is requested that the local draft board No. 31, at 67 East 59th Street, New York, New York, be notified by telephone or telegraph.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

we deeply grateful if you
would give to your collection
about your and I do hope
it can be arranged.

Sincerely

Dona Williams



GOPY

January 26, 1942

Brig. General Lewis B. Hershey
Selective Service System
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Hershey:

In connection with certain plans now under way in which we are vitally interested and which concern the war effort, it is necessary that the services of a man by the name of Jacques Gonat be available. The nature of this service is so highly confidential that it cannot be disclosed. He was called in on January 20, reclassified under the draft and given a rating of I-A. It is respectfully requested that his classification be now changed to at least class 2-B, in order that his services may be available to us.

In view of the urgency of this matter, if favorable action is taken, it is requested that the local draft board No. 31, at 67 East 59th Street, New York, New York, be notified by telephone or telegraph.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Mr. Day:

This is all the information
we have been able to locate on
this name - we will send any
material we find, later.

Mrs. McClellan

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

SUBJECT: Jacques (?) Genat

In a recent conversation, the subject stated that he was born some 26 years ago in the Loire country of France in a little village near Orleans. Being sickly, subject stated he had been sent to Switzerland with a governess for his early education where he was living during the last war. In his middle teens subject returned to France and took his books at local Lycees. Then subject went to Paris where he attended the Ecole des Sciences Politiques and the Ets des de Droit.

After finishing his scholastic education subject went to England in the tin business, and travelled around the world studying this industry.

Later subject became interested in Radio Luxembourg and Radio Normandy in France where he claimed to have put Leval and Chouteau on the board.

This is about as far as I got in my initial talk, but hope for more information later, particularly with regard to details of some of the business enterprises mentioned above, as well as the subject's activities in the period immediately preceding the war.

F. L. Mayer

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