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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
 OSS Form 1064 (fold here)
 TO Mr. A. Drenelle Date 9/13
 ROOM _____ Bldg. _____

- For your information
- Note and Return
- File
- Comments
- Investigate and Report
- See Me About This
- Mail and Files Unit
- Take this up with
- Per our Telephone conversation
- Prepare Reply
- Signature

Remarks: For the files.
The bag needs signed
(29555) yesterday & brought
back here by Col.
 From _____
 ROOM Morgan, Bldg. S. Spain

17 193
HARRIS, Eric Albert

18 September 1948

The American Consul General
Montreal, Canada

Subject: Eric Albert Harris
Refer to: JMW/rw 211.11

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the form letter, dated September 4, 1948, addressed to the above subject, who is one of our employees, advising him that it will be several months before his application for immigration visa will be considered. This agency is urgently in need of Mr. Harris' services overseas in the immediate future and had hoped that his immigration visa might be issued prior to departure. The activities of this agency would be considerably inconvenienced and retarded were Mr. Harris required to wait several months before his immigration case is considered.

It is urgently requested that everything possible be done to expedite the processing of Mr. Harris' case.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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23 May 1945

~~Walter D.~~

Mr. Earl Havas
1014 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Havas:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter
of 18 May 1945 which has been received during
General Donovan's absence from the country. We
will hold it and bring it to his attention upon
his return.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

OSS Form 4001
(Rev. 7/27/44)
OSS SECRETARIAT - ROUTE SLIP
DATE

TO	NAME	INITIALS
	O. C. Doering, Jr.	
	J. J. Monigan	
	E. J. Putzell, Jr.	
	R. Throck	
	D. C. Lee	
	J. W. Anchiolone	
	W. B. Kentack	
	W. H. Miley	
	F. F. Pugliese	
✓	A. W. Salloway	
	J. B. Donovan	
	A. V. Ameth, Jr.	
	A. L. Dart	
	H. H. Hamilton	
	L. R. Houston	
	O. S. McClelland	
	L. L. McDonnell	
	J. R. Schoemer, Jr.	
	Secretariat Files	
	Director's Files	
	O. G. C. Files	

*Believe we should tell
him Gen D is away
& will bring letter to
his attention on return*

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To: Lt. Putzell

Please see if there is anything
that we can do for him.

C. S. CHESTON

18 May 1945

Director's Office

OSR Form 3094

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H. A. ...

The ...

May. 16. 1945

The ...

Major General
William J. Donovan
Chief of O.S.S.
Washington D.C.

My dear General:

Mrs McCormick of the New York Times before she left for San Francisco has been so kind to write to you in my behalf. I would like to see you about problems which I am familiar with, and which you may be interested in.

Because I realize that you are very busy, I am ready to come to Washington at any time when it is convenient for you.

I am Sir your servant

respectfully yours

EMIL HAVAS *Emil Havas*
former editor in chief, and publisher

1014 Madison Ave
New York City

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TOP SECRET

2 April 1949

Reference to Colonel Robert H. Gumbler, Jr.

Subject: Application for Post-war Work
of Captain Donald R. Hart, Jr.

Captain Hart's application for post-war employment has been received. The question of post-war functions of OSO is still undetermined. His application will be kept on file but it is suggested he himself again raise the question at such time as determination is made concerning the continuance of intelligence and the authority under whom it is to be carried on.

Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

TOP SECRET

OSS FORM 4001a

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Date: 16 Feb 48T General Donovan

We understand that you once said that you wanted to write a letter of commendation to Corporal Alvin H. Hardt who has done the binding of the White House Books and the JCS chronos for you. Such a letter is attached for your signature; it would be particularly useful at the moment, since Corporal Hardt is now being considered for promotion to sergeant.

John W. Auchincloss (ap)
John W. Auchincloss
1st Lt., JAGD

Office of the Secretariat

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16 February 1945

Corporal Alvin E. Hardt
Room 133 South Building
Reproduction Branch
Office of Strategic Services

Dear Corporal Hardt:

I am writing to commend you for the excellent work you have done for OSS in binding and preparing the C.S.I. Reports to the White House, the OSS Reports to the White House, the Chronological Files to Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Chronological Files to the State, War, and Navy Departments.

I have seen many examples of your work and think very highly of it.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

JWA:esp

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

CONFIDENTIAL

16,109
Hauptmann, Kurt

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Colonel Deering

DATE: 3 February 1945

FROM : Mr. Sulloway

SUBJECT:

Mr. Cheston has asked whether you know anything about this.

Before Bob Thrun departed he told me he believed that General Donovan intended to give the information which Mr. Van Beuren has produced to Representative Wadsworth. Mr. Van Beuren knows nothing about the purpose for which the General requested the information.

The Security Office is very reluctant to have the information, which has been obtained from the files of FBI, ONI and MIS, transmitted to anyone outside of this agency. I think it was Bob Thrun's idea that Colonel Duxton who knows Mr. Wadsworth, or in his absence Mr. Cheston who also knows him, could transmit the information orally.

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Mr. Cheston advised, after talking with Mr. Wadsworth concerning the attached, that Mr. Wadsworth was much interested in offering Lt. Kiser as a possible candidate for employment in this agency. The information indicates that he would be available for the job. Mr. Cheston would not believe that the matter is closed.
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

CONFIDENTIAL

Hauptmann, Kurt

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 26 January 1945

FROM : Security Officer

SUBJECT: Kurt Hauptmann alias S.K.

(Security file # 8950
ref to Security Office)

Sometime ago Lieut. Thrun stated that you had requested this office to obtain what information might be available in the files of FBI, ONI and MIS to supplement the material in the attached file representing inquiries apparently made in 1942.

The files of all three agencies contain fairly full reports indicating that the Subject is the author of "Agent In Italy" and has written articles for Life Magazine and Mechanix Illustrated. The facts related in the book "Agent In Italy" are said to have been checked and found to be accurate.

Subject is said to have been born in Poland 15 October 1901 and is described variously as a citizen of Austria and Germany. He is said to have left Vienna in July of 1939 to go to Italy where he furnished information to the U.S. Naval Attache in Rome. It is further reported that American Embassy officials aided him in leaving Italy and that he arrived in the United States 25 August 1941. Subject is indicated to have furnished information to ONI on several occasions but this information is indicated not to have been of much value or importance. Subject's uncle, Carl Hauptmann, was reported to be a General in the Imperial Austrian Army and Chief of Staff in the Austrian Army during World War I. His father was connected with the Austrian War Ministry in charge of the Italian Intelligence Section.

The testimony of confidential informants indicates that the Subject is anti-Nazi but craves excitement and is much taken with the romantic idea of being a spy. He wants to show that he is smarter than any one else and is said to be cultured and intelligent.

Subject has a number of aliases among them Dr. Kurt David Hauptmann, Kurland, S. Kurland, S.K., Otto Courland, Kurt D. Hauptmann.

It is desired that you desire further investigation

van Beuren
van Beuren
Security Officer

OSS Form 4151

Date 1 Feb. 1945

To: Mr. Cheston

Attached is the file which I spoke to you about late yesterday afternoon.

I believe the General had in mind passing the information on to representative Wadsworth.

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Office of the Executive Officer

(30449)

OSS FORM 4001a

Date 18 January 48

Mr. Chester

To: ~~Colonel Burton~~

Attached is a letter from ex-Senator Reynolds recommending Private Robert Hawkins, who has applied for transfer to OSS, together with a proposed reply for your signature.

C. A. Bane

C. A. Bane

copy to [unclear]

Office of the Secretariat

(9190)

18 January 1948

The Honorable Robert A. Reynolds
101 Colorado Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Reynolds:

In General Donovan's absence I should like to acknowledge your letter recommending Private Robert Hawkins to us.

Private Hawkins' application for transfer to this organization has been received and is now being considered by those of our branches which might have a place for him. I understand that his qualifications are highly thought of, although some difficulty may arise from Private Hawkins' desire to be stationed in Washington. This is a point on which we may not be able to give him any assurance.

We were very much pleased to have an application from Private Hawkins, and I need hardly say that it, together with your recommendation of him, will be given every consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Director

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*Ats Lewis, Robert
K. Reynolds, Sen. R. At.*

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

MARGUERITE E. WATTS, CLERK

January 1, 1945

Major General William J. Donovan
 Office of Strategic Services
 War Department
 25th & E Streets, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

A young friend of mine, Private Robert Hawkins of Company C, 701st MP Bn., Fort Custer, Michigan, is desirous of securing a transfer to the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D. C.

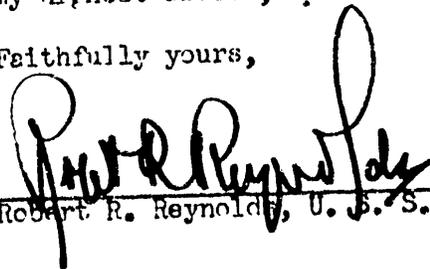
I am informed by Private Hawkins that his application is now with Lt. Byron C. Sarvis, P. O. Box 2601, Washington, D. C.

You will note that this young soldier has a fine educational background and has obtained his license to practice law in the District of Columbia. I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you herewith for your information a letter which I requested him to write me in regard to his qualifications, and other information relative to his desires.

I assure you, my dear General, that I shall personally appreciate any consideration you may be able to give to this application.

With assurances of my highest esteem, I am

Faithfully yours,


 Robert R. Reynolds, U. S. S.

RMW/mw

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SERVICE CLUB
FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN

Co "C" 701st MP BN
Fort Custer, Mich
22 Dec 1944

Dear Senator Reynolds,

In accordance with your request during our recent discussion in your office, I am submitting the following information for your personal use in helping me to obtain a transfer to the Office of Strategic Services. You will recall that I was primarily interested in being transferred to the Army Civilian Reserve so that I could accept a position with a commercial airline as Navigator. Finding out that I hoped to be stationed there in Washington, where I

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FORT CANTON, MICHIGAN

have lived for the past twelve years, so that I might be with my wife and children.

But since the airlines hesitate to ask the Army for my release I think it best to abandon that for the moment and try instead to get the Washington assignment.

My personal background is as follows:

I am 28 years of age, married, have two children and reside at 4603 Chase Ave., Bethesda, Md.

My entire working experience has been with the Federal Government here in Washington where I began with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in 1933 as a messenger at a salary of \$600 per annum. I finished high school at night and later studied law, also at night.

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and was graduated in 1937.
I was admitted to the Bar of
~~the District Court of the United~~
~~States for the District of Columbia~~
and, also, the Bar of the United
States Court of Appeals for the
District of Columbia in the
Spring of 1938.

I have worked in several of
the Departments and Agencies
of the Government doing work
of a general administrative
nature, the more significant
of which involved problems
in organization, the preparation
of budgets and the justifications
therefor for use by the Bureau
of the Budget and the Congress,
the development of policies and
procedures governing the processing
of the work to be performed

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FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN

and special related problems as assigned. When inducted into the Army on May 3, 1944, I was employed with the War Shipping Administration as an Administrative Analyst at a salary of \$4600 per annum - Grade GS-12. A complete and detailed record of my service is, of course, on file at the Civil Service Commission.

I have completed my basic training and have been graduated from the Prewett Marshall General's School of Military Government, here at Fort Custer, and have since been assigned to the 70th Military Police Battalion. Also, because of certain physical defects, I have

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been placed in category "B" which means that I am fit for overseas service but not for combat duty.

For these reasons I feel that I could be of more value to the Government, and personally more contented, if I could obtain an assignment here in Washington. Accordingly, I filed an application with the Office of Strategic Services which is, as you know, under the direction of Brig. Gen. Donovan. The application states as follows: ~~which is, I believe, such as:~~
Byron C. Harman, P.O. Box 2691,
Washington, D.C.

Anything you may be able to do to secure favorable action on this application will be

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FORT CUSTER, MICHIGAN

deeply appreciated
Very truly yours
Robert J. Hawkins
ASN 33887064

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

15,897
Hartnett, Eddie

TO : Mrs. O'Donnell
FROM : The Secretariat
SUBJECT:

DATE: 2 January 1945

Marian:

Here is the letter of 19 December from Mr. Hartnett congratulating the General on his promotion and asking for a list of ~~the~~ various Army units and Commanders abroad.

Since Mr. Hartnett did not send his address, and we have no other record of where to reach him, we cannot acknowledge the letter or send him the attached clipping, which I obtained from the Bureau of Public Relations in the War Department. You might keep the clipping with the letter, in case Mr. Hartnett writes again.

JWA
John W. Auchincloss
1st Lt., JAGD

LMJ

WAR DEPARTMENT
Bureau of Public Relations
Analysis Branch

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

TO: L. H. Richardson

REMARKS:

FRANK MONAGHAN
Lt. Col., U.S.
Chief, Analysis Branch
Bureau of Public Relations

27 Dec. 44
Month Day Hour

American, British Commanders In All War Theaters Listed

Here is an up-to-date list of the Allied commanders (American and British) in the various war theaters:

Western Europe.
 Supreme Allied commander—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.
 Chief of staff—Lt. Gen. Walter B. Smith.
 Deputy supreme commander—Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder.
 Commander United States Strategic Air Force—Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz.
 Commander British ground forces—Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery.
 Commander United States 12th Army Group—Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley.
 Commander United States 6th Army Group—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers.
 United States 1st Army—Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges.
 United States 3rd Army—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.
 United States 7th Army—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Jr.
 United States 9th Army—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson.
 United States 1st Airborne Army—Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.
 Commander British 2d Army—Lt. Gen. Sir Miles G. Dempsey.
 Commander Canadian 1st Army—Lt. Gen. H. D. G. Crerar.
 United States 8th Air Force—Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle.
 United States 9th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Hoyt H. Vandenberg.
 Second Tactical Air Force (British)—Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham.
 Allied naval commander-in-chief—Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsey.
 Commander United States naval forces, Europe—Admiral Harold R. Stark.

Mediterranean Theater.
 Supreme Allied commander—Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander.
 Commander American and Allied forces in Italy (10th Army Group)—Lt. Gen. Mark Clark.
 Commander, United States 5th Army—(Clark successor not announced).
 United States 12th Air Force—Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon.
 United States 15th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining.
 Allied air commander—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Baker.
 Allied naval commander—Admiral Sir John Cunningham.
 Commander United States naval forces—Vice Admiral Henry K. Hewitt.
 Commander RAF units—Air Marshal Sir John Hlesor.
 Commander British 8th Army—Lt. Gen. Sir Richard L. McCoy.
Southwest Pacific.
 Supreme Allied commander—Gen. Douglas MacArthur.
 Commander in chief Allied land forces (Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey).
 Commander Southwest Pacific naval forces, 7th Fleet—Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid (United States).
 Commander Allied air forces—Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney (United States).
 United States 4th Army—Lt. Gen.

United States 19th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Clair Streett.
 United States 5th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Ennis O. Whitehead.
Pacific.
 Commander-in-chief, Pacific Fleet—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.
 Commander United States 3d Fleet—Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.
 Commander United States 5th Fleet—Admiral Raymond A. Spruance.
 Commander, task force—Vice Admiral Willis A. Lee, Jr.
 Commander, task force—Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher.
 Commander, submarine, Pacific—Vice Admiral Charles A. Lockwood, Jr.
Southeast Asia Command.
 Supreme Allied commander—Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.
 Commander, British Eastern fleet—Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser.
 Commander, United States Forces in China—Maj. Gen. Albert G. Wedemeyer.
 Commander, United States Forces

United States 14th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault.
 United States 10th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Howard D. Davidson.
Other Commanders.
 United States 11th Air Force—Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson.
 United States 6th Air Force, Caribbean—Maj. Gen. Edgar P. Sorenson.
 Commander in chief, United States Atlantic Fleet—Admiral Jonas H. Ingram.
 Commander, Western sea frontier—Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll.
 Commander, Alaska sea frontier and Northern Pacific area—Vice Admiral Frank J. Fletcher.

United States 7th Air Force, Central Pacific—Vice Admiral Thomas H. Kessner.
 Commander, carrier task force of sea—Vice Admiral John S. McCain.
 Commander, Eastern sea frontier—Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary.
 Commander, Caribbean sea frontier—Vice Admiral Robert G. Spence.

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Hartnett, Eddie

19 December 1944

Major General William J. Donovan
Chief, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

May I offer you my heartiest congratulations on your recent promotion. We all know that is a well deserved honor.

As you know I have been ill for the past 4 years, but I am now able to get around a bit and visit the office 3 or 4 times a week.

Incidentally, I wonder if it is possible to obtain a list of armies, corps and divisions and the commanders in the European and Pacific theatres which have been announced to the public, if that is consistent with the War Department policy.

With all best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a year full of good health and happiness, I am

Sincerely

Eddie Hartnett

DES FORM 50016

Oct 19 Oct 1944

To: General Donevan

A copy of the attached has been sent to Lt. Woodring, who is familiar with the case.

JW Auchincloss
1st Lt. JAGD



Office of the Secretariat

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OFFICE OF
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

October 18, 1944.

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

Dear General Donovan:

I have received your letter dated October 16, in which you refer to the case of Corporal Blythe A. Hatter, associated with your agency at this time, who is interested in being employed in the Veterans Administration.

It is noted that at the time of Corporal Hatter's induction into the Army he occupied a position in the government service in grade CAF-7 at a salary of \$2600 per annum. In the initial consideration of this case and inasmuch as no specific reference was made to the minimum salary Corporal Hatter would accept, it was proposed to offer him employment in a clerical capacity at the CAF-3 level. However, further discussion of the matter with a representative of the Office of Strategic Services indicated that he desired employment at a salary not below that he received in his former civilian position. As a consequence the matter was developed further and although vacancies do not exist in positions in grade CAF-7 the duties of which are appropriate to Corporal Hatter's background of experience, we do have a position open in grade CAF-6 and can effect reinstatement at the maximum of that grade, namely, \$2600, the equivalent of his former salary. Action has been initiated that will accomplish this and as soon as Corporal Hatter assumes a civilian status.

It is hoped that prospectively with the anticipated expansion of our activities that opportunities will develop whereby recognition may be accorded Corporal Hatter in the matter of promotion.

The cooperation of your office with respect to this subject is appreciated and it is regretted that any misunderstanding occurred in handling it.

Very truly yours,

Frank T. Hines

FRANK T. HINES,
Administrator.



OSS Form 1084b

DATE _____

TO: Capt. J. W. Hutchinson
(Secretariat)

Woodring

I have discussed the matter with
Upl. Hatter and under the circum-
stances and unless further devel-
opments necessitate no reply is
deemed necessary at this time.

Lt. K. E. Woodring

[Handwritten signature]

FROM: _____

EXT. _____

(3/8/16)

OSB FORM 4001a

Date: 18 Oct. 1944

To: Lt. Woodring

Attached is a letter from the Veterans Administration about Corporal Elythe A. Hatter.

Would you prepare a reply for the General to sign, if you think it is necessary.

JW Auchincloss
J. W. Auchincloss
1st Lt. JAGD

Office of the Secretariat

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Hatter, Blythe

October 18, 1944.

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

Dear General Donovan:

I have received your letter dated October 18, in which you refer to the case of Corporal Blythe A. Hatter, associated with your agency at this time, who is interested in being employed in the Veterans Administration.

It is noted that at the time of Corporal Hatter's induction into the Army he occupied a position in the government service in grade CAF-7 at a salary of \$2600 per annum. In the initial consideration of this case and inasmuch as no specific reference was made to the minimum salary Corporal Hatter would accept, it was proposed to offer his employment in a clerical capacity at the CAF-3 level. However, further discussion of the matter with a representative of the Office of Strategic Services indicated that he desired employment at a salary not below that he received in his former civilian position. As a consequence the matter was developed further and although vacancies do not exist in positions in grade CAF-7 the duties of which are appropriate to Corporal Hatter's background of experience, we do have a position open in grade CAF-5 and can effect reinstatement at the maximum of that grade, namely, \$2600, the equivalent of his former salary. Action has been initiated that will accomplish this and as soon as Corporal Hatter assumes a civilian status.

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The cooperation of your office with respect to this subject is appreciated and it is regretted that any misunderstanding occurred in handling it.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. NIXON,
Administrator.

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 Hatter, Elythe

16 October 1944

General F. T. Hines, Administrator
 Veterans Administration
 Washington, D. C.

Dear General Hines:

Your letter of 4 October 1944, relative to the release of Corporal Elythe A. Hatter from this Agency in order that he might be employed in a position in the Finance Service, Central Office of the Veterans Administration, has been given careful consideration with the view in mind of ascertaining that this enlisted man will, under the circumstances involved, be given the benefits to which he is properly entitled.

It is my understanding that Corporal Hatter was at the time of his induction into the Armed Service of the United States an employee of the Government with a Civil Service rating of GAB-7 and an annual base salary of \$2600. It is assumed that in view of this fact and inasmuch as Corporal Hatter has certain reemployment rights under existing laws that he will be given a Civil Service position in the Finance Service of the Veterans Administration equivalent to his former Civil Service status. This individual has been performing audit and related functions in the Finance Branch of this Agency of at least a Grade GAB-7 category during the time he has been assigned from the United States Army, and although his services are badly needed by this Agency this office is agreeable under these conditions to the release of Corporal Hatter.

Representatives of this office will be pleased upon request to render further assistance in connection with this release and reemployment.

Very truly yours,

WJH
 KRW:dring:mvm
 cc: Director's Office (?)
 Secretariat
 H. Hatter
 Personnel Office
 KRW:dring
 L. M. Hearn

William J. Donovan
 Director

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Washington, 25, D.C.

October 4, 1944

Commanding General
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In view of the critical need for personnel due to the rapidly increasing work load in this Administration and the difficulty encountered in securing qualified trained employees through the usual employment and recruitment sources, request is hereby made for the release of Corporal Blythe A. Hatter in order that he may be assigned to a position in the Finance Service, Central Office of the Veterans Administration.

The vacancy to which it is desired to assign him is in connection with auditing vouchers under insurance collections and balancing these items with the Treasury Department. There will be a constant increase in this class of work due to the upward trend of insurance awards received for payment and it is expected that the peak will not be reached for a considerable time. It is anticipated that the volume of this work will far more than double the present load by the end of the current fiscal year.

For the last eight years prior to his induction into the Army, May 17, 1941, Corporal Hatter was employed by the Government in an auditing capacity. It practically is impossible to secure the services of qualified personnel for this type of work and, in view of the fact that this serviceman has but one eye and was inducted into the Army for limited service only, it is felt that he would be of more value to the government in the employ of this Administration.

Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ FRANK T. HINES
Administrator



OFFICE OF
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 4, 1944

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Hatter, Blythe
Ref. Act m r

Commanding General
Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Your favorable consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Frank T. Hines

FRANK T. HINES
Administrator



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Form 59 (Revised)

Haskell Joseph

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE 30 JUNE 1945

FROM OSTHAVTO, LONDON

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PLEASE RELAY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO MRS. JOSEPH F. HASKELL, GARRISON, NEW YORK. "COLONEL HASKELL LEAVING BY BOAT 3 JULY."

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#33434. TO CHESTON FROM 109.

COULD YOU SEE GENERAL HULL ABOUT JOE HASKELL? HE IS AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT AND WISHES TO GO TO THE PACIFIC FOR ASSIGNMENT WITH GENERAL RICHARDSON WHO, AS YOU KNOW, REQUESTED HIM.

*AWG -
please remind
CSC to take
action on this*

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#15334. THIS IS A RELAY TO PARIS OF #5327 FROM VICTOR, HONOLULU (IN 13935).

FOLLOWING CABLE (HONOLULU-WASH 53277) DELAYED AT REQUEST OF HALLIWELL, HONOLULU. PLS TRANS: IT VIA OSS CHANNELS TO HASKELL VIA GALLEY PARIS: "COLONEL JOSEPH HASKELL FROM LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT C. RICHARDSON JR. BY MY RADIO R-61342 DATED 15 MAY 1945 REQUEST WAS MADE TO THE WAR DEPARTMENT FOR YOUR SERVICES TO FILL A KEY POSITION IN THIS HEADQUARTERS. WAR DEPARTMENT RADIO WAR 84315 DATED 1 MAY 1945 ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: 'IMPRACTICABLE TO CONSIDER NAMED REQUESTS FOR PERSONNEL IN EUROPEAN THEATER IN VIEW OF REDEPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES. QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE IN UNITED STATES WILL BE FURNISHED ON RECEIPT OF REQUISITION BY DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS'. I REGRET THIS ANSWER BUT IN VIEW OF WAR DEPARTMENT ATTITUDE I CAN TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION."

TOD: 1137 24 MAY 1945

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9 October 1944

Colonel Joseph F. Mackell, GSO
APO 413

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your letter of 28 September. I was sorry to learn of your decision to leave OSS for during the last year I had come to regard you as the key figure in the planning and direction of our operations in support of resistance groups.

Before you go I want you to know that this organization is indebted to you for the effective and imaginative job which you have done for us in the European Theater. You began your assignment with OSS, London at a crucial time, and now that the first phase of our work in the European Theater has been brought to a successful conclusion, I think you can take satisfaction in the knowledge that your own resourcefulness and leadership helped to make possible our success.

From what I have heard of your new assignment I am sure that it will not only prove interesting but will afford an opportunity for the fullest use of your superior abilities and talents.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

WJD:mr

28 September 1944

AIR POUCH ZL-480

General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear General Donovan:

As you know, I am shortly to be reassigned from OSS to other duties in the Army, but before leaving I should like to express to you my appreciation for the work to which I have been assigned. It has been one of the most interesting and fascinating jobs that I have been called upon to undertake. The officers who have worked with me have been the most capable men that I know. It has been a work which has occupied me completely for the last year and for which I am grateful to you for having made it possible to undertake.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you on your next visit to London.

With best wishes for the continued success of OSS,

Faithfully yours,

Joe Haskell
JOSEPH P. HASKELL
Colonel, GSC

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DATE September 19, 1944

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#0014. From Lt. Gen. Robert G. Richardson, Jr. to Joseph F. Haskell. Referring to your #313*

I am of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to ask that you be reassigned to the Pacific Ocean area, considering that you are awaiting appointment as Chief of Staff of the Air Disarmament Command for Germany. I have nothing here to offer you that would be equal to that position.

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This is a paraphrase of #321 from Honolulu, dated September 18th.

TO: 9/19/44 11:33 AM

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Haskell, Joseph

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#221. ✓ From Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson Jr. to Joseph P. Haskell. In reply to your 3138.

I am of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to ask that you be reassigned to the Pacific Ocean Area, considering that you are awaiting appointment as Chief of Staff of the Air Disarmament Command for Germany. I have nothing here to offer you that would be equal to that position.

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Relayed to London per Mrs. Jenks, Secretariat.

Reference number seems to be incorrect.

CR 9/19/44 13:44 AJS

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Haswell, Joseph

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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DATE September 9, 1944

REC'D 9/11/44 7:06 p.m.

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#WAR 27959. From U110 TAG c/o SPGAR. In reference to your Air Dispatch 022202 Z, dated 9/2/44.

Until Col. Joseph P. Haswell returns to the United States, a definite answer as to his availability cannot be given. If you still desire the services of Colonel Haswell, we suggest that, after 1 month, you resubmit your request for consideration stating confirmatory requisition number and theater AIR number if travel by plane is desired for this officer.

Originator: ACF-MPD
Information: ...

CABLE-27959 (9 Sept 44) 2144Z

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DATE September 6, 1944

REC'D September 6, 1944 5:44 PM

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#67164. Oheston to 109 and 105.

OPD has received formal request from Richardson for transfer of Joe Haskell stating; that it is understood he is or will soon be available. I spoke with General Hull of OPD and told him that we would communicate immediately with you. Also described Haskell's duties and said that to the best of our knowledge his major activities have not yet been completed and that it would be doubtful whether he could release until they are.

Hull understood completely and agreed. Stated that he did not think he was needed for 30 days.

Would like to have Haskell's and your views on the request and if you are agreeable some estimate of time when he will be available so that I can inform Hull who is most cooperative and stated would have to be with your approval.

TOD: 9/6/44 5:55 PM

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Haskell, Joseph

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DTG 022202Z. Richardson POACS.

A request has come through for the assignment of Colonel Joseph P. Haskell, O-18197, to Headquarters United States Army Forces Pacific Ocean Areas to take an important place on staff. It is our understanding Colonel Haskell has been assigned to OSA, London and that he will be available soon for transfer.

*C.S.C. spoke with Gen. Hull, OPD
& explained present situation. Hull
suggested that we let him know
when Haskell can be released.*

*9/5
1st C.F.P.*

*Speak to Director
in his return*

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INFORMATION: OPD (XII)
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#68464. To 106 from Forgan. Informations 109, Caserta
(Algiers - #17744).

Have discussed your #62724 with Haskell. He feels that he has been removed from normal military functions and has had considerable staff work so far during this war, therefore would greatly prefer to join General Richardson rather than serve on WD general staff. However he does not wish to be released until his present job is completed to the satisfaction of his superiors.

FOR: 8/18/44 2:26 PM

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Haskell 16,047

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#62724. From 106 to Forgan; copy to 109, Caserta.
ACTION: London INFORMATION: Algiers (#56044)

1. G-1 has informed me, off the record, that General Richardson in Hawaii, plans to request the transfer of Joe Haskell as one of his deputies. Although there has been no official action as yet, I thought you should be fore-warned of the possibility.

2. General North of OPD has asked for Joe's transfer as his assistant. I informed him that Haskell in deputy to Koenig, and is handling a very vital job. North desires a reply, but leaves to us the decision as to which job is most essential to the war effort. Talk this over with Joe, and send us your suggestions.

GJR:EJP

TOD: 8/17/44 3:58 PM

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8/11/44

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Haskell, Joseph 15,047

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : ~~Mr. Sherten~~
FROM : Lt. Colonel Roberts
SUBJECT: Colonel Joseph Haskell

DATE: 10 August 1944

Colonel R. E. Coursey, G-1 called this morning and stated that he was anticipating a radiogram from General Richardson in the Central Pacific who was going to request the services of Colonel Joseph Haskell to be assigned to his theater as one of his deputies, if OSS could release him. Colonel Coursey said that he understood that Colonel Haskell's mission had been completed with OSS or would be completed in a very short time. General Richardson had originally released Colonel Haskell to us. This information was passed on to us in an informal way to ascertain our feelings in the matter. Colonel Coursey, as you know, is a very good friend of ours and has done everything he could to further the interest of OSS. If Colonel Haskell's services are needed by OSS, it is possible that conveying this information to Colonel Coursey may head off the formal request for Colonel Haskell's release.

PR
P.R.

Colonel... I believe that John H. is the one referred to. He was in Hawaii before the war. E-11

Talks to Roberts

cable Rome #109

Gen. North O.P. has just asked for Joe's transfer as he said will have decision for us.

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Hattori, Frank

Major John S. Roller

9 August 1944

Lt. Putzell

Application of General Order No. 12 to case of Frank Hattori.

It is the view of this office that General Order No. 12 is not applicable to the case of Frank Hattori, which is set forth in your memorandum of 7 August 1944 to Mr. Cheston.

E. J. PUTZELL,
Lt. (jg) USNR,
Asst. Executive Officer.

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Hattori, Frank

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 7, 1944

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

From: Major John S. Roller

Subject: Application of General Order No. 12 to case of
Frank Hattori

Frank Hattori, an American born Japanese, now working for the British Political Warfare Mission in Denver, Colorado, desires to leave the British and come with O.S.S. It is planned to use him as the top Japanese in the North Pacific operation. He has been broadcasting white propaganda for the British, and writing his own script. He is one of the most highly qualified men in the United States for the North Pacific. He wishes to come with us, and is quite willing to quit his present position.

It is planned to make the security investigation without the knowledge of the British Political Warfare Mission, and to be able to promise him a position with the O.S.S. should he leave the British.

Does General Order No. 12 apply in this case and if it does, can an exception be made?

John S. Roller
Major John S. Roller
Deputy Chief, MO

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Hattori, Frank

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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August 7, 1944

MEMORANDUM

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Major John S. Roller
Deputy Chief, MO

Col. Gregory

13, 906-
Harris, Capt Richard

Attached is a memorandum from
Col. Downs concerning Captain
Richard L. Harris. You will
noticed the General's comment -
"Pursue this man. Someone here
has seen him."

Will you please take care of
this and send the results of the
pursuit to the general.

Warren J. Tarrant
2d Lt, AGD

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20 March 1944

Mr. Allison Rupert, Executive Secretary,
Interdepartmental Committee on Employee
Investigations,
Department of Justice,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rupert:

We have your letter of 17 February 1944,
enclosing copies of the memorandum from the Federal
Bureau of Investigation in respect of Jack Sargent Harris.

The FBI memorandum has been thoroughly studied
by our Security Office which has reached the conclusion
that Harris' employment by this Office is not prejudicial
to the interests of our organization or the United States
Government.

It is the belief of the Security Office
that if Harris ever did possess Communist inclinations
(and there is no evidence to show that he has ever been
a member of the Party), they ceased completely from 1938
or 1939 on. During his employment by this Office he has
shown himself to be a loyal, intelligent, capable and
conscientious man. He has undertaken important missions
with unusual success and has generally been an asset to
OSS.

It was in the light of the foregoing that
our Security Office reached its conclusion that Harris'
employment is not prejudicial. Accordingly, we do not
believe that it would be in order for us to take any
further action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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J. [unclear]
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CONFIDENTIAL*(✓) arrival, Jack Sargent 13, 1953
x F. B. I***OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES****INTEROFFICE MEMO****TO:** Secretariat (C.A. Bane, Lt. (jg) USNR)**DATE:** 7 March 1944.**FROM:** Mr. Weston Howland**SUBJECT:** HARRIS, Jack Sargent - AA-5436-W

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum dated 25 February 1944, and the attachments thereto from the Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations, relative to the above Subject.

This matter has been thoroughly studied by the Security Office and discussed at length with Mr. Rudyard Houlton, Mr. Harris' superior.

With reference to Section (a) of your memorandum, in which you make inquiry as to whether or not Subject's cover has been injured to such an extent that he can be of no further use to O.S.S.: Mr. Houlton has advised that there is no cover problem involved. Mr. Houlton stated that Harris is overseas, attached to a State Department Office as a known O.S.S. representative, and that no particular effort is made to conceal the fact that Harris is an O.S.S. employee.

With respect to Section (b) of your memorandum relative to the accusation that Subject is a Communist, this office submits the following:

There is considerable evidence indicating left wing affiliations and possible Communist sympathies on Harris' part during his early life, although nothing which would show conclusively that he was ever a member of the Communist Party. However, all investigations covering Subject's activities during the latter portion of his life, from approximately 1938 or 1939 forward, fail to disclose evidence of Communist leanings or left wing affiliations. It is the belief of this office that if at one time Harris did possess Communist inclinations, they were merely incidental to a period of intellectual growth and curiosity, and that he is, and for some time has been, completely divorced from these propensities.

It is our understanding that since commencing his employment with O.S.S., Harris has proven himself to be a thoroughly loyal, intelligent, capable and conscientious man. He has undertaken important missions with unusual success, and has, in general, been an asset to O.S.S. in every way.

In view of the foregoing facts and conclusions, it is the opinion of this office that Subject's employment is not prejudicial to the interests of this organization nor to the United States Government.

W. Howland
WESTON HOWLAND,
Security Officer.

cc to: Mr. Rudyard Houlton.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO: The Secretariat
Attention: Lt. C. A. Bane, USNR

FROM: Earl Brennan

SUBJECT:

DATE: February 28, 1944



In response to your memo of February 25 to Mr. Weston Howland, a copy of which was sent to me, I have learned the name of the employee who is the subject of the communication.

I wish to inform you that this person has never been an employee of, or associated in any way with, the Italian Section, SI.

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cc: Mr. Weston Howland

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO: General Donovan.

DATE: 21 February 1944.

FROM: Secretariat.

SUBJECT:

The OSS employee mentioned in the attached report from the FBI is an agent, paid from unvouchered funds, who has been dispatched to the North African Theater by Mr. Karl Brennan. He has been operating under cover and is known in OSS simply as Jack S.

The FBI report presents what seems to be very superficial evidence that the employee in question may be a Communist. A professor at Northwestern, Mr. Herben H. Evans, stated under questioning that he believed Harris was the type of man who might be a Communist. No other evidence of Harris' Communism was presented and a number of well-placed people certified to his character and loyalty. The FBI, of course, did not interview Harris himself, since, as they themselves say, he was out of the country. It is not clear just how the FBI learned that the man was with OSS.

It is suggested, if you approve, that the matter be referred to Mr. Howland and Mr. Brennan for an investigation along two lines:

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- (a) whether the employee's cover has been destroyed to such an extent that he is no longer useful to OSS;
- (b) whether there is any basis for the accusation that the man is a Communist.

In the meantime, perhaps an interim reply to the interdepartmental committee along the lines of the attached might be in order.

My

C. A. Hand
C. A. Hand,
Lieut. (jg), USNR.

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*Harris, Jack Sargent 12-5-53
A.F.B. I.*

Interdepartmental Committee on Employee Investigations

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 25

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Miss. Donovan
by Committee*

- HERBERT E. GARTON, CHAIRMAN
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February 17, 1944

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Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

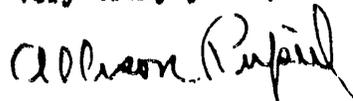
In the matter of: Jack Sargent Harris,
Office of Strategic Services.

Enclosed are copies of a memorandum dated February 15, 1944, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and of the investigative report (or reports) transmitted therewith.

These papers are forwarded to you pursuant to paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 9300 for appropriate action. See in this connection the Interdepartmental Committee's General Memorandum No. 6, dated September 1, 1943.

Please inform this Committee as promptly as possible as to the procedures followed and action taken in this case in order that compliance may be had with paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 9300. See General Memorandum No. 6, Part III, Sec. 10 and General Memorandum No. 8, dated January 8, 1944.

Very truly yours,



Allison Rupert
Executive Secretary

February 16 1944

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE
ON EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATIONS**
John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

HATCH ACT INVESTIGATION

There are enclosed two copies of the following reports which reflect the results of this Bureau's investigation of Jack Hargent Harris, also known as Jacob Harkovits and Jack Herscovits, an employee of the Office of Strategic Services, under Section C-A of the Hatch Act.

Report of Special Agent Bryant H. Craft, dated July 27,
1943 at Chicago, Illinois.
Report of Special Agent Richard N. Hunter, dated August 31,
1943 at Cincinnati, Ohio.

It will be noted that Harris has not been interviewed under oath by a Special Agent of this Bureau as is customarily done in matters of this type. This is due to the fact that he is out of the country on an indefinite assignment.

In order that this Bureau's records may be complete, I should appreciate advice as to the ultimate disposition of this matter by the Office of Strategic Services.
Enclosures

JACK BARGENT HARRIS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Report of Special Agent
Richard H. Hunter, dated
August 31, 1948 at
Cincinnati, Ohio

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DETAILS:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

JOSEPH A. PARK, Dean of Men, Ohio State University, advised that JACK SARGENT HARRIS had been employed by the University in October, 1940, as an Instructor in Anthropology. In the fall of 1941 he was appointed an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and had held such position until February, 1942, at which time he had been granted seven months leave to accept a position with the United States Government. Such leave of absence had been renewed from time to time, the last such time being recently when it was extended until September, 1944. Dean PARK stated that Mr. HARRIS' position with the government was understood to be full time and that he had been in Columbus only at infrequent intervals for short visits since leaving the University. Dean PARK reported that while he knew HARRIS to speak to, he was not at all intimate with him and had no information concerning his attitude towards the Communist Party or Front organizations. He advised, however, that the following persons, colleagues of HARRIS in the Sociology Department, could be trusted to furnish accurate information concerning him:

Professor PERRY DENOME
 Professor FREDERICK LUMLEY
 Dr. LLOYD A. COOK
 Professor GECIL NORTH.

HAROLD K. SCHELLENGER, Director of Public Relations, Ohio State University, made available HARRIS' application for employment. Such application contained substantially the same background information listed in his personal history statement filed with the Office of Strategic Services, noted in reference letter from Washington to the Bureau dated May 13, 1943. Mr. SCHELLENGER advised that he had frequently talked with HARRIS concerning his past life and attitudes because of the fact that his background and particularly his explorations in Africa made interesting publicity for the University. During none of these conversations had HARRIS indicated any interest in the Communist movement nor had he said anything which would reflect any subversive tendencies on his part.

FREDERICK LUMLEY, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, advised that he had known HARRIS quite intimately both in the course of his work and socially. He stated that at no time had he indicated any interest whatsoever in any organizations inimical to a democratic form of government and he was certain that while he was at Ohio State, at least, he was in no way interested in the Communist Party or any of its affiliated organizations. He described HARRIS as a very brilliant man in his field, with a very likeable personality, and as being highly regarded by all of his colleagues.

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Dr. LLOYD A. COOK, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, was interviewed at his home, 1978 Stone Shelden. He advised that he had been well acquainted with HARRIS during his stay of 1 1/2 years in Columbus. He was certain that HARRIS had been fully divorced from any Communist activities during the time that he had been at Ohio State, and he was certain from private conversations he had had with him that he was as devoted to a democratic form of government as any professor on the campus. He pointed out that HARRIS was a living example of the benefits of democracy, starting out in life in a poor family, working his way through well recognized universities and then finally establishing himself as an authority in his field, accepted by all members of the Faculty. He stated that HARRIS had commented to him on these facts as indicating the virtues of democracy. Dr. COOK further advised that on several occasions he had had HARRIS lecture to his students in Sociology, and that in the course of such lectures he had discussed communal ownership and customs of tribes in Africa, always pointing out, however, the advantages of capitalism in a democracy such as we have in the United States.

CECIL C. NORTH, Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, advised that he had known HARRIS quite intimately during the time he had taught at the University. He stated that there could be no question in the mind of any one at Ohio State University that HARRIS was loyal to the democratic type of government this country had. He described him as being a Liberal in his political views, in the sense that he was a New Dealer as opposed to an old line Republican, but that this in no manner indicated any desire to dispose of democracy in this country. He was certain that HARRIS had not been a member or at all active in the Communist Party or any Front organizations while in Columbus. He believed that the only societies he belonged to were Professional Anthropological organizations. According to Professor NORTH, HARRIS' purpose in taking a leave of absence to work for the government was to do his share in the war effort.

PERRY P. DENUNE, Chairman of the Sociology Department, Ohio State University, advised that he had been quite intimate with HARRIS during the period of his teaching at the University, and believed that he knew his mind as well as anyone connected with the school. He stated that he had had several intimate talks with HARRIS relating to his philosophy of life and that at no time was there any indication of anything which would reflect on his loyalty to this country or to a democratic form of government. He was certain that HARRIS had had nothing to do with Communism in any of its branches, while at Columbus. He pointed out that HARRIS had worked hard

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to make a place for himself on the University Faculty and had succeeded admirably. For that reason he doubted that he would have been active on behalf of Communism while at Columbus, even though he might have been so minded before he arrived, which he doubted. He also pointed out that HARRIS had had little or nothing to do with either Faculty members or students who were thought to have Communistic tendencies.

Professor DENUNE described HARRIS as a Liberal in the sense that he was a believer in a liberal interpretation of broadened powers for the federal government, but that as such Liberal he was opposed to Communism as being contrary to a democracy.

Professor DENUNE further advised that HARRIS had originally been employed by the Office of Strategic Services in a confidential capacity to obtain information in West Africa, with which he was completely familiar through his travels. He had spent several months in Africa during the latter part of 1942, returning to this country early in 1943. Thereafter he became ill with malaria and had recovered only recently. A short time ago he had written Professor DENUNE that he was trying to get into the Army but that because of the malaria the army hesitated to take him at this time. Early in August Professor DENUNE had received another letter from HARRIS advising that he was then fully recovered and had been transferred to the State Department indicating that he was leaving for South Africa by plane about the middle of August, to work as an attache of the State Department in South Africa. HARRIS had advised Professor DENUNE that he intended to work for the government for the duration at least and Professor DENUNE doubted that he would return to the University.

University Directories consulted at the University Library reflected that HARRIS had lived at 1202 W. 5th Avenue during the school year 1940-41 and at 1687 Broadway Avenue from September, 1941 until he left the University in February, 1942.

Neighborhood investigations were made at these addresses with negative results, it being ascertained that none of the present occupants of neighboring apartments resided on the premises during the periods in question.

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The following persons were interviewed:

Mrs. LEO MURRAY, 1593 Broadview Avenue
HARRY STEPHENSON, 1591 Broadview Avenue
Mrs. JAMES HUFFMAN, caretaker, 1802 W. 5th Ave.

W. S. SANDS, Manager, Ohio Bureau of Credits, 60 E. Broad Street, made available that company's records relating to HARRIS, which records contained no derogatory information and likewise verified HARRIS' leaving Columbus in February, 1942.

MYRON MUEHLER, Record Clerk, Columbus Police Department, advised that HARRIS had no record with that department.

MARY KRIVICH, Assistant Clerk, Selective Service Local Board 17, 9 Buttles Avenue, advised that HARRIS was duly registered with that Board and was not delinquent. The last address noted for him was Office of Coordinator of Information, 25th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Correspondence was also noted between the Board and THOMAS G. EARLY, Deputy Coordinator of Information, during March of 1942, requesting permission for HARRIS to be detailed out of this country for an indefinite time. Such permission was granted.

Confidential Informant T-1, who is well informed of Communist activities on the campus of Ohio State University, advised that he did not know HARRIS and had no information concerning any activities on his part in Communist matters.

Confidential Informant CI-71, whose identity is known to the Bureau, had no information concerning HARRIS.

JACK BARGENT HARRIS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Report of Special Agent
Bryant H. Croft, dated
July 27, 1948 at Chicago,
Illinois.

DETAILS:

AT EVANSTON, ILLINOIS:

The records of the Northwestern University disclosed that JACK BARGENT HARRIS was born July 13, 1912, Chicago, Illinois, as the son of Mr. and Mrs. MAX HERSCOVITZ. He attended Northwestern University from 1932-1936, although during the first semester of the school year of 1934 until 1936, he was not registered. His records indicate that during this period of time he was employed as a seaman on a ship. He was graduated from Northwestern University, in June, 1936, when he received a Bachelor of Science Degree, with distinction and with a high average. While HARRIS attended the University, he resided at 609 Foster; 1900 Sherman; and Hinman House, all of Evanston, Illinois.

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School records reflect that HARRIS was employed as Assistant Production Manager of the ELECTRICAL TRADE PUBLISHING COMPANY; MCGRAW-HILL PUBLISHING COMPANY; LORD'S DEPARTMENT STORE; and a food store, in addition to having jobs on NYA, and FEBA work during his attendance at school.

Mr. HENRY F. MEYER, Office Manager of MCGRAW-HILL PUBLISHING COMPANY, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that employment records of the company were presently in New York, but he recalled that HARRIS was first employed by the ELECTRICAL TRADE PUBLISHING COMPANY, a subsidiary of MCGRAW-HILL PUBLISHING COMPANY, and which was later absorbed by the latter company, as an office boy and later as an assistant to the Production Manager. He believed this to be about 1930, and was of the opinion that HARRIS had worked approximately one year, and then quit the company to make a trip around the world. He knew of no information indicating HARRIS had any un-American sympathies or Communist tendencies at that time.

MARY HAGGS, Personnel Manager, LORD'S DEPARTMENT STORE, 1611 Orrington, Evanston, Illinois, checked the records of that department, but could offer no information concerning Subject's employment by that company. She and MARY LANS, Manager of Shipping Room, were the oldest employees in the store, and neither could recall the Subject's having worked at the LORD'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

The Northwestern University records reflect that HARRIS did FEBA work during the second semester of 1933-34, and during both semesters during the school year of 1934-35; he also worked on NYA during the school year of 1935 and 1936, doing odd jobs while so employed.

The original information concerning HARRIS was furnished to the Chicago Field Office on March 25, 1943, by Confidential Source of Information T-1, who advised by report dated March 23, 1943, that JACOB HENKOVITZ, alias, JACK HARRIS, who was presently employed in an important job in the Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C., was reported to have been, and possibly still is a member of the Communist Party. It was alleged that HENKOVITZ was also believed to have been an organizer for the National Maritime Union, and disclosed that the Subject was a graduate of Northwestern University, where he had obtained the reputation of being very clever, but very tricky. After his graduation from Northwestern University, it was stated that he became a professor of anthropology in a smaller college, and later went to sea as a seaman.

On May 6, 1943, Confidential Source of Information T-1 was personally interviewed by Special Agent ROBERT C. MURPHY, of the Chicago Field Office, at which time this informant advised that his information concerning HARRIS was obtained from an informant, whose name he would not divulge, who had in turn received the information from BERGLEN EVANS, professor of English literature, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. T-1 stated that his informant had met HARRIS in Washington, D.C., at which time HARRIS told him, he was presently employed by the Office of Strategic Services. His informant subsequently returned

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to Chicago, and met BERGEN EVANS, at which time he advised EVANS that HARRIS was presently a government employee. According to T-1, EVANS expressed surprise that HARRIS was serving in a governmental capacity, because it was his belief that the Subject had been a member of the Communist Party, while he was in school, and he was inclined to believe that he had continued this affiliation afterwards.

Confidential Source of Information T-1 stated that EVANS had seen HARRIS as a student in college. According to T-1, EVANS further advised that after HARRIS's graduation, he obtained a position as an instructor of anthropology in some small college. It was stated that he later left this job, and obtained a job as a seaman, during the time which he became an organizer for the National Maritime Union, CIO. According to T-1, EVANS would be in a position to furnish names of other people who know HARRIS. T-1 advised that he had been told by his informant that one of HARRIS's assignments with the Office of Strategic Services had taken him to Panama, but the reason for his going there was not determined.

By the letter of reference of May 13, 1943, the Washington Field Division verified that HARRIS was employed by the Office of Strategic Services, and he entered on duty on January 22, 1942, as a consultant at ten dollars per diem, W.A.S., Office of Co-ordinator of Information, Research and Analysis Branch. That letter also disclosed that HARRIS was believed to be pursuing his teaching on the campus of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. HARRIS infrequently was called to Washington, according to this letter of reference, for consulting purposes.

On July 15, 1943, BERGEN B. EVANS, professor of English literature, University Hall Northwestern University, was interviewed by the reporting Agent, at which time he stated that he was only slightly acquainted with HARRIS, having had him as a student, and also having met him three or four times socially. He described HARRIS as being a very intelligent, egotistical, and self-centered person, who was interested primarily in his own welfare. He stated HARRIS was one of those individuals who supported the New Deal in 1933-34 and 1935, because of the feeling of hope that took hold of the people during those years after the depression. EVANS stated the only information he had ever received concerning HARRIS was what HARRIS personally had told him during conversations with him. EVANS had the impression that HARRIS told him he had been in Russia for a short time, but he never at any time said anything to EVANS in any way indicating any affiliation with the Communist Party, or any front organization. EVANS advised that no one else had ever suggested to him that HARRIS was a Communist.

Mr. EVANS stated that he personally did not understand exactly what a Communist was, but from what he had heard, he personally believed that of all the individuals he ever knew, he felt that HARRIS would be the most likely one to be a Communist. However, he admitted that this impression was purely conjecture on

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on his part, based on his personal impression of HARRIS to the effect that HARRIS could not be trusted, and was certainly not based upon any information to the effect that HARRIS was a member of the Communist Party, or had any association with it whatsoever.

HARRIS told EVANS that he had once been a seaman, and had taken an active part in organizing the seamen. He could not recall when it was, or where it was, that HARRIS stated he had been active in such organizing, but was certain it was not while he was attending Northwestern University. However, it will be recalled that the records of Northwestern University reflect that during the first semester of the school year of 1934-35, HARRIS was not registered, but rather had obtained a position as seaman on a ship.

EVANS stated that he had talked to WILLIAM SHERIDAN, who is employed by the War Department, in Chicago, Illinois, about HARRIS, but EVANS denied he told SHERIDAN that HARRIS was a Communist. He stated that he may have suggested to SHERIDAN that it was his impression that HARRIS would possibly be a Communist, if anyone that he, EVANS, knew was a Communist, but he did not state that he even believed HARRIS to be one. He says SHERIDAN may have understood him to mean that HARRIS was, in fact, a Communist, but he had no intention of conveying that impression to SHERIDAN, and if SHERIDAN obtained that impression it was a mistake.

EVANS stated HARRIS was very busy, while attending the university, as he had to work his way through school, and held various odd jobs during his spare time to aid in going through school. He said that he was a close friend of JULIAN and ARTHUR BERNSTOCK who attended Northwestern University. EVANS stated that JULIAN BERNSTOCK was a leader in the American Student Union, an organization that flourished on the campus of Northwestern University during the early 1930's. He stated that JULIAN was presently attached to the American Embassy, in London, and his brother, ARTHUR, was now in the United States Army. EVANS stated that HARRIS supported this group, known as the American Student Union, but he could not state whether or not he was ever a member. He described this organization as being made up of a group of students, who were of a poor class, some of whom were "crackpots", and all of whom did not have a chance of getting any where socially with the social clique on the campus. He said the group used to delight in doing things that would shock the townspeople of Evanston, as well as the Chicago Tribune. He said this group invited speakers to address them, who were radical and of a notorious name, but he did not believe this group was in any way affiliated with the Communist Party. He said the only extent he recalled HARRIS supporting this group was to attend the meetings.

He suggested that in view of the fact that EVANS had studied under Professor MERSKOVITS, the latter would possibly know more about HARRIS than any other individual at Northwestern University. He also stated that a man named WILLIAM R. BASCOM had been a friend of HARRIS, but he was not now connected with Northwestern University. It is noted that both, MERSKOVITS and BASCOM, were listed as references by the Subject in his employment application for a position

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with the Office of Strategic Services, as disclosed by the letter of reference of May 13, 1948. Mr. EVANS also suggested that the Agent interview Mr. NIMS, Counselor for Men, at Northwestern University.

Mr. WILLIAM H. NIMS, Counselor for Men, Scott Hall, Northwestern University, advised upon interview that he knew HARRIS well, but did not know of anything indicating any radical tendencies on his part. He thought Harris may have had a Leftist tendency, which he described as being more humanitarian than subversive. He stated, as counselor, he was familiar with the American Student Union, and advised that to his knowledge HARRIS was not a member of that organization. He said, however, that HARRIS may have participated in some of its activities through his friendship with the BEHRSTOCK Brothers.

NEY L. McMINN, professor of English, University Hall, Northwestern University, advised that he had been adviser to HARRIS during one of his school years, and HARRIS had attended some of his classes. He could offer no information indicating any Communist tendencies on the part of HARRIS, but believed that through his experience and connection with world travel that HARRIS was moved by the conditions of the poorer class. Professor McMINN suggested that Professor HEIDBRINK could offer some information concerning HARRIS.

FREDERICK HEIDBRINK, professor of English and Assistant Dean, Pearson's Hall, Northwestern University, was interviewed with negative results, concerning possible subversive activities by HARRIS. He stated that HARRIS was a member of the HILBEL SOCIETY, a Jewish organization, which was not radical or subversive, but composed of enthusiastic, intelligent students. He did not believe HARRIS was a member of the American Student Union, but stated that organization as it existed on the Northwestern University campus was not subversive.

CHARLES W. WARD, college agent, Administration Building, Northwestern University was interviewed with negative results.

Confidential Informants advised that ARTHUR BEHRSTOCK has spent considerable time in Russia and while at Northwestern University was known to sympathize with the aims and ideals of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informants have further advised that Professor MELVILLE HERNROVITS, professor of anthropology, Northwestern University, who was listed by HARRIS as a reference, was a sponsor for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the North American Committee To Aid Spanish Democracy, and the American League Against War And Fascism.

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Neighborhood investigations at 809 Foster Street, and 1900 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, were conducted with negative results. The following people were interviewed: EVA SHERMAN, 1900 Sherman; LARA GILLES, 728 Foster Street; GRACE LEVY, 809 Foster Street; WALTER W. BONNETT, 811 Foster Street.

AT CHICAGO INTERVIEW

Confidential Source of Information T-2 disclosed the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JAMES M. ROY, during April, 1942.

A neighborhood investigation at 418 South Kostner Avenue, which is the residence of HARRIS's parents and his former residence before attending Northwestern University, was made and the following people interviewed: JACK DOBBS, 418 South Kostner; Mrs. JAMES CITIEN, 408 South Kostner; Mrs. E. KIER, 359 South Kostner; Mr. ALFRED BEAUM, 4429 W. Vanduren; Mr. JOHN MURPHY, 4412 W. Congress; Mr. JOHN ORRANTE, 4352 Congress Street; Mr. BEN BURN, 4314 W. Congress Street.

All of the above-named individuals advised that the Subject was of good character, reputation, and habits, and none of them could offer any information indicating subversive sympathies or tendencies on the part of HARRIS.

Credit records at Hill's Reports Inc., and of the Chicago Police Department were checked with negative results.

Special Agent CHARLES W. PEREIN contacted GCO-20, GCO-35, and GCO-77, all of whose identities are known to the Bureau, for information concerning any possible affiliation of HARRIS with the Communist Party, or front organizations with negative results.

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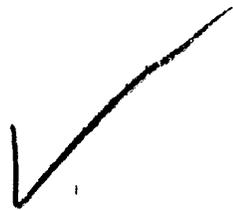
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PLEASE NOTIFY GEN. HASKELL THAT I VISITED JOHN TODAY.
IMPROVING RAPIDLY, COLOR EXCELLENT AND MORALE AND SPIRITS HIGH.
EXPECTS TO BE IN WASHINGTON EARLY IN 'AY. HAPPY TO RECEIVE RADIO
FROM HIS FATHER. JOE VISITED HIM YESTERDAY. I'VE BRINGING BACK
SEVERAL CASES BELONGING TO JOHN. SENDS LOVE TO ALL.

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PAULETTE'S REACTION WONDERFUL. HAPPY ONLY THE LEG. SHE IS ONLY WAITING FOR YOU AND HOPEFUL FOR YOUR GENERAL HEALTH. MOTHER FINE. ALL SEND LOVE. GENERAL MARSHALL HAS CABLED SHAEF FOR YOUR RETURN BY AIR TO WALTER REED SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE TO TRAVEL. SIGNED DAD.

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PLEASE INFORM MRS. JOHN HASKELL THAT COLONEL HASKELL ON 2 APRIL SUFFERED SEVERE WOUND ON HIS RIGHT LEG FROM SHELL FIRE. HIS LEG HAS BEEN AMPUTATED ABOVE KNEE BUT WOUND NOW HEALING ENTIRELY SATISFACTORILY AND HIS GENERAL CONDITION GOOD.

109 AND I HOPE TO VISIT HIM NEXT WEEK AND WE WILL KEEP HER ADVISED AS TO HIS PROGRESS.

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COL. JOHN H. K. HASKELL, 022339-INFANTRY, SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED APRIL 3. WILL YOU WIRE US HIS CONDITION AND ANY DETAILS
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#60. From John Haskell to Buxton, Cheston and 109.

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As I sever my connection with The Office of Strategic Services today, I wish to convey my profound gratitude for the opportunity which you have afforded me during the past year to serve in this organization, and, for the satisfaction which I have experienced personally in my relationships with all of you.

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#266. John Haskell and 105 to 109.

A request has been made by General Sibert that he be given John Haskell to act as his deputy for 18th Army Group intelligence. Because of all the circumstances entering into this, Haskell is of the opinion that he should take on this post. Though I shall be most regretful at being deprived of his sterling services, I am obliged to concur with the stand he has taken. Please let us have your approval on this at your earliest convenience. If this is forthcoming, 105 would take care of SI for the time being. Haskell's transfer would have to be effected in about a fortnight.

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#334. To 100 from John Haskell. Action: Washington.
Information: 154 alone, London (#3054).

105 has cabled you separately his approval or (yr?)
release to serve as General Siberts Deputy. Much as I would
like personally to continue present associations here and work
in France rather than Germany I feel I should not refuse to
serve in this position on General Bradleys staff. I hope you
will approve because it is my strong personal desire to finish
the war with the field forces and feel it is my duty on account
of West Point and army background to accept this opportunity.

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6 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO (COLONEL JOHN H. F. YANKILL, G-22222)

SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed in accordance with your military orders in London, England, and to such other places as may be necessary in the performance of your special duty.

2. Authority is hereby granted to carry with secret and confidential documents, special equipment, etc., as may be necessary to the proper performance of your mission. These documents may be shown to those persons to whom you have been authorized to show them, but must remain in your possession at all times until they are delivered to their addressees, if any.

William J. Donovan
Director

W. H. Howland
Walter Howland, Security Officer

European Theater Officer

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Blanket, Col John H. O.
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Colonel John H. F. Haskell

10 March 1944

Lt. Colonel Deering

I have just authorized, for the Director,
the advance of \$1,200 to you in connection with
your proposed mission.

May I suggest that it would be helpful
to Special Funds Branch if an overall budget were
approved by the Director for the period ending
30 June 1944, when our current fiscal year expires.

CC to: Gen. Donovan ✓
Col. Rehm

D. C. D., Jr.

✓
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Haskell, Col John H. F. 12-3-43

Security Office

28 October 1943

Director

Colonel John H. F. Haskell, O-222339

I endorse without reservation the character,
ability and loyalty of Colonel John H. F. Haskell.

William J. Donovan
Director

Thru: Copeland

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Handwritten signature

12 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Major General *[Name]*
SUBJECT: Orders

You are authorized and directed to proceed to Cairo, Egypt, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer for the Middle East Theater of Operations. You are, therefore, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for the Middle East Theater.

G. Edward Burton
Acting Director

Essence L. Bismarck
Deputy Director, SSO

[Signature]
Deputy Chief, SO

[Handwritten initials]
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CSO Theater Officer

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~~NAVY DEPT PERSONNEL~~
NAVY DEPT PERSONNEL

June 10, 1948

From: The Director of Strategic Services.
To: The Chief of Naval Personnel.
Subject: Garrard Harris

1. Mr. Harris has filed an application for a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve with the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, New York, N. Y. He is employed in the Office of Strategic Services.

2. He is hereby released for service with the armed forces.

3. If qualified for appointment and is appointed, it is requested that he be certified and ordered to the Office of Strategic Services for assignment.

4. Mr. Harris is recommended as being qualified under Special Program No. 89-42.

5. The nature of Mr. Harris' duties will be such as to warrant a waiver of any non-organic physical defect and it is requested that such waiver, if required, be granted.

6. Mr. Harris' address is:

Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

William J. Donovan,
Director.

19 June 1945

Mr. Frank P. Bass
424 E. 71st Terrace
Kansas City 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bass:

Thank you for your letter of May 28, 1945 which I held pending receipt of the equipment shipped by you and also a study of the situation with respect to your request to purchase the "Hermes" typewriter.

The equipment shipped separately via American Railway Express has been received in good order; thank you for it.

We are frequently met with requests from individuals, both in Washington and the field, that they be permitted to purchase items of Government property which have been issued to them for operational purposes, and which are not readily obtainable in the open market. Unfortunately, we are consistently obliged to deny these requests, for the reason that we are prohibited by law from disposing of property in such a manner. Surplus Government property may be disposed of only according to procedures laid down by Congress, and an agency owning property of that character may not sell it directly to individuals.

Consequently, we will not be able to accede to your request that you be allowed to purchase the typewriter issued to you, and I must ask you to return it to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

E. J. Putsall, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Assistant Executive
Officer

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Hass

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424 E. 71st Terrace
 Kansas City 5, Missouri, 9 43
 May 28, 1945.

USS

E. J. Putzell, Jr. Lieut. USNR,
 Acting Executive Officer,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting via American Railway Express Co.,
 this date, the following listed equipment:

- ✓ One Camara, Zeiss-Ikon Contax.
- ✓ One Photographic Lens, Sonnar 1:1.5, f-5 cm, No. 2676363.
- ✓ One Photographic Lens, Sonnar 1:4, f-13.5 cm, No. 2679135.
- ✓ One View finder, .24x36, Carl Zeiss, Jena, No. 281.
- ✓ One Camara carrying case, brown leatherette.
- ✓ One pair Fieldglasses, 12x40, No. 32955.
- ✓ One Carrying case, fieldglasses, black, with straps.

These items were issued to me by the Westfield Mission, through Apollo, retained in my possession for further use in alleged future assignment. I wrote Apollo on April 24, 1945, when I was informed of my seperation from the service, as to what disposition he wished to be made of this equipment, also a Typewriter which was purchased in my last station with official funds. This typewriter is retained by me, as I am in need of this piece of equipment, having lost my own personal machine in transit. If, as I presume it will be, the organization will allow me to make payment for this property I will be pleased to submit my check for the figure which you desire. The machine is a small portable "Hermes", made in Switzerland.

Awaiting your reply before making further disposition of the last mentioned item, I am.

Very respectfully yours

Frank P. Hass
 Frank P. Hass

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Hass

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

MOD f. 6

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Lt. Futzell

FROM : R. C. Read, Special Funds *P.C. Read* 3.

SUBJECT: Claim of Frank F. Hass

DATE: 11 May 1945

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Mr. Cooley of SO Branch has requested that you be furnished with information concerning the claim of Frank F. Hass for reimbursement of expenses incurred since he left Stockholm.

Mr. Hass's claim in the amount of \$311.74 covered the period 2 March 1945 through 31 March 1945. Captain Barrow of the SO Branch approved only the portion of the expense account through 14 March 1945 which is the date of Mr. Hass's arrival at his new official station, Washington, D. C. This portion of the account amounted to \$111.87 receipt of which is acknowledged in the attached letter date 4 May 1945. The balance of \$180.87 is comprised of claim for per diem and taxi fares while in Washington and Kansas City together with expenses incurred and per diem claims on his trips to New York City and Kansas City, Missouri.

During a conversation with Mr. Hass while he was in Washington, I learned that he has been traveling for the Government for a number of years and with this experience I should imagine that he would be aware of the fact that no per diem is allowable at his official headquarters. It is my opinion that Mr. Hass is unaware of his change of headquarters which, according to Captain Barrow, was stated in his orders to return to the United States.

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SS Form 2202

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FROM:

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

Accession No.

Date Rec'd.

To	Room No.	Date		Officer's Initials	Comments
		Rec'd.	Fwd'd.		
1. <i>[Signature]</i>				<i>[Initials]</i>	
2. <i>[Signature]</i>					
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Each comment should be numbered to correspond with number in To column.
 A line should be drawn across sheet under each comment.
 Officer Designations should be used in To column.
 Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing.
 Action desired or action taken should be indicated in Comments column.
 Routing sheet should always be returned to Registry.
 For officer Designations see separate sheet.

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OSS Form 100

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

To Capt. Barrow (fold here)

Room 2173

Date 5/7/45

Bldg. Quar

For your information

Note and Return

File

Comments

Investigate and Report

See Me About This

Mail and Files Unit

Take this up with

Per our Telephone Conversation

Prepare Reply

Signature

Remarks:

Will you check into this claim of Hass' and if your office will go along with the Westfield's (29565) O.K. let me know

From R. Reed (fold here for return)

Date

Room 348

Bldg. South

035 FORM 100-20

DATE 6 June

TO: Mr. Pritzell

From the strictly legal standpoint, he might be permitted to purchase the typewriter with the express approval of the Director. But as a practical matter, Procurement Supply regularly gets requests like this which it just as regularly ~~rejects~~ ^{rejects} and they strongly urge that he be told to send the type writer back.

SVP JH
Equipment has arrived
all papers 6/5 JH

Office of the General Counsel

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Wm. Frank S.

424 East 71st Terrace,
Kansas City 5, Missouri,
May 4, 1945.

Douglas M. Dimond, Esquire
Main Post Office, Box 1929,
Washington, D. C.

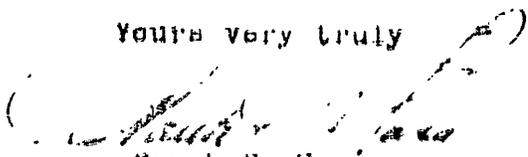
My dear Mr. Dimond:

This will acknowledge receipt of your personal check in the amount of \$131.87, as part payment of official expenditures incurred by me during the month of March 1945.

The expense account submitted by me was made out in accordance with my instructions, as received from the Chief of the Westfield Mission, and all expenditures claimed were deemed allowable pursuant to the instructions received.

I am in receipt of a letter signed by Edward L. Bigelow, Esquire, Director, BSO, advising me that I have thirty-six (36) days of accumulated annual leave to my credit, to start as of April 21, 1945. I have not as yet received any salary check for the period April 1st to May 1st 1945. In view of all the expenditures with which I have been confronted recently, I would appreciate your kind courtesy in forwarding this check to my address at your most earliest convenience.

Yours very truly


Frank F. Hahn.

9, 1948
Handwritten Signature
5 May 1948

Mr. Frank F. Hass
424 East 71st Terrace
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hass:

General Donovan has received your letter of April 25, 1948, and has asked me to acknowledge it for him.

He will indeed be pleased to see you and discuss the matter outlined in your letter.

At the present, General Donovan plans to be here approximately one week and then go abroad on a brief trip. If you will be in Washington prior to May 12 I feel sure that we will be able to arrange a meeting. However, if that should be impractical from your point of view, I suggest that you let me know the next time you plan to be in the city and we will make every effort to arrange an appointment.

If you will be good enough to get in touch with me I will see that the necessary arrangements are made.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. Putsell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Acting Executive
Officer

To: St. Putzoll

Talk with this man and call
me in.

W.J.D.

5 MAY 1945

Director's Office

FORM 3954

(4308)

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Hess

MEMORANDUM

2 May 1945

TO: The Director, OSS
FROM: Deputy Director, SSO
SUBJECT: Frank F. Hass

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this man & come in
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Mr. Hass was taken on by SO about two years ago and was assigned to the Westfield Mission under George Brewer. He was sent to Sweden to set up a consular office in Halsingborg, where his job was to establish communications with a radio station to be located in Denmark. This task he accomplished and continued with for some little time, spending in all some 18 months in Sweden. However, he felt, particularly toward the end of his tour of duty, that his job could be adequately done by his secretary, and he therefore requested reassignment. Brewer agreed that Hass' duties were not sufficient to make full use of his experience and ability, and agreed that he should be reassigned as there was no other job for him with Westfield. Hass tells me that at this time he had some conversation with Tikander, who told him that he could be of use in the post-war period because of his experience, his knowledge of Swedish and Danish, his contacts in the Scandinavian countries.

Hass returned to the United States early in March and brought with him a letter of introduction from Brewer to me, stating that Hass' work with SO was through but that he should be useful to SI or X-2. I told Hass that SO had nothing further to offer him, but I made arrangements for him to see Colonel Pfaff and Mr. Shepardson. After interviewing him and reviewing his papers, Colonel Pfaff told me that X-2 had no place for Hass. Mr. Shepardson interviewed Hass and cabled ETO to see if a job was available for him there. The answer was "No". I also cabled George Brewer, indicating that we had made every effort to find a suitable job for Hass but that nothing seemed to present itself and that we would therefore probably be compelled to let him go.

Hass, himself, in a number of talks he had with me was disappointed at not finding an opportunity for future work with OSS but stated quite definitely that unless there was a real job for him he would look elsewhere for activity.

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The Director, OSS

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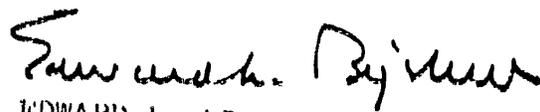
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2 May 1948

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It is unfortunate that Mr. Hass feels that his time with OSS was largely wasted. I have tried to explain to him that although his particular post may not have worked out to be an important one, nevertheless it was one that had to be filled, and filled with a good man, because if events had taken a different turn, it might have been a station of great importance. So far as loss of his Civil Service status is concerned, I feel that we have given him ample opportunity to seek employment with another federal agency which might have a job for him, as we have not. I might also mention that during the time he has been with OSS, he has been paid from Special Funds and has not, in fact, been a Civil Service employee. So far as I can see, we have dealt perfectly fairly with him. From my conversations with him I am sure that he does not want to continue with the organization unless we can give him a real job and, after looking over all possibilities, it is clear that no such job is available for him. I could and can therefore see no alternative to terminating his employment with OSS.

I am returning Mr. Hass' letter of 25 April.



EDWARD L. BIGELOW
Deputy Director, SSO

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2 May 1945

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I am returning Mr. Hass' letter of 25 April.

EDWARD L. BIGNLOW
Deputy Director, SBO

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To: ~~Col. Bigelow~~

Will you tell me about this.

W.J.D.

RUSH

30 April 1945

Director's Office

OSS Form 3054
(3308)

Handwritten: 8417
Allen, Frank E.

424 East 71st Terrace,
Kansas City 5, Missouri,
April 25, 1945.

Major General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Due to the facts and circumstances surrounding my assignment to, and recent dismissal from, your organization I am taking the liberty of addressing this communication directly to you, and would greatly appreciate your courtesy of granting me a personal interview to allow me an opportunity to present further details involved.

I will briefly outline the history of my assignment to, and with, your organization.

I was engaged by the Army Air Forces, under Civil Service, to organize the internal security of facilities manufacturing essential war materiel in the Kansas City area, when our mutual friend, Emil S. Guignon Jr., came to me sometime during the fall of 1942, stating that he had just returned from Washington where he had been in contact with you and Mr. James Murphy, and that the organization which you were at that time organizing was in dire need of personnel of my experience and qualifications, and would I consent to take an appointment with your organization?

It appeared to me from Mr. Guignon's statement that I might be able to render more valuable service to the country by joining your organization, and as the organization of the internal security set-up was practically completed I told Mr. Guignon that I would be glad to consider such a transfer as soon as I had completed my assignment with the Army Air Forces.

I was subsequently requested to come to Washington for a conference with your Mr. Murphy. During this conference I broached the subject of my Civil Service standing, should I accept an appointment with your organization, as I, of course, was reluctant to jeopardize my standing in the government service, and my accrued benefits due me after almost twenty-five years of continuous service. I was led to believe that the position with the OSS would be of a permanent nature, lasting, in all probability, into the post war era.

On reporting for duty with your organization I was ultimately assigned a minor mission in Sweden. A mission which was entirely foreign to my previous experience, and apparently one which was not taken seriously by the people it was intended to benefit. However, I carried out my mission to a satisfactory extent, to a point where the business involved could be handled by my appointed Secretary without my presence being essential. I brought this fact to the attention of my immediate superior who concurred in my judgment, and at my request took steps to transfer me to other duties more compatible with my past experience and training.

(See copies of letters attached, marked § 1 & 2.)

The head of the Westfield Mission had previously inquired if I would consider a post war assignment with the SI branch of the OSS. I had informed him that I would be glad to consider such an appointment. He was now informed of the status of my present assignment and agreed to effect the proposed assignment at once.

When the head of the Westfield Mission returned to Stockholm from the United States and London he called me in, advised me that my transfer had been perfected to the SI branch, and for me to proceed to London and Washington as soon as possible. He further instructed me to go to Kansas City and make the final arrangements with our mutual friend for the proposed post war cover which we had previously discussed. He issued the necessary travel orders, and I proceeded to the UK to carry out my instructions.

Upon my arrival in London I contacted the head of the branch, to whom I had been referred, advised him of my purpose and mission, and that I had been advised by the head of the Westfield Mission, that he would give me further instructions. This gentleman professed that he had no knowledge whatsoever of any such arrangement.

Various officials were contacted upon my arrival in Washington, trying to locate somebody who had any knowledge of my new assignment. My search was entirely unsuccessful, no one had any knowledge whatsoever of my new assignment or transfer, nor of any post war organization. The director of the SO branch, to whom I had been especially referred by my immediate superior in Stockholm, done everything in his power to contact me with some one who might have some knowledge of the situation.

(See copy of letter attached, marked § 3.)

After numerous conferences at the Washington headquarters I was finally instructed by the director of the SO branch to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and to await final instructions there from him.

While in Kansas City, Missouri I contacted our mutual friend, and during our conference I breached the plan for post war cover, on which the head of the Westfield Mission in Stockholm and I had agreed, and which he deemed to be an excellent post war cover. Our friend agreed to go along with our plan if it was your personal desire that he do so. He and I went to Washington where he contacted you at your office, and apparently recieved a negative answer. I returned to Kansas City to await further instructions from my branch head.

It was with great amazement that I today received a letter from the Assistant Director in charge of the SO branch, advising me that my services would be no longer required by the OSS upon the expiration of my accrued annual leave of absence. This places me in a somewhat embarrassing position after my many years of government service, and after sacrificing my rights under the Civil Service. If I had been neglectful in advising my immediate superior of the opportunity to save unnecessary expenditures in Sweden, I undoubtedly would still be drawing my salary in that country. As it stands now, I am not only without a position but have also lost my Civil Service rights with the government.

It appears to me that there is so much to be done at this time, as well as in the future, where I, with my twenty-five years of investigative and administrative experience, my profound knowledge of the Scandinavian countries and their inhabitants, the numerous friends and contacts in all levels of society, together with my knowledge of the languages, could be of great service and value to this country and its allies in the post war era.

This letter is respectfully submitted for your fair and impartial judgement and consideration, trusting that you will be kind enough to accord me a short and brief interview at your pleasure and convenience.

Very respectfully yours



Frank F. Mass.

Enclosures:
As listed above.

COPY

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A/108/LYR

2618
Hess

January 5, 1945.

TO: Apolio (copy to Heala)

FROM: Lyric

SUBJECT: REASSIGNMENT.

1. The reassignment of "Lotte" to this station prompts me to inform you that it is now apparent to me that my assignment to this operation is entirely superfluous, and that I can be of no further service at this station.

2. "Lotte" is apparently well instructed, both in the operation of the "Larsen" station, and in the policies to be pursued, details of which it apparently have not been deemed necessary to keep me informed. Except for any technical difficulties which may arise, and with which I am not able to cope either, she appears to be fully qualified to take full charge, and operate the "Larsen" station. In fact, she might be able to operate it much more harmoniously, and to greater advantage, with a minimum of expenditures than I am.

3. At the time when I was first contacted by this organization I was led to believe that I would be assigned duties which were of vital importance, and of considerable value to the present war efforts. An assignment where my past training and experience would be fully utilized. However, upon my arrival in London, and entirely without any knowledge on my part, I was assigned to a type of work of which I have only a superficial and scant knowledge. An assignment where my past training and experience in the administrative and investigative fields are not utilized at all.

4. In view of the above stated facts it is respectfully requested that I be assigned or transferred to some other duties, within this or another organization, where my past training, experience, and knowledge of the Scandinavian countries can be more fully utilized, and where I can conscientiously feel that I am contributing something of value to the present war effort. It is my sincere belief that my further retention in my present capacity and assignment is an entire waste of money and manpower.

Lyric.

COPY

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9.618
Hawes

To: LYRIC
From: APOLLO

Personal & Unnumbered

8 January 1945

Dear Lyric,

Reference: Your A/108/1.YR.

I have read your memorandum thoughtfully and I can only say that on honest reflection I agree with you, and I will do everything I can to see that you get a decent break when your transfer is effected.

I have known for a long time that you felt you were not doing anything approaching a full scale war job. You mentioned this to me frequently and with complete candor, and as you will recall I kept urging you not to be discouraged, and kept holding out the hope that when at last MINISTRONE came in that you would feel all the barren period of waiting would then be justified. Well, I was wrong. It hasn't worked out like that. I do not need to tell you that I feel very badly about this, for your sake as well as my own.

What you say in your paragraph 3 is undoubtedly true and I think that you have every reason not only to feel frustrated but to feel resentful. I must point out to you, however, that I had nothing to do with your selection. I merely outlined the general mission of the post in a report to Washington and they in turn sent you over. I also want you to understand the reason for my persistency in keeping you at your present post as long as I have. Once your position as Vice Consul and Consular Agent had been established by the State Department, I knew that it would be a matter of several months before I could get anybody else placed under State Department cover, and I constantly expected or at least hoped that MINISTRONE would come through long before it did. I do not feel justified, therefore, in leaving the position vacant and I had no available person at that time who could fill it. This unfortunately resulted in more punishment for you and for that I am duly sorry.

There is really nothing more I can say at this time except that I understand your attitude and your feelings. I know that if I had been placed in the same situation I would feel precisely the same way about it. The chief point now is to see that your experience, training and specialised knowledge is now really put to its maximum use in the war effort. I intend writing a letter on this point

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to London and I intend to forward copies of it to Washington where it will get in the hands of people who will be in a position to take effective action. I can assure you that I will word it strongly enough so that it will be given every consideration that it can be. I don't know what the situation is in London, much less in Washington, but it seems pretty obvious to me that you belong in the S.I. camp. I will try to get this letter off to London at once so that 155 can be consulted when he passes through, as he is expected to do in about 10 days. I feel this would ensure the wisest consideration as 155 knows you and has a full appreciation of your capacities.

My profound regrets go with this letter and I want to thank you for the loyalty that you have given me personally as well as to the rather thankless Mission upon which you were sent. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very Very sincerely yours,

signed: APOLLC

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6. I shall need his services here for approximately four or five weeks, until certain necessary arrangements can be made, and I would recommend that the transfer be effected as shortly after that time as possible. Upon questioning the officer, he expressed a preference for further assignment in the Scandinavian countries, or Headquarters in the U.S.A., though he is perfectly willing to serve wherever he may be asked.