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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

July 17, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

The letters, memoranda, and other material you have been sending me, containing data on Axis individuals and organizations in South and Latin America, have been of the greatest interest to us generally, as well as of very considerable importance to the work of our Latin America Section and certain of our Special Activity branches.

Recently there seems to have been a marked falling off in the amount of this material we are receiving, and I should therefore appreciate it if you would let me know whether anything has occurred to interrupt the flow of these particular reports. If they are still available to you, we should very much like to continue to get copies of them as rapidly as you can conveniently send them to me.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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July 24, 1942

FROM: David Bruce
TO: Colonel Donovan

We have made a careful canvass of this organization to develop instances of cooperation or collaboration between this organization and F.B.I., both here and in New York.

Our records show that the Washington office has on eighteen occasions sent material to the F.B.I. which we thought would be of interest to that organization.

Seventy-eight letters have been received from the F.B.I. addressed to Colonel Donovan, and enclosing information which the latter thought should be referred to SA/B.

The New York office reports that it has maintained close contacts with Mr. Thurston, the F.B.I. agent located at Rockefeller Center, and has also had frequent contacts with Mr. Foxworth.

The New York office has advised Mr. Foxworth of all persons working in that area for them who are not directly employed as members of the office staff. It has also

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reported to the F.B.I. on many occasions information received with respect to persons in this country who might merit investigation.

In addition it has also referred to F.B.I. information which it has felt might be of use in connection with their South American activities.

I thought you would like to have this information.

A.B.
David Bruce

July 14, 1948

MEMORANDUM TO BRANCH HEADS

From: G. Edward Buxton

Colonel Donovan has requested a memorandum showing cooperation between any of our Units and FBI, if such collaboration has at any time transpired, in either the Washington or New York offices.

It is intended to combine these memoranda into an Agency memorandum.

COPY TO: Major David Bruce
Colonel M. Preston Goodfellow
Mr. John C. Wiley

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL HORTON

This will reply to your memorandum of July 14, with respect to collaboration between branches of C. I. A. and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Since its inception, the Foreign Nationalities Branch has had an informal arrangement with the FBI, under which the Branch furnishes miscellaneous items of information to the Bureau where it is believed or known that the Bureau would be interested in the material. In return the FBI, upon request, has from time to time given us information from its files dealing with personalities and situations affecting Branch work. An FBI agent was designated to carry on this contact, which has been most helpful.

More recently, the Branch came into possession of information pointing to the existence of foreign assets concealed in this country. With a view to mutual assistance in developing leads and because of the Branch's peculiar entree to certain sources of information, a specific liaison has been set up in this matter, and the Branch has been collaborating with several Government agencies interested in the investigation, including the FBI.

John C. Willey
John C. Willey

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To Mr. Foxworth:

An informant of unknown reliability sent information regarding a machanic in the power house of the Hotel Grammer, Bronxville, N. Y., whose brother is a member of the Gestapo.

To Colonel Shary:

Historical material on "The German People's Car" (Kilowagen) including maps, slides and photographs.

A note on Edith Carlisle, a volunteer in the Volunteer Dept. of the U.S. Committee for Care of European Children. Others who volunteered are Robert Knittel, (English); an unnamed French girl; Janet von Debenack whose husband is a German engineer, and who is in steady contact with the German Embassy in Washington.

To Mr. Thurston:

Letter re General K. Ageoff "Nevoye Ruscheyevlov", a Russian in Brazil, calls himself "General of Cossacks, who is anxious to know what attitude the Cossacks shall assume in the present conflict between Germany and Russia; whether war is between Nationalists and Communists or between Germany and Russia; also questions relationship between Cossack Organizations in North America with other Russian Organizations.

Letter also requested info on Eva Lewinski, 158 West 78th St. N.Y.C.

MEMO OF JANUARY 20, 1945 TO BE KEPT EXCLUSIVE

To Mr. Foxworth:

Intercepts re Rene de Chambrun to Clarence Dillon, 28 Nassau St. NYC.

Ruth Russell, 10 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn - boarding house - involving Edward Buchfel, Al Bitter, Fisher.

To Mr. Thurston:

Abstract of intercept re Wilhelm Rene Rohrer the broadcasts from Germany to the U.S.

Information re Trinidad.

To: Colonel Shary

Experience and qualifications of Charles Levy; recommended by Mr. Borchardt.

Photos of Chambrun Barber taken on board KEMPA FIFTO.

Vertriede re Mrs. Ernst Mayer
and Mrs. Max Kahler both of
whom are pro-Nazi.

Copy of interview re
Otto Stern. Summary for
info on file.

Letter requesting info on
Andre Schwab, known as Driscoll,
alias Robert Bonafort, Mrs. Alaine
Flory and Mrs. Lulu Arpels.

Material for former
Source National supplied
by Col. Anderson.

Bermuda intercept #78887 from
Max Schmidt to Staatsanwaltschaft
der Hansestadt, Hamburg. Also info
from Thomas Morse re Mrs. Comandaria.

Letter re Herman Banks, Egyptian
Dept. of Museum, Phila., pro-Nazi.
Released from custody of FBI.

Further info on Alaine Flory -
reports regularly to FBI.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Further info on Robert Knittel -
Swiss-English - Father, noted author;
has been paid royalties on book in
Germany with foreign funds.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2nd to 10th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Thurston:

Report re Panamanian tanker
PENELOPE.

Letter quoting excerpt from
Pierre Clavel's memo re Jean
Steck.

Memo re Mrs. Marie A. Man-
heimer; has friends in N.Y. who
are watched by FBI.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Memo re Mrs. Tirsch Cady
Briggs

To Capt. MacCall:

Letter re rumor re
Pearl Harbor - Mrs. Dillon.

To Lt. Forbest:

Quote from interview re
Vargas' mistress.

To Comdr. Aster

Propaganda being spread
by Francois Mautis.

Interview re Van de Werken
& 2 photostats of Rotterdam
Harbor.

Letter re Japanese activ-
ities with Spanish Government.

Memo re Mrs. Tirsch Cady
Briggs.

To Col. Shary

Memo on Mrs. Tirsch
Cady Briggs.

Interview re Van
de Werken, and 2
photostats of Rot-
terdam Harbor.

Reports #078,300,
300, 300, with ac-
companying sketch of
airfield at Lubat.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11th to 17th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Thurston:

Jewish refugee, Paul Placsek
reported on Roberto Cadell

Francis Keane's report on anti-
American meeting held.

To Comdr. Aster

Info re military prepara-
tions in Far East.

Memo on German pocket bat-
tleships - Dr. Max von der
Porten.

To Col. Shary:

Report #429, Lewis
Stuyvesant, Martin
Kneilton, Syria.

Memo and clipping re Marie-
anne Oswald, singer.

Memo re F. Probat

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To Colonel Sharp

Info re military group
operations in the East.

Memo re German Power
System.

Memo re F. Probat

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH to 25th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Thurston:

Memo re Capt. Jean Malval
referred by Pierre Clavel

To Mr. Foxworth:

Letter re Glassking, noted
pianist CBS; active Hitlerite;
Source: Miss Mann, daughter of
Heinrich Mann. Col. B. knows
original source.

To Comdr. Astor

Memo re Member G. Max
Kistritz.

Info from Question re ST.
GEROUX - German dive bombers.

To Colonel Sharp

Memo re Member G. Max
Kistritz.

Info from Question re ST.
GEROUX - German dive bombers.

To Mr. Hill:

Copy of "Journal de Geneve."

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26th to MARCH 3rd INCL.

To Mr. Thurston
(via telephone)

Info re F. Asrachoff at
Brooklyn address inquiring
about Gregoire Asrachoff.

Madge Cochery to arrive
from Paris; father a col-
laborationist.

Excerpts from Glassman
confidential memo.

List of names of passen-
gers on SERPA PINTO whose
letters have been returned.

List of people receiving
copies of Dienst aus Deutsch-
land, and pro-Nazi sympathy
letters.

Copy of report on Francois
Keminik.

To Comdr. Astor :

Photostat copies of article
in Allgemeine Automobil-
Zeitung.

Memo & photostat copies of
Northern Finland - Folke Sund-
blad.

Madge Cochery to arrive
from Paris; father a collab-
orationist.

Copy of Glassman confiden-
tial memo to COI.

Copy of statement made by
Sailor Joseph Bouillet.

To Colonel Sharp

Photostat copies of article
in Allgemeine Automobil-Zei-
tung.

Memo & photostat copies of
Northern Finland - Folke Sund-
blad.

Interview with Earl Adler.
& photostats of his drawings.

Copy of Anderson report
from Washington.

Copy of Glassman confi-
dential memo to COI.

Letter re Duxton Report
#458 - does not need to be
returned.

Biography of Nathan Green.

Photostats of material
turned over by Michael Magat
and brief biography of Mr.
Magat.

WEEK OF MARCH 4th to 10th INCLUSIVE

To Colonel Sharp:

Interview with Paul W.
Lambright - copy to be re-
turned.

To Mr. Thurston

Re Roy Octavio Cohen, Jr.

Info re Hans Schiefer & wife, German painters; also Adolf Dreher, mechanic in Mount Vernon, N.Y.

2 passengers on SERPA PINTO whose letters were returned: Elias F. Kempf and Joseph Levi.

Crusius memo re Beth Warner (upholstery shop on 8th St., Hoffman & Lobeser)

Info re Brazil - von Glessel Head of Brazil 5th Column; & Genl. Gess Monteiro, Chief of Brazilian Army Head Staff.

2 passengers on "BRAZIL" Herenroth & Deutch - unknown add.

O'Keefe memo re Possible Subversive Persons.

Telephone conversation re Pierre Rodrigues.

Memo re Oscar Cyr, ski instructor at Williams College.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Tel. to Mr. F. from Col. B.: Daughter of Mrs. Walter Hidden supposedly Goering's mistress.

Tel. to Mr. F. from Col. B.: Prop. of El Chico, supposedly connected with Nazi ring. (Source K)

Memo to Thurston enclosing "Recruiting Poster"

To Genl. Adami

Excerpt from letter by French doctor in Morocco re Cohen.

Excerpt from letter by French man living in Marbialque.

Memo re Fraser, Naval Hospital at Annapolis - pre-Heal.

Memo re Marbialque - an Elder in the Seventh Day Adventist church.

To Colonel Murphy

Excerpt from letter by French doctor in Morocco re Cohen.

Copy of list of persons professed to be arrested, residing and visiting in Morocco.

Returned map of Marbialque

Returned correspondence re Major Paul Fischer

WEEK OF MARCH 11TH to 17TH INCLUSIVE

Memo from Dulles re Julia Whirter to ONI 2nd Naval Dist.

7 photos of French naval vessels.

Info re "Lt. Colonne", Lt. in Navy - Sai Tabaria.

Memo re Otto Lessing - April issue of American Magazine.

French memo re descriptions of photographs of maps re Dutch Report 7/4/44 re. Finland, Northsea Germany.

O'Keefe memo on anti-aircraft professor, invented by Stefan Jurasowski, Polish refugee.

Re Barbara and Reed, The Lunatic Co. used for report.

WEEK OF MARCH 18TH to 24TH INCLUSIVE

Copy of statement issued by employers of Hugo Hoffmann (a German).

Memo on Mrs. Syra-Dolansky.

WEEK OF MARCH 25TH to 31ST INCLUSIVE

Customs info re Mexico - "lighting procedure".

Memo re Borchardt

Customs info re Mexico - "lighting procedure".

Letter re Sean Ky Mabu in reply to Col. S's letter

Memo re French memo on MID #3219

Name and map of South-West Berlin as possible targets.

To Mr. Thurston:

Memo re Van de Wacken, referred by Mrs. de Bruyn.

Crusius memo re von Schdenfeld - sailors photographing 370.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Letter re A. Klepeter as requested by Lt. Col. Kren.

WEEK OF APRIL 1st To THE INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Thurston:

Crank letter, enclosed is memo from Greenburger.

Emmanuel Alexandre, recent arrival on SIRPA PINTO. Interviewed by Mrs. Bado.

Copies of letter and memo from Dr. Bandy re Ingrid H. Ozrak - supplied by Greenburger.

To Mr. Marick:

Request info on Jean Genat, Pierre Clavel and Fernand Dechambre.

To Comdr. Astor:

Info on Genat, dated at Congo May.

Mrs. Wiltchuk supplies info on Gen. Djankovitch.

Info on newspaper editor at Banlieue Stael dated Apr. code books.

Secret "K" enclosed re Tangueta and Aruba.

To Miss Ghera:

Letter received from J. de Wacken, Belgium.

Group of 100 individuals in Congo and Aruba.

WEEK OF APRIL 8th To THE INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Thurston:

Copy of article "American Fascism Goes Underground" by J. L. Teller

Memo re French Consul in NY giving passports to Alsatians.

Copy of letter from Glaser re Nazi propaganda distributed at Hanna's Service Station.

Info on Dr. Aniceto Montoro supposedly expert on tropical diseases.

Copy of memo re Alexis G. Huguonin, Swiss citizen, case on ES San Miguel.

To Mr. Donohoe:

Info on Pernakoff - source Mrs. S. Maughan - Mrs. Howe.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Info on Don Basilio Gil de Lazaro. Source "K"

To Comdr. Astor:

Memo re further info on Otto Leasing - source McDielland.

Info on Japanese covers - go separately on return trips.

To Mr. Trawick:

Supplementary report on Don Bastille (El de Lazara, Source "A").

Saveidos statements with re Demetrios.

WEEK OF APRIL 22nd TO APRIL 28th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Americk:

Memo on info given by Mr. Beha re hotel employees.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Additional info on Mr. Demetrios.

Copy of French paper "Les Nouveaux Temps".

To Lt. Forbes:

Memo on info given by Mr. Beha re hotel employees

WEEK OF APRIL 29th to MAY 5th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Foxworth:

Memo from Greenbarger re Dr. Fejes y Viking Fund.

To Lt. Forbes:

Memo re AllaJalev.

To Capt. MacFall:

Material from Rodgers re Jewish Refugees in Mexico.

To Comdr. Aster:

Memo from Greenbarger & Nellie Merrick re Neill (Neill) Ledow, Ledow, Ledahl.

WEEK OF MAY 6th to MAY 12th INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Foxworth:

Memo on Anastace Vonsiatsky source Kasen-Beg.

WEEK OF MAY 13th to MAY 19th INCLUSIVE

WEEK OF MAY 20th to MAY 26th INCLUSIVE

WEEK OF MAY 27th to JUNE 2nd INCLUSIVE

Information on missionary Boyson on way to U.S. Source Pierre de St. Mart.

LIST OF DREDHOLM LETTERS TO JUNE TWENTY INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Foxworth:
Additional list of Dredholm passengers - unclaimed letters.

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To Mr. Foxworth:
Memo on wife of German - identification card.

To Mr. Hill:
Copy of book "Before & After Stalin".

LIST OF JULY ONE TO THE INCLUSIVE

To Ident. Bureau:
Advised by telephone two men Dr. Burrows thought could give information of type desired about Korea. (Army intelligence officer seeking info re Korea)

LIST OF JULY ONE TO JULY FIVE INCLUSIVE

To Mr. Foxworth:
Resume of Mr. Ederle and Mr. Mayer interviewed by Mrs. Rado.

To Capt. MacFall:
Subversive activities of Portuguese in New Jersey submitted by Manuel da Silva Dias.

To Mr. Lovring Hill:
Sent Canary Island photographs provided by Mr. O'Sment. For Hill to select as needed.

Hungarian material - Cholnoky, originally submitted by Arvid Paulson & sent over by Dr. Fry.

To Colonel Shroyt:
Major Tokenthan, nephew of Dr. H. Akira Tokenthan - born in Tokyo, recommended by Dr. Harford of Inter-Ally Information Service for position in G.S.S.

Memo on some Hungarians whose activities need investigation.

Info on Portuguese in New Jersey - source Manuel da Silva Dias.

Memo on Rudolf Goucke employed by Prudential Life Ins. Co. naturalized American citizen born in Germany; friendly with fascists.

F.B.I.

O.N.I.

H.P.A.

To Commander Astor:

To Commander Thayer:

Info submitted by Swedish
person, one who had been in
Germany in February.

Frank Nelson, former Chief of
Faculty College, submitted information
and maps of Japan.

Maps of Holland submitted by
Jacob Wolk who arrived on Stockholm
holm ship of May.

~~WORK ON JAPAN FROM THE JUNE 1944 INFORMATION~~

Mr. Jatin, returned corres-
pondent from Italy submitted letters
from underground group in Italy.

To Commander Astor:

Paul Fischer, returned cor-
respondent from Germany gave information
on Germany.

Two Finns and one
Swede returned from several
years residence in those coun-
tries on the Drottningholm,
giving valuable information on
those countries. (American citi-
zens).

Map giving strategic locations
in Japan submitted by Mr. Hesselman.

Informed ONI of Francis
Pierre Berry, returned from France
on SS SAN THOME.

To Mr. Foxworth:

Hugo Speck, cor-
respondent returned on
Drottningholm who was
interned by Germans,
suspected of being pro-
Nazi by other corres-
pondents.

November 24, 1948

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Roach

Dear Mr. Roach:

I am enclosing a list of material accessioned since the last one sent you, in which there might be material of interest to the FBI. In addition, I am sending a complete accession list of recent material received by our Library for its Italian collection. This library material would be available for reference in the library and in case any of your people wanted to take it out, I should be glad to try to make arrangements for that.

I have been watching the special unaccessioned material and have had certain items sent through our Security Officer. I hope soon we will be able to designate one person to give his full time to the supplying of material from OSL to FBI.

Sincerely,

James R. Murphy

**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
DISSEMINATION INFORMATION**

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: WILLIAM A. KIMBEL
TO: COLONEL DONOVAN
SUBJECT:

DATE: JULY 27 1962

PURSUANT TO MY MEETING WITH MR. LADD OF THE FBI CONCERNING THE LETTER DRAFTED FOR YOUR SIGNATURE BY MR. LANGER, COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HEREWITH, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ITALIAN MATERIAL WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO A DESIGNATED OSS REPRESENTATIVE. MR. LANGER HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS CONCLUSION.

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W. A. K.

Attachment

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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Office of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, N. W.

June 26, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

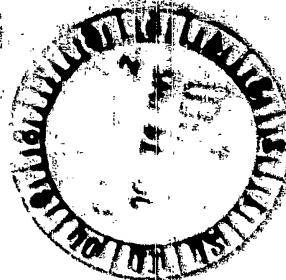
It is my understanding that a good deal of Italian material has from time to time been seized by the FBI in New York and is now in your offices there. Certain members of my Staff are greatly interested in consulting some of the printed materials you have available there and I should be greatly obliged to you if you could issue the proper instructions to give them access.

I want to make it very clear that we are not interested in documentary records of subversive activity but solely in published materials which have come to you along with other information.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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FBI
NYK Line
July 6, 1942
J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

An informant in New York, who has previously
proved trustworthy, has furnished a list of individ-
uals and firms in Mexico to whom the Japanese line
NIPPON YUEN KAISEI sent Christmas gifts last year.

I append herewith this list as of possible
interest to you.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

AUGUST 10, 1945

To: Colonel Donovan
From: William L. Langer

In accordance with arrangements previously made Dr. Gaudens Megaro was recently in New York to examine Italian materials in the offices of the F.B.I. Mr. James Ryan, the F.B.I. representative with whom he dealt, was extremely courteous and helpful.

In connection with this seized material, there is clearly much that would be of interest to us. Unfortunately, the F.B.I. has no index of the material. I have, therefore, taken steps to have Megaro make such an index with the aid of one or two stenographers from the New York Office.

William L. Langer

William L. Langer
Acting Director, Branch
Research and Analysis

D.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL INFORMATION
 OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

INTEROFFICE MEMO

FROM: WILLIAM A. KIMMEL
 TO: COLONEL DONOVAN
 SUBJECT:

DATE: JUNE 27 1946

IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST, AT A MEETING OF P.O.S. TODAY I DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF ITALIAN MATERIAL WHICH THEY DEMAND AND WHICH YOU ASKED TO HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO US. THEY STATED THAT THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF SUCH MATERIAL WHICH WAS SEIZED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. THEY WILL INVESTIGATE AND WILL INSTRUCT ME IN THE COURSE OF A FEW DAYS AS TO WHERE THIS MATERIAL CAN BE INSPECTED TO GET ADVANTAGE. THEY SAW NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

AT THIS SAME MEETING THEY ADVISED ME THAT THEY NOW SEND A GREAT DEAL OF SPECIAL INFORMATION TO G-2, ONE AND A-3. UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GIVE ANY OF THIS INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. THEY STATED THAT THEY DO NOT EVEN RETAIN COPIES THEMSELVES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF OUR STATUS UNDER THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO US AND THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN IT DIRECTLY FROM THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE OR, WITH THEIR CONSENT, RECEIVE IT DIRECTLY FROM F.B.I.

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 W. A. K.

cc: Colonel Buxton
 Colonel Goodfellow
 Major Bruce
 Mr. Langer
 Mr. Williamson

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FROM: SAC, [illegible]

DATE: [illegible]

IN ANSWERING YOUR REQUEST, AS A MATTER OF P.A.L., THERE IS
NECESSARY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER MATERIAL FROM THE SOURCE AND FROM
YOU WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US. THE SOURCE HAS BEEN IN A CON-
SIDERABLE NUMBER OF TIMES SINCE WE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR THE SOURCE.
THE WILL INFORMATION AND WILL INFORMATION IS IN THE FORM OF A FILE AND
AS TO WHETHER THIS MATERIAL CAN BE IMPROVED TO ANY EXTENT, THE SO-
RE REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

AS THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SOURCE IN THAT THE SOURCE HAS A GREAT
AMOUNT OF SPECIAL INFORMATION TO G-2, WE ARE NOT SURE WHETHER WE
THINK YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE ALL OF THIS INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER
OPERATIONAL AGENCY. THE SOURCE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SOURCE
RECENTLY. IT WAS STATED THAT IN VIEW OF OUR SOURCE WITH THE SOURCE
MATTERS OF SOURCE, SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO US AND
THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN IT THROUGH THE MILITARY SOURCE
MATTERS SOURCE IS, AND THIS SOURCE, MATTERS IS THROUGH THE P.A.L.

F. L. L.

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1. Klenings
2. Mr. [unclear]

June 25, 1948

To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
From: Col. William J. Donovan
Subject: Proposed Kidnapping Program in South America

In reply to your memorandum of June 20, 1948,
relative to the possible identity of an individual
named "Klenings", a careful check of our files reveals
no information concerning the subject.

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Handwritten notes:
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100-100001-2

June 15, 1948

To: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

From: Col. William J. Donovan

Subject: Estelle Hanson Leland

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In reply to your memorandum of June 14, 1948,
relative to Estelle Hanson Leland, a careful check
of our files reveals no information concerning the
subject.

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Buckham

June 17, 1944

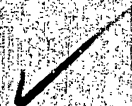
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Colonel Donovan's absence I wish
to acknowledge your letter giving us the informa-
tion about Monsieur Bateau. We appreciate having
this.

Very sincerely yours,

G. Edward Buxton
Assistant Director



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Dear Mr. Hoover:

In Colonel Donovan's absence I wish to acknowledge your letter giving us the information about Monsieur Estess. We appreciate having this.

Very sincerely yours,

G. Edward Burton
Assistant Coordinator

John Edgar Hoover, Dir.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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REPORT

Office of the Director of Intelligence
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20315

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Subject: [Illegible]

[Illegible typed text, likely the body of the report]

Very truly yours,
[Illegible Signature]

11/11/58

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June 10, 1944

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I understand that the F.B.I. has a film which you use in the training of your agents, and I believe this film would be of the greatest value to us in connection with some of our own special activities.

Will you please let me know, therefore, if you have a copy of the film that you could make available to us? I assume, of course, that its character is highly confidential, and if you can let us have it, we shall make certain that its use is carefully restricted to essential purposes.

My thanks in advance for any assistance you can give us on this.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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

July
Copy to Mr. Sullivan

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 9, 1942, which contained information concerning Aleksei Sherbatow, 135 East 56th Street, New York City.

For your confidential information this is to advise that a review of this Bureau's files does not disclose any previous record of the above mentioned individual. A preliminary investigation has been requested of the New York Office of this Bureau to determine his background, activities and any affiliations he may have that would indicate he may be engaged in any matters that may be considered inimical to the internal security of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Edgan

(Note: ...)
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

From a very confidential source I learned that Alexis Sherbatov, 135 East 86th Street, New York, has made urgent application to see the Spanish Ambassador. He states that if the Ambassador is not to be in New York, he will proceed to Washington early this week to speak with him on a matter "extremely urgent and important". It appears that Sherbatov is a highly skilled draftsman employed on engineering work. This fact gives rise to certain interest as to his business with the Spanish Ambassador.

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SECRET
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

Sincerely,

William J. Foxhoven

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June 3, 1942

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Thanks for your letter of June 3 in regard to the Russian situation. It is particularly valuable in filling in the picture when put together with other information which comes to us.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

CBH C. Hoover
RC R. Crosswell
DW D. Williamson

CBH/bbr

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6/1/42

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

One of the people in the employ of
this Agency has received a letter from her
mother setting forth certain conditions in Cuba.
The writer is an entirely reliable person, and I
am sending along excerpts from this letter for
such consideration as you may care to give them.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Enclosure

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Donovan

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6/1/42

"***** L. tells me that Cuba is filled with Germans - houses and apartments literally jammed with them, and they flow all over the streets of Havana and Vedado, etc. She says that a hundred thousand have come in the last year.

"Batista is pocketing all the money he can. The Red Cross is so crushed as Batista, and there are no supplies for emergency anywhere -- nothing in the hospitals, and anyone who tries to start work of any kind is crushed at once by the Government and told all must be done through the Red Cross -- the latter being the Government, it means that all funds go into Batista's pockets.

"L. says that they (the Cubans) have nothing to defend themselves with, and she thinks the place is swarming with Goetzke and Fifth Columnists, and is a terrific danger spot to the U.S.A.

"I talked with Y. later on the telephone, and asked her opinion about this report, and she said she was sure that it was quite true and a most dangerous situation. *****"

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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

MAY 29 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

As you know, the stress of war work has placed increased burdens on the FBI personnel and in view of this fact the Attorney General has ruled that we will be unable to handle additional personnel investigations for any of the National Defense Agencies.

It has, therefore, become necessary to discontinue accepting further investigations of this kind for your organization. We will, however, complete those inquiries which have already been ordered.

I have advised your Washington Office of these circumstances and I want you to know that I regret that this action has become necessary. I trust you will appreciate the position of the Department of Justice in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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5/15/42

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I was glad to receive your note of May 13th, enclosing some Deciphering intercepts of material sent from Lisbon to Jose Coelho in Rio de Janeiro.

I understand diplomatic relations between Mexico and Japan were broken off about the middle of December, and since the intercept is dated February 12th, I am wondering whether you have discussed with the State Department the activities of the Japanese Naval Attache in Mexico City.

I was also interested in the secret message asking for information about the Sperry Gyroscope Company, which information was to be obtained from certain business firms in South America. It has always seemed to me that a concern like Hessel, Duval & Company would be an ideal cover for the activities of German agents in this country.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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SECRET
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

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K. Sullivan
K. Sullivan

April 7, 1948

Dear Agate:

I am attaching a copy of an article contained in the March 23rd issue of Time, regarding Pianist Claudio Arrau. Also attached is a report of an interview one of my staff members had with Mr. Arrau.

This is forwarded to you for consideration, as Mr. Arrau's present sphere of activity seems to be North and South America and the Caribbean.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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X Latin American
X General file
Date: *3/9/62*

To: Colonel William J. Donovan
From: Preston E. James
Subject: Attached letter to John Edgar Hoover

Attached is a letter to John Edgar Hoover, indicating our appreciation of his numerous memoranda and letters, and suggesting a line of investigation which he apparently has not undertaken but one which is of great importance.

Preston E. James
Preston E. James

in -
What do you think of this
Attachment.
If Hoover isn't looking for this material he should;
but I don't like this letter. *2733*

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau
of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

The materials contained in your letters regarding Latin America are proving to be of interest and value. Especially important are the memoranda from your field agents, such as the one on "Activities in Brazil," forwarded in your letter of February 12, and the one on "Japanese Plans," included in your letter of February 26.

The Latin American Section believes that enemy subversive activities may become most dangerous where and when they are able to take advantage of local political, social, or economic friction or of the presence of persons in key positions who fear loss of power and prestige, or of others who are plotting to enlarge their own powers at the expense of established authorities. Since the army officers are politically powerful, notably in such countries as Brazil, Peru, and Guatemala, information regarding army cliques or evidence of the development of a spirit of revolt which has not yet broken out into the open are of great interest and importance in estimating the stability of the hemisphere. Sometimes the activities of disloyal or disgruntled army officers or of deposed politicians present as serious a threat to the security of this flank as do the activities of enemy agents. Any reports you could secure along these lines would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan.

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March 17, 1942

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Thank you very much for your
letter of the 13th and for the memorandum
concerning Professor Foerster, Mr. Tettens,
and Professor Matthias.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Murphy:Foy

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4/10/49

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I am sending you herewith the information on Hungarian activities requested in your letter of March 24. These two pages supplement the sheet headed "Pro Nazi Hungarian Agents and Groups Active in the U.S.," sent to you on February 23. I remind you that we cannot testify to the reliability of this source.

Our new Foreign Nationalities Branch is studying Hungarian political activities in the United States and its reports in that connection will be reaching you in due course.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

DCP:CC:MF

The following are members of the president of this "world center" who are active in the USA:

Dr. F. Ujlaky, Washington, D.C.
J. Barago, Philadelphia, Pa., and Akron, O.
J. Deaso, Philadelphia, Pa.
B. Gardegh, Toledo, O.

Hungarian fascist "world center" was established in 1937 with headquarters in Budapest under the official leadership of Horthy. Its official name is "Magyarok Világosvetsége", and functions as a central clearing house for the direction of Hungarian fascist propaganda and activities abroad. It has cells and links in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Cuba, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Mexico, Australia, Manchukuo, Germany, China, South and North Africa, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Holland, Switzerland, Turkey, Austria and Germany.

This organization functions in the United States under the name of "The American-Hungarian Federation". No citizen of a foreign country may become a member of this "world center" organization without the approval of the Hungarian Minister of Interior.

Over 32,000 types of propaganda material have been issued in the recent past, in addition to which special material directed at the youth generation has been issued.

Over 430 "library centers", most of them in the United States, have been established which utilize the public libraries for the purpose of disseminating fascist propaganda material of the Horthy government.

In addition to the official radio station in Budapest which gives almost daily broadcasts for foreign consumption, the "world center" operates through the following Hungarian language papers:

Kanadai Magyar Újság - published in Canada
Szabadseg. Amerikai Magyar Napszava - daily newspaper published in New York City
Perth Amboy-i Hirado - weekly paper published in Perth Amboy, N. J.
Hitler Publications, the National Office of Hungarian Weekly Newspapers - a newspaper chain with headquarters in Trenton, N. J.

The Eckhardt movement (referred to above) is headed by Tibor Eckhardt, personal emissary of Horthy, who is authorized to carry through the fascist propaganda plans as worked out by the fascist Hungarian "world center" at Budapest. Eckhardt has been instructed to use the personal influence and friends in Washington that he acquired as a result of a former trip to the USA which he had recently made. Among those whose names he had been given to contact and work with in Washington are Borsy Korokos and Dr. F. Ujlaky, both of them members of the "world center" since August, 1938.

The activities organized in connection with the Eckhardt movement are today more than ever a key point of the Nazi network and policies carried on in this country.

During his last trip to the USA, Horthy reportedly received \$2,000,000 in Hungarian gold here. He has returned with a determination to use this fund to finance the establishment of an "Hungarian Government-in-Exile" and its activities.

It is important to note here the methods and forms of propaganda being developed by the Hungarian Fascist "World Center" and the agents and group "The American-Hungarian Federation" here in the U.S.A.

The Hungarian government is following a full foreign policy based upon working closely with and being an active ally of the Hitler fascist Axis in Europe, while at the same time feverishly preparing to save itself in the eventuality of the fascist German defeat and collapse. The secretly worked out plans of the "world center" and all of its instructions to its agents and propagandists in the United States are directed towards the latter.

Horthy's agents in the United States are instructed to engage in extensive propaganda to vindicate the Hungarian fascist government from its present pre-Hitler alignment by presenting Horthy and his government as victims of circumstances.

A fascist front organization, representing the Hungarian government in the United States, is to speak for the so-called "oppressed" Hungarian government which allegedly cannot speak its real mind.

A government-in-exile is to be set up by Horthy agents here in the U.S.A. which is to come out in the open if and when German defeat is certain and to claim the right to be recognized in the post-war settlements.

In January, 1941, Dr. Tibor Kerekes gave to Assistant Secretary of State Berle a document which read in part:

"American citizens of Hungarian origin learned with deep regret that the Government of Hungary found it impossible to avoid the signing of the pact with the Axis powers. It is our conviction that by the signing of this pact, the Hungarian Government has lost its power of independent action.....We therefore, the Executive Committee of the American Hungarian Federation.....consider it our sacred duty to lead a movement for the preservation of an independent Hungary..."

This document carried the signatures of Horthy's most trusted fascist agents in the United States: J. Darago, G. L. Piday, J. P. Czernitsky, E. Gerdogh, N. Himler, Dr. P. Ujlaky, T. Kerkes.

The activities of Tibor Eckhardt, personal emissary of Horthy in the USA, the members of the fascist Hungarian "world center" in this country, and the American-Hungarian Federation, are all geared to the purpose of putting over this policy upon the American people and its government.

Following instructions closely and adapting itself to the needs of this fascist government-in-exile to appear as one of the democratic camp, the American-Hungarian Federation now speaks in terms of Americanism and democratic phraseology (a tactic used adroitly by the German-American Bund before its dissolution).

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. John Wiley

March 30, 1948

FROM: J. R. Murphy

Attached is a letter from Edgar Hoover, together with some material which came to us from Colonel Baxton. Apparently there was sent to Hoover only the list of names on the first page. Now he wants copies of the statements which are referred to in the list of names. Before sending the material on pages 2 and 3 of the attached report, I thought you might want to supplement some of this with information which you have accumulated.

J.R.M.

Murphy/ey

February 12, 1952

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Edgart:

Thank you for your letter of February
3 enclosing charts portraying the activities
and penetration of the totalitarian countries
in Latin America. This is very interesting.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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

February 3, 1942

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
23rd & E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I thought that you would be interested in the attached charts which graphically portray the activities and penetration of the totalitarian countries in Latin America.

These charts were prepared from information which has been secured by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

These charts are too general to give any important impression of the actual distribution of axis activities. They are typical of the work of non-geographers, and represent an unfortunate waste of time & money. We can do much better.

Preston E James

March 17, 1942

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I have received your letter of March 15, together with the group of photostatic copies of the will and other documents concerning Arrigo Damini, one of the murderers of Matteotti.

We greatly appreciate your prompt help in this matter and, of course, will be glad to respect the request of the attorneys that no publicity be given without their approval.

We shall examine these documents very carefully and will take the proper steps in order that no disclosure will be made.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Murphy:Foy
cc - Dr. Baxter

File sent to Dr. Baxter

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Baxter

March 30, 1948

From: W. J. Donovan

Here is a file pertaining to the Luminati-Matteotti matter. Please call the attention of anyone who examines these documents to the letter from Mr. Hoover. We must be very careful to comply fully with his request.

W. J. D.

Incl.

Murphy:Foy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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



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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
25th and E Streets, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

This is in reference to your letter of February 3, 1942, with which you sent me a copy of a cable received from your London office to the effect that Mr. Martin Arnold and Mr. Hugh R. Robertson, lawyers of San Antonio, Texas, were holding the will and other documents in keeping for Aerigo Dumini, one of the murderers of Matteotti.

Pursuant to your request, a representative of this Bureau interviewed Messrs. Martin Arnold and Hugh R. Robertson who permitted a discreet examination of the documents in their possession with the understanding their contents would be treated as strictly confidential and given no publicity without their express authority. In the course of this examination the opportunity was utilized to photograph pertinent material, and copies thereof are being transmitted to you with this letter for your examination.

I would like to emphasize that these photographs were taken without the knowledge of the attorneys so that you might examine them to determine whether you desire to go further in the matter and arrange with these trustees of the material for their open acquisition and use. You will realize that to disclose their contents or to reveal to the attorneys that the pictures were taken would be most embarrassing to this Bureau.

The file and documents involved were returned to the possession of Messrs. Arnold and Robertson after examination.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

February 11, 1942

CONFIDENTIAL

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

Enclosed is a copy of a cable received
from our London office.

Would it be possible for you to have
one of your men in San Antonio contact Messrs.
Gold and Robinson and see whether there is any-
thing in this story?

If so, I would appreciate it very much.

Very sincerely,

William J. Donovan

TMGB:JIP

Believed here that MARTIN ARNOLD and HENRI L.
ROBINSON, lawyers, of San Antonio, Texas, holding
will and other documents in keeping for AMERICO
DUMINI, one of the murderers of MATTEOTTI. These
documents may involve MUSSOOLINI and would be vital
for propaganda purposes. DUMINI captured by
British but later disappeared. British now possess
proof of DUMINI's death, thus releasing lawyers
from obligation to secrecy. Is it possible to
ascertain whether documents are still in existence
and could be seen in confidence?

Handwritten:
Mr. Hoover
FBI
Department of Justice

January 13, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

We are now sending your New York office, and will continue to do so unless you direct otherwise, copies of the summaries of reports prepared each week by our branch in that city.

If your examination of these summaries discloses anything you would like to have developed further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Donovan:Foy

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FBI

January 28, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

We are now sending you, and will
continue to do so unless you direct otherwise,
copies of the summaries of reports sent to us
each week by our branch in New York City.

If your examination of these summar-
ies discloses anything you would like to have
developed further, please let us know.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Donovan:Foy

Rec'd 1/23

January 16, 1942

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgart

Many thanks for sending me the
material on South America which has
come with your letters of January 23
and 24.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Murphy:Foy
Material all sent to Dr. James

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan
FROM: Lt. Colonel Florimond Duke
SUBJECT:

DATE: Feb. 16, 1943

I still keep thinking of the possibilities of General Bonner Fellers for OSS in Cairo and perhaps in view of the changed conditions since you last brought up this matter, you would be willing to re-consider.

1. General Maxwell is no longer in Cairo. I understand he is in Asmara, Eritrea and also General Andrews is now in London and General Brereton is in command of U. S. Forces in Middle East.

2. General Sir Maitland Wilson "Jumbo" the great and intimate friend of Bonner Fellers, from whom Bonner still receives cordial and friendly letters, is now Commander-in-chief of British Forces in that whole theater. I feel sure that if Jumbo knew Fellers was available, he might even ask for him.


F. D. D.

11-7-42

WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
WASHINGTON

Dear Col. Donovan:

The attached letter may not be indicated. However I am leaving early in the week for Camp Davis N.C. Shall be back probably Saturday the 14th. Should the matter come up while I'm away I'd like this letter in the "Record". Sincerely
Doris Fellers

WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1942

Dear Colonel Donovan:

As you know, I am in complete agreement with you as to the paramount importance of developing our intelligence agencies to the limit both in the Middle East and in USSR. I am convinced the war will be won on the Russian and Mediterranean fronts.

As a result of extensive travel in Russia, of two years' observation of desert warfare in Africa which included intimate association with Moles, Greeks, Yugoslavs, Poles, and Free French, I would not be human if an intelligence assignment in Middle East did not appeal to me.

However, should you offer me the opportunity of serving under you, I feel that the decision is one I cannot make personally. Mine is a special case.

Pursuant to War Department instructions directing me to return to Washington for consultation, I arrived in the United States on 30 July. My orders instructed me to return to Cairo upon completion of temporary duty. On 30 October, I was relieved from the Military Intelligence Service and assigned to duty with IV Armored Corps, Desert Training Center, California. I did not seek this change in assignment.

To me it is apparent that the War Department, at this time, does not desire my return to the Middle East. Since my detail on intelligence work in Middle East would necessitate the reversal of a War Department decision concerning my assignment, I believe it is appropriate for me officially to express a personal preference for this detail.

With every good wish, I am

Most respectfully,

Boomer F.ickers
BOOMER F. TICKERS,
Colonel, U. S. C.

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



SECRET

2 November, 1944

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Since you have always been most receptive in Cairo and Washington, I am taking the liberty again to give you some studies related to the Middle East.

There are two other suggestions I should like to advance:

a. After two years observation in Middle East, during which time I was in daily contact with the British, I am convinced that under no circumstances should British and American forces operate in the same theatre of war.

b. I am concerned lest our progress in the development of aircraft types may be stifled by the Navy. It has finally become clear that without adequate fighter protection fleets cannot exist within range of enemy air forces. The natural tendency therefore will be for the Navy to build a vast air force whose real purpose is merely to protect their fleet. To be ever present with the fleet, their aircraft must be carrier-based. But carrier based planes are of necessity inferior to land based planes. The Navy therefore may demand of our industry a vast number of carrier based types - thereby "locking up" an enormous number of planes of inferior types.

In plain language, this means the Navy will be inclined to build an air force whose mission it is to protect the fleet rather than to strike the enemy.

Since our losses in aircraft carriers clearly indicate the carrier is too vulnerable to be reliable, it is submitted that the general trend of our aircraft design should be toward long range land based fighters and bombers rather than toward carrier-based aircraft.

A solution might be joint Army-Navy planning. But eventually this problem of air objectives will lead to a separate air force.

My experience in the Libyan Desert leads me to be unalterably in favor of Unity of Command over air and ground troops.

Should we have a separate air force, however, and from this separate air force allocate a fleet air arm and a ground air arm to be organically part of and commanded by Navy or Army, I see no objection.

A separate air force has an independent function, that of striking strategic targets which are neither the objective of our fleet nor our ground forces. A separate air force should lend itself to the development of planes with the highest possible performance characteristics.

This note does not necessarily advocate a separate air force, but rather is intended to invite your attention to a pitfall into which we may stumble in the development of aircraft types.

Most respectfully,

Bonner F. Fillers
BONNER F. FILLERS,
Colonel, G.S.C.

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