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December 1, 1941

Dear Colonel:

This is a copy of a cablegram received from Marseilles,
from an absolutely authentic source:

"LUIGI TRANSFERE MAISON DANS TARN ETAT SANTE TRES
GRAVE PRIONS DEMARCHES URGENTES."

The Luigi referred to is Luigi Gallo. His being put
in prison is a very serious thing. Only the quickest,
most decisive action can now save him. Please suggest
anything that we as an organization, or I, can do to get
Gallo out. I think there remains very little time during
which anything can be done. If you can possibly think of
anything, please let me know at once.

Milt Wolff

Personal - Galantieri

October 20, 1941

Mr. Lewis Galantieri
11 East 73rd Street
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Galantieri:

I am sorry that I misunderstood your situation. I am going to talk about you with Dr. Barker, head of our analyst group, and you will hear from me again.

Yours very truly,

William J. Donovan

LEWIS GALANTIERE

Personal - Galantier
 11 EAST 73rd STREET
 NEW YORK CITY

October 16, 1941

Dear Colonel Donovan,

I was a little puzzled by the observation in the letter you were good enough to write on September 5, that "due to the nature of your work" you doubted that you could make use of my services. Then it occurred to me that your staff at 2 Wall could not have put before you my letter, written at the moment of the release of the President's executive order, in which I had ventured to tell you that for a dozen years, at the New York Reserve Bank, I had done exactly your kind of work -- in what then seemed its principal aspect.

Now that I learn of the engagement by your Office of two first-rate fellows -- Bill Despres and Chas Morse -- who had worked under me at the Reserve Bank, and one of whom I had myself trained in research and information, I feel confirmed in my suspicion that my letter of last July got lost in the mass of offers of services that must then have come to you.

Thus is written simply to get into the record that I organized and ran for a dozen years the Foreign Research Division of the New York Reserve Bank, and that the services I offered in the letter you never saw were by no means the services of a man of letters. Coordination, analysis, and recommendations upon the basis of, at least, foreign information, gleaned from published and unpublished sources and from periodic trips abroad, was my trade.

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Galantier

William J. Donovan, esq.,

Washington, D. C.

X Appointment

Pending 9/19

September 3, 1941

Mr. Louis Galantiere
11 East 73rd Street
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Galantiere:

Thank you very much for your letter. First, as to the army suggestion--that I have passed on to the War Department. Second, as to the German propaganda man--as you know since he is not a citizen he could not be hired by us, but it might be that he could make some use of his services. I would like to talk with you further about this.

Third, as to your services--I doubt that due to the nature of our work we could make use of your talents, but I am very much interested in discussing the situation with you. When I next go to New York I will try to let you know in advance.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

WJD:RDM

40 from 11 East 73
N.Y.C.

16 August
Woodstock N.Y.

Dear Colonel Donovan,

I was walking on 57th Street the
day when traffic suddenly
stopped and everything stopped to allow
the passage of a file of army vehicles
about half a mile long down the
57th Street bridge, I think. Mostly
they were trucks, and each truck carried
one or eight men, but there were
also a number of mounted guns in
the Cavalcade.

I am not a
particularly militaristic fellow, yet
I must say that I got a shiver out
of every one of those dependably
looking boys, those Immortals-like
Trucks, and those handsome guns
to which everything gave the input
of way as they moved along at
about 30 or 40 miles an hour.

I can't but believe that everything
was

who saw them felt the same about
that went through me.

The reason why I am writing
this to you is that it would, to my
mind, be a very good thing if more
Americans living not directly near
the concentrations and pits could get
some photo from time to time -- say
a couple of times a month, or once
a week -- in the same accidental
way that I did. Accidental, but
planned accident. If people want
the country closed, by the occasional
passing through town of such a
convoy, but the feeling that
the army was not immediately visible
removed young men from their
"legitimate" occupations and showed
them away to poor markets and
primary in things called army
camps.

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 impressive, and convincing - before national
 defense force, a thing which, more
 naturally seen in the more, inspired
 confidence and pride of the attitude
 of the nation towards the defense
 program, and its mental state of
 propaganda, would, I am sure, be
 what the Government and many
 are thinking of doing next to it.

What do you think of the nation
 that, for purposes of national morale,
 the staff might easily order the
 most commendable to send out with
 some from time to time, for
 strong, is it worth taking up with them?

Second subject: If you should
 have the minds of the people more or
 more propaganda directed to the
 Government, I am a ...

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 who ought to be considered. She is
 not one of the refugee intellectuals,
 but a man who spent 18 years
 in the German diplomatic service,
 came to France under the Nazis,
 and what he knows, and how he
 views these things, I find very
 important. I have just written
 with him a long paper on Nazi
 diplomacy and public relations work
 as it was in the Reich, where he
 was Counselor to the German Legation.
 When it is published, I shall send
 it to you. It is not sensational,
 but is concerned with other facts.

My 3. I imagine that the
 letter I wrote to you is only offering
 my personal views on things. It
 is not. I like to have a letter
 from you and I shall reply.

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In fact in 73rd street after Labor

Day.

Your friend
Lavin Salentiano

11 East 73rd
N. Y. C.

26th August
Woodstock, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Donovan,

I was walking on 57th Street the other day when traffic whistles suddenly sounded and everything stopped to allow the passage of a file of army vehicles about half a mile long bound for the 59th Street Bridge, I think. Mostly they were trucks and each truck carried six or eight men; but there were also a number of mounted guns in the cavalcade. I am not a particularly militaristic fellow, yet I must say that I got a thrill out of seeing those sturdy, dependable looking boys, those business-like trucks, and those handsome guns to which everything gave the right of way as they moved along at about 30 or 40 miles an hour. I can't but believe that everybody who saw them felt the same thrill that went through me.

The reason why I am writing this to you is that it would, to my mind, be a very good thing if more Americans living not directly near the cantonments and forts could get this thrill from time to time - say a couple of times a month, or once a week - in the same accidental way that I did. Accidental, but planned accident. If people around the country could, by the occasional sending through town of such a cavalcade, get the feeling that the army was not something which removed young men from their "legitimate" occupations and sent them away to grim morbid and gruesome things called army camps,

but was instead a solid, impressive and business-like national defense force, a thing which, once actually seen on the move, inspired confidence and pride, the attitude of the nation towards the defense program, and its mental state of preparedness would, I am sure, be what the Government and mostly all thinking citizens want it to be.

What do you think of the notion that, for purposes of national morale, the staff might quietly order the post commanders to send out little tours from time to time? Is it worth taking up with them?

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Second subject: If you should have in mind doing radio work or other propaganda directed to the German people, I have a German who ought to be consulted. He is not one of the refugee intellectuals, but a man who has spent 1 1/2 years in the German diplomatic service, seven of them under the Nazis, and what he knows, and how he views these things, I find very impressive. I have just written with him a long piece on Nazi espionage and fifth-column work as he saw it in Holland, where he was counsellor of the German legation. When it is published, I shall send it to you. It is not sensational, but is crammed with sober fact.

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No. 3. I imagine that the letter I wrote in June or July offering my services went astray. No matter. I still

hope to have a talk with you one of these days. I shall be
back on 73rd Street after Labor Day.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Lewis Galantiere

LEWIS GALANTINE

11 EAST 73rd STREET
NEW YORK CITY

July 9, 1941

Dear Colonel Donovan,

not here

Thank you for your note. I have just read the Times story, and my interest is greater than ever.

At the Federal Reserve Bank of New York I organized and ran for a dozen years an office called the Foreign Information Division. Into that office was routed everything that reached the bank which could serve as the basis of policy and action in our relations with the forty-odd foreign central banks that maintained accounts and did business with us. As regards bulk, our raw material was chiefly printed matter, but there was also available to us the stream of cable and mail reports from the U.S.A. financial attachés (and later the Treasury attachés detailed for service with our embassies and legations) to the State Department, as well as the personal correspondence between the Head of the bank and the governors of the foreign central banks. The product of ~~our~~ this analysis was twofold -- first, the drafting of memoranda setting forth, or recommending action in respect of, specific situations; secondly, the distribution to certain officers of the bank, to the Board at Washington, and to the Presidents of the eleven other reserve banks, of a weekly bulletin of foreign information. In addition, I had odd jobs to do which I must say were of more interest than this routine -- participation in the drafting of stabilization plans for certain foreign currencies, in arrangements for gold loans and dollar credits to foreign central banks, &c. But the work of organization and staff administration is presumably what most interests you at this stage. If you sent to Allan Sproul (now president of the New York reserve bank, and with whom I worked directly for a number of years) the Times cutting, and asked him if this was the sort of work I could do as well as anybody, I believe you would get a satisfactory answer -- though of course a prudent one in the best Scots-cum-Wall-Street tradition. If you quoted to him the first, second, and fourth sentences of this paragraph, he would confirm them.

I don't know that I want a permanent post unless our international situation changed pretty radically; but, if you had nobody else specifically in mind for the job, I'd be glad to undertake to set up your machinery for you and stay long enough to get it running smoothly.

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LEWIS GALANTIER

21 EAST 73RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY

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This letter is written because of the likelihood that something may intervene to make it impossible for you to see Saint-Ex and me next week. I should mention also that I received this morning a summons to serve as juror in the United States District Court as from July 16. If you should want to use me this month, a letter to that effect, which I could present to the Clerk of the Court next Wednesday, might serve to release me. Meanwhile I hope that nothing will intervene to prevent our meeting early in the coming week.

Yours sincerely,

Levin Galantier

William J. Donovan, esq,
New York City.

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1060 Bush street
San Francisco, Calif.
Dec. 17. 1941.

Dear Colonel Donov n:

It seems imperative that something concrete be done regarding bases in Ireland.

My suggestion is the transmission of a monster petition of Irish-born citizens and citizens of Irish descent urging the granting of bases to President Eamon de Valera IMMEDIATELY.

I am a publicist, born in Ireland and know about all the possible publicity angles. My best reference is Dr. Henry F. Grady, president of the American President Lines and former assistant secretary of state. Harry is in Washington now. I was last in contact with him the first of the month. He then said he was going to Washington on Dec. 6th and that he would return here after the holidays.

Can I go to work?

Very sincerely yours

Edward J. Gannon
(Edward J. Gannon).

October 18, 1941

*Gade, John A.
X Report
X France*

Captain John A. Gade
Coordinating Council of
French Relief Societies, Inc.
4 West 58th Street
New York, New York

My dear Captain Gade:

I have your letter of October 15th,
and I appreciate your interest and suggestions.

I shall request the C.N.I. to let me
have a copy of your report, which I shall be glad
to study.

Yours very truly,

William J. Donovan

COORDINATING COUNCIL of FRENCH RELIEF SOCIETIES, Inc.

(Form No. 888, Issued by the Department of State, Washington)

4 WEST 58th STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

TELEPHONE PLAZA 3-4571

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YOUNG FRIENDS OF FRENCH PRISONERS
AND BARRIS

October 15, 1941

Colonel William J. Donovan;
Coordinator of Information
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

I have been talking with my brother-in-law, Harper Sibley, and as he feels the following might possibly be of interest to you, I take pleasure in writing.

A few years ago, either when I was serving as Naval Attache in our Brussels Embassy or Lisbon Legation or here at home, I wrote a report to Captain William D. Puleston, who was at that time Director of Naval Intelligence.

I had been so struck by the coordination between the various British intelligence sources and felt the lack of this here at home that, after describing the British system, I urged a somewhat similar one for the United States, naturally with allowances for our differences in problems and point of view. I illustrated the manner in which the Military and Naval Intelligence Offices, the Diplomatic and Consular Services, the Civil Service, the Secret Service - or Scotland Yard, the Custom House and the commercial and other services etc., all cooperated, conferred, compared their various services reports on any one pertinent topic and final reports based on the summarized and evaluated consensus of opinion were then forwarded the Cabinet Minister particularly interested. The gentleman acting as the hub of the intelligence wheel was unknown to all except the Prime Minister and the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

"Look for all and all for France"

Being permitted by Captain Puleston to take the matter of better coordination between our own services, I had several conferences with Mr. Phillips, who was then Under-Secretary of State, resulting at the time in the decision to hold regular meetings of the Under-Secretary and the Directors of Military and Naval Intelligence and possibly also a representative of the Department of Justice.

My report on the subject must be filed away some where in O.N.I. and if of interest, of course available to you.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

John A. Gade
CAPTAIN JOHN A. GADE (retired)

Mr. Wiley
Mr. Magall

12/22/41

Werner K. Gabeler

You might like to investigate further Werner K. Gabeler, 1627 N Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. and I enclose his file herewith. I interviewed him yesterday. He is a United States citizen, of Swiss origin, unmarried, speaks French and German, strikes me as a good, intelligent, systematic, hard working type. Bachelor, could travel.

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ARTHUR J. GOLDBLATT
100 EAST 800 STREET
NEW YORK
ELDON 8-3100

October 24, 1941.

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x 100 East 800 Street
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Dear Colonel Donovan,-

Dr. William Agar,
Richard S. Childs, Evans Clark, Dr.
Frank Kingdon and myself have prepared
the enclosed statement which we hope
you will join us in signing. As it is
planned to give this statement to the
press on Tuesday please let us know by
return mail that it is agreeable to you
to include your name as one of the
signers.

Faithfully yours,

Arthur Goldblatt

Colonel William J. Donovan,
Washington,
D. C.

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Encl.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK

We who have long been in the forefront of the battle to defend democracy believe that the hour has struck when we must speak out in behalf of Mayor LaGuardia, who has made New York City the foremost living example of democracy in action at a time when democracy everywhere is in the gravest peril.

We are convinced that in the elections of November 4th Mayor LaGuardia will stand as the symbol of inspiring and practical democracy and living proof of its necessity to mankind. We believe that an overwhelming victory for Mayor LaGuardia will provide a hopeful sign to those who share our belief in the ultimate triumph of all those things which the United States of America represents.

Our devotion to the cause of freedom has impelled us as individuals to work in the ranks of various organizations which today are fighting on every front to make democracy secure and, coupled with our love of New York City, leads us to make our views public.

Realizing the peril to democratic institutions in the world today, we urge the citizens of New York now to support one of democracy's great leaders, F. H. LaGuardia.

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December 21, 1941

Memorandum for Colonel Donovan

Lieutenant Frank Gaspert, U.S.N.R., present
station 11th Naval District Headquarters, San
Diego, civil life Lieutenant of detective service
force, Los Angeles, is an expert on Mexico and
Japanese fishermen of San Pedro.

J.R.

Mr. Murphy
Mr. Opatov

December 1, 1941

You might keep a record that a man
named David Gross of New York City has been re-
jected for employment by the New York Office.

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

270 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK

NOV 30 1941

November 28, 1941.

Mr. James R. Murphy,
Office of the Coordinator of Information,
25th and E Streets, NW,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jimmy:

There is a man called David Gross who may
try to see you for the purpose of obtaining a job. If
he does, be forewarned. If you see him he will try to
borrow money from you.

Sincerely,

J. F. Warburg
J. F. Warburg
Special Assistant

*He said telephoning
about N. Y. office
this morning.*

NOTES ON TRANSPORTATION IN SOUTHWESTERN ASIA

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On Sunday I interviewed Sol Grossbard (See attached Curriculum Vitae), who supplied the following information:

1. Regarding Sivas - Erzerum R.R., Fox Brothers International Corporation, 40 Rector St., N. Y. City (company dissolved in 1936), obtained complete details and specifications. This information is now available in Grossbard's office at 11 Broadway, Telephone Digby 4-1930.

2. Re ports of Mersin and Trabzon, Raymond Concrete Pile Co. of New York, with offices in American Security Building, Washington, D. C., made preliminary plans for construction work. Their New York office should be able to supply details.

3. Re Trans-Iranian R.R., Ulian and Co., subsidiary of International Corporation of N. Y. (7120 Broadway) made original estimates on construction.

4. Re statistical data on railroads use Engineer's Index in excellent reference Library of Engineering Building 40th St. N. Y. City. Summaries with translations and photo-stats can be paid for by the hour.

Henry Field.

CURRICULUM VITAE OF SOL GROSSHARD will

Grosshard, Sol, Cons. Engr., 11 B'way N. Y. City.
 Cons. and Constrn. Engr.; b. Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 5, 1889;
 s. Samuel and Ellen (Newmark) Grosshard; edn. Grad., First
 Gymnasium, Warsaw; 1905; Brooklyn Poly. Inst. 1909-10; Univ.
 of Colo.; Grad., B.S. and E.E., 1914. Test Dept., Gen.
 Elec. Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 1914; Chg. of estimate and constrn.
 vicinity N. Y. City and Middle West, Elec. Devel. & Engrg. Co.
 1914; Sales & Esting, Mgr., No. West. Elec. Equipt. Co., (subsidi-
 of Westinghouse), vicinity N.Y., First Dist., also acted as Cons.
 Engr. for large corps. & banking houses on Pub. Util. Problems,
 and Cons. Engr., Russian-Am. Commercial & Indus. Corpn., in
 connection with Murman Ry., No. Russia, 1916-18; U.S.A. S.C.
 attached to Gen. Graves Staff, Siberia, chg. transport and com-
 munications, 1918-19; Cons. Engr., Russian-Am. Commercial &
 Inds. Corpn., chg. spl surveys of util's. & Hwys., Manchuria,
 Siberia, & No. China, also secured concession from Soviet Govt.,
 covering large placer area in Lena Goldfields Dist., 1920-22;
 V.P. & Mig. Dir., Hua Chang Engrg. Co., China, specializing in
 Util., constrn., ry. constrn., min. constrn., No. China, Korea,
 Manchuria, 1920-22; Mem. Firm, Grosshard & Hughes Cons. Engr.,
 Los Angeles, Calif., 1922-23; Cons. Engr., N. Y. City, made
 2 trips to Russia for Russian-Am. Min. & Engrg. Co. and made
 orig. geol. surveys in East Venezuelan oil fields for Astra
 Co. of Caracas, Venezuela; 1924-25; V.P. & Mig. Dir., Indus.

Paris. Fox Bros. Internat. Corpn. (Internat. Contrs.), 1927-30;
Cons. Engr., N. Y. City, specializing in min. organ. and enrg.
& Min. Corpn., Ltd. (Chmn. of Bd.) operates Yellow Aster &
Carson Hill V.-P., Anglo-Am. Min. Corpn., Ltd.; Dir., of
Carson Hill Gold Min. Co.; Organ. Min. Devel. & Finance Co.
of London, does min. exploration wk. on Australia (1935 to date);
Sponsored Hillcrest Housing Corpn., Lansing, Mich., under FHA
lease, Dir. & V.P., 1938 to date; Organd. Sunset Village, Inc.,
FHA Proj., Flint Mich., Dir & Pres., 1939 to date. Mem A.I.E.E.;
A.I.M. & M.E.; A.A. A.S.; Chinese-Am. Enrg. Soc.; Nat. Soc.
Profl. Engrs.; Regd. Engr., N. Y. State, license #12903.

GROSS, GERALD C

X STATE

August 16, 1941

X PASSPORTS

The Honorable

The Secretary of State

My dear Mr. Secretary:

It is requested that an appropriate Diplomatic Passport be issued to Mr. Gerald C. Gross, Chief of Broadcast Division, Federal Communications Commission, who has been designated to make a special study for this office on communication problems in London during war-time. In addition to specific problems relating to radio, Mr. Gross plans to make a confidential investigation for me on other related matters.

Mr. Gross plans to leave for London sometime during the last week of August, using the Trans-Atlantic Ferry Service leaving from Bolling Field. He plans to return the same way.

A Diplomatic Passport is requested because if for certain reasons the Ferry Service should not be available, it would be necessary for him to return by Clipper and it is desired to expedite his passage through foreign Customs in every way possible. He will, of course, be carrying confidential documents of a secret nature.

For your information Mr. Gross has been assigned to this office for the period August 25 to October 15 under authority of a letter signed by James Lawrence Fly, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and also Chairman of the Defense Communications Board.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information

11-26-41

GROVER, WAYNE C

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

September 23, 1941

Col. Donovan
Aper Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Donovan:

Your letter to Mr. Connor of September 13, 1941, with reference to Wayne C. Grover has come to me as Dr. Connor's successor for reply. Mr. Grover's services are very valuable to us and we should hate to lose them but I feel that the work your office is doing is of such importance in the present emergency that we should do anything we can to facilitate it. I take pleasure, therefore, in giving you the permission requested to approach Mr. Grover with a view to securing his services.

If it is agreeable to you I should like to have Mr. Grover remain on the National Archives payroll while on detail to your office. Adjustment vouchers in the amount of his salary would then be forwarded to you monthly for reimbursement of the National Archives and it would be understood that Mr. Grover would return to the National Archives at the end of the detail.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Solan J. Buck
Archivist of the
United States

September 13, 1941

Mr. H. H. E. Connor
Archivist of the United States
The National Archives Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connor:

The work of this office is such as to make it very desirable that we have the services of someone familiar with our Department documents and materials. One of your people, Messrs. C. Grover, has exactly the qualifications for which we are looking. I should like, therefore, to have your permission to approach Mr. Grover with a view to securing his services for this office.

I am conscious of the fact that your Agency will be loath to lose the services of an experienced man. Perhaps some arrangement can be made to lend us Mr. Grover for a limited period of time. In any case, we should like to be guided by your desired in the matter of making such arrangements with Mr. Grover as will best fit your requirements.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

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