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Gilbert F.
x State Dept.

12 September 1945

Mr. R. H. Ward, Jr.
Chief, Division of Departmental Personnel
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ward:

I have your letter of 10 August 1945 covering the loan of Mr. Felix Gilbert to the Department of State for a period of approximately ninety days. The conditions set forth in your letter for the loan of Mr. Gilbert are those agreed to by Mr. Sherman Kent of the Research and Analysis Branch of my office and are entirely acceptable.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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Gilbert F
x Statement

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
DP

August 10, 1945

My dear General Donovan:

This will confirm arrangements made between Dr. Sherman Kent of your office and Mr. DeWitt C. Poole of this Department, concerning the non-reimbursable loan of the services of Mr. Felix Gilbert, who is at the present time serving with the Office of Strategic Services in Germany, for special work in the Department of State.

The loan to the Department of State of Mr. Gilbert to be effective August 15, 1945 for a period of approximately ninety days, would be greatly appreciated. The Department will reimburse Mr. Gilbert directly for any authorized travel within Germany and also will allow him per diem of $7.00 during the period of his detail. Return transportation to the United States for Mr. Gilbert will be paid by the Office of Strategic Services.

The Department desires Mr. Gilbert's services for work in connection with the Poole Interrogation Commission to Germany and because of his educational background and experience he appears to be well qualified for this assignment.

If you approve Mr. Gilbert's detail to the Department of State under the conditions set forth above, I should appreciate being informed.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

R. H. Ward, Jr.
Chief, Division of
Departmental Personnel

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

1 August 1945

Major General Ralph C. Smith
Military Attache, Paris, France
War Department
Military Intelligence Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

Thank you for your letter of 31 July concerning Colonel Gibson. He has called me and I am to see him on Friday of this week. I shall then go over the matter with him to see if it is possible to use him in the organization.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Director

Gibson, Adelmo
Smith, Ralph C.

WAR DEPARTMENT
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
WASHINGTON

31 July 1945

Mr. Charles S. Cheston, Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
Administration Building, Room 119
25th and E Streets, N.W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that there is a possibility you may be interested in the services of Col. Adelmo Gibson. I wish to make of record my very high opinion of Col. Gibson's abilities.

I have known Col. Gibson for the past fifteen years. We served together as instructors at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, on the faculty of the Command and General Staff School. He was a profound student of military history and strategy. Col. Gibson has recently been in charge of the Army War College library, where he did an outstanding job of organization.

Col. Gibson has imagination and initiative in a very high degree. He is an excellent organizer and administrator. If you have any call for a person of his talents, I am sure you would make no mistake in procuring his services.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph C. Smith

RALPH C. SMITH
Major General, GSC
Military Attache, Paris, France

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To: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

1. [redacted]

2. [redacted]

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4. [redacted]

5. [redacted]

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in the amounts indicated:

Lawns and gardens, renovation	$150.00
Sewage system repairs	300.00
Rebuilding Ice House	350.00
Bathroom fixtures replaced	15.00
Shutters replaced	10.00
Repainting bedroom	12.00
Clearing field	200.00
Asparagus bed	110.00
Total	[illegible]

5. That Procurement and Supply Branch be authorized to have the wooden road repaired to approximate the same condition at the time and anticipated occupancy (such restoration to be performed to Mr. Gilbert's reasonable satisfaction), and to have additional gravel and binder placed on the surface of the gravel road. It is contemplated that the part of this work will be considerably less than the amount now claimed by Mr. Gilbert for complete resurfacing of those roads. It should be emphasized that this does not contemplate complete resurfacing of these roads but only a part in the previous condition, normal wear and tear excepted, in accordance with our obligations under the lease.

6. Both subject to the above adjustments, rentals remain as exchanged by both parties.

7. As you know, Mr. Gilbert began [illegible] rental paid to him by the Government, on the basis of the considered claims Mr. Gilbert will receive is [illegible] from [illegible] the difference between the [illegible] he claims and [illegible] allowable by paragraph 4 of the proposed settlement, or [illegible].

8. The question of whether or not Mr. Gilbert should be required to pay, pursuant to his [illegible] broker, who is Mr. Kenneth H. Baker, for a portion of the cost of [illegible] a new entry porch, has [illegible] was necessary to the use of the premises by the Government and

was of such a nature that it could not be removed. Mr. Gilbert pointed out that the difference in the cost of the system actually installed and that which had been proposed was negligible. This is confirmed by Lt. Col. Robert K. Dobyns' letter to this office dated 19 July 1948.

7. Since the liability of the Government arises out of, and is an existing part of the original contract between the parties, the final settlement should be made only that contract as supplemented by modifications to the disposition agreed upon.

8. It is believed that the proposed settlement of this claim is to the best interest of the Government and your approval is recommended.

[redacted]
[redacted]

Approved:

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

Dated August [illegible], 1948

16,946
Gilbert, Henry E.

26 June 1953

Senator Millard E. Tydings
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tydings:

General Lanham is again absent from the city, and your letter of 22 June 1953 to him concerning Mr. Henry E. Gilbert's claim has been referred to me.

I have carefully examined our voluminous file in this matter at some length and discussed the matter further with our attorneys who have been handling the claim. They point out that, irrespective of any promise alleged to have been made to Mr. Gilbert concerning retention, the lease clearly provides that the tenant is not responsible for ordinary wear and tear to the premises. They have given me their opinion that, with the exception of those items as to which we have admitted liability, Mr. Gilbert's claim is concerned with ordinary wear and tear only, for which the Government is expressly not responsible under the terms of the lease.

I understand that our landlord-tenant relations with Mr. Gilbert while we occupied his estate were always pleasant, and I regret that we have not been able to dispose of our problems by a mutually satisfactory adjustment. I am sure you will understand my reluctance to approve a settlement which exceeds the Government's liability in the opinion of our lawyers, even though I am fully convinced the good faith underlies Mr. Gilbert's claim.

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of an office memorandum to me which summarizes our General Counsel's opinion on the legal aspects of Mr. Gilbert's claim.

Sincerely yours,

Charles P. Cabell
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Gilbert, Harry E

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

27 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles S. Chesten

FROM: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim of Mr. Harry E. Gilbert

1. You have asked to be kept informed of steps taken in connection with Mr. Harry E. Gilbert's claim for damages to his property during OSS occupancy.

2. Yesterday Mr. Gilbert came to this office at our request to discuss the claim. He was accompanied by an attorney, Mr. Murray Benson, a member of the firm of Tydings, Rauenzahn and Archer of Baltimore. A full discussion of the claim, lasting over two hours, was held with these gentlemen by Major Hamilton, Mr. Cox and the undersigned. No settlement of the matter was reached, although an offer was made to Mr. Gilbert which he promised to consider. Mr. Gilbert said that he would let us know his final decision within a few days.

3. As you know from your review of the file, Mr. Gilbert's total claim is for $5,426.83. The offer which we made to Mr. Gilbert, which we consider to represent the Government's maximum liability, should amount in money value to approximately one-third of the total claim. (The sum cannot be fixed exactly at the present time, as part of our settlement contemplates repair work on Mr. Gilbert's roads by the Government or a contractor).

4. The largest single item of Mr. Gilbert's claim, representing about sixty per cent of the total, is $3,229.16 for the resurfacing of a macadam road and a gravel road on the leased premises. Mr. Gilbert is asking that both these roads be completely resurfaced; he agrees to bear twenty per cent of the cost of resurfacing the macadam road. This we have declined to do. The roads in question were by no means new when we occupied the premises--in fact, our evidence is that the gravel road was in poor condition--but Mr. Gilbert apparently believes that the Government should build him a new road. In this, as in other items of his claim, he overlooks the provision of the lease that the lessee is not responsible for ordinary wear and tear to the leased premises.

e insists that he was promised by Dr. Baker that the premises would be fully restored when he relinquished possession. This promise, however, if it was made, cannot vary the written provisions of the lease, which Mr. Gilbert, as an experienced real estate broker and lawyer, presumably signed with full knowledge of its contents.

5. It is perfectly clear that some damage was caused to the property for which the Government is legally responsible, and as to these items we freely admitted liability; in fact, with one or two exceptions, we agreed to paythe full amount which Mr. Gilbert was claiming on such items. We refused to make any allowance whatsoever on the following items of Mr. Gilbert's claim; repairs to the boiler ($200), leaks in the plumbing ($100), replacement of window cords ($15), repairs to the tenant house ($546.67), and refinishing of the floor ($246). It is our belief that, under the most liberal possible interpretation of the facts and law of the case, no claim can be allowed. On some of these items, such as the boiler, there is no evidence whatever of liability on the part of the Government; on others, such as repairs to the tenant house (consisting of painting the interior and exterior of the house), the Government can have no liability in the absence of proof of extraordinary wear and tear. Obviously, normal paint deterioration does not fall into that category. Presumably the $12,000 in rent paid to Mr. Gilbert over a period of two years will fairly compensate him for such items of ordinary wear and tear.

6. As you know, Mr. Gilbert holds $1,000 of the Government's money, representing an advance payment of rent. Also, we assert that he owes the Government $155 to cover a small part of extensive changes and improvements in the water system made by the Government at a total cost of $2400 during its occupancy. (Mr. Gilbert denies owing this money, although a letter from him in the file contains what appears to be an undertaking to pay the amount in question.) On the debit side, we offered to allow items totaling approximately $1,000, and to arrange for repairs (not resurfacing) to his roads, the latter work to be performed to Mr. Gilbert's reasonable satisfaction. Mr. Gilbert promised to let us have his decision within a few days.

7. Based upon a careful study of the facts and law applicable to the claim as prepared by Mr. Cox of this office, I believe that the offer to Mr. Gilbert is fair and represents the maximum amount which should be allowed him. If Mr. Gilbert is not satisfied, he is, of course, at liberty to pursue his remedy at law.

John H. Schoener, Jr.
Assistant General Counsel

27 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles S. Cheston

FROM: General Counsel

SUBJECT: Claim of Mr. Harvey R. Gilbert

1. You have asked to be kept informed of steps taken in connection with Mr. Harvey R. Gilbert's claim for damages to his property during OSS occupancy.

2. Yesterday Mr. Gilbert came to this office at our request to discuss the claim. He was accompanied by an attorney, Mr. Harvey Lemmon, a member of the firm of Tolliver, Emmerson and Archer of Baltimore. A full discussion of the claim, lasting over two hours, was held with these gentlemen, by Major Hamilton, Mr. Cox and the undersigned. No settlement of the matter was reached, although an offer was made by Mr. Gilbert which he promised to consider. Mr. Gilbert said that he would let us know his final decision within a few days.

3. As you have from your review of the file, Mr. Gilbert's total claim is for $[illegible]. The offer which we made to Mr. Gilbert, which we consider to represent the Government's maximum liability, should courts in every case to approximately one-third of the total claim. [illegible] cannot be found exactly at the present time. [illegible] settlement contemplated equally [illegible] by the Government as a compromise.

4. The largest single item of Mr. Gilbert's claim, representing about [illegible] for the resurfacing of a [illegible] road and [illegible] the leased premises. Mr. Gilbert [illegible] road to completely reconstruct [illegible] cost of the cost of reconstructing the [illegible] have declined to do. The road [illegible] now than we occupied the premises. [illegible] that the gravel road was in [illegible] apparently believes that the [illegible] new road. In this, as in other [illegible] leases the provision of the lease that [illegible] responsible for ordinary wear and tear [illegible]

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Q. As you know, Mr. Gilbert holds $[illegible] of the Government's money, representing an advance payment of rent. We assert that he owed the Government $[illegible] to cover a certain part of Interstate's charges and improvements in the value of the property. (Mr. Gilbert denies owing this money, although he admits receiving a total sum of $[illegible] during a period from [illegible] in the fall, claiming that [illegible] indebtedness to pay the amount in question.) On the debit side, we offered to allow items totaling approximately $[illegible], and to accept the position (not resolved) to his credit, the Government would be a purchaser, to Mr. Gilbert's reputable contractor, Mr. Gilbert persisted in his demands. Mr. Gilbert requested to let us have his decision within a few days.

Q. Based upon a careful study of the facts and law applicable to the claim, as presented to Mr. [illegible] of this office, I believe that the action by Mr. Gilbert is [illegible] the amount which should be allowed him. If Mr. Gilbert [illegible] in fact, if sound, of liberty to pursue his [illegible] in law.

John H. Spencer,
Assistant General Counsel

SOME ITEMS CONTAINED IN E-2 RECORD

Twenty-five pages of Depositions taken from six members of the personnel stationed at E-2.

Letter information obtained from two contractors who undertook work at Area E-2.

Spot inspection of the premises undertaken by reporter, members of Government personnel formerly stationed at E-2, in the company of Mr. Gilbert and his plumber, and official report covering that inspection.

Inspection of the property undertaken by the Federal Works Agency, Public Buildings Administration, and official report covering that inspection.

Four reports concerning inspections of the property, and work done on the property by Schools and Training Branch.

Gilbert Harry E.
Tyrone
Fairfax
Colorado

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

June 22, 1945

Maj. Gen. William Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
23th and "F" Sts., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Under date of June 1st, I wrote you regarding the question of damages incurred to the property of Mr. Harry E. Gilbert, while that property was leased by your Services, and under date of June 2nd, your Assistant Director, Mr. Chenton wrote me that the investigation which had been instituted had been completed and your General Counsel was prepared to discuss the matter further with Mr. Gilbert at an early date.

I understand that Mr. Gilbert has submitted a list of his claims totalling $5486.83, and that on Wednesday, June 13th, he and Mr. Murray Benson, a long-time friend conferred with Mr. Cox and Mr. Schoemer of your office.

I am advised that now Mr. Gilbert has been offered the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000) in settlement of his total claim and agreement to repair two roads. He is very much dissatisfied with this conclusion for he states that he was assured at the time the lease was effected that his property would be restored to him in as good or better condition as when received by the government.

Mr. Gilbert advises me that he has represented the government in perhaps a thousand cases involving the condemnation of land, and has never met with an experience of this nature.

Naturally I want to do all that I can to be helpful to Mr. Gilbert in his feeling that he has a just and valid claim in the amount specified, and I am bringing his reaction to your attention in the hope that you will look into the matter further and let me have your advices.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. C. Rylander

Gilbert, Harry E.
x Tydings
x Palestine Farm
x Damages

8 June 1948

Senator Millard E. Tydings
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Tydings:

In the temporary absence of General Donovan, I am acknowledging receipt of your letter of 1 June 1948 to him concerning the claim of Mr. Harry E. Gilbert for alleged damages to his property.

I have been informed by our General Counsel that Mr. Gilbert's claim has been given every attention to facilitate its prompt disposition. So that the interests of the Government in the matter might be fully protected, it has been found necessary to make a careful investigation of the underlying facts. As most of the individuals having direct knowledge of the facts are Army personnel not readily available, this investigation has necessarily consumed a rather considerable period of time.

I understand, however, that such investigation has just been completed and that our General Counsel is prepared to discuss this matter further with Mr. Gilbert at an early date.

Please advise me if there is any further information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Assistant Director

cc: Lt. Putzell-Mr. Sullivan

Suggested letter for Tydings
for consideration & file

FSB:rla

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : General Donovan

FROM : Lt. Thrun

DATE: 16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Lt. Jack H. Gilmore

It is recommended that Lt. Gilmore not be recalled or released from duty with OSS.

The report concludes that he was not intoxicated and that his chief offense was lack of good judgment in failing to leave his room at the hotel's request. I do not think this bad judgment. It was a natural reaction to being asked to leave in the middle of the night. The report states that his resistance was not belligerent but merely stubborn because he thought he was being done an injustice.

S P 3/17 RT

Does this go to files? yes

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

14 March 1945

MEMORANDUM

To: Lt (jg) Robert Thrun, USNR

From: Lt. Edward G. Wilson, USNR

Subject: Lt. Jack A. Gilmore

From this record, I would say that Lt. Gilmore at most demonstrated an unreasonable attitude that might make him a problem. Since it was decided that he was valuable enough to send to the Theater and he is on his way or has arrived, I think we should not release him for this incident. I would warn Colonel Coughlin and it might be suggested that the man be warned that he has had his one chance. If he again demonstrates a similar attitude, he should, if possible, be turned over to the Army there or returned.

EDWARD G. WILSON
Lt., USNR
Assistant Executive Officer

I do not think the facts warrant recall or release of Lt. Gilmore. NOR, since Col. Gerging and Pete decided no disciplinary action was necessary, do I think we should, make Gilmore a marked man in a way that might hinder his effectiveness more than a disciplinary black mark.

TO — RT

Save in file for reconsideration

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You asked for further details on Lt Johnson's conduct before deciding whether he should be recalled from SEAC and returned.

To Executive Officer
RT
For recommendation

Office of the Executive Officer

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Lt Ed Wilson
Lt. Robt Thum

Date 7/13

For recommendation

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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9 March 1945.

To: Lt. (jg) Robert Thrun, USNR

From: Roger E. Simpson

1. Pursuant to your recent telephone conversation, there are, attached, reports mentioned in memorandum of [illegible] 1945 to Colonel Bigelow, SSO from Major Reeve Glover, acting Chief MO-Pac/FE.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that Captain [illegible] and Mr. Martin Easton submitted a joint [illegible].

3. [illegible] the attached papers have served their purpose [illegible] return them to Room 2145, Que Building.

ROGER E. SIMPSON
Asst. Chief, MO-Pac/FE

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Lt. Col. Donald M. Gregory

12 January 1945

Martin H. Bacon and Capt. A. M. McMahrie

Investigation of incident resulting in the arrest and detention by civil authorities of 1st Lt. Jack H. Gilmore, 0-1647459, Signal Corps.

In accordance with your office memorandum dated 9 January 1945, subject as above, the following is submitted by the undersigned as a report of the investigation of the above incident.

In brief summary, the facts are as follows:

On Christmas Eve, 1944, Lt. Gilmore celebrated at the Biltmore Hotel in company with other officers he knew or had met there. The group spent the evening dancing at the hotel and visiting in their respective rooms. It is apparent that some drinking was done. During the evening, objects such as bottles or glasses were thrown out of the hotel room window or windows onto the brick pavement of an empty courtyard below. The hotel House Officer, J. J. Bailey, accused Lt. Gilmore of having thrown such an object out of the window on at least one occasion; however, Lt. Gilmore denied this. It is the opinion of the investigating officers that there is insufficient evidence to fix the responsibility for this act upon Lt. Gilmore. Based upon knowledge of the premises and the conditions then existing, it would seem impossible for the officer to have identified the party who actually threw the object out of the window. It might be safe to draw the conclusion that objects were emerging from many of the rooms of the court windows of the Biltmore Hotel on the night in question. It is known to the undersigned that this is a favorite Saturday night sport at that hotel.

Later, after a complaint by a hotel guest in an adjacent room, the House Officer asked Lt. Gilmore to leave. There were several guests in Lt. Gilmore's room at the time, but it is not clear whether Lt. Gilmore was personally present in his room at the time the complaint was made; there is some evidence to the contrary. Lt. Gilmore refused to comply with the hotel's request to leave his room; the hotel called the military police and he still refused; and finally, in order to get him out, the hotel authorities called the civilian police and filed a formal complaint against him for disturbing the peace.

Lt. Gilmore admitted he had been drinking during the evening; and it is the opinion of the undersigned, based on all

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available evidence, that he was not in an intoxicated condition. There is a wide discrepancy between the police report of Lt. Gilmore's condition and the report of the Military Police. We questioned the latter particularly on this point and are inclined to believe that the city police report is exaggerated. This belief is supported by the absence of any statement in Room Officer Dailey's report to the hotel that Lt. Gilmore was intoxicated. Lt. Gilmore's refusal to leave the hotel was not belligerent nor accompanied by any physical resistance or disturbance, but was apparently based upon a conviction that an injustice was being done to him and a stubborn insistence upon standing on his rights to remain in his room.

Lt. Gilmore spent a few hours of the early morning of December 25 in the Los Angeles City Jail until he obtained his release on bond. After thinking over the matter, and in order to avoid further repercussions, Lt. Gilmore went to the hotel, tendered his regrets for the incident, and paid an amount of $21.05, which the hotel claimed covered damage to glassware, light bulbs, and the like, by him or his guests. The hotel thereupon obtained the dismissal of the charge against him in the civilian courts.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following supporting papers:

1. Statement of 1st Lt. Jack H. Gilmore.
2. Statement of 2nd Lt. George Meyhew, Military Police.
3. Statement of Cpl. Michael H. Stevens, Military Police.
4. Los Angeles Police Department arrest report.
5. Delinquency information report of the office of the Los Angeles Provost Marshal.
6. Complaint and civil suit of People of the State of California vs. Jack Gilmore.
7. Municipal Court Docket entry, People vs. Jack Gilmore.
8. Report by Room Officer J. J. Dailey to Biltmore Hotel.
9. Statement of Capt. Robert D. Mills.

The investigating officers have not been able to contact Mr. Andrew Martin, the night manager of the Biltmore Hotel, nor Room Officer Dailey of the Biltmore Hotel. The latter recently suffered a fall in an elevator shaft and is in a critical condition in a hospital, and he cannot be seen for several weeks. In view of this situation, it is believed that the police report, which was signed by Mr. Martin as complainant, and Room Officer Dailey's signed report to the hotel, will suffice for the purposes of this investigation, in lieu of signed statements by these witnesses obtained by means of a personal interview.

It is our opinion that there is insufficient reliable evidence to indicate that Lt. Gilmore was guilty of any serious disturbance or improper conduct in public. In our opinion, Lt. Gilmore's chief offense was lack of good judgment in resisting the hotel's request to leave his room. We believe he was unwise in failing to realize the possible consequences attendant upon the publicity naturally growing out of such an incident, which might have been seriously detrimental to both himself and to this organization.

It is our recommendation that Lt. Gilmore be punished by an official reprimand. If this is deemed inadequate, we believe that punishment under the 104th Article of War, to the extent of deprivation of one half of his base pay for one month, might be justifiable; however, we believe that court martial proceedings are not warranted and that disciplinary measures more severe than those herein recommended would be excessive.

Bernard Brown
A. H. Markhardt, Capt. A.C.

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4 January 1945

TO: Mr. Martin Baston

FROM: Captain Robert D. Ellis

SUBJECT: Lt. Jack H. Gilmore

1. On 25 December 1944, at about 0500, I received a call from Lt. Gilmore who was staying at the Biltmore Hotel. He stated that he was about to be arrested and asked me to come over. I arrived within a few minutes of receiving the call and found two city policemen talking to the house detective in the lobby. The house detective stated that Lt. Gilmore had been seen throwing glasses or similar articles from the window of his room and that after receiving a complaint from the people in the next room, the hotel authorities had asked him to pack up and leave the room. Lt. Gilmore apparently was willing to move out later in the day but objected to being asked to leave at that hour. Whereupon, the hotel had called the Military Police. Later the city police had been called in when the Military Police took no action.

2. I questioned the police next, who stated that Lt. Gilmore was in bed when they arrived. They were concerned only with enforcing the request of the hotel that he move out, and stated that they had no evidence of their own of any disturbance.

3. I went up to Lt. Gilmore's room and found him packing his clothes. He stated that this was simply a civil matter between himself and the hotel, that the Military Police had not taken any action. I tried to persuade him that he was doing a foolish thing in forcing the hotel to arrest him merely to build a basis for a possible civil claim. He insisted that the hotel was in the wrong, and refused to leave at that hour unless forced to.

4. I then talked again to the police and the houseman, trying to persuade the hotel people to wait until the middle of the day, as there was certainly no evidence of disturbance at that time. They insisted that he be removed. And the police went up and asked him to leave. There was no disturbance in connection with the arrest, all parties stubbornly maintaining their positions.

5. I next contacted the Military Police and read their record. They stated that he would be released to them, and the officer of the day had given instructions that he be immediately released as they had no interest in the matter.

6. Lt. Gilmore was released at hand an hour or so later, and the case was dismissed upon motion of the City Attorney on 3 January 1945.

(Signed) Robert D. Ellis, Captain A.G.

OSS Form 4151

Date 7 Mar. 1945

To: General Donovan

On the attached, one of the two men is being released from the organization. Since the other one (Lt. Gilmore) left the United States, is it your wish that he be released upon arrival in SHAEF?

RT

I want to know the gist - first

[redacted]

(Name)

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

27 February 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director, OSS

FROM: Deputy Director-SSO

SUBJECT: Breach of Discipline, Los Angeles Area, by MO Personnel

1. The attached memorandum sets forth a brief account of the two breaches of discipline by MO personnel on the West Coast, about which you inquired. More detail can be supplied if you so wish.

2. These two cases were reported to Colonel Munn. He looked into both, reported to me, and took what we felt was appropriate action.

Edward L. Bigelow
Edward L. Bigelow
Deputy Director-SSO

Attachment

cc Mr Masters

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27 February 1945

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Edward L. Bigelow
Deputy Director-SSO

Attachment

ELB/ewp

cc Mr Fisher

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

26 February 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

To: Colonel Bigelow, SSO

From: Major Reeve Hoover,
Acting Chief, MO-Pac/FE

Subject: Breach of Discipline, L. A. Area, by MO Personnel.

1. First Lt. Jack H. Gilmore, Sig. C. 01-647-459: On Christmas Eve, Lt. Gilmore was accused by house officers of the Biltmore Hotel, L. A., with complicity in a holiday disturbance which seems to have been general throughout the hotel. Military Police were called but refused to act, on the grounds of insufficient evidence. A complaint was made thereafter to the civil authorities and he was arrested, being released shortly thereafter. Upon a voluntary apology by him to the manager of the hotel, a request was made to the police for dismissal of the complaint, and it was dismissed.

2. Separate and complete reports were made by the following personnel of the L. A. office.

Captain Robert D. Ellis
Captain Andrew McHandrie
Mr. Martin Easton, Chief.

3. An investigation was conducted by Lt. Col. D. M. Gregory, Chief, Pacific Coast Area, and Col. Otto G. Pitz, C.O., Hq. and Hq. Det. It was determined that no disciplinary action by the agency was necessary and Lt. Gilmore is now in transit to IB/SEAC by air.

4. Copies of all papers in the matter are in the possession of this office.

5. Walter L. Gould was recruited by this section to make a collection of authentic Japanese music believed to be available on the sound trucks of

To: Colonel Bigelow, SSO

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certain films in the possession of the motion picture companies in the L. A. area. Prior to the completion of this project, it came to the attention of the L. A. Office that certain personal financial irregularities threatened the security of our cover in the area. He was brought to Washington and is being separated from the organization.

Reeve Hoover.
Reeve Hoover,
Major, CAV
Acting Chief, MO-Pac/FE

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HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

[illegible] July 194[illegible]

Mr. Meredith Gierach

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Gierach:

At my request, you have gone to Italy, there to make certain surveys in the interest of the Italian Desk, [illegible] made. I appreciated having about your particular [illegible] to undertake this task.

During the operations in the original landing in Italy you were of the greatest service to our organization in obtaining information and in establishing contacts with the friendly elements of the country which are of great value to our forces.

We greatly appreciate this service and I hope that it is only an initiation of what you will be able to do in the future in the interest of both nations. I have asked our representative in Rome to give you every assistance that may be necessary to enable you to accomplish your mission.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Major General
Director

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Girosi, Marcello

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

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July 10, 1945 40

MEMORANDUM

TO: LT. EDWIN J. PUTZELL

FROM: ROBERT DeVECCHI

Following our telephone conversation, I talked to Mr. Marcello Girosi about his contemplated trip and the length of the trip.

I thought it best to have Mr. Girosi write a memorandum on this matter, which I understand he is doing.

I trust that the memorandum will contain exactly what you have in mind.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

July 20th, 1945

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TO: LT. MED PUTZELL USNR

FROM: MARCELLO GIROSI

This is to confirm your telephone conversation with Mr. De Vecchi concerning my temporary assignment for duty overseas.-

As I had occasion to tell you last Saturday in our New York Office, and as I have repeatedly stated to Mr.Shepardson and Mr. De Vecchi, I would be more than willing to resign now, or at any moment that my services are no longer required.-

However, if in the opinion of the General and Mr.Shepardson, my services can still be useful in the furtherance of whatever plans they have in mind, I will be glad to continue to serve for the time that will be required for the fulfillment of the assignment.-

I fully understand your herculean task in meeting the requirements of the new budget and, therefore, I agree entirely with you that the length of this assignment should not exceed the period of four months.-

It is then understood that upon my return from overseas and the delivery of my report, I shall be permitted to resign, after having been granted whatever accrued leave with pay I shall be entitled to.- As of to-day, I have served for two full years and the only leave I have been able to take is the two weeks the General gave all the members of the McGregor project upon our return from overseas.- Unfortunately, part of this leave (which I was not able to take until March 1944) was spent in the Hospital for an operation of appendicitis.-

Mr.De Vecchi took up with Mr.Shepardson the question of my salary and I would appreciate it if you gave the matter some consideration too, in view of the fact that in two years I have not had any promotion. While both taxes and cost of living have gone up.- Furthermore, as you are well aware of, the $ 7 per-diem is wholly inadequate for Italy due to the inflationary trend of that country and the expenses that, at times, the character of my assignment will compel me to incur in.-

I thank you for your friendly cooperation in the above matter.-

Marcello Girosi

[redacted]

To: [redacted]

The original was sent to Major Bell (and Com) for forwarding.

P. F. Pugline
Lt Col, MLS

Office of the Secretariat

[redacted]

Ottawa, 8 February 1945

[redacted]

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5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Award of the Silver Star to Marcello Girosi, OSS Agent

TO : The Secretary of the Navy
Board of Decorations and Medals
Washington, D. C.

1. It is recommended that the Silver Star be awarded to Marcello Girosi, a naturalized citizen of the United States and an OSS Agent, for gallantry and intrepidity in action against an armed enemy of the United States.

2. It is believed that the gallant actions of Mr. Girosi, as detailed in the accompanying commendation by Lt. Comdr. John M. Shaheen, USNR, are of sufficient merit to make them worthy of the decoration requested. Mr. Girosi was in fact the most important factor in the organization of the Nebraska Project, a report of which is on file in the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

3. Mr. Girosi's activity was a substantial contribution to the ultimate capitulation of Italy and the surrender of her fleet and was performed in part by the adroit and daring collection of strategic and technical intelligence under the most hazardous conditions.

4. Lt. Comdr. Shaheen and Lt. (jg) Edward H. Burke were associated with Mr. Girosi during the accomplishment of the project and both were awarded the Silver Star for their gallant actions during its progress. Lt. Comdr. Shaheen's citation reads as follows and it is suggested that it be used as a basis for the proposed citation of Mr. Girosi:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while engaging in extremely difficult assignment during the invasion of Italy. After

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expert planning, Lieutenant Commander Shaheen directed the men under his command with unerring skill and daring initiative throughout a period of intensive activities. His brilliant leadership and superb courage in the face of constant danger contributed immeasurably to the success of a vital mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

5. This recommendation is based on my personal knowledge, the inclosed commendation and indorsement, the report of the McGregor Project and the records of this office.

6. Mr. Girosi's entire service to the Government both prior and subsequent to the time of distinction has been honorable.

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Incl 1. Commendation
Incl 2. Photostat Sec Nav ltr, 17 Nov 45

CHARLES S. CUMSTON
Acting Director

1st Ind.

OSS Citations Board, Room 223 Administration Bldg.,
2 January 1945.

To: The Director, OSS

1. Basic communication considered and approved.

2. Suggest that recommendation embodying appropriate citation be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy.

For the OSS Citations Board:

M. Preston Goodfellow
Chairman

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1 January 1948

From: Chief, Special Projects Office
To: OSS Citations Board

Via: Deputy Director, SSO

Subject: Marcello Girosi, OSS Agent, Commendation of

Reference: Report of McGregor Project

1. The undersigned has the privilege of reporting performance of an exceptional and courageous nature on the part of subject agent and recommends that a proper award be made therefor.

2. Subject was responsible for the initiation of the McGregor Project and carried on subversive work among flag officers of the Royal Italian Navy during the months of July, August and September 1943. As a naturalized American citizen he placed his duty with the United States of America first in his list of loyalties and volunteered to assist the Government of the United States in secretly approaching his brother, Rear Admiral Massimo Girosi of the Royal Italian Navy, who was a member of the Commando Supreme, Italian Joint Chiefs of Staff, in part of a program to

1. Help get Italy out of the war

2. Transfer the Italian fleet to the Allies

3. Obtain intelligence of a strategic or technical nature.

3. Mission entailed by the project was successful in its accomplishment due largely to subject's complete devotion to the objective and disregard of danger in the planning and execution of the operations. The operation required courage of the highest degree as is demonstrated by the attached report. He repeatedly volunteered to parachute into Italy or to land on its beaches at night when that country was still at war with the United States.

A letter dated November 8, 1946 to the Under Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox from General William J. Donovan, Director of the OSS, stated

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"I should like to call to the attention of the Navy Department the exceptional and courageous performance of OSS civilian agent Marcello Girosi on this mission." In the reply to General Donovan's letter Secretary of the Navy Knox on November 17, 1943 stated "In reading the report, I noted in particular the courageous performance of Marcello Girosi, OSS civilian agent."

4. Subject landed at Salerno with the Allied invasion as is recounted in subject report under Part B of Section 5 entitled "Contact with the Enemy." Subject was a member of this party in Salerno whose objective was to contact the Italian Naval Headquarters in Salerno and Naples and thru them to reach various Italian Flag Officers mentioned in the attached report under the heading "Results." During this period subject, working against time, against odds and against handicaps which, because of his civilian status, were almost insuperable in character, carried out the details of his duty in a most effective manner. At one point when given the opportunity to leave Salerno which through enemy shelling and mortar fire was becoming a virtual death trap, the subject decided to stay on stating the simple fact that he wanted to complete the job. It was the undersigned who offered him the opportunity of leaving the city on that occasion.

5. When it was necessary to leave Salerno to rejoin the Invasion Fleet, although the sea approaches to Salerno harbor were under the direct fire of enemy guns in the hills overlooking Salerno Bay, the Subject assisted in evacuating the party. In the evacuation from Salerno under emergency circumstances a first attempt was made to leave the city by means of a small British Landing Craft (LCM). As the LCM attempted to leave the harbor several salvos from the enemy artillery in the hills were laid down before the craft and she was forced to return to the comparative safety of anchorage in the inner-harbor. The city of Salerno and the harbor area were under steady artillery and mortar fire all during this time. The party then proceeded to the end of the outer mole which extended three-quarters of a mile into the harbor. The enemy in the hills spotted the group and laid down several salvos of artillery fire.

6. The strong appeal to his brother was delivered by OSS secret courier to Rear Admiral Massimo Girosi of the Royal Italian Navy prior to D Day. The undersigned was advised by De Courten, present Secretary

of the Italian Navy, that the document written and signed by subject was read before the Commando Supremo by Rear Admiral Massimo Girosi of the Royal Italian Navy. The letter was favorably received according to the statement of Secretary of the Italian Navy De Courten.

7. The subject displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty in the fulfillment of subject mission. The remarkable courage and devotion he exhibited are in keeping with the growing tradition of the Office of Strategic Services, and the intelligence service of the Armed Forces of the United States.

John M. Shaheen
Lt. Comdr., USNR

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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5. This recommendation is based on my personal knowledge, the ~~attached~~ commendation and indorsement, the report of the McGregor Project and the records of this office.

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Charles S. Cleaton
~~[illegible]~~
Acting Director

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19 August 1944

Mr. George J. Gilbert
Gilbert Motor Sales, Inc.
110 Hempstead Turnpike
Franklin Square
Long Island, New York

My dear Mr. Gilbert:

Reference is made to your letter of June 26 to General Donovan.

We have carefully considered the personal history statement which you so kindly furnished us, but regret that all of the few vacancies which we have at present require some particular type of specialized training and experience. It is possible, however, that some other agency, such as the Veterans' Administration, might have an opening, and I suggest that you contact them if you are still interested in a position with the Government.

General Donovan is still out of town, but we will call your letter to his attention when he returns.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan C. Lee
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat

Major Monaghan, Secretariat's Office 11 August 44

Captain F. M. Bishop, PPB

Mr. George J. Gilbert

In accordance with our telephone conversation this file is returned to you for appropriate reply by General Donovan, there being no vacancy for a man without special qualifications.

F. M. B.

My Little would like you to review this case

Bishop

Mary Lou:

I can't imagine any use for the case. If we couldn't find a place for E.F. Manning and we couldn't then certainly in no place for Hudson.

FWS.

1 July 1944

Mr. George J. Gilbert
Gilbert Motor Sales, Inc.
120 Hempstead Turnpike
Franklin Square, L.I. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

Your letter of June 26th arrived while General Donovan is out of town.

In the meantime, will you be good enough to fill out and return both copies of the enclosed personal history statement together with the photographs requested?

If you have had investigative experience, it would be advisable to give complete details.

Yours very truly,

Russell P. Kelley
Personnel Procurement Branch

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Kelley

DATE: 30 June 1944.

FROM: Sgt. Mott

SUBJECT: George Gilbert.

Colonel Connely dictated this note to you:

"Write a letter to Mr. Gilbert, and ask him to fill out SA-1's. State that the General is away (do not mention that he is out of the country), and upon his return he will evaluate the forms. If this man has had investigative experience, bring it out in the questionnaire."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [illegible] Connely

DATE: 28 June 1944

FROM: [illegible] Matchlat

SUBJECT: [illegible] Gilbert

Attached is a letter received on the above subject. Will you take the necessary action in this matter including a reply to Mr. Gilbert.

J. J. Monigan
Major, CAC

Attachment:
Ltr. 28 June from George Gilbert

GILBERT MOTOR SALES INC.
TEL. HEMPSTEAD FLORAL
HEMPSTEAD TURN
FRANKLIN SQUARE, L. I., N. Y.
PRODUCTS OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY

June 26, 1944

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

Sir:

I have for the past two years hesitated to appeal to you, knowing that you must have a great many appeals such as mine. I, as you might recall, was a member of Company "A". You might further recall me as being a Nephew of Mrs. Gilbert, who was a companion of Mrs. Baker, of Ballston, Spa.

I entered business in 1931 for myself as an authorized Ford dealer. Prior to that time I was a sales manager for other Ford dealers. As you probably know, our business was severely hurt the first day of the war. I have since floundered in outside business but with little success regarding income.

I am desperately endeavoring to keep my agency intact by a sub-let to cover overhead, which, so far, I have been fortunate in doing, without income to myself.

I am 47 years of age, married, and have three children aged 13, 17 and 20 years. My eldest boy is now in Columbia University as a V-12 trainee studying medicine. Agreed, I have had some serere set backs, but consider myself very fortunate with health and family.

My purpose in contacting you is to try and seek some Government position such as investigator or general contact work for the balance of the war, if that be possible. I fully realize at this late date such a request may be impossible, and will accept such disappointment with the knowledge that if it were possible you have used your utmost effort to locate me.

With kindest personal regard, I am

Very truly yours,

George J. Gilbert.

Gilbert, George J.

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1 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieut. (jg) Daniel C. Gilmartin, USNR

SUBJECT: Orders

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your official travel orders, where you will report to the Chief of OSS for that area, for duty as Security Officer. You will thereafter act under the orders and direction of such Chief.

William J. Donovan
Director

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Mr. Richard Hartshorne
Executive Office

17 February 1944

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Thank you for your memorandum of 15 February 1944 enclosing the French documents together with translations thereof.

For your information, these translations were requested by General Donovan so that the documents may be of use to him and to others in the organization. Thus it is believed there will be no difficulty in justifying the expense to the Bureau of the Budget.

R. J. Putzell, Jr.
Ensign, USNR
Asst. Executive Officer

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: [illegible]

FROM: [illegible] J. Kutzeal, Jr.

DATE: 2-15-44

SUBJECT: Richard Hartshorne

[illegible] Mr. Langer's request I am returning the [illegible] French document with a translation [illegible] by our research analysts. While we are [illegible] to assist when needed in such cases, you will [illegible] that we could not as a regular practice [illegible] the budget the utilization of the time [illegible] professional personnel for straight translation.

[illegible]

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Requested by S. J. Putzell, Jr. Authorization

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5	Planning Group	"

(TSAD)

Extract from Report No. 10570 dated November 16, 1943 from the Divisional Head of the Regional Police Service of General Information ("Commissaire Divisionnaire Chef du Service Regional des Renseignements Generaux") at Toulouse.

"Announcement of the resignation of the ex-general, GIRAUD, as resident of the Algiers Committee caused great surprise and provoked an unfavorable impression.

Comments on the reasons which motivated his resignation are varied.

Nationalists put forward the theory that General GIRAUD lacked forcefulness and audacity and that his pusillanimity alone kept him from being able to maintain the high office which he occupied.

The majority of the population is astonished that he did not receive greater backing from the Americans and that he was forced to yield to a Gaullist-Communist coalition. It persistently points out that the former army general, while retaining the command (military command) of the dissident forces, is nevertheless reduced to the role of a subordinate and it is feared that in the near future he will be definitely dropped.

In addition to this, the news that M. Fernand Grenier, ex-communist deputy from Saint-Denis, will get the post of Commissioner of National Defense in the FCNL, is received with marked coolness and distrust, except, naturally, in communist circles which, without openly expressing themselves, manifest their pleasure on the sly at the turn which events have taken in North Africa, at the results of the Moscow Conference and at the German retreat in certain sectors on the Eastern front."

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr Col Davis

Would you have this ~~[illegible]~~

& give copy to [illegible]

Extrait du Rapport No 10570 du 16 Novembre 1943
du Commissaire Divisionnaire Chef du Service Régional des Renseignements Généraux de Toulouse.

[illegible] de la démission de l'ex-Général GIRAUD de la Présidence du Comité d'Alger a suscité une vive surprise et provoqué une impression défavorable au sein de l'opinion.

Sur les raisons qui ont motivé ce départ, les avis et commentaires sont divergents.

Dans le camp des Nationaux, on avance que le Général GIRAUD a manqué d'envergure et d'audace et que seule sa faiblesse l'a empêché de se maintenir au haut poste qu'il occupait.

[illegible] de la opposition [illegible] qu'il n'avait pas été épaulé par les Américains, et qu'il eût dû céder à une coalition [illegible]. On s'attache à faire ressortir que l'ex-général [illegible] le commandement des Forces dissidentes [illegible] à un rôle de subordonné et on craint que dans un avenir [illegible] il ne soit définitivement écarté.

[illegible] la nouvelle selon laquelle M. Fernand Grenier, ex-député [illegible] de St Denis, se verrait confier le poste de Commissaire [illegible] dans le Comité d'Alger, est accueillie avec une [illegible] sauf bien entendu, au sein de [illegible] ouvertement, applaudit en [illegible] à la fois [illegible] les événements en Afrique du Nord [illegible] la retraite allemande [illegible]

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31 March 1944

Mrs. [illegible] Giblin
[illegible] East [illegible]st Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Giblin:

I have your letter and appreciate very much your writing me. I am glad that your son is happy in the arrangement that he has made.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

MRS. E. HUGHES GIBLIN
45 EAST 51st STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

March 26th, 1944

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

My dear Sir,

I have recently had a communication from Lt. Colonel Walter Giblin asking me to contact you in regard to an appointment with you for our son Michael.

I have delayed writing you, as, before receiving word from Lt. Col. Giblin, Michael had applied for enrollment in the Maritime Service, and we were awaiting the results of his physical examination. We have received word that he has been accepted and he will be called for training at Sheeps Head Bay within the month.

Quite a number of his Andover and Yale friends, who also had physical disabilites, have enlisted in the Maritime Service, and Michael seems quite happy that he has been accepted -- even though we both preferred some branch of the Armed Forces.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth H. Giblin

Gibb, Dardell S. Jr. 13,026

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL BEDELL SMITH

Subject: [redacted]

January 27, 1954

1. This are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to London, England, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer for the European Theater of Operations. You are, therefore, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for the European Theater.

[redacted]

APPROVED:

[redacted]
Chief, FO Branch

[redacted]
FO Station Officer

[redacted]

APPROVED:

[redacted]
Deputy Director, NE

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Gilbert A. Co. 17.34
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(28)

7 January 1944

Mr. Hans A. Lingebrunn
Executive Vice-President
Defense Plant Corporation
811 Vermont Ave., N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The A. C. Gilbert Company of New Haven, Connecticut, is the prime contractor for the Office of Strategic Services, manufacturing a secret military weapon, directly [illegible] the war effort. The manufacture of this article requires considerable skill, and the A. C. Gilbert Company has exclusively manufactured this item for the Office of Strategic Services for some time. Increased demands for this item, as a [illegible] of military tactical uses, necessitate an increase in the machine tool facilities of the A. C. Gilbert Company.

On 28 November 1943 the Office of Strategic Services requested that funds be appropriated by the Defense Plant Corporation, to the extent of [illegible], for the financing of an expansion of the A. C. Gilbert Company.

On 3 January 1944, the A. C. Gilbert Company requested your Corporation to increase Plantex No. [illegible] in the sum of [illegible], to cover facilities estimated to cost a total of [illegible].

The Office of Strategic Services has checked the necessity for the facilities requested by the A. C. Gilbert Company, and it is recommended by the Office of Strategic Services that funds be appropriated by the Defense Plant Corporation, to a maximum extent of [illegible], for the financing of the expansion of the A. C. Gilbert Company, requested in their letter of 3 January 1944, and that the Defense Plant Corporation make available to the A. C. Gilbert Company, on a lease basis, the facilities described in said letter.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
Acting Director

Jhr/cpc

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Defense Plant Corp
Funds

December 22, 1943

The Honorable Jesse Jones
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I want to thank you for your letter of December 11, 1943 advising us that Defense Plant Corporation on November 29th, under Planner 2227, authorized a letter of intent in the sum of $250.00 to the A. C. Gilbert Company. We are most grateful to you and the officials concerned for having carried through on this matter, since the letter of intent will be used to finance machine tool facilities necessary to the A. C. Gilbert Company to meet certain procurement requirements for this office.

Sincerely yours,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

Gilbert A. C. Co. 13,124
Defense Plant Corp.
v. Funds

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON

DEC 11 1943

Dear Mr. Burton:

With further reference to your letter of November 22th, relative commitment to A. C. Gilbert:

I wish to advise that Defense Plant Corporation on November 29th, under Planco 2017, authorized a letter of intent in the sum of $050.00 to the above Company, to provide the desired equipment at their plant in New Haven, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Jones
Secretary of Commerce

Honorable G. Edward Burton
Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON

1 , 1943

Dear Mr. Burtons

With further reference to your letter of November 22th, relative commitment to A. G. Gilbert:

I wish to advise that Defense Plant Corporation on November 20th, under Planner 2017, authorized a letter of intent in the sum of $[illegible] to the above Company, to provide the desired equipment at their plant in New Haven, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) JESSE H. JONES

Secretary of Commerce

Honorable G. Edward Burton
Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Gilbert A.C. Company: 13,124
x Defense Plant Corp
x Funds

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON 25

November 27, 1943

Dear Mr. Buxton:

I am in receipt today of your letter of November 22nd, addressed to Mr. Hans A. Klagsbrunn, Executive Vice President, Defense Plant Corporation, recommending that funds be provided in an amount not to exceed $850.00 for the financing of an increase in the machine tool facilities of the A. C. Gilbert Company of New Haven, Connecticut, for use in the manufacture of a secret military weapon.

The request will have immediate consideration by Defense Plant Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse Jones
Secretary of Commerce

Honorable G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Copy to Lockhart

Gilbert A.C. Company 13,124
x Defense Plant Corp
(25) x Funds

22 November 1943

Mr. Hans A. Klagsbrunn
Executive Vice-President
Defense Plant Corporation
811 Vermont Ave., N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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In order to meet the production requirements of the Office of Strategic Services, it is necessary that the A. C. Gilbert Company have the use of ten (10) Walker-Turner Drill Presses, as follows:

10 New Walker-Turner 15" D-950 Drill Presses
@ $46.95 each $469.50

10 New Walker-Turner Motors, FAB-5 ½ HP 5 ph
60 cys 220 V 1740 RPM @$24.50 ea. $245.00

These items are presently available at Sotwinik Bros., New Haven, Conn. The amount involved, including shipping and installation costs, will not exceed $850.00

It is recommended by the Office of Strategic Services that funds be appropriated by the Defense Plant Corporation to the maximum extent indicated above, for the financing of this expansion of the A. C. Gilbert Company, and that the Defense Plant Corporation make available to the A. C. Gilbert Company, on a lease basis, the facilities described above.

Very truly yours,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

Civilian Personnel Branch

Office of General Counsel

[illegible] 24 Feb. 1953

[illegible] Appointment for Walter M. Gibbs

1. Will you kindly forward Standard Form No. 57 of U. S. Civil Service Commission and appropriate instructions to Mr. Walter M. Gibbs, Lackawanna [illegible], New York, who is to be given a WOC appointment as counsel to this Agency.

2. Mr. Gibbs will act as a consultant to the Director's Office, which Office will furnish you with completed OGC Form 3001.

3. There was a Security Clearance of Mr. Gibbs on 10 July 1950, at which time he was in the U. S. Army and attached to the London Office of OSS.

[illegible]
Lt. Colonel, A.G.

OSS Form 1001b

DATE: 24 Feb. '45

TO: Mr. Cheston

Attached are copies of OSS Form 1001, in connection with the appointment of Walter M. Giblin as a WOC consultant.

Since Mr. Giblin will be attached to your office, it is necessary that you sign the Form 1001, which may then be forwarded direct to Civilian Personnel Branch.

JBD

James B. Donovan

Office of the General Counsel

(TO BE SIGNED AND SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE)

NAME: Walter M. Giblin

NATURE OF ACTION: Appointment

EFFECTIVE DATE

FOR RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS OUT AND RESIGNATIONS
LAST WORKING DAY

FOR RESIGNATION FROM FEDERAL SERVICE ONLY
SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER

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TITLE		Consultant
GRADE AND SALARY		WOC
BRANCH		Director's Office
DIVISION		
SECTION		
OFFICIAL STATION		Washington
DUTY STATION		Departmental

REMARKS - PROPOSED DUTIES:

APPROVED:

Charles S. Cheston, Acting Director

Taken by Col. Roberts
by Ford

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20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Gibbin, Walter N. (O)

SUBJECT: Relief from Active Duty.

TO : The Adjutant General

1. It is requested that Colonel Walter N. Gibbin, O-[illegible], [illegible] be relieved from active duty at an early date. Colonel Gibbin will continue as a member of this organization and will be given duties which can best be carried out by one in civilian status. Colonel Gibbin concurs in this request.

2. Colonel Gibbin is 43 years of age, was commissioned direct from civilian life and called to active duty on 22 May 1943. From 21 June 1943 until 23 December 1944 he was on duty in the European Theater of Operations where he served as Deputy Strategic Services Officer and Executive of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, [illegible].

3. It is now proposed that Colonel Gibbin engage in certain intelligence activities for this organization. Civilian status is essential.

4. In view of paragraph 3 above, it is not desired that Colonel Gibbin be considered for duty with any other service and, therefore, this request is submitted as being outside the purview of WD Circular [illegible], dated, 1945.

5. Colonel Gibbin has been directed to undergo a thoroughly full physical examination, the report of which will be forwarded.

[illegible]
Acting Director

[illegible]
Certificate of leave.

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Date: [illegible]

To: Col. Pearson

The attached papers from Col. Nixon are in recommending [illegible] a promotion for Lt. Col. Stella to the rank of full 2-level.

If you wish to express your views on this recommendation, or simply put the papers together with your recommendations, into proper channels,

[illegible]

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Gibbs Walter 2/52

28 January, 1944

Colonel David K E Bruce, AC
Commanding Officer, OSS Det.,

Dear David:

I received your letter of 13 January, recommending the promotion of Walter Giblin from Lt Colonel to the rank of full Colonel. Also Red Buxton tells me that he is in receipt of the papers which you sent to him, requesting that we forward them to the Secretary of War's Personnel Board, with the recommendation of the Director for said promotion.

Just two days ago we recommended Dick Heppner, who as you know is head of our mission in New Delhi, for promotion to that of Colonel, Heppner having been in grade 7 months. I personally took the matter up with General Craig, Chairman of the Secretary of War's Personnel Board, and I am sorry to say he was very definite about the fact that an officer in the grade of LT Colonel should servefor a period of twelve months before promotion, eventhough I stessed the fact that Heppner is the head of a mission and dealing with men of higher rank, etc.

Both Red and I feel, under the circumstances, it would not be to the best interests of OSS and, therefore, a mistake if we presented Giblins name at this time. As much as I should like to comply with you request, I feel very strongly that it would be unwise for us to present his case. If you will initiate request for promotion when he has served one full year, I can assure you that I personally will do everything I canto carry it through to a successful conclusion.

I have asked Russ Forgan to go into the matter with you in greater detail upon his arrival next week.

Hoping you will agree with the decision that we have reluctantly reached, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Assistant Director

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13 January 1944

Mr. Charles Cheston
Office of Strategic Services
24th and Constitution Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

I am forwarding to Colonel Buxton papers recommending the promotion of Lt. Colonel Giblin to the rank of Full Colonel. I am also delivering a set of these papers personally to General Donovan when he passes through here.

Giblin has done an enormously effective job as my Executive, and the situation here demands that he have the rank of full Colonel as soon as possible. One of the branch chiefs whom he must direct, is already a full Colonel, and no doubt others of such rank may be assigned to this organization. In the course of his routine work in ETO, he has been and must continue dealing with General officers.

Giblin has been in grade for only nine months of the required year. However, I consider it so vital that he have the rank of full Colonel during these next critical months, that I urge every possible effort to secure his promotion.

I hope that a really vigorous effort will persuade the War Department that the pressing need for higher rank in the job, together with his unusually effective performance in a theater of operations preparing for combat operations, will justify an exception in Giblin's case. Meanwhile, I would greatly appreciate it if you would be kind enough to arrange that a Colonel's slot, made available either by Canthen's leaving ONI or from any other source, is reserved for this promotion.

Sincerely,

David K. E. Bruce

DAVID K. E. BRUCE,
Colonel, AC,
CO, OSS Det.

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Office of Strategic Services
[illegible]USA

13 January 1944

Colonel [illegible] J. Buxton
Office of Strategic Services
[illegible]th and Constitution Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Buxton:

Attached are papers recommending the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Walter V. Giblin to the rank of full Colonel. I will give a copy of these papers to General Donovan when he passes through here and will request him to make every possible effort to secure Giblin's promotion now.

Giblin is doing a splendid job as my Executive, and it is vital that the Executive here have the rank of full Colonel. He is required to direct one Branch Chief who is already a full Colonel. His routine duties here require him to deal constantly with General officers. In order that he will not be handicapped by rank in these next critical months, may I ask that you take every possible step to expedite favorable action.

Sincerely,

David K. E. Bruce.
DAVID K. E. BRUCE,
Colonel, AC,
CO, OSS Det.

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13 January 1944

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

Dear General Donovan:

Attached is my recommendation for the promotion of Lt. Colonel Walter M. Giblin to the rank of Colonel, together with the necessary job description and a copy of commendation he received from Colonel Wayne G. Aller, General Purchasing Agent, for drawing plans and making preparation for the use of civilian labor in occupied territories.

Lt. Colonel Giblin has been in grade for nine months. However, I strongly urge that his promotion before the usual year in grade is made highly desirable and important by his outstanding performance as Executive Officer for OSS, ETO, and by the increasingly pressing need that the Executive Officer here have the rank of Col. Colonel.

Lt. Colonel Giblin was transferred to this Headquarters in June 1943, after having served as Chief of each of the two principal branches of the office of the General Purchasing Agent. In this organization, he has served as Chief of the Services Branch, and as Executive Officer.

He has been the primary responsibility and the major contribution in the growth of this organization from a strength of something over one hundred persons to its present strength of 1189 persons, and in its preparation for an ultimate strength of roughly double the latter figure. This becomes even more praiseworthy when one considers that most of this personnel consists of officers and specially qualified civilians and enlisted men who had to be integrated into an organization for which there is little or no precedent. In coordinating eight branches engaged in widely diversified activities, Lt. Colonel Giblin demonstrated ability of unusually high calibre.

In addition to developing administrative procedures, shaping this rapidly expanding organization and placing it on a smooth-working basis, Lt. Colonel Giblin has contributed heavily to the formulation of operational plans and to the training and preparation of member units. He has also been extremely effective

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in developing liaison and working relationships with other American and Allied agencies.

Now that the OSS organization in this theater has been substantially built and placed on a sound administrative and operational basis, it will be Lt. Colonel Giblin's responsibility to keep it working smoothly at Headquarters and in the field, to coordinate the activities of its various staff and field units and to drive the entire machinery to effective achievement of its mission. He has already demonstrated a drive, imagination and a capacity for leadership which give convincing assurance of success in the tasks ahead of him.

However, if he is not to be handicapped at this critical stage, it is vital that he have the rank of Colonel. One of the branch chiefs whom he must direct is already a full Colonel, and his duties require him to represent OSS in dealing with General officers of SAC, and the American and British Armies.

To sum up, I cannot urge too strongly that, in consideration of this officer's outstanding and exceptional service in preparation for combat activities in a theater of operations and of the acute need for the rank of Colonel in order to accomplish the tasks assigned him in connection with impending military operations, he be promoted now, after nine months' service in the grade of Lt. Colonel.

David K. E. Bruce

DAVID K. E. BRUCE,
Colonel, AC,
CO, OSS Det.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
(BRANCH)
OSS DETACHMENT, ETOUSA

SUBJECT: Promotion of Lt. Colonel Walter M. Giblin, 0473690 13 Jan. 1944 (Date)

TO : Commanding Officer, OSS Det.

1. Under the provision of WD Cir 161, 1942, as amended and existing War Department policies, it is recommended that the following officer be promoted as indicated:

a. GIBLIN (Surname) WALTER (First Name) M (Middle Name) 0473690 (ASN)

b. 42 (age) Aug. 3, 1901 (Date of Birth) 19 months (Total active commissioned service)

c. Mar 22, 1942 (Date of entry on extended active duty) Major (Grade)

d. None (Permanent grade) (Date of order promoting to permanent grade)

e. Lt. Colonel (Grade held AUS) April 13, 1943 (Date of order) (Grade held AUS-AC) (Date of order)

f. GSC (Arm or service) RA ORC NG AUS (Component) ATS

g. Colonel (Grade to which recommended) Executive Officer (Duty Assignment) 24June 1943 (T/O number)

2. This officer has held his present grade in AUS for 9 months. He has already demonstrated his qualifications for the next higher grade for a period of a while immediately prior to this recommendation for his promotion, by actual occupation of a position and performance of duties appropriate to the grade and corresponding to the duties of the position for which his promotion is recommended. His service in his present grade is recorded as follows (Extracted from officer's qualification card):

a. Deputy Chief, Off. of Gen. Branch Agent 1/13/43 to 6/21/43 Superior
(Duty assignment) (Branch) (Period) (Manner of performance)

b. Executive Officer, Branch Chief, OSS, ETOUSA 6/21/43 to date Superior
(Duty assignment) (Branch) (Period) (Manner of performance)

c.
(Duty assignment) (Branch) (Period) (Manner of performance)

3. The relative rank of this officer has been considered, and to the best of my knowledge and belief he is the best fitted officer available in this organization for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

4. A position vacancy exists in accordance with approved table of allotment for this organization, and the filling of such vacancy by the promotion of this officer, together with all previous recommendations not acted upon, will not operate to exceed the number of position vacancies.

(Signature)

(Typed name)

(Chief of Branch)

Incl:
Incl #1 - Personal History Statement.

1st Ind.

HQ,
Headquarters, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C. 13 Jan. 1944

1. Approved.

2. The relative rank of this officer has been considered, and to the best of [illegible] knowledge and belief he is the best fitted officer available in this organization for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

3. A position vacancy exists in accordance with approved table of allotment for this organization and the filling of such vacancy by the promotion of this officer, together with all previous recommendations not acted upon, will not operate to exceed the number of position vacancies that are authorized to be filled by promotion.

4. 201-file of this officer does not contain any record of reclassification [illegible] or court-martial proceedings having been instituted in his case.

David K. E. Bruce
(Signature)

DAVID K. E. BRUCE
(Typed name)
Colonel, AC,
CO, OSS Det
COMMANDING, (Grade and arm or service)

Incl: N/C

PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

13 January 1944
(DATE)

[illegible] [illegible] M. Lt. Colonel GSC
(First name) (Middle name) (Grade) (Arm or service)

TOTAL COMMISSIONED MILITARY SERVICE TO DATE.

Original Appointment:
Date: [illegible]

Total length of commissioned service: 19 months
Grades: Major 5/27/42-4/13/43; Lt.Col. 4/13/43 to date.

DATES OF PROMOTION TO GRADES

1st Lt AUS.	1st Lt AUS (AC)	Capt AUS	Capt AUS (AC)	Maj AUS.
				May 27, 1942
[illegible]	Lt Col AUS April 13, 1943	Lt Col AUS (AC)	Col AUS (AC)	

ENLISTED (Indicate if none)

None

SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS AND BRANCH SCHOOLS, ETC
(Indicate if none)

None

CIVILIAN BACKGROUND
Education (Encircle)

	University	Post Graduate	Specialized Technical, Etc.
[illegible]	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
[illegible]	Yes___ No X	Yes___ No X	Yes___ No X

[illegible] shown above.

[illegible] (on reverse side of paper if more space is needed)
[illegible] Stock Exchange - Gen. Partner Hornblower & Weeks,
[illegible] ~~conducted own business, as member of Stock Exch.~~

UNUSUAL CONDITIONS CONCERNING RECOMMENDATION FOR PROMOTION
[illegible] of any communications in officer's 201-file wherein he has been mentioned [illegible] or unfavorably)

[illegible] other conditions stated in covering letter to [illegible]

(Signature of personnel officer)

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13 January 1944

JOB DESCRIPTION

Officer - Lt. Colonel Walter M. Giblin

Position - Executive Officer, Office of Strategic Services, ETOUSA

Duties -

1. Direct and coordinate the operations of the widely diversified branches of OSS, ETOUSA.

2. Together with the Commanding Officer, formulate policies for OSS, ETOUSA.

3. Seeing that policy decisions are effectively carried out.

4. Together with the Commanding Officer, supervise the development of, pass judgment on and place before the Theater Commander all operational plans.

5. Seeing that all commitments to the Commanding General, ETOUSA and to the Supreme Allied Commander are met.

6. Together with the Commanding Officer, to fulfill the directives and policies of the Director, OSS and to carry out the basic functions in the JCS directive in ETO.

Lt. Colonel Giblin has discharged these duties and demonstrated his fitness for the rank of Colonel by so doing for a period of five months.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

TO: Ensign Putzell

7 August 1943

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. Walter M. Giblin

I do not know, of course, what conversation General Donovan might have had with Colonel Guenther in connection with additional personnel for Colonel Toulmin, but we have no indication as yet from Colonel Toulmin about the services activities in the Middle East requiring a larger organization than he already has available.

In view of the fact that Lt. Col. Giblin is already assigned to ETO and has a long background of experience in the British Isles, it seems to me that no definite action should be taken about moving him to Cairo at this time. If the European Theater opens up, it would seem that he might be of great value in that area. In the meantime I assume that Colonel Bruce is making good use of his abilities.

My suggestion is that we do nothing from this end, pending some word from Colonel Guenther or Colonel Toulmin.

G. M. Sears, Jr.
Major, AUS
Chief - Services

Giblin cannot be used in Europe at this time. If Toulmin wants him he will send for him

See also London office 1265X

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Major Sears

DATE: 6 August 1943

FROM: Ensign Putzell

SUBJECT:

The attached papers concerning Lt. Col. Walter M. Molin, now with OSS London, are forwarded herewith for follow up action by your office in view of the fact that while abroad General Donovan recommended this man to Colonel Guenther as a possible assistant for Colonel Poulmin.

E.J.P.

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To: MAJOR SEARS

Please note the General's comment on your memorandum. I assume that what the General would want is a proposed cable to Toulmin asking him if he would like to have Giblin and stating Giblin's qualifications.

W. E. D., Jr.

Office of the Secretariat

Date 9 August

GENERAL DONOVAN

Do you wish any further action taken in regard to Colonel Giblin, whose file is attached?

Office of the Secretariat

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION

LONDON, ENGLAND

SO Branch.

OSS-201

29 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Lieut. Col. Walter M. Giblin, 0-473690

TO : Brigadier General William J. Donovan.

1. The following is submitted for your information.

a. Civilian Background: Born Chicago, 3 August 1901. Attended Public Schools Chicago 1907-1918; University of Chicago 1919-1922. Entered business with Lamson Brothers & Co. New York Stock Exchange Members, in June 1922. Admitted to general partnership May 1924 in the firm of Paul H. Davis & Co, Investment Bankers; Member New York Stock Exchange 1930 to present date. Retired from partnership Paul H. Davis & Co 1939. Admitted to general partnership Hornblower & Weeks, Investment Bankers, 1941, which partnership is still in effect.

b. Military Background: Served with Illinois National Guard September 1917 to June 1918 and with American Red Cross, Ambulance Service, in France, August 1918 to June 1919. Commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Forces, December 1918. In May 1942 was commissioned a Major in the Army of the United States. Assigned to the Office of the General Purchasing Agent, Hq. ETOUSA, June 1942 and was subsequently Chief of each of the two principal Branches of that office. Prior to assignment to OSS was attached to the Joint Administrative Planning Staff of COSSAC. Concerning duties with the Office of the General Purchasing Agent, there is attached copy of letter from Colonel Wayne R. Allen to Colonel David K.E.Bruce and copy of commendation for work with COSSAC. In May 1943 declined invitation to become Deputy to Colonel Royal B. Lord, Chief of Services, SOS, ETOUSA, on the basis of insufficient military experience. Transferred and permanently assigned to the Office of Strategic Services, ETO, 20 June 1943.

2. Referrals: The following members of the organization of the Office of Strategic Services may be contacted for additional information:

Cable sent to Cairo 30/7/43.

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Brigadier General William J. Donovan.

29 July 1943

Colonel J. Russell Forgan
Mr. Joseph M. Scribner
Colonel Ellery Huntington
Mr. Charles Cheston.

WALTER M. GIBLIN,
Lieut. Col. A.U.S.

INCLS: 2
1- copy of letter from Col. Allen to Col.Bruce 10 Jul.1943.
2- copy of commendation from Col. Allen 2 Jul.1943.

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HEADQUARTERS
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the General Purchasing
Agent

10 July 1943.

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. Walter M. Giblin.

TO : Lt. Col. D. K. E. Bruce, Chief, London Mission, Office of Strategic Services.

1. For your information and records Lt. Col. Giblin came to this theatre in June 1942 assigned to the Office of the G.P.A.

2. He was made deputy to the Chief of the Resources and Planning Branch and Chief of the Labor Section. In this connection, he was responsible for the successful negotiation with the British and in effecting the procedure for the engagement and pay of civilians directly and indirectly employed for the U.S. Forces. The total civilians employed for U.S. Forces numbered roughly 75,000 and all but a few thousands are paid through Reciprocal Aid.

3. During this period he also carried on effective liaison with the Economic Warfare Division of the Embassy and with the Office of the D.G.A.R. at the War Office.

4. In December Lt. Col. Giblin was made Chief of the Procurement Supervisory Branch. In this capacity he was responsible for the coordination and supervision of procurement for the Supply Services from the British. Here Lt. Col. Giblin contributed to the organisation of the U.S. Requirements Supply Committee on which he served as a member and to the present system for the filing of Long Term Requirements by the U.S. Forces on the British War Office.

5. In May of this year Lt. Col. Giblin was made Chief, Planning Branch, one of the two principal branches of the Office of the General Purchasing Agent. Under this branch also was the Labor Section and Foreign Purchase Section. In addition to his duties as Chief, Planning Branch, Lt. Col. Giblin was assigned to represent this office on the Administrative Planning Staff of COSSAC. There is attached copy of commendation in connection with his work there.

6. It was thought that Lt. Col. Giblin as Chief, Planning Branch, would be recommended for promotion by this office when his time in grade and our T/O permitted.

(signed) WAYNE R. ALLEN,
Colonel, Inf.
General Purchasing Agent.

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HEADQUARTERS
SERVICES OF SUPPLY
EUROPEAN THEATRE OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

2 July 1943

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Lt. Col. Walter M. Giblin.

1. In drawing plans and making preparation for the use of Civilian Labor in Occupied Territories you have done an exceptionally fine job.

2. You have worked closely and harmoniously with the British and with our own people on the problems that have arisen. The solution of many of them has been due in large measure to your intelligent efforts.

3. I take great pleasure in sending this commendation to you, and will direct that a copy be placed in your 201 file.

(signed) WAYNE R. ALLEN,
Colonel, Inf.,
General Purchasing Agent.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

14 February 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL DONOVAN

FROM: Roger A. Pfaff, Lt. Col., Inf.
Acting Chief, X-2 Branch

SUBJECT: Carlo Gilardi's Status

In your cable from Caserta instructions were given that Gilardi should not return to his post until cleared by you. We assumed that your instructions were for the purpose of securing complete facts regarding his past and present usefulness in Italy.

We have attempted to ascertain for your consideration, why Gilardi should not be returned, on the assumption that certain representations had been made to you in Italy as to the inadvisability of his returning there. We cabled Major Erdwurm, X-2 Caserta, who has informed us that he has no knowledge why Gilardi should not return or the reasons prompting your cable. We discussed the matter with Colonel Glavin who also is uninformed on the matter. Lt. Cmdr. Green stated that he suspicioned that Gilardi might be engaged in certain black market transactions but that no one had ever been able to produce any facts to that effect and that it was merely suspicion on his part. X-2 has no information or suspicion of this kind whatsoever.

Angelo Lanza and Gilardi have been working for X-2 Branch for a considerable period of time and have produced excellent intelligence material. It should be pointed out that Angelo Lanza has no connection whatsoever with the Lanza recently discharged from OSS. This latter Lanza is a cousin of his and our Angelo Lanza made strong protests to OSS representatives against hiring this cousin, after his employment by OSS, on the grounds that he was pro-Fascist and untrustworthy. He refused to have anything to do with him and it appears that his representations should have been heeded in the first instance, inasmuch as the cousin has now been discharged by OSS.

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Gilardi and Angelo Lanza have always worked as a team. We are anxious to return them to Italy. Angelo Lanza is hesitant to return to Italy without Gilardi as he feels that the success of their operations depends upon a continuation of this teamwork. We feel very strongly that unless someone in OSS is prepared to furnish information or proof to the effect that Gilardi is dishonest and incompetent, he should be permitted to return to Italy at once in order that X-2 operations there may not be impeded.