

January 16, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In pursuance of your recent requests for a discreet investigation by this Bureau to ascertain the political affiliations of certain individuals, there are set out below the results of such investigation to date:

RE:

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that it has ascertained through a

in offhand conversation informs that is not active in politics but is known to him to be definitely of Republican affiliation and is believed to have contributed to the Republican campaign in the last election.

who was contacted without being informed of the purpose of the inquiry, advised that has not been active and is unheard of politically. is listed as a Republican in the 1940-1941 Who's Who.

RE: DETLEV W. BRONK,
Expert Technician, Office of
the Commissioner of the Price
Stabilization, Defense Commission

The Philadelphia Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Bronk is not registered with the Registration Commission for the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, in which county he resides. That Division further informs that an individual registered with such Commission and declare his political affiliations in order to qualify to vote.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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of Swarthmore College, who knows Bronk very well, states that Bronk is a "lock-ribbed" Republican and he further informs that prior to the last general election, Bronk's automobile bore a sticker containing the name of another car full of voters for Yilkie. It is noted that Bronk is now at the head of the Physiological Department, Cornell Medical School, New York City.

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RE: JACOB K. JAVITS,
Legal Consultant, Office of
the Chief of the Chemical
Warfare Service, War Department

The New York, New York Field Division of this Bureau has informed that Javits registered for the national election in 1940 without, however, designating his party affiliation and that no registration was found for him for prior years.

has expressed the opinion that this country's business will proceed as usual no matter who was elected.

RE:

The New York, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that registered with the Board of Electors, for the 1940 election, on the Democratic ticket.

RE:

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that who presently resides in is at the present time but that it is originally from

According to confidential information furnished by : he, is 100 per cent for capitalism and outspoken against labor; that it is believed by this is a Democrat although he has never taken any active part in politics, to informant's knowledge.

He is not known to party officials of either the Democratic or Republican Parties in Chicago. In making inquiry among party leaders, the purpose thereof was not made known.

in no way been active and is not known politically. advised this [redacted] has
of the purpose of the inquiry made of him. was not informed

An official of the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who
declined to disclose his name, was contacted by the Chicago Field Division
of this Bureau without making known to him the purpose therefor. He ad-
vised that [redacted] voted for Roosevelt in the past two general
elections, but does not actively participate in politics.

Information concerning [redacted] political affiliations was not
available at the Election Commissioners' Office inasmuch as [redacted] failed
to vote in the Primaries and the political affiliation need not be dis-
closed by a voter merely when he registers in the State of Illinois.

The Chicago Division also informs that all general information
tends to indicate that [redacted] affiliations are with the Democratic Party.

RE:

The Cincinnati Field Division of this Bureau has advised that
since 1932 has registered in the Republican Primaries; that during
the 1940 election he was a member of the [redacted]
[redacted] being the Republican candidate for
that office; although [redacted] permitted his name to be used in connection
with this Club, he was not active in campaigning.

RE:

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that
[redacted] is a staunch Republican; that he distributed Wilkie buttons prior
to the 1940 Presidential election and that such information was obtained
from an individual connected with the [redacted] company.

RE:

The Newark, New Jersey Field Division of this Bureau has advised
that [redacted] New Jersey records of the Board of Elections,

New Jersey disclose that [redacted] registered as a Republican in the 1936 Primaries. That Division further informed that the [redacted] advises [redacted] is a Republican.

RE:

The Buffalo, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that [redacted] registered in the Office of the Election Board, Buffalo, New York, prior to the general elections in 1932, 1936, and 1940, as being a Republican.

RE:

The San Francisco Field Division of this Bureau has advised that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] are registered in Sacramento County, California, as Democrats. That Division has further advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] representing [redacted]

[redacted] owned by [redacted] with [redacted] that the latter is an outstanding [redacted] offices in California and New York City; and that it is stated that he is one of the leading businessmen in the State and is 100 per cent American and above reproach. The San Francisco Division further advises that it is stated that [redacted] employment by [redacted] is a high recommendation for [redacted]

In August 1939, [redacted] managed the [redacted] from which appointment he resigned to take his present position.

Investigation concerning the following individuals is still in progress and is receiving expeditious attention, and you will be advised of the results thereof in the immediate future:

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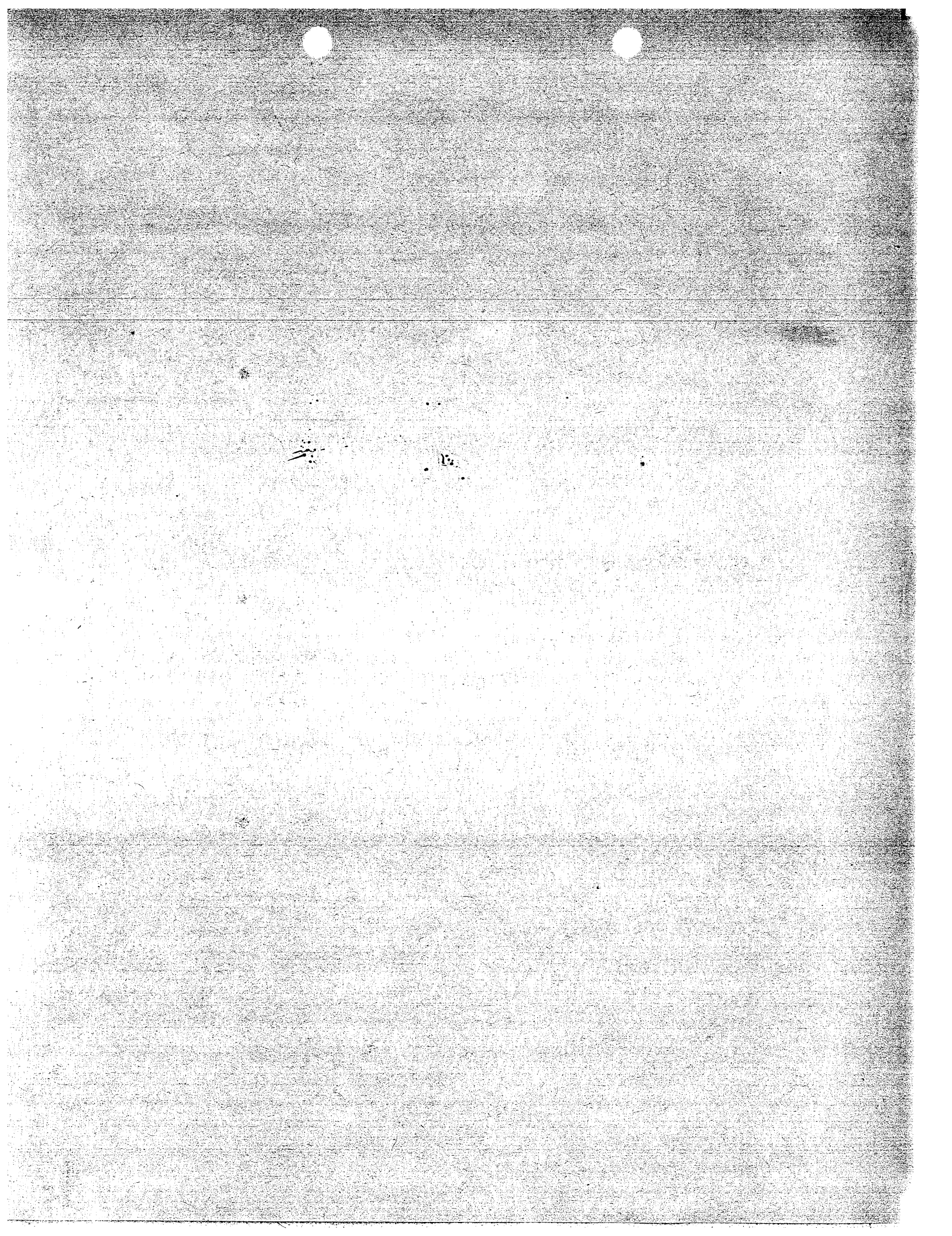
Memorandum for Mr. [Name]

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

January 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

This is to record that advice was received from Mr. E. A. Tamm on January 23, 1941, to the effect that Mr. Matthew F. McGuire, The Assistant to the Attorney General, had requested that complete investigations be conducted by the Bureau relative to each of the following named individuals regarding whom investigations had previously been requested by his office at the instance of the President of the United States concerning the political affiliations only of such individuals.

Detlev W. Bronk
Jacob K. Javits

It will be recalled a request was previously received by letter dated January 8, 1941, from Mr. Sidney Sherwood, Assistant Secretary at The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, for complete investigations to be conducted of all the individuals named above with the exception of the first four appearing on the list. Up to this time no request has been made for a complete investigation of these first four individuals.

For your information, requests were directed to the appropriate field divisions for expedite investigations to be conducted of all the individuals named above with the exception of the first four on the list and upon whom investigations were requested of the field by wires dated January 23, 1941. It is recalled investigations in these latter two cases were being held up pending receipt of additional information from The Advisory Commission upon which to predicate the investigations, this being done with the knowledge of Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigations Section of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense. The field

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In each case has been instructed to submit reports Air Mail, Special Delivery no later than the 24th instant in all these cases with the exception of _____ and _____ in which cases the field has been instructed to submit Air Mail, Special Delivery reports by the 30th instant.

It will be recalled that Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, recently made a request to Mr. Tamm that he be supplied with reports on the investigations of _____ and he was later advised that these reports would be furnished him upon receipt at the Bureau.

On the above date Mr. Matthew F. McGuire telephonically contacted _____, advising that the President was pushing him for the investigations on "the dollar a year men" with The Advisory Commission. In view of the fact the statement of Mr. McGuire was rather broad, it not being known whether he was referring to all "dollar a year men" under investigation, it was deemed advisable upon _____ suggestion, that the writer contact Mr. Gus Vanech in Mr. McGuire's Office in order to clarify this situation and determine whether Mr. McGuire had reference only to the same fourteen individuals previously named concerning whom he had a discussion with Mr. Tamm on January 23, 1941.

Upon authority of _____ the writer contacted Mr. Gus Vanech who, together with the writer, then contacted Mr. Matthew F. McGuire in his office. Mr. McGuire advised Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, was very desirous of obtaining the results of the investigations in the cases of the fourteen individuals previously named at once and indicated he was being closely followed for this information. At this time it was explained to Mr. McGuire that the request had been received from The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense for investigations of all these individuals with the exception of the first four appearing on the above list as previously pointed out and further that the field divisions had been advised to submit reports in these investigations Air Mail, Special Delivery by today. He stated that investigations should also be conducted with reference to the first four individuals on this list inasmuch as the President had indicated he wished a complete investigation to be conducted concerning all of these individuals. Mr. McGuire further stated that he would like to have teletype summaries obtained from the field divisions conducting investigations in these cases and requested that he be furnished with either copies of reports received concerning these individuals or a memorandum containing a summary of the investigations at the earliest possible moment. At this time Mr. McGuire also requested

that the memorandum be set up in a form so that he can transmit the same immediately to Mr. James Rowe at the White House. Mr. McGuire was advised that his request would be complied with and that he would be furnished with the results of the investigation to date in each of the aforementioned cases on the 25th instant; further, that our field divisions would be instructed to submit teletype summaries on these investigations at once and a memorandum would be submitted to him summarizing the information contained in these teletypes immediately upon receipt of the same. Further information concerning this interview with Mr. McGuire is being set forth in a supplementary memorandum inasmuch as it has no connection with these particular cases.

Upon the authority of _____ the writer telephonically contacted the field divisions hereinafter named concerning the investigations being conducted in these cases within these particular field divisions. The action taken with reference to each of these cases is being set forth under the caption of the individual being investigated.

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SAC W. S. Devereaux at the Chicago Office was contacted and instructed to immediately institute a thorough and discreet investigation along the lines of the departmental applicant investigation, placing particular emphasis upon nationalistic tendencies and possible associations of _____ with persons or organizations whose interests are contrary to the best interests of this country. He was referred to the previous investigation conducted by his office upon telephonic request from the Bureau with reference to the political affiliations of this individual and he was instructed to record the information obtained in the present investigation in a separate report from that concerning the political affiliations of _____ and further that no reference to his political affiliations should appear in this report. He was further advised the information obtained during his previous investigation regarding the political affiliations was the only information available to the Bureau. SAC Devereaux was instructed to complete this investigation and submit a teletype summary to the Bureau on the evening of the 25th if possible and if not to submit same without fail on the 27th instant.

**JAMES F. JAVITS, Legal Consultant, Office of the
Chief of the Chemical Warfare
Service, War Department.**

The writer telephonically contacted Assistant Agent in Charge R. M. Guerin at the New York City Field Office and advised him concerning the expeditious nature of this investigation. Mr. Guerin stated he would afford some close supervision and follow up and in view of the fact Agent [redacted] was directly supervising such matters he referred the writer to Agent [redacted]. Identical instructions were furnished to Agent [redacted] as those furnished to the Chicago Field Division with reference to [redacted] except for the fact that Javits has been appointed Legal Consultant, Office of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, War Department. He was further instructed to consider his office as origin in this case and complete the investigation and submit a teletype summary to the Bureau not later than Monday the 27th instant. It is pointed out that the only information available to the Bureau concerning this individual is that developed in the previous investigation conducted by the New York City Field Division with reference to his political affiliations and [redacted] was so advised.

Special Agent M. J. Boyd at the Detroit Field Division was telephonically contacted and furnished with identical instructions as in the above two cases except that he was advised [redacted] has been appointed [redacted]

In this case also the only information available is that previously developed by the Detroit Field Division concerning the political affiliations of this individual and Agent Boyd was so advised. He was instructed that the Detroit Office should consider itself as origin in this case and further, that the investigation should be completed and a teletype summary submitted to the Bureau on Saturday evening the 25th instant or by noon Monday the 27th instant at the latest.

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DEWEY W. BRONK, Expert Technician, Office of the
Commissioner of Price Stabilization,
Defense Commission.

SAC J. F. Sears of the Philadelphia Field Division was furnished the same instructions in this case as furnished in the above three cases. SAC Sears was advised Bronk had been appointed Expert Technician, Office of the Commissioner of Price Stabilization, Defense Commission, and that the only information available concerning this individual is that obtained during the course of the investigation by his office concerning Bronk's political affiliations. He was instructed to complete this investigation and submit a teletype summary to the Bureau no later than Monday the 27th instant.

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SAC Devereaux at the Chicago Office advised the investigation in the Chicago area had been completed and a teletype had been submitted inadvertently to the Washington Field Division. He stated, however, he would immediately furnish an additional teletype summary to the Bureau. Further, that the report of this investigation would be prepared and forwarded to the Bureau at once.

SAC Sears at the Philadelphia Office was instructed to complete the investigation requested of his office in an undeveloped lead set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated January 22, 1941, at Albany, New York, and inasmuch as the only investigation to be conducted in his division consisted in an interview with a college professor, SAC Sears was not instructed to furnish a teletype summary in this instance but to complete the investigation at once and submit a report Air Mail, Special Delivery.

SAC Devereaux of the Chicago Office advised a teletype summary had been submitted to the Bureau in this case on the 23rd instant and that a report would follow immediately. This teletype referred to by SAC Devereaux is being searched for at the present time but has not as yet been located.

SAC H. T. Connor of the Buffalo, New York, Office advised the investigation in this case had been completed in his division and that a teletype summary or a report would be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery tonight.

Special Agent No. 1 ran at the San Antonio, Texas, Office advised the investigation in this case had been completed and a report mailed to the Bureau on the 23rd instant. He advised there were no undeveloped leads set forth in this report and the same had been referred upon completion. Special Agent dictated the synopsis of this report to a stenographer, in order that the information might be available in the event this report is not received in the Bureau by the 25th instant.

SAC Devereaux at the Chicago Office advised the investigation in this case had been completed in his division and a teletype summary submitted to the Bureau on the 23rd instant. Efforts are being made to locate this teletype at this time and the information contained therein will be submitted to Mr. McGuire on the 25th instant.

SAC R. C. Suran at the Cincinnati, Ohio, Office advised the investigation in this case had been completed in his division and either a report would be submitted to the Bureau Air Mail, Special Delivery tonight or a teletype summary.

Special Agent of the New York City Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division and the report was being placed in the mail tonight.

SAC C. E. Hennrich at the Richmond, Virginia, Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division there being no undeveloped leads set forth, that the report had been typed being referred upon completion, and the same was being placed in the mail tonight to be forwarded to the Bureau Air Mail, Special Delivery. SAC Hennrich dictated the synopsis of this report to a stenographer at the Bureau, in order that this information would be available so that it might be submitted to Mr. McGuire on the 25th instant in the event the report is not received on that date.

Special Agent [redacted] at the New York City Office advised this investigation would be completed in his division and a teletype summary submitted to the Bureau on the 25th instant.

Special Agent [redacted] No. 1 man at the Indianapolis, Indiana, Office advised the investigation in this case had been completed in his division and a teletype summary would be submitted to the Bureau tonight, the report to follow immediately.

Special Agent [redacted] No. 1 man at the Newark, New Jersey, Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division and a report was being submitted to the Bureau Air Mail, Special Delivery tonight. Further, that a teletype summary had been submitted to the Bureau on the 23rd instant. This teletype has been located and the contents will be transmitted to the Department on the 25th instant in the event the report is not received.

Special Agent [redacted] at the Newark, New Jersey, Office advised this investigation, which it will be recalled was requested of that division by wire of the 23rd instant, would be completed and a teletype submitted to the Bureau on the 25th instant.

Special Agent [redacted] at the Newark, New Jersey, Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division and a teletype summary would be submitted to the Bureau tonight.

Special Agent [redacted] at the Albany, New York, Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division, the report having been mailed to the Bureau on the 23rd instant. He stated there were no undeveloped leads set forth in this report and that the same had been referred upon completion.

SAC H. T. O'Connor of the Buffalo, New York, Office advised this investigation had been completed in his division and a report would be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery or a teletype summary tonight without fail.

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Special Agent _____ at the San Francisco, California, Office advised this investigation would be completed and a teletype summary submitted either the 25th instant or at the latest on Monday the 27th instant.

Special Agent _____ at the San Francisco, California, Office advised this investigation would be completed and a teletype summary submitted to the Bureau by tomorrow evening the 25th instant or at the latest on Monday the 27th instant.

With reference to this individual it is pointed out reports have been received from our Cincinnati, Ohio, and Newark, New Jersey, Field Divisions reflecting investigation in this case, copies of which have previously been furnished both to The Advisory Commission and also to Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President. The only remaining investigation in this case is a routine neighborhood investigation by the Washington Field Division.

It is pointed out in each instance those offices contacted were advised to review these investigations and in the event there were any undeveloped leads to be set forth for other divisions to handle same by wires or if deemed advisable by telephone and in each instance to advise the auxiliary division to submit a teletype summary to the Bureau not later than the 27th instant. They were further advised that during the course of these investigations the names of companies in which these individuals have a voice in the management should be obtained and appropriate leads set forth for the Washington Field Division to contact the various Federal investigative agencies to determine if such companies are being investigated by governmental agencies, the purpose of this being to avoid any reflection upon or embarrassment to The Advisory Commission at a later date. It is pointed out that this particular type of investigation has been requested by Mr. Sidney Sherwood with reference to all "one dollar a year men" as is the status of these individuals.

Those divisions contacted were also instructed to record the results of investigation in these cases in a separate report from the investigations previously conducted of these same individuals with reference to their political affiliations and further that no reference to this previous investigation should be contained in these reports.

For your information, SAC Guy Hottel of the Washington Field Division was telephonically instructed to have the files in the Washington Field Division reviewed immediately in each of these cases and that all investigation pending in his division should be completed immediately and reports or summaries submitted to the Bureau no later than the 27th instant.

Appropriate arrangements will be made both with the Communications Section, as well as the Recording Unit in order that all incoming reports or teletypes in these cases might be immediately referred to the writer. This information will in turn be furnished to Mr. McGuire daily as it is received. In view of the fact Mr. McGuire has advised that the reports and the summary information furnished to him will be transmitted directly to Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, it is not deemed necessary to furnish Mr. Rowe with copies of reports in the cases of and as he previously requested. Therefore in the absence of contrary instructions additional copies of reports received in these cases will not be furnished directly to Mr. Rowe. The information being obtained from the field in the form of teletype summaries will not be furnished The Advisory Commission inasmuch as they have not requested the information in this form but only that the reports be expedited. Therefore copies of reports in these cases will be furnished The Advisory Commission as they are received at the Bureau. However, as aforesaid the current information received at the Bureau in these cases will be furnished to Mr. McGuire daily and these cases will be afforded close supervision in order that they might be completed at the earliest moment.

Respectfully,

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January 28, 1941

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Re: DR. DETLEV WELF BROOK;
APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION
DIVISION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMISSION

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 27, 1941, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wherein an undeveloped lead is set forth for the Washington Field Division to conduct certain inquiry at the Patent Office relative to any patents and copyrights held by Dr. Brook.

It will be recalled in your teletype to the Washington Field Office under date of January 25, 1941, you also requested that office to obtain the income tax returns of Dr. Brook in order that the companies or corporations in which he might hold a voice in the management might be determined. You are advised it is not desired that inquiries of this nature, as noted above, should be made in this matter. The corporate connections of Dr. Brook, if any, should be determined from ordinary routine inquiry at the credit bureau and other such sources which are readily available.

The Washington Field Division is being instructed to take no action upon the lead set forth in reference report as well as the investigation requested in your teletype of January 25, 1941.

It is desired that this investigation be completed and a

closing report submitted by air mail - special delivery at the earliest possible moment.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____
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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Washington Field (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER).

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There has been prepared and is attached hereto an additional memorandum reflecting the results of investigation conducted to date, relative to the several members of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, upon whom investigations were requested through your office by Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President.

Additional information in these cases will be furnished as it is received in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. MCGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Further reference is made to the several investigations being conducted by this Bureau relative to members of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, concerning whom investigations have been requested through your office by Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President.

Investigations in these cases are continuing and there is being attached hereto an additional memorandum reflecting further investigation conducted to date in these cases. Additional information will be furnished to you as it is received in the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. [redacted] [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. MCGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I wish to make further reference to investigations being conducted by this Bureau relative to several members of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense concerning whom investigations have been requested through your Office by Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President.

These investigations are continuing and there is being attached hereto an additional memorandum reflecting further investigation conducted to date in these cases. Additional information will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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There is being set forth below the results of investigation conducted to date with reference to each of the named individuals:

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1941, at Washington, D. C., which reports reflect investigation conducted by those Divisions.

The following teletype summary has been received from the Indianapolis, Indiana, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting investigation conducted by that Division:

He left this employment to accept a position with [redacted] in view of the fact this position afforded him greater opportunities. While [redacted] never resided in Indianapolis he is reported in that vicinity to be loyal, trustworthy and a patriotic individual with no un-American tendencies."

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the Washington, D. C., and New York, New York, Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This additional information will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Re: DETLEV W. BRONK - Expert Technician, Office of the Commissioner of the Price Stabilization Conference Commission.

Investigation is being conducted in this matter by the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it is expected that the investigation will be completed by Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. The results

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thereof will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 22, 1941, at Albany, New York, which reports reflect the results of the investigation conducted in those Divisions.

The following teletype summary has been received from the Chicago, Illinois, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting investigation conducted by that Division:

His grades were average and he was very active in student activities.

He receives a salary exceeding [redacted] per year. [redacted] is rated to be very wealthy and has considerable investments in Bank Stocks. He is rated by the [redacted] and neighbors to be trustworthy and loyal to this country. Further, his family background is considered very substantial. Investigation developed no indication of other business interests other than the [redacted] or any family connections in Europe. There was no criminal record located either in Chicago or Illinois. [redacted] credit record at Chicago is very satisfactory."

The following teletype summary has been received from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting investigation conducted by that Division:

was to advised he
having taught him in several recalled as
a good average student and stated that during classes
there was nothing to distinguish from any American
boy of the Middle West, and at that time, he had no
special ideas along the line of Politics and Government
that would not be attributable to the conventional American.
There was no reason to believe
would have any foreign sympathies, German or
otherwise, since he, himself.
went on to state that college class was
a person named

He advised that together,
gathered considerable material on
their college thesis entitled
as described by
as a good clean-cut fellow of good character and habits
who was in no difficulties at and who was above
average as a student. He stated, however, that he has
not seen since the latter's college days."

The investigation in this case has been completed and
upon receipt of reports from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
and Chicago, Illinois, Field Divisions of the Bureau reflecting
in detailed form the results of investigation conducted by
those Divisions, copies of these reports will be furnished
forthwith.

Re: JACOB K. JAVITS - Legal Consultant, Office of the
Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, War Department.

Investigation has been initiated in this case by the
New York, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation and a teletype summary reflecting the results
thereof is expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh
instant. This information will be furnished immediately upon
receipt at the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1941, at Washington, D. C., reflecting the results of investigation conducted by that Division. In addition thereto the following teletype summary has been received from the Louisville, Kentucky, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of former residence during [redacted] his address at that time being [redacted] re-vealed no one in that vicinity was sufficiently acquainted with [redacted] to furnish information concerning his loyalty as an American citizen, however, those persons interviewed advised [redacted] reputation in [redacted] is satisfactory."

Additional investigation is being conducted by the Chicago, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the results of these investigations will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 10, 1941, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 11, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, which reports reflect the results of investigation conducted in those Divisions.

Additional investigation is being conducted by the Washington, D. C., Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of which will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

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Investigation in this case is being conducted by the Detroit, Michigan, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A teletype summary reflecting the results thereof is expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will thereafter be furnished forthwith.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent dated January 23, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas; Special Agent dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C.; and Special Agent dated January 20, 1941, at St. Louis, Missouri, which reports reflect the results of investigation conducted by those Divisions.

The following teletype summary has been received from the Buffalo, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"Investigation reveals _____ was former

_____ Employees and others state _____ is highly regarded in the _____ is very capable and of good reputation and character. Further, that he possesses no un-American tendencies and is not known to be connected with or have a voice in the management of any companies or corporations. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of _____ residence resulted favorably. His credit rating in Buffalo is good and there is no criminal record in Buffalo with the exception of a minor traffic violation."

Additional investigation is being conducted by the Chicago, Illinois, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of which will be expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished immediately upon receipt.

Re:

Investigation is being conducted in this case by the San Francisco, California, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a teletype summary reflecting the results thereof is expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished forthwith upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated January 23, 1941 at Albany, New York, which reflects the results of investigation conducted at _____ Attention is directed to information furnished by a _____

It will be noted, however, information is set forth on page 2 of the attached report which summarizes the results of a thorough investigation of _____ which was conducted by the _____ and which it will be noted is entirely favorable.

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the Buffalo, New York, Newark, New Jersey, and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of which are expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished forthwith upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C., concerning investigation conducted by this Division.

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Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the San Francisco, California, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a teletype summary reflecting the results thereof is expected at the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Re:

Investigation is being conducted in this case by the Chicago, Illinois, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a teletype summary reflecting the results thereof is expected in the Bureau on Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished forthwith upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

Investigation will be initiated in this case on Monday morning, the twenty-seventh instant, by the New York, New York, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of this investigation will be obtained in the form of teletype summaries and this information will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent dated January 23, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia, and the report of Special Agent dated January 21, 1941, at Washington, D. C., which reports reflect the results of investigation conducted in those Divisions.

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the New York, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of which will be furnished forthwith upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

Investigation in this case is being conducted by the Newark, New Jersey, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a teletype summary reflecting the results thereof is expected in the Bureau by Monday, the twenty-seventh instant. This information will be furnished forthwith upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

Investigation in this case is being conducted by the Chicago and Springfield, Illinois, Memphis, Tennessee, and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Teletype summaries have been requested of each of these Divisions, the contents of which will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

January 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW P. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In accordance with your request to Mr. E. A. Tamm of this Bureau on the twenty-third instant, complete investigations are being conducted concerning the following named individuals all of whom are serving various capacities with The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense:

Detlev W. Bronk

Jacob K. Javits

In addition thereto investigations are being instituted today relative to _____ and _____ concerning whom investigations were requested by Mr. Gus Vanech of your Office on this same date. These investigations are being afforded special and expeditious attention and I have arranged to be furnished with teletype summaries from each of our Field Divisions conducting investigation in these cases.

I am now in receipt of reports from our Field Divisions in certain of these cases, copies of which are being enclosed herewith. In addition thereto teletype summaries have been received in some few of these cases, the contents of which are being summarized in the attached memorandum for your attention. The results of investigation in these cases will be furnished to you daily as they are received from our Field Divisions conducting investigations in these cases.

In view of the fact Mr. Gus Vanech of your Office has requested that the results of these investigations be furnished in

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Memorandum for
Mr. Matthew F. McGuire

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a form which might be transmitted with the greatest expediency to Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, the attached memorandum has been prepared setting forth the results of investigation conducted to date in these cases.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM

There are being set forth below the results of additional investigation conducted to date with reference to each of the named individuals:

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which reports reflect investigation conducted by those Divisions.

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the New York, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This additional information will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re: DETLEV W. BRONE - Expert Technician, Office of the Commissioner of the Price Stabilization Conference Commission.

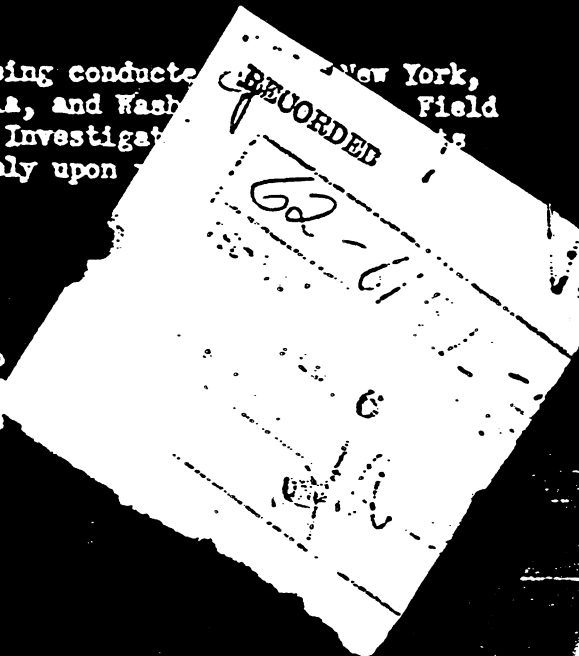
There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which report reflects investigation conducted in that Division.

Additional investigation is being conducted at New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This additional information thereof will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated [redacted] at Illinois, which report reflects the investigation conducted in that Division.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____



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M E M O R A N D U M

There are being set forth below the results of additional investigation conducted to date with reference to each of the named individuals:

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent _____ dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and Special Agent _____ dated January 25, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which reports reflect investigation conducted by those Divisions.

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case by the New York, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This additional information will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re: DETLEV W. BRONK - Expert Technician, Office of the Commissioner of the Price Stabilization Conference Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated January 25, 1941, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which report reflects investigation conducted in that Division.

Additional investigation is being conducted by the New York, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the results thereof will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated January 24, 1941, at Chicago, Illinois, which report reflects the results of investigation conducted in that Division.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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The investigation in this case has been completed and upon receipt of a report from the Chicago, Illinois, Field Division of the Bureau reflecting in detached form the results of investigation conducted by that Division, a copy of this report will be furnished forthwith.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Philadelphia, Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Boston, Massachusetts, and Special Agent [redacted] dated January 24, 1941, at Cincinnati, which reports reflect the results of investigation conducted in those Divisions.

Additional investigation is being conducted by the New York, New York, and Washington, D. C., Field Divisions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the results of these investigations will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., which report reflects the results of investigation conducted in that Division.

Your attention is directed to the fact this investigation has now been completed, therefore, there will be no further reports submitted in this matter.

Re:

The following teletype summary has been received from the Chicago, Illinois, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Investigation to date indicates
The personnel record at the

indicates was employed with that he left this employment because of personal differences. He was employed with from to application for employment was rejected by

He was thereafter employed with prior to March 9, 1927.

was again employed with being transferred at that time to Washington, D. C. His work with was very satisfactory and during this employment he held the following positions in the order named:

His salary at the time he left is reported to have been per month. The Personnel Director of advised is now earning per month plus per diem while in Washington, D. C. Investigation to date indicates is possessed of good moral character, at least average patriotism, conservative nature, and that he is deliberate in thought. He is reported to have favored a third term for President Roosevelt, is reported to be a Democrat and to have voted for Roosevelt in the recent election. is not generally known to individuals outside of his immediate family and places of employment. Investigation developed he has no interest in any companies or corporations other than his employment. credit record at is good."

Additional investigation is being conducted by the Detroit, Michigan, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the results of which will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent dated January 25, 1941, at Buffalo,

New York, and Special Agent _____ dated January 24, 1941,
at Chicago, Illinois, which reports reflect the results of
investigation conducted in those Divisions.

Attention is directed to the fact this investigation has
now been completed, therefore, there will be no further reports
furnished in this matter.

Re:

The following teletype summary has been received from the
San Francisco, California, Field Division of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation reflecting the results of investigation con-
ducted in that Division:

"Preliminary investigation reflects _____ is able, very
honest, has excellent character, is entirely reliable
and patriotic. There is no indication that he possesses
nationalistic tendencies of any kind. Investigation re-
veals _____ exerts no guiding influence or control in any
companies or corporations. He has no criminal record at
_____ where he attended

_____ and _____ both
recommend him highly on basis of ability, honesty and
patriotism, describing him as being of good Yankee stock
with normally conservative ideals. _____ was employed
with _____ and _____ in New York and as
_____ in California several years until approximately
_____ being employed thereafter with the _____
_____ until
_____ at which time he was employed by _____

_____ with this latter organization.

_____ describe
work as above average and stated he is unusually honest.

_____ area, worked closely with _____

"recommends highly and stated he did a difficult job very well. The exact dates of employment with the are not available at present. He attended the

His record was slightly above average and there was no record of any disciplinary breaches."

The investigation in this case has been completed and upon receipt of an investigative report from the San Francisco, California, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting in detailed form the results of investigation conducted by that Office, a copy of same will be furnished forthwith.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent dated January 24, 1941, at Buffalo, New York, Special Agent dated January 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, and Special Agent in Charge Guy Hottel dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., reflecting the results of investigation conducted in those Divisions.

Attention is directed to the fact investigation in this case has now been completed, therefore, there will be no additional reports furnished in this matter.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent dated January 24, 1941, at San Francisco, California, which reflects the results of investigation conducted by that Division. In addition thereto the following teletype summary has been received from the Denver, Colorado, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

was employed under the immediate supervision of

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was transferred to Oakland, California.
employed under the supervision of

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was also

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other employees of

and
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is the best man in the country, being especially
outstanding in organizing ability. He was well liked and
held in esteem by his fellow employees and operated the
efficiently. employment records
have been transferred to the headquarters.

Investigation
reveals he has no interests or guiding influence in any
companies other than General
inquiry and neighborhood investigation developed no foreign
or subversive tendencies of either or members of
his family. He is reported to have no relatives residing
abroad and his character, reputation and morals are above
approach. His credit rating is satisfactory and there is
no criminal record on at Denver, Colorado.

other criminal record of

There is no

Additional investigation is being conducted in this case
by the Denver, Colorado, Field Division of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation, and upon receipt of additional information
from that Office, the same will be furnished forthwith.

Re:

The following teletype summary has been received from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting the results of investigation conducted in that Division:

of a prominent, social and financial
He was graduated from the
and has since been employed with the
or its
predecessors with the exception of the period of
when he was in the

and is an officer and is on
of most of the subsidiary Corporations owned
by the
apparently
owns the controlling interests in the

and stated that is
the big boss when is not present. owns
about worth of stock in the
some of which was given him
by The Corporation has about in
stocks outstanding. reputation, character, honesty,
and ability are excellent. Neighborhood investigation con-
ducted in the vicinity of residence resulted favor-
ably. There is no criminal record on at Chicago,
Illinois."

Additional investigation is being conducted by the
Washington, D. C., Field Division of the Federal Bureau of
Investigation to ascertain whether the
r its subsidiaries in which

has a guiding interest, is under investigation by any of the various Federal Investigative Agencies. This additional information will be furnished immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Re:

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 21, 1941 at New York, New York, reflecting the results of investigation conducted in that Division.

Attention is directed to the fact this investigation has now been completed, therefore, there will be no additional reports in this matter.

Re:

The following teletype summary has been received from the Newark, New Jersey, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting the results of investigation conducted in that Division:

[redacted] resided at

However, he moved to

and

at the present time owns his residence at that address and it is valued at

[redacted] is employed with

as

and has

been so employed since [redacted] None of the persons contacted knew of any possible interests held by other than his employment with the

[redacted] have been

satisfactory.

He is reported to be brilliant, a hard worker,

"a very loyal American Further, he
is reported to possess a good personal appearance.
credit record is good and there was no
police record."

The investigation in this case has been completed and upon receipt of a report from the Newark, New Jersey, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting in detailed form the results of investigation conducted by that Division, a copy of this report will be furnished forthwith.

THE ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

FEDERAL RESERVE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 28, 1941

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| Mr. Tolson..... |
| Mr. E. A. Tamm..... |
| Mr. Clegg..... |
| Mr. Foxworth..... |
| Mr. Nathan..... |
| Mr. Ladd..... |
| Mr. Glavin..... |
| Mr. Nichols..... |
| Mr. Rosen..... |
| Mr. Tracy..... |
| Miss Gandy..... |

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is kindly requested that this office be furnished with a copy of the report on the investigation conducted by the Bureau on the following prospective dollar a year employees of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, whose names were submitted directly to the Bureau from the office of Mr. Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President:

Bronk, Detlev W. ^{Truman}

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Included in the list of names submitted by Mr. Rowe and also by this office was that of [redacted]. It has since been ascertained that [redacted] application to be connected with the Defense Commission has been withdrawn and that he never has been employed by the Commission. Accordingly, it is requested that any investigation of him by the Bureau be discontinued.

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Sincerely,

Sidney Sherwood
Assistant Secretary

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Philadelphia, Pa. *HP*

NY FILE NO. 77-1278

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| REPORT MADE AT New York, N.Y. | DATE WHEN MADE 2/14/41 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27, 28/41 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) |
| TITLE Dr. DETLEV WULF BRONK | | | CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Applicant is head of Physiology and Biophysics Department at Cornell University Medical School. Regarded by [REDACTED] as brilliant in field of biophysics, but questions administrative ability, stating applicant has difficulty in reaching decisions and in holding to those he does reach; also, that he has been slow in adjusting himself to routine at Cornell University Medical School; that applicant was considered for the Presidency of Stanford University, but associates were unable to give him adequate recommendation. Character, reputation and patriotism unquestioned. No indication of private business interests found. No credit or criminal record NYC.

*cc White House
July 9-12-50*

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REFERENCES:

Teletype from Philadelphia to New York, dated 1/25/41.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated 1/25/41, Philadelphia, Pa.

DETAILS:

At New York, N.Y.

At Cornell University Medical School, 1300 York Avenue, the writer was advised that [REDACTED]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

[Signature]
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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[redacted] was out of town and would not be available until the following day. In his absence, an interview was had with [redacted]

[redacted] Cornell University Medical College.

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[redacted] applicant came to Cornell in the summer of 1940; that he was highly recommended by the Johnson Foundation in Philadelphia, Pa.; and that he impressed [redacted] as being a "delightful character."

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[redacted] produced a file relating to applicant. From this file it was learned that applicant was born in New York City August 13, 1897; that he attended Swarthmore College, receiving an A.B. degree in 1920; that he received an Hon. Sc.D. degree in 1937; that he was Lippincott Travelling Fellow 1921-1922; that he received his M.S. at Michigan in 1922 and his Ph.D. in 1926. The file indicated that applicant was instructor in Physica at the University of Pennsylvania in 1921, and instructor of Physiology at Michigan from 1921 to 1924; that he was an Assistant Professor from 1924 to 1926 at Michigan, in Physiology and Biophysics; that from 1926 to 1927 he was Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Men at Swarthmore College, and Professor and Dean of that institution until 1929. At the Eldridge Reeves Johnson Foundation for Medical Physics, University of Pennsylvania, he was Professor of Biophysics and Director of the Foundation from 1929. He continued as Vice Dean of Neurology from 1937. He was Professor, Graduate School of Medicine from 1937, and Director, Neurology Institute, University of Pennsylvania since 1936, until he changed to Cornell Medical School.

It is noted that in reference report applicant's other professional connections and honors listed in great detail. The file at Cornell shows the same list of honors, and to include them here would be an unnecessary duplication.

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[redacted] applicant has been living in the New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, which is in reality a part of Cornell University Medical College, or a part of the same structure. He explained that applicant has never brought his family to New York to live; that applicant owns an attractive estate in Delaware County, Pa. and has seemed somewhat reluctant to give up same.

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[redacted] he had no reason to doubt applicant's loyalty.

[redacted] applicant has been working with [redacted] on high altitude flying; that [redacted] has been actively working at the [redacted] and that Dr. BRONK has been following his work closely. He further stated that applicant is constantly shuttling back and forth between Philadelphia, New York and Washington, and appears to be a very busy man. He stated that he understands applicant is presently employed in some form of defense work, exact type unknown to him. He stated that he knew of no private business interests of applicant.

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During the interview with [redacted] [redacted] called his office and was informed of the writer's presence. He requested that the writer remain there because he had something he wanted to say concerning applicant.

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Upon his arrival, [redacted] stated that applicant came to Cornell Medical College in the summer of 1940; that he understands applicant was in the Air Corps of the Navy or the Army during the last war; that he likes to travel by plane and has often talked of his experiences in the air. He stated that as far as he knows, applicant is 100% American, and that the matter which he wished to discuss threw absolutely no reflection on applicant's patriotism, nor did it cast any stigma on his brilliance as a scientist. He stated, however, that he felt it his duty to bring out certain facts which are arisen which would make applicant's administrative ability questionable.

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In this connection, [redacted] pointed out that the school had negotiated with applicant for quite a while prior to applicant's finally becoming employed there. He stated that applicant discussed the possible set-up which could be prepared for him at Cornell and appeared to be thoroughly satisfied with his future at Cornell. He stated that absolutely no question was every brought up as to the monetary set-up; that full accord was reached on the salary to be paid applicant and the equipment he was to receive. In addition, applicant was given free rein to conduct his work as he saw fit, having only to conform to the general procedure followed at Cornell.

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[redacted] he soon noticed that applicant developed a sort of half-heartedness after he agreed to come to

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Cornell. This became noticeable in the late Spring and early Summer of 1940. It appeared that applicant had not convinced himself of the wisdom of his change from the Johnson Institute to Cornell.

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read confidential correspondence between [redacted] Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. and himself relating to the difficulties encountered in the setting up of applicant's department. There was also correspondence from [redacted] University of Pennsylvania, who wrote to [redacted] and [redacted] concerning applicant's indecision.

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[redacted] he had finally decided to cancel applicant's engagement at Cornell and allow him to stay in Philadelphia, when applicant advised that his mind was made up and that the indecision was over, and that he was certain that he wanted to become connected with Cornell University Medical College.

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[redacted] applicant was allowed to bring his own assistants into the Department and was given great freedom in working out an arrangement which would best suit him. However, it did not appear that things were going as smoothly as they should. On November 12, 1940, [redacted] wrote [redacted] as follows:

"Following up our discussion of a week or two ago, concerning the Department of Physiology and Biophysics, it seems to me that at this time, when things are apparently going smoothly, I should put in writing a record of certain aspects of the situation which might possibly come up for discussion later on in case the situation in that department should not work out satisfactorily to the new incumbent and members of his staff.

"So far as I can ascertain, the department on the whole seems to be getting under way in a fairly satisfactory manner. The teaching was finally organized in time and the members of the department seem to be busy on various problems of research. We are hoping that matters will continue to progress in a satisfactory way. However, while matters are quiet and at a time when there is no discussion or dissatisfaction with the situation evidenced on either side, I think the following facts should be recorded:

"(1) The organization of the department was slow to get under way. The new head of the department did not arrive on the scene to take hold of the organization for the year's work until about the time college opened. (He visited the institution two or three times for short visits during the Summer).

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"(2) The teaching, and particularly the laboratory work for the students, would not have been satisfactorily organized were it not for the help which [redacted] gave directly and indirectly by loaning workers from his Department of Anatomy.

"(3) There has been in evidence a certain spirit of superiority by the new comers toward members of the former staff of the department, both professional and non-professional, which has seemed somewhat over-bearing.

"(4) There has been definite evidence of resistance to reasonable conformity to the authorized procedures of this institution.

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"(5) It is my belief that the new head of the department has been absent a good deal of the time, but it is difficult to tell just how much of the time. This also applies to one or two other members of the staff. [redacted] has visited the department on a number of occasions and found not only the head of the department absent, but one or two other members of the staff with whom he wished to communicate. The reasons for each absence by the head of the department when given seem satisfactory. The question arises whether some of his obligations elsewhere should not be cancelled if they are to remain in force.

"(6) Soon after arrival, Dr. Bronk requested that the bookcases in the Lusk Memorial Laboratory be enlarged to accommodate more books and that a certain work table be removed from his own office and that the book cases in his office be extended. The matter was taken up with the Business Manager and the Engineering Department took some days to make the necessary drawings, the first of which were not satisfactory to either the head of the department or to the Dean or Business Manager. During this time the head of the department verbally requested that two changes be made. Finally, in a joint conference with the Business Manager, the head of the department and the Dean, detail drawings were tentatively agreed

upon, the cost of the installation to be approximately four hundred dollars. The head of the department stated that he did not have the funds with which to carry out these changes. The Dean informed the head of the department that he would find the money and requested the head of the department to approve the drawings and put through the necessary requisitions for the work. The drawings have not been approved and returned to the Business Office and the necessary requisitions have not come through. The matter is therefore resting in this status.

"The following situations should be cited as examples of the types of circumstances which have presented themselves:

(b)(7)(c) "Some weeks ago Dr. BRONK and [REDACTED] advised the Business Manager and myself that it would be necessary to have a new source of electric current for the department. The reason given was that current as supplied by the hospital was too variable in its voltage and cyclic timing. The matter was gone into thoroughly and there seemed no reason to doubt that this was the case. A great deal of pressure was put upon the Administration of the College to supply current from the Edison Company who agreed to run the necessary conduits for their current into the building. Since the head of the Department was away, the usual requisition which should have been placed with the Business Office in connection with such work was not forthcoming. The Dean and the Business Manager made the mistake of not waiting for such a requisition and authorized the Edison Company to go on with their work at a cost to the Edison Company of something over a thousand dollars, as the installation required that the sidewalks and street be torn up and the walls of the building pierced. In respect to this item, the details were discussed between [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c) We requested that the usual requisition be filed with the Business Office. It now appears that both Dr. BRONK and [REDACTED] have since stated that they may not care to use this current after all, and there has been a failure to file the necessary requisition with the Business Office.

(b)(7)(c) "As [REDACTED] understands it, [REDACTED] and his installed considerable new apparatus. In the negotiations with Dr. BRONK it was understood clearly that this would be the case, but the manner in which this authority has been assumed has been such that it has brought about

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the resignation of [redacted] who for a number of years has served that department efficiently and well. (I do not know whether [redacted] has presented his resignation to the head of the department yet or not. However, he has stated to the Business Manager that he is resigning).

"The head of the department and several of his staff have resisted and objected loudly to the ruling of the college requiring that persons leaving with suitcases or packages sign in the register book at the entrance to the Medical College.

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"It is [redacted] impression that there has been an unusual amount of uncertainty in the assignment of duties and working space to the two members of the old staff who have remained with the department, namely, [redacted] and [redacted] to be mildly disconcerting to them.

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"These facts are not placed before you as a matter of complaint from [redacted] but as specific examples of types of unusual difficulty experienced with the department in its adjustment to the situation here. Their significance should not be over emphasized. It is hoped that the whole situation will smooth itself out in a satisfactory manner. On the other hand, [redacted] has wished to set them down as a matter of record on account of the fact that this situation seems somewhat uncertain to him. It should clearly be understood, however, that this letter is merely a statement of the case and not a plea for intercession by [redacted] I have talked the matter over with [redacted] and he believes that the whole situation will smooth itself out satisfactorily."

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The foregoing letter was marked "Confidential" and is probably known to no one other than [redacted] and [redacted]

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To all outward appearances, [redacted] things were going smoothly, and it may be that the problem will finally work itself out.

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[redacted] recalled that applicant experienced a similar period of indecision during his negotiations with Columbia University several years ago. He stated that on that occasion somewhat the same situation arose and that applicant finally decided not to go to Columbia. [redacted]

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did not go into detail concerning this, but mentioned it in passing to show that he was certain that applicant's indecision during the summer of 1940 was just a passing state.

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[redacted] he personally knew that applicant had been considered fairly recently for the Presidency of Stanford University, California, but that this fell through due to applicant's associates feeling themselves unable to give him adequate recommendation in administrative matters.

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[redacted] applicant was so upset over his indecision during the summer of 1940 and worried so much about it that many of his close friends and associates feared that he would have a complete nervous breakdown.

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[redacted] he regretted very much having to mention the foregoing situation, but felt that it was his duty as an American citizen to place at the disposal of the Government every phase of applicant's character. He again stated that applicant's record in the scientific field clearly indicated that he is a brilliant man and an outstanding member of the medical profession, but that the fact that he is somewhat of a prima donna could not be denied.

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[redacted] had photostatic copies made of the above quoted letter, in addition to six other letters concerning applicant's inability to reach a decision as to what he should do during the summer of 1940. These photostatic copies are being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

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At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that no credit record could be found for applicant.

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Special Agent [redacted] advised that a search of the criminal records of the New York City Police Department failed to disclose a criminal record for applicant.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (7):

1. Letter from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated July 15, 1940 (photostatic copy).

2. Photostatic copy of letter from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated July 16, 1940.

3. Photostatic copy of letter from [REDACTED] to Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated [REDACTED]

4. Photostatic copy of letter from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED], dated July 16, 1940.

5. One photostatic sheet concerning:

A. Telegram from The Bronks to [REDACTED] dated [REDACTED]

B. Telegram from [REDACTED] D. W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated [REDACTED]

6. Photostatic copy of letter from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated July 26, 1940.

7. Photostatic copy of letter from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] dated November 12, 1940.

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