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<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> PHILADELPHIA, PA.	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 1/27/41	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 1/27/41	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> E. R. DAVIS
<b>TITLE</b> Dr. ORVILLE TAYLOR THOMAS			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant has resided for the past three or four years on the country estate, which he is believed to own on Warren Road near Cynamore Hills in Upper Providence Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. No credit or police record in Delaware County or in Philadelphia, Pa. Noted scientist of highest character.

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**REFERENCE:**

Telegram from Bureau dated January 27, 1941.  
 Report of Special Agent E. R. DAVIS, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated January 25, 1941.

**DETAILS:**

Inquiry was made of Chief of Police J. L. HEDDLE, Upper Providence Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, who advised telephonically that he had no record of Subject, and, in fact, was not acquainted with him and did not know that he resided in his Township.

Inquiry was also made of the Media

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Barracks of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, which Barracks cover the locality in which applicant's country place is located, and no record was available of him there.

Inquiry was also made of the Philadelphia Police Department inasmuch as applicant was associated with the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and no record of him was found there.

Inquiry was made of the Philadelphia Credit Bureau, 12th and Walnut Streets, the Credit Reporting Bureau, 9th and Chestnut Streets, and the Merchants Credit League of Delaware County, City Centre Building, 5th and Market Streets, Chester, Pennsylvania, all with negative results.

Inquiry was made of Mrs. E. M. TALLEY, who also resides on Barren road, not far from applicant's country place, and she stated that she did not know him.

Inquiry was made of Mr. R. H. ANDREWS, who also resides on Barren Road, Upper Providence Township, and he stated that subject has resided there for three or four years, that he is believed to own a large country place worth \$15,000 to \$20,000 at least, and nothing unfavorable is known about him.

Mr. J. J. WALL, who resides on Barren Road, opposite applicant's residence, was contacted and stated that he has known Dr. DETLEV W. BRONK for approximately four years, during which time Dr. BRONK has resided on Barren Road. He states that Dr. BRONK built a country estate there, and he has about fifty acres of land and in all he would judge the property to be worth approximately \$50,000 or more. He stated, however, that BRONK lives very simply, that he has a wife and three boys, the oldest of which is nine years of age. They do not retain a full-time maid, and his wife was the former ELIZABETH RAMSEY from a well-known family in Swarthmore of excellent reputation.

Applicant was an aviator in the World War; he studied at Oxford and Cambridge, and has many English contacts of scientific background. He has two refugee children who are the children of Professor ADRIAN of Cambridge University.

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He stated that he has no knowledge of applicant's income, but believed that his entire income was from educational sources and scientific sources, that Dr. BRONK has been successful in scientific fields and probably he is now reaping the benefit of royalties.

He stated that the applicant had recently gained publicity through the perfection of the means of pasteurizing milk by means of sound waves, and he is a leading authority on Biophysics.

It was Mr. WALL'S opinion that BRONK could not live in the home that he does on the salary of a Professor and while he has no definite information, BRONK must secure income from other sources. He stated that he had no knowledge of any subversive tendencies, that while BRONK has traveled much in Europe, including Norway, Germany, France, and England, he believed that all of his contacts were English scientists.

He stated that he had heard from Dr. WILLIAM PARKER that BRONK represented a clique of professors at the University of Pennsylvania who were clever in political ways in securing what they needed in a financial way. This would indicate BRONK'S ability in administering an educational foundation, such as the Johnson foundation of which he was the Director while at the University of Pennsylvania.

In short, Mr. WALL regarded the applicant as a man of the highest character and ability.

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REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-25-41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-25-41	REPORT MADE BY E. R. DAVIS
TITLE  "DR. DETLEV WULF" BRONK			CHARACTER OF CASE
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>DETLEV WULF BRONK born New York, August 13, 1897. A. B. at Swarthmore College, 1920; M. S. at University of Michigan, 1924, in Physiology. Professor at Swarthmore College, 1926 through 1929; during latter year was Dean of Men. Professor of Eldridge Reeves Johnson Foundation for Medical Physics, University of Pennsylvania, 1929 to 1940. Made noted progress in research in the application of Physics to Medicine, particularly in the field of Neurology. Since 1940, Professor of Physiology and Bio-physics at Cornell Medical School, New York City. Listed in "American Men of Science" and in "Who's Who". Member of numerous educational societies, including Sigma Xi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau; Phi Kappa Xi social fraternity. Regarded as a man of outstanding ability in his field; highly regarded for his ability as an organizer and administrator and as an energetic worker. Persons contacted know nothing of his ability in the field of price stabilization and do not know that he is interested in that field. Reported to be a staunch Republican, but no record of his having registered to vote in the county of his residence.</p>			
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No known connection with any business organization.

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REFERENCES: Teletypes to New York and Washington Field Offices, dated January 25, 1941.

DETAILS:

Inquiry at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, revealed that applicant graduated from that college in 1920. Mrs. FRANCIS SLOUGH, who is secretary to the Dean of Men, advised that Dr. BRONK's aunt, ISABELLE BRONK, was Professor of French at Swarthmore College for many years, and that she had educated Dr. BRONK. Dr. BRONK is the son of a preacher in New York City. The family's origin is Denmark, but the family has been in this country for several generations.

Inquiry of ELWOOD K. HUNT, Dean of Men at Swarthmore College, revealed that Dr. BRONK was Dean of Men at Swarthmore College from 1928 to 1929, and prior to that time had held a professor's position in the field of Physiology at Swarthmore. He said Dr. BRONK's college education was in the field of Engineering, and he transferred to the field of Medicine when he attended the University of Michigan, where he secured his M.S. degree in 1924. His purpose was to apply the science of Physics in the application of Medicine, and in that way he became interested in Bio-physics, and he has been extremely successful in this field.

Dean HUNT stated he did not know what Dr. BRONK's political attitude might be, but stated that he knew him to be a man of excellent reputation and ability. He said he did not know that Dr. BRONK was noted in the field of Economics or price stabilization, but that he was capable as an organizer; that it was understood that he did not handle the position of Dean of Men at Swarthmore very well, but that position was more or less forced upon him, and that might be regarded as somewhat of an excuse.

Professor ROBERT ENDERS, in the Martin Laboratory at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, advised that he has known Dr. BRONK for many years; that he served under him at Swarthmore, and that he was very intimate with Dr. BRONK's family. He said he and Dr. BRONK shared the support of two British refugee children, who are the children of the noted British physicist ADRIAN. Professor ENDERS has the children in his home with his family during the week days, and Dr. BRONK and his wife take the children to their home over week-ends. He stated that Dr. BRONK is a man of great capacity and ability; that he is very capable in organization and administrative work; that it is his personal opinion that Dr. BRONK's success in the scientific field has been attributable largely to his organizational ability rather than to his ability as a research scientist, and that he was especially capable at the latter. He stated that Dr. BRONK is extremely ambitious. He also advised that he is glad to see Dr. BRONK's abilities being placed at the disposal of national defense, though he personally felt that price stabilization was the last place in which he should be, because he knew nothing of Dr. BRONK's ability in that field and considered that his field was scientific rather than economic. He did state, however, that possibly Dr. BRONK's organizational ability could be put to good use in the price stabilization matters. He stated that Dr. BRONK is well-acquainted with Dr. LEON HENDERSON, of the National Defense Commission, and Dr. HENDERSON is also a Swarthmore graduate.

Dr. ENDERS stated that BRONK had absolutely no Communistic tendencies; that he was a staunch Republican of the old school; that he regarded this war as unfortunate because of the fact that it will no doubt cause a change in the old order of living, and that Dr. BRONK abhorred such change. In this way, Dr. ENDERS felt, Dr. BRONK would be a little on the side of appeasement in order to prevent a deep-seated change in the present American way of life. However, Professor ENDERS had no doubt whatsoever as to Dr. BRONK's true American loyalty.

Inquiry was made at the Registration Commission, County Court House Building, Media, Pennsylvania, to ascertain Dr. BRONK's registration. However, it did not appear that he has registered to vote in Delaware County, in which county Swarthmore is located, and in which county Sycamore Mills is located. Dr. BRONK's residence in "Who's Who" is listed as Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. However, his residence is actually located at Sycamore Mills, a few miles from Swarthmore, in Delaware County. The county adopted the permanent registration system for county voters in 1937, and a check of the records since 1937 failed to reveal the name of Dr. BRONK or that of any member of his immediate family, though his aunt, Miss ISABELLE BRONK, of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, was registered as a Democrat.

Professor ENDERS advised that Dr. BRONK generally took issue with his aunt, ISABELLE BRONK, on political matters, and Professor ENDERS considered Dr. BRONK of staunch Republican viewpoint. He advised that on the BRONK automobile at the time of the last Presidential campaign, there was a sign, "A car-full of Wilkie voters." However, it does not appear that Dr. BRONK voted at all in the county of his residence.

Professor JOHN PITMAN, Professor of Mathematics at Swarthmore College, stated that he has known Dr. BRONK since his school days, and regards him as one of the outstanding graduates of Swarthmore College, who has made a noted success in the field of Bio-physics. He stated that he had made a tremendous success at the Eldridge Reeves Johnson Foundation for Medical Physics, at the University of Pennsylvania, and recently has gone to the Cornell Medical School at New York City, where he now holds the chair of Professor of Physiology and Bio-physics. Professor PITMAN knew nothing detrimental concerning Dr. BRONK, but stated that he was a man of outstanding ability.

Agent interviewed Dr. ALFRED N. RICHARDS, vice-president in charge of medical affairs at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. RICHARDS advised that Dr. BRONK is a man of outstanding ability in the field of Physics as applied to Medicine -- that he had made an outstanding success in that field at

the University of Pennsylvania, where he served from 1929 until July of 1940; that he knew nothing whatsoever detrimental concerning BRONK, whom he considered a man of the highest character. He stated that in July, 1940, Dr. BRONK took the chair of Professor of Physiology and Bio-Physics at the Cornell Medical School, New York City. He said Dr. BRONK, to his knowledge, had no connection with any outside business or corporation, and that his entire income was derived from educational sources. Dr. RICHARDS did not know what Dr. BRONK's political affiliations might be. Dr. RICHARDS stated that he did not know that Dr. BRONK knew anything at all about the matter of price stabilization, but that he was an extremely capable scientist.

There is set forth herein a resume of the material contained in the publication, "American Men of Science" and "Who's Who", concerning Dr. BRONK:

"Bronk, Prof. Detlev W(ulf). Field of Physiology, Bio-physics. Born New York, August 13, 1897. A. B. at Swarthmore College, 1920. Lippincott Traveling Fellow, 1920-1922. Honorary Science Doctor, 1937, Swarthmore. M.S. Michigan, 1924. Assistant Professor Physiology and Bio-physics, Swarthmore, 1926-1927; Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Men, 1927 to 1927. Professor and Dean of Men, Swarthmore, 1928-1929. Johnson Professor, Bio-physics, and Director Johnson Foundation, University of Pennsylvania, 1929. Professor, Graduate School of Medicine, U. of Pa., 1929 to 1937. Director of Neurological Institute in New York. National Research Fellow, Cambridge, London, 1928-1929. Member of Neurological Association, Optical Society, Harvey Society, Philosophical Society, Philadelphia Neurological Society, British Physiological Society. Corresponding member, Societe Philosophie de Paris. Author of studies on infra-red spectroscopy, electrical properties of glands, volume flow of blood, the physiology of sense organs and of the nervous system. Associate editor of the "Journal of Cellular Comp. Physiology." Member of the National Research Council, the AA Physiological Society. Contributor to the "Journal of Applied Science." An Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve Aviation Corps. Member of Sigma Xi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau educational societies; Phi Kappa Xi social fraternity."

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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  O. W. Franklin
TITLE  Dr. Detlev Wulf Bronk			CHARACTER OF CASE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant is head of Physiology and Biophysics Department at Cornell University Medical School. Regarded by WILLIAM S. Ladd, Dean, 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 found. No credit or criminal record NYC.

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**REFERENCE:**

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

Report of Special Agent E. R. Davis, 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 Dean WILLIAM S.

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LADD was out of town and would not be available until the following day. In his absence, an interview was had with Mr. EDWARD K. TAYLOR, Business Manager, Cornell University Medical College.

Mr. TAYLOR advised that 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 TAYLOR as being a "delightful character."

Mr. TAYLOR 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.

Mr. TAYLOR stated that 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.

Mr. TAYLOR stated that he had no reason to doubt applicant's loyalty.

Mr. TAYLOR stated that applicant has been working with Dr. H. K. HARTLINE on high altitude flying; that Dr. HARTLINE has been actively working at the Army Air Field, Dayton, Ohio 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.

During the interview with Mr. TAYLOR, Dean WILLIAM S. LADD, M.D., 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.

Upon his arrival, Dean LADD 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 had arisen which would make applicant's administrative ability questionable.

In this connection, Dean LADD 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 ever 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.

Dean LADD stated that he soon noticed that applicant developed a sort of half-heartedness after he agreed to come to

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.

Dean LADD read confidential correspondence between Dr. Edmund E. Day, President of 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 Dr. Alfred N. Richards, Professor of Physiology, University of Pennsylvania, who wrote to Dr. Day and Dr. LADD concerning applicant's indecision.

Dean LADD stated that 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.

Dean LADD stated that 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, Dean LADD wrote to President Day 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).

"(2) The teaching, and particularly the laboratory work for the students, would not have been satisfactorily organized were it not for the help which Dr. Hinsey 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.

"(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. The Dean 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:

"Some weeks ago Dr. BRONK and Assistant Professor John P. Hervey, 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 Professor Hervey and Mr. Taylor. We requested that the usual requisition be filed with the Business Office. It now appears that both Dr. BRONK and Professor Hervey 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.

"As the Dean understands it, Professor Arthur J. Rawson is in charge of the machine shop and has 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

the resignation of Mr. Phipps, who for a number of years has served that department efficiently and well. (I do not know whether Mr. Phipps 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.

"It is the Dean's 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, Drs. Edwards and Chambers, to be mildly disconcerting to them.

"These facts are not placed before you as a matter of complaint from the Dean, 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, the Dean 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 the President of the University. I have talked the matter over with Dr. Hinsey and he believes that the whole situation will smooth itself out satisfactorily."

The foregoing letter was marked "Confidential" and is probably known to no one other than Dean LADD and President Day.

To all outward appearances, according to Dean LADD, things were going smoothly, and it may be that the problem will finally work itself out.

In addition to the above, Dean LADD 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. Dean LADD

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 not just a passing state.

Dean LADD further stated that 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.

Dean LADD stated that 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.

Dean LADD advised that 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.

At the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., Miss GLADYS O'NEILL advised Special Agent D. J. Williams that no credit record could be found for applicant.

Special Agent J. E. Amos advised that a search of the criminal records of the New York City Police Department failed to disclose a criminal record for applicant.

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DETROIT FILE NO. 116-780

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 7/3/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/30;7/1-3/47	REPORT MADE BY W. EDJES MORGAN      SDC
TITLE  D. FLEW WOLF BROWK - 11 - 15		CHARACTER OF CASE	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant born August 13, 1897, New York City. Enrolled University of Michigan, Graduate School, September, 1921 and was granted MS Degree in June of 1922. In June, 1926 applicant was awarded Ph. D. Degree. While studying at the Graduate School, applicant was also an instructor in Physics and Physiology at the University of Michigan. Colleagues, acquaintances and friends highly recommend applicant's character and reputation and state his loyalty and patriotism are above question. Credit and criminal negative.

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**REFERENCE:**

(116-12176) Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated June 17, 1947.

**DETAILS:**

At Ann Arbor, Michigan:

Mrs. LAURETTE HADLEY, Alumni Catalogue Office, University of Michigan, advised her records reflected applicant was born August 13, 1897, in New York City. He came to the University of Michigan in September, 1921 and was employed as an instructor in the Physics and Physiology Departments while studying there for graduate degrees.

The record reflected that the applicant was a member of the United States Naval Air Corps on May 16, 1918, and later was carried in the United States Naval Reserve. He was discharged from the Naval Reserve in May, 1922, at Boston, Massachusetts.

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While at the University of Michigan the applicant resided at 11 Ridgeway.

The only organization to which he was affiliated was Phi Kappa Psi, a social fraternity.

Records of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, reflect the applicant was admitted in the fall of 1921, at which time he was specializing in the fields of Physics and Physiology. In June, 1922 he was granted a MS Degree and in June, 1926 he was granted a Ph. D. Degree.

The applicant was an instructor in the Physics Department at the University of Michigan for the school years 1921-1922, 1922-1923, and 1923-1924. He was an instructor in the Physiology Department at the University of Michigan for the school years 1924-1925 and 1925-1926.

No derogatory information was contained in the applicant's file.

Professor H. B. RANDALL, former chairman of the Physics Department, University of Michigan, recalled that the applicant came to the University in 1921 when he began his studies leading to the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy. From 1921 to 1924 he was employed in the Physics Department as an instructor and from 1924 to 1926 he was employed as an instructor in the Physiology Department.

Professor RANDALL knew the applicant well and considered his character and reputation to be of the very best. Professor RANDALL stated he considered the applicant to be one of the most outstanding students developed at the University of Michigan and felt his loyalty and patriotism to the United States was above question. Professor RANDALL did not recall the applicant being a member of any organizations and advised his associates were always the best class of people. Professor RANDALL knew nothing derogatory concerning Dr. BRONK and stated he would give him an unqualified recommendation.

Professor E. F. BARKER, Chairman of the Physics Department, University of Michigan, advised he was very well acquainted with the applicant and his wife. Professor BARKER said the BRONKS were of old American stock and their loyalty and patriotism were certainly not to be questioned. When the BRONKS were in Ann Arbor they were neighbors and very close friends of the BARKERS and had much in common socially.

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Professor BARBER stated that he had been very fond of the BROOKS and had always considered the applicant to be a man of honor and high integrity. Professor BARBER had never heard anything derogatory concerning Professor BROOK and stated he was extremely well regarded by all who knew him in Ann Arbor.

Professor BARBER further advised that he would gladly go on record as recommending the applicant highly for any position of trust and discretion.

H. H. SOULE, Chairman, Department of Bacteriology, University of Michigan, stated he had known the applicant and his wife intimately ever since the BROOKS came to Ann Arbor in 1921. SOULE advised that there was absolutely no question concerning the loyalty and patriotism of Professor BROOK. According to Professor SOULE, BROOK is a man who had always commanded the respect of his colleagues. BROOK had corresponded frequently with Professor SOULE since leaving Ann Arbor and they had frequently renewed their friendship at various professional gatherings down through the years. Professor SOULE advised that he would recommend the applicant without reservation.

Professor SOULE stated that the applicant had from time to time appeared at functions honoring Russian scientists, but that this was merely a gesture furthering international scientific advancement and cooperation. Professor SOULE stated that there was absolutely no possibility of the applicant ever aligning himself with Russian sympathizers because his background is solidly American and his inclinations are in the same direction.

Professor M. F. COLBY, Physics Department, University of Michigan, and Professor J. W. BEM, Physiology Department, University of Michigan, advised that they and the applicant were friends of long standing. They both gave substantially the same information as that furnished above concerning applicant's character, reputation, loyalty and patriotism.

RAMON A. SAWYER, Dean of the Graduate School, University of Michigan, stated that he considered the applicant to be one of the great patriots of the United States and that he would no more doubt his loyalty and patriotism than he would his own. Dean SAWYER stated that he was most happy to give his highest recommendation to the applicant so far as general character and reputation were concerned.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 11 Ridgeway, residence of the applicant when in Ann Arbor, reflected that he was not presently known there.

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MINNEAPOLIS

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT  MINNEAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE  7/1/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  6/25, 26; 7/1/47	REPORT MADE BY  FRANK G. THOMPSON
TITLE  DEVELOPER ATOM BOMBING - T.L. - 15			CHARACTER OF CASE

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant's birth record not found, U.S. Department of vital statistics. Employed 1936-1941 as professor of physiology, Cornell Medical College, N.Y.C., and reported to be an outstanding scholar. Doctor G. L. Ladd, former dean of Cornell Medical College, questioned administrative ability of applicant. Since 5/22/47 applicant has been member of Board of Admittable Members, Graduate Institute for Medical Research, N.Y.C., and is reported to be outstanding neurophysiologist. Member of International Relations Committee of American Association of Scientific Workers. On 6/10/47 applicant, with 12 other scientists, left U. S. for Moscow, Russia to attend 200th Jubilee of Soviet Scientists' Academy. Applicant spoke at reception sponsored by American-Soviet Scientists' Society on return and stated there is real basis for friendship between Russia and the U. S. Applicant's name included in a list of scientists furnished to Russian Journal de la Science, 1947 by National Council of American-Soviet Friendship. Applicant described by newspaper and magazine as exceptionally capable, intelligent and character and capabilities. Overall record poor. In criminal record.

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TITLE DETLEV WULF BRONK - 11 - 15			CHARACTER OF CASE
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Membership in various clubs and organizations verified. Association with various governmental organizations verified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Bureau file 116-12176 Bureau letter dated June 17, 1947</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT WASHINGTON, D.C.</u></p> <p>This investigation was conducted by HOWARD P. SMILLERS, Special Employee assigned to the Washington Field Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORGANIZATIONS</u></p> <p>The following organizations within the Washington area were contacted with the following results:</p> <p><u>Cosmos Club:</u> Lafayette Square. Upon contact, it was determined that applicant has been a member in good standing of this organization since January 4, 1947.</p> <p><u>The American Association for Advancement of Science:</u> 1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Subject became a member of this organization in 1923 and</p>			
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due to outstanding contributions to science was made a "Fellow" of the society in 1931. He was automatically resigned from this society in 1939 by reason of non-payments of dues for a period of two years. However, upon payment of all past dues, applicant was reinstated as a "Fellow" of the society on March 24, 1947.

#### EMPLOYMENT

Inquiry at the office of the Secretary of War determined that applicant was appointed a Special Consultant with the Secretary of War on February 26, 1942 and was immediately assigned to research work with the Army Air Forces. His association with the Office of the Secretary of War was terminated on January 14, 1946. His record with this organization was "superior".

At the office of the Air Surgeon, American Air Forces, it was determined that subject was assigned on March 3, 1942 by the office of the Secretary of War to be Co-ordinator of Research for the Air Surgeon. This position was terminated on January 1, 1946. Applicant had an outstanding record with this organization.

It was determined that applicant has been Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D. C. since October 1, 1945. In this capacity he is also Chairman of the National Research Council and Chairman of the Aviation Medicine Council.

Applicant has been a member of the Naval Research Advisory Board, Navy Department since October 1, 1946. This board is under the direction of the Administrator, Fiscal Science Division, Office of Naval Research.

Inquiry at the State Department revealed that applicant is a member of the U. S. National Commission on United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization, U. S. State Department, since this organization was founded in August of 1946. Mr. CHARLES A. THOMPSON, Executive Secretary of the above organization stated that applicant has never been on the Commission of Education. Mr. Thompson further stated he is personally acquainted with the applicant, has known him for many years and he would unqualifiedly recommend him for any position for which he might apply. It was further noted that Mr. Thompson was extremely laudatory as to applicant's qualifications for an scientific position.

In the Office of Scientific Research and Development, 1424 16th Street, N. W., it was determined that applicant was appointed as an official investigator in this organization on June 7, 1941 in matters concerning biophysics, physiology and physics.

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He served on numerous boards and committees doing research work in medicine and aviation medicine until appointed Chief of the Division of Aviation Medicine. His services with this organization were terminated on November 13, 1946 due to cessation of research projects.

His record with this organization was outstanding.

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