

THIS FILE IS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE DECLASSIFICATION EFFORTS AND RESEARCH OF:

THE BLACK VAULT

THE BLACK VAULT IS THE LARGEST ONLINE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT / GOVERNMENT RECORD CLEARING HOUSE IN THE WORLD. THE RESEARCH EFFORTS HERE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECLASSIFICATION OF THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTS THROUGHOUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, AND ALL CAN BE DOWNLOADED BY VISITING:

[HTTP://WWW.BLACKVAULT.COM](http://www.blackvault.com)

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO YOUR FRIENDS, BUT PLEASE KEEP THIS IDENTIFYING IMAGE AT THE TOP OF THE .PDF SO OTHERS CAN DOWNLOAD MORE!



September 30, 2014

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD / THE BLACK VAULT



FOIPA Request No.: 1259932-000
Subject: BRONK, DETLEV WULF

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

- | Section 552 | | Section 552a |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(1) | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(A) | <input type="checkbox"/> (d)(5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(2) | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(B) | <input type="checkbox"/> (j)(2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(3) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(C) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(1) |
| _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(D) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(2) |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(E) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(3) |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(7)(F) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(4) | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(8) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(5) | <input type="checkbox"/> (b)(9) | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(6) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b)(6) | | <input type="checkbox"/> (k)(7) |

158 pages were reviewed and 145 pages are being released.

- A document was located which originated with, or contained information concerning, another Government agency [OGA].
 - This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
 - We are consulting with the OGA. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.
- In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited

to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents contained in sections 1, EBF 17 and EBF 22 of Headquarters file 62-HQ-61573 represents the first interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This information is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOI/PA
DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET
FOI/PA# 1259932-0

Total Deleted Page(s) = 3
Page 106 ~ b7D;
Page 111 ~ Referral/Consult;
Page 112 ~ Referral/Consult;

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X Deleted Page(s) X
X No Duplication Fee X
X For this Page X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

JSA:MM
 62-61210-11
 62-61211-11,12
 62-61212-14
 62-61213-12,14
 62-61227-7,8,9
 62-61450-8
 62-61470-6
 62-61497-10,11
 62-61573-1 ✓

January 29, 1941

RECORDED
 &
 INDEXED

~~PERSONAL AND
 CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~BY SPECIAL AGENT~~

Mr. Sidney Sherwood
 Assistant Secretary
 The Advisory Commission to the
 Council of National Defense
 Federal Reserve Building
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto fifteen reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases. As these investigations progress additional reports will be forwarded to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 RDD/RDS
 ON 10/29/91

Enclosures

RECORDED COPY FILED IN Case # 100

- 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 _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED
 JAN 29 1941
 5242
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Handwritten signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 JAN 31 1941
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COPIES DESTROYED

187 OCT 29 1964

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

FILE NO. 77-438

--EC--

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 APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 Alpha Xi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau; and 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.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

J. J. Sears

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

COPIES OF THIS REPORT

- 3 - Bureau Sp. Del.
- 2 - New York
- 2 - Washington Field
- 2 - Philadelphia

77-438

No known connection with any business organization.

- P -

REFERENCES:

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

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon telephonic request made by Mr. PARKER PREESE, of the Bureau, of the Special Agent in Charge. He advised that DETLEV WULF BRONK was being considered for the position of technical expert in the Price Stabilization Division of the National Defense Commission.

Inquiry at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, revealed that applicant graduated from that college in 1920. Mrs. FRANCES 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. D. 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 Communist 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.

77-438

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 country 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. MELVIN D. 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."

77-438

Under date of January 25, 1941, the New York Office was requested, by teletype, to conduct discreet investigation at the Cornell Medical School, New York City, to ascertain Dr. BRONK's reputation there and the identity of any corporation or business in which he might have a controlling interest.

The Washington Field Office was requested, by teletype on the same date, to ascertain from Dr. BRONK's income tax return similar information.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will complete the investigation requested
in teletype dated January 25, 1941.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will complete the investigation requested
in teletype dated January 25, 1941.

- PENDING -

JJA:BN

62-60518-6
62-61179-3
62-61227-10
62-61229-13,14-15
62-61454-10
62-61511-5
62-61572-3
62-61573-2
62-61574-2

January 31, 1941

~~PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~BY SPECIAL PERMISSION~~

RECORDED

Mr. Sidney Sherman
Assistant Secretary
The Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense
Federal Reserve Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sherman:

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto two reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 P.D.P./R.S.
ON 10/29/91

Enclosures

- 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 _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

FILE NO. **77-438** e. s.

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27/41	REPORT MADE BY E. R. DAVIS
TITLE Dr. DETLEV WULF BRONK			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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

- P -

REFERENCE:

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

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/RS**

DETAILS:

*Letter to Philadelphia
re: no action on lead to WFO etc
1-28-41 Jla*

Inquiry was made of Chief of Police J. L. HIPPLE, 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

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Sears</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		62-61573-2	JAN 28 1941
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		JAN 28 1941	
(3) Bureau (SD) 2 Washington Field Division 2 New York 2 Philadelphia <i>1 cc - me Gure 1-28-41 1 cc Slerwood 9SA 1-31-41 9SA</i>		<i>W. J. [Signature]</i> <i>9SA</i>	

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 77-438

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 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 77-438

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.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will complete investigation requested in report of reference.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION
AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will complete lead contained in report of reference.
Will make inquiry at Patent office and obtain details of any Patents and Copyrights applicant may hold pertaining to his scientific developments.

- P E N D I N G -

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/25/91 BY 9903 RDD/228

RE: DETLEV W. BRONK
SPECIAL INQUIRY
ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype from the Philadelphia Field Division dated January 25, 1941, requesting that contact be had by the Washington Field Division with the Income Tax Division of the Treasury Department to ascertain details of income tax returns filed by the above individual whose residence is Sycamore Mills, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, who is now employed at Cornell Medical School, New York City, in an effort to ascertain the identity of any corporation or business in which he may hold controlling interests.

It is noted that Section 84 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations entitled "INCOME TAX DATA" reflects that photostatic copies of income tax returns desired for official use shall be requested by letter through the Bureau, in view of which this is being brought to the Bureau's attention in order that the above-mentioned lead from the Philadelphia Field Division may be completed.

This letter confirms telephonic communication had by me with Supervisor J. STERLING ADAMS on instant date relative to the above.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in this Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

62-61573-3
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 28 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAB:APS
77-2908
cc-Philadelphia

*Letter to Phila
1-28-41
JSA*

Letter Wolf Bronk

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JSA 'MC

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

January 25, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

SAC PHILADELPHIA.

JMC
DETLEV W. BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION.

REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD TODAY. INVESTIGATION RE COMPANIES IN WHICH BRONK HOLDS CONTROLLING INTEREST MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN REPORT FORM WITH LEADS TO WFO FOR APPROPRIATE CHECK WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES. ADVICE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM BUREAU RE INCOME TAX RETURNS FILED BY BRONK. INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS DESIRED TODAY RE CHARACTER, BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES. SUTEL THIS INVESTIGATION TODAY.

HOOVER

cc - Washington Field
(By Special Messenger)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/81 BY 9803 RDD/BBB

RECORDED

JR

62-64573-4

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

2 1941

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 25 1941

WESTERN UNION

COPIES DESTROYED

SENT VIA 187 OCT 29 1964

217P M

Per *ecr*

99

ep
9T

JSA:LE

January 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. ROSEN

This is to record on the above date in compliance with the request from Mr. Gus Vanech in Mr. Matthew F. McGuire's Office to Mr. Lee R. Pennington, and upon the authority of Mr. Lee R. Pennington, the writer personally delivered the following reports:

Walter P. Becker - RUC report from Washington, D. C.,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Indianapolis, Indiana,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.

Dr. Detlev Wulf Bronk - P report from Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, dated 1-25-41.

Harold Florsheim - RUC report from Chicago, Illinois,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.

John A. Martin - RUC report from Boston, Massachusetts,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Cincinnati, Ohio, Field
Division, dated 1-24-41.
P report from Chicago, Illinois, Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

Logan Morrill - C report from Washington, D. C., Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

William F. Price - RUC report from Chicago, Illinois,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.
RUC report from Buffalo, New York, Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

Arthur A. Schmon - P report from Washington, D. C., Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Newark, New Jersey,
Field Division, dated 1-23-41.
RUC report from Buffalo, New York, Field
Division, dated 1-24-41.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/24/91 BY 9803 RDD/BSK

- 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 _____

RECORDED 162-61573-5

ORIGINAL FILED IN 62-61573-5

JAN 30 1941

Memorandum for Mr. A. Rosen

- 2 -

Walter C. Shorter - RUC report from New York, New York,
Field Division, dated 1-23-41.

Eric N. Searle - RUC report from San Francisco, California,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.

These same reports, listed above, were later made a
matter of record and noted in the memorandum reflecting information
submitted to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire under date of January 27, 1941.

Respectfully,

J. S. Adams

COPY

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 28 1941

TELETYPE

FBI NEW YORK CITY 1-28-41 3 411-25 PM HP

DIRECTOR

DETLEV WULF BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NDC. INVESTIGATION AT CORNELL UNIV MEDICAL SCHOOL REVEALS BRONK IS HEAD OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS DEPT THERE. BRONK REGARDED BY WILLIAM S LADD, DEAN, CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL, AS BRILLIANT IN FIELD OF BIOPHYSICS BUT QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. LADD STATES BRONK HAS DIFFICULTY IN REACHING DECISIONS AND IN HOLDING TO THOSE HE DOES REACH, BRONK HAVING ACCEPTED THE OFFER AT CORNELL THEN BECOMING UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER HE MADE A WISE CHOICE WITH THE RESULT THAT HE WAS OFFERED HIS RELEASE FROM HIS OBLIGATION BUT FINALLY DECIDED THAT HE WOULD GO TO CORNELL. SIMILAR INDECISION MARKED HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLUMBIA UNIV. SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO DR LADD, BRONK BECAME SO UPSET DURING HIS INDECISION LAST SUMMER THAT SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES FEARED A COMPLETE NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN. DR LADD FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT BRONKS ADJUSTMENT TO CORNELL HAS BEEN SLOW, THAT HE HAS REQUESTED CHANGES IN HIS EQUIPMENT AND THEN DECID-ED THE CHANGES WERE NOT WISE AFTER THE ALTERATIONS HAD BEEN MADE WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE. ALSO THAT BRONK WAS CONSIDERED FOR THE PRESIDENCY AT STANFORD-~~UNIV~~ UNIV BUT HIS ASSOCIATES WERE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM ADEQUATE RECOMMENDATION. DESCRIBES BRONK AS OUTSTANDING IN SCIENTIFIC FIELD BUT

OF PRIMA DONNA TYPE. CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND PATRIOTISM UNQUESTIONED. NO INDICATION OF PRIVATE BUSINESS INTERESTS FOUND. NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL

RECORD FOUND.

COPIES DESTROYED

187 OCT 29 1964

SACKETT

cc - Mr Morris, Mr To Supervisor
memo me sure, -29-41 JSA

"noted
www. "

- 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.....

ja
Blawie

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/81 BY SP8 BJS/BJP

62-61553-6
UNQUESTIONED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 31 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROSEN
ADAMS
GIBBY

96074

JCA:EE
Time - 10:30 A.M.

January 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. ROSEN

Re: DANIEL H. SILBERBERG;
ROSTER NORTH SOLIG;
BRENDEN W. BRONK;
JOSEPH CHARLES FLYER;
Special Inquiries - The
Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense.

9803 RDD/1005

This is to record on the above date, Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigations Section, The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, telephonically contacted the writer.

Mr. Welch asked whether requests had been made to the Bureau for investigations of Daniel H. Silberberg, Roster North Solig, Rostler W. Bronk and Joseph Charles Flyer. He stated he had received an inquiry from Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, asking whether he had made requests for investigation in these cases and whether he had yet received any information concerning these individuals. He stated he had no record of having transmitted a request to the Bureau concerning these individuals and as a matter of fact these names had never been referred to his office up to this time; However, Mr. Rowe was anxious to have investigations initiated in these cases at once.

It will be recalled that investigations relative to each of these individuals were requested by Mr. James Rowe direct to the office of the Attorney General and in turn Mr. Matthew P. McGuire transmitted this request to Mr. E. A. Tamm under date of January 23rd, last. These investigations are being expedited and it is expected that teletype messages reflecting the complete investigations in these cases will be received in the Bureau no later than Tuesday, the 28th instant. Information has already been received concerning Solig and Bronk and the same has been furnished in memoranda form to Mr. Matthew P. McGuire per his request. As this information is received in the Bureau, it will be furnished Mr. McGuire in order that he might immediately transmit it to Mr. James Rowe.

INDEXED - 61573 - 7

91

98075

Memorandum for Mr. A. Rosen

- 2 -

Mr. Welch was advised requests for investigations in these cases had been previously received and arrangements had been made for the Bureau to be furnished with telegraphic summaries in these cases so that the results thereof might be available to Mr. Rowe at the earliest possible moment. He stated that in order to make these requests a matter of record he would submit a letter to the Bureau formally requesting investigations in these cases and he further stated for his purpose it would be all right to furnish copies of reports only as they are received in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. S. Adams

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI PHILA CALLING FBI DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NEW YORK CITY 1-0711

FBI PHILA JANUARY 25, 1941 9.20 AM AVM

SAC, NEW YORK CITY.

DETLEV W BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION,
RESIDENCE SYCAMORE MILLS, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA. CONDUCT DISCREET INVESTIGATION
AND ADVISE BUREAU BY TONIGHT CONCERNING CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ABILITY,
POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, AND DETAILS OF BRONKS POSITION CORNELL
MEDICAL SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE IS BELIEVED TO BE ENGAGED IN
BIO PHYSICS RESEARCH. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF ANY CORPORATIONS OR
BUSINESSES IN WHICH HE MAY HOLD CONTROLLING INTEREST, IF ANY.

BUREAU DESIRES TO MAKE REPORT WHITE HOUSE TONIGHT. SUBMIT TELETYPE

REPORT THIS OFFICE.

SEARS

END

ERD:AVM

cc - Bureau ✓

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9203 RDD/ROS

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

62-11573	
JAN 29 1941	
FBI - PHILADELPHIA	
Sent _____	M _____ Per _____

99

RECORDED

db

62-61573-8

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEB. 1 1948

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROSEN

ONT/AB

2

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

Mr. Brush

January 14, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN *R*

You will recall that the Department recently requested a discreet investigation of certain individuals for the purpose of ascertaining their political affiliations, the names of which individuals are hereinafter set out. In pursuance of your instructions, I, on the dates indicated, telephonically requested the following Field Divisions to conduct such investigation:

RE: LESTER NORTH SELIG,
Consultant on Private Railroad
Car Matters, Office of the
Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission;

JOHN MARTIN,
Special Adviser, Office of
Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases;

HAROLD FLORSHEIM,
Special Assistant on Priorities,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases.

I telephonically requested SAC Devereaux, on January 10, 1941, to conduct the appropriate investigation concerning the above-named individuals and on January 11, 1941, he telephonically furnished the results of the investigation at that time to the Bureau, which results are disclosed in a memorandum directed to Mr. E. A. Tamm by Special Agent P. J. Wacks, under date of January 11, 1941. Since that time two teletypes have been received by the Bureau under date of January 13, 1941, furnishing the results of the complete investigation of the above-mentioned individuals.

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

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Sears at Philadelphia to conduct appropriate investigation of Bronk and on January 13, 1941, Special Agent E. R. Davis telephonically advised the writer

that Bronk is not registered with the Registration Commission for the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, in which county he resides. Special Agent Davis further advised that an individual must register with such Commission and declare his political affiliations in order to qualify to vote. Special Agent Davis informed that Professor Robert K. Enders, of Swarthmore College, who knows Bronk very well, states that Bronk is a "rock-ribbed" Republican and that prior to the last general election, Bronk's automobile bore a sticker containing the wording "Another car full of voters for Wilkie." Special Agent Davis further advised that Professor Enders informed that Bronk is now at the head of the Physiological Department, Cornell Medical School, New York City.

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

WALTER SHORTER,
Assistant to the Coordinator,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases,
Defense Commission

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Sackett at New York to conduct the appropriate investigation concerning the above-named individuals and under date of January 13, 1941, the Bureau received two teletypes from the New York Division furnishing the results of a complete investigation concerning such individuals.

RE: LOGAN MORRILL,
Legal and Economic Adviser,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Suran at Cincinnati to conduct the appropriate investigation, and under date of January 11, 1941, a teletype was received by this Bureau from the Cincinnati Division reflecting the results of a complete investigation regarding Morrill.

RE: WALTER BECKER,
Special Assistant on Outer
Clothing Apparel, Office of
Coordinator of National Defense
Purchases

Under date of January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested Acting SAC Madigan to conduct the appropriate investigation, and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received from the Newark Division reflecting the results of a complete investigation as to Becker.

RE: WILLIAM F. PRICE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director of
Purchases, Defense Commission

Under date of January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC O'Connor at Buffalo to conduct the appropriate investigation as to Price, and on January 13, 1941, SAC O'Connor telephonically advised the writer that William F. Price 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The information furnished by the Department concerning Samsel, not being sufficient upon which to request an investigation by the Field, upon your authority Special Agent J. S. Adams telephonically communicated with Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigation Section, Advisory Commission to the Council for National Defense, Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain additional information. However, Mr. Welch was unable to furnish any additional information. Therefore, on the same date and upon your authority, I telephonically requested SAC Hottel of the Washington Field Division to endeavor to ascertain either Samsel's address and/or the address of the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association, Incorporated, with which corporation Samsel was formerly connected, according to the information furnished by the Department. On like date SAC Hottel telephonically advised the writer that investigation had disclosed that Samsel resides at 2709 Seventh Avenue, Sacramento, California, and that the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association has its headquarters at 66 Harrison Street, New York City. I thereupon on the same date telephonically requested SAC Pieper at San Francisco to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Samsel in an effort to ascertain his political affiliations, and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received from the San Francisco Division by the Bureau containing the results of the complete investigation concerning Samsel.

(You will note that investigation has been completed as to the above individuals. Investigation is still in progress with reference to the following-named individuals.)

RE: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER,
Technical Consultant,
Office of the Chief of Ordnance

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested Special Agent M. J. Boyd, who was at that time Acting SAC at Detroit, to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Plyer. At this writing no information has been

received from Detroit and if the Bureau has not received such information from Detroit at the time information is received from other Field Divisions concerning individuals now under investigation, I shall, with your permission, telephonically communicate with that office.

RE: ARTHUR A. SCHMON,
Deputy Administrator
of Priorities of
Foreign Purchases, Office
of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The information furnished by the Department with reference to this individual indicated that he is President and General Manager of the Ontario Paper Company, Thorold, Ontario. An examination of Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1941, reflects that Arthur Albert Schmon was born in 1895 at Newark, New Jersey, and attended Princeton University in 1917; that he is Present, General Manager and Director of the Ontario Paper Company, Limited, Thorold, Canada, and resides at 30 Yates Street, St. Catharine, Canada. He is also, according to that Register, a director and/or officer of numerous other corporations and associations all of which appear to be Canadian Associations and Corporations.

In an effort to ascertain if possible if and where Schmon maintains a residence for voting purposes in this country, Special Agent J. S. Adams, with your permission, telephonically communicated with Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigation Section, Advisory Commission to the Council for National Defense, Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1941, who advised that he had no additional information but stated that he had forwarded to Mr. Schmon by air mail special delivery a personal history form to be filled out, which form was directed to Mr. Schmon at his place of business in Canada. Mr. Welch further advised Special Agent Adams that this form would probably be received on the following day, January 11, 1941. On that date, Agent Adams again telephonically contacted Mr. Welch who advised that he had not yet received Mr. Schmon's personal history form but that undoubtedly it would be received by him on Monday, January 13, 1941.

You will recall that you advised you did not deem it advisable at the present time to conduct any investigation in Canada, but that you instructed the writer to request the Newark Division to conduct investigation inasmuch as Schmon was born in Newark, New Jersey and attended Princeton University. I therefore telephonically requested Acting SAC Madigan on January 11, 1941, to conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain Schmon's political affiliations. Under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received by this Bureau from its Newark Field Division,

reflecting that there is no record of Schmon's registration with the Commission of Registration for Essex County, Newark, New Jersey, and the Board of Election, Mercer County, Trenton, New Jersey, but that Schmon is listed in the Nassau Herald, Class of 1917 for Princeton University, as a Democrat and that his record indicates that he moved to Canada in about 1921.

Mr. Welch on January 13, 1941, advised Special Agent J. S. Adams that Schmon is presently staying at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C., and that a personal history form had been given to him that day, with the request that he immediately fill it out and return it to him (Mr. Welch). Mr. Welch expects this personal history form in the immediate future. Special Agent Adams will keep in touch with Mr. Welch in an effort to obtain any information which would be of value and assistance in the conduct of an investigation of Schmon, which information might be contained in the personal history form to be completed by Mr. Schmon.

Mr. Pennington endeavored without success to obtain information concerning Schmon's probable residence for voting purposes in this country from the Treasury Department.

RE: ALEC SEARLE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

On January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Pieper of the San Francisco Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Searle, and on January 13, 1941, Mr. Pieper telephonically advised the writer that he had learned by discreet inquiry that Searle has been in California for only a week and that, therefore, he had been unable to ascertain Searle's political affiliations. He advised, further, that Searle had formerly resided at 964 Adams Street, Denver, Colorado, where he was a Department Manager for the Safeway Stores; that Searle is married, his wife's name being Sally, and he has one child.

I thereupon immediately, on the same date, telephonically requested Acting SAC Knittle of the Denver Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Searle. At this writing no information has been received from the Denver Division.

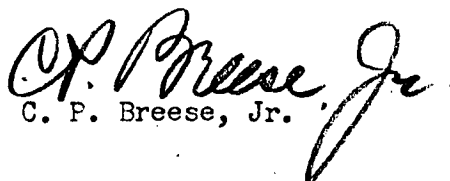
RE: FRANK STOVER,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

On January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested Supervisor Emrich of the New York Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Stover,

and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received by the Bureau from the New York Division, advising that Stover resides at 150 Heights Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, and that the Newark Division had been requested telephonically to teletype to the Bureau the desired information concerning Stover. At this writing nothing has been received from the Newark Division concerning this individual.

There is attached a draft of a memorandum directed to the Assistant to the Attorney General, Matthew F. McGuire, reflecting the results of the investigation to date.

Respectfully,


C. P. Breese, Jr.

Copy - mmc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Confidential~~

January 10, 1941

Memorandum For:

Honorable Matthew McGuire
The Assistant to the Attorney
General

Dear Matt:

I am enclosing an additional list of four names
and would appreciate a report from you as soon as possible.

With my best wishes to you,

Very sincerely,

(signed) Jim

James Rowe, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Copy - mmc

9.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Department or Agency</u>
William F. Price <i>Buffalo</i> ✓ X	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission

Alec Searle <i>San Juan</i> ✓ X	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
------------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

10.

Ralph C. Samsel <i>?</i> ✓	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
-------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

Frank Stover <i>New York</i> ✓ ?	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
-------------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

*Rec'd 1-11-41
PB*



	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Department or Agency</u>
1. <i>Chicago</i>	Lester North Selig	Consultant on Private Railroad Car Matters	Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission
2. <i>Philadelphia</i>	Detlev W. Bronk	Expert Technician	Office of the Commissioner of the Price Stabilization, Defense Commission
X <i>Detroit</i>	Joseph Charles Plyer	Technical Consultant	Office of the Chief of Ordnance
3. <i>New York</i>	Jacob K. Javits	Legal Consultant	Office of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, War Dept.
4. <i>New York</i>	Walter Shorter	Assistant to the Coordinator	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Comm.
5. <i>Chicago</i>	John Martin	Special Adviser	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
6. <i>Cincinnati</i>	Logan Morrill	Legal and Economic Adviser	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.
✓ <i>Newark</i>	Arthur A. Schmon	Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
7. <i>Chicago</i>	Harold Florsheim	Special Assistant on Priorities	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
8. <i>Newark</i>	Walter Becker	Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases

No rec. see one prom 1-10-41 JLM

No record 1-10-41 JLM

No rec. 1-10-41 per Javits

No record 98-296-0 1-10-41 JLM

X Report by 23rd

Read 1-10-41 PB

Lester North Selig - pres. General American Transportation Corp.; b. Brooklyn, N.Y., Sept. 10, 1893; s. Louis N. and Bertha (Norden) S.; prep. edn., Boys' High Schl, Brooklyn; grad. Brooklyn Law Sch., 1914; m. Helen Montgomery, of Pittsburgh, Pa., March 8, 1925; 1 daughter, Shirley W. Began as workman in shops of Gen. Amer. Tank Car Corp., Chicago, 1914, advancing to pres.; now pres. General Am. Transportation Co. Served as enlisted man, advancing to 2nd. lt., 1st lt. and capt. Corps of Engrs. U.S.A. 1917-18; with A.E.F., May 1918-June 1919. Mem Art. Inst. Chicago (life) Phi Alpha. Republican. Jewish Religion. Clubs: Standard, Tavern, Cloud, Lake Shore Country. Home: 179 Lake Shore Drive. Office: 135 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

(from Who's Who)

Chicago



1

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk - physiologist, physicist; born New York City, Aug. 13, 1897; S. Mitchell and Marie (Wulf) B.: A.E., Swarthmore, 1920; studied U. of Pa. 1921; M.S., U. of Mich., 1922, Ph.D., 1926, hon. Sc.D., Swarthmore, 1937; m. Helen A. Ramsey, Sept. 10, 1921; children - John Everton Ramsey, Adrian Mitchell. Exec. sec. Phila. Food Admin., 1918; asst. power engr. Phila. Electric Co., 1920; instr. in physics, U. of Pa. 1921; same U. of Mich., 1921-24, instr. in physiology 1924-26; asst. prof. physiology and biophysics, Swarthmore, 1926-27, assoc. prof., 1927-28, prof., 1928-29, dean of men, 1927-29; fellow Nat. Research Council, at Cambridge and London, 1928-29; Johnson prof. biophysics and dir. Eldridge Reeves Johnson Foundation for Med. Physics, U. of Pa., since 1929, dir. inst. of Neurology since 1936, prof. neurology, Grad. Sch. of Medicine since 1937; Weir Mitchell lecturer, Phila. Coll. Physicians, 1938; Hughlings Jackson lecturer, McGill U., 1938; Vanuxem lecturer, Princeton, 1939. Mng. editor Jour. of Cellular and Comparative Physiology; editor. Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biology and Medicine, Jour. of applied Physics, Am. Jour. of Physiology. Biol. Abstracts. Mem. Nat. Research Council (exec. com. div. physics). Ensign U. S. Naval Aviation Corps, 1918-19. Fellow A.A.A.S., Am. Physical Soc.; mem. Nat. Acad. Sciences, Am. Philos. Soc., Am. Physiol. Soc., British Physiol. Soc., Optical Soc. America, Soc. Exptl. Biology and Medicine, Phila. Neurol. Soc., Am. Neurol. Assn., Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, Alpha Mu Pi Omega; hon. mem. Harvey Soc., Soc. Anesthetists; corr. mem. Soc. Philomath. de Paris. Baptist. Clubs: Rittenhouse (Phila.); Cosmos (Washington, D. C.). Contbr. to Am. and British scientific jous. Home: Hill house Farm, Media, Pa. Office: University hospital, Phila. Pa. ||

(From Who's Who)

Phila.
Carol Deans. 1-10-41

✓

Joseph Charles Plyer - Employed past seven years by General Motors Corporation as Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor in Spare Parts Dept., Traveling Auditor in Warehouse Operation and Spare Parts Stock Control.

Detroit
M. J. Boyd, Acting Sec.
1-10-41

Called Boyce 1-12-41
is making check

X

Jacob K. Javits, partner of law firm, Javits & Javits, 165 Broadway
New York City, since 1927. //

Counsel for petitioning creditors in bankruptcy of
Kreuger & Toll and conducted first investigation
in U.S. of Ivar Kreuger's activities, 1933; counsel
for protective committees in reorganization of
Standard Gas & Electric Company; Schulte Retail Stores
Corporation; counsel for Loft Stockholders in Loft
and Pepsi-Cola litigations; counsel for The National
Paper Trade Association of the United States, Inc.
Writer and lecturer on economic problems. Contributor
of articles on anti-trust laws, trade associations and
legislation to magazines, trade papers and newspapers.
Author of A Proposed Amendment to The Anti-Trust Laws.

Member: American Bar Association, New York County
Lawyers Association, Trade and Commerce Bar Association.

Clubs: National Republican Club, Bankers Club of New
York, City Athletic Club. //

Legal Fraternity: Phi Lambda Delta

*New York
Director 1-10-41*

Walter Shorter, Sales Manager of the Specialty Division of the
International Paper Company, New York City.

||

New York

✓

4

John A. Martin - General Manager of the Wesco Foods Company for the past ten years and previously was Produce Sales Manager for the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company in Cincinnati. Before becoming associated with Kroger, he had been employed in various capacities by the United Fruit Company. Resident of Oak Park, Illinois. //

Chicago

5

Logan Morrill - partner in the law firm of Frost and Jacobs of Cincinnati and has been acting as counsel for the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company. Graduate of Cincinnati Law School, Princeton University, Treasurer of the Cincinnati Society of National History and past President of the Princeton Alumni Association of Cincinnati. //

*Refer teletypes from W.H.
Cincinnati 1-10-41
Raman*



6

Arthur Schmon -- President and General Manager of the Ontario
Paper Company, Thorold, Ontario.

Newark Newark
Michigan, 1-11-41.

Laurence A. Welch,
Chief, Investigation Section,
Advisory Commission to Council of National Defense,
Wash, D.C.

X

Harold Florsheim - Vice President of the Florsheim Shoe Company
of Chicago. ||

Chicago
Called Milwaukee 1/10/41
Teletype by noon.

✓

1

Walter Becker - Formerly a buyer for the J. C. Penney Company of New York, and before that he was associated with the C. E. Cones and Son Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis. Resident of Westfield, New Jersey //

*Neeruk
Madison, Acting SAC.
1-10-41*



8

Alec Searle - Superintendent in charge of meat operation for
Safe-Way Stores, Oakland, California

Rafeway Stores, Inc., Oakland, Calif.

San Francisco
Peper 1-11-41

Knuttle, Acting SAC
Denver 1-13-41

Wanda

X

Ralph C. Samsel - formerly with the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association, Inc.

See Adams - Monday

Called Bill 1-13-21

*Called Dan Francisco - Piper
1-13-21*

X

Frank Stover - Assistant Comptroller of the Atlantic and Pacific
Tea Company.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of America,
New York.

Called Norwich, N.Y.
1-11-41

Newark (see teletype N.Y. 1-13-41)

lv

62-61573-9

RECORDED

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 24 1941

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 14, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW P. 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: LESTER NORTH SELIG,
Consultant on Private Railroad
Car Matters, Office of the
Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that it has ascertained through a confidential informant that Selig takes no part whatsoever in politics; that he was not in any way active during the last election and that he endeavors to maintain a neutral stand on national politics. Mr. Robert Appel, head of the Non-Sectarian League of Americanism, a prominent Jew in Chicago, in offhand conversation informs that Selig 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. Owen A. West, former Assistant U. S. Attorney and son of Roy West, former National Chairman of the Republican Party, who was contacted without being informed of the purpose of the inquiry, advised that Selig has not been active and is unheard of politically. Selig 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 must register with such Commission and declare his political affiliations in order to qualify to vote.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
JAN 15 1941
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

- 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 _____

Professor Robert K. Enders of Swarthmore College, who knows Bronk very well, states that Bronk is a "top-ribbed" Republican and he further informs that prior to the last general election, Bronk's automobile bore a sticker containing the words "Another car full of voters for Wilkie." Professor Enders further informs that Bronk is now at the head of the Physiological Department, Cornell Medical School, New York City.

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. A confidential informant has advised that Javits, although early conceding Roosevelt's reelection, favored Wilkie's domestic policy and probably voted for the latter; that Javits is wrapped up in his legal work and is not politically-minded as is his brother, Benjamin, who was a rabid Wilkie man. Javits has expressed the opinion that this country's business will proceed as usual no matter who was elected.

RE: WALTER SHORTER,
Assistant to the Coordinator,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases,
Defense Commission

The New York, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Shorter registered with the Board of Electors, Town of Greensburg, New York, 17th District, for the 1940 election, on the Democratic ticket.

RE: JOHN MARTIN,
Special Adviser, Office of
Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that John A. Martin, who presently resides in Oak Park, Illinois, is at the present time very dangerously ill with cancer and is not expected to live, but that it is not generally known he is afflicted with this disease. Martin is originally from North Carolina.

According to confidential information furnished by a in Oak Park, an intimate friend of Martin's, he, Martin, is 100 per cent for capitalism and outspoken against labor; that it is believed by this Priest Martin 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.

Owen A. West, former Assistant U. S. Attorney and son of Roy West, former National Chairman of the Republican Party, advised that Martin has in no way been active and is not known politically. West was not informed of the purpose of the inquiry made of him.

An official of the Wesco Foods Company, 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 advised that John A. Martin voted for Roosevelt in the past two general elections, but does not actively participate in politics.

Information concerning Martin's political affiliations was not available at the Election Commissioners' Office inasmuch as Martin failed to vote in the Primaries and the political affiliation need not be disclosed 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 Martin's affiliations are with the Democratic Party.

RE: LOGAN MORRILL,
Legal and Economic Adviser,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

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

RE: HAROLD FLORSHEIM,
Special Assistant on Priorities,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Harold Florsheim 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 Florsheim company.

RE: WALTER BECKER,
Special Assistant on Outer Clothing
Apparel, Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

The Newark, New Jersey Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Westfield, New Jersey records of the Board of Elections, Union County,

New Jersey, disclose that Becker registered as a Republican in the 1936 Primaries. That Division further informed that the Postmaster advises Becker is a Republican.

RE: WILLIAM F. PRICE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The Buffalo, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that William F. Price 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The San Francisco Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Samsel and his wife, Margaret F., are registered in Sacramento County, California, as Democrats. That Division has further advised that Samsel is a good will contact man representing Joseph Schwalb, Manager, American Fruit and Produce Association of New York City, owned by Joseph DiGiorgi; that the latter is an outstanding producer and distributor of fruit with 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 Samsel's employment by DiGiorgi is a high recommendation for Samsel.

In August 1939, Samsel managed the Sacramento Office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture 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:

RE: JOSEPH CHARLES FLYER,
Technical Consultant, Office
of the Chief of Ordnance

ARTHUR A. SCHMON,
Deputy Administrator of
Priorities of Foreign Purchases,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

ALEC SEARLE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

FRANK STOVER,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

*Mr. Adams
Jla*

JSA:DC

January 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

R

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.

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lester North Selig | Logan Morrill |
| Detlev W. Bronk | Walter Becker |
| Jacob K. Javits | William F. Price |
| Joseph Charles Flyer | Ralph C. Samsel |
| John A. Martin | Arthur A. Schmon |
| Harold Florsheim | Alec Searle (correct name later
determined to be Eric W. Searle) |
| Walter Shorter | Frank Stover |

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 this list and Ralph C. Samsel and Frank Stover 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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 6 JAN 30 1941
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 ROSEN
 ONE

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 Stover and Samsel, 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 Martin, Florsheim, Morrill, Becker and Schmon, 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 Mr. L. R. Pennington, advising that the President was pushing him for the investigations of "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 Mr. Pennington's 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 Mr. Pennington, 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 Mr. L. R. Fennington, 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.

LESTER NORTH SELIG, Consultant on private railroad car matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission.

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 Selig 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 Selig 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.

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

The writer telephonically contacted Assistant Agent in Charge R. A. Guerin at the New York City Field Office and advised him concerning the expeditious nature of this investigation. Mr. Guerin stated he would afford same close supervision and follow up and in view of the fact Agent McSwain was directly supervising such matters he referred the writer to Agent McSwain. Identical instructions were furnished to Agent McSwain as those furnished to the Chicago Field Division with reference to Lester North Selig, 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 Mr. McSwain was so advised.

JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER, Technical Consultant, Office of
the Chief of Ordnance, Defense
Commission.

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 Plyer has been appointed Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Defense Commission. 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.

DETLEV 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.

HAROLD FLORSHEIM

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 W. S. Crawford, 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.

WILLIAM F. PRICE

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. O'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 L. E. Kingman, No. 1 man 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 Kingman dictated the synopsis of this report to Miss Havlick, 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.

JOHN A. MARTIN

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.

WALTER C. SHORTER

Special Agent McSwain 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. Henrich 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 Henrich dictated the synopsis of this report to Miss Havlick, 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.

WALTER BECKER

Special Agent McSwain 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 R. V. Harman, 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 J. T. Madigan, 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.

FRANK STOVER

Special Agent J. T. Madigan 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.

ARTHUR A. SCHMON

Special Agent J. T. Madigan 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 C. H. Kast 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.

RALPH C. SAMSEL

Special Agent D. J. Kennedy 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.

ERIC W. SEARLE

Special Agent D. J. Kennedy 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.

LOGAN MORRILL

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.

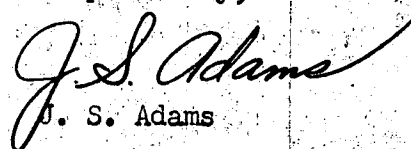
It is pointed out in each instance those offices contacted were advised to review these investigations and in the event there were any undeveloped leads to be set forth for other divisions to handle same by wires or if deemed advisable by telephone and in each instance to advise the auxiliary division 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 Morrill, Becker, Martin, Schmon and Florsheim 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,


J. S. Adams

JSA:MMC

January 28, 1941

62-61573

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: DR. DETLEV WOLF BRONK;
APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION
DIVISION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMISSION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 95030 DD/000

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. Z. Davis, 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. Bronk.

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. Bronk 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. Bronk, 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 _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED 1430'S
 FILED
 ★ JAN 28 1941
 11 17 P.M. 07 NVC
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

62-615-73-11
 4 FEB 1 1941
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Washington Field (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER).

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

COPY
hvw

January 31, 1941

JSA'MC

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,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment. *filed*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/BJA

RECORDED & INDEXED

ep 62-61573-12

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten notes and signatures on the left margin, including a large signature and some illegible text.



January 28, 1941

JSA'MC

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.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/SPD

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

RECORDED & INDEXED

62-61573-13

66

JSA:MH

January 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. 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:

Walter P. Becker	William F. Price
Detlev W. Bronk	Ralph C. Samsel
Harold M. Florsheim	Arthur A. Schmon
Jacob K. Javits	Eric W. Searle
John A. Martin	Lester North Selig
Logan Morrill	Walter Clarence Shorter
Joseph Charles Plyer	Frank Stover

In addition thereto investigations are being instituted today relative to Daniel H. Silberberg and William A. Summerhays, 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.

JAN 27 12 29 PM '41

- 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 _____

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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED
 ★ JAN 27 1941 ★
 P. M.
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten signatures and initials

Memorandum for
Mr. Matthew F. McGuire

- 2 -

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

Re: WALTER P. BECKER - Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent Virgil J. Wiltse dated January 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, and the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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:

"Walter P. Becker was employed at New York City, from 1913 to 1918 as Salesman and from 1918 to 1920 as Branch Manager of the C. B. Cones and Son Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis. He left this employment to accept a position with J. C. Penney Company, in view of the fact this position afforded him greater opportunities. While Becker 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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 20 1941

ONE

ENCLOSURE

thereof will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Re: HAROLD MILTON FLORSHEIM - Special Assistant on Priorities, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and the report of Special Agent Crawford 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:

"Harold Milton Florsheim was born June 20, 1899, at Chicago, Illinois. He attended University High School from October, 1913 to June, 1916. His grades were average and he was very active in student activities. Florsheim is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Florsheim Retail Shoe Company and he is Director of the Florsheim Retail Shoe Shops. He receives a salary exceeding \$20,000 per year. Florsheim is rated to be very wealthy and has considerable investments in Bank Stocks. He is rated by the Florsheim Shoe Company 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 Florsheim Shoe Company or any family connections in Europe. There was no criminal record located either in Chicago or Highland Park, Illinois. Florsheim's 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:

"Professor R. S. Sady, Gettysburg College, advised he was Faculty Advisor to Florsheim at Cornell University from 1916 to 1920, having taught him in several Political Science courses. Professor Sady recalled Florsheim as a good 'B' average student and stated that during classes there was nothing to distinguish Florsheim 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. Professor Sady stated there was no reason to believe Florsheim would have any foreign sympathies, German or otherwise, since he, himself, is Jewish. Professor Sady went on to state that Florsheim's college chum was a person named Edward S. Weil; that Weil was a nephew of the late Rosenwald, Philantropist and former President of Sears Roebuck and Company. He advised that together, Weil and Florsheim, gathered considerable material on their college thesis entitled 'Fire Prevention and Fire Protection.' Florsheim was described by Professor Sady as a good clean-cut fellow of good character and habits who was in no difficulties at Cornell and who was above average as a student. He stated, however, that he has not seen Florsheim 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: JOHN A. MARTIN - Special Advisor, Office of
Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.**

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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 Martin's former residence during 1932, his address at that time being 215 Rosemont Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, revealed no one in that vicinity was sufficiently acquainted with Martin to furnish information concerning his loyalty as an American citizen, however, those persons interviewed advised Martin's reputation in Fort Thomas, Kentucky 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: LOGAN MORRILL - Legal and Economic Advisor, Office
of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.**

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent Edward S. Sanders dated January 10, 1941, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the report of Special Agent D. Howard Phillips 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.

Re: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER - Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

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: WILLIAM F. PRICE - Special Advisor to the Director, Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent Alan H. Mayer dated January 23, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas; Special Agent J. A. Bernard dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C.; and Special Agent L. H. Frutkin 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 William F. Price was former Vice-President and General Manager of the Jacob Dold Packing Company, Buffalo, New York, from February, 1926 to February, 1939, at which time he retired. Employees and others state Price is highly regarded in the Meat Packing Industry, 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 Price's 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: RALPH C. SANSEL - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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: ARTHUR A. SCHMON - Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent Frank C. Wood dated January 23, 1941 at Albany, New York, which reflects the results of investigation conducted at Ontario, Canada. Attention is directed to information furnished by a reliable confidential informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that Schmon is associated with an appeasement group and that the [redacted] are at a loss to understand why Schmon has been appointed to The Advisory Commission at Washington, D. C. 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 Mr. Schmon which was conducted by the [redacted] and which it will be noted is entirely favorable.

b7D

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: ERIC W. SEARLE - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of the Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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

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: LESTER NORTH SELIG - Consultant on Private Car Matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission.

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: DANIEL H. SILBERBERG - Consultant, Price Stabilization Division, Defense Commission.

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: WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER - Assistant to the Coordinator, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent J. B. Reynolds dated January 23, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia, and the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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: FRANK STOVER - Assistant Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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: WILLIAM A. SUMMERHAYS -

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.

JSA:MH

January 27, 1941

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.

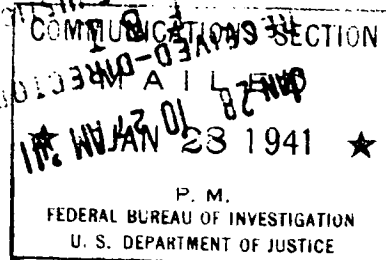
These investigations are continuing and there is being attached hereto an additional memorandum reflecting further investigation conducted to date in these cases. Additional information will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

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 _____



RECORDED

62-61573-

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEB 6

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOVELL

MEMORANDUM

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

Re: WALTER P. BECKER - Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent R. G. Glick dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and Special Agent William F. Gigray, Jr., dated January 25, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which reports reflect investigation conducted by these 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 E. R. Davis 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: HAROLD MILTON FLORSHEIM - Special Assistant on Priorities, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent W. H. Buckler 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 _____

100-111111-111111
11/11/41

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 detailed form the results of investigation conducted by that Division, a copy of this report will be furnished forthwith.

Re: JOHN A. MARTIN - Special Advisor, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent W. H. Buckler dated January 25, 1941, at Philadelphia, Special Agent J. H. Foley dated January 25, 1941, at Boston, Massachusetts, and Special Agent W. S. Rakes 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: LOGAN MORRILL - Legal and Economic Advisor, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent W. L. Oblinger 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: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER - Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

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

"Joseph Charles Plyer, Jr., was born June 13, 1902 at Houghton County, Michigan. He has one child and his wife's name is Edith. Investigation to date indicates only High School education. The personnel record at the Chevrolet

"Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, Flint, Michigan, indicates Flyer was employed with the Buick Motor Division prior to July 21, 1921; that he left this employment because of personal differences. He was employed with the Chevrolet Motor Division, Flint, Michigan, from May 1, 1922 to April 12, 1924, being laid off from that time. Flyer's application for employment was rejected by the Chevrolet Motor Division on September 2, 1926, because of a bad heart. He was thereafter employed with the A. C. Spark Plug Division prior to March 9, 1927. Flyer was again employed with the Chevrolet Motor Division from March 29, 1927 to November 22, 1940, being transferred at that time to Washington, D. C. His work with the Chevrolet Motor Division was very satisfactory and during this employment he held the following positions in the order named: Stock Record Clerk in the Follow-up Department; National Ordering Department; and Contact Man on the road between the plant and distributing warehouses. His salary at the time he left Flint, Michigan, in November, 1940, is reported to have been \$265 per month. The Personnel Director of the Chevrolet Motor Division advised Flyer is now earning \$325 per month plus \$5 per diem while in Washington, D. C. Investigation to date indicates Flyer 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. Flyer 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. Flyer's credit record at Flint, Michigan, 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: WILLIAM F. PRICE - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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

New York, and Special Agent P. C. Dunne 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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 conducted in that Division:

"Preliminary investigation reflects Samsel 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 reveals Samsel exerts no guiding influence or control in any companies or corporations. He has no criminal record at Davis, California, where he attended College, or at Sacramento, California. Fred Read, Assistant Manager, California Fruit Exchange, and Irving Woodin, General Manager, both recommend him highly on basis of ability, honesty and patriotism, describing him as being of good Yankee stock with normally conservative ideals. Samsel was employed with Sgobel and Day in New York and as Field Representative in California several years until approximately 1934, being employed thereafter with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration as Field Representative until 1938, at which time he was employed by the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association as Missionary and Business Agent traveling extensively with this latter organization. Harry Cleaver, Local Head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Office, Sacramento, described Samsel's work as above average and stated he is unusually honest. Richard W. Gray, Manager, Tokay Marketing Agreement, Sacramento area, worked closely with Samsel. Gray

"recommends Samsel highly and stated he did a difficult job very well. The exact dates of Samsel's employment with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration are not available at present. He attended the University of California College of Agriculture at Davis, California, from 1927 to 1930, taking a general course in Agriculture. 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: ARTHUR A. SCHMON - Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent C. S. Franich dated January 24, 1941, at Buffalo, New York, Special Agent George D. O'Connor 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: ERIC W. SEARLE - Special Advisor to the Director, Office of the Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent D. K. Rankin 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:

"Eric W. Searle was employed under the immediate supervision of T. W. Henriette, Division Manager, Safeway Stores,

"Incorporated, as Divisional Manager of the Meat Department, Safeway Stores, Incorporated, having supervision of 143 Meat Markets in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas and New Mexico, from 1931 to January 6, 1941, when he was transferred to Oakland, California. Searle was also employed under the supervision of Henritze from 1921 to 1929 at Snodgrass Fruit Company, Denver, Colorado, and from 1929 to 1931 under Henritze's supervision at Mac Marr Stores, Incorporated, Denver, Colorado. Henritze and other employees of Safeway Stores, Incorporated, advised Searle is the best meat 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 Meat Division efficiently. Searle's employment records have been transferred to the headquarters, Safeway Stores, Incorporated, at Oakland, California. Investigation reveals he has no interests or guiding influence in any companies other than Safeway Stores, Incorporated. General inquiry and neighborhood investigation developed no foreign or subversive tendencies of either Searle 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 Searle at Denver, Colorado. An article appearing in the Denver Post on April 11, 1937, reflected Searle crashed into a truck and passenger car between Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado, on April 2, 1937, receiving critical injuries, later recovering. Records of the Justice Court, Colorado Springs, indicate Searle was tried April 9, 1937, for reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. There is no other criminal record of Searle at Colorado Springs."

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: LESTER NORTH SELIG - Consultant on Private Car
Matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission.

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:

"Lester North Selig was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 10, 1893, of a prominent, social and financial Hebrew family. He was graduated from the Brooklyn Law School in 1914, and has since been employed with the General American Transportation Corporation or its predecessors with the exception of the period of 1918 and 1919 when he was in the Transportation Division of the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army. Selig was elected President of the General Transportation Corporation in 1931, upon the retirement of Max Epstein, Selig's brother-in-law. Selig is also on the Board of Directors and is an officer and is on the Board of Directors of most of the subsidiary Corporations owned by the General American Transportation Corporation. Max Epstein is Chairman of the Board and apparently owns the controlling interests in the General American Transportation Corporation. Miss W. A. Haig, Assistant Cashier and Assistant Treasurer, stated that Selig is the big boss when Epstein is not present. Selig owns about \$600,000 worth of stock in the General American Transportation Corporation some of which was given him by Epstein. The Corporation has about \$5,000,000 in stocks outstanding. Selig's reputation, character, honesty, and ability are excellent. Neighborhood investigation conducted in the vicinity of Selig's residence resulted favorably. There is no criminal record on Selig 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 General American Transportation Corporation or its subsidiaries in which Lester North

Selig 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: WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER - Assistant to the Coordinator, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent S. A. Smith 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: FRANK STOVER - Assistant Advisor to the Director, Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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:

"Frank Stover resided at 100 Oxford Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey, for eight years. However, he moved to 150 Heights Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, in June, 1937, and at the present time owns his residence at that address and it is valued at \$12,000. Stover is employed with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, as Traveling Auditor and has been so employed since 1920. None of the persons contacted knew of any possible interests held by Stover other than his employment with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. A medium four figure loan was obtained by Stover from the North Jersey Trust Company, Ridgewood, New Jersey, in 1937, being secured by an insurance policy. These payments have been satisfactory. Stover maintains a small checking account. He is reported to be brilliant, a hard worker,

"a very loyal American and pro-British. Further, he is reported to possess a good personal appearance. Stover's 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

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

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

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:

- 0 Bronk, Detlev W. ^{apt. Thann}
- Plyer, Joseph Charles - ^{no apt in}
- Selig, Lester North ^{OK}
- Silberberg, Daniel H. ^{no apt in}

Included in the list of names submitted by Mr. Rowe and also by this office was that of Frank Stover. It has since been ascertained that Mr. Stover's 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.

Sincerely,

Sidney Sherwood

Sidney Sherwood
Assistant Secretary

11-1-11
52-61572-12
61670-4

RECORDED

RECORDED

62-61573-16

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

5 FEB 8 1941

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROSEN

ADAMS

ONE

99

me

done - ok

[Handwritten flourish]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

NY FILE NO. 77-1278 JR

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 APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION	

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 biophysicis, 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.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/24/91 BY 2903 RDD/SSB

- R U C -

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.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		67-1278-17	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
3 - Bureau (enc.) 2 - Philadelphia 2 - New York			

77-1278

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.

77-1278

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 are 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 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.

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

77-1278

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

77-1278

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 the 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

77-1278

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.

Dean LADD 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. *deleted*

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.

77-1278

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (7):

1. Letter from Alfred N. Richards, University of Pennsylvania, to President E. E. Day, Cornell University, dated July 15, 1940 (photostatic copy).
2. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University, to Vice President Alfred N. Richards, University of Pennsylvania, dated July 16, 1940.
3. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University to Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 16, 1940.
4. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University, to Mrs. Detlev W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 16, 1940.
5. One photostatic sheet concerning:
 - A. Telegram from The Bronks to President Day, dated July 20, 1940.
 - B. Telegram from Edmund E. Day to Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 20, 1940.
6. Photostatic copy of letter from Amy M. Hughes, Office of President Day, Cornell University, to Dean William S. Ladd, dated July 26, 1940.
7. Photostatic copy of letter from Dean William S. Ladd to Dr. Edmund E. Day, President, Cornell University, dated November 12, 1940.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

JSA:EE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[JANUARY 27, 1941] (U)

[CODE] (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DETLEV WULF BRONK; APPLICANT, PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION. CONDUCT THOROUGH DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRIES AT P.D. AND CREDIT BUREAUS. COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND SUBMIT REPORT AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY.

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 09-05-2014
ADG/J72J82T32

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE~~

HOOVER

62-61573

10/25/91
Classified by 9803
Declassify on: OADR

Routed... Recorded...
Searched... Indexed...
Numbered...
[JAN 28 1941] (U)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECORDED
62-61573-18
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
6 * [MAR 18 1941] (U)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

[JAN 27 1941] (U)

POSTAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SENT VIA _____

116 P M

Per _____

RECORDED

JSA:EE
62-61573-19

April 21, 1941

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

Re: DR. DETLEV WULF BRONK; Price
Stabilization Division, Office
of Production Management.

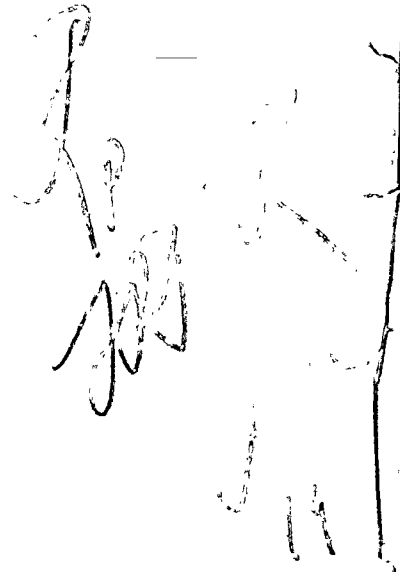
Please be advised investigation in
this case has been completed and copies of all
reports submitted in connection therewith have
previously been furnished you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/ROB

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



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
4058 United States Court House
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

April 14, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9903 RDD/200

Dear Sir:

RE: DR. DETLEV WULF BRONK
APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION
DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMISSION

Inasmuch as the investigation in instant
case has been completed, this case is being closed
in the Philadelphia Field Division files.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

WVMcL:VH
77-438

*Memo for Mr. Tolson
4-21-41
JFA*

RECORDED

62-61573-19
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
2 APR 15 1941
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc Long

BRANK, Detlev Half **C3nd** **CONF**
Wash. D. C.

Employee of: *62-61573*
pm

National Research Council
2101 Constitution Ave.
Wash. D.C.

SEX	COLOR	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	BIRTH

CNO does not object to employment **20 March 41**

FBI-1 MID-1 *WASH* I&N-1 B2-1 SecWarls ND-3 **PNG-1**

May 16 42 **BDS** **B-10**

CONFIDENTIAL

RECORDED

246
5 JUN 29 1942

62-61573-20
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
20 MAY 27 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

S. J. G. M.

BRONK, Detlev Wulf New York City, N.Y.		OSRD		62-61573-	
Employee of: Cornell Medical School New York City, N.Y.		SSA			
SEX	COLOR	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
					97
CNO does not object to employment					3/26/41
FBI-1	MID-1	ASST	B2-1	ASST	ND-3 PMG-1
May 6 42			BDS		B-10

CONFIDENTIAL

2 JUL 6 1942
222

RECORDED

62-61573-21
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 20 MAY 27 1942
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: 5/17/47

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: DETLEV W. BRONK;
LOUIS N. RIDENOUR
INFORMATION CONCERNING
SECURITY MATTER - C
Refer 5-IS

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

The Boston Division has received information from time to time from Confidential Informants [redacted] reflecting that LOUIS N. RIDENOUR and DETLEV W. BRONK have been two of the more active scientists in the perfection of secret weapons and aids of a scientific nature during the recently-concluded war. The informants have further advised that RIDENOUR was one of the more prominent persons in the foundation of the Federation of American Scientists and was a leading actor in the Cambridge Association of Scientists. BRONK has associated himself with HARLOW SHAPLEY in establishing the Inter-Science Committee for a National Science Foundation.

(U) b7D
1-17
1-17

On May 5, 1947, Special Agent FREDERICK M. CONNORS obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] the enclosed correspondence between RIDENOUR and BRONK concerned with BRONK's observations and experiences while attending the Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Academy of Science at Moscow in the summer of 1945. This matter was removed from the personnel file of RIDENOUR for a sufficient time to enable the Boston Division to photostat it. Two copies are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's consideration, and two are also enclosed for the completion of the files of the Philadelphia Division.

[redacted] voluntarily furnished this matter to the Boston Office because he felt that it was demonstrative of the mental processes through which scientists are apt to travel when dealing with problems of an international political nature. A review of the material will reveal that BRONK was much impressed by the cordial hospitality afforded him by the Russians.

No further inquiries are requested by the Boston Office on the basis of these enclosures. It is requested that in the event this information is disseminated, the identity of [redacted] be carefully concealed, because he is considered a very valuable source of information to this office.

ENCLOSURES

cc: Philadelphia
57 JUN 1947
BSG:ech
100-19119

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

EX 55

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 gcl/11-17-80
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 11-17-90

EX-55

62-61573-22

RECORDED & INDEXED
NG 62

Handwritten initials and signatures

September 23, 1947

86072

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL DELIVERIES~~

Dr. John E. Stoolman
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-12-95 BY SP9AC/lmb

Dear Dr. Stoolman:

I thought you would be interested in the attached
information concerning Dr. Dettler Wolf Brenk, chairman of the
National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

With assurances of my highest esteem,

Sincerely yours,

~~10/29/47~~
~~2209 R.D.H.~~

Original delivered 9-24-47
to Stoolman's secretary in
his absence at Cabinet Meeting.

J.M.W.

Attachment

HLJ:bb

RECORDED
INDEXED

162-61592-23

16 OCT 1947
16 OCT 1947
16 OCT 1947

Dr. Dettler Wolf Brenk

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1-12-95 BY SP9AG/mb ~~ESTHER WOLF BRANK~~
MANDATORY NIT 95-1

September 23, 1947

Esther Wolf Brank is the present chairman of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

The following is a summary of information available concerning Brank:

In March, 1945, Dr. Melba Phillips, a scientist who is known to entertain pro-Russian sympathies and a known associate of Bert Jan Bok, made mention of the fact that Brank is a member of the Committee on International Relations of the National Research Council. Bok is the chairman of this committee. Bok has been very active in the American Association of Scientific Workers and is a contact of individuals who are known or suspected Communist Party members. The American Association of Scientific Workers has reportedly been the object of attempted infiltration by Communists and Communist sympathizers and has advocated the free dissemination of scientific information without regard to security precautions.

Brank was one of the thirteen Americans who left the United States on June 10, 1945, to attend the 230th Jubilee of the Soviet Scientists Academy in Moscow. Following the return of this group, a reception was held in their honor on August 21, 1945, by the American-Soviet Scientists Society, an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, a Communist front organization. At this reception, Brank made a speech stating that Russian scientists should prove a stimulating influence to American scientists and that he was convinced that there was a real basis for lasting friendship between Russia and the United States. A report on this reception was carried in the "Daily Worker" on August 22, 1945. In this account, the "Daily Worker" stated that six scientists, among them Brank, had paid tribute to the achievements of the Soviet Union.

The "New York Times," in an article dated December 11, 1946, reported that Brank spoke at a luncheon held on the previous day in New York City, in honor of Professor Alexander A. Michailov, chairman of the Astronomical Council of the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences.

On one occasion, Dr. Harlow Shapley, assistant director of the Harvard Observatory who is known to be a pro-Soviet sympathizer, invited Brank to attend an informal committee meeting concerning the National Science Foundation in which Leo Harvich, a Communist Party member and president of the Cambridge Chapter of the American Association of Scientific Workers, had an interest.

Floyd L. Jones:bb

SAC, Baltimore

May 11, 1949

Director, FBI

DETLEV WULF BRONK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Philadelphia letter dated April 14, 1949.

In accordance with the request of the Philadelphia Office there are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of the following reports under the character of Atomic Energy Act - Applicant:

Report of Special Agent Ellis Mehan dated July 3, 1947, at Detroit.

Report of Special Agent James J. Mullan dated July 8, 1947, at Philadelphia.

Report of Special Agent Frank W. Mulderig dated July 8, 1947, at New York.

Report of Special Agent in Charge Guy Hottel dated July 18, 1947, at Washington, D. C.

DE-INDEXED
DATE: 9/18/83
6

Enclosure

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/26/91 BY 5903 R.DD/BSB

62-61573

24

HT:mac

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

MAILED 15
MAY 11 1949

62MA: 24 1949

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

fr TO : Director, FBI
W FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
 SUBJECT: ^① DETLEV WULF BRONK
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: April 14, 1949 ^{TC 2-1}

Reference is made to the Baltimore letter dated March 14, 1949, captioned "Dr. D. W. BRONK, SECURITY MATTER - C," wherein the Baltimore Office requested full information pertaining to BRONK since he is now at John Hopkins University.

A full investigation was made of BRONK and a report captioned "DETLEV WULF BRONK - 11 - 15, ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT," made by Special Agent JAMES J. MULLAN, dated July 8, 1947, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contains the results of this investigation. The Philadelphia Office has only one copy of this report and the Bureau is herewith requested to furnish the Baltimore Office with a copy of this report for the information of the Baltimore Office. This is contained in Bureau file 116-12176.

The Philadelphia Office has no information in addition to that contained in the aforementioned report. RUC.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/29/97 BY SP3 R DD/BJD

WBW:as
 100-34367

cc: Baltimore

*Let Baltimore
 5-11-49
 at*

J

RECORDED - 119

SE 1st

162-61573-24

F B I

4 APR 19 1949

EX-22

JSK

OR

BE

Truman Appoints Doolittle To National Air Committee

By the Associated Press
Dr. James Harold Doolittle, better known as Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, yesterday became a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

President Truman named Gen. Doolittle as one of three new appointees to the committee required by an Act of the 80th Congress.

The commander of the famed Tokyo bombers, together with a Philadelphia physicist and physiologist, Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, was appointed with terms expiring December 1, 1950. Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment, became a member by reason of that chairmanship.

file in →

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/206

Ward
Ward

G.I.R.-7

file 5-24

RECORDED - 116

162-61573 - A
F B I
71 JUL 26 1948

EX-19

71 JUL 28 1948

THE EVENING STAR
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Date:

JUN 27 1948

G. J. R. -y

October 8, 1954

DETLEV W. BRONK
Born: August 13, 1897
New York, New York

[Handwritten initials]

Reference is made to reports furnished to your Department on February 10, 1950, entitled "Detlev W. Bronk-11-15, Atomic Energy Act-Applicant." It is noted that these reports contained the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1947 pertaining to the captioned individual.

(116-12176)

A summary, dated August 5, 1954, which reflects the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the activities of the captioned individual from the date of the conclusion of the afore-mentioned investigation, was furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams, The Assistant to the President, the White House. Should you desire the results of this most recent investigation it is suggested that you contact the White House for the details.

(77-83757)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Orig. to STATE

RR: 9-2-54

LAMB:amf

RECORDED & INDEXED
DATE 10/29/51 BY 4903 RDD/EDD

[Handwritten initials]

RECORDED - 69

61573-25

OCT 11 1954

INDEXED - 69

EX-121

- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Sizoo _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

The Asks Scientists Loyalty Policy Aid

The National Academy of Sciences yesterday announced the Administration has sought its help in resolving loyalty policy for the best use of the Nation's scientists.

Specifically, the announcement disclosed President Eisenhower wants advice on how to handle requests for research grants for unclassified work by scientists of questioned loyalty.

The disclosure marked the first apparent admission that perhaps the Administration has gone too far in its efforts to keep the country's vast research program free of disloyalty scandals.

Couched in less revealing terms, the Administration asked the Academy "to advise the Government in the formulation of a policy to the end that the scientific resources of our country may be fully and effectively utilized."

Very little has been made public on the subject, but it is known in scientific circles that more and more scientists who had been receiving Government research grants have been turned down when they sought new grants or continuation funds.

The rejections were never explained, officially, but the applicants were told orally—and thereby unofficially—that they hadn't passed a loyalty check.

At least one Nobel Prize winner, who had worked for years under Federal grants for research on work unrelated to the Nation's security was told, unofficially, that if his rejected renewal application was filed in his assistant's name the request for continuation funds would be approved. It was so altered, and granted.

Yesterday's announcement by Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, NAS president, didn't go into any such details, Dr. Bronk merely announced the request for help, and released an exchange of letters on the subject between Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, and himself.

Adams asked that the Academy, the Nation's organization of top-ranking scientists, serve as an advisory group when questions relating to loyalty are involved.

Dr. Bronk replied the Academy was prepared "to appoint a committee of scientists and others to consider the problems in question and advise with you in the near future."

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tamm _____
 Mr. Sizoo _____
 Mr. Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Miss Gandy _____

Bauer
Brake
monahan
 SECHS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/29/91 BY 5803 RDD/STW

INDEXED - 86

162 61573-A -
 NOT RECORDED
 126 FEB 15 1955

EX. 117

file
Dr. Detlev W. Bronk

file
15-
Jan

Wash. Post and Times Herald 2
 Wash. News _____
 Wash. Star _____
 N. Y. Herald Tribune _____
 N. Y. Mirror _____

Date: FEB 8 1955

F 51
 55 FEB 17 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols WNV ✓
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

AMR

BRANIGAN

Doctor Urges Free Inquiry For Scientists

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, last night said there was no place in science for timid men who are willing to up their freedom of inquiry to reactionary forces.

Dr. Bronk expressed faith in the loyalty of American scientists to human freedom and welfare.

If scientists differ from other men, he added, it is only that their curiosity has been less extinguished. He warned against the danger that "curiosity" be suppressed and conformity be required.

Dr. Bronk spoke at a dinner in the Statler Hotel, closing the annual convention of the Medical Library Association.

Earlier, the association elected this new slate of officers:

Miss Wilma Troxel, librarian of the Bio-Medical Science Library, University of Illinois, president; Wesley Draper, librarian of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Brooklyn, vice president; Dr. E. H. Cushing, of Washington, honorary vice president; Esther Judkins, librarian of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, secretary, and Pauline Duffield, librarian of the Texas Medical Society, treasurer.

Outgoing president is Marion Dondale, librarian of the Albany (N. Y.) Medical College.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9903 RDD/SPB

2-1-7

162-61573-A

NOT RECORDED
156 JUN 29 1954

Wash. Post and Times Herald

22

Wash. News

Wash. Star

N. Y. Herald Tribune

N. Y. Mirror

Date: JUN 1 1954

F&I 3
68 JUN 29 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

MAILED

MAY 29 1956

NAME CHECK

May 29, 1956

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK *Summary*
Born: August 13, 1897
New York, New York

Detlev W. Bronk

With reference to your request for investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau, there are attached herewith reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted in 1947 concerning him.

A summary, dated August 5, 1954, which reflects the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the activities of the captioned individual from the date of the conclusion of the afore-mentioned investigation, was furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President, the White House. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Sherman Adams, should you desire the detailed results of this investigation.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosures (4)
Orig. and one to USIA
req. rec'd. 5-11-56
[Redacted] CAA *ca* 16 JUN 1 1956

(4)

Note: Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Summary on Bronk reflects most persons contacted highly recommended him. Bronk's name on Nov., 1947, mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece, a cited **CONFIDENTIAL** group, and on membership list in Oct. 1946, of American-Soviet Science Society, Inc., cited as an affiliate of NCASF by California Committee on Un-American Activities.

- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Sizoo _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

DECLASSIFIED BY 7703 RDD/BJG
ON 12/25/51

55 JUN 7 1956

b6
b7c

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Section

1955

-5-

Name Check Unit - Room 6523
 Attention _____
 Service Unit - Room 6524
 Forward to File Review
 Return to _____ Ext. _____
Supervisor
Room _____

MAY 11 1956

All References
 Subversive References
 Main _____ References Only
 Restrict to Locality of _____
 Breakdown Buildup Variations
 Exact Name Only
 Exact Spelling
 Check for Alphabetical Loyalty Form

SUBJECT Bronk, Dr. Oct 12 1955
Address _____

MAY 15 1956

Localities _____

Birthdate & Place 12 years

R# (323) Date 5-11 Searcher Initial 5-131
FILE NUMBER SERIAL

I	62-61573
J	116-12176
K	116-12176-10 (Sum. 6-55)
L	62-61573-23 (Sum. 9-47)
M	62-60527-19281-19445, 40429
N	77-0-951
O	140-0-16809; 18157
	D. W.
P	62-60527-28742
	Octlev Wolf (var)
Q	77-63757
R	62-61573-25 (Sum 10-54)
S	72 Sum 1-27-41; 72 Sum 1-24-41

App. 150 sees not listed

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/COB

111
KIP

Mr. A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Stanley
- 1 - Mr. Warren

11-20-58

C. H. Stanley

DETLEV WULF BRONK
 Consultant - Applicant
 Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
 Department of the Navy
 SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Limited Classification
 Review Conducted
 See Top Serial
 Form 4-774

Handwritten initials: JM, GT

SYNOPSIS:

Security form has been received from Civil Service Commission (CSC) re Bronk, who is president National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and Rockefeller Institute and is member President's Science Advisory Committee. Applicant-type investigations of Bronk by FBI in 1941, 1947, 1954*were largely favorable. Investigations disclosed he attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy 1945 and thereafter extolled Soviet achievements; name appeared on 1947 mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece (designated by Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) and 1946 membership list of American-Soviet Science Society; while president Johns Hopkins University (1949-53) allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty; is person who does not see dangers on questions of loyalty; testified 1949 against FBI investigations of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission grants because he felt such investigations would repress program and scientific thought. Bronk has advocated exchange of information and scientific groups between USSR and US to promote better understanding between nations. When interviewed by FBI Agents 10-56 re Vladimir Dudenkov of Soviet Embassy, he was complimentary of FBI, expressing desire to cooperate fully, said he does not agree with those who feel scientific activity is not within realm of intelligence information. He said FBI is best organization to gather intelligence, and that he and NAS cooperate fully with White House, State Department and other Government agencies.

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN 100-58640

"Washington Post and Times Herald" 6-22-58 reflects Bronk awarded full membership in USSR Academy of Sciences on 6-21-58. News item reflects there is no higher accolade in Soviet Union than title of "Academician" that goes with such membership.

- 1 - Mr. A. H. Belmont, Room 1742
- 1 - Mr. G. A. Nease, Room 5640
- 1 - 62-61573
- 1 - 77-63757
- 1 - 116-12176

*Results of previous investigation were furnished White House, Department, CSC, and other appropriate agencies.

- Tolson _____
- Boardman 1 _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Nease _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- Clayton _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____

63 DEC 1 1958
 MAIL ROOM

162-61573-
 NOT RECORDED
 47 NOV 25 1958

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of previous investigations of which CSC has been fully advised, it is felt we should conduct no additional investigation of Bronk under Executive Order 10450 (security program). If you agree, a notation will be placed on security form referring CSC to data previously furnished together with notations of his reported appointment to Soviet Academy of Sciences and that no investigation is contemplated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DETAILS:

A security form has been received from CSC for Bronk. Bronk is president of the NAS and Rockefeller Institute. He is chairman of National Science Board of National Science Foundation and is member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. He was formerly president, American Association for Advancement of Science (1952) and Johns Hopkins University (1949-53).

BACKGROUND:

Bronk, born 8-13-97 at New York, New York, was investigated by Bureau 1941, 1947 and 1954. Investigations were mostly favorable, however, reports reflect Bronk attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy, Moscow, June, 1945, following which he extolled achievements of Soviet Union; name appeared on 1947 mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece (designated by Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) and 1946 membership list of American Soviet Science Society; furnished letter of endorsement in 1947 in connection with passport application of Bart Jan Bok, identified with various communist fronts. One source advised that Bronk, while president, Johns Hopkins University, did not take stand against Owen Lattimore when latter was indicted for perjury but was in favor of putting Lattimore on leave of absence until perjury charges were resolved; allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty. Another associate said Bronk was one of group of scientists who band together in interest of freedom of science and do not see dangers on questions of loyalty. Bronk testified before Congressional Joint Atomic

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

Energy Committee, 5-17-49, against FBI investigations of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission fellowship, claiming this would repress the program and interfere with free play scientific thought. (Summary of above has been disseminated to White House, CSC and other Government agencies.) (62-61573; 116-12176; 77-63757)

Bureau files reflect Bronk as NAS president announced 2-8-55 that NAS was asked by White House to act as advisory group on loyalty policy re use of nation's scientists. Bronk submitted report to White House 4-4-56 of advisory group (which did not include Bronk) which recommended that civilian scientists working on unclassified Federal research should be judged on their scientific integrity without loyalty checks; however, where serious allegations of disloyalty arise, Government should bring formal charges and produce evidence in open hearings. White House announced 8-14-56 that such recommendations would be placed into effect by agencies granting unclassified research. (62-102109)

Bronk was interviewed with Bureau authority in "Internal Security - R" case on Vladimir Dudenkov (105-25461) in October, 1956. He was advised of Dudenkov's association with an NAS employee who was being considered as possible double agent. Bronk was complimentary of FBI, said FBI was best organization to gather intelligence data, that gathering of such data is of utmost importance and that he disagreed with those who follow theory that scientific activity is not in realm of intelligence information. He expressed desire to cooperate with FBI in any way possible. In view of this, further contacts with Bronk were authorized by Bureau. Bureau files reflect Bronk has been interested in and active in promoting exchange of scientific groups and information between Russia and US as means of promoting better understanding between nations. In above-mentioned interview, he said the best way to understand people is to know their cultural, science and social life and that NAS cooperates with Government agencies. In this connection, he said he had discussed proposed visits with Russia with White House and State Department. (105-25461-175, 189)

Appointment to Soviet Academy of Sciences:

"Washington Post and Times Herald" 6-22-53, page 86, contained article reflecting Detlev W. Bronk, president, National

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

Academy of Sciences, and Linus C. Pauling were awarded full membership in USSR Academy of Sciences. Article reflects "there is no higher accolade in Soviet Union than title of 'Academician' that goes with such membership. (77-63757)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9809 RDD/RSB

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten initials]

LOS ANGELES
EXAMINER
7/2/58

LINUS PAULING
100 34470

100-353404-A
ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

Pauling Explains Russ Honor

PASADENA, July 1—Dr. Linus C. Pauling, 1954 Nobel Prize California Institute of Technology chemist, said today he does not attribute his recent naming to Soviet Academy of Sciences membership to his campaigning for abandonment of nuclear tests, which also is a Soviet policy.

He and another American scientist, Physicist Detlev W. Bronk, a Rockefeller Foundation administrator, three-time National Academy of Scientists president and former Johns Hopkins University president, were among 30 chosen outside of Russia for membership in the Soviet organization.

"I would think," Dr. Pauling said, "our selection was on the basis that we were considered to be among leading American scientists."

The new membership, he said, raises to about a dozen his affiliations with foreign scientific organizations, including those in France, England, Italy, Belgium, India and others.

"Membership in these scientific groups usually is proposed by some member, but I have no idea who proposed me for this one," Dr. Pauling said.

The academies hold one or more meetings annually. Dr. Bronk has been invited, Dr. Pauling said, to Moscow to confer with Soviet Academy officials this summer on exchange of scientists between this country and Russia.

TWO FROM RUSSIA—
"I haven't been invited," he said.

The United States National Academy of Scientists has foreign members, he said, including two from Russia. Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, of the University of California radiation laboratory, Berkeley, was named to the Soviet Academy in 1943, Dr. Pauling noted.

Dr. Lawrence has just been appointed by President Eisenhower to represent this country, in negotiations on nuclear inspection stations, he added.

162-61573-A
NOT RECORDED
167 JUL 18 1958

57 JUL 18 1958 *[Handwritten initials]*

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
 Mr. Clegg
 Mr. Glavin
 Mr. Ladd
 Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Rosen
 Mr. Tracy
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Mohr
 Mr. Winterrowd
 Miss Gandy

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/24/81 BY 4903 RDD/PPB

**Pauling and Bronk Are Elected
 To Soviet Academy of Sciences**



Dr. Linus C. Pauling

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk

By United Press International.

MOSCOW, June 21—The Soviet Union awarded full membership in the Academy of Sciences today to two Americans, Dr. Linus C. Pauling and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk.

Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, who fled to the Soviet Union from the West in 1950, was also named a corresponding member of the academy, which directs all scientific research in the Soviet Union. Dr. Pontecorvo now heads the Communist bloc's nuclear research.

Dr. Pauling, an outspoken foe of nuclear weapons tests, and Dr. Bronk were among thirty foreign scientists and scholars

to receive membership in the academy.

[Dr. Bronk commented in New York that receiving the award was something like getting an honorary degree. "You get a letter of notification and a yearbook, and that's all you hear about it," he said. In Yellow Springs, Ohio, Dr. Pauling said, "I was pleased and honored. I believe in the importance of improving international relations in every way and I look forward to becoming better acquainted with the Soviet Union."

of the U. S. S. R," he declared.

In the past, the Soviet Union has recognized outstanding work of foreign scientists through the awarding of "peace prizes." These awards usually took political factors into consideration.

The list of new academicians cut across political grounds. Observers believed the Soviet action was intended to cement nonpolitical relations between the scientists of the free and Communist worlds.

Dr. Bronk, 61 years old, is president of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research and is serving his third four-year term as president of the United States National Academy of Sciences. He was president of Johns Hopkins University from 1948 to 1953.

Dr. Pauling, 57, winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1954, has been a controversial political figure in the United States for years.

Campaigning against nuclear bomb tests, he brought a suit for an injunction last year in an attempt to stop United States tests held last April, naming the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission as defendants.

Soviet members of the Academy are the nation's highest paid citizens. There is no higher accolade in the Soviet Union than the title of academician that goes with membership.

Although the official announcement was not specific on the point, it was believed Dr.

Bronk, Dr. Pauling and the other non-Soviet members would have purely honorary status in the Academy.

There was no expectation that the new members would participate in the actual work of the Academy of Sciences. The responsibilities of the Academy range from nuclear research to coordination of International Geophysical Year operations.

Three Britains and two Canadians also were appointed to membership. They include Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, president of Britain's Royal Society.

The Italian-born Dr. Pontecorvo was a leading nuclear physicist in Britain until he disappeared behind the Iron Curtain eight years ago. He is now a Soviet citizen and chief of the Soviet Joint Institute of Nuclear Research.

62-61573-A
 NOT RECORDED
 67 JUL 24 1958

100-353404-A
 ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

66 JUL 9 1958

N.Y. TIMES
 JUN 22, 1958

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 19, 1957

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mason _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Nease _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

SUBJECT: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

D-77-167

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 18, 1957, captioned as above. General Cutler, Special Assistant to the President, has asked for name checks on nine individuals who have been invited by the President to attend a meeting in General Cutler's office April 30, 1957. The results of name checks concerning six individuals have been furnished General Cutler by letter dated April 19, 1957. He was advised that the results of the three remaining individuals would be made available to him upon completion of a file review. The remaining individuals and background information concerning them follows:

John C. Daly, Vice President of American Broadcasting Company: Daly, a prominent radio and TV newscaster was born February 20, 1914, in South Africa. He came to the United States in 1923 and has been active as a news correspondent and analyst since 1937. He is well known as a result of his program "What's My Line." He is also connected with "March of Time Through the Years" and "News This Week." Bureau files reflect no investigation and no derogatory information concerning him. Bureau contacts with Daly have been favorable. (Who's Who in America 1956-57; 62-102693)

Eugene M. Prince, San Francisco Attorney: Prince was born in Wisconsin April 19, 1897, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1918. He has been with the Law Firm of Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro since 1920 and has been a partner in the firm since 1930. During World War II, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Chemical Warfare Service. No investigation has been conducted nor do our files reflect derogatory information concerning him. (Who's Who in America 1956-67; Martindale-Hubble Law Directory)

Enclosure *sent 4-22-57*

WFW:jel
(7)

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Daunt
- 1 - Mr. Young
- 1 - Section
- 1 - Mr. Woods

INDEXED

NOT RECORDED
76 APR 20 1957
APR 26 1957

REPRODUCTION
62-85205-554

LIAISON

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

33-2072-357

Memorandum Roach to Belmont

RE: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

Dr. Detlev Bronk, President, National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Washington, D. C., born August 13, 1897, New York City, was subject of an applicant-type investigation by Bureau 1941 which revealed nothing derogatory. Supplemental applicant-type investigations of Bronk in 1947 and 1954 revealed he attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy, Moscow, Russia, June, 1945, following which he extolled achievements of Soviet Union in August, 1945, speech; that he was associated with two cited communist front organizations 1946 and 1947; and in 1947 furnished letter of endorsement in connection with passport application of Bart Jan Bok, identified with activities of various communist fronts. Close associate considered Bronk not suitable for responsible U. S. Government position as Bronk, while president, Johns Hopkins University, 1949-55, allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty later identified with communist activities, specifically Owen Battimore. Another associate characterized Bronk as one of a group of scientists who band together in the interest of freedom of science and do not see the dangers on questions of loyalty. Bronk on May 17, 1949, before Congressional Joint Atomic Energy Committee, testified against FBI investigation of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission fellowships, claiming this would repress the program and interfere with free play of scientific thought. (Summary of above furnished to White House by Bulet August 5, 1954.) (62-61573; 116-12176; 77-63757)

In addition, Bufiles reflect Bronk, as NAS president, on February 8, 1955, announced the White House had asked NAS to act as advisory group (Bronk not included) in resolving loyalty policy for the best use of the nations scientists. On April 4, 1956, Bronk submitted to the White House report by this advisory group which recommended that civilian scientists working on unclassified federal research should be judged on their "scientific integrity" without loyalty checks; however, where serious allegations of disloyalty arose, the Government should bring formal charges and produce the evidence in open hearing. On August 14, 1956, White House announced these recommendations would be placed into effect by agencies granting unclassified research. (62-102109) regarding Bronk's activities in NAS, Bufiles reflect he has been interested and active in promoting exchange of scientific groups and information between Russia and the U. S. as a means of promoting better understanding between nations. Several exchanges of scientific groups occurred during 1946. (105-25461-170, 189; 100-36807-95; 105-50509-1)

Memorandum Koch to Belmont

RE: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

ACTION:

The enclosed letter to General Cutler advising of results of the name checks of the afore-mentioned individuals will, if approved, be furnished him through Liaison.

J *15* ~~3~~
11 *V*

*It is shocking that
Brock should be
selected.*

g

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOI/PA
DELETED PAGE INFORMATION SHEET
FOI/PA# 1259932-0

Total Deleted Page(s) = 3
Page 106 ~ b7D;
Page 111 ~ Referral/Consult;
Page 112 ~ Referral/Consult;

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X Deleted Page(s) X
X No Duplication Fee X
X For this Page X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

JSA:MM
 62-61210-11
 62-61211-11,12
 62-61212-14
 62-61213-12,14
 62-61227-7,8,9
 62-61456-8
 62-61476-6
 62-61497-10,11
 62-61573-1 ✓

January 29, 1941

RECORDED
 &
 INDEXED

~~PERSONAL AND
 CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~BY SPECIAL AGENT~~

Mr. Sidney Sherwood
 Assistant Secretary
 The Advisory Commission to the
 Council of National Defense
 Federal Reserve Building
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sherwood:

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto fifteen reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases. As these investigations progress additional reports will be forwarded to you.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 RDD/RSS
 ON 10/29/91

Enclosures

RECORDED COPY FILED IN Case # 100

- 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 _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED
 JAN 29 1941
 5242
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Handwritten signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 JAN 31 1941
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COPIES DESTROYED

187 OCT 29 1964

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

FILE NO. 77-438

--EC--

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 APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 Alpha Xi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau; and 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.

1/27/41
 77-438-207-208
 1-27-41
 [Handwritten initials and notes]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. J. Sears</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		[Handwritten marks]	JAN 26 1941
3 - Bureau Sp. Del.	2 - New York	2 - Washington Field	2 - Philadelphia

77-438

No known connection with any business organization.

- P -

REFERENCES:

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

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon telephonic request made by Mr. PARKER PREESE, of the Bureau, of the Special Agent in Charge. He advised that DETLEV WULF BRONK was being considered for the position of technical expert in the Price Stabilization Division of the National Defense Commission.

Inquiry at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, revealed that applicant graduated from that college in 1920. Mrs. FRANCES 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. D. 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 Communist 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.

77-438

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 country 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. MELVIN D. 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."

77-438

Under date of January 25, 1941, the New York Office was requested, by teletype, to conduct discreet investigation at the Cornell Medical School, New York City, to ascertain Dr. BRONK's reputation there and the identity of any corporation or business in which he might have a controlling interest.

The Washington Field Office was requested, by teletype on the same date, to ascertain from Dr. BRONK's income tax return similar information.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will complete the investigation requested
in teletype dated January 25, 1941.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will complete the investigation requested
in teletype dated January 25, 1941.

- PENDING -

JJA:BN

- 62-60518-6
- 62-61179-3
- 62-61227-10
- 62-61229-13,14-15
- 62-61454-10
- 62-61511-5
- 62-61572-3
- 62-61573-2
- 62-61574-2

January 31, 1961

~~PERSONAL AND
CONFIDENTIAL~~
~~BY SPECIAL PERMISSION~~

RECORDED

Mr. Sidney Sherman
 Assistant Secretary
 The Advisory Commission to the
 Council of National Defense
 Federal Reserve Building
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sherman:

I desire to make further reference to your recent requests for investigation of members of the Staff and Personnel of The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense.

There are attached hereto two reports reflecting the results of investigation in these cases.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

DECLASSIFIED BY 9803 P.D./RDS
 ON 10/29/91

Enclosures

- 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 _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

FILE NO. **77-438** e. s.

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27/41	REPORT MADE BY E. R. DAVIS
TITLE Dr. DETLEV WULF BRONK			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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

- P -

REFERENCE:

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

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/RS**

DETAILS:

*Letter to Philadelphia
re: no action on lead to WFO etc
1-28-41 Jla*

Inquiry was made of Chief of Police J. L. HIPPLE, 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

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Sears</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		62-61573-2	JAN 28 1941
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		JAN 28 1941	
(3) Bureau (SD) 2 Washington Field Division 2 New York <i>l.e.c. - me Gure 1-28-41</i> 2 Philadelphia <i>cc Slerwood 9SA 1-31-41 9SA</i>			

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 77-438

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 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 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.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. 77-438

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.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will complete investigation requested in report of reference.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION
AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will complete lead contained in report of reference.
Will make inquiry at Patent office and obtain details of any Patents and Copyrights applicant may hold pertaining to his scientific developments.

- P E N D I N G -

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 25, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/25/91 BY 9903 RDD/228

RE: DETLEV W. BRONK
SPECIAL INQUIRY
ADVISORY COMMISSION TO THE
COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the teletype from the Philadelphia Field Division dated January 25, 1941, requesting that contact be had by the Washington Field Division with the Income Tax Division of the Treasury Department to ascertain details of income tax returns filed by the above individual whose residence is Sycamore Mills, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, who is now employed at Cornell Medical School, New York City, in an effort to ascertain the identity of any corporation or business in which he may hold controlling interests.

It is noted that Section 84 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations entitled "INCOME TAX DATA" reflects that photostatic copies of income tax returns desired for official use shall be requested by letter through the Bureau, in view of which this is being brought to the Bureau's attention in order that the above-mentioned lead from the Philadelphia Field Division may be completed.

This letter confirms telephonic communication had by me with Supervisor J. STERLING ADAMS on instant date relative to the above.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in this Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

RECORDED & INDEXED

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge

62-61573-3
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 28 1941
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAB:APS
77-2908
cc-Philadelphia

*Letter to Phila
1-28-41
JSA*

Letter Wolf Bronk

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JSA 'MC

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

January 25, 1941

Transmit the following message to:

SAC PHILADELPHIA.

JMC
DETLEV W. BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION.

L
R
REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD TODAY. INVESTIGATION RE COMPANIES IN WHICH BRONK HOLDS CONTROLLING INTEREST MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN REPORT FORM WITH LEADS TO WFO FOR APPROPRIATE CHECK WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES. ADVICE WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM BUREAU RE INCOME TAX RETURNS FILED BY BRONK. INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS DESIRED TODAY RE CHARACTER, BACKGROUND AND POSSIBLE NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES. SUTEL THIS INVESTIGATION TODAY.

HOOVER

cc - Washington Field
(By Special Messenger)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/81 BY 9803 RDD/BBB

RECORDED

JR

62-64573-4

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

2 1941

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 25 1941

WESTERN UNION

COPIES DESTROYED

SENT VIA 187 OCT 29 1964

217P M

Per *ecr*

99

ep
9T

JSA:LE

January 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. ROSEN

This is to record on the above date in compliance with the request from Mr. Gus Vanech in Mr. Matthew F. McGuire's Office to Mr. Lee R. Pennington, and upon the authority of Mr. Lee R. Pennington, the writer personally delivered the following reports:

Walter P. Becker - RUC report from Washington, D. C.,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Indianapolis, Indiana,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.

Dr. Detlev Wulf Bronk - P report from Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, dated 1-25-41.

Harold Florsheim - RUC report from Chicago, Illinois,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.

John A. Martin - RUC report from Boston, Massachusetts,
Field Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Cincinnati, Ohio, Field
Division, dated 1-24-41.
P report from Chicago, Illinois, Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

Logan Morrill - C report from Washington, D. C., Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

William F. Price - RUC report from Chicago, Illinois,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.
RUC report from Buffalo, New York, Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.

Arthur A. Schmon - P report from Washington, D. C., Field
Division, dated 1-25-41.
RUC report from Newark, New Jersey,
Field Division, dated 1-23-41.
RUC report from Buffalo, New York, Field
Division, dated 1-24-41.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/21/91 BY 9803 RDD/BSK

- 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 _____

RECORDED 162-61573-5

ORIGINAL FILED IN 62-61573-5

JAN 30 1941

Memorandum for Mr. A. Rosen

- 2 -

Walter C. Shorter - RUC report from New York, New York,
Field Division, dated 1-23-41.

Eric N. Searle - RUC report from San Francisco, California,
Field Division, dated 1-24-41.

These same reports, listed above, were later made a
matter of record and noted in the memorandum reflecting information
submitted to Mr. Matthew F. McGuire under date of January 27, 1941.

Respectfully,

J. S. Adams

COPY

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 28 1941

TELETYPE

FBI NEW YORK CITY 1-28-41 3 411-25 PM HP

DIRECTOR

- 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.....

"noted
www. "

ja
Blans

DETLEV WULF BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NDC. INVESTIGATION AT CORNELL UNIV MEDICAL SCHOOL REVEALS BRONK IS HEAD OF PHYSIOLOGY AND BIOPHYSICS DEPT THERE. BRONK REGARDED BY WILLIAM S LADD, DEAN, CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL, AS BRILLIANT IN FIELD OF BIOPHYSICS BUT QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY. LADD STATES BRONK HAS DIFFICULTY IN REACHING DECISIONS AND IN HOLDING TO THOSE HE DOES REACH, BRONK HAVING ACCEPTED THE OFFER AT CORNELL THEN BECOMING UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER HE MADE A WISE CHOICE WITH THE RESULT THAT HE WAS OFFERED HIS RELEASE FROM HIS OBLIGATION BUT FINALLY DECIDED THAT HE WOULD GO TO CORNELL. SIMILAR INDECISION MARKED HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLUMBIA UNIV. SEVERAL YEARS AGO. ACCORDING TO DR LADD, BRONK BECAME SO UPSET DURING HIS INDECISION LAST SUMMER THAT SEVERAL OF HIS ASSOCIATES FEARED A COMPLETE NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN. DR LADD FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT BRONKS ADJUSTMENT TO CORNELL HAS BEEN SLOW, THAT HE HAS REQUESTED CHANGES IN HIS EQUIPMENT AND THEN DECID-ED THE CHANGES WERE NOT WISE AFTER THE ALTERATIONS HAD BEEN MADE WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE. ALSO THAT BRONK WAS CONSIDERED FOR THE PRESIDENCY AT STANFORD-~~UNIV~~ UNIV BUT HIS ASSOCIATES WERE UNABLE TO GIVE HIM ADEQUATE RECOMMENDATION. DESCRIBES BRONK AS OUTSTANDING IN SCIENTIFIC FIELD BUT

OF PRIMA DONNA TYPE. CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND PATRIOTISM UNQUESTIONED. NO INDICATION OF PRIVATE BUSINESS INTERESTS FOUND. NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL

RECORD FOUND.

COPIES DESTROYED

187 OCT 29 1964

SACKETT

cc - Mr Morris, Mr To Supervisor
memo me sure, -29-41 JSA

62-61553-6
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 JAN 31 1941
 ROSEN
 ADAMS
 GIBBY

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/81 BY SP8 BJS/BJP

96074

JCA:EE
Time - 10:30 A.M.

January 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. A. ROSEN

Re: DANIEL H. SILBERBERG;
ROBERT MORSE SELIG;
BRENDEN W. BRONK;
JOSEPH CHARLES FLYER;
Special Inquiries - The
Advisory Commission to the
Council of National Defense.

9803 RDD/1005

This is to record on the above date, Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigations Section, The Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense, telephonically contacted the writer.

Mr. Welch asked whether requests had been made to the Bureau for investigations of Daniel H. Silberberg, Lester Morse Selig, Robert W. Bronk and Joseph Charles Flyer. He stated he had received an inquiry from Mr. James Rowe, Administrative Assistant to the President, asking whether he had made requests for investigation in these cases and whether he had yet received any information concerning these individuals. He stated he had no record of having transmitted a request to the Bureau concerning these individuals and as a matter of fact these names had never been referred to his office up to this time; However, Mr. Rowe was anxious to have investigations initiated in these cases at once.

It will be recalled that investigations relative to each of these individuals were requested by Mr. James Rowe direct to the office of the Attorney General and in turn Mr. Matthew P. McGuire transmitted this request to Mr. E. A. Tamm under date of January 23rd, last. These investigations are being expedited and it is expected that teletype memoranda reflecting the complete investigations in these cases will be received in the Bureau no later than Tuesday, the 28th instant. Information has already been received concerning Selig and Bronk and the same has been furnished in memoranda form to Mr. Matthew P. McGuire per his request. As this information is received in the Bureau, it will be furnished Mr. McGuire in order that he might immediately transmit it to Mr. James Rowe.

INDEXED - 61573 - 7

91

98075

Memorandum for Mr. A. Rosen

- 2 -

Mr. Welch was advised requests for investigations in these cases had been previously received and arrangements had been made for the Bureau to be furnished with telegraphic summaries in these cases so that the results thereof might be available to Mr. Rowe at the earliest possible moment. He stated that in order to make these requests a matter of record he would submit a letter to the Bureau formally requesting investigations in these cases and he further stated for his purpose it would be all right to furnish copies of reports only as they are received in the Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. S. Adams

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI PHILA CALLING FBI DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, NEW YORK CITY 1-0711

FBI PHILA JANUARY 25, 1941 9.20 AM AVM

SAC, NEW YORK CITY.

DETLEV W BRONK, PRICE STABILIZATION BOARD, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION,
RESIDENCE SYCAMORE MILLS, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA. CONDUCT DISCREET INVESTIGATION
AND ADVISE BUREAU BY TONIGHT CONCERNING CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ABILITY,
POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, AND DETAILS OF BRONKS POSITION CORNELL
MEDICAL SCHOOL, NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE IS BELIEVED TO BE ENGAGED IN
BIO PHYSICS RESEARCH. ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF ANY CORPORATIONS OR
BUSINESSES IN WHICH HE MAY HOLD CONTROLLING INTEREST, IF ANY.

BUREAU DESIRES TO MAKE REPORT WHITE HOUSE TONIGHT. SUBMIT TELETYPE

REPORT THIS OFFICE.

SEARS

END

ERD:AVM

cc - Bureau ✓

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9203 RDD/ROS

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

62-11573	
JAN 29 1941	
FBI - PHILA	
Sent _____	M _____ Per _____

99

RECORDED

db

62-61573-8

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEB. 1 1948

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROSEN

ONT/AB

2

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

Mr. Brush

January 14, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN *R*

You will recall that the Department recently requested a discreet investigation of certain individuals for the purpose of ascertaining their political affiliations, the names of which individuals are hereinafter set out. In pursuance of your instructions, I, on the dates indicated, telephonically requested the following Field Divisions to conduct such investigation:

RE: LESTER NORTH SELIG,
Consultant on Private Railroad
Car Matters, Office of the
Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission;

JOHN MARTIN,
Special Adviser, Office of
Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases;

HAROLD FLORSHEIM,
Special Assistant on Priorities,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases.

I telephonically requested SAC Devereaux, on January 10, 1941, to conduct the appropriate investigation concerning the above-named individuals and on January 11, 1941, he telephonically furnished the results of the investigation at that time to the Bureau, which results are disclosed in a memorandum directed to Mr. E. A. Tamm by Special Agent P. J. Wacks, under date of January 11, 1941. Since that time two teletypes have been received by the Bureau under date of January 13, 1941, furnishing the results of the complete investigation of the above-mentioned individuals.

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

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Sears at Philadelphia to conduct appropriate investigation of Bronk and on January 13, 1941, Special Agent E. R. Davis telephonically advised the writer

that Bronk is not registered with the Registration Commission for the County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, in which county he resides. Special Agent Davis further advised that an individual must register with such Commission and declare his political affiliations in order to qualify to vote. Special Agent Davis informed that Professor Robert K. Enders, of Swarthmore College, who knows Bronk very well, states that Bronk is a "rock-ribbed" Republican and that prior to the last general election, Bronk's automobile bore a sticker containing the wording "Another car full of voters for Wilkie." Special Agent Davis further advised that Professor Enders informed that Bronk is now at the head of the Physiological Department, Cornell Medical School, New York City.

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

WALTER SHORTER,
Assistant to the Coordinator,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases,
Defense Commission

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Sackett at New York to conduct the appropriate investigation concerning the above-named individuals and under date of January 13, 1941, the Bureau received two teletypes from the New York Division furnishing the results of a complete investigation concerning such individuals.

RE: LOGAN MORRILL,
Legal and Economic Adviser,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Suran at Cincinnati to conduct the appropriate investigation, and under date of January 11, 1941, a teletype was received by this Bureau from the Cincinnati Division reflecting the results of a complete investigation regarding Morrill.

RE: WALTER BECKER,
Special Assistant on Outer
Clothing Apparel, Office of
Coordinator of National Defense
Purchases

Under date of January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested Acting SAC Madigan to conduct the appropriate investigation, and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received from the Newark Division reflecting the results of a complete investigation as to Becker.

RE: WILLIAM F. PRICE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director of
Purchases, Defense Commission

Under date of January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC O'Connor at Buffalo to conduct the appropriate investigation as to Price, and on January 13, 1941, SAC O'Connor telephonically advised the writer that William F. Price 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The information furnished by the Department concerning Samsel, not being sufficient upon which to request an investigation by the Field, upon your authority Special Agent J. S. Adams telephonically communicated with Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigation Section, Advisory Commission to the Council for National Defense, Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain additional information. However, Mr. Welch was unable to furnish any additional information. Therefore, on the same date and upon your authority, I telephonically requested SAC Hottel of the Washington Field Division to endeavor to ascertain either Samsel's address and/or the address of the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association, Incorporated, with which corporation Samsel was formerly connected, according to the information furnished by the Department. On like date SAC Hottel telephonically advised the writer that investigation had disclosed that Samsel resides at 2709 Seventh Avenue, Sacramento, California, and that the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association has its headquarters at 66 Harrison Street, New York City. I thereupon on the same date telephonically requested SAC Pieper at San Francisco to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Samsel in an effort to ascertain his political affiliations, and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received from the San Francisco Division by the Bureau containing the results of the complete investigation concerning Samsel.

(You will note that investigation has been completed as to the above individuals. Investigation is still in progress with reference to the following-named individuals.)

RE: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER,
Technical Consultant,
Office of the Chief of Ordnance

On January 10, 1941, I telephonically requested Special Agent M. J. Boyd, who was at that time Acting SAC at Detroit, to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Plyer. At this writing no information has been

received from Detroit and if the Bureau has not received such information from Detroit at the time information is received from other Field Divisions concerning individuals now under investigation, I shall, with your permission, telephonically communicate with that office.

RE: ARTHUR A. SCHMON,
Deputy Administrator
of Priorities of
Foreign Purchases, Office
of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The information furnished by the Department with reference to this individual indicated that he is President and General Manager of the Ontario Paper Company, Thorold, Ontario. An examination of Poor's Register of Directors and Executives, 1941, reflects that Arthur Albert Schmon was born in 1895 at Newark, New Jersey, and attended Princeton University in 1917; that he is Present, General Manager and Director of the Ontario Paper Company, Limited, Thorold, Canada, and resides at 30 Yates Street, St. Catharine, Canada. He is also, according to that Register, a director and/or officer of numerous other corporations and associations all of which appear to be Canadian Associations and Corporations.

In an effort to ascertain if possible if and where Schmon maintains a residence for voting purposes in this country, Special Agent J. S. Adams, with your permission, telephonically communicated with Mr. Laurence A. Welch, Chief, Investigation Section, Advisory Commission to the Council for National Defense, Washington, D. C., on January 10, 1941, who advised that he had no additional information but stated that he had forwarded to Mr. Schmon by air mail special delivery a personal history form to be filled out, which form was directed to Mr. Schmon at his place of business in Canada. Mr. Welch further advised Special Agent Adams that this form would probably be received on the following day, January 11, 1941. On that date, Agent Adams again telephonically contacted Mr. Welch who advised that he had not yet received Mr. Schmon's personal history form but that undoubtedly it would be received by him on Monday, January 13, 1941.

You will recall that you advised you did not deem it advisable at the present time to conduct any investigation in Canada, but that you instructed the writer to request the Newark Division to conduct investigation inasmuch as Schmon was born in Newark, New Jersey and attended Princeton University. I therefore telephonically requested Acting SAC Madigan on January 11, 1941, to conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain Schmon's political affiliations. Under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received by this Bureau from its Newark Field Division,

reflecting that there is no record of Schmon's registration with the Commission of Registration for Essex County, Newark, New Jersey, and the Board of Election, Mercer County, Trenton, New Jersey, but that Schmon is listed in the Nassau Herald, Class of 1917 for Princeton University, as a Democrat and that his record indicates that he moved to Canada in about 1921.

Mr. Welch on January 13, 1941, advised Special Agent J. S. Adams that Schmon is presently staying at the Carlton Hotel, Washington, D. C., and that a personal history form had been given to him that day, with the request that he immediately fill it out and return it to him (Mr. Welch). Mr. Welch expects this personal history form in the immediate future. Special Agent Adams will keep in touch with Mr. Welch in an effort to obtain any information which would be of value and assistance in the conduct of an investigation of Schmon, which information might be contained in the personal history form to be completed by Mr. Schmon.

Mr. Pennington endeavored without success to obtain information concerning Schmon's probable residence for voting purposes in this country from the Treasury Department.

RE: ALEC SEARLE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

On January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested SAC Pieper of the San Francisco Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Searle, and on January 13, 1941, Mr. Pieper telephonically advised the writer that he had learned by discreet inquiry that Searle has been in California for only a week and that, therefore, he had been unable to ascertain Searle's political affiliations. He advised, further, that Searle had formerly resided at 964 Adams Street, Denver, Colorado, where he was a Department Manager for the Safeway Stores; that Searle is married, his wife's name being Sally, and he has one child.

I thereupon immediately, on the same date, telephonically requested Acting SAC Knittle of the Denver Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Searle. At this writing no information has been received from the Denver Division.

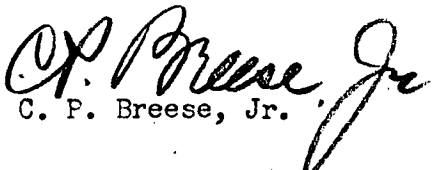
RE: FRANK STOVER,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

On January 11, 1941, I telephonically requested Supervisor Emrich of the New York Division to conduct appropriate investigation concerning Stover,

and under date of January 13, 1941, a teletype was received by the Bureau from the New York Division, advising that Stover resides at 150 Heights Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, and that the Newark Division had been requested telephonically to teletype to the Bureau the desired information concerning Stover. At this writing nothing has been received from the Newark Division concerning this individual.

There is attached a draft of a memorandum directed to the Assistant to the Attorney General, Matthew F. McGuire, reflecting the results of the investigation to date.

Respectfully,


C. P. Breese, Jr.

Copy - mmc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

~~Confidential~~

January 10, 1941

Memorandum For:

Honorable Matthew McGuire
The Assistant to the Attorney
General

Dear Matt:

I am enclosing an additional list of four names
and would appreciate a report from you as soon as possible.

With my best wishes to you,

Very sincerely,

(signed) Jim

James Rowe, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
to the President

Copy - mmc

9.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Department or Agency</u>
William F. Price <i>Buffalo</i> ✓ X	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission

Alec Searle <i>San Juan</i> ✓ X	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
------------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

10.

Ralph C. Samsel <i>?</i> ✓	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
-------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

Frank Stover <i>New York</i> ✓ ?	Special Adviser to the Director	Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission
-------------------------------------	------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------

*Rec'd 1-11-41
PB*



	<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Department or Agency</u>
1. <i>Chicago</i>	Lester North Selig	Consultant on Private Railroad Car Matters	Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission
2. <i>Philadelphia</i>	Detlev W. Bronk	Expert Technician	Office of the Commissioner of the Price Stabilization, Defense Commission
X <i>Detroit</i>	Joseph Charles Plyer	Technical Consultant	Office of the Chief of Ordnance
3. <i>New York</i>	Jacob K. Javits	Legal Consultant	Office of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service, War Dept.
4. <i>New York</i>	Walter Shorter	Assistant to the Coordinator	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Comm.
5. <i>Chicago</i>	John Martin	Special Adviser	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
6. <i>Cincinnati</i>	Logan Morrill	Legal and Economic Adviser	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.
✓ <i>Newark</i>	Arthur A. Schmon	Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
7. <i>Chicago</i>	Harold Florsheim	Special Assistant on Priorities	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases
8. <i>Newark</i>	Walter Becker	Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel	Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases

No rec. see one prom. 1-10-41 JLM

No record 1-10-41 JLM

No rec. 1-10-41 per Javits

No record 98-296-0 1-10-41 JLM

X Report by 23rd

Read 1-10-41 PB

Lester North Selig - pres. General American Transportation Corp.; b. Brooklyn, N.Y., Sept. 10, 1893; s. Louis N. and Bertha (Norden) S.; prep. edn., Boys' High Schl, Brooklyn; grad. Brooklyn Law Sch., 1914; m. Helen Montgomery, of Pittsburgh, Pa., March 8, 1925; 1 daughter, Shirley W. Began as workman in shops of Gen. Amer. Tank Car Corp., Chicago, 1914, advancing to pres.; now pres. General Am. Transportation Co. Served as enlisted man, advancing to 2nd. lt., 1st lt. and capt. Corps of Engrs. U.S.A. 1917-18; with A.E.F., May 1918-June 1919. Mem Art. Inst. Chicago (life) Phi Alpha. Republican. Jewish Religion. Clubs: Standard, Tavern, Cloud, Lake Shore Country. Home: 179 Lake Shore Drive. Office: 135 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

(from Who's Who)

Chicago



1

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk - physiologist, physicist; born New York City, Aug. 13, 1897; S. Mitchell and Marie (Wulf) B.: A.E., Swarthmore, 1920; studied U. of Pa. 1921; M.S., U. of Mich., 1922, Ph.D., 1926, hon. Sc.D., Swarthmore, 1937; m. Helen A. Ramsey, Sept. 10, 1921; children - John Everton Ramsey, Adrian Mitchell. Exec. sec. Phila. Food Admin., 1918; asst. power engr. Phila. Electric Co., 1920; instr. in physics, U. of Pa. 1921; same U. of Mich., 1921-24, instr. in physiology 1924-26; asst. prof. physiology and biophysics, Swarthmore, 1926-27, assoc. prof., 1927-28, prof., 1928-29, dean of men, 1927-29; fellow Nat. Research Council, at Cambridge and London, 1928-29; Johnson prof. biophysics and dir. Eldridge Reeves Johnson Foundation for Med. Physics, U. of Pa., since 1929, dir. inst. of Neurology since 1936, prof. neurology, Grad. Sch. of Medicine since 1937; Weir Mitchell lecturer, Phila. Coll. Physicians, 1938; Hughlings Jackson lecturer, McGill U., 1938; Vanuxem lecturer, Princeton, 1939. Mng. editor Jour. of Cellular and Comparative Physiology; editor. Proc. Soc. Exptl. Biology and Medicine, Jour. of applied Physics, Am. Jour. of Physiology. Biol. Abstracts. Mem. Nat. Research Council (exec. com. div. physics). Ensign U. S. Naval Aviation Corps, 1918-19. Fellow A.A.A.S., Am. Physical Soc.; mem. Nat. Acad. Sciences, Am. Philos. Soc., Am. Physiol. Soc., British Physiol. Soc., Optical Soc. America, Soc. Exptl. Biology and Medicine, Phila. Neurol. Soc., Am. Neurol. Assn., Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Rho, Sigma Tau, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, Alpha Mu Pi Omega; hon. mem. Harvey Soc., Soc. Anesthetists; corr. mem. Soc. Philomath. de Paris. Baptist. Clubs: Rittenhouse (Phila.); Cosmos (Washington, D. C.). Contbr. to Am. and British scientific jous. Home: Hill house Farm, Media, Pa. Office: University hospital, Phila. Pa. ||

(From Who's Who)

Phila.
Carol Deans. 1-10-41

✓

Joseph Charles Plyer - Employed past seven years by General Motors Corporation as Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor in Spare Parts Dept., Traveling Auditor in Warehouse Operation and Spare Parts Stock Control.

Detroit
M. J. Boyd, Acting Sec.
1-10-41

Called Boyce 1-12-41
is making check

X

Jacob K. Javits, partner of law firm, Javits & Javits, 165 Broadway
New York City, since 1927. //

Counsel for petitioning creditors in bankruptcy of
Kreuger & Toll and conducted first investigation
in U.S. of Ivar Kreuger's activities, 1933; counsel
for protective committees in reorganization of
Standard Gas & Electric Company; Schulte Retail Stores
Corporation; counsel for Loft Stockholders in Loft
and Pepsi-Cola litigations; counsel for The National
Paper Trade Association of the United States, Inc.
Writer and lecturer on economic problems. Contributor
of articles on anti-trust laws, trade associations and
legislation to magazines, trade papers and newspapers.
Author of A Proposed Amendment to The Anti-Trust Laws.

Member: American Bar Association, New York County
Lawyers Association, Trade and Commerce Bar Association.

Clubs: National Republican Club, Bankers Club of New
York, City Athletic Club. //

Legal Fraternity: Phi Lambda Delta

*New York
Director 1-10-41*

Walter Shorter, Sales Manager of the Specialty Division of the
International Paper Company, New York City.

||

New York

✓

4

John A. Martin - General Manager of the Wesco Foods Company for the past ten years and previously was Produce Sales Manager for the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company in Cincinnati. Before becoming associated with Kroger, he had been employed in various capacities by the United Fruit Company. Resident of Oak Park, Illinois. //

Chicago

5

Logan Morrill - partner in the law firm of Frost and Jacobs of Cincinnati and has been acting as counsel for the Kroger Grocery and Baking Company. Graduate of Cincinnati Law School, Princeton University, Treasurer of the Cincinnati Society of National History and past President of the Princeton Alumni Association of Cincinnati. //

*Refer teletypes from W.H.
Cincinnati 1-10-41
Raman*



Arthur Schmon -- President and General Manager of the Ontario
Paper Company, Thorold, Ontario.

Newark Newark
Michigan, 1-11-41.

Laurence A. Welch,
Chief, Investigation Section,
Advisory Commission to Council of National Defense,
Wash, D.C.

X

Harold Florsheim - Vice President of the Florsheim Shoe Company
of Chicago. ||

Chicago
Called Milwaukee 1/10/41
Teletype by noon.

✓

1

Walter Becker - Formerly a buyer for the J. C. Penney Company of New York, and before that he was associated with the C. E. Cones and Son Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis. Resident of Westfield, New Jersey //

*Neeruk
Madigan, Acting SAC.
1-10-41*



8

Alec Searle - Superintendent in charge of meat operation for
Safe-Way Stores, Oakland, California

Rafeway Stores, Inc., Oakland, Calif.

San Francisco
Peper 1-11-41

Knuttle, Acting SAC
Denver 1-13-41

Wanda

X

Ralph C. Samsel - formerly with the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association, Inc.

See Adams - Monday

Called Bill 1-13-21

*Called Dan Francisco - Piper
1-13-21*

X

Frank Stover - Assistant Comptroller of the Atlantic and Pacific
Tea Company.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. of America,
New York.

Called Norwich, N.Y.
1-11-41

Newark (see teletype N.Y. 1-13-41)

lv

62-61573-9

RECORDED

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 24 1941

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 14, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW P. 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: LESTER NORTH SELIG,
Consultant on Private Railroad
Car Matters, Office of the
Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that it has ascertained through a confidential informant that Selig takes no part whatsoever in politics; that he was not in any way active during the last election and that he endeavors to maintain a neutral stand on national politics. Mr. Robert Appel, head of the Non-Sectarian League of Americanism, a prominent Jew in Chicago, in offhand conversation informs that Selig 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. Owen A. West, former Assistant U. S. Attorney and son of Roy West, former National Chairman of the Republican Party, who was contacted without being informed of the purpose of the inquiry, advised that Selig has not been active and is unheard of politically. Selig 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 must register with such Commission and declare his political affiliations in order to qualify to vote.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
JAN 15 1941
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- 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 _____

Professor Robert K. Enders of Swarthmore College, who knows Bronk very well, states that Bronk is a "top-ribbed" Republican and he further informs that prior to the last general election, Bronk's automobile bore a sticker containing the words "Another car full of voters for Wilkie." Professor Enders further informs that Bronk is now at the head of the Physiological Department, Cornell Medical School, New York City.

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. A confidential informant has advised that Javits, although early conceding Roosevelt's reelection, favored Wilkie's domestic policy and probably voted for the latter; that Javits is wrapped up in his legal work and is not politically-minded as is his brother, Benjamin, who was a rabid Wilkie man. Javits has expressed the opinion that this country's business will proceed as usual no matter who was elected.

RE: WALTER SHORTER,
Assistant to the Coordinator,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases,
Defense Commission

The New York, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Shorter registered with the Board of Electors, Town of Greensburg, New York, 17th District, for the 1940 election, on the Democratic ticket.

RE: JOHN MARTIN,
Special Adviser, Office of
Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that John A. Martin, who presently resides in Oak Park, Illinois, is at the present time very dangerously ill with cancer and is not expected to live, but that it is not generally known he is afflicted with this disease. Martin is originally from North Carolina.

According to confidential information furnished by a in Oak Park, an intimate friend of Martin's, he, Martin, is 100 per cent for capitalism and outspoken against labor; that it is believed by this Priest Martin 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.

Owen A. West, former Assistant U. S. Attorney and son of Roy West, former National Chairman of the Republican Party, advised that Martin has in no way been active and is not known politically. West was not informed of the purpose of the inquiry made of him.

An official of the Wesco Foods Company, 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 advised that John A. Martin voted for Roosevelt in the past two general elections, but does not actively participate in politics.

Information concerning Martin's political affiliations was not available at the Election Commissioners' Office inasmuch as Martin failed to vote in the Primaries and the political affiliation need not be disclosed 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 Martin's affiliations are with the Democratic Party.

RE: LOGAN MORRILL,
Legal and Economic Adviser,
Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

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

RE: HAROLD FLORSHEIM,
Special Assistant on Priorities,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

The Chicago Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Harold Florsheim 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 Florsheim company.

RE: WALTER BECKER,
Special Assistant on Outer Clothing
Apparel, Office of Coordinator of
National Defense Purchases

The Newark, New Jersey Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Westfield, New Jersey records of the Board of Elections, Union County,

New Jersey, disclose that Becker registered as a Republican in the 1936 Primaries. That Division further informed that the Postmaster advises Becker is a Republican.

RE: WILLIAM F. PRICE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The Buffalo, New York Field Division of this Bureau has advised that William F. Price 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

The San Francisco Field Division of this Bureau has advised that Samsel and his wife, Margaret F., are registered in Sacramento County, California, as Democrats. That Division has further advised that Samsel is a good will contact man representing Joseph Schwalb, Manager, American Fruit and Produce Association of New York City, owned by Joseph DiGiorgi; that the latter is an outstanding producer and distributor of fruit with 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 Samsel's employment by DiGiorgi is a high recommendation for Samsel.

In August 1939, Samsel managed the Sacramento Office of the U. S. Department of Agriculture 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:

RE: JOSEPH CHARLES FLYER,
Technical Consultant, Office
of the Chief of Ordnance

ARTHUR A. SCHMON,
Deputy Administrator of
Priorities of Foreign Purchases,
Office of Coordinator of National
Defense Purchases

ALEC SEARLE,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission

FRANK STOVER,
Special Adviser to the
Director, Office of Director
of Purchases, Defense Commission.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

*Mr. Adams
Jla*

JSA:DC

January 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

R

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.

Lester North Selig	Logan Morrill
Detlev W. Bronk	Walter Becker
Jacob K. Javits	William F. Price
Joseph Charles Flyer	Ralph C. Samsel
John A. Martin	Arthur A. Schmon
Harold Florsheim	Alec Searle (correct name later determined to be Eric W. Searle)
Walter Shorter	Frank Stover

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 this list and Ralph C. Samsel and Frank Stover 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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 6 JAN 30 1941
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 ROSEN
 ONE

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 Stover and Samsel, 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 Martin, Florsheim, Morrill, Becker and Schmon, 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 Mr. L. R. Pennington, advising that the President was pushing him for the investigations of "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 Mr. Pennington's 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 Mr. Pennington, 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 Mr. L. R. Fennington, 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.

LESTER NORTH SELIG, Consultant on private railroad car matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission.

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 Selig 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 Selig 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.

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

The writer telephonically contacted Assistant Agent in Charge R. A. Guerin at the New York City Field Office and advised him concerning the expeditious nature of this investigation. Mr. Guerin stated he would afford same close supervision and follow up and in view of the fact Agent McSwain was directly supervising such matters he referred the writer to Agent McSwain. Identical instructions were furnished to Agent McSwain as those furnished to the Chicago Field Division with reference to Lester North Selig, 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 Mr. McSwain was so advised.

JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER, Technical Consultant, Office of
the Chief of Ordnance, Defense
Commission.

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 Plyer has been appointed Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Defense Commission. 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.

DETLEV 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.

HAROLD FLORSHEIM

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 W. S. Crawford, 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.

WILLIAM F. PRICE

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. O'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 L. E. Kingman, No. 1 man 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 Kingman dictated the synopsis of this report to Miss Havlick, 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.

JOHN A. MARTIN

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.

WALTER C. SHORTER

Special Agent McSwain 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. Henrich 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 Henrich dictated the synopsis of this report to Miss Havlick, 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.

WALTER BECKER

Special Agent McSwain 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 R. V. Harman, 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 J. T. Madigan, 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.

FRANK STOVER

Special Agent J. T. Madigan 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.

ARTHUR A. SCHMON

Special Agent J. T. Madigan 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 C. H. Kast 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.

RALPH C. SAMSEL

Special Agent D. J. Kennedy 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.

ERIC W. SEARLE

Special Agent D. J. Kennedy 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.

LOGAN MORRILL

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.

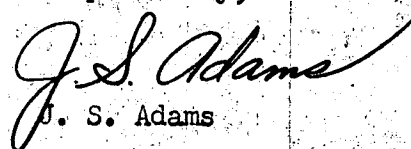
It is pointed out in each instance those offices contacted were advised to review these investigations and in the event there were any undeveloped leads to be set forth for other divisions to handle same by wires or if deemed advisable by telephone and in each instance to advise the auxiliary division 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 Morrill, Becker, Martin, Schmon and Florsheim 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,


J. S. Adams

JSA:MMC

January 28, 1941

62-61573

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Re: DR. DETLEV WOLF BRONK;
APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION
DIVISION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMISSION

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 95030 DD/000

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. Z. Davis, 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. Bronk.

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. Bronk 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. Bronk, 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 _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED 1430'S
 FILED
 ★ JAN 28 1941
 11 17 P.M. 07 NVC
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDED

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

62-615-73-11
 4 FEB 1 1941
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Washington Field (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER).

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

COPY
hvw

January 31, 1941

JSA'MC

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,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment. *filed*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/BJA

RECORDED & INDEXED

ep 62-61573-12

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Handwritten notes and signatures on the left margin, including a large signature.

Vertical handwritten text on the right margin.



January 28, 1941

JSA'MC

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.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/SPD

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

RECORDED & INDEXED

62-61573-13

66

JSA:MH

January 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. 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:

Walter P. Becker	William F. Price
Detlev W. Bronk	Ralph C. Samsel
Harold M. Florsheim	Arthur A. Schmon
Jacob K. Javits	Eric W. Searle
John A. Martin	Lester North Selig
Logan Morrill	Walter Clarence Shorter
Joseph Charles Plyer	Frank Stover

In addition thereto investigations are being instituted today relative to Daniel H. Silberberg and William A. Summerhays, 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.

JAN 27 12 29 PM '41

- 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 _____

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

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION		
M A I L E D		
★	JAN 27 1941	★
F. M.		
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,		
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		

Handwritten signatures and initials

Memorandum for
Mr. Matthew F. McGuire

- 2 -

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

Re: WALTER P. BECKER - Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent Virgil J. Wiltse dated January 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, and the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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:

"Walter P. Becker was employed at New York City, from 1913 to 1918 as Salesman and from 1918 to 1920 as Branch Manager of the C. B. Cones and Son Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis. He left this employment to accept a position with J. C. Penney Company, in view of the fact this position afforded him greater opportunities. While Becker 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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JAN 20 1941

ONE

thereof will be furnished immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Re: HAROLD MILTON FLORSHEIM - Special Assistant on Priorities, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and the report of Special Agent Crawford 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:

"Harold Milton Florsheim was born June 20, 1899, at Chicago, Illinois. He attended University High School from October, 1913 to June, 1916. His grades were average and he was very active in student activities. Florsheim is Vice-President and Treasurer of the Florsheim Retail Shoe Company and he is Director of the Florsheim Retail Shoe Shops. He receives a salary exceeding \$20,000 per year. Florsheim is rated to be very wealthy and has considerable investments in Bank Stocks. He is rated by the Florsheim Shoe Company 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 Florsheim Shoe Company or any family connections in Europe. There was no criminal record located either in Chicago or Highland Park, Illinois. Florsheim's 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:

"Professor R. S. Sady, Gettysburg College, advised he was Faculty Advisor to Florsheim at Cornell University from 1916 to 1920, having taught him in several Political Science courses. Professor Sady recalled Florsheim as a good 'B' average student and stated that during classes there was nothing to distinguish Florsheim 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. Professor Sady stated there was no reason to believe Florsheim would have any foreign sympathies, German or otherwise, since he, himself, is Jewish. Professor Sady went on to state that Florsheim's college chum was a person named Edward S. Weil; that Weil was a nephew of the late Rosenwald, Philantropist and former President of Sears Roebuck and Company. He advised that together, Weil and Florsheim, gathered considerable material on their college thesis entitled 'Fire Prevention and Fire Protection.' Florsheim was described by Professor Sady as a good clean-cut fellow of good character and habits who was in no difficulties at Cornell and who was above average as a student. He stated, however, that he has not seen Florsheim 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: JOHN A. MARTIN - Special Advisor, Office of
Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.**

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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 Martin's former residence during 1932, his address at that time being 215 Rosemont Avenue, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, revealed no one in that vicinity was sufficiently acquainted with Martin to furnish information concerning his loyalty as an American citizen, however, those persons interviewed advised Martin's reputation in Fort Thomas, Kentucky 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: LOGAN MORRILL - Legal and Economic Advisor, Office
of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.**

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent Edward S. Sanders dated January 10, 1941, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and the report of Special Agent D. Howard Phillips 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.

Re: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER - Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

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: WILLIAM F. PRICE - Special Advisor to the Director, Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent Alan H. Mayer dated January 23, 1941, at San Antonio, Texas; Special Agent J. A. Bernard dated January 14, 1941, at Washington, D. C.; and Special Agent L. H. Frutkin 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 William F. Price was former Vice-President and General Manager of the Jacob Dold Packing Company, Buffalo, New York, from February, 1926 to February, 1939, at which time he retired. Employees and others state Price is highly regarded in the Meat Packing Industry, 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 Price's 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: RALPH C. SANSEL - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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: ARTHUR A. SCHMON - Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent Frank C. Wood dated January 23, 1941 at Albany, New York, which reflects the results of investigation conducted at Ontario, Canada. Attention is directed to information furnished by a reliable confidential informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the effect that Schmon is associated with an appeasement group and that the [redacted] are at a loss to understand why Schmon has been appointed to The Advisory Commission at Washington, D. C. 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 Mr. Schmon which was conducted by the [redacted] [redacted] and which it will be noted is entirely favorable.

b7D

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: ERIC W. SEARLE - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of the Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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

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: LESTER NORTH SELIG - Consultant on Private Car Matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation, Defense Commission.

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: DANIEL H. SILBERBERG - Consultant, Price Stabilization Division, Defense Commission.

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: WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER - Assistant to the Coordinator, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the report of Special Agent J. B. Reynolds dated January 23, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia, and the report of Special Agent J. A. Bernard 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: FRANK STOVER - Assistant Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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: WILLIAM A. SUMMERHAYS -

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.

JSA:MH

January 27, 1941

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.

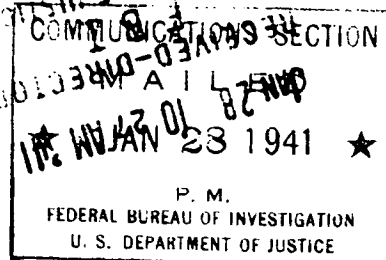
These investigations are continuing and there is being attached hereto an additional memorandum reflecting further investigation conducted to date in these cases. Additional information will be furnished to you immediately upon receipt at the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Attachment

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 _____



RECORDED

62-61573-

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FEB 6

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LOVELL

MEMORANDUM

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

Re: WALTER P. BECKER - Special Assistant on Outer Clothing Apparel, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent R. G. Glick dated January 25, 1941, at Washington, D. C., and Special Agent William F. Gigray, Jr., dated January 25, 1941, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which reports reflect investigation conducted by these 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 E. R. Davis 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: HAROLD MILTON FLORSHEIM - Special Assistant on Priorities, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent W. H. Buckler 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 _____

1941
JAN 27

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 detailed form the results of investigation conducted by that Division, a copy of this report will be furnished forthwith.

Re: JOHN A. MARTIN - Special Advisor, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent W. H. Buckler dated January 25, 1941, at Philadelphia, Special Agent J. H. Foley dated January 25, 1941, at Boston, Massachusetts, and Special Agent W. S. Rakes 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: LOGAN MORRILL - Legal and Economic Advisor, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent W. L. Oblinger 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: JOSEPH CHARLES PLYER - Technical Consultant, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

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

"Joseph Charles Plyer, Jr., was born June 13, 1902 at Houghton County, Michigan. He has one child and his wife's name is Edith. Investigation to date indicates only High School education. The personnel record at the Chevrolet

"Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, Flint, Michigan, indicates Plyer was employed with the Buick Motor Division prior to July 21, 1921; that he left this employment because of personal differences. He was employed with the Chevrolet Motor Division, Flint, Michigan, from May 1, 1922 to April 12, 1924, being laid off from that time. Plyer's application for employment was rejected by the Chevrolet Motor Division on September 2, 1926, because of a bad heart. He was thereafter employed with the A. C. Spark Plug Division prior to March 9, 1927. Plyer was again employed with the Chevrolet Motor Division from March 29, 1927 to November 22, 1940, being transferred at that time to Washington, D. C. His work with the Chevrolet Motor Division was very satisfactory and during this employment he held the following positions in the order named: Stock Record Clerk in the Follow-up Department; National Ordering Department; and Contact Man on the road between the plant and distributing warehouses. His salary at the time he left Flint, Michigan, in November, 1940, is reported to have been \$265 per month. The Personnel Director of the Chevrolet Motor Division advised Plyer is now earning \$325 per month plus \$5 per diem while in Washington, D. C. Investigation to date indicates Plyer 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. Plyer 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. Plyer's credit record at Flint, Michigan, 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: WILLIAM F. PRICE - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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

New York, and Special Agent P. C. Dunne 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: RALPH C. SAMSEL - Special Advisor to the Director,
Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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 conducted in that Division:

"Preliminary investigation reflects Samsel 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 reveals Samsel exerts no guiding influence or control in any companies or corporations. He has no criminal record at Davis, California, where he attended College, or at Sacramento, California. Fred Read, Assistant Manager, California Fruit Exchange, and Irving Woodin, General Manager, both recommend him highly on basis of ability, honesty and patriotism, describing him as being of good Yankee stock with normally conservative ideals. Samsel was employed with Sgobel and Day in New York and as Field Representative in California several years until approximately 1934, being employed thereafter with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration as Field Representative until 1938, at which time he was employed by the American Fruit and Produce Auction Association as Missionary and Business Agent traveling extensively with this latter organization. Harry Cleaver, Local Head of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration Office, Sacramento, described Samsel's work as above average and stated he is unusually honest. Richard W. Gray, Manager, Tokay Marketing Agreement, Sacramento area, worked closely with Samsel. Gray

"recommends Samsel highly and stated he did a difficult job very well. The exact dates of Samsel's employment with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration are not available at present. He attended the University of California College of Agriculture at Davis, California, from 1927 to 1930, taking a general course in Agriculture. 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: ARTHUR A. SCHIRM - Deputy Administrator of Priorities of Foreign Purchases, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases.

There is being attached hereto one copy each of the reports of Special Agent C. S. Franich dated January 24, 1941, at Buffalo, New York, Special Agent George D. O'Connor 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: ERIC W. SEARLE - Special Advisor to the Director, Office of the Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent D. K. Rankin 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:

"Eric W. Searle was employed under the immediate supervision of T. W. Henriette, Division Manager, Safeway Stores,

"Incorporated, as Divisional Manager of the Meat Department, Safeway Stores, Incorporated, having supervision of 143 Meat Markets in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas and New Mexico, from 1931 to January 6, 1941, when he was transferred to Oakland, California. Searle was also employed under the supervision of Henritze from 1921 to 1929 at Snodgrass Fruit Company, Denver, Colorado, and from 1929 to 1931 under Henritze's supervision at Mac Marr Stores, Incorporated, Denver, Colorado. Henritze and other employees of Safeway Stores, Incorporated, advised Searle is the best meat 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 Meat Division efficiently. Searle's employment records have been transferred to the headquarters, Safeway Stores, Incorporated, at Oakland, California. Investigation reveals he has no interests or guiding influence in any companies other than Safeway Stores, Incorporated. General inquiry and neighborhood investigation developed no foreign or subversive tendencies of either Searle 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 Searle at Denver, Colorado. An article appearing in the Denver Post on April 11, 1937, reflected Searle crashed into a truck and passenger car between Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado, on April 2, 1937, receiving critical injuries, later recovering. Records of the Justice Court, Colorado Springs, indicate Searle was tried April 9, 1937, for reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. There is no other criminal record of Searle at Colorado Springs."

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: LESTER NORTH SELIG - Consultant on Private Car
Matters, Office of the Commissioner of Transportation,
Defense Commission.

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:

"Lester North Selig was born in Brooklyn, New York, February 10, 1893, of a prominent, social and financial Hebrew family. He was graduated from the Brooklyn Law School in 1914, and has since been employed with the General American Transportation Corporation or its predecessors with the exception of the period of 1918 and 1919 when he was in the Transportation Division of the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army. Selig was elected President of the General Transportation Corporation in 1931, upon the retirement of Max Epstein, Selig's brother-in-law. Selig is also on the Board of Directors and is an officer and is on the Board of Directors of most of the subsidiary Corporations owned by the General American Transportation Corporation. Max Epstein is Chairman of the Board and apparently owns the controlling interests in the General American Transportation Corporation. Miss W. A. Haig, Assistant Cashier and Assistant Treasurer, stated that Selig is the big boss when Epstein is not present. Selig owns about \$600,000 worth of stock in the General American Transportation Corporation some of which was given him by Epstein. The Corporation has about \$5,000,000 in stocks outstanding. Selig's reputation, character, honesty, and ability are excellent. Neighborhood investigation conducted in the vicinity of Selig's residence resulted favorably. There is no criminal record on Selig 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 General American Transportation Corporation or its subsidiaries in which Lester North

Selig 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: WALTER CLARENCE SHORTER - Assistant to the Coordinator, Office of Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, Defense Commission.

There is being attached hereto one copy of the report of Special Agent S. A. Smith 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: FRANK STOVER - Assistant Advisor to the Director, Office of Director of Purchases, Defense Commission.

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:

"Frank Stover resided at 100 Oxford Place, Glen Rock, New Jersey, for eight years. However, he moved to 150 Heights Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey, in June, 1937, and at the present time owns his residence at that address and it is valued at \$12,000. Stover is employed with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, as Traveling Auditor and has been so employed since 1920. None of the persons contacted knew of any possible interests held by Stover other than his employment with the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. A medium four figure loan was obtained by Stover from the North Jersey Trust Company, Ridgewood, New Jersey, in 1937, being secured by an insurance policy. These payments have been satisfactory. Stover maintains a small checking account. He is reported to be brilliant, a hard worker,

"a very loyal American and pro-British. Further, he is reported to possess a good personal appearance. Stover's 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

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

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

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. *not in*
- Plyer, Joseph Charles - *not in*
- Selig, Lester North *OK*
- Silberberg, Daniel H. *not in*

Included in the list of names submitted by Mr. Rowe and also by this office was that of Frank Stover. It has since been ascertained that Mr. Stover's 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.

Sincerely,

Sidney Sherwood

Sidney Sherwood
Assistant Secretary

11-1-11
52-61572-12
61670-4

RECORDED

RECORDED

62-61573-16

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

5 FEB 8 1941

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROSEN

ADAMS

ONE

99

Handwritten initials

done - ok

Handwritten flourish

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

NY FILE NO. 77-1278 JR

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 APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION	

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 biophysicis, 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.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/24/91 BY 2903 RDD/ESS

- R U C -

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.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
		67-1278-17	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT			
3 - Bureau (enc.) 2 - Philadelphia 2 - New York			

77-1278

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.

77-1278

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 are 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 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.

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

77-1278

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

77-1278

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 the 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

77-1278

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.

Dean LADD 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. *deleted*

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.

77-1278

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU (7):

1. Letter from Alfred N. Richards, University of Pennsylvania, to President E. E. Day, Cornell University, dated July 15, 1940 (photostatic copy).
2. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University, to Vice President Alfred N. Richards, University of Pennsylvania, dated July 16, 1940.
3. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University to Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 16, 1940.
4. Photostatic copy of letter from Edmund E. Day, Cornell University, to Mrs. Detlev W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 16, 1940.
5. One photostatic sheet concerning:
 - A. Telegram from The Bronks to President Day, dated July 20, 1940.
 - B. Telegram from Edmund E. Day to Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bronk, Media, Pa., dated July 20, 1940.
6. Photostatic copy of letter from Amy M. Hughes, Office of President Day, Cornell University, to Dean William S. Ladd, dated July 26, 1940.
7. Photostatic copy of letter from Dean William S. Ladd to Dr. Edmund E. Day, President, Cornell University, dated November 12, 1940.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

JSA:EE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[JANUARY 27, 1941] (U)

[CODE] (U)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

DETLEV WULF BRONK; APPLICANT, PRICE STABILIZATION DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION. CONDUCT THOROUGH DISCREET NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND INQUIRIES AT P.D. AND CREDIT BUREAUS. COMPLETE INVESTIGATION AND SUBMIT REPORT AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY TODAY.

DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
DATE 09-05-2014
ADG/J72J82T32

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE~~

HOOVER

62-61573

10/25/91
Classified by 2803
Declassify on: OADR

Routed... Recorded...
Searched... Indexed...
Numbered...
[JAN 28 1941] (U)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

RECORDED
62-61573-18
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
6 * [MAR 18 1941] (U)
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

[JAN 27 1941] (U)

POSTAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SENT VIA _____

116 P M

Per _____

RECORDED

JSA:EE
62-61573-19

April 21, 1941

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

Re: DR. DETLEV WULF BRONK; Price
Stabilization Division, Office
of Production Management.

Please be advised investigation in
this case has been completed and copies of all
reports submitted in connection therewith have
previously been furnished you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/ROB

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

[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
4058 United States Court House
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

April 14, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9903 RDD/200

Dear Sir:

RE: DR. DETLEV WULF BRONK
APPLICANT - PRICE STABILIZATION
DIVISION, NATIONAL DEFENSE
COMMISSION

Inasmuch as the investigation in instant
case has been completed, this case is being closed
in the Philadelphia Field Division files.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears
J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

WVMcL:VH
77-438

*Memo for Mr. Tolson
4-21-41
JFA*

RECORDED

62-61573-19
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
2 APR 15 1941
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

*cc
Lang*

BRANK, Detlev Half **C3nd** **CONF**
Wash. D. C.

Employee of: *62-61573*
National Research Council *pm*
2101 Constitution Ave.
Wash. D.C.

SEX	COLOR	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HAIR	EYES	BIRTH

CNO does not object to employment **20 March 41**
FBI-1 MID-1 *W&N-1* B2-1 Sec Wars ND-3 **FNG-1**
May 16 42 **BDS** **PRNG** **B-10**

CONFIDENTIAL

246
5 JUN 29 1942

RECORDED

62-61573-20
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
20 MAY 27 1942
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

S. J. G. M.

BRONK, Detlev Wulf New York City, N.Y.		OSRD		62-61573-	
Employee of: Cornell Medical School New York City, N.Y.		SSA			
SEX	COLOR	WEIGHT	HEIGHT	HAIR	EYES
					97
CNO does not object to employment				3/26/41	
FBI-1	MID-1	ASST	B2-1	ASST	ND-3 PMG-1
May 6 42			BDS		B-10

CONFIDENTIAL

2 JUL 6 1942
222

RECORDED

EX-4

62-61573-21
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 20 MAY 27 1942
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

DATE: 5/17/47

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: DETLEV W. BRONK;
LOUIS N. RIDENOUR
INFORMATION CONCERNING
SECURITY MATTER - C
Refer 5-IS

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

The Boston Division has received information from time to time from Confidential Informants [redacted] reflecting that LOUIS N. RIDENOUR and DETLEV W. BRONK have been two of the more active scientists in the perfection of secret weapons and aids of a scientific nature during the recently-concluded war. The informants have further advised that RIDENOUR was one of the more prominent persons in the foundation of the Federation of American Scientists and was a leading actor in the Cambridge Association of Scientists. BRONK has associated himself with HARLOW SHAPLEY in establishing the Inter-Science Committee for a National Science Foundation.

(U) b7D
1-17
1-17

On May 5, 1947, Special Agent FREDERICK M. CONNORS obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] the enclosed correspondence between RIDENOUR and BRONK concerned with BRONK's observations and experiences while attending the Anniversary Celebration of the Russian Academy of Science at Moscow in the summer of 1945. This matter was removed from the personnel file of RIDENOUR for a sufficient time to enable the Boston Division to photostat it. Two copies are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's consideration, and two are also enclosed for the completion of the files of the Philadelphia Division.

[redacted] voluntarily furnished this matter to the Boston Office because he felt that it was demonstrative of the mental processes through which scientists are apt to travel when dealing with problems of an international political nature. A review of the material will reveal that BRONK was much impressed by the cordial hospitality afforded him by the Russians.

No further inquiries are requested by the Boston Office on the basis of these enclosures. It is requested that in the event this information is disseminated, the identity of [redacted] be carefully concealed, because he is considered a very valuable source of information to this office.

ENCLOSURES

cc: Philadelphia
57 JUN 1947
BSG:ech
100-19119

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

EX 55

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 gcl/11-17-80
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 11-17-90

EX-55

62-61573-22

RECORDED & INDEXED
NG 62

Handwritten signatures and initials

September 23, 1947

86072

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL DELIVERIES~~

Dr. John E. Stoolman
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 1-12-95 BY SP9AC/lmb

Dear Dr. Stoolman:

I thought you would be interested in the attached
information concerning Dr. Dettler Wolf Brenk, chairman of the
National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

With assurances of my highest esteem,

Sincerely yours,

~~10/29/47~~

Original delivered 9-24-47
to Stoolman's secretary in
his absence at Cabinet Meeting.

J. M. S.

Attachment

ELJ:bb

RECORDED
INDEXED

162-61592-23

Dr. Dettler Wolf Brenk

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 1-12-95 BY SP9AG/omb ~~ESTHER WOLF BRONK~~

MANDATORY NIT 95-1

September 23, 1947

6073

Esther Wolf Bronk is the present chairman of the National Research Council, Washington, D. C.

The following is a summary of information available concerning Bronk:

In March, 1945, Dr. Melba Phillips, a scientist who is known to entertain pro-Russian sympathies and a known associate of Bert Jan Bok, made mention of the fact that Bronk is a member of the Committee on International Relations of the National Research Council. Bok is the chairman of this committee. Bok has been very active in the American Association of Scientific Workers and is a contact of individuals who are known or suspected Communist Party members. The American Association of Scientific Workers has reportedly been the object of attempted infiltration by Communists and Communist sympathizers and has advocated the free dissemination of scientific information without regard to security precautions.

Bronk was one of the thirteen Americans who left the United States on June 10, 1945, to attend the 230th Jubilee of the Soviet Scientists Academy in Moscow. Following the return of this group, a reception was held in their honor on August 21, 1945, by the American-Soviet Scientists Society, an affiliate of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Incorporated, a Communist front organization. At this reception, Bronk made a speech stating that Russian scientists should prove a stimulating influence to American scientists and that he was convinced that there was a real basis for lasting friendship between Russia and the United States. A report on this reception was carried in the "Daily Worker" on August 22, 1945. In this account, the "Daily Worker" stated that six scientists, among them Bronk, had paid tribute to the achievements of the Soviet Union.

The "New York Times," in an article dated December 11, 1946, reported that Bronk spoke at a luncheon held on the previous day in New York City, in honor of Professor Alexander A. Michailov, chairman of the Astronomical Council of the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences.

On one occasion, Dr. Harlow Shapley, assistant director of the Harvard Observatory who is known to be a pro-Soviet sympathizer, invited Bronk to attend an informal committee meeting concerning the National Science Foundation in which Leo Harvich, a Communist Party member and president of the Cambridge Chapter of the American Association of Scientific Workers, had an interest.

Floyd L. Jones:bb

SAC, Baltimore

May 11, 1949

Director, FBI

DETLEV WULF BRONK
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Philadelphia letter dated April 14, 1949.

In accordance with the request of the Philadelphia Office there are enclosed herewith photostatic copies of the following reports under the character of Atomic Energy Act - Applicant:

Report of Special Agent Ellis Mehan dated July 3, 1947, at Detroit.

Report of Special Agent James J. Mullan dated July 8, 1947, at Philadelphia.

Report of Special Agent Frank W. Mulderig dated July 8, 1947, at New York.

Report of Special Agent in Charge Guy Hottel dated July 18, 1947, at Washington, D. C.

DE-INDEXED
DATE: 9/18/83
6

Enclosure

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/26/91 BY 5903 R.DD/BSB

62-61573

24

HT:mac

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

MAILED 15
MAY 11 1949

62MA: 24 1949

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

fr TO : Director, FBI
W FROM : SAC, Philadelphia
 SUBJECT: ^① DETLEV WULF BRONK
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: April 14, 1949 ^{TC 2-1}

Reference is made to the Baltimore letter dated March 14, 1949, captioned "Dr. D. W. BRONK, SECURITY MATTER - C," wherein the Baltimore Office requested full information pertaining to BRONK since he is now at John Hopkins University.

A full investigation was made of BRONK and a report captioned "DETLEV WULF BRONK - 11 - 15, ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT," made by Special Agent JAMES J. MULLAN, dated July 8, 1947, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contains the results of this investigation. The Philadelphia Office has only one copy of this report and the Bureau is herewith requested to furnish the Baltimore Office with a copy of this report for the information of the Baltimore Office. This is contained in Bureau file 116-12176.

The Philadelphia Office has no information in addition to that contained in the aforementioned report. RUC.

WBW:as
 100-34367

cc: Baltimore

*Let Baltimore
 5-11-49
 at*

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/29/97 BY SP3 R DD/BJD

RECORDED - 119

SE 1st

162-61573-24

F B I
 4 APR 19 1949

EX-22

JSK

J

OR

BE

Truman Appoints Doolittle To National Air Committee

By the Associated Press
Dr. James Harold Doolittle, better known as Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, yesterday became a member of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics.

President Truman named Gen. Doolittle as one of three new appointees to the committee required by an Act of the 80th Congress.

The commander of the famed Tokyo bombers, together with a Philadelphia physicist and physiologist, Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, was appointed with terms expiring December 1, 1950. Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the Research and Development Board of the National Military Establishment, became a member by reason of that chairmanship.

file in →

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE *10/29/91* BY *9803 RDD/206*

Ward
Ward

G.I.R.-7

file 5-24

RECORDED - 116

162-61573 - A
F B I
71 JUL 26 1948

EX-19

71 JUL 28 1948 *55*

THE EVENING STAR
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Date:

JUN 27 1948

G. J. R. -y

October 8, 1954

DETLEV V. BRONK
Born: August 13, 1897
New York, New York

[Handwritten initials]

Reference is made to reports furnished to your Department on February 10, 1950, entitled "Detlev V. Bronk-11-15, Atomic Energy Act-Applicant." It is noted that these reports contained the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau in 1947 pertaining to the captioned individual.

(116-12176)

A summary, dated August 5, 1954, which reflects the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the activities of the captioned individual from the date of the conclusion of the afore-mentioned investigation, was furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams, The Assistant to the President, the White House. Should you desire the results of this most recent investigation it is suggested that you contact the White House for the details.

(77-83757)

The foregoing information is furnished to you as the result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Orig. to STATE

RR: 9-2-54

LAMB:amf

RECORDED & INDEXED
DATE 10/29/51 BY 4903 RDD/EDD

[Handwritten initials]

RECORDED - 69

61573-25

OCT 11 1954

INDEXED - 69

EX-121

- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Sizoo _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

The Asks Scientists Loyalty Policy Aid

The National Academy of Sciences yesterday announced the Administration has sought its help in resolving loyalty policy for the best use of the Nation's scientists.

Specifically, the announcement disclosed President Eisenhower wants advice on how to handle requests for research grants for unclassified work by scientists of questioned loyalty.

The disclosure marked the first apparent admission that perhaps the Administration has gone too far in its efforts to keep the country's vast research program free of disloyalty scandals.

Couched in less revealing terms, the Administration asked the Academy "to advise the Government in the formulation of a policy to the end that the scientific resources of our country may be fully and effectively utilized."

Very little has been made public on the subject, but it is known in scientific circles that more and more scientists who had been receiving Government research grants have been turned down when they sought new grants or continuation funds.

The rejections were never explained, officially, but the applicants were told orally—and thereby unofficially—that they hadn't passed a loyalty check.

At least one Nobel Prize winner, who had worked for years under Federal grants for research on work unrelated to the Nation's security was told, unofficially, that if his rejected renewal application was filed in his assistant's name the request for continuation funds would be approved. It was so altered, and granted.

Yesterday's announcement by Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, NAS president, didn't go into any such details, Dr. Bronk merely announced the request for help, and released an exchange of letters on the subject between Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, and himself.

Adams asked that the Academy, the Nation's organization of top-ranking scientists, serve as an advisory group when questions relating to loyalty are involved.

Dr. Bronk replied the Academy was prepared "to appoint a committee of scientists and others to consider the problems in question and advise with you in the near future."

- Mr. Tolson ✓
 - Mr. Boardman ✓
 - Mr. Nichols ✓
 - Mr. Belmont ✓
 - Mr. Harbo _____
 - Mr. Mohr _____
 - Mr. Parsons _____
 - Mr. Rosen _____
 - Mr. Tamm _____
 - Mr. Sizoo _____
 - Mr. Winterrowd _____
 - Tele. Room _____
 - Mr. Holloman _____
 - Miss Gandy _____
- Bauer*
Brake
monahan
SECRET

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 5803 RDD/STW

INDEXED - 86

162 61573-A -
NOT RECORDED
126 FEB 15 1955

EX. 117

file
Dr. Detlev W. Bronk

file
15-
Jan

- Wash. Post and Times Herald 2
- Wash. News _____
- Wash. Star _____
- N. Y. Herald Tribune _____
- N. Y. Mirror _____

Date: FEB 8 1955

F 51
55 FEB 17 1955

Tolson _____
 Boardman _____
 Nichols WNV ✓
 Belmont _____
 Harbo _____
 Mohr _____
 Parsons _____
 Rosen _____
 Tamm _____
 Sizoo _____
 Winterrowd _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Holloman _____
 Gandy _____

AMR

BRANIGAN

Doctor Urges Free Inquiry For Scientists

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, last night said there was no place in science for timid men who are willing to up their freedom of inquiry to reactionary forces.

Dr. Bronk expressed faith in the loyalty of American scientists to human freedom and welfare.

If scientists differ from other men, he added, it is only that their curiosity has been less extinguished. He warned against the danger that "curiosity" be suppressed and conformity be required.

Dr. Bronk spoke at a dinner in the Statler Hotel, closing the annual convention of the Medical Library Association.

Earlier, the association elected this new slate of officers:

Miss Wilma Troxel, librarian of the Bio-Medical Science Library, University of Illinois, president; Wesley Draper, librarian of the Medical Society of the County of Kings, Brooklyn, vice president; Dr. E. H. Cushing, of Washington, honorary vice president; Esther Judkins, librarian of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research, secretary, and Pauline Duffield, librarian of the Texas Medical Society, treasurer.

Outgoing president is Marion Dondale, librarian of the Albany (N. Y.) Medical College.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9903 RDD/SPB

2-1-7

162-61573-A

NOT RECORDED
156 JUN 29 1954

Wash. Post and Times Herald 22
 Wash. News _____
 Wash. Star _____
 N. Y. Herald Tribune _____
 N. Y. Mirror _____

Date: JUN 1 1954

F&I 3
68 JUN 29 1954

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MAILED

MAY 29 1956

NAME CHECK

May 29, 1956

DR. DETLEV W. BRONK *Summary*
Born: August 13, 1897
New York, New York

Detlev W. Bronk

With reference to your request for investigative reports in the event the captioned individual has been investigated by this Bureau, there are attached herewith reports reflecting the results of an investigation conducted in 1947 concerning him.

A summary, dated August 5, 1954, which reflects the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the activities of the captioned individual from the date of the conclusion of the afore-mentioned investigation, was furnished to the Honorable Sherman Adams, the Assistant to the President, the White House. At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable Sherman Adams, should you desire the detailed results of this investigation.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of your agency.

Enclosures (4)
Orig. and one to USIA

req. rec'd. 5-11-56 INDEXED - 78
[Redacted] CAA *ca* 16 JUN 1 1956

(4)

Note: Paul McNichol, USIA, requested a search for main files only. He advised that only copies of investigative reports of the results of investigation were requested. Summary on Bronk reflects most persons contacted highly recommended him. Bronk's name on Nov., 1947, mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece, a cited ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ group, and on membership list in Oct. 1946, of American-Soviet Science Society, Inc., cited as an affiliate of NCASF by California Committee on Un-American Activities.

- Tolson _____
- Boardman _____
- Nichols _____
- Belmont _____
- Harbo _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Sizoo _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

DECLASSIFIED BY 7703 RDD/BJG
ON 12/25/51

5 JUN 7 1956

b6
b7c

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Records Section

1955

-5-

Name Check Unit - Room 6523
 Attention _____
 Service Unit - Room 6524
 Forward to File Review
 Return to _____ Ext. _____
 Supervisor
 Room _____

MAY 11 1956

All References
 Subversive References
 Main _____ References Only
 Restrict to Locality of _____
 Breakdown Buildup Variations
 Exact Name Only
 Exact Spelling
 Check for Alphabetical Loyalty Form

SUBJECT Bronk, Dr. Oct 12 1955
Address _____

MAY 15 1956

Localities _____

Birthdate & Place 12 years

R# (323) Date 5-11 Searcher Initial 5-131
FILE NUMBER SERIAL

I	62-61573
J	116-12176
J	116-12176-10 (Sum. 6-55)
S-I	62-61573-23 (Sum. 9-47)
L	62-60527-19281-19445, 40429
X	77-0-951
L	140-0-16809; 18157
	D. W.
L	62-60527-28742
	Detlev Wolf (var)
L	77-63757
I	62-61573-25 (Sum 10-54)
-	72, Sum 1-27-41, 72 Sum 1-24-41

App. 150 sees not listed

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9803 RDD/COB

111
KIP

Mr. A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Stanley
- 1 - Mr. Warren

11-20-58

C. H. Stanley

DETLEV WULF BRONK
 Consultant - Applicant
 Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
 Department of the Navy
 SECURITY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Limited Classification
 Review Conducted
 See Top Serial
 Form 4-774

Handwritten initials: JM, GT

SYNOPSIS:

Security form has been received from Civil Service Commission (CSC) re Bronk, who is president National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and Rockefeller Institute and is member President's Science Advisory Committee. Applicant-type investigations of Bronk by FBI in 1941, 1947, 1954*were largely favorable. Investigations disclosed he attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy 1945 and thereafter extolled Soviet achievements; name appeared on 1947 mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece (designated by Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) and 1946 membership list of American-Soviet Science Society; while president Johns Hopkins University (1949-53) allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty; is person who does not see dangers on questions of loyalty; testified 1949 against FBI investigations of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission grants because he felt such investigations would repress program and scientific thought. Bronk has advocated exchange of information and scientific groups between USSR and US to promote better understanding between nations. When interviewed by FBI Agents 10-56 re Vladimir Dudenkov of Soviet Embassy, he was complimentary of FBI, expressing desire to cooperate fully, said he does not agree with those who feel scientific activity is not within realm of intelligence information. He said FBI is best organization to gather intelligence, and that he and NAS cooperate fully with White House, State Department and other Government agencies.

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN 100-58640

"Washington Post and Times Herald" 6-22-58 reflects Bronk awarded full membership in USSR Academy of Sciences on 6-21-58. News item reflects there is no higher accolade in Soviet Union than title of "Academician" that goes with such membership.

- 1 - Mr. A. H. Belmont, Room 1742
- 1 - Mr. G. A. Nease, Room 5640
- 1 - 62-61573
- 1 - 77-63757
- 1 - 116-12176

*Results of previous investigation were furnished White House, Department, CSC, and other appropriate agencies.

- Tolson _____
- Boardman 1 _____
- Belmont _____
- Mohr _____
- Nease _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Trotter _____
- Clayton _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____

63 DEC 1 1958
 MAIL ROOM

162-61573-
 NOT RECORDED
 47 NOV 25 1958

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of previous investigations of which CSC has been fully advised, it is felt we should conduct no additional investigation of Bronk under Executive Order 10450 (security program). If you agree, a notation will be placed on security form referring CSC to data previously furnished together with notations of his reported appointment to Soviet Academy of Sciences and that no investigation is contemplated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

DETAILS:

A security form has been received from CSC for Bronk. Bronk is president of the NAS and Rockefeller Institute. He is chairman of National Science Board of National Science Foundation and is member of the President's Science Advisory Committee. He was formerly president, American Association for Advancement of Science (1952) and Johns Hopkins University (1949-53).

BACKGROUND:

Bronk, born 8-13-97 at New York, New York, was investigated by Bureau 1941, 1947 and 1954. Investigations were mostly favorable, however, reports reflect Bronk attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy, Moscow, June, 1945, following which he extolled achievements of Soviet Union; name appeared on 1947 mailing list of American Council for a Democratic Greece (designated by Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450) and 1946 membership list of American Soviet Science Society; furnished letter of endorsement in 1947 in connection with passport application of Bart Jan Bok, identified with various communist fronts. One source advised that Bronk, while president, Johns Hopkins University, did not take stand against Owen Lattimore when latter was indicted for perjury but was in favor of putting Lattimore on leave of absence until perjury charges were resolved; allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty. Another associate said Bronk was one of group of scientists who band together in interest of freedom of science and do not see dangers on questions of loyalty. Bronk testified before Congressional Joint Atomic

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

Energy Committee, 5-17-49, against FBI investigations of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission fellowship, claiming this would repress the program and interfere with free play scientific thought. (Summary of above has been disseminated to White House, CSC and other Government agencies.) (62-61573; 116-12176; 77-63757)

Bureau files reflect Bronk as NAS president announced 2-8-55 that NAS was asked by White House to act as advisory group on loyalty policy re use of nation's scientists. Bronk submitted report to White House 4-4-56 of advisory group (which did not include Bronk) which recommended that civilian scientists working on unclassified Federal research should be judged on their scientific integrity without loyalty checks; however, where serious allegations of disloyalty arise, Government should bring formal charges and produce evidence in open hearings. White House announced 8-14-56 that such recommendations would be placed into effect by agencies granting unclassified research. (62-102109)

Bronk was interviewed with Bureau authority in "Internal Security - R" case on Vladimir Dudenkov (105-25461) in October, 1956. He was advised of Dudenkov's association with an NAS employee who was being considered as possible double agent. Bronk was complimentary of FBI, said FBI was best organization to gather intelligence data, that gathering of such data is of utmost importance and that he disagreed with those who follow theory that scientific activity is not in realm of intelligence information. He expressed desire to cooperate with FBI in any way possible. In view of this, further contacts with Bronk were authorized by Bureau. Bureau files reflect Bronk has been interested in and active in promoting exchange of scientific groups and information between Russia and US as means of promoting better understanding between nations. In above-mentioned interview, he said the best way to understand people is to know their cultural, science and social life and that NAS cooperates with Government agencies. In this connection, he said he had discussed proposed visits with Russia with White House and State Department. (105-25461-175, 189)

Appointment to Soviet Academy of Sciences:

"Washington Post and Times Herald" 6-22-53, page 86, contained article reflecting Detlev W. Bronk, president, National

Memorandum to Mr. A. Rosen
Re: DETLEV WULF BRONK

Academy of Sciences, and Linus C. Pauling were awarded full membership in USSR Academy of Sciences. Article reflects "there is no higher accolade in Soviet Union than title of 'Academician' that goes with such membership. (77-63757)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10/29/91 BY 9809 RDD/RSB

Bligh

Anderson

1/10/58

LOS ANGELES
EXAMINER
7/2/58

LINUS PAULING
100 34470

100-353404-A
ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

Pauling Explains Russ Honor

PASADENA, July 1—Dr. Linus C. Pauling, 1954 Nobel Prize California Institute of Technology chemist, said today he does not attribute his recent naming to Soviet Academy of Sciences membership to his campaigning for abandonment of nuclear tests, which also is a Soviet policy.

He and another American scientist, Physicist Detlev W. Bronk, a Rockefeller Foundation administrator, three-time National Academy of Scientists president and former Johns Hopkins University president, were among 30 chosen outside of Russia for membership in the Soviet organization.

"I would think," Dr. Pauling said, "our selection was on the basis that we were considered to be among leading American scientists."

The new membership, he said, raises to about a dozen his affiliations with foreign scientific organizations, including those in France, England, Italy, Belgium, India and others.

"Membership in these scientific groups usually is proposed by some member, but I have no idea who proposed me for this one," Dr. Pauling said.

The academies hold one or more meetings annually. Dr. Bronk has been invited, Dr. Pauling said, to Moscow to confer with Soviet Academy officials this summer on exchange of scientists between this country and Russia.

TWO FROM RUSSIA—
"I haven't been invited," he said.

The United States National Academy of Scientists has foreign members, he said, including two from Russia. Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, of the University of California radiation laboratory, Berkeley, was named to the Soviet Academy in 1943, Dr. Pauling noted.

Dr. Lawrence has just been appointed by President Eisenhower to represent this country, in negotiations on nuclear inspection stations, he added.

162-61573-A
NOT RECORDED
167 JUL 18 1958

57 JUL 18 1958

Mr. [unclear]
 Mr. Ramm
 Mr. Trotter
 Mr. W.C. Sullivan
 Tele. Room
 Mr. Holloman
 Miss Gandy

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 10/24/81 BY 4903 RDD/BBB

**Pauling and Bronk Are Elected
 To Soviet Academy of Sciences**



Dr. Linus C. Pauling

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk

By United Press International.

MOSCOW, June 21—The Soviet Union awarded full membership in the Academy of Sciences today to two Americans, Dr. Linus C. Pauling and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk.

Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, who fled to the Soviet Union from the West in 1950, was also named a corresponding member of the academy, which directs all scientific research in the Soviet Union. Dr. Pontecorvo now heads the Communist bloc's nuclear research.

Dr. Pauling, an outspoken foe of nuclear weapons tests, and Dr. Bronk were among thirty foreign scientists and scholars

to receive membership in the academy.

[Dr. Bronk commented in New York that receiving the award was something like getting an honorary degree. "You get a letter of notification and a yearbook, and that's all you hear about it," he said. In Yellow Springs, Ohio, Dr. Pauling said, "I was pleased and honored. I believe in the importance of improving international relations in every way and I look forward to becoming better acquainted with the honor-

ists of the U. S. S. R.," he declared.]

In the past, the Soviet Union has recognized outstanding work of foreign scientists through the awarding of "peace prizes." These awards usually took political factors into consideration.

The list of new academicians cut across political grounds. Observers believed the Soviet action was intended to cement nonpolitical relations between the scientists of the free and Communist worlds.

Dr. Bronk, 61 years old, is president of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research and is serving his third four-year term as president of the United States National Academy of Sciences. He was president of Johns Hopkins University from 1948 to 1953.

Dr. Pauling, 57, winner of the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1954, has been a controversial political figure in the United States for years.

Campaigning against nuclear bomb tests, he brought a suit for an injunction last year in an attempt to stop United States tests held last April, naming the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission as defendants.

Soviet members of the Academy are the nation's highest paid citizens. There is no higher accolade in the Soviet Union than the title of academician that goes with membership.

Although the official announcement was not specific on the point, it was believed Dr.

Bronk, Dr. Pauling and the other non-Soviet members would have purely honorary status in the Academy.

There was no expectation that the new members would participate in the actual work of the Academy of Sciences. The responsibilities of the Academy range from nuclear research to coordination of International Geophysical Year operations.

Three Britains and two Canadians also were appointed to membership. They include Sir Cyril Hinshelwood, president of Britain's Royal Society.

The Italian-born Dr. Pontecorvo was a leading nuclear physicist in Britain until he disappeared behind the Iron Curtain eight years ago. He is now a Soviet citizen and chief of the Soviet Joint Institute of Nuclear Research.

62-61573-A
 NOT RECORDED
 67 JUL 24 1958

66 JUL 9 1958

N.Y. TIMES
 JUN 22, 1958

100-353404-A
 ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: April 19, 1957

FROM : Mr. R. R. Roach

Limited Classification
Review Conducted
See Top Serial
Form 4-774

- Tolson _____
- Nichols _____
- Boardman _____
- Belmont _____
- Mason _____
- Mohr _____
- Parsons _____
- Rosen _____
- Tamm _____
- Nease _____
- Winterrowd _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Holloman _____
- Gandy _____

SUBJECT: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

D-77-167

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated April 18, 1957, captioned as above. General Cutler, Special Assistant to the President, has asked for name checks on nine individuals who have been invited by the President to attend a meeting in General Cutler's office April 30, 1957. The results of name checks concerning six individuals have been furnished General Cutler by letter dated April 19, 1957. He was advised that the results of the three remaining individuals would be made available to him upon completion of a file review. The remaining individuals and background information concerning them follows:

John C. Daly, Vice President of American Broadcasting Company: Daly, a prominent radio and TV newscaster was born February 20, 1914, in South Africa. He came to the United States in 1923 and has been active as a news correspondent and analyst since 1937. He is well known as a result of his program "What's My Line." He is also connected with "March of Time Through the Years" and "News This Week." Bureau files reflect no investigation and no derogatory information concerning him. Bureau contacts with Daly have been favorable. (Who's Who in America 1956-57; 62-102693)

Eugene M. Prince, San Francisco Attorney: Prince was born in Wisconsin April 19, 1897, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1918. He has been with the Law Firm of Pillsbury, Madison, and Sutro since 1920 and has been a partner in the firm since 1930. During World War II, he held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Chemical Warfare Service. No investigation has been conducted nor do our files reflect derogatory information concerning him. (Who's Who in America 1956-67; Martindale-Hubble Law Directory)

Enclosure *cut 4-22-57*

- WFW: jel
(7)
- 1 - Mr. Nichols
 - 1 - Mr. Belmont
 - 1 - Mr. Daunt
 - 1 - Mr. Young
 - 1 - Section
 - 1 - Mr. Woods

INDEXED

NOT RECORDED
76 APR 20 1957
APR 26 1957

CLASSIFICATION
62-85205-554

ORIGINAL COPY FILED IN

33-2072-317

Memorandum Roach to Belmont

RE: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

Dr. Detlev Bronk, President, National Academy of Sciences (NAS), Washington, D. C., born August 13, 1897, New York City, was subject of an applicant-type investigation by Bureau 1941 which revealed nothing derogatory. Supplemental applicant-type investigations of Bronk in 1947 and 1954 revealed he attended 200th Jubilee of Soviet Science Academy, Moscow, Russia, June, 1945, following which he extolled achievements of Soviet Union in August, 1945, speech; that he was associated with two cited communist front organizations 1946 and 1947; and in 1947 furnished letter of endorsement in connection with passport application of Bart Jan Bok, identified with activities of various communist fronts. Close associate considered Bronk not suitable for responsible U. S. Government position as Bronk, while president, Johns Hopkins University, 1949-55, allegedly retained or hired faculty members of doubtful loyalty later identified with communist activities, specifically Owen Battimore. Another associate characterized Bronk as one of a group of scientists who band together in the interest of freedom of science and do not see the dangers on questions of loyalty. Bronk on May 17, 1949, before Congressional Joint Atomic Energy Committee, testified against FBI investigation of applicants for Atomic Energy Commission fellowships, claiming this would repress the program and interfere with free play of scientific thought. (Summary of above furnished to White House by Bulet August 5, 1954.) (62-61573; 116-12176; 77-63757)

In addition, Bufiles reflect Bronk, as NAS president, on February 8, 1955, announced the White House had asked NAS to act as advisory group (Bronk not included) in resolving loyalty policy for the best use of the nations scientists. On April 4, 1956, Bronk submitted to the White House report by this advisory group which recommended that civilian scientists working on unclassified federal research should be judged on their "scientific integrity" without loyalty checks; however, where serious allegations of disloyalty arose, the Government should bring formal charges and produce the evidence in open hearing. On August 14, 1956, White House announced these recommendations would be placed into effect by agencies granting unclassified research. (62-102109) regarding Bronk's activities in NAS, Bufiles reflect he has been interested and active in promoting exchange of scientific groups and information between Russia and the U. S. as a means of promoting better understanding between nations. Several exchanges of scientific groups occurred during 1946. (105-25461-170, 189; 100-36807-95; 105-50509-1)

Memorandum Koch to Belmont

RE: NAME CHECK REQUESTS
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (NSC)

ACTION:

The enclosed letter to General Cutler advising of results of the name checks of the afore-mentioned individuals will, if approved, be furnished him through Liaison.

J *15* ~~3~~
11 *V*

*It is shocking that
Brock should be
selected.*

g

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

607 U. S. COURT HOUSE
FALEY SQUARE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

SEVEN (7) ENCLOSURES FOR THE BUREAU

RE: N.Y. FILE 77-1278

62-61543-17

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE :
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16, 1940

My dear Mrs. Bronk:

You are acquainted by this time with the outcome of the conference which I had with Dr. Richards at his office in the Medical School last Saturday. Dr. Richards and I both did our utmost to devise some plan which would be conducive to your husband's best interests. I think I can honestly say that institutional considerations were rather largely put aside. Our chief concern was with the creation of conditions under which Dr. Bronk might first get back into first class shape, it being our idea that he could then doubtless reach a decision which he could accept with both conviction and enthusiasm. With this end in mind we came to the conclusion that a leave of absence on pay for the first semester might lead to the desired results. In reaching this conclusion we left completely open the question of whether or not Dr. Bronk would finally decide to remain at Philadelphia or take up the contemplated new work at New York.

A letter which has just come from Dr. Richards would indicate that this plan is no longer applicable in view of the fact that Dr. Bronk seems to have rid himself of the questions which have tormented him and to have found in a firm decision to go through with his appointment at Cornell a solution of his problem with which he is now content. I cannot tell you how earnestly I hope that this is so and that the period of frightful tension for Dr. Bronk has now at last come to an end. If this result has finally been achieved and if he can now get away for some vacation, I am confident that the outlook will shortly clear in such a way as to make for the greater happiness of all concerned. At any rate, I can say without reservation that I still feel that our first concern should be with the immediate creation of conditions under which Dr. Bronk will be relieved of the stress and strain through which he has been recently passing. Do let me know if in this connection I can be of any possible assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

EDMUND E. DAY

Mrs. Detlev W. Bronk
Media, Pa.

July 20, 1940

Western Union Telegram
From Media, Pa.

To President Day

Deeply appreciate letter and generous thoughtful offer
of leave but now firmly convinced of desire to proceed
with original plan to create great physiological institute.
Associates enthusiastically agree.

THE BRONKS

To Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bronk
Media, Pa.

Delighted with your message just received. Looking
forward enthusiastically to new associations. Am
convinced we can together effect highly significant
developments. Can assure you and staff of every
possible cooperation. Meanwhile hope you will be
getting some real vacation.

EDMUND E. DAY

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEAN'S OFFICE
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
MEDICAL COLLEGE

JUL 29 1940

Answered _____

Referred _____

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 26, 1940

Dear Dean Ladd:

President Day has asked me to send you the enclosed correspondence bearing on the Bronk situation. About ten days ago Dr. Day has a conference with Dr. Bronk, at the conclusion of which it was agreed that presumably Dr. Bronk ought to be released and that President Day would talk the whole matter over immediately with Dr. Richards at Philadelphia with a view to working out the right procedure. President Day had his conference with Dr. Richards a week ago Saturday, prior to which he heard from Mrs. Bronk that she thought the decision Dr. Bronk and President Day had reached was probably not the right one. I believe you will find the rest of the story in the accompanying letters and telegrams.

Sincerely yours,

Amy M. Hughes

Dean William S. Ladd
Cornell University Medical College
1300 York Avenue
New York City

November 12, 1940.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dr. Edmund E. Day, President
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear President Day:

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 has 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 book-cases 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. Harvey, 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 Harvey and Mr. Taylor. We requested that the usual requisition be filed with the Business Office. It now appears that both Dr. Bronk and Professor Harvey 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 the situation seems somewhat uncertain to him. It should be clearly 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. Minsey and he believes that the whole situation will smooth itself out satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,

William S. Ladd, M. D.
Dean

COPY
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

Vice President in Charge
of Medical Affairs

July 15, 1940

President E. E. Day
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

My dear Mr. Day:

Following our conversation on Saturday, I informed Dr. Bronk of its content by telephone that evening, and discussed the matter with him last evening. It will not surprise you, I think, to learn that it was not accepted by him with whole-hearted enthusiasm. While he was deeply impressed by the generosity of the proposal, he makes the point that suspended decision during the period of leave will in itself be an adverse influence. Furthermore it became apparent during last night's talk, and more particularly during another conversation which we held this morning, that he has arrived at a decision in his own mind more firmly based than his previous unstable ones; namely, that he must proceed to carry out his agreement with Cornell without reservations concerning the possibility of return to Pennsylvania. This change in attitude was very marked and is based upon the realization, acquired since his conversation with you on the eleventh, of the absurdity of the idea of transferring himself and his staff to Cornell with any other thought than that of a permanent engagement.

His demeanor this morning was quite different than that which he has exhibited at any time during the past weeks. He gave the appearance of a man who has resolved tormenting questions and is content with the solution. Last night, for the first time in months he got a full night's sleep with the aid of a trivial amount of sedative. I reached the conclusion with a sense of definiteness not hitherto experienced that the matter is finally settled, and that only a relatively short time will be required for this conclusion to be demonstrated.

I suggested to him that it was reasonable to expect that you might well be skeptical of the stability of this present state. I suggest that, before expressing such skepticism to him, if you feel it, you arrange for another conversation when next you may be in New York. I am trying to tell you in this letter that now I feel some confidence that this tormenting period is over, and that there is reasonable ground for belief by you that you are about to begin to get what you hoped and expected to get when you first began your conversations with him. I feel obliged also to express the hope that the distrust which must now be occupying your mind will be kept in the background. In a word, I have come to believe that you are about to get an extremely good bargain and that we are about to suffer a corresponding loss.

Yours very sincerely,
A. N. RICHARDS
Alfred N. Richards

I wish also to express my appreciation of the spirit with which you approached the question in our talk on Saturday.

A.N.R.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16, 1940

Dear Dr. Richards:

While I did not expect that Dr. Bronk would have any enthusiasm at this time for the proposed leave of absence for the first semester of this next academic year, I was not prepared for the change of attitude which apparently he has developed during the past few days. I certainly hope you are right in thinking that he is now "a man who has resolved tormenting questions and is content with the solution". My earnest hope has related to precisely this outcome, whatever it might mean in terms of Bronk's institutional connections. I have felt that unless he could clear his own mind and reach a firm decision, his health and future usefulness might be seriously impaired, if not completely lost, and that under these circumstances we should all be aiming to set up conditions under which his doubts might be resolved and his future become once more thoroughly attractive from his point of view.

Frankly I have thought of Dr. Bronk recently as a sick man who needed first of all to get well. I have been hopeful that he might see just this as his first duty and hence might see the necessity of getting away for a period of rest and such forgetfulness as he might be able to achieve. I felt that a complete change of environment, such as he would have at Nantucket with his sailing, might achieve this purpose if it could possibly be arranged. I had thought earlier that his indecision could best be resolved after a period of recuperation. More recently I came to feel that perhaps he could not be led to get away for rest and relaxation until his plans for the future had been cleared in such a way as to ease his mind; hence my suggestion that we think in terms of his release from his acceptance of the Cornell appointment. Now the report in your letter of the 15th would indicate that he has cleared his mind in a different way and to a final conviction that the best solution lies in full acceptance of the arrangements which we have had in mind for him and his staff at New York. On the assumption that you have accurately diagnosed the firmness with which he has now come to this conclusion, we shall be much pleased, of course, to go along with the plans which he had so enthusiastically in mind at the outset. You will realize, I am sure, that we have found the entire episode unsettling and that we have come to be fully reconciled to whatever disposition of the matter will work out to Dr. Bronk's fullest advantage. After all, in the long run, the institutional interests that may be involved are pretty largely identical with Bronk's own.

I want you to know that I have appreciated immensely the attitude you have taken toward all the complications of Dr. Bronk's decision from start to finish. I earnestly hope that, as we look back upon the affair after some time has elapsed, we may all be able to feel that all available wisdom and understanding were brought to bear and that the final decision has been able to stand the test of time.

With warmest thanks for your helpfulness, I am

Sincerely yours,

EDMUND E. DAY

Vice President Alfred N. Richards
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 16, 1940

Dear Dr. Bronk:

Dr. Richards has told you of the talk he and I had in Philadelphia last Saturday and of the arrangements we thought at that time might best be set up for you. Our main purpose was to create conditions under which you could get a complete change of environment for a while, with the hope that this might put you physically and spiritually back in first class shape again. We both felt that, when this much had been accomplished, you would doubtless then find it possible to reach a decision with regard to your future work which you could accept with both conviction and enthusiasm. I can assure you that in this connection we were not thinking of either of the two Universities that are involved in the whole matter nor in terms of a final decision favorable to either Pennsylvania or Cornell but rather with sole reference to your own personal and professional future.

A letter has just come from Dr. Richards reporting that you appear to have reached a decision of your own within the past few days, so that our plan for a semester's leave with pay does not appear to be any longer relevant. I earnestly hope that Dr. Richards' impressions are well founded and that you have now found the ease of mind of which you have been so greatly in need. I think I know something of the torment through which you have been living. It was because I felt this so keenly that I made the suggestion I did when we were together last Thursday. If that is now over, I am tremendously relieved for you and your family, as well as for the institutions concerned. I can assure you, as I have before, that those of us who are connected with the Medical Center in New York City are going to take great satisfaction in your coming, are going to do everything we can to make your undertakings rewarding, and are going to regard as a fine privilege the associated activities which lie in prospect.

Please let me know if there is anything I can possibly do to help you at this juncture. I do hope that you are going to be able to get down to the shore for some sailing.

Cordially yours,

EDWARD S. DAVIS

Dr. Detlev W. Bronk
Media, Pa.