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Industrial Relations Counselors, Inc.  
210 Building-Rockefeller Center  
New York 20, New York

Gentlemen:

I regret to inform you that the report requested in your letter of July 30, 1948, entitled "The Canadian Manpower Situation Today", is confidential in character and can not be released to a private organization.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan  
Director



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

DATE: 11 August 1943

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: E. J. Putzell, Jr.

FROM: William L. Langer

SUBJECT:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William L. Langer".

Attached herewith is the suggested draft of a reply for the Director's signature which you requested in your memorandum of 4 August 1943.

Attachments

THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON


3 August 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC SERVICES:

Subject: Inquiry for a Pamphlet.

Enclosure: Letter to Brigadier General  
Deane from Industrial Rela-  
tions Counselors, Inc.,  
dated 30 July 1943.

The enclosure is forwarded to your office  
for appropriate action. Receipt of the enclosure has  
not been acknowledged.

  
C. R. PECK,  
Colonel, GEC.,  
Executive Secretary.



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July 30, 1945

Brigadier General John R. Deane  
Office of Strategic Services  
Twenty-fifth and E Streets NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We have been asked to obtain a copy of a pamphlet issued by your department with the title "The Canadian Manpower Situation Today." If copies of this are available we would be glad to get one. We have also been asked to get the name of the author of this pamphlet.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COUNSELORS, INC.

By *A.C. Kight*

ACK:GS

Maelaide G. Kight  
Librarian



Jan 1, 1948

**SECRET**

Mr. Howard R. Froyen, Chief  
Visa Division  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Froyen:

**RE: ARTHUR HENRY**

I shall greatly appreciate it if the Visa Division will instruct our Consul in London, England, to issue a transit visa to the above individual, who is to sail from this country approximately Jan 1948.

This man has been carefully selected to undertake a special mission. He will be met at the border by an official in charge of this mission, who will be responsible for him until his entry here.

I am, accordingly, convinced that the granting of this transit visa could not in any way prove inconsistent with the national interest.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

**WJDonovan**

APR 10 1949

Honorable Harold L. Ickes  
The Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Ickes:

The Secretary of War has forwarded to me your note of April 26th, calling attention to the fact that William D. Stewart was stopped by a Park policeman on Columbia Island on April 21st while driving a government vehicle bearing license number U.S.A. 112405 at the rate of 46 miles an hour.

Private William D. Stewart is a member of this command. Upon the receipt of the information concerning the violation of traffic regulations by him an investigation was made of the circumstances surrounding said violation. It has been determined that at the time of the violation Private Stewart was on an official trip of a confidential nature while necessitated the speed at which he was driving. He was acting under the orders of a commissioned officer of this organization.

In this instance the offense was caused by official duties of a secret and emergency nature.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

WAS: Rothschild

AG 5:17.4  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

*James Harold ...*  
*x Traffic Violation*  
*x Subsequent to ...*

May 1, 1943.

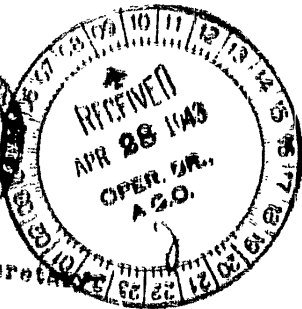
Subject: Ltr fm The Sec. of the Interior concerning the speeding of vehicle No. U.S.A. 112405, driven by William D. Stewart.

To: Director, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

The attached correspondence is transmitted as a matter of primary interest to your agency. The writer has been advised of this reference.

*J. A. Ulio*  
J. A. Ulio  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.

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Cpy ltr to The Sec. of  
the Interior,



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON OFFICE

April 28, 1943.  
8:39

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I call your attention to the fact that on April 21, at 8:15 a.m., William D. Stewart was stopped by a Park policeman on the Columbia Island in a motor vehicle bearing license number U.S.A. 11240D, at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

APR 2, 1943

Sincerely yours,

*Howell D. Easton*

Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.



cc William D. Stewart.

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MAY 3 1943

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of April 26, 1943, indicating  
as that William D. Stewart was stopped on April 22, 1943,  
by a Park policeman while speeding at the rate of 45 miles  
per hour on the Columbia Island road in a motor vehicle  
bearing license number U.S.A. 115107.

Since information has been obtained which indicates  
that the motor vehicle in question is assigned to the Office  
of Strategic Services, your letter is being referred to that  
office.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY L. STIMMON

Secretary of War.

~~COPY FOR: The Secretary of War.~~

Director, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D. C.

*Interviews 11/17/72*

*\* Foreign  
\* Travelers*

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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*\* Intelligence*

April 30, 1943

*\* Guajarin, Murray  
\* Wilson, John D.*

TO: Gen. William J. Donovan  
Col. Edward G. Suxton  
Major Otto G. Doering  
Gen. John A. Magruder  
Dr. William L. Langer

FROM: John D. Wilson

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH BUDGET BUREAU REPRESENTATIVES ON INTERVIEWING OF FOREIGNERS AND AMERICANS COMING INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Under the leadership of the Budget Bureau, a meeting was held this morning of representatives from agencies concerned with the procurement and use of information from persons entering the United States from foreign countries. For once, almost all agencies interested in the matter were represented at one meeting: Army, Navy, FBI, Censorship, INEW, State Department, Immigration, Lehman Committee, OWI, Army Security, and Foreign Travel Control. Captain Murray Gurfoin and I attended at Colonel Suxton's request as representatives of (ES). Dr. Stuart Rice was Chairman. He is head of the Division of Statistical Standards of the Bureau of the Budget. Dr. Rice handed out a short memorandum to all the representatives. A copy of this is attached.

At the outset, Navy representatives suggested that contact with persons entering the country from abroad was for two purposes: security (counter-intelligence) and intelligence gathering. Insofar as security contacts were concerned, the Navy felt that the interested organizations were the Army, Navy, FBI, Immigration, and possibly State. The Navy reported that questioning for security purposes was now well coordinated and the disposition of the group should center on intelligence gathering activities. Neither Captain Gurfoin nor I were in a position to disagree with this. All other agencies were in agreement.

Army, Navy, and FBI representatives all commented on the impossibility of conducting both security questioning and questioning for intelligence gathering

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purposes at the time passengers were ready to disembark. This has also been our experience, and BEW, Captain Gurfain and I were in agreement. A Naval representative suggested the possibility that a detailed questionnaire for eliciting information of use to OSS and BEW might be given passengers on shipboard for filling out en route. Such a questionnaire was drawn up by OSS for passengers on the next trip of the Gripsholm. It was this questionnaire that caused the Budget Bureau to review the whole interviewing problem.

Another Naval representative (from Miami) pointed out that long questionnaires of this type were impractical for air travelers. Many knowledgeable foreigners from Europe now come into the United States from Cuba and other Caribbean or Latin American countries by plane.

The experience of both BEW and ourselves suggests that listing information needed for psychological warfare and economic intelligence purposes on questionnaires is not satisfactory. An experienced interviewer with knowledge of what we require must sit down with the person to be interviewed and question him at length. We pointed this fact out to the group and suggested that our principal need was biographical data, including information on where the people are to be located, on every person who comes into the country.

Both the Army and Navy recognized the importance to us of such biographical information and expressed themselves as willing to cooperate in the establishment of machinery for our obtaining it. After considerable discussion of possible procedure, the Chairman proposed that he appoint a sub-committee, with representatives from the principal agencies concerned, to draw up a biographical questionnaire. This questionnaire would be given by Naval boarding parties to every person coming into the country. It would inquire as to the background of each individual, and ask where he is to be located. The questionnaires would be forwarded to OSS, BEW, and possibly to OWI.

The Chairman next inquired as to what actual interviewing for intelligence purposes was now being carried on. The Army and Navy explained they now limited intelligence interviewing essentially to questions of naval or military significance. They indicated interviewing on economic and political questions was in the hands of OSS and BEW.

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Captain Gurfeln and I explained the work of the Survey of Foreign Experts in New York, stating the survey not only was building a central file of knowledgeable foreigners now in this country, but also interviewed these foreigners and newly incoming ones. We explained that specific questions were forwarded by analysts from both DEW and OSS for such interviews. The distribution of reports from the Survey of Foreign Experts to OSI, DEW, and the Army and Navy was explained. As yet, OWI does not have access to the Survey and its reports.

The Chairman suggested another function of the special committee he would appoint should be a review of interviewing now being undertaken; both from the standpoint of the comprehensiveness of the interviews and the adequacy of distribution of information under a proper security check.

Neither Captain Gurfeln nor I made any mention of the plans for Mrs. Rado. It is clear to both of us, however, that Mrs. Rado's activities must be closely coordinated with those of the Survey of Foreign Experts. The meeting concluded with representatives of all agencies present expressing their willingness to cooperate. The Chairman remarked he would appoint his committee within the next week.

*John D. Wilson*

John D. Wilson  
Special Assistant to Director,  
Research & Analysis Branch



BUREAU OF THE INSPECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONAL STANDARDS

Collection of Intelligence Data from Persons Returning from Abroad Friday, April 30, 1943, 10:00 AM.

Several governmental agencies have indicated interest in efficient joint efforts for obtaining information from travelers and emigrants from overseas for the purpose of planning economic and biological warfare, and propaganda activities in addition to military strategy. It is obvious that not all persons arriving in the United States are qualified to give such information to the agencies in question. It becomes apparent that selection of informants must be made on the basis of biographical or other data which would indicate the relative usefulness of the knowledge of each potential informant for each of the interested agencies. It is the purpose of this meeting to explore

- (a) the existing facilities now utilized by the various agencies
- (b) the magnitude of this problem to the agencies represented
- (c) the feasibility of various alternative methods for accomplishing a coordinated program which will serve the purposes of the agencies.

Preliminary informal discussions between representatives of the Division of Statistical Standards and representatives of some of the agencies involved have suggested the following methods which may serve the purpose of departure in the present and subsequent discussions:

- (a) Utilization of existing security panels now in operation at the principal ports of entry.
- (b) Establishment of special secondary interrogation panels at the principal ports of entry.
- (c) Establishment of a central file of intelligence information and sources.
- (d) Utilization of existing biographical and identifying information regularly procured by governmental agencies (i.e., the visa files of the State Department, the manifests filed with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice, and customs declarations)
- (e) Construction of a joint screening questionnaire designed primarily to establish the usefulness of the knowledge of potential informants.

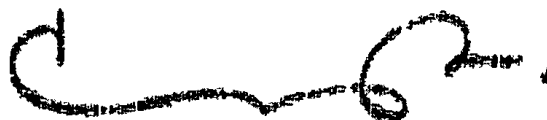
H. Ball

... Here you  
are.

Gal was  
found 5 bucks.

Walton has  
talked with the  
division and

with the  
A W V S boss,



Date 5/4/43

To: LIEUTENANT BALL

Could you speak to Commander Vanderbilt and, if such a notice is to be sent out promptly, I think we should prepare a letter for the General in reply to Sec'y Iokes', enclosing a copy of the notice; so that he can see we have taken appropriate action.



Office of the Secretariat

(0390)

Date April 30, 1943

To: GENERAL DONOVAN

The lady referred to is one of our Red Cross drivers. I understand that this is the third time that one of our Red Cross drivers was picked up for a violation.

I wonder if a notice should not go to all our Red Cross drivers cautioning them about the necessity for staying within speed limits and all other traffic regulations.

*[Handwritten signature]* Jr.

*[Handwritten initials]*

Office of the Secretariat

(6110)



*J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, FBI  
April 20, 1945*

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

April 20, 1945.

My dear Col. Donovan:

I call your attention to the fact that on April 20, at 8:50 p.m., Jean M. Boyd was stopped by a Park policeman on Columbia Island in a motor vehicle bearing license number U. S. 1060, at the rate of 48 miles an hour.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold G. Ickes*  
Secretary of the Interior.

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

cc Jean M. Boyd.

*0'Q. 500 fine in court.*


TO: Mr. Walton Carroll

DATE: MAY 7, 1943

FROM: Major C. H. Sears, Jr.

AS YOU know, we have had several complaints of traffic violations on the part of A. V. U. S. drivers who are operating OSU cars in courier service.

Please make it very clear to these drivers that, while we appreciate very greatly their possible service and the help they are giving us, they must also scrupulously all traffic regulations.

  
Charles H. Sears, Jr.  
Major, A. U. S.  
Executive Officer

cc: Mrs. Beatty, A. V. U. S.  
Secretariat

CHS:j:m

*Index of Persons File 11 1946*  
*SI & CE*  
*\* Cottrell, J.W.*

**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

**INTEROFFICE MEMO**

**TO:** General Donovan (Through General Magruder) **DATE:** April 7, 1945

**FROM:** Director, S. I.

**SUBJECT:** Index of Persons File

Pursuant to your request that I give you my recommendations concerning the Index of Persons File now housed in S.I., and run by Mr. Cottrell.

- PREMISES:
1. S.I. Branch is primarily concerned with SI and CE names - a professional list. This list does not center around important people, nor people who are now administering in occupied territories and might be used by us in case we invade such territories, nor people who might be important at the time of the Armistice and thereafter. Our files primarily include, and should preferably include, only SI and CE names, mostly got from the reports our people send in, augmented by our own occasional requests for like information.
  2. We have neither facilities, nor personnel to undertake the broader, but no less important, collection of names.
  3. SI and CE names should not be mixed with the broader list.

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(a) We do not want outside people to consult these lists, except our opposite intelligence sources (G-2 and ONI) when duly authorized.

(b) We do not want mixed lists of names prepared and given out. That was the case in regard to a list recently prepared by Mr. Cottrell on "Spanish personalities". Mr. Murphy and I refused to let it be sent to North Africa until it was modified to exclude a large amount of professional material which should not be committed to paper at this juncture.

4. The two kinds of "lists" do not mix - they are like oil and water.
5. For the broader type of list you have to go out with a clearly defined objective, and collect the names, and develop appropriate dossiers.
6. This, in my opinion, is an R and A kind of collection and evaluation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That R and A be charged with assembling an Index of Persons File.
2. That the Rado project, in New York, be put under R and A direction.

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3. That S.I. contribute its existing name information (which is not strictly professional) to this R and A project.
4. That our own name index file be run by the S.I. Registry, and incorporated into it.
5. That the Registry be charged with the responsibility for seeing that all non-professional name material received by it (through S.I., C.F., or S.C.) is sent to R and A.
6. That Mr. Cottrell be employed by R and A on this project. He has done excellent work with very little direction. He is able, and industrious, and he is fully committed to the importance of having a comprehensive Index of Persons File.

  
W. H. S.

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*International Committee Coop. Reconstruction*  
*11,076*

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 1943

TO: Brig. Gen. Wm. J. Donovan  
FROM: Edward S. Mason *ESM*  
SUBJECT:

I have asked Mr. Lloyd Metzler of our Economic Staff to attend the meeting of the International Committee for Cooperative Reconstruction on your behalf.

I have notified Mr. Jt. Clair, as per the attached letter.

Attachment 1

To: Dr. Mason

referred from

General Donovan

Director's Office

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## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR COOPERATIVE RECONSTRUCTION

165 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Telephone: GRAMERCY 7-1760

March 28, 1945

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Dr. James P. Werbaess, Chairman  
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 Wallace J. Campbell  
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 Dr. Emil Lustig, (Argentina)  
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Mr. William O. Donovan, Director  
 Office of Strategic Services  
 Washington, D. C.

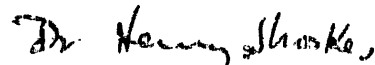
Dear Mr. Donovan:

The International Committee for Cooperative Reconstruction, with the cooperation of the District of Columbia Cooperative League, is calling a conference on March 29, 1945, to discuss the question of participation of consumer and agricultural cooperative organizations in international postwar reconstruction.

The conference will be held in the Cabinet Room of the Willard Hotel, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., at 8:00 p.m. The number of participants will be limited to representatives of various organizations and governmental agencies having direct interest in the plans and methods of international postwar reconstruction. The agenda will be confined to reports of cooperatives and postwar plans abroad, and plans by which the cooperatives can assist in carrying out the work of the governmental agencies dealing with relief and reconstruction.

We invite you, therefore, to take part in this conference. We feel that your personal participation in the conference or attendance by your representative would be of great benefit to the discussions contemplated. We shall therefore appreciate it very much if you will find it possible to reserve the evening of March 29th. Since this is a case of a closed conference, kindly advise us in advance by sending word to Mr. Robert M. St. Clair, D. C. Cooperative League, 2621 Virginia Avenue, N. W. (Telephone REpublic 1778) whether we may count on your participation.

Yours very truly,



Dr. Henry Sheskes  
 Executive Chairman

*J. ... Antonio de 10, 714 A*  
*X State Dept (Visa DIV)*

RECEIVED OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to  
VD 811.111 Irala, Antonio de

November 9, 1943

My dear Mr. Buxton:

With reference to your letter dated October 26,  
1943, I am pleased to inform you that the Department  
has notified the American Embassy at Mexico that it  
has no objection to the issuance of a visitor's visa  
to Antonio de Irala.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
W. K. Traversa  
Chief, Visa Division

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



TOP SECRET  
CLASSIFIED

October 24, 1964

Mr. Maxwell K. Travers  
Chief, Visa Division  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Atencia de Irán

My dear Mr. Travers:

The above subject has been of outstanding value to the war effort and is needed in this country for consultation. He is now traveling on a Maquis passport and is residing in Mexico City. Although the subject is financially independent, the Office of Strategic Services will assume full financial responsibility for him during his stay in the country.

It will be greatly appreciated if the State Department will indicate to the Legation in Mexico City that favorable action may be taken in regard to Iran's application for a visitor's visa.

AWD  
Wainlog  
Kellen  
Ruster  
MCO  
S. H. B. B. B.

Very truly yours,

S. H. B. B. B.  
Acting Director

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*Handwritten:* [Illegible]

*Handwritten:* Case # 104

Mr. Howard K. Traverser, Chief  
Visa Division  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Traverser:

I shall appreciate your expediting in  
expediting action on Application No. 1104 for an  
exit permit filed by Mr. Mustafa al Turkia.

This individual is proceeding on a mission  
directly related to the prosecution of the war, and  
it is important that he depart at the earliest  
possible moment.

I am satisfied that the issuance of this  
exit permit could not in any way prove inconsistent  
with the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan

*Handwritten:*  
SECRET

February 26, 1962

Colonel Ray F. Maddocks  
War Department  
12-718, Pentagon Building  
Arlington, Virginia

Through Brigadier General J. R. Doney

Dear Colonel Maddocks:

In connection with the arrangements we have with the Basques, of which you are aware, we are now desirous of sending Mr. Antonio de Izala to Venezuela.

We would like to secure air priority for Mr. Izala from Miami, Florida direct to La Guaira via Pan American Airways as soon as possible.

Mr. Izala's return routing would be via Ciudad Trujillo, Camaguey, Havana to Miami.

We will appreciate your cooperation in expediting this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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WJC:JST

cc: Brigadier General J. R. Doney

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cc: Colonel Donovan

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February 26, 1953

Colonel Ray T. Haddock  
War Department  
3E-783, Pentagon Building  
Arlington, Virginia

Through: Brigadier General J. H. Deane

Dear Colonel Haddock:

In connection with the arrangements to have with the Masques, of which you are aware, we are now desirous of sending Mr. Antonio de Irala to Venezuela.

We would like to secure air priority for Mr. Irala from Miami, Florida direct to La Guayra via San Antonio Airbase as soon as possible.

Mr. Irala's return routing would be via Ciudad Guaymilla, Comaguey, Havana to Miami.

We will appreciate your cooperation in expediting this matter.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan  
Director

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cc: Brigadier General J. H. Deane  
nic/OP  
cc: Colonel Donovan ✓

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**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**

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Quisignia OTC  
v/Gen Staff Cap

**INTEROFFICE MEMO**

**TO:** General Donovan

**DATE:** 20 Nov. 1944

**FROM:** Chas. S. Cheston

**SUBJECT:** Generalstaff Corps Insignia  
for Colonel Coanely

*Chas. S. Cheston*  
*Hands of Staff*  
*Tech*

*do not think there is any good purpose to be served by your requesting the Deputy Chief of Staff, through the JCS, for a GOC slot to be assigned to OCS for Colonel Coanely.*

You will recall this matter has been up several times before and each time you voted against making such a request to the War Department. I am still of the opinion that we should refrain from so doing.

Colonel Coanely now wears the artillery insignia which gives him standing greater than the other staff insignia.

*esc*  
C. S. C.

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*MS*

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • CONFIDENTIAL  
 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

10571A

K. J. G.

TO : General Donovan  
 FROM : Colonel Connely  
 SUBJECT: General Staff Corps Insignia

DATE: 18 November 1944

Knowing how you feel about the use of General Staff Corps insignia by OSS personnel particularly in the Continental United States, I am a little reluctant to ask you to consider the question as to whether or not it would be desirable to have a GSC slot assigned to OSS for use by me.

The nature of my job is such that, not only here in the United States as I thrown in contact with high ranking Regular Army officers, but even more so when I am overseas; and there is, in my opinion, some little advantage in being designated General Staff Corps. For lack of a better way of expressing it--one is considered a "member of the club," and certain advantages might accrue to OSS as a result.

The Deputy Chief of Staff is the one to whom such application is made, and he has a "trick play" by which the person may be designated General Staff Corps without actually being assigned to General Staff Corps. Colonel Bobby Outler's assignment was worked out on this basis, and I know that there are others who have been taken care of by this particular device. If you think there is any good purpose to be served by this, a request from you to the Deputy Chief of Staff through the Joint Chiefs of Staff would undoubtedly do the trick. The person for whom the slot is to be granted must be designated in such a request, as every slot is specifically assigned, and one cannot be given out otherwise.

A draft is attached of the type letter to be written if you concur.

*K. J. G.*  
 K. J. G.

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**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES**  
**WASHINGTON, D. C.**

18 November 1944

**SUBJECT:** General Staff Corps Insignia

**THROUGH:** Joint Chiefs of Staff

**TO :** Deputy Chief of Staff

1. Request is made that Colonel E. F. Connely, O8O7648, AUS, be designated General Staff Corps and assigned to Office of Strategic Services.

2. Colonel Connely, an officer of twenty-one years' experience in U.S.A., N.G., and O.R.C., is presently functioning as Special Assistant to the Director, OSS. In this capacity he is in frequent contact with the higher echelons of the Army, both in the Continental United States and overseas. It is believed that as a General Staff Corps officer, the effectiveness of his work will be implemented.

William J. Donovan  
Director

**CONFIDENTIAL**

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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APR 15 1943

My dear General Donovan:

In connection with required appropriations for the Office of Strategic Services for the fiscal year 1944, representatives of your staff have been discussing with members of the Bureau of the Budget the desirability of O.S.S. establishing its own insurance program for its overseas personnel.

The Employees' Compensation Act of 1916 covers all civilian employees of the United States. It provides that the United States shall pay compensation for the disability or death of an employee resulting from a personal injury sustained while in the performance of duty. In interpreting this Act, the Employees' Compensation Commission has decided that coverage for injury or death resulting from war risk hazards covers the entire 24-hour period of each day. This Act does not, however, provide for compensation for military detention.

Public Law 490, 77th Congress, provides for continuation of pay and allowances of civilian employees of the executive departments, independent establishments, and agencies, under military detention during such time as they may be assigned for duty outside the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska. Specifically, this provides that if any civilian employee of any executive department, independent establishment, or agency (including corporations) in the Executive branch of the Federal Government, is officially reported as missing, interned in a neutral country, or captured by an enemy, he shall be entitled to receive or have credited to his account the same pay and allowances to which he was entitled at the time of the beginning of the absence. Benefits under the Employees' Compensation Act are as follows:

Benefits: Certain provisions, including the provision for a  
destitute family, shall not be subject to the  
act but for a period of 12 months (with such  
exceptions) and shall not be subject to a  
loss less than \$97.50 per month or a lump sum of \$1,000  
or income not to exceed 24 months' pay (with a  
maximum rate of \$4,000 per year). (The average  
average \$7,500). Small amounts shall be paid  
and, including the amount of a lump sum  
this income shall be subject to a maximum of  
one of employee's salary \$10,000 or more.

Benefits: Medical Expenses  
Prosthetic Appliances

Compensation based on degree of injury of 100%  
of wages and allowances for total disability during  
disability (no time limit) but not more than \$12.00  
per month nor less than \$20.00 per month.

Since every civilian employee of the Office of Strategic Services  
is liberally covered by these laws, and every member of the Armed Forces  
detached to the Office of Strategic Services is covered by the National  
Service Life Insurance Act, the Bureau does not feel justified in au-  
thorizing the OSS to establish its own insurance plan.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) HAROLD D. SMITH

Director

W. Gen. William J. Donovan  
Director  
Office of Strategic Services  
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: COLONEL DONOVAN  
FROM: WILLIAM A. KIMBEL  
SUBJECT:

DATE: JANUARY 14 1943

I was handed the accompanying copy of personal dispatch received by the Secretary of State and including copy of letter from H. V. Dawson Shephard of G-II British Combined Intelligence Centre in Iraq concerning the Vichy French Secret Service in Iraq.

*W. A. K.*  
W. A. K.

Attachment

cc: Mr. Wilson  
Mr. Shephardson  
Dr. Langer

**SECRET**

COPY

Baghdad, December 17, 1942.

No. 118

Subject: Vichy-French Secret Service.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to the Department's mimeograph instruction of October 5, 1942 (File No. 851.20200/7A - Diplomatic Serial No. 3592) and the Legation's despatch no. 64 of November 10, 1942 concerning the Vichy French Secret Service and the date on which Iraq severed relations with Vichy France.

In accordance with the last paragraph of the Legation's despatch under reference, the possibility of Vichy French Secret Service activity has been borne in mind and an enquiry has been made of the British intelligence facilities in Iraq concerning this matter.

To this despatch the Legation is attaching a SECRET communication, dated December 15, 1942, from the British Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq in which it is believed the Department will be interested. It is respectfully requested that this information be kept Strictly Confidential since the Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq has been extremely cooperative in furnishing intelligence to the Legation.

Future developments concerning all of these matters will be watched and reported on promptly.

Respectfully yours,

T. M. Wilson

File No. 820.02

Enclosure:

Copy of letter, dated December 15, 1942, from the British Combined Intelligence Centre Iraq.



**SECRET**  
 Enclosure to despatch no. 116 of December 17, 1942,  
 from the American Legation, Baghdad.

**SECRET**

To: American Legation,  
BAGHDAD.

O.I.C.I. 3E(b).  
 Tel. Ext. 429.

S. 88/120.

15th December, 1942.

Subject: Vichy French Secret Service in Iraq.

Ref. your letter dated 16.11.42 (File No. 820.02).

Information on the activities of the Vichy French throughout the Middle East is scanty. Their attention, naturally has been focused on Syria and the Lebanon, but the British Security authorities in these countries are doubtful whether they are keenly interested in military information and consider that they are probably more concerned with political developments and our ultimate territorial intentions of which they are suspicious.

8. The attitude to be adopted by Vichy French agents now that the total occupation of France has been effected is still uncertain. Since the occupation of Syria, their intelligence organisation for the Middle East has been based on Turkey and while it appears that many of their more prominent intelligence officers are inspired by patriotic motives, the Vichy Secret Service has been forced to cooperate to a certain extent with the corresponding Axis organisations.

8. In Iraq, no trace of a Vichy intelligence service has been found, but our suspicions were aroused when in January of this year it was found that the Vichy Military Attache in Ankara possessed information of the arrival of Allied war material at Persian Gulf Ports and of our development of communications in Iraq and Persia. This information reached Turkey by diplomatic bag and from facts in our possession it seemed likely that it was collected and sent by either or both of the following means:-

- (i) By a Vichy organisation in Persia using the diplomatic bag of a well-disposed nation represented in Persia as its channel of communication.
- (ii) By agents working for the Turkish Consulate-General in Basra (which has frequently come to adverse notice) and using the Turkish bag as its channel of communication.

At the time, we were not sufficiently well established in Persia to probe deeply into the first possibility, but we can now say that no trace of a Vichy organisation in Persia has yet come to light. The second possibility seemed much more likely. The majority of Turks are venal by nature; it was known that the Turkish bag has been improperly used and it was strongly suspected that the Turkish Consulate General at Basra has been collecting both military and political information.

4. The possibility of the information which reached Turkey having originated from a Vichy French organisation in Iraq, although considered slight, was not overlooked. Renewed efforts were made to discover the existence of such an organisation but these were unfruitful; as no similar leakage has since been reported it seems possible that the information came into the Military Attaché's possession by chance rather than by design.

5. The French colony in Iraq is extremely small. A large proportion have taken holy orders and none is suspected of being engaged in Secret Service work.

6. In conclusion it may be said that whereas it is possible that a Vichy Intelligence Organisation was set up in Iraq in the past (and may still be operating), such a contingency is considered by us to be unlikely as there is no information in this Centre of any such organisation having ever been established.

(Signed)

H. V. Dawson Shepherd  
Squadron Leader  
G.II. C.I.C.I.

*William F. Donovan*  
*Y. State of New York*  
*1/6/43*

January 6, 1943

Mr. Edward J. Shaughnessy,  
Deputy Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Hatchins Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Shaughnessy:

I have been informed of the splendid cooperation the Immigration and Naturalization Service has given this Office in connection with arrangements necessary to carry out one of our important missions.

I should, therefore, like to express to you, to your associates, Mr. O'Loughlin and Mr. Rochstein, and to Mr. Montponery of your New York Office, my personal thanks for your contribution to the solution of an unusually difficult problem.

Will you, also, kindly accept this letter as evidence of the fact that the action you have taken in this matter was taken at the request of this Office and was, in my opinion, necessary in the national interest.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Donovan

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