

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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TO ^{copy} Major Doering
FROM Lt. Colonel Lowman
SUBJECT Laurence W.

DATE: April 1, 1943

This letter from one of our translators at the Bellmore plant is somewhat embarrassing. Mr. Bernine was formerly employed at the Bellmore plant and was drafted into the Army, where plans were made to have him transferred here. Some unfavorable publicity, which General Donovan knows about, was caused by the mention of his having been a former Brigadier General in the Russian Army. It may also have embarrassed the Army, who let him out. Mr. Bowden knows the story.

The embarrassment comes to us in that we formerly employed him and have no reason other than that for not taking him back. I thought you might want to discuss it with General Donovan and give me a suggested answer to the attached letter.

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