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German intelligence radio attempts to contact
Benson House

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MAX RUDLOFF WAS ET AL ESPIONAGE G. ON FEB EIGHTEENTH FORTY TWO ABOUT
FOUR FIFTEEN PM THE FOLLOWING CODED MESSAGE NUMBER SIX NAUGHT ONE
RECEIVED FROM STATION NPD WHICH TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH READS AS FOL
LOWS QUOTE WE ARE AWAITING YOUR CALL ON THIRTEEN NINE NINE FIVE KILOCYC
LES FROM TWENTY ONE TO TWENTY THREE OCLOCK CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME.

YOUR CALL LETTERS MARTHA HEINRICH OTTO MHO MHO. UNQUOTE. THE TIME
REFERRED TO IS BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX PM EASTERN WAR TIME. MESSAGE SIX
NAUGHT ONE WAS THE FIRST MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM STATION NPD. ON FEB
SEVENTEENTH STATION NPD CALLED BETWEEN FOUR AND FOUR THIRTY PM EASTERN
WAR TIME BUT NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT WAS MADE BY OUR RADIO STATION ON EITHER
FEB SEVENTEENTH OR EIGHTEENTH. UNLESS BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED
TO THE CONTRARY OUR RADIO STATION USING THE CALL LETTERS MHO WILL CON-
TACT STATION NPD BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX PM EASTERN WAR TIME AND TRANSMIT
OUR MESSAGE NUMBER ONE IN CODED GERMAN LANGUAGE WHICH TRANSLATED INTO
ENGLISH READS AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE RECEIVED SIX NAUGHT ONE. IN FUTURE
MY CALL WILL CORRESPOND TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS. YOUR CALL WILL REMAIN
AS NOW. BOTH OF US TO USE CODE AND CALL LETTERS AS IN BOOK AND MICRO.
NEXT WEEK WILL START TO SEND REPORTS. UNQUOTE. OUR MESSAGE NUMBER ONE

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Benson House reporting to Germans
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TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING GERMAN MESSAGE WHICH TRANSLATED READS QUOTE
UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED FOR REASONS OF SAFETY YOUR AND MY CALL MUST
REMAIN AT FOURTEEN ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT. HAVE IMPORTANT CONTACT WITH
ENGINEER REPUBLIC AIRPLANE FACTORY LONG ISLAND AND BROOKLYN NAVY YARD
WHICH EMPLOY MORE THAN FORTY THOUSAND WORKERS. CAN OBTAIN DETAILED
WRITTEN MATERIAL AND INFORMATION FROM THESE PEOPLE. NECESSARY TO
PAY FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON EACH CONTACT. IN SEVERAL DAYS WILL
BEGIN TO SEND SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IN PORTIONS. UNQUOTE. IT IS
CONTEMPLATED THAT THE ABOVE MESSAGE WILL BE SENT BY OUR RADIO STATION
ABOUT FOUR PM ON FEB TWENTY FIFTH FORTY TWO. IT IS ALSO PLANNED TO USE
MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN THE PAUL MAX WEBER' FILE IN THE NEW YORK OFFICE
IN PREPARING FUTURE MESSAGES WHICH SUPPOSEDLY WOULD EMANATE FROM THE
BROOKLYN NAVY YARD UNTIL SUCH TIME IN THE FUTURE AS ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
TION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE BUREAU WHICH CAN BE USED FOR PREPARING
REPORTS TO TRANSMIT OVER OUR RADIO STATION TO THE INFORMANTS GERMAN
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RADIO CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED TODAY WITH EUROPEAN CONTACTS AND THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT IN GHE GERMAN LANGUAGE. QUOTE RECEIVED SIX
NAUGHT ONE. IN FUTURE MY CALL WILL RESPOND TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, YOUR
CALL WILL REMAIN AS NOW. BOTH OF US TO USE CODE AND CALL LETTERS AS
IN BOOK AND MICRO. NEXT WEEK WILL START TO SEND REPORTS. END QUOTE.
THEY HAD NO MESSAGE FOR US. (X) u

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D.M. Ladd memorandum to Hoover 3/28/1942
regarding the source "Mosquera" and Benson House
(See paragraph #2)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: MAX FRITZ ERNST RUDLOFF,
with aliases; et al;
ESPIONAGE - G.

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It will be recalled that in connection with this case arrangements were made through the State Department for Jorge Mosquera to come to the United States on November 18, 1941, to act as a confidential informant since he had been enlisted as an agent of the German espionage system while in Germany. Mosquera has been operating under the supervision and direction of Bureau Agents and has contacted three individuals: F. Rudloff, Elmer H. Carlton, and Alexander Gemmler, all of New York City, in accordance with instructions received from his principals. These contacts, however, have been negative so far as any expected assistance which they might be to German espionage activities in this country.

Mosquera was also instructed by his principals to establish a short-wave radio station in the United States for the purpose of communicating with his principals abroad. A radio station was erected by the Bureau at Wading River, Long Island. Two other espionage radio stations controlled by the Bureau are also operating from this same point. Arrangements were made by the Laboratory with the Federal Communications Commission regarding our operations of this station so far as frequencies and the confidential nature of the transmissions are concerned.

Radio contact in this matter was first established about 4:15 p.m. on February 18, 1942, at which time a message was received relating to frequencies and transmittal times in order to effect regular communication.

Since that time there has been a fairly regular exchange of communications between the Bureau station and the German station, which is believed to be possibly located in Hamburg, Germany. Messages numbered up to twenty-four have been received and messages numbered up to thirty-one have been sent. Copies of these messages are attached.

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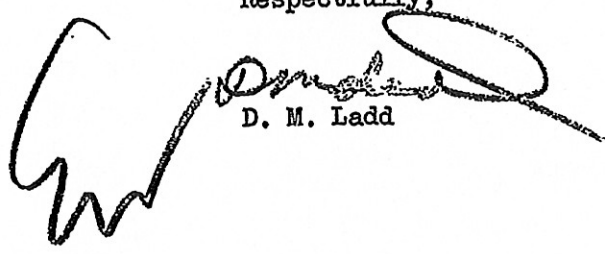
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Information transmitted to the German station by Mosquera relating to national defense measures and activities have been first cleared through ONI and G-2.

The Germans are making arrangements to forward funds to Mosquera through his brother in Montevideo, Uruguay. It has been anticipated that other German agents active in the United States would be instructed to contact Mosquera for the purpose of transmitting any information developed by them over Mosquera's radio facilities. To date this anticipation has not been fulfilled nor have Mosquera's principals instructed him to make any other contacts in the United States. It is anticipated, however, that information of this character will be developed as Mosquera's radio contacts continue.

In this connection an office was set up for Mosquera on March 23, 1942, in Room 1210, 1475 Broadway, New York City, in connection with his business as a representative of Uruguayan business houses.

Respectfully,



D. M. Ladd

Attachment

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FBI/NO teletype to Hoover 4/15/1942.
Reporting Benson House message to Hamburg
Regarding Office of Scientific Research and
Development's top secret work.

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ON APR TWELVE FORTY TWO BUREAU RADIO STATION USING CALL LETTERS OTN
RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GERMAN CODED MESSAGES FROM A PRESUMABLY GERMAN
RADIO STATION USING THE CALL LETTERS PAY. THE FIRST MESSAGE RECEIVED
WAS NOT GIVEN AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER. HOWEVER IT WAS DATED APR TWELVE
TIME TWO ONE NAUGHT NAUGHT NINETY FOUR LETTERS. IT READS TRANSLATED AS
FOLLOWS QUOTE RADIO TEXT. THE TWO FOLLOWING TEXTS ARE ENCODED WITH
CODE OF APR EIGHTH UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. TWENTY NINE QUOTE PLEASE REPORT
THE WEATHER AS OF ONE FOUR NAUGHT NAUGHT OCLOCK. IN THE FUTURE WEATHER
REPORTS WILL ALWAYS BE CONSIDERED AS OF SUCH TIME. PLACE WEATHER TEXT
FIRST IN TRAFFIC. DO NOT UNDERSTAND BAROMETER IN FEET BUT IN INCHES.
CONTD. UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. THIRTY QUOTE CONTD. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE
EVERYTHING. COMPLETE LETTERS UNQUOTE. ON APR TWELVE FORTY TWO BUREAU
RADIO STATION TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING GERMAN CODED MESSAGES WHICH
TRANSLATED READ MESSAGE FORTY SIX QUOTE MANY THANKS FOR YOUR EASTER EGG
AND YOUR EASTER GREETING. HAVE ADVISED MONTEVIDEO OF DEVELOPMENTS. AS
SOON AS MATTER DEVELOPES WILL INFORM YOU UNQUOTE. MESSAGE FORTY SEVEN
QUOTE ACCORDING TO A RECENTLY RELEASED WAR MEASURE DISTRICTS IN THE.

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STATES OF IDAHO, MONTANA, UTAH AND NEVADA ARE NOW INCLUDED IN PROHIBITED MILITARY ZONES. AS A RESULT THEY HAVE INCREASED. CONTD. UNQUOTE. MESSAGE FORTY⁴⁸ EIGHT QUOTE TO DATE TO A TOTAL NUMBER OF NINE THREE FOUR PROHIBITED ZONES. THEREFORE WORK WILL BE DEALYED UNQUOTE. MESSAGE FORTY⁴⁹ NINE QUOTE APR TEN NINE OCLOCK EWT TWENTY NINE POINT FIVE FEET. THIRTY EIGHT DEGREES F SOUTHWEST. TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY MILES PE R HOUR. HEAVY OVERCAST UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. FIFTY⁵⁰ QUOTE THE OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON DC A GOVERNMENT DIVISION HAS TAKEN O OVER RESEARCH CONTROL OF ALL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORK IN THE FIELD OF WAR. CONTD. UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. FIFTY⁵¹ ONE QUOTE HAS ENROLLED FOR THIS PURPOSE ABOUT THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS. AT PRESENT THEY ARE PRINCIPALLY CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONIC DETECTION CONTD UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. FIFTY⁵² TWO QUOTE AND FIRING DEVICE, MAGNETIC DEVICE, NEW ARMOR PLATES, ARMOR PLATE WELDING AND HAVE A SPECIAL SECTION FOR EXPERIMENTS WITH URANIUM ISOTOPE TWO THREE FIVE. I WILL FOLLOW THIS MATTER UNQUOTE. (X)(u)

IMMEDIATE BUREAU CLEARANCE IS REQUESTED FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES TO GERMANY. MESSAGE NO. ONE QUOTE YOUR TEXTS TWENTY NINE AND THIRTY. ERRONEOUSLY STATED BAROMETER FEET INSTEAD OF INCHES. IN THE FUTURE WEATHER REPORTS WILL ALWAYS BE AS OF ONE FOURNAUGHT NAUGHT OCLOCK EWT UNQUOTE. MESSAGE NO. TWO² SUPPLEMENTING MY REPORTS TEN AND ELEVEN. REPUBLIC TYPE P FORTY SEVEN THUNDERBOLT. ONE SEATER PURSUIT (X)(u)

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MACHINE. MOTOR HAS A GENERAL ELECTRIC TURBO SUPER CHARGER. WING SPAN FORTY ONE FEET. LENGTH THIRTY TWO FEET EIGHT INCHES. HEIGHT THIRTEEN FEET. GROSS WEIGHT THIRTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED LBS. SELF SEALING GAS TANKS AND ARMOR CABIN FOR PILOT. HIGHER SPEED ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY MILES. NORMAL SPEED ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED MILES. DIVING SPEED SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY MILES. MOTORS THUNDERBOLT PRATT WHITNEY TWO THOUSAND HP BUT ARE BUILT AT NEW FORD FACTORY. BEST PERFORMANCE FOR THUNDERBOLT LIES BETWEEN TWENTY FIVE AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET. UNDER TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET PERFORMANCE NOT BEST. ARMAMENT EIGHT FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUNS. FOUR IN EACH WING. TAIL OF THIS MACHINE APPEARS TO BE TOO LIGHT. FACTORY CONDUCTING TEST BECAUSE OF THIS. PRESENT PRODUCTION IN FARMINGDALE FOUR THUNDERBOLTS PER WEEK. REPUBLIC FIRM NOW BUILD A NEW FACTORY IN EVANSVILLE, INDIANA FOR PRODUCTION OF THIS TYPE IN LARGE NUMBERS BECAUSE ARMY AIR CORPS URGENTLY DEMANDING THIS MACHINE. TO DATE NONE OF THESE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO ENGLAND. THE ENGINEERS AT REPUBLIC ARE NOW EXPERIMENTING WITH A NEW TYPE THAT SHOULD BE BETTER THAN THE FORTY SEVEN. RECENTLY THE CHIEF TEST PILOT CRASHED WHEN TESTING THIS NEW TYPE UNQUOTE. REFERENCE TO EXPERIMENTAL TYPE AT REPUBLIC APPEARS IN N Y TIMES OF MARCH TWENTY FORTY TWO AND N Y DAILY MIRROR OF MAR TWENTY SIX FORTY TWO. BASIC DETAILS AS TO LENGTH, SPEED, ETC APPEARS IN AVIATION NINTH ANNUAL YEAR BOOK FEB NINETEEN FORTY TWO AND AIR TRAILS FOR APR NINETEEN FORTY TWO. REMAINDER OF MATERIAL OBTAINED FROM GENERAL OBSERVATION BUT MOST OF THE SAME ARE GENERALIZATIONS NOT BASED ON KNOWN FACTS.

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IT IS URGENTLY REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE MESSAGE RELATIVE TO REPUBLIC BE CLEARED AND IF THE SAME CANNOT ENTIRELY BE CLEARED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO SECURE SUCH ALTERED FIGURES AND DESCRIPTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN BE OF NO VALUE TO GERMANY. (X)(u)

MESSAGE NO. ³THREE QUOTE ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATISTICS THERE ARE DAILY ARRIVING BY AIR IN ENGLAND FIFTEEN AMERICAN BUILT BOMBERS. OFTEN ALSO FROM TWENTY TO TWENTY FIVE. THEY ARE TWO AND FOUR MOTORED BOMBERS. UNTIL RECENTLY THE AIRPLANES FLEW IN FORMATION. HOWEVER NOW EACH ONE GOES HIS OWN WAY FROM NEWFOUNDLAND. THE TWO MOTORS HAVE A CABIN, NAVIGATOR AND RADIO MAN. THE FOUR MOTORS HAVE A CABIN, ASSISTANT PILOT, NAVIGATOR, RADIO MAN AND FLIGHT ENGINEER. THE CREWS ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ENGLISH WHICH ARRIVE HERE EITHER BY AIR OR BY SHIP AND THEY MUST TAKE A STRICT TRAINING SCHEDULE IN CANADA. THE AIRPLANES TAKE TO ENGLAND PRINCIPALLY AIRPLANE PARTS, MEDICINES, CONCENTRATED FOODS, MAIL AND NOW AND THEN A DIPLOMAT, NEWSPAPER REPORTER OR SOMEONE WHO MUST CROSS IN A HURRY. ALL FLY WITH THE AUTOMATIC SPERRY GYRO PILOT. ACCORDING TO STATISTICS TO DATE ONLY ONE MACHINE IN A HUNDRED IS LOST UNQUOTE. ABOVE ARTICLE OBTAINED FROM A WIDE WORLD NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE N Y STAATSTZEITUNG UND HEROLD UNDER DATE OF APR SIXTH FORTY TWO. MESSAGE NO. ⁴FOUR QUOTE SUPPLEMENTING MY REPORTS THIRTY SEVEN TO FORTY CONSOLIDATE AIR CRAFT OF CALIFORNIA WILL IN COOPERATION WITH FORD BEGIN THE PRODUCTION OF B TWENTY FOUR BOMBERS ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. (X)(u)

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THE B TWENTY FOUR WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST BOMBERS WHICH WILL BE IN MASS PRODUCTION FOR DELIVERY BY CONSOLIDATE AND FORD. THE ENGLISH HAVE BEEN USING THIS BOMBER FOR A LONG TIME ALREADY UNDER THE NAME LIBERATOR. A LARGE PART OF THE NEW PRODUCTION WILL GO TO ENGLAND UNQUOTE ABOVE ITEM TAKEN FROM THE N Y STAATSZEITUNG UND HEROLD A GERMAN DAILY NEWSPAPER UNDER DATE OF MAR SIXTEENTH FORTY TWO. MESSAGE ABOVE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALTERED FROM THE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. (S)(u) MESSAGE NO. FIVE QUOTE TIMM AIRCRAFT CORP, LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA NOW BUILD A TWO SEATER LOW WING TRAINING AIRPLANE CALLED AEROMOLD. IT IS BUILT OF NINETY PERCENT PLASTIC PLY WOOD AND TEN PERCENT METAL. THE U S ARMY ORDERED IT AND WILL USE IT AS A TRAINING AIRPLANE UNQUOTE. ABOVE ITEM OBTAINED FROM ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE N Y TIMES UNDER DATE OF APR SIXTH FORTY TWO. MESSAGE NO. SIX QUOTE NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA NOW EXPERIMENTING WITH CONSTRUCTION OF PURSUIT AIR PLANE AND A B TWENTY FIVE BOMBER MADE OF STEEL AND PLY WOOD AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR ALUMINUM. THEY ARE USING A THIN BUT VERY TOUGH STEEL SHEET WHICH IS WELDED AND NOT RIVETED. AS A RESULT THERE IS A SAVING OF SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALUMINUM AND THE WEIGHT DIFFERENTIAL IS ONLY A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY LBS UNQUOTE. ABOVE ITEM HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALTERED FROM INFORMATION APPEARING IN IRON AGE ISSUE OF APR TWELVE, FORTY TWO. (S)(u)

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P. Foxworth letter to Hoover 5/7/1942 documenting German orders for Mosquera to acquire information on atomic experiments. See page 2, message #32.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: MAX RUDLOFF with aliases, et al
ESPIONAGE G.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the New York Office to the Bureau dated February 23, 1942 advising the Bureau of the instructions furnished to Confidential Informant [redacted] in instant case by Hans Blum, Hamburg, Germany, a member of the German High Command, pertaining to espionage information which the Informant should develop in the United States. In connection with these instructions it is believed that the following portions thereof are out of date and no attention should be paid by the Bureau to securing answers to these inquiries:

Since when has Curtiss built Types P-40 and P-46 instead of P-36A?

Have there already been deliveries of Boeing B-17 four motor planes?

Information relative to Grumman airplanes types G-24 and G-44 - Are these produced in large quantities? What motors are being employed in the other two types?

On February 20, 1942 Bureau radio station in New York started transmitting and receiving radio messages from a radio station, presumably located in Hamburg, Germany, and from February 20, 1942 to May 5, 1942 a number of inquiries have been received from the German radio station asking for information of an espionage character, to which this office has not been able to furnish replies because of the unavailability of such information. These inquiries are as follows:

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Message #15 dated March 14, 1942 requested the Informant to furnish statistics as to the production of aluminum in the United States for January and February, 1942. Information as to aluminum production, if available, should be furnished also for the month of March and April 1942.

Message #32 dated April 15, 1942 requested the Informant to furnish additional information as to present experiments being conducted on the uranium isotope U-235. Experiments on this item are presently being conducted by the Office of Scientific Research and Development in Washington, D.C. The Informant was also requested to furnish information as to details of departing ships from New York City.

Message #33 dated April 20, 1942 requested that the Informant furnish additional details relative to sent message #26. Sent message #26, transmitted on March 24, 1942 reads as follows: "For a long time the Army has been secretly experimenting with gliders. Has just issued the first order for one thousand wooden gliders each to hold fifty persons."

Message #34 dated April 20, 1942 requested that the Informant furnish details as to incoming and outgoing ships in the New York Harbor and in addition was requested to furnish information as to the cargo, identity of the ship, from where it arrived and its destination.

Messages #35 and #36 received on April 26, 1942 requested information as to the Republic airplane known as the Thunderbolt, Model P-47. Informant was requested to obtain information as to whether this model was equipped with a pressure equipment for stratospheric flights, the type of the construction of same and the details of operation, including the exhaust gas turbo supercharger. It was also asked to ascertain the type of propeller used, the armament, the number of rounds per minute and the amount of ammunition carried. Message #36 also requested informant to furnish information as to shipping activities.

Messages #38 and 39 received on April 28, 1942 asked the informant to ascertain the names of the factories manufacturing 37 mm and 75 mm tank cannons, as well as amount of such cannons being manufactured. There is some information available in the UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, ARMSTRONG ET AL, ESPIONAGE G case indicating the names of the factories manufacturing such tank armaments. However, no information is available as to the amount of such tank cannon being manufactured.

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Message #41 received on May 4, 1942 requested information as to the whereabouts of the ships "Queen Mary" and the "Queen Elizabeth."

Message #42 received on May 5, 1942 stated "Awaiting in vain further particulars to your 26. Army gliders."

Message #43 received on May 5, 1942 requested the Informant to furnish the monthly production of ships actually completed in Canada.

The above inquiries are pending at the present time and answers to the same cannot be given for lack of information by this field office.

This office is also cognizant of the contents of letter from the Bureau to the New York Office dated May 1, 1942 advising that the Bureau is making efforts to obtain further details as to the P-47 Thunderbolt airplane and to the aluminum production but that to date no information about these items has been made available to the Bureau and that it is continuing its efforts to obtain the same.

In this connection it is urgently requested that every effort be exerted to obtain information to comply with the various inquiries received from Germany. Special emphasis should be placed upon immediately securing information as to shipping activities in New York City as to the army gliders and as to the aluminum production statistics.

It should again be noted that in most instances accurate information is not necessary. It is desired that only sufficient information be obtained to satisfy the inquiries from Germany and the information furnished can be in a substantially altered form, so that it does not in any manner affect the National Defense program. However, in furnishing altered information care should be exercised in its preparation.

Recently this office transmitted to Germany statistics as to ships actually completed and delivered during the months of January, February and March 1942. The figures submitted to Germany were substantially decreased from the actual shipping figures. On May 4, 1942 in the New York World Telegram appeared a newspaper item based on a report released by the U.S. Maritime Commission, which newspaper item set forth the actual number of ship completions and deliveries in the United States

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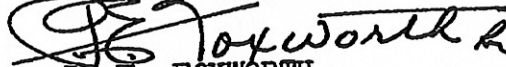
for the months of January, February, March and April 1942. Such public releases, if and when they become known to Germany, might seriously jeopardize the importance of the Informant in carrying on his presumed espionage activities on behalf of Germany. It is believed that statistics which are likely to be publicized should be, if possible, obtained in an accurate form.

The New York Office is conducting instant investigation with the theory in mind of trying to build up Confidential Informant [] in the eyes of the German espionage authorities to the extent where they will have great confidence in him and it is hoped will in the future request him to obtain information of a vital nature which might prove to be of great value to the National Defense effort. In order to do this it is necessary to secure information in compliance with inquiries received from Germany within a reasonable period of time after the receipt of same.

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This office appreciates the difficulties being encountered by the Bureau in trying to secure information in answer to the inquiries received; however, it is again stressed that every possibility should be exhausted to secure such information in order to successfully develop instant case.

Very truly yours,



P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

SPECIAL DELIVERY

L.B. Nichols memorandum to Glavin 4/24/1943
Describing conditions under which FBI radio operators
work in the Western Hemisphere.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GLAVIN

With reference to your inquiry as to the conditions under which our radio operators must work at various radio stations, the following circumstances and incidents will serve to indicate the difficulties which are encountered.

The Santiago, Chile, radio station is being operated completely under cover, without the consent of the Chilean Government, and, in the past several months, German agents working in Chile conducted surveillances and even went to the extent of taking photographs of the Bureau's employees in Chile, including our radio operators. The radio operators are in a particularly dangerous position at this point due to the fact that they are actually violating the laws of the country and technically would be subject to the charge of operating an illegal radio station and most possibly espionage. Due to the circumstances under which they operate, it is not possible to afford them armed protection and there would be no recourse should these operators be killed by anyone.

In most instances the radio stations in South America are operated with the consent of some high official in the Government of the particular country involved, without the knowledge of any other officials who have the duty of enforcing the communications and espionage laws of the country and, should any of these operators be picked up by local officials or done away with by enemy agents, it being noted that due to the conditions under which they work it is not possible to afford them armed protection, probably nothing could be done about it without tipping the Bureau's hand.

The radio operators at Juneau, Alaska, live in what we would call here a shack located across a small bay from the city of Juneau, which is isolated and, should any invasion occur, the enemy could and might possibly do away with these operators to silence the station or in order to take over the station in an effort to operate same. This station, of course, is highly confidential and, due to the circumstances under which the operators work at that point, it is not possible to afford them armed protection.

At Honolulu, Hawaii, some of our radio operators were present in the city at the time of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and it was necessary for them to stick to their posts regardless of what occurred around them, and the operator on duty could not afford to take shelter due to the great importance of our communications work.

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At San Juan, Puerto Rico our radio station is located at the Field Office and it is, of course, not as hazardous from an enemy action standpoint. However, I believe everyone is fully aware of the difficult living conditions at the present time in San Juan.

In the continental United States, we have a highly confidential station at Wading River, Long Island, where we have several radio operators assigned who are impersonating enemy agents, and these operators have practiced and perfected this impersonation almost to the ultimate point. They must live in an isolated cottage under difficult conditions in that they must remain at the station 24 hours a day, six and seven days a week it being impossible for them to go into the next town for meals. They must keep absolutely under cover in order that no suspicion as to the activities being carried on at this station will leak out to unauthorized persons in the vicinity.

The station at Boston, Massachusetts, is located in an isolated farmhouse with the nearest neighbor being a considerable distance away, as are the stations at Miami, San Diego, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. There are operators on duty 24 hours a day at each one of these stations and the location of all of them is highly confidential. Therefore we are unable to afford armed protection for them.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Nichols

Hoover letter to President Roosevelt 7/7/1944. Describing
successes of Benson House.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
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PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Major General Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

I thought the President and you would be interested in a phase of the counterintelligence program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which can, of course, receive no publicity and which to this time has not been mentioned or discussed outside this Department.

Since the early days of the present emergency, when appropriate safeguards were established to protect military and economic secrets from reaching Germany and Japan, the intelligence services of these countries have endeavored to dispatch espionage agents to this country to secure this much needed information. We have, wherever possible, endeavored to apprehend these agents and to operate their clandestine communication channels, unknown to their principals. In this way we have been able to secure valuable information for the armed services and to lull the enemy into a state of satisfaction that they were securing confidential and secret information which, as a matter of fact, was actually furnished by this Bureau and cleared by appropriate representatives of the Army and Navy.

The information on its face was, of course, valuable and the prestige of the agents grew in the minds of their principals. For example, in one instance over \$40,000 has been paid by the Germans for this controlled information.

The channels thus invaded and controlled by us were made available to the officials of the War and Navy Departments who plan the military strategy. Thereafter, and in conjunction with other means of deception, misleading information on a planned scale was fed to the enemy. In November, 1943, a radio message was sent to Hamburg which was obviously of interest to Tokyo. This message advised that the Americans were planning an attack against the northern Kuriles. This would be

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made in conjunction with a "large scale feint attack" to the south. The message was part of the plan intended to draw the Japanese Navy from the Southern Pacific while the so-called feint attack was actually launched against the Marshall Islands. As you know, the Japanese Navy was not present in force to oppose the Marshall landings.

② Another series of deceptive messages was commenced in the middle of 1943 and continued up to the date of the Allied invasion of the Continent. Various data were given to the Germans indicating that production lags from various causes would delay the invasion. Other information strongly indicated that the invasion, when it did take place, would be through Norway, the Mediterranean, and the Balkans.

Subsequent events have, of course, indicated that the Germans put faith in the information as furnished. In this regard it is interesting to note that eight days after the invasion, in response to a message sent on June 12, 1944, indicating that there was still a danger of invasion from the Mediterranean, Hamburg urgently replied, "Please rush more details."

An Army official has recently advised us that these operations of the FBI have been of great value and that the deceptive information furnished to the enemy played an important part in the successful invasions in the Marshall Islands and in Normandy.

These operations are going forward and it is hoped that we may continue to be of increasing assistance to the military forces, while at the same time carrying out our primary mission of protecting the internal security of the country.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover