SUBJECT: Irish Republican Army

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61-7606-122X
Date: 61-7606-127X

To: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief, Special War Policies Unit

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 6, 1943, captioned "Clandestine Irish Republican Army in United States", and requesting summaries of information in the files of this Bureau concerning numerous Irish organizations and individuals active in Irish activities.

At the present time an active investigation of the Irish Republican Army is being conducted by this Bureau and summaries of the information requested by you are being prepared. In the meantime it will be of considerable assistance to this Bureau in connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army and related activities if you will furnish me at your earliest convenience with copies of all information in your possession concerning the organization and individuals listed in your memorandum of January 6, together with the source of such information and the basis for your request.

In connection with this request it is noted that William J. Russell you state in your reference memorandum that he was a leader of the Irish Republican Army in Ireland until his death (1939?). The information available in the Bureau files fails to definitely indicate that Russell is dead and I am consequently particularly interested in the basis and source of the information you may have in your possession concerning Russell.
January 11, 1943

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, Chicago

MR. IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - O.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated June 5, 1942, captioned, "Irish Republican Army; Internal Security - Irish," referring to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1942 at Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled [redacted] and requesting that [redacted] be thoroughly reinterviewed for the purpose of eliciting complete information concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army.

A review of the Bureau files fails to indicate that any action has been taken in this matter by your Office. In view of the fact that seven months have passed since this request was made, I desire that the instructions contained in my reference letter be complied with immediately, and I will expect to receive a complete report from your Office without further delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York City
Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning the Irish Republican Army and numerous individuals connected therewith allegedly active in the Western Hemisphere.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me with any additional pertinent information which you have available concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army or any of the leaders thereof.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,
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61-7606-130
Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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By dear Mr. Berle:

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. Herbert J. Cummings of the Foreign Activity Correlation section to Mr. R.R. Roach of this Bureau dated December 11, 1942, containing certain information concerning the Irish Republican Army and one Jimmy Breslane who is stated to be the newly elected head of the Irish Republican Army in the United States.

A review of this Bureau's files fails to identify any information concerning James or Jimmy Breslane. However, for your information the files of this Bureau contain numerous indications that one James Breslane, 1204 Lexington Avenue, New York City is the active leader of Irish activities and possibly of Irish Republican Army activities in the United States.

It will be appreciated if you can advise me or ascertain through the Consular representative in Cork, Ireland whether or not these two individuals are identical or may possibly be identical.

In view of the numerous complaints and allegations received concerning the Irish Republican Army and in view of the allegations in the reference memorandum to the effect that.

(L.D.)

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me with all the information available to you concerning the background, activities and connections of the Irish Republican Army with particular emphasis on the ramifications and activities of I.R.A. elements in this country and on the activities and connections of individuals who are believed to be active in the I.R.A. outside of Ireland at the present time or whose present whereabouts are unknown.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Enclosed are copies of a communication received by the Bureau from the Foreign Activity Correlation section of the Department of State. As you will note, this communication states that a member of the American Consular Service at Cork, Ireland, has been informed that the newly elected head of the I.R.A. in the United States is one James Breslaine and that the I.R.A. in this country is officially operating as a pro-German body with German funds.

A review of the Bureau files fails to reveal any record of James Breslaine, however, certain references are contained in the Bureau files concerning one James Breslaine who is believed to be identical with the individual referred to by the State Department.

In this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated October 1, 1939 at New York City in the case entitled, "Irish Activities in the United States: Subversive Activities", on Page 9 of which report information is contained that the Certificate of Incorporation of the I.R.A. Veterans, Inc., filed on April 13, 1938, in New York City, lists as one of the directors thereof James Breslaine, 1494 Lexington Avenue, New York City (61-7066-13).

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent dated October 2, 1942 in the case entitled, New York File No. 85-296, wherein information received from is set out as follows:
A review of the Bureau files indicates no additional information concerning Brislane.

A communication is being sent to the State Department requesting additional information concerning this matter and you will be subsequently advised of any additional information received.

In connection with your investigation of the Irish Republican Army, it is desired that you determine the background, activities and contacts of James Brislane, alias Jimmy Breslane, James Breslane, and James Breslin. In this connection your attention is called to previous correspondence between the Bureau and the New York City and Newark Offices concerning the allegations made by [redacted]. In view of this allegation and in view of the numerous reports contained in the files, both of your Office and of the Bureau, that the Irish Republican Army is receiving support and assistance from the German Government, I desire that this investigation receive careful, intensive and expeditious attention.

In so far as the allegations made by [redacted] are concerned, it is not desired that any investigation thereof be made in this case in the absence of subsequent Bureau instructions. It is obvious that in connection with any investigation of the Irish Republican Army, which might involve the allegations made by [redacted] or similar allegations, extreme discretion must be exercised.

In connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army your attention is called to the possibility of securing information of value which has not previously been secured in this case from [redacted]. It is also believed possible that additional contacts with [redacted] may develop additional information of value concerning Irish activities and the I.R.A.
SAC, New York City

SECRET

It is desired that the next report submitted by your Office include a review of all pertinent information in the New York Field Office files concerning the Irish Republican Army, not previously furnished the Bureau in reports in this case.

In view of the allegations which have been received concerning past and potential sabotage by the I.R.A., it is desired that in connection with this investigation adequate informant coverage be developed concerning Irish revolutionary activities, the Irish Republican Army and any other connected group which may in the future commit any act of sabotage or may be presently or may become inimical to the internal security of the United States.

The New York Office is the Office of origin in this case, and appropriate leads should be set out for other Field Divisions wherever they are considered necessary or advisable.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 26, 1943

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DATE 12-10-39 BY 203-85751

Director, FBI

Mr. Irish Republican Party

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 21, 1942, in the above matter, Bureau File No. 11-7060, wherein the Bureau requested to be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

This is to advise that this case has been assigned for investigation and it is anticipated that a report will be submitted in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears

J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago File No. 100-4655
Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
SA  —  1-26-43.

REFERENCE
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Report of Special Agent
dated December 19, 1942, at New York, New York.

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Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
SA 1-26-43

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will reconact

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Will review files and conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities and subversive tendencies, if any, of the IRA in the Chicago area.
Chicago File No. 100-4633
Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
SA 1-28-45
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New York, New York

**Report made at**
San Francisco, California

**Date Made**
1/26/43

**Period**
11/4-30/42; 12/17/42

**File No.**
65-99

**Report Made by:**
(67C) PMH

**Title:**
IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

**Character:**
INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH

**SYNOPSIS:**
File reviewed and pertinent information set forth. Knights of Red Franks incorporated in State of California as of April 20, 1899. It is a voluntary, incorporated organization whose purpose is to purchase, acquire, take and hold real estate.

**DETAILS:**
The file in instant case was reviewed and the following information is being set forth at this time for background purposes.

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Approved &
Forwarded

PMH

Special Agent
in Charge

FEB 2 1943
In the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at San Francisco, California, June 12, 1939, in the case entitled "KNIGHTS OF RED FRANCH HALL; ESPIONAGE", the following information appears:

It might be stated at this time that Agents of the San Francisco office, [redacted] searched the lodge halls and building, and at that time it was found that the building consisted of a large basement, an entrance hallway on the first floor, and a store room which is leased out and not connected with the building proper. The upstairs is occupied by a large ballroom and an adjoining bar. There are rest rooms off the balcony of this hall and a large attic is above. A thorough search was made of the attic, rest rooms, ballroom, bar room and supply rooms on the first floor entrance, with negative results.

In the basement there was another large lodge room with several smaller locker rooms in the rear of this. In the center locker room there was a large number of rifles stored in gun racks enclosed by a glass panel. It was determined that there were 95 U. S. Springfield rifles, Model 1894, calibre 45-70. These rifles are single shot, and had sling straps and bayonets attached. In the bottom of the gun racks a supply of bayonet scabbards and web cartridge plates were found and also a number of empty 45-70 cartridge cases. These cases were examined and found to be blanks, having already been fired.

In addition to the above-mentioned guns there was one Remington Springfield Model 1879, with magazine removed, which was believed by Agents to be a 30-40.
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Special Agent searched the records of incorporation at Sacramento, California, and determined the following information relative to the Knights of the Red Branch:

The Articles of Incorporation of the Knights of the Red Branch Hall Association reflect that this corporation was recognized as such in the State of California as of April 20, 1882. The association is identified in the Articles as the Knights of the Red Branch Hall Association. The Association has no capital stock and capital stock is not provided for in the Articles. The purposes of the Association are to purchase, acquire, take and hold real estate; to execute deeds of trust and to hypothecate, mortgage, grant, and convey the same, and to erect, alter and repair, manage, furnish and conduct halls and buildings upon such real estate for the meetings, accommodation and use of the said Knights of the Red Branch Hall Association and for the accommodation of other societies and lodges of a fraternal, benevolent, charitable and patriotic character, and, in connection therewith, to let, lease and demise stores, offices, halls and lodge rooms in such building or buildings for said purposes and for all other lawful purposes.

The City and County of San Francisco, California, is described as the location where the principal business of the corporation shall be transacted. The number of directors of the corporation is designated as five. The directors of the corporation chosen for the first year are as follows: JAMES SMITH, THOMAS P. CROYLE, JOHN MURPHY, J. J. O'CONNOR, and J. R. TOBIN, all of San Francisco. The Association is a voluntary, incorporated organization.
On June 5, 1942, a letter was directed to the New York City Field Division requesting them to endeavor to obtain the subscription list of the "Gaelic American", a weekly newspaper published in New York, with offices at 165 Williams Street, Reed Building, inasmuch as this list would be highly indicative of membership in the Irish Republic Army or the Clan Na Gael.
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61-2606-134
January 26, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - Irish

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 21, 1942, (Bureau file number 61-7606), in the above matter, wherein the Bureau requested to be advised as to the exact status of this case at the present time.

This is to advise that this case has been assigned for investigation, and is presently receiving investigative attention. It is anticipated that a report will be submitted in the very near future.

Yours truly,

J. F. SEARS
SAC

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61-7606-137
Subject: Anti-Semitic Propaganda

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1943, concerning the distribution of anti-Semitic propaganda under the caption, "These Are All Fools," You will recall that you indicated an interest in being advised of the approximate date and the general locality of the dissemination of material of this type in the United States. 5

It has been reported to this Bureau that material of this type under the alternative captions, "These Are All Fools," "America's Fighting Jews," and "You Can't Beat the Irish," first appeared in the vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts, during the latter part of September, 1942. Subsequently, similar material was reportedly distributed in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois; New York City; Springfield, Illinois; South Bend, Indiana; Kankakee, Illinois; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Fort Meade, Maryland.

It is further reported that versions of this article have appeared in the following publications: "The Parish Piglet," Portland, Oregon; the publication of the Wisconsin Retail Men's Association; and "The Germans Are Coming," published at New York City.

From information available it seems that this article or one of its variations was reprinted by various publications and individuals throughout the country and was distributed primarily during October, November, and December, 1942. From the diversity and general circumstances surrounding its publication and distribution, it would appear that it was voluntarily printed and reprinted rather than distributed from some central source.
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61-7606-138
March 6, 1943

SAC, New York, New York

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - I

Dear Sirs:

For your information and assistance in connection with the above subject, I am enclosing copies of a communication received by the Bureau from the Department of State, dated January 25, 1943, concerning the Irish Republican Army.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosure

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Philadelphia
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61-7606-139
Director
Re: Irish Republican Army
12-19-42
NY 100-7829

Copies for these agencies will be maintained in the files of this office and unless advice from you is received to the contrary these agencies will be furnished with a summary of the information in the form of a confidential letter.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
Assistant Director
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Irish Republican Army

Newark letter dated January 4, 1943, sets forth the results of an interview which Mr. Conroy and Special Agent had with [redacted] of the NYC Office on other matters, I requested that Agent be contacted concerning this matter immediately and asked that a letter setting forth the results of this interview be forwarded to the Bureau within the next few days.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch
Director, FBI

RE:

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Special Delivery letter to the Bureau from the Newark Office dated January 4th, 1943, entitled "IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, INTERNAL SECURITY - O, (Refer. 51S)."

I am forwarding herewith the original and two photostatic copies of a letter which was received by Special Agent of this office dated January 5th, 1943, from . The letter is self-explanatory.

One photostatic copy of this letter is being furnished the Newark Office for its information with its copy of this letter, and one copy is being retained in the New York file.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

Enclosures - 3
cc - Newark (Encl.)
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61-7606-140X1
February 4, 1943

PERSONAL ATTENTION

SAC, New York

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - Q

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated January 8, 1943, captioned

In view of the allegation made

It is desired that in connection with the presently pending investigation of the Irish Republican Army consideration be given to securing the records of the Clan
Ma-Cael at such time as this investigation progresses to the point where securing the records of the Irish Republican Army appears advisable.

With regard to the allegation made

It is not believed that any purpose could be served by interviewing him concerning the allegation. For your information the reports of the Rapp-Coudert Committee in the Bureau's possession reveal that testimony was offered before that Committee by William Canning, an admitted Communist Party member, to the effect that Matus was a member of the City College unit of the Communist Party.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Communications Section
Mailed 10

FEB 4, 1943 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N.Y.

January 9, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY:
INTERNAL SECURITY - G
(Refer: 51S)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. E. CONROY, Newark, New Jersey, dated January 4, 1943, in the above-entitled matter.

It is noted that [redacted] in his interview with Special Agent in Charge E. E. CONROY and Special Agent of the New York Office, made reference to [redacted] in connection with the IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.

There is being forwarded, herewith, a memorandum prepared by Agent [redacted] which refers to this matter.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

Enclosure
MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE THOMAS J. DONEGAN

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.

I have been shown a copy of a letter dated January 4th, 1943 to the Director, Washington, D.C., in which it is mentioned that Special Agent should get in touch with me concerning

For your information, the writer was assigned the case of the Irish Republican Army, which is file 98-88, and which is presently not available. When this was taken over by the writer, practically no information had been developed regarding the identity or activities of this organization. I was successful in contacting a member of the Irish Republican Army and was placed upon the mailing list of their underground newspaper, "The Irish Republican", which I had sent to my home on Long Island. This was with the full knowledge and consent of Special Agent in Charge Sackett. Copies of this newspaper, together with the envelopes with which they were addressed to me, were immediately forwarded to the Bureau and the Bureau and the Special Agent in Charge were kept fully advised regarding my contacts with this group.

I recall that at one time I was invited by the contact I made to attend a meeting of the Irish Republican Army and discussed this matter with Mr. Sackett. He telephoned to the Bureau and they refused permission for me to join this organization. Therefore I did not join.

This has been my only contact with the Irish Republican Army and since the case was assigned to some other agent, I have not done one single minute's work upon it.

With regard to

It is noted further, that reference is made to a
Dear Mr. Hill:

Reference is made to your request of October 25, 1941, concerning the Irish Republican Army and to your advice at that time that a study was being made by you of the Irish Revolutionary Movement and to my letter to you, dated November 8, 1941, concerning the same subject.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me with any pertinent information available to you concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army with particular stress on any activities in the Western Hemisphere.

Sincerely yours,

[Signatures]

[Date: 12 Jan 1943]
Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning the Irish Republican Army.

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me with all pertinent information available to you concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army in the Eastern Hemisphere which has not previously been forwarded to me.

In connection with this request, I particularly desire information concerning the present status and activities of the Irish Republican Army and the identities and whereabouts of any individuals actively connected therewith who may be in the United States, who are operating outside of Ireland, or whose present whereabouts are not known.

r. Tolson
r. E. A. Tamm
r. Clegg
r. Glavin
r. Ladd—Mr. D. W. Ladd
r. Nichols
r. Rosen
r. Tracy
r. Carson
r. Coffey
r. Hendon
r. Kramer
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r. Quin Tamm
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RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

January 13, 1943

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Reference:

A review of the pertinent files of the Butte Field Division reflects the following information concerning SEAN RUSSELL, Irish Republican Army leader.

on May 27, 1939 advised that Major General SEAN RUSSELL, Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army, is reported in the press as having admitted that recent bombings in England had been ordered by the IRA although not necessarily by him personally and that such bombings would continue until British soldiers leave Ireland.

advised that a reliable confidential source had stated that RUSSELL was suspected as being in the United States illegally and that while in Los Angeles, California RUSSELL had held a meeting on
May 15, 1939, with Captain Fritz Wiedemann, German Consul General, San Francisco, California, Herman Schwinn, German Bund-leader, and Henry Schmidt, a radical unionist. Further, this source of information reported that Russell had left for Portland, Oregon on May 22, 1942, and that after staying three or four days in that locality would leave for Montana to confer with former Congressman Jerry J. O'Connell.

Prior to the receipt of the above information, inquiry had been made at this office by representatives of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning the whereabouts of Sean Russell, it being the understanding of those representatives that Russell was in Butte, Montana registered at one of the hotels.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, N. Y.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
May 8, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith report #23 dated March 14, 1941 of which relates to certain activities of the United Irish Republicans which are on the behalf of the Irish Republican Army.

A copy of the report is being placed in the file for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

T. J. Donegan, Acting for
E. J. Connelly, Assistant Director

cc NY File 62-6772
with copy of report
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98-38

MAY 8, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith the original of report #28 dated March 17, 1941 which relates to this organization.

A copy of the report is being placed in the file for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DOBEGAN, Acting for
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Assistant Director

cc NY File 62-6772
with copy of report
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May 26, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

DECLASSIFIED BY J. A. J. J.
ON 12-4-65

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Internal Security

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the original of report #64 dated April 16, 1941 of which relates to a demonstration of Irish extremists against England.

A copy of the report is being placed in the file for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

T. J. DONEGAN, Acting for
E. J. CONNELLEY,
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61-7606-143
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent, dated July 15, 1942 at New York City; Letter from San Francisco Office dated June 5, 1942; Bureau letters dated May 26, 1942 and June 10, 1942.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY

DISTINCTION BETWEEN IRA VETS. AND THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY.
Piles of the New York Field Office, report of Special Agent dated at New York City, October 4, 1939, entitled "IRISH ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES - Subversive Activities (61-555) reflect that the IRA Vets. filed Certificate of Incorporation on April 13, 1938 in New York City stating the purpose to be the cultivation of social intercourse among members, establishment of a social center for benevolent and educational interests for members or providing of facilities for physical and mental recreation of members, and providing funds for disabled veterans. This report reflects that a number of individuals presently identified with the radical Irish Republican Army in New York City were instrumental in the organization of the Veterans, at that time.
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A review of the files of this office reflects (61-555-20) that RUSSELL came to the United States in 1936 from Ireland to conduct a campaign in support of the IRA movement. He is said to have been one of the executive officers of the IRA in Ireland and he traveled throughout the United States accompanied part of the time by JOSEPH McGARRITY. He spoke to Irish groups in many cities, and described himself as head of the Irish Republican Army. He was held by the immigration authorities on deportation charges in Detroit, Michigan and was released after notification from Washington that a $5,000 bond had been approved for him.
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61-7606-173X
A review of the files of this office, the report of Special
Investigation disclosed that this address was erroneous. It is also stated that Neenan was被认为 to be a salesman for the New Ray Petroleum Company of this city in the Philadelphia district. He is supposed to have been residing in May, 1942, c/o at 2106 S. Fraser Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The file reflects Neenan was indicted in the Southern District of New York on December 29, 1938 for "smuggling into the United States and distributing in interstate commerce, tickets purporting to be lottery tickets, conspiracy." Further Neenan is a fugitive from justice, and if located would be prosecuted on this charge. The following description of Neenan appears on his application for an operator's permit:

- Born: August 7, 1894
- Height: 5'11½"
- Weight: 162 pounds
- Eyes: Gray
- Hair: Gray
- Color: Fair
- Sex: Male
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A review of the files of this office reflects that in December, 1938, JOSEPH McCARTHY stated that a campaign against England was about to take place and that the fight would be carried on in the occupied Counties of Northern Ireland and in England.

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THE GAELIC AMERICAN is the subject of a pending case in this office and is published in the Post Building, 165 Williams Street, by a
MAILLY. It is known to make attacks against Russia and to be very
critical of bureaucracy in Washington, D.C. It was the organ of the IRA
in this country a number of years ago but recently has been ridiculing and
"taking slaps at" the IRA.

THE IRISH ADVOCATE, published weekly on Saturday at 55-63
Park Ave, New York City in the New York World Building. JOHN C. O'CONNER,
Irish sympathizer, is the publisher.

THE IRISH ECHO, published weekly on Saturday at 152 E. 121st Street
by CHARLES CONNOLLY. It is Communist-inspired and prior to the war extreme-
lly isolationist; however after December 7, 1941 it changed its policy com-
pletely and became interventionist-minded. Charles Connolly, who is editor
and publisher, is said to be very radical. HUDGER Fonts is the sports
editor and TERRY Long, the social editor.

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61-7606-143X
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

EX: TRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 15, 1942, advising that the

Pursuant to your instructions, Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, accompanied by Special Agent

As an example of the statements made by as to
Special Agent [REDACTED] of the New York City Office was subsequently contacted concerning this matter and advised in a memorandum to Special Agent in Charge Thomas J. Donegan that at one time the investigation of the Irish Republican Army was assigned to him at which time he was successful in contacting a member of the organization and was placed upon the mailing list of the underground newspaper of the I.R.A., "The Irish Republican" with the full knowledge and consent of the then Special Agent in Charge B. E. Sackett. Copies of this newspaper, together with the envelopes in which they were received, were immediately forwarded to the Bureau. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised also that at one time he was invited by his contact to attend a meeting at the I.R.A. and this was discussed with Mr. Sackett who contacted the Bureau and was advised that permission for Agent [REDACTED] to join the I.R.A. was refused. Consequently, Special Agent [REDACTED] did not join the I.R.A. and since the investigation of this organization was re-assigned he had no other contact with the organization. Special Agent [REDACTED] also states that he is not acquainted with anyone in the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice or with any individual named [REDACTED].
A review of the Bureau files reveals no record of any Agent named [redacted]. The New York Office has also advised that subsequent to the conversation between [redacted], Special Agent in Charge Comroy and Agent [redacted] above referred to, Agent [redacted] received a letter from [redacted] dated January 5, 1943, and expressing [redacted]

ACTION RECOMMENDED: In view of the fact that it appears probable that [redacted] has no further definite information to back up his allegations concerning [redacted], it is believed that further contact with him in this matter would be neither productive or advisable. In view of the fact that Agent [redacted] his allegations concerning [redacted] are not being called to the Department's attention unless advice to the contrary is received. In connection with the presently pending investigation of the Irish Republican Army in New York City, consideration will be given to securing the records of the Clan Na Gael. In view of the allegations that [redacted] is not considered advisable to interview him.

A letter to the New York Office is attached bringing this matter to their attention.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

D. M. Ladd

Enclosure
UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C., will ascertain whether or not [redacted] is presently employed by [redacted] as a civilian or otherwise.

Will also ascertain his duties as such and where he is located at the present time, if it is found that he is employed by them.

Will check the indices and confidential files of the Washington Field Office for information concerning [redacted]. He is reported to be a member of the IRA and [redacted].

Will also check the indices and confidential files for pertinent information concerning the IRA and its activities and subversive tendencies at the present time. In this connection, it has been reported that representatives of the IRA have been in contact with the various embassies in Washington, D. C.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Identified as ASHER W. SCHMATH, Special War Policies Unit, War Division, Department of Justice.
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Section 7
SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 4, 1943

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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January 4, 1943

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

INTERNAL SECURITY (G)
(Refer: 518)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 24, 1942
(Bureau File No. 61-7606).

Special Agent [redacted] in keeping with advice given
Special Agent F. L. Welch of the Bureau on December 31, 1942, made arrange-
ments this morning by telephone with [redacted] and me to confer with [redacted] at his home
[redacted]. The conference [redacted], which took place late this morning,
lasted about an hour or more.
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(1) 2606 - 147
March 6, 1943

SAC, New York, New York

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
   INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sir:

For your information and assistance in connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army, I am enclosing copies of a memorandum dated February 2, 1943, from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Your particular attention is called to the information contained in this memorandum concerning the present whereabouts of Sean Russell and the two sources of information in New York City which are mentioned:

It is not desired that a separate investigation be conducted of Sean Russell at the present time. However, the material contained in the enclosed memorandum should be given appropriate attention in connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The Irish Republican formerly was published at 1617 Lenoxworth Place, Brooklyn, New York City. It reportedly was the organ of the Irish Republican Army and was financed with the assistance of IRI District Number 3. The distribution of this newspaper reportedly was limited to its members and its publication was discontinued in August, 1911, because of lack of funds.

The Gaelic American is presently being published at 165 Williams Street, New York City, by one Kelly, and is reported to presently be opposed to the IRI although a number of years ago it was an Irish Republican Army organ.

No other reports have been received indicating the publication of Irish newspapers or periodicals favorable to the Irish Republican Army at the present time.
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61-7606-149
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LAWRENCE M. C. SMITH
CHAIR, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference is made to your memorandum to the Bureau captioned "Clanna-Gael - Irish Republican Army in United States", dated January 8, 1943, requesting information in the files of this Bureau concerning a number of organizations and individuals. I also desire to reference my memorandum to you in answer thereto dated January 20, 1943.

For your information and assistance in this matter copies of the following reports were forwarded to the Division of Records on March 3, 1943:

Report of Special Agent dated August 29, 1939, at Butte, Montana;

Report of Special Agent dated September 22, 1939, at San Francisco, California;

Report of Special Agent dated October 4, 1939, at New York City;

Report of Special Agent dated October 16, 1939, at New York City;

Report of Special Agent dated July 16, 1940, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

Report of Special Agent dated February 15, 1941, at San Francisco, California;

Report of Special Agent dated May 28, 1941, at San Francisco, California;
Memorandum for Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith


With regard to the requests contained in my memorandum of January 20, 1943, it will be appreciated if you will furnish me as soon as possible with copies of all information in your possession concerning the organizations and individuals listed in your memorandum of January 8, 1943, together with the source of such information and the basis of your request for the material forwarded herewith. I desire also to refer you to my specific request in that memorandum concerning the basis and source of your information regarding the death of Sean Russell in 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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61-7666-150
CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Reference is made to your memorandum dated February 2, 1943, concerning Sean Russell.

With regard to your request concerning information in the files of this Bureau pertinent to the present whereabouts of Sean Russell, you are advised that no active investigation of this individual has recently been or is presently being conducted. In addition to the information already made available to you, recent allegations have been received that Sean Russell died in Lisbon, Portugal, early in 1941. A report has also been received that Sean Russell has recently been seen in Germany, allegedly attempting to organize an Irish Brigade from among British prisoners of war for action against England in furtherance of the Irish revolutionary movement.
Memorandum for the Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

In addition to the above no pertinent information has been received concerning Russell's whereabouts which has not previously been made available to you. In this connection it should be noted, however, that reports received from Indicate that...

It will be appreciated if you will furnish me with any additional information which you receive concerning Russell and with advice as to any action which you may take to enforce the surety bond referred to in your reference memorandum. Any pertinent information concerning Russell's whereabouts received by this Bureau in the future will, of course, be called to your attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CONFIDENTIAL
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

For your information and assistance I am enclos-
ing one copy of a memorandum concerning the Irish Republican
Army, marked at the top "STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL".

Consequently, this material should be kept in strictest confidence, should
not be transmitted to any other individual or agency and
should not be made the basis for any inquiry without previ-
ously advising this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E.A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
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  61-7606-152
SECRET

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated January 29, 1943, captioned "I.R.A."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Communications Section
MAILED 11
MAR 11 1943 P.M.
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

Reference is made to my communication to you
of January 11, 1943, concerning the Irish Republican
Army.

Any information which you can furnish me re-
garding this subject will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nesse
Miss Gandy
Communication #349

AMERICAN EMBASSY
London, England
February 22, 1943

VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Attention: [Redacted]

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the Sunday Dispatch of February 21, 1943 entitled "Hitler Has a Spy Gang in Dublin."

This is a very general article concerning Axis espionage, Fifth Column and propaganda activity in Dublin, Ireland; and while it contains only general information, it is being transmitted for record purposes.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Arthur M. Thurston
Inspector

Enclosure

AMT: [Redacted]
Hitler Has a Spy Gang in Dublin

T has often been said that neutral Dublin, neutral Lisbon and neutral Berne are beehives of Axis espionage, fifth column and propaganda activity.

How true, or untrue, this may be about Berne and Lisbon is more difficult to ascertain, than with Dublin.

Some weeks ago an American journalist, on his way back to the United States from London, halted in Dublin for a few days and, expecting to get a grand story on Dublin's espionage.

He arrived with the idea that Nazi and Fascist officials strutted down O'Connell-street, that every telephone line was tapped, that the city was full of glittering blondes and brunettes vampish.

Disappointed

Atter two boring days and nights in uneventful search adventure he paid a courtesy visit to his Legation in Phoenix Park, took a plane to Limerick to get his connection to the Atlantic Clipper, and made out disappointed that nothing at all had happened.

He had not realised that whatever Axis activity was carried on in Dublin would be carried on subtilely, unobtrusively, quietly.

By A Neutral

He did not realise that it all had to be done so discreetly that the ever-vigilant Dublin police would not get suspicious, for Eire's neutrality laws are very strict and are most rigidly enforced.

He did not know that the man with the drooping moustache who passed him in the street was actually a German national, that the smartly-dressed portly gentleman with greyish hair whom he saw having a drink in a hotel lounge was actually the Italian Minister.

Two Radios

The American journalist had heard a story somewhere that the German Legation had a staff of 200 people and the Italian Mission one of 180; that both were continually operating short-wave transmitters. When he went to those two small suburbs of Dublin he found out that they had, at best, house eight or ten people, he could not believe his eyes.

Despite the fact that there is, without doubt, some Axis activity going on in Dublin, the first outward sign of this.

Parachutist

On the other hand, they are equally convinced that short-wave transmitting is being done from the western mountains. The Irish are trying their hardest to curb activities from any side which might endanger their neutrality.

Yet it was possible for a German spy, who had served four years' penal servitude in Britain for espionage and was discharged just before the outbreak of the war—a man named Hermann Goertz—to land in Eire by parachute, equipped with radio set, money, weapons, and all the paraphernalia of a secret service agent.

Not only was it possible for him to land, but also to shave off his moustache, live in a cottage in the outskirts of Dublin, act the respectable citizen, mix with people, and remain at liberty for several months.

The British authorities are taking good care to examine the record of any would-be cubs to Dublin (or Belfast, for that matter) before they let them go.

The more difficult this journey is made the less chance there is for Herr Petersen to get any worthwhile information.

SUNDAY DISPATCH
London, England
February 21, 1943

61-7630/154

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DATE: 12-14-37 BY: SIG: G.R.J.

[Signature]
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EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN
OTHERWISE

March 15, 1943

SECRET

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Reference is made to our previous correspondence concerning the above organization.

It has been noted that considerable recent newspaper publicity has been devoted to a statement made by Irish Attorney General J. C. MacDermott, on March 11, 1943, to the effect that documents seized from the Irish Republican Army had disclosed a carefully laid plan for a campaign of violence on the part of the above organization to disorganize war industry, defenses, services and transport in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quin Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

Classified by [Redacted]
Reclassify on: QADR 12-21-43
Irish Plot to Halt War Effort Found

Belfast, March 11 (AP).—A plot by the outlawed Irish Republican Army to disorganize war industry, defenses, services and transport in Northern Ireland has been disclosed in documents seized from the organization, Attorney General J. C. MacDermott announced today.

MacDermott said the papers showed that it was a carefully laid plan for a campaign of violence and that "it is quite clear this is not a matter of froth and bubble."

Classified by DR3A-7514
Declassify on: 3/12/43
March 8, 1943

SAC, Chicago

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Dear Sirs:

On May 1, 1942, the Bureau received advice from the Department of State that Patrick Hughes, Vice Consul of the Irish Consulate in New York City, was born in Ireland in 1894 and assumed his duties in New York City on June 13, 1938, after having served as Acting Consul in Chicago, Illinois, for five years. The State Department also advised that Hughes last arrived in the United States aboard the S.S. Saratoga on July 13, 1938, and that his home address at that time was 33-72 156th Street, Flushing, New York. On April 21, 1942, the State Department advised that Patrick Hughes had been transferred to Chicago, Illinois, to take charge of the Irish Consulate there, which transfer was made necessary by the death of the former Consul, Daniel J. McGrath.

It is not desired that the Chicago Office conduct any active investigation of Patrick Hughes but any information secured concerning him in connection with the Irish Republican Army should be reported in captured case.

Your attention is called to the fact that information available to the Bureau uniformly indicates a bitter antagonism on the part of the Irish Republican Army adherents to representatives of the Irish Free State Government, in view of the fact that the Irish Republican Army feels that the Irish Free State Government is compromising with England has betrayed the cause of Irish freedom. However, the possibility of course exists that Patrick Hughes to an Irish Republican Army master or sympathizer and that this fact is unknown to the Irish Free State authorities.

Mr. Toland
Mr. E.A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Gibson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosenthal
Mr. Trahan
Mr. Carr
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Neale
Miss Goody

Very truly yours,

MAR 13 1943

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover
Director
March 10, 1943

SAC, New York, New York


Dear Sir:

Additional information concerning two of these cases pertinent to the Bureau's activities will be made available in the future and subsequently forwarded to you.

For your additional information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing copies of a summary of information concerning the Irish Republican Army received from (b)(5)

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E.A. Tamm (b)(5)
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Enclosure

Communications Section
Mailed 3
Mar 11 1943 P.M.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
W. S. Department of Justice

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

FBI

Received by

Mar 13, 1943

W. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

CONFIDENTIAL

March 22, 1943

Director, F.B.I.

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY; INTERNAL SECURITY - Irish

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

2 cc - San Francisco
AMERICAN EMBASSY
London, England
February 25, 1943

VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

[redacted]

It would be appreciated if this detail would be attended to promptly and the writer advised of the results in order that these gentlemen can be advised.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Inspector

[declassified date] 2/22/27

[SECRET]

[redacted]
Mr. Arthur W. Thurston  
The American Embassy  
London, England  

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY  

Dear Sir:  

[Redacted text]  

Very truly yours,  

[Signature]  

John Edgar Hoover  
Director  

Communications Section  

Mailed 7  

Mar 20 1943 P.M.  

Received Here  

[Date: 6 Apr 1943]  

[Redacted text]
Richmond Trust Building
Richmond, Virginia
February 25, 1943

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: [redacted]
ESPIONAGE - C
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 3, 1943 at Washington, D. C., Bureau File No. 65-12954, in the above captioned case, reflecting that the subject is [redacted].

Since there is no further investigation to be conducted in this territory, it is requested that the office of origin be changed to New York. If this request is granted, necessary serials will be transmitted to the New York Office, along with the Custodial Detention Card on the subject.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

H. L. Norris
SAC

[Redacted]

61 - 7606 - 162

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAP 2, 1943

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ec - New York
Washington Field

[Redacted]
Special Agent in Charge
Richmond, Virginia

To:
INTERNAL SECURITY - 0
PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS

March 16, 1943

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above entitled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: New York

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 2
* MAR 19 1943 P.M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
It is not desired that you conduct any active investigation concerning the whereabouts of Sean Russell. However, any information secured by you in connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army concerning his whereabouts should immediately be called to the Bureau's attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Boston
Detroit
Philadelphia
San Francisco
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For your information: ____________________________

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March 26, 1943

Mr. Arthur M. Thurston
The American Embassy
London, England

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR POUCH

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated February 17, 1943, concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army and the present whereabouts of Sean Russell.

A review of the Bureau files fails to indicate the present whereabouts of Sean Russell. Although efforts have been made by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to do so, they have advised the Bureau that they have been unable to verify Russell's departure from the United States. No information, however, has come to the Bureau's attention indicating that he is still here.
It is understood that proceedings have been instituted in Detroit, Michigan, to cancel a $5,000 bond given for Russell's departure from the United States in 1939. No active investigation of Russell is presently being conducted by the Bureau. If you so desire, however, affirmative efforts will be made to determine the circumstances regarding his alleged departure from the United States and his present whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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61-7606-169
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. C. SMITH
G/C, SPECIAL WAR POLICIES UNIT

RES: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Reference is made to your memorandum to this Bureau dated March 31, 1943, captioned Irish Republican Army, Clan-na-Gael, and enclosing a copy of a memorandum concerning the I.R.A. dated March 19, 1943.

This enclosed memorandum has been examined with interest and it is noted it states that it supplements a memorandum concerning the I.R.A. dated December 12, 1942, and does not duplicate that memorandum except where repetition has been necessary for transition.

It will be appreciated if you will make available to me at your earliest convenience a copy of the memorandum dated December 12, 1942, referred to in the enclosure to your reference memorandum as above noted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED 14
4/23/43
P.M.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
March 23, 1943

MR. WHICH

All information contained herein is unclassified.

RE: SEAN RUSSELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

MR. PENNINGTON'S OFFICE CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENTAL INQUIRY REGARDING SEAN RUSSELL MADE BY LAMBERT O'DONNELL OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION.

BOTH MR. PENNINGTON AND HIS SECRETARY WHO HANDLED THIS ORIGINAL TELEPHONIC REQUEST WERE NOT AVAILABLE; CONSEQUENTLY, I TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LAMBERT O'DONNELL, EXTENSION 780, ROOM 1114, CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

O'DONNELL ADVISED THAT HE WAS DESIROUS OF SECURING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ALLEGED DEPARTURE OF SEAN RUSSELL FROM THE UNITED STATES, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT AN ACTION HAD BEEN FILED IN THE U. S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, TO FORFEIT A $25,000 BAIL BOND GIVEN FOR RUSSELL'S DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES. O'DONNELL STATED THAT CONGRESSMAN JAMES P. MCCURRY WAS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER AND HAD MADE SOME INQUIRIES OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING IT.

O'DONNELL WAS ADVISED TO PUT ANY REQUEST WHICH HE DESIRED TO MAKE IN A WRITTEN MEMORANDUM PROPERLY DIRECTED TO THE ATTENTION OF THIS SECTION AND HE STATED THAT HE WOULD DO SO.

ACTION: NO FURTHER ACTION IN THIS MATTER IS NECESSARY AT THE PRESENT TIME. PENDING RECEIPT OF THE DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM ABOVE DESCRIBED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MEMORANDUM SHOULD BE FILED IN ORDER TO MAKE A MATERAL RECORD.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

61-7606-170

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

APR 3 1943

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Irish Republican Army Believed Near Outbreak

BELFAST, March 22—Officials today feared a new outbreak by the Irish Republican Army, spearheaded by several leaders who recently escaped jail, and timed to coincide with the Easter-time commemoration of the 1916 Dublin revolution.

Secret groups agitating for an end to British rule in northern Ireland were reported more active than in many years. Propaganda printed by undercover IRA presses again showed plainly that its members still feel the war has provided them opportunity for an uprising.

Among those in the recent escape was Hugh MacAteer, described as the most cunning of the IRA's present leaders. John C. McDermott, northern Ireland attorney general, warned that MacAteer and his confederates obviously studied the art of war and "should not be underestimated."

File in 61-7606

61-7606-A WASH. DAILY NEW: 3/23/43
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: SEAN RUSSELL,

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY,

UNITED STATES versus UNITED STATES

FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY

DATE OF REVIEW 7-3-40

Reference is made to your memorandum to this Bureau dated March 24, 1943, requesting to be furnished with any information in the possession of this Bureau as to whether Sean Russell actually left the United States on or before September 10, 1939, or subsequent thereto.

Most of the information in the files of the Bureau has already been made available to the Department and in this connection specific reference is made to my memorandum of March 3, 1943, marked "Strictly Confidential" and transmitted to Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith, Chief, Special War Policies Unit, which memorandum refers to a strictly confidential memorandum concerning the Irish Republican Army forwarded to the Division of Records on March 6, 1943, in a sealed envelope. I have no objections to this memorandum being made available to you in connection with your interest in the above matter and consequently I have designated a copy of this memorandum for Mr. L. M. C. Smith.

Mr. Tolson  I desire to call your attention, however, to the following factors:

In connection with these strictly confidential memoranda forwarded to the

Division of Records on March 3, 1943.

A review of the Bureau files fails to reveal any proof or any definite

information as of March 3, 1943 concerning Sean Russell's present whereabouts or whether he actually left the United States. In this connection it is understood th...
The Immigration and Naturalization Service has been unable to substantiate Russell's departure or to determine when and by what means he may have left the country, if he actually did so leave.

As you are, of course, aware, numerous rumors and unsubstantiated allegations have been received concerning Russell's alleged departure from the United States and his present whereabouts, many of which rumors allege that he is dead.

These additional rumors and unsubstantiated allegations are that Sean Russell some time ago, probably early in 1941 or before, died of an ulcerated stomach while returning from Lisbon to Ireland in a German U-boat; that Russell was seen in Germany by an Irish prisoner of war during the early part of 1941; that Russell died on August 12, 1940, of an ulcerated stomach, following four days' illness; that Russell died in France during 1940 from "green vomiting" caused by an ulcerated stomach; that Sean Russell was poisoned by the British at Lisbon.

The Bureau is in possession of no substantiation of these rumors and no additional pertinent information concerning Russell's alleged departure from the United States or his present whereabouts, other than that previously made available to the Department.

In view of the active investigation of the Irish Republican Army, it would be of considerable interest to this Bureau to know the circumstances surrounding any departure of Russell from the United States, as well as any additional information concerning him, particularly since Russell is known to have been at one time a very prominent leader of the Irish Republican Army. Consequently, it will be appreciated if you will make available to this Bureau any information which you may receive in connection with this proceeding or otherwise, either from the interested parties thereto or from other sources.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CC: Mr. Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief, Special War Policies Unit
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent dated December 19, 1942, at New York, N. Y.

DETAILS: At Detroit, Michigan:
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The records in the custody of the Clerk of Wayne County, County Building, Detroit, Michigan, indicate that the Greater Detroit Rod and Gun Club filed its articles of association as a non-profit organization on February 28, 1940. The incorporators were HARRY A. BARKS, 2624 West Grand Boulevard, WILLIAM D. GORMLEY, 127 Avalon, Highland Park, RUSSELL B. HURBAUGH, 127 Avalon, Highland Park, and DEAN R. CORB, 951 Calvert. It was indicated that the organization was financed by a membership fee of $5.00 and monthly dues of 50c. The purpose was stated to be the promotion of true sportsmanship, the conservation of national resources and the providing of facilities to improve the use of rod and gun by the members. The names of the above incorporators were checked in the indices of the Detroit Field Division with negative results.

The incorporation records of the Irish Rifle Association were obtained at the Wayne County Clerk’s Office and indicate that the organization filed its articles on May 31, 1933 as a non-profit organization under the original name of the Wolverine Gun, Rifle and Pistol Club, which name was changed on January 24, 1934, to the Irish Rifle Association. The incorporators were SPILLANE, MONTEITH, WILLIAM T. DORAN of 2352 East Grand, and JOHN O’SULLIVAN, 133 Roessler, Monroe, Michigan. The first Board of Directors was composed of M. BOURNE of 3624 Hiller, JOHN O’BRIEN of 6020 Vermont and WILLIAM O’Dwyer of 4918 Kenilworth. The purpose of the organization was stated to be recreation, fellowship and target practice and the encouragement of marksmanship. In the annual report for 1941 the address of the Association was given as 17317 San Juan Drive, which is the home address of SPILLANE. The officers of the Association for 1941 were GAYLORD HUNT of 356 South Ashland, JOSEPH F. MILLER of 1001 Bishop Road and CLAIR R. MESSANGER of 133 Waverly, Highland Park.

The names of HUNT, MILLER and MESSANGER were checked in the indices of the Detroit Field Division with negative results.
A check was made of all of the above mentioned members of the Clan na Gael in Detroit with negative results.

The indices of the Detroit Field Division were negative on all except [redacted] who were mentioned in previous non-specific complaints in the Detroit Field Division upon which no investigations had been made, and a [redacted] had been the subject of several previous non-specific complaints in the Detroit Field Division but it was not known whether this person and the [redacted] connected with the Clan na Gael were identical.
ENCLOSURES:  TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE

One copy of Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated September 29, 1939, at Detroit, Michigan.

One copy of Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated February 24, 1941, at Detroit, Michigan.

Copy of newspaper article quoted from Detroit Times, January 29, 1940.

One photograph of Subject ROBERT MONTEITH.

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61-7606-172
Date: 9/1/43

To: Assistant Chief of Staff
G-2, War Department

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forsey

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of the report
of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 5, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan,
entitled "IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY."

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence
    Navy Department

Enclosure
September 1, 1943

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the FBI report of Special Agent [redacted] in the above-captioned case, dated April 5, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan. In view of the apparent lack of Irish Republican Army activity in the Detroit area at the present time, the Bureau perceives no objection to your maintaining this case in an inactive status. However, you are directed to maintain periodic contact with [redacted] for the purpose of ensuring that the Bureau will be kept advised of any resumption of Irish Republican Army activity in the area covered by your field office.

In order that the Bureau's files may be complete and in order that all pertinent information concerning the Irish Republican Army, which is presently the subject of an active investigation, may be available, it is desired that the subject be carefully reinterviewed in detail by a qualified agent, for the purpose of developing fully and completely all information concerning the pertinent background, development and activities of the Irish Republican Army and its predecessor organisations, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Sinn Fein.

In connection with this interview, efforts should be made to determine definitely whether [redacted] Republican Army Leaders who are now in the United States...

In conclusion, it is desire to point out that this interview should be...
conducted in complete detail and that all pertinent information concerning the above-captioned organisation should be carefully developed and reported to the Bureau under the above caption without undue delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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Very truly yours,

E. L. Connolly
Special Agent in Charge
61-7606

Section 9

Details:

New Haven

For the benefit of the Field Division, the following information is directed from a review of the file: JOHN D. HEALY, alleged leader of the IIA in this country at the present time, was in 1933, National Secretary of the organization in this country. The IIA is supposed to have sent HEALY to Ireland in 1929 to discuss and to straighten out difficulties that had arisen in the organization in this country while in Ireland, HEALY supposedly established himself with the sponsors of the Irish revolutionaries and was appointed sole agent for the Irish revolutionaries in the United States.

Upon his return to this country, the IIA learned that he had engaged in other activities while in Ireland, but he was supposedly expelled from the IIA organization because of his association in the Irish revolutionaries.

After the death of JOSEPH McFADDEN of Philadelphia, former U.S. leader of the IIA in 1942, HEALY acquired much of McFADDEN's possessions, among which were numerous poems and other literature which had been written by McFADDEN. These, together with other works and writings of McFADDEN, were published by HEALY and are now on sale throughout the United States.

It was believed that HEALY had a residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that he divided his time between Philadelphia and New York City. It was reported that while in New York City HEALY spent a lot of time around the Transport Workers Union and it is said that HEALY is presently attempting to form a new Irish organization, the purpose of which will be similar to that of the IIA.

It should be noted that HEALY has many followers and sympathizers among the ranks of the IIA at the present time and who feel that he should be the leader of the IIA notwithstanding his expulsion because of his connection with the Irish revolutionaries.
TEVAH's activities, however, indicate that he has not been diligently employed in any work but that he has been concerned mainly with the Irish paramilitary and Irish activities generally.

From reference report of Special Agent [redacted] at New York City, dated December 13, 1942, it should be noted that TEVAH was indicted in the Southern District of New York on September 29, 1939, for "smuggling into the United States and distributing in interstate commerce tickets purporting to be lottery tickets, conspiracy." This report also states as follows: "Further, TEVAH is a fugitive from justice and if located would be prosecuted on this charge." In this regard a lead is being set forth for New York to check the status of this case to definitely determine if TEVAH is a fugitive as difficulty might be encountered if he is apprehended. It should be noted that this case has not been checked since July, 1942.

A letter from the Bureau dated November 20, 1942, requested that investigation be made on one CHU COLLINS who purported to reside at 8700 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The only information available to the Bureau at the date of said letter was that Professor COLLINS was

A separate investigation regarding COLLINS was instituted by the Philadelphia Field Division in connection with this Bureau letter. This investigation disclosed that COLLINS was unknown to any individuals in the vicinity of the Spring Garden Street address.

In connection with this investigation on COLLINS, a review of the file show...
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It should be noted that copies of the CCH COLLINS report were furnished to the New York Field Division on January 18, 1947, under the title CCH COLLINS. This report was dictated by [REDACTED] on the above-mentioned date at the Philadelphia Field Division.

In connection with the investigation on CCH COLLINS,
called at the Philadelphia Field Office and discussed the activities of the IRA with Assistant Special Agent in Charge, WILLIAM C. HINZ, JR. This informant stated that he had heard that KIEHL, who had been active in the IRA, was to be in Philadelphia on March 15 or 16, 1945. Special Agent HINZ advised informant that an investigation of IRA activities as well as CONELIUS KIEHL was being conducted by this office at the present time. Informant stated that no further inquiry would be made pending completion of our investigation.

A surveillance was maintained at 2010 South Frazier Street, Philadelphia, from March 15 to March 20 inclusive with negative results. The surveillance revealed that KIEHL did not come to the home. A detailed file of this surveillance is being maintained in the Philadelphia Field Division file.
On March 24, 1947, [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] of the Philadelphia Field Division that [redacted] is supposed to have sent a cable about February 24, 1947 to Sean MacBride, Rotunda House, Dublin, Ireland saying "strong influence at work, outlook very favorable, continuing effort for increased co-ordination." [redacted] interpreted this cable to mean that efforts were being made in the United States to help secure a reprieve for six Irish prisoners who were condemned to death by the Government of North Ireland and who were to be executed on September 2, 1947. This confidential informant further advised that it was his understanding
that the IMPIDE is a prominent member of a committee organized in Dublin to prevent the execution of those prisoners.

On March 23, 1943, the Bureau was requested to place the names of CON COLLINS, CON DEVINE and CORNELIUS NEILIA: on the censorship watch list.

It should be noted that further investigation will be continued and any information received from that source will be reported.

It should be noted that a separate investigation is being conducted in the Philadelphia Field District concerning Irish activities in general and will be reported subsequently.

PENDING
THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will attempt to locate and question KEWIC by making investigation at the address as follows:

Will supply the Hartford Field Division with pertinent serials in this case to the end that they will be in a position to conduct a complete investigation in the event it is ascertained that KEWIC is located within that district.

Will check the court records and ascertained if KEWIC is at present a fugitive under the indictment in the Southern District of New York and advise the Hartford Field Division. In this connection this request is being made as the records have not been checked since July of 1940 and it is contemplated that some trouble might be encountered in representing KEWIC and it is desirable that his legal status be presently and promptly ascertained.

NEW HAVEN
THE HARTFORD FIELD DIVISION

AT HARTFORD, CONN.

Will conduct an investigation in the vicinity of Room 221, 985 Main Street, in an attempt to locate KEWIC.

It is believed from reference report that KEWIC is a fugitive under indictment for a postal violation in the Southern District of New York. The New York Field Division is being requested to examine the status of this indictment and warrant and will advise the Hartford Field Division of the results of the investigation.

Will, if considered advisable, interview KEWIC and fully discuss his activities in connection with the Irish Republican Army.
THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION
AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

(673) [REDACTED]

Will report any information received from [REDACTED].
The reference to a former Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and presently employed as Special Investigator for the Office of Naval Intelligence, Philadelphia, Pa.

The reference to a former Lieutenant of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Philadelphia, and Special Investigator for O.N.I., Philadelphia.
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Irish Republican Army

No indication that the I.R.A. is active in New Orleans or that it is connected with the I.R.A.

REFERENCE:
Report of Special Agent (b7c) at New York dated 12-19-42.

DETAILS:
Reference report set out a lead to ascertain the identity and reputation of [redacted].

On Page 41 of the reference report it is mentioned that a separate investigation is being conducted in the New Orleans area.

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The substance of this investigation is that contacts were made with well informed individuals in Irish circles in New Orleans, and none of them knew of any activity on the part of the Irish Republican Army in New Orleans and not one of them was personally acquainted with . All of them were cooperative and advised that in the event any information concerning the Irish Republican Army came to their attention, that they would immediately contact the New Orleans Field Division.

Reference report mentions that:

Since it is not known to the New Orleans Field Office whether is identical with the original source of the information in the files , this point should be determined by the New York Field Office.

No information was obtained from any source which would indicate that the Irish Republican Army is active to any extent in New Orleans.

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New Orleans File #100-9842

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

(67D) AT NEW YORK CITY will re-contact and secure any additional information in his files which will enable the New Orleans Field Office to make further contacts in an effort to secure information substantial to this informant's contention that (67C) (67A)
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

[Redacted]

Enclosures

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Inspector

61-7600
March 18, 1943

To: [Blank]

RE: Irish Republican Army

Reference is made to our communication to you of January 13, 1943, concerning the above organization.

An early reply to our request for information concerning the Irish Republican Army will be appreciated.

CC: Mr. Arthur W. Thurston
    The American Embassy
    London, England

Mailed from Boston, MA

[Redacted]

March 19, 1943
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

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herein is unclassified except where specifically marked otherwise.

March 29, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: Irish Republican Army
Internal Security-Irish

Dear Sir:

This communication is being reviewed in this office and pertinent portions thereof will be set out in subsequent investigative reports.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY, MAC

[Signature]

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Director, FBI

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)
(Bureau File 61-7606)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated April 5, 1943 at Philadelphia.

In the first paragraph of the details of Agent report the New Haven Field Division was inadvertently referred to as the Hartford Field Division and on Page 9 in the undeveloped leads the same error was made. In both instances the words, "New Haven Field Division" should have been contained in the report instead of "Hartford Field Division."

Copies of this letter are being directed to all offices which received copies of this report, so that this correction may be noted.

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

RECORDED 61-76 1-18-43
EX-145 25 25th APR 1943
THOMAS ST. JOHN GAFFNEY has been a resident of Summit, New Jersey about 25 years; generally disliked by townspeople, due to his arrogant manner and former outspoken German sympathies. Prior to U.S. entry in World War #1, GAFFNEY was American Consul General in Munich, Germany, but was recalled by President Wilson because of pro-German conduct. He was associated at that time with SIR ROGER CASEMENT, English nobleman executed by English for treason. GAFFNEY consistently and bitterly anti-English and former active in IRA activities. Formerly a supporter of DeValera government, GAFFNEY now reported inactive politically due to feebleness and senility.

Report of Special Agent 12/19/42 at New York.

DETAILS: The indices of the Newark Field Division reflect the following information on THOMAS ST. JOHN GAFFNEY, 95 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, which information was furnished by

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stated that GAFFNEY formerly received quite a bit of mail and literature from the Flanders Hall Publishing House located at Scotch Plains, New Jersey. It should be noted that this publishing house was formerly the subject of an investigation and that it has subsequently been closed as an operating business by action of the Federal government.

The book which was referred to above as having been written by GAFFNEY is "BREAKING THE SILENCE, ENGLAND, IRELAND, WILSON, AND THE WAR", published
in 1931. Cursory examination of this book indicates it appears to be a rather unsophisticated effort on the part of Gaffney to justify his pro-German attitude prior to U.S. entry into World War #1, and a condemnation of former President Wilson in recalling him as Consul General. It is expressive of his hatred for the British, and his sympathies for the German cause.
UNDERTAKEN LEADS

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identities, reputation, and loyalties of the following persons:

(People's names redacted)

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Photostatic copies of clippings from New York papers pertaining to attempts at organization of the Holohan Steamship Line, 11 Broadway, New York City.
UNDEVELOPED LEADS

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

at Roxbury, Massachusetts

Will ascertain the activities of the IR, which is said to have its headquarters at the Siberian Building on Dudley Street.

Will review files for pertinent information concerning present activities and subversive tendencies of the IR in the Boston district.

Will ascertain whether or not the individuals named in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 19, 1942 at New York, New York, are active in this connection. In doing so, will bear in mind the fact that the IR Veterans are reported to be a strong organization in Boston, which is confused regularly with the IR.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

at Chicago, Illinois

Will review files and conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities and subversive tendencies, if any, of the IR in the Chicago area. In this connection the Chicago Field Office should note information set out in instant report concerning the Irish American Alliance.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

at Detroit, Michigan

CONFIDENTIAL
Will furnish any information contained in the files regarding pertinent activities and subversive tendencies of the IRA.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Will review the files for information concerning the IRA, its present pertinent activities and subversive tendencies in the Philadelphia area.

Will ascertain whether or not CORNELIUS HERNAN, with aliases, residing at 2010 South Frezer Street, it is to be noted that HERNAN was also listed as residing at 5764 Riverford Avenue but the former address is believed to be more recent.

Will also ascertain the present activities of HERNAN who is reported to have been an organizer in the IRA in 1930, a fugitive from justice on an indictment issued in the Southern District of New York on December 29, 1938 charging, "smuggling into the United States and distributing for interstate commerce tickets purporting to be lottery tickets; Conspiracy". He is said to be presently attempting to organize a new IRA group due to the fact that he is an outcast from the official IRA organization. Additional information on HERNAN'S activities is set out in instant report. In this connection, will refer to a similar lead set out for the Philadelphia Office in the report of Special Agent dated July 15, 1942 at New York, New York in which it was requested that HERNAN be thoroughly interviewed regarding the activities of the Irish Republican Army, after which he should be turned over to the United States Marshal for appropriate action in connection with the indictment pending against him in the Southern District of New York.
PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:

Will review files and conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities and subversive tendencies of the N.R. in the Pittsburgh area. It will be noted that W is said to be an active organizer. His identity and reputation should be ascertained.

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D.C.

will ascertain if

will also ascertain his duties as such and where he is located at the present time, if it is found that he is employed by them.

If it is ascertained that he is not presently employed by

his activities should be investigated in the light of information furnished in this report.
NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
At New York, New York

In addition, will continue to develop background on individuals who have been reported in connection with this case to be dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

Will make further efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts and activities of [redacted] who was last heard of in connection with [redacted] in New York City.

Will report any further information obtained relative to the whereabouts and activities of [redacted].


Will recontact [redacted] and secure any additional information in his files which will enable the New Orleans Field Office to make further contacts in an effort to secure further information substantiating this informant's contention that...

Will, in compliance with Bureau letter to New York dated January 9, 1943, obtain further information relative to the background and activities of [redacted], 1494 Lexington Avenue, New York City.
will review New York file #65-3644 which file relates to
...It should be noted that a request for investigation on a
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Brothers Push Plans For Irish Ship Line

By GUY RICHARDS.

The Brothers Holohan, God bless their souls, were head over heels yesterday in the difficulties of trying to start the first Irish steamship line that ever steamed past Ambrose Lightship, flying the flag of Erin.

Of money, they had plenty. Of office space, they had a whole wing on the third floor of 11 Broadway, with freshly painted signs reading "Holohan Steamship Lines." And there was no sign of a shortage down there of volunteer seamen, mates, skippers, cooks, stewards, chandlers, marine suppliers and brokers ready to help them man or furnish the six freighters and one liner they hope to put to sea.

Sinister Force Here?

What then, could be the trouble? Could it be that on every move they made, all open and above-board, to get under way there was another move made by the British, to drive them off to head them off?

Rather than answer that direct innimation about the British, Brother Hugh Holohan, a gentleman to the very depths of his fine blue eyes, offered your correspondent a cigarette.

"It's a fine day," he said. "I would rather not talk about our undertaking, yet."

Likewise, Brother Patrick, recently arrived from Eire, was unavailable for comment. All day seamen and brokers and applicants were waiting for him. But he was busy elsewhere with officials of governments.

British Get the Ships!

From other sources it was learned that the Holohan brothers are all set to go, if it weren't for some ship trouble they're having. That is, they locate ships. They get ready to buy. They cable home about it. And lo and behold, the British, through whose censorship the cables pass, wind up with the ships themselves. You see, the British are looking for ships, too. Quite a coincidence.

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Brothers Rush Plan For Irish Ship Line

(Continued from page 2)

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Plenty of Capital.
The project calls for weekly and semi-weekly sailings from New York to an Irish west coast port as yet unsolicited. All crews and registry will be strictly Irish. Abundant capital, it is reported, has been furnished by both Irish and American sources.

Said Brother Hugh yesterday, flanked by applicants for jobs in the new office:

"Eire is being blockaded as ruthlessly as if she were a hostile power. The Irish Minister of Commerce has predicted a shortage of bread within six months, and if his prediction is fulfilled, it will mean privation for many thousands of Irish women and children. We nation on a modest attempt to avert this situation."

The port's last recorded attempt to launch an Irish shipping line was in 1923. That year, Arthur McCarthy, well-known shipping broker, inaugurated the Irish-American Line, with the purchase of the 18,000-ton liner New York. The house-flag carried the shamrock for an emblem; visits to the ship were colorfully advertised in that year's St. Patrick's Day Parade; and hundreds of Irish-Americans booked passage for the first sailing.

But financial troubles prevented the ship from leaving the harbor.
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Aiken Seeks U. S. Wheat
To Avert Crisis in Eire
Irish Minister, on Way Here,
Will Ask Weapons, Too
DUBLIN, March 18 (Tuesday)
(UP).—Prime Minister Eamon de
Valera revealed today that Frank
Aiken, Irish Minister for Co-ordina-
tion of Defense, who is en route to
the United States, would try to buy
tens of thousands of tons of wheat
for Eire, as well as weapons to de-
fend the country's neutrality. In a
St. Patrick's Day broadcast to Amer-
ica, De Valera said the mission was
designed to avert a complete break-
down of bread supplies.
"Our first great difficulty is that of
obtaining sufficient wheat supplies
for the country, failure of which
would mean that poor people and
particularly children would have
go without bread," he said. "We
are in grave danger of being cut
completely from bread supplies."
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Section 10
Washington, D.C.
American Embassy
London, England
April 3, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

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

Dear Sir:

MR: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Internal Security - G

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1943, concerning Sean Russell and the Irish Republican Army.

In line to the above letter dated April 1, 1943, Communications #529 and #530, which contain the data you requested.

I'd further note that specific information regarding Russell's departure from the United States in 1939 is not available.

In view of the mystery which surrounds this person from the time he was released from jail in Detroit in 1942 at the time of the crossing into the United States of the Royal
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Party from Canada and due to the symbolic importance of Russell as the leader of the I.R.A., it is suggested that every possible investigative effort be made to clarify Russell's movements from that time.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché
no longer in the United States and in view
tion to the contrary.

been ascertained that Irish Republican Army leader. Members in
States are convinced that Sean Russell is either dead or in a Europe.
will recall, innumerable allegations have been received concerning Russell's
departure from the United States and his present whereabouts, none of which
it has been possible to verify.

In connection with the activities and whereabouts of Sean Russell,
numerous inquiries have been made pursuant to the active investigation presently
being conducted by the Bureau of the Irish Republican Army. These inquiries
have failed to indicate the exact method and time of Russell's departure from
the United States.

As you will recall, Russell was released under $5,000.00 bond at
Detroit, Michigan, in 1939, after having been apprehended by the Immigration
and Naturalization Service. This bond is still in effect and at the present
time a proceeding is pending for the forfeiture thereof. The Bureau has been
advised by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that in connection with
this bond they have made considerable investigation in an effort to determine
when and how Sean Russell left the United States, if he actually did leave,
and that this investigation has been fruitless.

For your confidential information, the Bureau has been advised that a
The information available to the
Bureau indicates that with the exception of McCarrity, perhaps few, if any,
persons actually know of the circumstances surrounding Russell's alleged
departure from the United States.

the Congressman contacted officials of the
Department of Justice and alleged that Sean Russell definitely left the United
States some time ago. Upon questioning by Department of Justice officials,
however, the only substantiation for this allegation which the Congressman could
furnish was the assertion that certain issues of Time magazine contained details
concerning Russell's departure, and that he departed on the last trip from the

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Mr. A. K. Thurston

United States of the Italian ship the SS Conte di Savoia. The issues of Time magazine mentioned have been reviewed with negative results, and although certain investigation has been conducted in an effort to determine if possible whether Russell departed on the last trip of the SS Conte di Savoia, it has been impossible to procure any definite information that he did so leave.

Advice has been received from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice that the pending action to forfeit the $5,000.00 bond given for Russell’s release has been postponed, and that the Criminal Division, prior to taking any additional action thereon, is attempting to determine whether Russell actually left the United States and if so the circumstances surrounding his departure.

In view of your suggestion that every possible investigative effort be made to clarify Russell’s movements subsequent to his release from custody in Detroit, Michigan, in 1939, an additional investigation will be conducted in an effort to definitely establish the facts surrounding his departure from the United States. There is a distinct possibility, however, that such inquiries will fail to develop the desired information. In view of Russell’s activities it appears probable that he made every effort to leave the United States as surreptitiously as possible and that he made the details of his departure known to as few people as possible. Every effort will be made, however, to definitely determine exactly when and how he departed from the United States.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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61-7606-187
April 19, 1943

SAC, New York

Dear Sir:

For your information and assistance in connection with the above investigation, I am enclosing two copies each of memoranda dated March 24 and April 5, 1943, received by the Bureau from the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice concerning Sean Russell.

As you will note the memorandum of April 5, 1943, contains information that Congressman McGannery of Pennsylvania stated that his information with regard to the alleged departure of Sean Russell was derived from articles appearing in Time magazine in June and July of 1940, and from newspaper articles, and that from the same sources he formed his belief that Russell left on the last sailing of the SS Conti di Savoia (Conte di Savoia).

All copies of Time magazine for the months of June and July, 1940, have been examined at the Bureau and do not contain any pertinent information concerning Russell's alleged departure.

It is desired that you immediately check the manifest list for the last sailing of the SS Conti di Savoia (Conte di Savoia) for Europe for the purpose of determining whether or not Sean Russell's name appears thereon. Any names similar to the name of Sean Russell should also be noted. It is desired that this matter be given the most expeditious attention and I will expect to receive a communication incorporating the results of this inquiry not later than fifteen days after the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: Philadelphia
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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To:       Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
         Assistant Secretary of State
         Department of State
         Washington, D.C.

From:    J. Edgar Hoover — Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

As of possible interest to you the following information has recently been received from a confidential source:

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
WASHINGTON, D.C.
American Embassy
London, England
April 10, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Attention: Liaison Section

Communication #581

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

Dear Sir:

RE: STEPHEN HAYES,
SEAN McCAGHEY @ SEAN DUNLOP,
ROGER McBride,
MAIRE COMERFORD,
LAWRENCE DE LACEY,
EDWARD DE LACEY @ FRED WILLIAMS,
DR. JAMES RYAN,
THOMAS DERRIG,
SENATOR CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BYRNE;
I.R.A. ACTIVITIES.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

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SAC, New York

RE: IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - G and X

Dear Sir:

For your information and assistance in connection with the above investigation.

It is desired that this material be carefully reviewed and the pertinent portions thereof incorporated in a subsequent pending investigative report without, of course, revealing the source of the information in the body of the report.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Enclosure

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MAY 19 1943
Mr. A. E. Thornton  
Legal Attaché  
The American Embassy  
London, England

RE: THESE REPUBLICAN ARMY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated April 10, 1943, entitled "Thomas Foye, et al., L.B.P. activities.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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SIC, New York

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY, I and G

April 24, 1943

Dear Sir:

For your information and assistance with regard to the Irish Republican Army and related Irish activities, I am enclosing copies of a memorandum dated March 19, 1943, captioned "Cronin-Keary, Irish Republican Army in the United States," and received by the Bureau from the Special War Policies Unit of the Department of Justice.

For the information of those officials not previously having received communications in this case, an active investigation of the Irish Republican Army is presently being conducted in which the New York Office is the center of origin. Pertinent portions of the enclosed memorandum should be incorporated by the New York office in a subsequent investigative report in the above-captioned case.

It is noted that the enclosed memorandum contains information concerning various organizations and individuals other than the Irish Republican Army, and it is desired that this information be carefully correlated with any other pending investigation and also, if advisable, made the basis of any new investigation which may appear to be necessary.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEBT. 26 1943

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  

Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston  
Legal Attaché

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61-7606-194
Dear Sirs:

For your further information and assistance in connection with the above case, I am enclosing photostatic copies of certain documents received by the Bureau from Inspector A. E. Thurston.

It is desired that these documents be carefully reviewed and the pertinent portions thereof incorporated in a subsequent pending report.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
May 13, 1943

Mr. A. K. Thurston
Legal Attache
The American Embassy
London, England

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY – X and G

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above-captioned case, dated April 10, 1943.

Pursuant to the request contained in your reference letter, I am enclosing a photostatic copy of these documents.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[Handwritten note: Declassified on OADS 1/22/67]
May 4, 1943

Dear Sirs:

Furbish portions of this material should, of course, be incorporated in a subsequent investigative report in the above case.

Very truly yours,

[Signatures]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Redacted]

U.S. Department

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

[Handwritten date and signature]

[Redacted]
May 5, 1943

SAC, New York

EY: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous communications to your office concerning the Irish Republican Army and the activities of Sean Russell, its former Chief of Staff.

As you will recall, Sean Russell was apprehended by Immigration and Naturalisation Service authorities in Detroit, Michigan, in 1939, at the time of the visit of the King and Queen of England to Windsor, Ontario, adjacent to Detroit, and was subsequently released under $5,000.00 bond. Although numerous allegations have been received concerning Russell's subsequent departure from the United States and his present whereabouts, including various rumors as to his death, no definite information has been received concerning the time and place of his departure from the United States.

It has now become imperative to determine, if possible, exactly how and when Sean Russell departed from the United States. Consequently, it is desired that intensive efforts be made by you to determine this information. Considerable material which may suggest a number of investigative leads is already in the possession of your office. In conducting this investigation, you are directed to utilize the services of all appropriate confidential informants of your office,

It is my desire that this matter receive the most expeditious and careful attention and I will expect to receive a report herein not later than thirty days after the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 6, 1943

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.  
Transmit the following message to:  
SAC, NEW YORK

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6:15 P.M. For
Communication #529

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

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston

Legal Attache

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Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Tai
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. McGuire
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Piper
Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Miss Conklin

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Assistant Chief of Staff  
G-2, War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Strong:

(b)

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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Mr. Irwin

With regard to your request for the results of the Bureau's investigation of the I.R.A., a memorandum is presently being prepared and copies thereof will be transmitted to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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61-7606-199
Communication #688

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

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

RE: HUGH McATEER,
I. R. A. ACTIVITIES,
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

For your general information, there are being transmitted herewith clippings from the London press of April 25 and April 26, 1943 concerning a public appearance made at a Belfast, Ireland theater on Saturday night, April 24, 1943, by Hugh McAteer, I.R.A. chief of staff, and the subsequent seizure of firearms by the Belfast police in their search for McAteer and his followers.

Very truly yours,

G.M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosures
IRA CHIEF SPEAKS
AT GUN POINT
TO 600 IN CINEMA

While six hundred people were watching a film at the Broadway Picture House, Belfast, last night a notice flashed on the screen said that the I.R.A. had seized the cinema.

In one of the most sensational episodes in the troubled history of the Falls road district of the city, seven men entered the operating box and forced the operator, James Duffy, to exhibit a slide they had brought with them.

"It said that the I.R.A. intended to hold a service in memory of those killed during the Easter Week rising in 1916. Then the lights went up and an even greater surprise awaited the audience.

While guards at the exits prevented people from leaving, on to the stage calmly walked Hugh McAteer, I.R.A. Chief of Staff, and escaped with a price of £3,000 on his head.

And he made a speech while I.R.A. gunmen stood round the hall, their revolvers trained on the audience. "Sit still and listen," they said. No one moved.

McAteer began to speak. He said: "Partition is responsible for the presence on Irish soil of a large number of American troops."

WE WARN U.S.A.

"All shades of Nationalist opinion have joined in protest against this invasion of our rights. We warn the Government of the United States of America that the resumption of hostilities between the Irish Republic and Great Britain will almost inevitably mean that American troops will also be involved, and that America, the champion of Democracy and the co-sponsor of the Atlantic Charter, will find herself engaged in waging a war of imperial aggression and conquest against the Irish people."

5 MINUTE SILENCE

He then called for a minute's silence and afterwards, at the command, "Dismiss," the I.R.A. men left the cinema.

McAteer was driven away by car from the back stage door.

Police were called, and at once threw a two-miles-wide cordon round the cinema. Then began one of the most extensive searches ever carried out in the Falls road area in their history.

SUNDAY DISPATCH
London, England
April 25, 1943
ENCLOSURE
Cinema Gunmen’s Arms Found by Police in Belfast Sunday Raid

From Our Own Correspondent

Belfast, Sunday.

Belfast police, their Easter leave cancelled, were searching the district today for Hugh McAteer, I.R.A. chief of staff, following his daring public appearance in a Belfast cinema on Saturday night, when gunmen commandeered the building and McAteer delivered a speech.

The police have seized two large arms dumps, one containing weapons believed to have been used in the cinema episode.

A programme of Holy Week films at the Broadway Cinema, in the Nationalist area of Belfast, was about to end on Saturday when a slide was flashed on the screen.

This stated that Hugh McAteer, chief of staff of the I.R.A., and James Steele, his commandant-general (who, with two others, escaped from Belfast Gaol in January, and for whose capture there is a reward of £3,000), would speak.

I.R.A. men stood in gangways, exits were watched, and the girl in the pay-box was under guard.

When the lights went up McAteer and Steele appeared on the stage. Steele read a proclamation protesting against the partition of Ireland.

Arms Haul

Armoured cars, which were patrolling the streets a few hundred yards from the cinema at the time, were again on ceaseless patrol today.

Scores of houses were searched, and tramcars stopped and passengers questioned. Early today police surrounded a house in the Lisburn Road district and arrested two men caught escaping from the back. They were said to have I.R.A. documents in their possession.

The biggest haul was made in the Falls Road area, where 13 loaded revolvers, a loaded Tommy-gun, 21 Mills grenades, two homemade bombs and 800 rounds of ammunition were found in a house.

Plans Upset

Arrests made since Friday night now total nearly 60.

The first round-up of suspects in which 40 arrests were made, was designed to stop any attempt to celebrate the Easter rebellion, commemoration of which is illegal in Northern Ireland.

"The cinema affair was a spot piece of work," commented a high police official, "but there were other plans which we succeeded in upsetting."

News Chronicle

London, England
April 26, 1943
EXPLOSIVES SEIZED IN ARMOURED CAR RAIDS

Swoops On IRA Dumps Foil Plot

"Daily Herald" Correspondent

BELFAST, Sunday.

TONIGHT Belfast police believe they have foiled an I.R.A. plot to stir up trouble in Ulster during Easter.

Travelling in armoured and cage cars, fully armed officers have been swooping for the past four days on arms dumps in various parts of Belfast and the surrounding district.

This afternoon they announced that they had seized two "important" dumps hidden in private houses here.

They consisted of Thompson machine-guns, revolvers, automatic pistols, Mills grenades, home-made canister bombs, rifles, rifle parts, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

In one, raided this afternoon, there were also materials for making explosives.

A number of persons have been detained in connection with the discovery of these dumps," said a police statement to-night.

60 DETAINED

Sixty other people were detained in earlier raids.

The I.R.A. has planted arms dumps here and in other parts of Northern Ireland ready for use when the signal is given by Hugh McTeer, its chief of staff.

Equipped with rifles, sub-guns and revolvers, Belfast police officers have been out to-day hunting McTeer.

He made his first appearance since escaping from Belfast Jail in January, when he and 20 of his men seized the Broadway Cinema at Falls-road to hold an Easter Rebellion commemoration on Saturday night.

He got away after the ceremony, and to-night the police have extended their search for him in many parts of the province.

LONDON DAILY HERALD
April 26, 1943
Belfast arms dump seized

BELFAST police in armoured cars, swooped yesterday on houses, shops, and farms in a hunt for 25-year-old IRA Chief of Staff Hugh McAteer.

With 40 armed men, McAteer seized a cinema in the Falls-road area—a Nationalist stronghold—on Saturday night, and there he addressed the audience:

The police found no trace of him yesterday, but in a house they found an arms dump, including a Thompson machine gun. A number of young men were detained.

McAteer, with his commandant, 34-year-old plasterer James Steele, and two other men, escaped from Belfast Jail in January. When he seized the cinema, armed men entered the operating box and made the operator flash on the screen a slide saying that McAteer would speak.

Those of the audience of about 1,000 who were told to remain in their seats were shown to seats by girl attendants each with an armed man beside her.

McAteer spoke for five minutes. Then, after asking the audience to stand in memory of the Easter rebellion of 1916, he vanished.

DAILY EXPRESS
London, England
April 26, 1943

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ENVELOPE
Seize Weapons In Hunt For Outlawed IRA Chief

BELFAST, Apr. 25—The Royal Ulster Constabulary seized a cache of arms and ammunition as they continued the house-to-house search here for Hugh McAteer, chief of staff of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Two Thompson sub-machine-guns, two rifles, 13 revolvers, three automatic pistols and a quantity of explosives were found in two houses in the Falls Road area, notoriously Nationalist and out of bounds to American and British troops.

Members of the IRA seized a theater last night and held the audience at gunpoint while McAteer read a proclamation warning the United States against the continued presence of American troops in Northern Ireland. The gesture was made on the eve of the anniversary of the Easter uprising of 1916.

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DATE 12/11/73 0900

STARS AND STRIPES
London, England
April 26, 1943

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Field Division to the Bureau dated April 5, 1943, with which were transmitted the reports of

Transmitted herewith are additional reports of

and were not included in the previous letter due to the fact that they were not at that time in possession of the New York Field Division.

As before, copies of these reports are being maintained in the New York Field Division for perusal and pertinent portions therefrom are being incorporated in the above captioned investigation.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

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61-7606-201
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: I.R.A. ACTIVITIES, INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

There is being attached hereto for your general information a clipping from the London Daily Herald of April 27, 1943 entitled "I.R.A. MEN CAPTURED."

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché
I.R.A. MEN CAPTURED

Belfast police have captured two important members of the I.R.A. One is described as Adjutant-General in 1941. The other escaped from Londonderry jail last week.
Communication #633

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

Dear Sir:

RE: I.R.A. ACTIVITIES

As of possible interest to you, there is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the London Daily Express of April 19, 1943, entitled "BOMBED BY I.R.A."

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosure

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Bombed by I.R.A.

An I.R.A. oil bomb is believed to have caused an explosion that wrecked a British Customs post at Malenan on the Eire border.

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DATE 12/3/45 BY 528

DAILY EXPRESS
April 19, 1945

ENCLOSURE
Assistant Chief of Staff
O-2
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. R. Fornay

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communication to you concerning the Irish Republican Army.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Communications Section
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Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communications to you concerning the Irish Republican Army.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAY 17, 1943
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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Director, FBI

May 10, 1943

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY;
INTERNAL SECURITY X, G.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 5, 1943 in which investigation is requested relative to the departure of SEAN RUSSELL from the United States.

Investigation conducted by the New York Field Division in this matter was set out in a letter to the Director under date of May 4, 1943 and entitled: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY; INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH, (Bureau file 61-7606).

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge.
May 4, 1943.

Director, FBI

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY;
INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH.
(Bureau file 61-7606)

In reference to Bureau letter dated April 19, 1943, in the
above captioned, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
of the New York Field Division.
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A check was made of the Ellis Island records which reflected that the Conte di Savoia left New York destined for Genoa, Italy, on March 30th, April 27th, and May 25, 1940. The May 25th voyage was the last voyage made by the Conte di Savoia from the Port of New York.

A check of the Passenger Manifest, Volume #3105, which contained the passenger list for the voyage of March 30th, failed to reveal the name of SEAN RUSSELL, or any other name similar thereto. The personal background of passengers listed therein was not similar to that of SEAN RUSSELL.

Crew Manifest, Volume 13994, containing the crew list of the March 30th voyage, reflected that no additional seamen were signed on at the Port of New York.

Passenger Manifest, Volume 3112, which contained the passenger list for the April 27th voyage was checked, and failed to reflect the name of SEAN RUSSELL, or any other name similar thereto.

A check was also made of the Crew Manifest, Volume 13911, which contained the crew list for the voyage of April 27th, and reflected that three seamen were signed on at the Port of New York, but the names and background of these three seamen were not similar to that of RUSSELL.

A check was made of the Passenger Manifest, Volume 3117, which contained the passenger list for the voyage of May 25, 1940, which reflected that the name of SEAN RUSSELL was not included, or any other name similar thereto.

A check was made of the Crew Manifest, Volume 13927, containing the crew list for the voyage of May 25th, and reflected that one Italian seaman had been signed on in the Port of New York.

In addition to the above check, a check was made of the crew list changes on freighters and passenger ships of various nationalities which left the Port of New York destined for the ports of Genoa, Lisbon or Gibraltar during the months of April and May, 1940, regarding SEAN RUSSELL with negative results. It should be noted, however, that this check did not cover a ship which coming to the United States, would touch first at a port other than New
May 4, 1943.

York, subsequently going to New York, and departing from there for Europe, inasmuch as the law would require that the crew changes be listed at the first port of call.

The Ellis Island file 99684/633 reflected previously known information to the effect that RUSSELL arrived in the United States on April 15, 1939 aboard the SS WASHINGTON, and that he was destined to see his aunt, [redacted]. There also appeared a communication under date of July 16, 1941, to the effect that RUSSELL was coming to the United States as a stableman aboard a ship bearing Irish race horses. No further information relative to this communication appeared in the file.

A perusal was made of the material pertaining to SEAN RUSSELL which is contained in the morgue of the New York Sun. This material confirmed already known information relative to RUSSELL'S background and activities, but failed to provide anything pertinent to RUSSELL'S departure.

Various articles written in the New York papers in the fall of 1939, referred to the fact that RUSSELL'S whereabouts at that time was unknown.

An article appearing in the New York Times under date of August 13, 1939, reflected that RUSSELL was interviewed by members of the press in Chicago on August 12th, which would indicate that he was still in this country at that time.

A check was made of the indices of Time Magazine, which listed articles concerning RUSSELL in the following issues: August 7, 1939; June 10, 1940; and February 10, 1941.
May 4, 1943.

A perusal was made of these issues which reflected that Time had reported various information relative to Russell's political activities, but which failed to reflect any specific data pertinent to Russell's departure. Various rumors concerning his whereabouts were reported, but none of them confirmed.

A perusal was made of Volume I, No. 2 issue of "Booktab", which was published in July of 1942, and which is entitled, "Is Ireland Next?". The perusal yielded no information in addition to that already furnished on pages three and four of the Immigration and Naturalization Service memorandum of February 2, 1943.
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May 4, 1943

LETTER TO DIRECTOR:
RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY,

The above information represents a summary of information obtained relative to SEAN RUSSELL by the New York Field Division. Detailed notes pertaining to the various sailings listed in this letter, and also notes pertaining to the perusals of various periodicals as above mentioned, are being maintained in the files of the New York Field Division.

Very truly yours,

C. E. CONROY
E. E. CONROY, Special Agent in Charge.
May 10, 1943

SAC, New York

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated May 4, 1943, incorporating the results of an interview conducted by Special Agent with

From the information contained in your reference letter it is obvious that "Con" Neenan's present whereabouts are known to your office. Your attention is directed to the fact that the files of your office and particularly prior communications concerning the Irish Republican Army, reflect that Cornelius "Con" Neenan on December 29, 1938, was indicted in the Southern District of New York for smuggling into the United States and distributing in interstate commerce lottery tickets for the Irish Sweepstakes. It appears that your files also reflect that Neenan was indicted on this charge as a result of certain investigation conducted by the Post Office Department and apparently is presently a fugitive from justice. Obviously, this information concerning Neenan's present whereabouts must be furnished by you to the appropriate Post Office officials in New York City without delay.

In view of the fact that your reference letter does not contain definite information concerning Neenan's exact whereabouts, no effort is being made to notify the Post Office Department at the Seat of Government. At the time the Post Office officials are notified of Neenan's whereabouts, you are directed to specifically request that the Bureau, under no circumstances, be revealed as the source of their information concerning Neenan's whereabouts or any indication given that the Bureau was instrumental in his location and possible apprehension.

It is desired that you advise the Bureau without undue delay of Neenan's exact whereabouts and of the action taken by you in this matter. In view of the indications that

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Honorable Adolf A. Berle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Berle:

Reference is made to my previous communications to you concerning the Irish Republican Army.

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York
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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 10, 1943 (Bureau file number 61-7606).

Contact was made with Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD J. BURKE, who advised that NEENAN, had with his attorney, CHARLES T. RICE, appeared before him. BURKE stated that NEENAN was arraigned and pled "not guilty" to the charges against him contained in the indictment. BURKE advised that NEENAN was paroled to the custody of his attorney and that he is no longer a fugitive from justice. He further advised that the indictment against NEENAN would be "nol-prossed" for lack of evidence.

Information contained in a teletype from the Philadelphia Field Division on May 1, 1943 reflected that NEENAN was coming to Philadelphia the following week for a conference with the Post Office Department at the request of that department.

In view of the above information, no contact was made with the Post Office Department by the New York Field Division.

The full results of the investigation are incorporated in the report of Special Agent in Charge in the case entitled, IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY; INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH. Dictation on this report was just been completed and the report should reach the Bureau in the near future.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge

CC: PHILADELPHIA
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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In October, 1940, JOHN J. REILLY published a pamphlet entitled "Petition in Ireland". This pamphlet merely outlines the preliminary fight for the freedom of Ireland and lays before interested parties a succinct history of the preliminary battle for the freedom of Ireland. This book does not in any way appear to be subversive but may be considered as propaganda on behalf of the present Irish Government. There is no question that JOHN J. REILLY has represented DeVALERA and his government in the United States on various occasions. However, there is no proof that he is not interested in the Irish Republican Army. Although all indications are to the effect that JOHN J. REILLY is a DeVALERA man and is in favor of the peaceful settlement of the Irish question, there are some individuals who believe that REILLY may have turned against DeVALERA and is now in favor of a forceful settlement of this issue.

The following is an excerpt of an article appearing in the AMERICAN FREE PRESS, dated March 15, 1940:

"JOHN REILLY, of Philadelphia, is President of the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC, which claims 20,000 members in the United States, formerly pro-DeVALERA, now opposed to him. The organization is pro-I. R. A., opposed to England's stand in the war and position regarding Ireland."

TYRONE MEN'S SOCIETY

The TYRONE MEN'S SOCIETY is alleged to be a beneficial, social, and patriotic organization. This group is a member of the Federation and holds its meetings at the IRISH AMERICAN CLUB, 1428 North Broad Street, Philadelphia. It is to be pointed out that in the April 17, 1943 issue of the IRISH WORLD, an announcement appears that this club was planning a ball Easter Monday night in honor of the Irish patriots who died at the time of the Easter Rebellion. The announcement further states that JOSEPH McCARRITY was a native of Tyrone, but there is no mention of whether or not McCARRITY was a member of this organization.
THE IRISH AMERICAN CLUB

THE IRISH AMERICAN CLUB, with headquarters at 1423 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, is alleged to be the headquarters of the so-called I.R.A. The IRISH AMERICAN CLUB is composed of eleven Irish clubs or societies, namely:

The Dnain Dhu Club
The Vinegar Hill Club
The John O'Mahoney Club
The William Orr Club
The Napper Tandy Club
The Major John McBride Club
The Thomas Davis Club
The Cornwall Club
The Stars Literary Club
The Terrence McNally Club
The St. Endas Literary Club.

It is to be noted that some of these clubs take the names of individuals, which is similar to the practice of the I.R.A. to name their various camps after Irish patriots. There is no proof at the present time that the I.R.A. holds any meetings at this locality.

In 1940, MICHAEL McGIVN, Philadelphia, was the President of said organization.

A review of the indices revealed that...
The present officers of the IRISH AMERICAN CLUB are: WILLIAM PARKHILL, 2401 North 20th Street, President; ANTHONY, DILLON, 5426 Catherine Street, Manager; THOMAS McGUIRE, 1423 North Broad Street, Treasurer; JOHN McCARTHY, John Mccarney. The Steward and Bartender of the organization is DANIEL J. JERRY.

CLAN NA GAEIL

THE I. R. A. VETERANS

This group is composed of individuals who were members of the Irish Republican Army during the republic of 1921.
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For the information of the individuals concerned, it is pointed out that JOSEPH McGARRITY had been and was at the time of his death very active in Irish affairs, both in the United States and in Ireland. McGARRITY was a very close personal friend of EAMON DEVALERA, and in 1919 gave assistance to DeValera who had fled Ireland. In 1921, Mcgarrity was involved in the shipment of 600 machine guns to New York. These guns were seized in Hoboken, New Jersey, aboard the S. S. Eastude by Custom officials in June, 1921. The case was never tried in the New Jersey District and on June 17, 1925 a libel against the ship was dismissed and the restoration of the seized guns authorized by the Court. 479 of these guns were immediately returned to the rightful owner, FRANK WILLIAMS, through his representative, JOSEPH McGARRITY, then residing at 8 East 41st Street, New York City. The other guns were later accounted for. As late as October 13, 1934, McGARRITY declined to furnish any further information relative to the guns in question.

McGARRITY became opposed to DeValera and his policies and continued to follow a program of violence. On December 30, 1938, McGARRITY was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in New York City for the illegal use of the mails in furtherance of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. At that time, McGARRITY was living in Philadelphia. At the time of the removal hearing the Postal Inspector was unable to identify him and McGARRITY was never brought to trial.

On August 5, 1940, JOSEPH McGARRITY died at his home, 4909 Wynnewood Avenue, Philadelphia. Surviving are his wife, daughters, and one brother. One son also survived. Mcgarrity's estate consisted of some household furnishings and papers that were bequeathed to the CLAN NA GAEL with the suggestion that Dr. Patrick McCartan, of Dublin, Ireland, be a member of the Club Committee to hold the papers.

The following are the assets filed in the inventory of the estate on January 21, 1941:

Cash - on deposit at the Real Estate Trust Company - $2,141.34
Deposit - North Philadelphia Savings and Loan Association
with interest to August 5, 1940 - $20,068.05
Amount due decedent as trustee under will of FRANK J.
COUILL - $648.02
Amount due decedent from Reverend PETER J. Mcgarrity
- $10,273.50

Total - $33,256.61.
Philadelphia File 61-65

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

This will verify the letter from the Philadelphia Field Office to the Washington Field Office, dated April 19, 1943.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will continue the investigation of the Irish Activities stressing, in particular, the IRISH AMERICAN CLUB, the CLAN NA GAEL, and the I. R. A. VETERANS, with a view to determining whether or not said organizations are in any way subversive.
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Originated at NEW YORK File No. 100-1336 MFA

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BOSTON, MASS. 5-13-1943 2-20-24, 22, 23, 25, 29/1943

Title
INSE REPUBLICAN ARMY 44969

Character of Case
INTERNAL SECURITY-I

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DEFERRED RECORDING

REFERENCES:
Report of Special Agent dated December 19, 1942; report of Special Agent dated April 16, 1943 at New York.

DETAILS:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREBY IS UNCLASSIFIED
report never substantiated. Letter of January 6, 1942 reported that three I.R.A. members were active in Springfield, Mass., collecting money to buy high explosives to lick England, Scotland, and parts of Ireland. Meeting held Easter Week, 1941, by Clan-na-Gael and I.R.A. Clubs of Boston which group is said to be identical with subject of instant case.

A review of the file in the I.R.A. in Boston Office reflects in a memorandum in file dated May 22, 1940 that...

Investigation of this report was made by Special Agent
This investigation disclosed that an
I.R.A. file contained a newspaper article from the Boston Post dated April 13, 1921 announcing a meeting of the Clann na Gael and I.R.A. clubs to be held in the Hibernian Building in commemoration of Easter Week, 1916, at which time certain Irish patriots gave their lives to establish and maintain the republic of Ireland as an independent nation. At this meeting, SEAN HULLIN was the principal speaker.

The committee in charge of the meeting included the following:

BERNARD NAUGHTON
JAMES BYRNE
JOHN O'CONNELL
DANIEL HURLEY
MICHAEL CUSSE
P. TRICK O'SHEA
JOHN P. FOLEY
JOHN MCGINN
THOMAS BÓGAN
JAMES DOONAHAN
DANIEL O'SULLIVAN
P. TRICK PAGEL
P. TRICK MOYRHY
SYLVESTER FERRILL
JOSEPH GANSMY
DANIEL SULLIVAN
JOHN GHOVE
JEREMIL HEAGERTY

A letter in the file dated January 8, 1942, written to this

Bureau by

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forth the following information:
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Section 11
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York
May 17, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 4, 1943. Reference is also made to a letter from New York to the Bureau under date of January 4, 1943 (Bureau file number 61-7606).

This comparison was made as a result of the allegations made by the effect that

The following similarities and possible identities were noted:
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61-7666-212
MR. IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - L and S

Dear Sirs,

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above-captioned case, dated May 17, 1943.

You are directed to immediately procure appropriate personal identification and background data, including Selective Service information, and it is desired that this information be prepared without delay and made available to the Bureau for comparison purposes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Washington, D.C.

American Embassy
London, England

April 24, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Communication #697

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

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
RE: INTERNAL SECURITY

Very truly yours,

G. M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosure

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61-7606-213
June 2, 1943

SAC, New York City

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - I and O

Dear Sirs,

For your information and assistance in connection with the above investigation and in evaluating the activities of the Irish Republican Army, I am enclosing copies of certain material made available to the Bureau by its representative presently stationed in London, England.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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61-7606-214
MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATE 5/20/43

RE: SEAN RUSSELL
IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Reference is made to your previous memoranda concerning the present whereabouts of Sean Russell, former Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army. Particular reference is made to the information made available to this Bureau, received by you from Congressman James P. McNerny of Pennsylvania, to the effect that certain information concerning Sean Russell's departure from the United States appeared in Time magazine in 1940, and that Russell departed from the United States on the last trip of the Italian ship, the SS Conte di Savoia.

A complete check has been made of the indices of Time magazine and of the issues during the months mentioned by Congressman McNerny without locating any material concerning Russell's departure. From the complete review made of Time magazine it has been determined that numerous articles have appeared in this publication concerning Sean Russell. However, these articles contain no specific information concerning his time or method of departure and add nothing to the information already made available to you. A check has also been made of various newspapers for the years 1939 and 1940, without results.

With regard to the allegation that

Information has been received by

this Bureau from

Mr. T. Mr. E.
Mr. C.
Mr. G.
Mr. L.
Mr. Nichols
Mr. R.
Mr. T.
Mr. C.
Mr. H.
Mr. Head
Mr. Mc
Mr. Mus
Mr. Pin
Mr. Q.
Mr. Nease
Sister Caddy

May 20, 1943

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In an effort to develop additional information concerning this matter, the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Ellis Island, New York, were checked and reflected that the Conte di Savoia left New York destined for Genoa, Italy, on March 30, April 27, and the last time on May 25, 1940. A check of the manifest for these three voyages failed to reflect the name of Sean Russell or any name similar thereto, or any record of any individual whose personal background appeared sufficiently similar to that of Russell to indicate that it might be Russell. The ares manifests for these voyages were also checked without result. For the three voyages only four seamen were signed on at the Port of New York, and the descriptions and backgrounds of none of these seamen appeared similar to the description and background of Sean Russell. In addition, a check was made of the manifests of various freighters and passenger ships leaving the Port of New York destined for the ports of Genoa, Lisbon and Gibraltar during the months of April and May, 1940, with negative results.

The files of Immigration and Naturalization Service at Ellis Island reflect no pertinent information concerning Russell's departure or present whereabouts.
Memorandum for Assistant Attorney General
Wendell Berge

Confidential informants who, in the past, have furnished valuable information concerning the Irish Republican Army were contacted in regard to Russell's alleged departure, with negative results.

It will be appreciated if you will make available to me any additional information concerning this matter which you may procure from Congressman McGranery or any other source.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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INTERNAL SECURITY - Irish Republican Army

**Synopsis of facts**

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For convenience in reference, the following report will be set out approximately the same way and under the same headings as was the reference report. As in previous reports, in addition to information from this source, other sources of information are set out below and will be referred to throughout this report by respective symbols or names.

Under date of March 28, 1943 the Bureau transmitted to the New York Field Division a confidential report from which this report was divided into four parts and deals largely with Irish organizations in the United States, the Irish press in the United States and Irish American individuals of pro-Irish and anti-British tendencies.

Data pertinent to this investigation which has not been incorporated in previous reports will be set out under the various sub-headings in instant report.

In an interview, furnished information relative to Irish activities in New York and vicinity. The majority of this information was in agreement with and corroboration of previously reported data. Information obtained through will be set out herein.

Contact was made with who is referred to as in the report of Special Agent dated.
December 28, 1951, New York, New York. **redacted** advised that he has additional information to report relative to the Irish Republican Army activities.

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Further Background of the IRA
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61-2606-216
On Easter Sunday evening, April 25, 1943, the annual Easter Week commemoration was held in memory of those who died in the Easter rebellion in Ireland. The writer attended this meeting at the Pythian Temple, 135 West 70th Street, New York City, in an undercover capacity and the following is set out, being information garnered therefrom:

The meeting scheduled to commence at 8 p.m. didn't actually begin until 9:15. The program consisted of musical contributions by M.E. O'REILLY, vocalist; F. MCIB, violinist; JOSEPHINE PATRICIA SMITH, harpist; and SEÁN O'DOHERTY, vocalist, followed by speeches delivered by JOHN HEALY O'DOHERTY, SEÁN McCARTHY, president of Aid to Ireland, and E. McZ. WORRISLEY. These speeches each took approximately fifteen to twenty minutes and all followed the same pattern, namely, that of first declaring allegiance
to America, then likening the present Irish struggle for freedom from England to the American struggle for freedom from England in 1765, after which they would launch into a tirade against the British government for its present policy of dividing the Irish Counties into Ulster and Eire, and would close with pledges to the heroic Irish dead never to give up the fight until Ireland's freedom is won.

References were frequently made throughout speeches to the articles appearing in the New York Times and Daily News on Easter Sunday morning which articles told the story of the seizure of a Belfast movie house by Hugh ONeill, Chief of Staff of the IRA in Ireland. Elsewhere in the report, under the heading of "IRA in Ireland" further information regarding ONeill's activities will be found. Little reference was made to the warning given by Mr. TEER to the United States to the effect that the maintenance of United States troops in North Ireland would eventually lead to these troops being used in assisting the British war of imperial aggression.

The speakers were careful to show no evidence of un-American attitudes and the only reference made to American policy was to state that America should have included Ireland's freed men in the forming of the Atlantic Charter, which is an oft-repeated statement in the IRA circles.

The speeches were uniformly badly given and were utterly lacking in oratorical or dramatic effect.

RUDOLPH RUSH appeared on the program three times, once at the beginning of the meeting when he read the proclamation of the Irish Republic which corresponds to the American Declaration of Independence, in the eyes of the IRA membership. During the reading of this proclamation the audience stood in homage to the old Irish martyrs whose names appeared on a white cross in the center of the stage. Later in the program, he read the oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic which is set out below:

\[quote\]
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I do not and shall not yield a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority or power within Ireland inimical thereto; and I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Irish Republic and the Government of the Irish Republic, which is Dail Eireann, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that I will bear true allegiance to same, and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me, God.\[/quote\]

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Again, after the speakers, he appeared and this time read a resolution which was adopted by the Clan na Gael-IRL. This resolution is set out below:

"RESOLUTIONS"

"Adopted at the Twenty-seventh Annual Commemoration of the Martyrs of Easter Week, held at the Pythian Temple, New York City, Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943, auspices of the Clan Na Gael and Irish Republican Army Clubs.

"Whereas, the Irish people is by right a free people, and
"Whereas, for seven hundred years the Irish people has never ceased to remonstrate and has repeatedly protested in arms against foreign usurpation; and
"Whereas, British rule in Ireland is and always has been based upon force and fraud maintained by military occupation against the declared will of the people; and
"Whereas, the Irish Republic was proclaimed in Dublin on Easter Monday, 1916 by the Irish Republican Army acting on behalf of the Irish people; and
"Whereas, at the threshold of a new era in history the Irish electorate had in the General Election of December, 1918, seized the first occasion to declare by an overwhelming majority its firm allegiance to the Irish Republic; and
"Whereas, at the first session of Dail Eireann, January, 1919, the elected representatives of the ancient Irish people, in the name of the Irish Nation, ratified the establishment of the Irish Republic; and
"Whereas, since the General Election of May, 1921, from which the Second Dail was formed, the people of Ireland, through the interference of British statescraft—the British gun under cover of the British bible—have been deprived of the exercise of the suffrages of all men and women necessary for the formation of the Third Dail Eireann as the National Government; and
"Whereas, the existence of two British-fostered governments in Ireland is inimical to and a negation of the guarantee of the Irish Republic to religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens; and
"Whereas, the still established Republic of All Ireland is the custodian of the independence declared FOR ALL TIME on January 21, 1919, and is the only lawful Irish authority; now be it
"Resolved: That we, citizens of these United States, whose forebears sacrificed themselves at the birth and in the growth of this nation in its assertion of the inalienable right of mankind
"to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, do solemnly
demand that the American interpretation of the Articles of the
Atlantic Charter must be upheld for the honor and integrity of
these United States in respect to Ireland by the recognition of
the established government of the Irish Republic; and be it further
"Resolved: That we regard it as obvious that there can be no
proper settlement of the world's problems unless Ireland is
included in this settlement and is treated as a free nation, and,
accordingly, we demand the withdrawal of all British armed
forces stationed in Ireland the the renunciation of all claim
to interfere in Ireland's domestic policy or external affairs;
and be it further
"Resolved: That we offer to the Irish Republican Army our unstinted
admirations of their courage and devotion, and we pledge our
full moral and financial support and every assistance of which
we are capable, to the end that there shall be complete destruction of every link and tie, whether military,
-economic or political, by which it is sought to bind Ireland to
the decadent British Empire; and be it further
"Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Cabinet
of the Irish Republican Government, to the Irish Republican Army
Council, to the Secretary of State of the United States, to
world-wide organizations devoted to the attainment of Ireland's
freedom, and to the Press."

Following the reading of these resolutions there was again a
short musical program and the meeting closed at 12:00 P.M.

The program furnished to those who attended this meeting was a
six page leaflet which contained a list of the entertainers and speakers and,
in addition, contained a brief two page history of the struggle of Ireland
for freedom, a reproduction of the resolutions previously mentioned and a copy
of the oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic. In addition to these items
there were included throughout the program various patriotic Irish poems and
essays. On the last page of the program there appeared a list of advertisers
who had advertised in the IRA journal for its annual ball.

As an insert to the program there appeared a sheet of paper
on one side of which was a reproduction of the proclamation of the Irish
Republic, together with pictures of a number of the old Irish martyrs and on
the reverse side there appeared a list of names under the heading of "Roosters"
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the story of the Clan na Gael-IRA taking a significant amount of money which had been raised by S.E.N McCraith's Aid to Ireland group. Estimated the present active membership as being about fifty, and information that the socials held on Saturday nights are constantly losing money.
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MEETING PLACES

FORMER LEADING ORGANIZERS IN THE UNITED STATES

JOSEPH McGRATH

SLEVIN

In a recent investigation conducted by the New York Field Division, the results of which were communicated to the Bureau in a letter dated May 4, 193, efforts were made to ascertain the exact time and method used by RUSSELL in leaving the United States. The story was originally circulated to the effect that RUSSELL had left late in 1939 or early in 1940 aboard the SS Conte di Savoia. Efforts to corroborate either story through records at Ellis Island met with negative results.

The New York papers indicate that RUSSELL was last interviewed by the Press in August, 1939. Numerous stories were started regarding RUSSELL'S departure and subsequent death, some saying that he met a natural death at Lisbon, while on his way to Germany and others saying that he was in reality assassinated by British agents.
Investigation in the vicinity of 514 West 57th Street, New York City, reflected that there is no Nu-Ray Petroleum Company at this address. Inquiry at the Paracoil Company reflected that the Nu-Ray Company had had quarters in that building from March to August, 1941 but that at that time it was discontinued.

On March 16, 1943 the New York Field Division was telephonically advised by the Philadelphia Field Division that the Nu-Ray Petroleum Company by whom NERUM was supposedly employed, is located at 157 Broadway, New York City. A subsequent physical inspection of the premises at 157 Broadway, New York City, failed to reflect that there is now or ever has been a Nu-Ray Petroleum Company located at this address.
A check was made of the criminal docket, Southern District of New York, Case 46-66 on April 20, 1946 at which time the docket reflected that the indictment against E.E. was still outstanding. Subsequently, Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Burke, Southern District of New York, advised that E.E. had appeared at his office, pled not guilty to the charge contained in the indictment and was paroled to the custody of his attorney, Charles T. Rice. Burke stated that the indictment against E.E. would be nolle prossed due to lack of evidence.
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In the New York Times dated April 25, 1943 there appeared an article which revealed that HUGH McATEER, Chief of Staff of the IRA, who had a reward of $2,000 posted for his apprehension, together with JAMES STEEL and several armed IRA men, seized control of a movie house in the nationalist area of Belfast on April 24, 1943 and there held a meeting commemorating the Easter rebellion of 1916. The article stated that both men read statements, then disappeared after which the audience stayed in a one minute silent tribute to "the men who died for Ireland". The seizure was apparently made with dramatic effect. In this article, McATEER was quoted as follows:

"We warn the Government of the United States that a resumption of hostilities between the Irish Republic and Great Britain almost inevitably would mean that American troops also would become involved and that America, champion of democracy and co-sponsor of the Atlantic Charter, would find herself engaged with Britain in waging a war of imperial aggression and conquest against the Irish people."

McATEER'S exploit received wide publicity by press and radio and was the signal for much comment among British-hating Irishmen.
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The following names were checked with [redacted] who advised that his records do not reflect any correspondence to or from these individuals between Ireland and the United States. [redacted] and J. MES CONNY.
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Physical inspection of the premises at 1494 Lexington Avenue, New York City, reflects that this is a small tavern operated by BRUILLNE.

Physical inspection at 2960 4th Avenue, Bronx, New York, reflected that J.N'S TRUILLNE is listed as living in apartment 5C at this address. The occupants of the apartment house are mostly Irish. There are also some Italian families listed.

The records of Local Board /96 at 3420 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, reflected that BRUILLNE was born on March 16, 1885 in Ireland. His description is set out as follows:

Race: White
Height: 5'2"
Weight: 145 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Grey
Complexion: Light
Scars or marks: None

was listed as the person who would always know his address. BRUILLNE has received no classification due to his age.

A credit check was made with negative results.

The records of were checked with regard to BRUILLNE, with negative results.
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In compliance with the lead from New Orleans, which was set out in the report of [redacted] dated February 13, 1943 at New Orleans, an agent of the New York Field Division recontacted [redacted] but was unable to obtain any additional information in support of this informant's contention that [redacted].

Investigation conducted by the New York Field Division has been reported in the case entitled: [redacted]. New Orleans is the office of origin in this case.

[Redacted]

The [Redacted] American

This information is receiving consideration and pending investigation being conducted by the New York Field Division at this time.
In the Saturday, April 17, 1943 issue of the Irish Echo, there appeared an article advertising the Easter week Commemoration. The article gave the date and place of the Commemoration and listed the entertainers but didn't make any mention of who was sponsoring the Commemoration. In another portion of the same issue there appeared an advertisement for the Easter week Commemoration and in this advertisement it stated it was under the auspices of the Clann na Gael and IO clubs.
states that from his observations, he believes the Clan na Gael-I.R.A. to be practically purged of all Communist members and that there doesn't appear to be any cooperation between the Clan and the Communist Party.

Influence in the I.R.A.

stated that he has observed no evidence of German subsidization in the I.R.A. in New York.

Other Irish Organizations

United Irish Republicans
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A letter appearing in the April 10, 1943 issue of the Advocate deplored the lack of lend-lease aid to Ireland and stated that a need for money and aid existed among the victims of the bombings in Belfast and among the victims of the epidemic in Connemara.

It also maintained that relief was needed among dependents of those who were imprisoned and held in Dublin but it didn't mention to which political faction those prisoners belonged. The letter stated that Aid to Ireland, Inc. hoped that more people would join their organization and help them in their good work of providing for the needy in Ireland. This letter was signed by the officers of the Aid to Ireland group who were as follows: SELF McGRATH, president; ROBERT McGLINCH, vice president; LILY B. O'GUY, treasurer and ANN B. GETTY, executive secretary.
ORGANIZATIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH NOR SYMPATHETIC TO THE IRA

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF IRISH NEUTRALITY

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

UNITED IRISH-AMERICAN SOCIETIES

AMERICAN-IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

An article appearing in the New York World Telegram on May 7, 1943 reflected that this organization was to hold its 46th annual banquet on May 8, 1943 at the Hotel Biltmore. The following quotation is direct from the article:

"Each year the society selects some American of Irish blood and honors him for his contribution to current history. It was organized in Boston by a group of Americans of Irish ancestry including Theodore Roosevelt, who dedicated the society to 'making better known the Irish chapter in American history'. This year the society is honoring Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum and is awarding him a gold medal for his leadership in 'organizing the defense of the Republic'."
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC

UNITED IRISH COUNTIES

A recent election was held by the United Irish Counties Association and the results of the election were set out in the Irish Echo. This list included the names of the president of the individual County organizations represented in New York City. Instant list is being maintained in the files of the New York Field Division.

FRIENDS OF IRISH FREEDOM

PENDING
BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Roxbury, Massachusetts

Will ascertain the activities of the IRA which is said to have its headquarters at the Hibernian Building on Dudley Street.

Will review files for pertinent information concerning present activities and subversive tendencies of the IRA in the Boston district.

Will ascertain whether or not the individuals named in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 19, 1942 at New York, New York, are active in this connection. In doing so, will bear in mind the fact that the IRA Veterans are reported to be a strong organization in Boston, which is confused regularly with the IRA.

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will recontact [redacted] as set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 26, 1943 at Chicago, Illinois, and endeavor to obtain the names of other members who have been active in the IRA in the Chicago area and will obtain whatever additional information the informant may have concerning the present activities of the IRA. Consideration should be given to developing the informant in the event he is in a position to re-establish his contacts with the IRA.

Will review files and conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities and subversive tendencies, if any, of the IRA in the Chicago area. In this connection the Chicago Field Office should note information set out in instant report concerning the Irish American Alliance.

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

At Detroit, Michigan

Will conduct a preliminary investigation in an effort to locate If located, should be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of It should be noted that
NY 100-7828

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Jersey City, New Jersey

[Redacted] will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity, reputation and loyalty of [Redacted] who is said to be a member of the IRA and is known to have acted as [Redacted].

[Redacted] will investigate the background and activities of [Redacted] in an effort to ascertain whether or not he is engaged in any activities inimical to the best interests of this country.


At Trenton, New Jersey

[Redacted] will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity, reputation and loyalty of [Redacted] who is said to be a member of the IRA and is known to have acted as [Redacted].

At Harrison, New Jersey

[Redacted] will conduct an appropriate investigation to determine the identity, loyalty and reputation of [Redacted] who has been associated with IRA activities for a number of years. It should be noted that [Redacted].

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Redacted] will review the files for information concerning the IRA, its present activities and subversive tendencies in the Philadelphia area.

[Redacted] will check the files pertaining to the Alien Registration Act of 1940 at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, for pertinent information on [Redacted].

[Redacted] It should be noted that [Redacted] is known to have registered in conformity with this act but that his registration number is not known.
NY 100-7828

PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Will review files and conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of ascertaining the present activities and subversive tendencies of the IRA in Pittsburgh area.

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D.C.

Will ascertain at

and will also ascertain his duties as such and where he is located at the present time, if it is found that he is employed by them.

If it is ascertained that he is not presently employed his activities should be investigated in the light of information furnished in the report of Special Agent dated April 16, 1943 at New York City.

Will check the indices and confidential files of the Washington Field Office for information concerning He is reported to be a member of the IRA and to have acted as

Will also check the indices and confidential files for pertinent information concerning the IRA and its activities and subversive tendencies at the present time. In this connection it has been reported that representatives of the IRA have been in contact with the various Embassies in Washington, D.C.
At New York, New York

Will continue indices check and perusal of informant's reports for information concerning individuals alleged to be active members of the IRA. In addition, will continue to develop background on individuals who have been reported in connection with this case to be dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

Will review New York file 65-3644 which file relates to
It should be noted that the request for investigation of
has been made by the Bureau in a letter to New York dated November 6,
IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent dated May 19, 1943 at New York, New York, are as follows:

Office of Naval Intelligence, 50 Church Street, New York City.

Office of Postal Censorship, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York City.
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61-7686-216
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 26, 1943, Communication #688, with which I transmitted news items appearing in the London press concerning a public appearance made at a Belfast, Ireland theater on Saturday night, April 24, 1943, by Hugh McAteer, I.R.A. chief of staff and several of his followers.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché
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61-7606-218
Mr. A. L. Theron
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

MR: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my previous communications to you concerning the Irish Republican Army.

For your additional information and assistance in connection with this case, I am enclosing two copies of resolutions adopted at the Twenty-Seventh Annual Commemoration of the Martyrs of Easter Week, held at the Pythian Temple, New York City, on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1943, under the auspices of the Clan Da Cail and Irish Republican Army clubs.

Very truly yours,

[Signatures and redacted text]

[Redacted text: Mr. T. Nelson, Mr. E. A. Tamm, Mr. G. Clegg, Mr. J. G. O'Leary, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Carson, Mr. Coffey, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Kramer, Mr. McGuire, Mr. Quinlan Tamm, Mr. Naas, Mr. Nash, Miss Gandy, etc.]

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Mr. L. E. Tarpley
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

DEAR SIR:

Advice is requested as to whether the additional requested details are available and whether or not you desire any additional action be taken by the Bureau in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

[Classification and Declassification information]

[Names and dates]
Relative to the meeting at which this resolution was adopted, it should be noted that this meeting was attended by an agent of the New York Field Division, and details of the meeting are reported on pages 15 through 20 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] which report has been previously mentioned in this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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61-7606-221
HOLOHAN was mentioned in a complaint received in the Detroit Field Division in March, 1942, as having spoken bitterly against the British Government and how it abused the Irish for many years (Detroit file 100-0-5621). In view of the fact that the reference report does not indicate the nature of the investigation desired of HOLOHAN, no further investigation is being made by the Detroit Field Division pending advice from the office of origin as to what type of inquiry is desired.

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61-7606-221
Communication #865

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

Dear Sir:

RE: I.R.A. ACTIVITIES

For your general information, there are being transmitted herewith clippings from the London daily press of May 29, 1943 and May 30, 1943, concerning the capture of James Steele, one of the three I.R.A. men who escaped from a Belfast jail in January with Hugh McAteer.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosure
I.R.A. Chief

JAMES STEELE, I.R.A. com-
mmandant-general, recaptured
by Belfast police this weekend
following his escape from jail.
He was remanded in custody
until June 15 on two charges con-
ected with the possession of a
revolver and ammunition.

I.R.A. Chief Recaptured

James Steele, one of the three
men who escaped from Bel-
fest Jail January 9, 1943, was
recaptured in a house in the city last
night.

I.R.A. Chief Faces Arms Charges

A STRONG force of police
guarded Belfast Police Court
yesterday when James Steele, de-
scribed as Commandant-General of
the I.R.A., recaptured on Friday
night after four months' freedom,
following a jail-break in January,
faced two charges in connection
with the possession of a revolver
and ammunition.

He was remanded in custody
until June 15.

SUNDAY CHRONICLE
London, England
May 30, 1943

SUNDAY EXPRESS
London, England
May 30, 1943
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Communication #903

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

Dear Sir:

RE: U.S.A. ACTIVITIES, Classified by __________
Internal Security - G. Declassify on: 04/01/58

Attention: Liaison Section

[Redacted text]

[Signature]

June 7, 1943

American Embassy
London, England

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Very truly yours,

A. M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attache
June 16, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LARDY

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

At this time I received a call from [redacted] of the Special War Policies regarding the captioned matter. He stated he had received a memorandum from the Bureau about six weeks ago on which there was no date, no initials, no sources revealed, nor was the Bureau mentioned in any way.

He stated that since no sources are given and the memorandum simply reads "It is reported," etc., he has no idea how to evaluate the information contained therein. Therefore he feels it might be well to talk with someone in the Bureau who is familiar with the entire matter.

I told him I would check up to determine who prepared the instant memorandum, and then have the person who is most familiar with the facts arrange a conference.
June 21, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY X and G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 31, 1943, regarding the above captioned subject, in which there was enclosed a copy of the resolution which was adopted at the 27th Annual Commemoration of the Martyrs of Easter Week, which was held by the I. R. A.-CLAN na GAEL on April 25, 1943.

This resolution was set out on pages 17 and 18 of the report of Special Agent, dated May 19, 1943, at New York City, entitled "IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH."
The following information was obtained concerning SEAN HAYES:

Immigration and Naturalization Service, Newark, New Jersey, furnished the following information concerning JOHN HAYES:

Petition for Naturalization #6524 was filed at Common Pleas Court, Monmouth County, Freehold, New Jersey on 2/8/43. He made first Declaration of Intention at Newark, New Jersey, #19913 on 6/24/26, and applied again for his Declaration of Intention on 9/15/39 at Newark, New Jersey. It is noted that on HAYES' Petition for Naturalization that Declaration of Intention #48293 dated 3/25/39, was also filed. The Petition for Naturalization reflects also that JOHN HAYES, Leonardo, Middletown Township, New Jersey, is a chauffeur, and was born in Clon County, Limerick, Ireland on 10/11/93, and was married on 2/9/27 at Newark to HONORA FLYNN. HONORA FLYNN HAYES was born 9/25/90 at Manorhamilton, Ireland, and entered the United States at Niagara Falls, New York on 2/21/26. The HAYES have the following children:

All of the children were born at Newark.
MR. A. E. Chesterton  
Legal Advisor  
The American Alliance  
London, England  

PERSONNEL AND SECURITY  
VIA DIPLOMATIC AND TOGETHER FORCE  

MR. IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - 4 and - 4  

Dear Sir:  

Reference is made to my letter to you in the above-captioned matter dated May 31, 1943, enclosing copies of certain resolutions adopted at the Twenty-Seventh Annual Commemoration of the Martyrs of Easter Week, held at the Pythian Temple, New York City, on Easter Sunday, April 25, 1943, under the auspices of the Clan na Gael and Irish Republican Army clubs.  

For your additional information and assistance in connection with this matter, I am enclosing three copies of a sworn Irish newspaper article setting out the authorship and circumstances surrounding the presentation of these resolutions.  

Very truly yours,  

John Edgar Hoover  
Director  

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Enclosure  

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
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JUL 12 1943  

F. M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  

WASHINGTON, D.C. 19510  

RECEIVED  
30 MAY 1943  

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record in Pittsburgh of any organization functioning as a part of or party of the Irish Republican Army. EMETT CUSH, age 75, has long been a Communist leader in Pittsburgh, and has been reported to have travelled to Russia on behalf of the Communist Party. CUSH presently serves as Chairman for the "Committee for Defense of Civil Rights," a Communist front organization. No record of CUSH being active in any way with captioned organization.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent
New York, New York.

DETAILS:

AT PITTSBURGH, PA.

A check of the indices of the Pittsburgh Office relative to captioned organization, met with negative results.

It is noted in a letter from the Bureau to the New York Field Division dated April 24, 1943, which letter was captioned IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, Internal Security I and G, that there was information relative to captioned subject which was secured from the Special War Policies Unit of the Department of Justice. In review of this report which was enclosed with the Bureau letter, it was stated that in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the "Wolfe Tone Club" is a branch of the Clan-na-Gael, and the members of this group in March, 1939, were JOHN MAUGH, JOSEPH COOL, JOHN MC. GOWN, and STEPHEN O'CONNOR. Following these names, the report reflects the notation (#The Gaelic American, 3-39-39, pa. 7).
In the report of Special Agent [redacted], Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 6-16-42, it was stated that MAGHIDER was Secretary of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the America First Committee, but in September, 1941, he split with the America First Committee after he had been charged with using the Committee to spread anti-British, anti-Communist, anti-Gold Standard, and Townsend Plan propaganda. This report further states that MAGHIDER formed a new group called Committees for America which only drew one hundred members from the supposed 15,000 members of the America First Committee. This group consisted of members of the alleged Communist party.

MAGHIDER was Secretary of this new group which disbanded December 8, 1941.

In report of Special Agent [redacted], Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 6-24-42, it was stated that EMMET PATRICK CUSH was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is 75 years of age and has long been a Communist leader in Pittsburgh and has travelled to Russia on behalf of the Communist Party.

This report further states that CUSH acted as chairman of almost all Communist rallies during 1940 and 1942 in Pittsburgh and that he now acts as chairman for the Committees for Defense of Civil Rights, a Communist front whose headquarters are the same as those of the Communist Party.

This report also states that CUSH ran as a candidate on the Communist Party ticket for County Commissioner in 1931, for the governor of Pennsylvania in 1934, for mayor of Pittsburgh in 1937 and for Pittsburgh City Council in 1939.

This report further relates that CUSH is an admitted Communist, is registered as such on the Pittsburgh election rolls. CUSH resides at 701 Reedsdale Street, N.E., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

There is nothing in the Pittsburgh Files which reflects that CUSH is connected with captioned organizations.
THE PHILADELPHIA FIFTH DIVISION

AT HARRISBURG, PA.

Will check the records at the Corporation Commissioners

to note if there are or have been, since 1938, any organized group in the
Pittsburgh district which may be related to the Irish Republican Army.
Particular attention should be paid relative to the Wolfe Tone Club reported
to be functioning in the Pittsburgh Area, 3-29-39.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Report Made at: NEW JERSEY
Date When Made: 6/24/42
Period for which Made: 6/27, 29, 30/43

Irish Republican Army
Character of Crime: INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH

Synopsis of Facts:
Background information set out concerning SEAN HAYES, BERNARD McMAHON, and ORRIS CROGAN. No evidence of subversive activities discovered. Additional information included concerning T. ST. JOHN GAFFNEY. Efforts to locate CHARLES O'SULLIVAN in Jersey City and vicinity, negative.

Deferred

Reference:
Report of Special Agent dated 12/19/42 at New York City.
Report of Special Agent dated 4/16/43 at New York City.
Report of Special Agent dated 4/13/43 at Newark.
Bureau letter to the Newark Field Division dated 4/19/43.
Bureau file 100-5252.

Details:

Here is unclassified

Copies of this Report
5 - Bureau
3 - New York
3 - Newark

Ex 5 JUN 29 1943
July 10, 1943

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
Special Agent in Charge
HAYES' last foreign residence was Toronto, Canada, and he entered the United States at Niagara Falls, New York on 10/10/25 on the Canadian National Railroad. HAYES made a visit to Ireland, leaving 9/27/38 from New York City on the SS MANHATTAN, and returning 10/18/38 on the SS LA CONDIT. His mother's name is CATHERINE MURPHY, and his father's name is JOHN HAYES. HAYES is listed as a British subject, and has had the following residences in the United States:
Newark, New Jersey, October, 1925 to November 1929; Harrison, New Jersey, November 1929 to July, 1941; Box 192, Leonardo, New Jersey, July, 1941 to present.
It was ascertained at the Newark Public Library that the name SEAN is the Irish form of JOHN.

The following description of JOHN (SEAN) HAYES was obtained from the Immigration records and from acquaintances:

**Height**
- 5' 7"

**Weight**
- 150 lbs.

**Eyes**
- Gray

**Distinguishing Features**
- Straight nose
- None

**Scars and Marks**
- Wears glasses for reading.

**Glasses**
- Ireland, 10/14/93

**Marital Status**
- Married, has four children, as listed above

**Born**
- Niagara Falls 10/10/25

**Relatives**
- One brother living in United States, and two brothers and mother in Ireland.

**Peculiarities**
- Swagger as he talks, smokes a pipe, has a definite brogue.

**Occupation**
- Truck driver, chauffeur.
Local Board #18, Hudson County, advised that BERNARD ANDREW MCHARN registered 4/27/02. He has serial U-127, and he was born in Ireland 10/31/83. He has social security #157-10-6419.

The following description was obtained from the Selective Service records:

- Height: 5'7"
- Weight: 186 lbs.
- Eyes: blue
- Hair: gray
- Complexion: ruddy
- Glasses: wears eyeglasses.
- Nationality: American
- Marital Status: married, four children.
- Occupation: carpenter.

The following information was obtained concerning ORGAN GROGAN. It is to be noted that the correct name is believed to be ORGAN GROGAN.
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61.7606.228
Reference Bureau letter's enclosure reflects that T. ST. JOHN CAVENDISH, 95 Morris Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, wrote a letter on 3/20/43 in which GAPNEY states: "The prospect of being compelled to live in this country for another couple of years is simply appalling. . .I was in hopes that the Limerick Steamship Company, having bought ten or twelve ships, would be preparing to carry a few passengers if the war should suddenly end. Three of these ships are already on the bottom of the deep blue sea, so there is no hope of my sailing on this route. . .it looks now that Germany will lose the war, the result of which will be the loss to me of at least 30,000 pounds sterling".
NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will contact

for further information regarding the address and
description of

Will conduct the appropriate investigation to determine the
identity, reputation, and loyalty of It is to
be noted that his wife resides at

Will attempt to locate the other SEAN HAYES, who is alleged to
reside in New York City, and who is believed to be the person
who has been leading some of the Clan-na-Gael meetings in New
York.

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

At Leonardo, New Jersey

Will investigate the background, reputation, loyalty, and
activities of SEAN HAYES.

At Trenton, New Jersey

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the identity,
reputation, and loyalty of

At Newark, New Jersey

Will ascertain all information relative to officers, membership,
and activities of KEVIN BARRY O'D.

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617606 - 228
Assistant Chief of Staff
225, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Date: 6/17-76.06-22

To: Assistant Chief of Staff

Subject: Irish Republican Army

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent ______________ dated June 25, 1943, at Newark, New Jersey, in the case involving the Irish Republican Army.
JULY 9, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, NEW YORK

Transmit the following message to:

TO: REPUBLICAN ARMY, TD Y AND G. RECEIVED JULY SECOND LAST.

REPLY BY JULY TWELFTH NEXT.

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DATED 15-3-43 BY 

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16-7-43 229

SENT VIA
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: INTERNAL SECURITY - X and O

Reference is made to my previous memoranda to you concerning the allegations made by [redacted] and specifically to my blue memorandum to you dated June 5, 1943.

Pursuant to your request, was searched by Supervisor W.K. Harvey of the Internal Security Section, against the Bureau's personnel files. This search revealed 87 in-service personnel files and 59 out-of-service personnel files, a total of 146 personnel files, concerning present and former Bureau employees.

These 146 Bureau personnel files have been carefully reviewed and from this review all of these present and former Bureau employees, with the exception of three, have been eliminated.

In view of the fact that this file contains the basis for it is not believed, in view of the amount of work involved, necessary or advisable to have the New York Office procure for comparison purposes the pertinent Selective Service data concerning those individuals.

Copies destroyed.
Concerning the 3 Bureau employees who could not be definitely eliminated through this file check.

From a review of the personnel files it has been impossible to completely eliminate the following described Bureau employees:
Upon the receipt of this identifying information it will be carefully compared with the personal data set out above concerning the three listed Bureau employees. You will of course be advised of the result of this check. In the event this further check eliminates the three above listed individuals, then on the basis of the information presently available to the Bureau, it is not believed that any further action herein is necessary or advisable.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

[Signature]
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\(61:7606\) \(230\)
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York
July 10, 1943

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

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DEFERRED RECORDING

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY-(X and G)

Reference is made to Bureau letter of July 3, 1943 to the New York office in the above-captioned case.

Relative to a request for personal identification and background of [redacted], please be advised this information was reported on page three of New York letter dated May 17, 1943, in the above-entitled case, but due to a typographical error it was reported under the name of [redacted]. Reiteration of this information is as follows:
The New York Office has now furnished appropriate background and personal identification information concerning J. Hayes and John Lyons. This information has been compared with the personal data available concerning Bureau Agents mentioned in my reference memorandum.

With the elimination of the above three mentioned Special Agents, the review of the Bureau files to determine whether any present or former Bureau employees are members of the Irish Republican Army is complete.

As you will recall this review revealed eighty-seven in-service personnel files and fifty-nine out-of-service personnel files, a total of one hundred and forty-six personnel files concerning present and former Bureau employees. From this review of the Bureau personnel files it has been determined that there is no probability that any of the one hundred and forty-six former and present Bureau employees are identical

ACTION: No further action is believed necessary.
Reference is made to my previous memoranda to you in the above-captioned matter, and particularly to my memorandum concerning Sean Russell, who, as you will recall, was at one time Chief of Staff of the Irish Republican Army and disappeared from sight in New York City in the spring of 1940.

As you will also remember the information available to the Bureau indicates that when Sean Russell was apprehended in 1939 at Detroit, Michigan, by Immigration and Naturalization authorities, he was released on $5,000 bail.

For your information, your attention is called to the following quoted statement appearing in the last paragraph of the column entitled "9:00 to 4:30", written by John F. Cramer and appearing in the July 9, 1943, issue of the Washington Daily News:

"McCranery for Rowe?

"Rumor mentions Rep. James McCranery (D., Pa.) as a likely candidate to succeed James Rowe as assistant to the Attorney General when Mr. Rowe goes to the Navy."

ACTION: No further action is being taken in this matter but it is felt that the above information should be made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

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61.7606.234
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Search of records fails to reflect that [person] is employed by [company] but he is still residing at [address]. Search of files reflects that all information in possession of Washington Field Division pertaining to [person] previously furnished New York Office; files and indices fail to reflect that any members of IRA contacted representatives of Axis Governments previously stationed in U.S.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent dated at New York City December 29, 1942.
Report of Special Agent dated at New York City April 16, 1943.
Report of Special Agent dated at New York City May 19, 1943.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

INTERNAL SECURITY - IRELAND

CHARACTER OF CASE

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5/3/43 TO 12/31/43

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

FILED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
A review of the files and indices in the Washington Field Division reflected that all the information in the possession of this office pertaining to

A check was made at

The writer contacted

The Washington Field Office files indicate that by letter dated February 6, 1941 the Bureau was advised by the Washington Field Division that
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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION
AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will conduct further investigation concerning [REDACTED] to discover his employer and his activities in Washington, D.C.
To: The Chief of Staff

2305, State Department
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Colonel E. H. Ramey

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Irish Republican Army

For your information and assistance I am enclosing one copy each of the following reports:

- Report of Special Agent dated June 3, 1943, entitled "Irish Republican Army.""}
- Report of Special Agent dated July 1, 1943, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, entitled "Irish Republican Army."}
- Report of Special Agent dated August 9, 1943, at Washington, D.C., entitled "Irish Republican Army."
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61-7606-236
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, a.k.a.
OGLAIGH NA-h-EIREANN.

Very truly yours,
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché
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61-7606-237
Assistant Chief of Staff
C-2, War Department
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Colonel L. E. Forney

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous communications to you concerning the Irish Republican Army (Cogaigh Na h-Éireann).

(b1)

The information contained in the enclosed strictly confidential memorandum was received by this Bureau from a

(b2)

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acker
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Neece

Communications Section
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Sep 30

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM J. DUNTON
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
25TH AND K STREETS, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Reference is made to previous communications to you concerning the Irish Republican Army (Catholic b-Stream).

The information contained in the enclosed strictly confidential memorandum was received by this Bureau from a

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Hoover

Enclosure
Dear Sir,

I have made previous communications to you concerning the Irish question, and I have written the following another time in the enclosures.

The information contained in the enclosed strictly confidential memorandum was received by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Director of Irish Intelligence

U.S. Department of Justice

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

INTERNAL SECURITY - G and I

Republic of Ireland

Dear Sirs:

For your further information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing two photostatic copies of a memorandum concerning the Irish Republican Army.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Teller
Mr. E. A. Thomas
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Colley
Mr. Givens
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Ross
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acers
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
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Miss Gandy

5 O'CLOCK 9-10-50
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61-7606-237
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

RE: I.R.A. SURVEY (Three months ended May 31, 1943)

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston  
Legal Attaché

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61-7606-238
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.  

Dear Sir:

Attention: Liaison Section

RE: HUGH McATEER  
I.R.A. ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston  
Legal Attache
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Very truly yours,

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61-2606-240
September 3, 1943

Dear Sirs,

For your further information and assistance in connection with the present investigation of the Irish Republican Army, and for appropriate attention,
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures
September 3, 1943

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated August 6, 1943, captioned 'Internal Security.'

The information incorporated in your reference letter is being furnished to the New York Field Division for its information and use in connection with the pending investigation of the Irish Republican Army, and it is not believed necessary at this time to conduct any separate investigation.

Any further information available to you concerning the activities and contacts of individuals in this country connected with the Irish Republican Army will, of course, be appreciated, and if you desire any additional information concerning the subject matter, I will be glad to furnish you with such information as can be developed upon specific request thereafter.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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Director, FBI

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated June 25, 1943 at Newark in the above captioned case (Newark File 100-4020).

In view of the above information no further investigation of is being requested until such time as more definite information shall come to the attention of the New York Field Division.

It is quite possible that a similar situation will be encountered in the investigation of and it is therefore suggested that if a preliminary investigation fails to identify that the investigation be discontinued by the Newark Field Division at that point.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Connor

SAC
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Classified by: [Redacted]

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). I understand that you are a highly respected figure in the United States and that you have a great influence in matters of national security.

The IRA is currently engaged in a conflict against the British forces in Ireland. We believe that this conflict is necessary to achieve the independence of Ireland. We have heard that the United States government is considering sending troops to Ireland to support the British forces. We are concerned that this move could escalate the conflict and lead to a larger war.

We request that you consider the following:

1. Do not send troops to Ireland.
2. Support the Irish Republican Army's efforts for independence.
3. Work with us to ensure a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

We believe that your support will be critical in achieving our goals. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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To Bureau

Re: I.R.A.

June 19, 1943

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Very truly yours,

A. M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

(b)
Re: Irish Republican Army Internal Security - X and S

Dear Sirs:

[Redacted]

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acars
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice

American Embassy
London, England
September 6, 1943

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VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Attention: Liaison Section

Communication No. 1406

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

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Dear Sir:

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[Initials and dates redacted]

Attachments: [Redacted]

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[Signatures redacted]
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

September 6, 1943

Very truly yours,

G. M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attache
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

The Bureau has received from the State Department a request dated May 6, 1943, that certain information previously furnished the Department concerning the Irish Republican Army be verified. This communication bears State Department reference FC 841D.00/1375 and states that the Department is particularly interested in the verification of information to the effect that the Irish Minister in Washington, D.C. is connected with the organization known as the Clan na Gael - Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc. It is noted that this organization has no present connection with the Irish Republican Army or with the radical Irish revolutionary movement.

It is requested that the Liaison Section procure from the State Department any information available concerning the Irish Minister, together with specific advice as to what particular information the State Department desires be developed in the Bureau's investigation.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. TOLSON

REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE LETTER FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT DATED MAY 6, 1943, REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF THE IRISH MINISTER IN WASHINGTON WITH THE ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES KNOWN AS "CALAN NA GAEL" - IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY VETERANS, INCORPORATED. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF MR. WELCH TO MR. LADD DATED JULY 24, 1943, IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER.

FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT FILE ON ROBERT BRENNAN, IRISH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED: IN A LETTER FROM DAVID GRAY, UNITED STATES LEGATION IN DUBLIN, DATED JUNE 26, 1942, IT WAS REPORTED BY GRAY THAT HE ENTERTAINED BRENNAN ON JUNE 25, 1942. THIS ENTERTAINMENT UNDOUBTEDLY OCCURRED DURING A RECENT RETURN TO IRELAND BY BRENNAN.

GRAY REPORTED THAT BRENNAN COMMENTED ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS IN AMERICA AND STATED THAT "AMERICAN FEELING TOWARD IRELAND HAD MUCH IMPROVED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS". BRENNAN STATED DURING THE EVENING THAT HE HAD BEEN CORDIALY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND WAS GIVEN A FRIENDLY RECEPTION BY SECRETARY OF STATE WELLS.

GRAY FURTHER STATED THAT BRENNAN REPORTED "ANTI-IRISH FEELING THAT WAS PROVOKED BY AIKEN'S VISIT HAD ENTIRELY PASSED AWAY". IT WAS ALSO STATED BY BRENNAN, "BEFORE PEARL HARBOR A GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN-IRISH SUPPORTED IRISH NEUTRALITY, BUT AFTER PEARL HARBOR A MAJORITY CHANGED THEIR VIEWS AND BELIEVED THAT IRELAND SHOULD ENTER THE WAR." BRENNAN WAS ALSO SAID TO SAY, "AFTER ABOUT TWO MONTHS THIS ATTITUDE BEGAN TO WANE AND AT PRESENT MOST OF THEM WERE SUPPORTING THE IRISH POSITION AGAIN." BRENNAN WAS SAID TO SAY THAT THERE WAS NO ENTHUSIASM FOR THE WAR IN THE UNITED STATES BUT THERE WAS A DETERMINATION TO WIN IT.

Memorandum for Mr. Burton

From the biographical sketch of Brennan it was determined that he was born in County Wexford, Ireland, July 22, 1881, and was educated at Christian Brother Schools in Wexford. He was a surveyor in the County of Wexford in 1909 and later from 1909 to 1916 was a journalist. He participated in the uprising of 1916 and from 1918 to 1920 was Director of Publicity and Director of Elections of Sinn Fien. From 1920 to 1922 he was Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and from 1931 to 1934 helped organize and was made business manager of the newspaper the Irish Press. In 1934 he was appointed First Secretary of the Irish Free State Legation in Washington, later being appointed Minister.

He is the author of several plays and books and among the best known plays are "Bystander" and "Good Night Mr. O'Donnell".

Brennan is married and has four children.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this information be forwarded to Supervisor Harvey.

Respectfully,
December 17, 1943

Dear Sir:

Set out below for your information and assistance is certain information furnished by the Department of State concerning Robert Brennan, Irish Minister to the United States:

"From the State Department file on Robert Brennan, Irish Minister to Washington, the following information was obtained: In a letter from David Gray, United States Legation in Dublin, dated June 26, 1942, it was reported by Gray that he entertained Brennan on June 25, 1942. This entertainment undoubtedly occurred during a recent return to Ireland by Brennan.

"Gray reported that Brennan commented on the improvement of conditions in America and stated that 'American feeling toward Ireland had much improved in the last few months.' Brennan stated during the evening that he had been cordially received by President Roosevelt and was given a friendly reception by Under Secretary of State Wells.

"Gray further stated that Brennan reported 'Anti-Irish feeling that was provoked by Aiken's visit had entirely passed away.' It was also stated by Brennan, 'Before Pearl Harbor a great majority of the American-Irish supported Irish neutrality, but after Pearl Harbor a majority changed their views and believed that Ireland should enter the war.' Brennan was also said to say, 'After about two months this attitude began to wane and at present most of them were supporting the Irish position again.' Brennan was said to say that there was no enthusiasm for the war in the United States but there was a determination to win it.

"Gray continued as follows: 'Edmund Williams, the business manager of the government paper the Irish Press, who was chairman of the government sugar board, stated Brennan's appointment was secured by him as follows. Brennan as manager of the Irish Free Press was making a mess of things and that he, Williams, went to Mr. de Valera and told him that he would have to get Brennan out and if possible out of the country.'

"From the biographical sketch of Brennan it was determined that he was born in County Wexford, Ireland, July 22, 1881, and was educated at Christian Brother Schools in Wexford. He was a surveyor in the County of Wexford in 1909 and later from 1909 to 1916 was a journalist. He participated in the uprising of 1916 and from 1918 to 1920 was Director of Publicity and Director of Elections of Sinn Fein. From 1920 to 1922 he was Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and from 1931 to 1934 helped organize and was made business manager of the newspaper the Irish Press. In 1934 he was appointed
"First Secretary of the Irish Free State Legation in Washington, later being appointed Minister."

"He is the author of several plays and books and among the best known plays are 'Byzantium' and 'Good Night,""

As you will recall Robert Brennan reportedly is the head of the Clan na 'Gael, Irish Republican Army Veterans, Incorporated. In connection with the activity of Brennan in this organization the Department of State, although aware, that this group is not identical with the Irish Republican Army, desires additional information.

Consequently you are directed to conduct an extremely discreet investigation in connection with Brennan's activity in this organization. This investigation should be conducted, at least until additional instructions are received from the Bureau, through the various available established informants in the above case. After these informants are contacted it is desired that the Bureau be furnished by letter captioned as above a summary of the information procured and already available concerning Brennan and the activities of the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Incorporated.

It is my desire that this matter be given expeditious attention and that the Bureau be advised in the premises as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

American Embassy
London, England
September 6, 1943

Communication #1408

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

Dear Sir:

RE: HUGH McATEER
I.R.A. ACTIVITIES
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Reference is made to my letters dated April 26, May 3, and August 10, 1943, Communications #688, #689, #722 and #1228 concerning Hugh McAteer, Chief of Staff of the I.R.A.

For your information, there is attached hereto a clipping from the "Sunday Pictorial", London, England, of September 4, 1943, entitled "ARMED POLICE HUNT I.R.A. CHIEF". It will be noted from this clipping that the police are intensifying their hunt for Hugh McAteer.

Very truly yours,

G. M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosure
ARMED POLICE HUNT I.R.A. CHIEF

ARMS police are intensifying their hunt for gangster Hugh McAteer, so-called I.R.A. Chief of Staff, responsible for a campaign calling upon Irish Nationalists to sabotage Ulster's war effort.

Large forces of police swooped on suspected I.R.A. hide-outs in the Nationalist area of Belfast yesterday. In one district they made a big haul of arms and ammunition.

This included six Thompson sub-machine-guns, six rifles, six revolvers, 2,500 rounds of ammunition, twenty hand grenades, bomb springs and strikers, explosives, fog pistols, bayonets, and tools for repairing firearms.

McAteer, who escaped from Belfast Gaol on January 13 and was still at large late last night, is the man behind the traitorous Republican News.

Recently several printing presses have been seized. But the "News," which devotes most of its space to McAteer's campaign for sabotage, continues to come out as a sieced sheet.

Fire Raising

The August issue, found in a dockyard, has been sent to the Sunday Pictorial by a reader, who says the paper "almost makes him ashamed of being Irish."

It explains the best way to commit sabotage by burning fires.

McAteer contrives to support his anonymous campaign for sabotage by keeping his name well before the public. He impudently advertised that he was still at large by inserting in the Nationalist Irish News an "in memoriam:"

"Williams—in grief and anguished memory of my gallant comrade who gave his life for Ireland, September 2, 1942—Hugh McAteer."

This man was Tom Williams, I.R.A. man executed for murder a year ago, for whom a Mass was said in the S.C. Church of St. Mary on Thursday.

SUNDAY PICTORIAL
London, England
September 4, 1943
FROM: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

TO: FBI, New York

SUBJECT: IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and O

CORNELIUS "CONN" MEEHAN, W.S.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and O

For your consideration and assistance in connection with the above-mentioned matters, I am enclosing herewith photostatic copies of censorship intercepts received by the Bureau from the Office of Censorship.

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

Attention: Liaison Section

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X & G.

Your attention is invited to my letter of July 15, 1943.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attache

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Mr. A. M. Berman
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

Mr: TIEGAN REPERTIAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - I and 9

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In reference to your letter to the Bureau in the above-captioned case, dated September 13, 1943, concerning the information contained in your letter dated July 15, 1943, in the above-captioned case, Communication 21010.

Inquiries concerning the subject matter of your communication are still being conducted and the results thereof will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Reference is made to my letter to you in the above-captioned case, dated September 10, 1943, setting out certain information received by the Bureau from its confidential representative in London, England.

It is desired that the inquiry directed by my reference letter be expedited and that the results thereof be made available to the Bureau as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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