FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

PART 3 OF 7
61-7606

Section 13
Details: Under date of April 24, 1943, there was forwarded to the New York Field Division from the Bureau a photocopy of the report of
entitled "Memorandum Regarding Clan na Gael -- Irish Republican Army in the United States". The first ten pages of this memorandum were devoted to the activities of the Irish newspaper "The Irish Republican" in r. is presently a pending investigation of this newspaper in the New York Field Division, and the information submitted in this memorandum will be given appropriate attention in connection with this investigation. The next ten pages of the memorandum are devoted to the activities of the Clan na Gael in New York City, and surrounding vicinity. It should be noted that the bulk of this information has previously been included in investigative reports in this case.

The memorandum described the resolution adopted at the Easter Commencement held by the Clan na Gael on April 9, 1939, in New York City. It should be noted that this resolution was practically identical with the resolution adopted at the Easter Commencement held in 1943, except for the final paragraph of the resolution, which in 1939 warned against the propaganda purposes behind the coming visit to the United States of the British King and Queen, whereas in 1943, the final paragraph dealt with the Atlantic Charter.

The memorandum also dealt with the fund raising activities of the IRA Clan na Gael in connection with the Irish Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund. These activities will be dealt with in detail elsewhere in this report. The memorandum pointed out that the Clan na Gael has since Pearl Harbor been forced to drop much of its militant, anti-British attitude, and the reports of activities of the Clan na Gael which previously were found in the local Irish newspapers cannot now be found.

Organizational Structure

Set out several of the names of the various divisions of the Clan na Gael which are known as clubs. The names of these clubs have been set out in previous reports. However, it should be noted that the name of the New York City was included in the list of Clan na Gael organizations by in his memorandum, submitted a comprehensive list of names, allegedly members of the Clan na Gael. The bulk of these names were from the New York City area, but there were also submitted names from Boston, New Haven, Portsmouth and Pittsburgh. The names of the persons outside of New York were obtained through a perusal of the Irish newspaper "Gaelic America".
There was also included in the enumeration of information regarding the Irish newspaper "O'PLIC American," and miscellaneous Irish organizations. This information will be reported elsewhere in this report under the headings of "Irish Newspapers and "Other Irish Organizations," respectively.
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The following investigation was conducted in an effort to locate the bank account of the above named individuals: (X) U

physical inspection of the premises, reflected that this is a duplex belonging to

A check of the records of the Queens County register reflected that this home was purchased by
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Under date of July 31, 1943 there appeared the following article on the front page of the Irish Advocate, published in New York City:

"The Irish Republican Army is bequeathed $100 "to assist them in making Ireland an independent nation" under the will of JAMES REILLY, late of 5327 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia. REILLY died May 30th in the Hesericordia Hospital, leaving an estate tentatively valued at $12,500."

Investigation will be conducted by the Philadelphia Field Division to ascertain how it was contemplated sending the $100.00 to the Irish Republican Army.

MEETING PLACES
No further investigation is being conducted at the New York Field Division relative to this matter.

FORMER LEADING ORGANIZERS

Inasmuch as they do not appear to have any particular investigative significance, they will not be set out in this report but will be retained in the files of the New York Field Division.
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In Selective Service file at local board (54), letter from advising the board of a change of address. This letter was very short, consisting of only two lines. Photostatic copies of the letters are being maintained in the files of the New York Field Division.
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provided the following report
concerning the Irish American National Alliance which has previously been
reported as being the Chicago unit of the W.P. Clan as well. This report is
set out as follows:

The Irish American National Alliance of Chicago,
Illinois, was controlled by Martin Jolly; 7/10/18, 2247 Central
Park Avenue. The Attorney General authorized on June 26 an
indictment against W.P. Clan for violation of Section 32, Title 50.

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 the investigation be discontinued by the Newark Field
Division at that point.

It should be also noted by the Newark Field Division
that information.
Investigation in the New York Field Division conducted
in the case entitled: GAELIC AMERICAN; REGISTRATION ACT, reflects that in
the 1920's the Gaelic American was an organ of the old Clan na Gael but
that subsequently there was a split between the organization and the paper.
Later, the paper was financed partly by loans from the American Friends of
Irish Freedom but this source of revenue was cut off when the organization
decided to turn its funds over to the Irish American Historical Society.
Investigation further revealed that the newspaper is presently working on
a budget of between $25,000 and $15,000 a year and that its income from
legal advertising, commercial advertising and subscriptions is approximately
sufficient to meet this budget.

The Gaelic American no longer maintains its own
printing plant.

During the course of the investigation, no evidence was
found to indicate that the Gaelic American is operating in violation of the
Registration Act.
The above information has been incorporated into the appropriate files in the New York field office.

OTHER TYPES ORGANIZATIONS

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
From the old I.D. and that it meets on the third Tuesday of each month in New York City at 1707 Third Avenue. In the Irish Echo of November 1, 1942 there appeared the following quotation regarding this organization:

"This organization is open to all men who will take an active part in the I.D. It is the only organization here which is composed of none but ex-service I.D. men."

In the January 2, 1943 issue of the Irish World, it was stated that as of January, 1943, the officers of this organization were: president, John J. Molloy; secretary, P. J. McCarthy.

Shannon Club

to the effect that the Shannon club of New York City is a member club of the Clann na Gael.

The Irish Times

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PENDING
UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

at Detroit, Michigan

Will contact...will attempt to ascertain if...has registered at this hotel during the fall of 1942.

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

at Boston, Massachusetts

...will recontact...as listed in the report of Special Agent...dated May 13, 1943 at Boston, Massachusetts.

...will consider the advisability of interviewing...

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

at Chicago, Illinois

...will recontact...as set out in the report of Special Agent...dated January 26, 1943 at Chicago, Illinois and endeavor to obtain the names of other members who have been active in the IRA in Chicago area and will obtain whatsoever additional information 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.
NEWARK FIELD DIVISION
At Trenton, New Jersey

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine identity, reputation and loyalty of [redacted] who is said to be a member of the IRA and is known to have

In this regard the Newark Office should note the information set out in this report under the heading, "IRA in other sections - Newark."

At Newark, New Jersey

Will ascertain all information relative to officers, membership and activities of the Kevin Barry Camp.

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION
At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Will check the files pertaining to the Alien Registration Act of 1940 at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization for pertinent information on [redacted]. Information relative to the whereabouts and activities of [redacted] is set out under the heading of Outside Individuals Alleged To Be Active in the IRA. It should be noted that [redacted]. In this regard, reference should be made to the New York letter to Philadelphia, under date of June 25, 1943. re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY; INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH.

Will conduct preliminary investigation to ascertain how it is contemplated that the $100.00 willed to the Irish Republican Army by the late JAMES REILLY of 5327 Larchwood Avenue, will be sent to the IRA. It is felt that through following up the probate of REILLY'S will, information of value may be obtained relative to Irish Republican leaders here or in Ireland and that further, it will possibly reveal methods of transmission of funds to the IRA in Ireland. This will verify a letter from New York to Philadelphia, under date of August 14, 1943 in instant case.
At Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Will check the records at the Corporation Commissioner's
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 "OLFE TUBE CLUB"
reported to be functioning in the Pittsburgh area, March 29, 1939. This
lead was originally stated in the report of Special Agent [redacted] Jr. dated July 1, 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
At San Francisco, California

Will recontract informants with view to obtaining
members in Knights of the Red Cross located in San Francisco and will
endeavor to ascertain whether this organization, as such, is contemplating
any subversive action against the United States.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION
At Washington, D.C.

Will conduct further investigation concerning [redacted]
to discover his employer and his activities
in Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
At New York, New York

Will contact [redacted] of instant
report in order to obtain a photographic copy of a letter typewritten by

[Signature]
IDENTITY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of
Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 14, 1943 at New York, New
York, are as follows:

Memorandum dated March 19, 1943 from the Special War Policies Unit
of the Department of Justice.

Inspector J. M. THISTLETHWAIT, Bureau representative in London.

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Report of Special Agent [Redacted], Newark, New Jersey, dated June 25, 1943.
Letter from the New York Field Division dated August 18, 1943.

An obituary in the Newark Evening News of June 7, 1943 reflects a FRANK E. MC GARRITY, special officer employed in the chancery office of the Arch Diocese of Newark, for 12 years, died on June 4, 1943 at his home at 30 Mulberry Street. After being ill a year, he was born in Ireland and lived in Newark 50 years. MR. MC GARRITY was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, Clan-Nagad, the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 1, Master Gallic Society, West Hudson Lodge and Loyal Order of Moose. The article indicates that MR. MC GARRITY leaves a son, FRANK E. sexton of St. John's Church, a daughter, Sister CONELA MARIA, Order of St. Joseph, Philadelphia; his wife died in 1936.

Library of the Newark Evening News, allowed the writer to examine their records for a mention of MC GARRITY, which was done with negative results.
A check of the following telephone directories was made at the
Trenton Public Library with negative results:
September 1947, June 1938, March 1939, December 1939, September
1940, May 1941, March 1942, January 1943, and present record.

Board of Elections, Mercer County Court
House, Trenton, New Jersey, advised that the name of... does
not appear in their files which go back to 1939. In their accessed files.
was contacted with negative results.

Due to the fact that all investigation of this case has been completed in the Newark Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated September 27, 1943, at San Francisco, California, in the above-captioned case. It is desired that a copy of this report be furnished to the appropriate local offices of the FBI.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
To: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
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Sir:

With specific reference to your letter of November 27, 1943 regarding the alleged departure from the United States of SEAN MILLER, a former officer of Staff of the IRA, the following is a summary of all information developed to date concerning this matter:

The report of Special Agent of date May 19, dated May 19, 1943 at New York City states that efforts to corroborate MILLER'S departure through the records at Ellis Island met with negative results.

In the report of Special Agent dated February 4, New York City in the DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, I BROOKLYN - I enclose a comprehensive list of the facts relating

[Redacted text]
Letter to Director
BY 100-7626

December 7, 1943

Special Agent exhausted the sources in checking the crew and passenger lists of outgoing vessels leaving New York in April and May of 1940.

The only other information would be that contained in the Bureau letter dated September 11, 1943 under the above caption and showing a Bureau File Number of 61-7606, in which alleged statements of Irish prisoners of war in Germany are made, indicating that RUSSELL was alive during 1941.

The foregoing is a summary of the information appearing in the New York files on this matter. Contact will be maintained with in the hope of ultimately establishing the facts with respect to RUSSELL.

Very truly yours,

c. c. contey

E. E. CONROY, SAC

61-7606-255
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
October 2, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY (IRISH)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent (redacted), dated September 24, 1943 at New York City, wherein an undeveloped lead is set out for this field division.

In this connection your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent (redacted), dated September 17, 1943, at San Francisco, California, which, it is felt, covers instant lead.

Consequently, no further investigation is contemplated in this matter at the present time, and it is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIPE

(SAC)

cc New York
61-7606

Section 14
September 30, 1949

Mr. Edgar Hoover
Legal Adviser
The American Embassy
London, England

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to numerous communications from you concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army. Pursuant to your previous request and for your information and assistance in connection with this matter, I am enclosing five copies of a 57-page memorandum entitled "Irish Republican Army (Quig-Keigh In K-Brecon)" which incorporates considerable information concerning the activities of the Irish Republican Army in the United States.

The enclosed memorandum should not be considered as a complete update.

Pursuant to my previous request, a report detailing the activities of the above-captioned organization and any available information to the Bureau (any additional information which you may be able to procure concerning this group and its activities and leadership, with specific reference to any and all information bearing upon the activities of the Irish Republican Army in the United States.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY VETERANS
AND THE IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY
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The Irish Republic formerly was published at 1617 Kenilworth Place, Bronx, New York City. It reportedly was the organ of the Irish Republican Army and was financed with the assistance of IRA District Number One. The distribution of this newspaper reportedly was limited to IRA members and its publication was discontinued in August, 1941, because of lack of funds.

The Gaelic American is presently being published at 165 Williams Street, New York City, by one Reilly, and is reported to presently be opposed to the IRA 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.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE IRA
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The most common allegation of sabotage on the part of the Irish Republican Army involves the frequently received assertion that the bombing of the British Pavilion at the World's Fair in 1940 was the work of the IRA. However, there has been no substantiation of these allegations.
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It is reported that on Sunday, September 13, 1942, the Clan Na Gael, an Irish Republican Army group, 1214 Broadway, New York City, held a mass protest meeting for the purpose of protesting the execution of Thomas Joseph Williams, a soldier of the IRA, by the British Government in Ireland. It was reported that this meeting was attended by the radical Irish Republican Army group. The following circular was distributed describing the meeting:

"CLAN NA GAEIL AND I. R. A. CASES
1214 Broadway, N.Y.C.

A Proctest Meeting Will Be Held At
The Roosevelt Towne Ballrooms
59th Street and Madison Avenue
New York City
On Sunday, September 13, 1942.

To protest the execution of a soldier of
The Irish Republican Army by the British
Government in Ireland."
The circular set out the following:

"Every other generation had made an armed protest against England and when England thought she had trampled them down in blood, some strong men arose and redeemed them by his sacrifice. Ireland's demand all through the centuries had been freedom, and there was only one sort of freedom, the definition of which was not to be found on the statute book of a nation's enemies, but in the book of a nation's fathers. Irish freedom had been defined for them by the fathers—first of all by Tone who said, "To break the connection with England—the never failing source of all of our political evils—and to assert the independence of my country, these were my objects."

The path that our redeemers showed
Our country, too in tears must tread
Where faltering feet will find the road
Where Tone, and Clarke, and Emmet lead
Yes, she may falter, she may shrink
But ne'er again to slivers sink
Now Williams is silent in his tomb
And tyrants live who planned his doom
Just God! 'Men do we forget?"

At this meeting speeches were made by Irish Republican Army leaders Eamonn Morrissey, James Briand, Mr. John McCarthy, and Bernard McGowan to approximately 300 IRA members at the Roscomon Tuxedo Ballrooms, 59th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City. It is reported that this meeting was held for two purposes in addition to protesting the execution of Thomas Joseph Williams, those purposes being one, to test the strength of the Irish Republican Army in New York at the present time and two, to secure financial assistance for the families of IRA men imprisoned in Ireland and England.

According to reports, McGowan in his speech before this meeting definitely stated that the IRA of today is the very same Irish Republican Army of twenty years ago and that McGowan in his speech went to great lengths to explain that in the Atlantic Charter, due to the trickery of England, there is no mention of complete freedom for Ireland.

Allegedly, all of the speakers at this meeting were very anti-British in their remarks, McGowan having reportedly stated that for many years the British Government has stirred up trouble in Ireland between the people of northern Ireland and the people of southern Ireland.

Speakers at this meeting also attacked Senator Frank MacDermott, a Representative of the Irish Free State Government who, according to
reporte, recently wrote articles in the New York Herald Tribune on the policies of the Irish Free State Government. These speakers allegedly disguised MacDermott as a statesman without portfolio, and in connection with this it is of interest to note that the following article appeared in the publication, "The Irish Echo", above described, on September 12, 1948:

"A STATESMAN WITHOUT PORTFOLIO"

"Senator Frank MacDermott, who usually issues his pontifical broadsides as a member of the upper chamber of the Irish legislature, and quite recently has assumed the same task in the United States, where he is bickering in the dual capacity of a polite refugee and propagandist against Irish neutrality, hastened last Saturday to exploit his views in the Herald Tribune on the problems of the country from which he drew part of his income out of the taxpayers' money.

"We wonder if the Senator considers it good morals to continue drawing a salary from the Erie treasury while he remains in another country and contributes not one jot or tittle of service to the people whom he is paid to serve! He was not delegated by any responsible authority in Erie to come here to tell the American people how eager he is to have his countrymen accept his political philosophy regarding the partition issue, neutrality, or anything else that affects their welfare. As far as we know, he is a man without a mandate.

"The Senator, however, takes himself rather seriously; it is an attribute of his character that enhances the ludicrousness of his ponderous pronouncements. He has a pontifical way with him, has the Senator, and it is the irony of fate that he must needs travel without a government portfolio.

"Imagine how history might be revolutionised in the twinkling of an eye if the Senator were endowed with the power of a tribune of his people! Deep in the roots of his country's soil, as he is, and boldly proclaims—so different from the Tonnes, the Russells, the Mitchels, the Randalls, the Kearneys and the others who could not claim that distinction—the Senator would verily be a second Daniel come to judgment, a light in the darkness of a chaotic world, and the gods have favored him with the scepter of supremacy over the national affairs of the country which he finds so much time to exorcise beyond its boundaries."

At this meeting the following resolution was adopted:
WHEREAS (Reading of the Ultimatum of January 12, 1939, hereinafter set out)

WHEREAS a state of war—both passive and active—has existed between the Army of the Irish Republic and the Government of Britain since the issuance of the aforementioned ultimatum, and

WHEREAS the British Government has violated its signature to the principles of international law by the hanging of a number of the Army of the People of Ireland, and

WHEREAS since British criminal law, supported by British armed forces, condemned a soldier of the Irish Republican Army to death by hanging, its procedure is at variance with and a violation of the recognition of the Irish Republican Army by the British Government when the aforementioned government sought the Truce in Ireland in July, 1921, and

WHEREAS THOMAS JOSEPH WILLIAMS, soldier of the Irish Republican Army, for performing his duty to the People of Ireland was done to death in the traditional British method reserved for the opponents of British Imperial aggression, and

WHEREAS the Irish Race which has carried the banner of Freedom throughout the world, and particularly in the American Continents, stands agast at this latest manifestation of insult and indignity upon a people who desire the exercise of Freedom in their own land, and

WHEREAS in the enforcement of her imperial laws in Ireland—laws similar to those ascribed to her enemies in Europe for the suppression of which American troops are being sent overseas, Americans are observing typical British oppression while British propaganda is endeavoring to undermine the warm understanding and friendship that exists between the People of the United States and the people of Ireland, and

WHEREAS since British Imperial policy is the direct negation to the present American crusade for the extension of freedoms throughout the world, countless American lives may be sacrificed in vain even as their very presence
in Ireland is ineffectual in combating fourteenth century oppression - their inaction moreover endorses the studied silence being shown to the demands of the people of Ireland for the restoration of their sovereign rights and self-government denied to them by a British statute, The Government of Ireland Act (1920).

"NOW BE IT RESOLVED"

That we, American citizens, cherishing the belief that no peace can exist while the exercise of Freedom is denied to a people whose natural convictions and innate desires are devoted to its attainment, do endorse the recent manifesto of the Irish Republican Army as being consistent and compatible with the determination of the people of Ireland to be Free, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED"

That we, on behalf of the Irish Race in these American Continents, pledge our moral and financial support to the Irish Republican Army to sustain them in their heroic fight for the freedom of Ireland, and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED"

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Irish Republican Army Council, to the Secretary of State of these United States, to world-wide organizations devoted to the attainment of Ireland’s freedom and to the Press."

In connection with the prevalent attacks by Irish Republican Army elements on the present De Valera Irish Free State Government, it is of interest to note the following editorial which also appeared in the Irish Echo on September 12, 1942:

"BRENNAN NAILS A LIE"

"Robert Brennan, Irish Minister to the United States, found it necessary this week to voice the sentiments of the Irish people against the horrid slanders that have been circulating for more than a week regarding the attitude of Ireland toward
the American troops that are now camped there.

"Mr. Brennan, a responsible Irish official who is thoroughly familiar with the conditions in Ireland and who recently spent several weeks there, condemned the stories that have appeared in American newspapers, since the execution of Williams in Belfast last Wednesday, to the effect that there is growing hostility among the Irish to the men who are living among them as part of the American expeditionary forces.

"Reports of demonstrations against American troops in Ireland have been grossly exaggerated by those who are jealous of the traditional good feeling existing between the people of Ireland and America," Mr. Brennan declared.

"The Irish Minister put his finger on the kernel of the matter. Jealousy of the bonds of friendship that have always existed between Ireland and the United States, bonds that were forged in a friendship that grew out of a common love of liberty against an enemy that invoked the most repulsive forms of tyranny for its destruction in both countries.

"Mr. Brennan was merely referring to an historical fact which cannot be obliterated, even though today the United States has joined hands with Britain against the powers of Nazism.

"The Irish, as one of our poets has written, brought no treason to America. They have no need to bow low for the part they have taken in making this nation the greatest on earth, nor have they any need to feel ashamed of the part their offsprings are playing now to maintain American ideals and institutions.

"Mr. Brennan struck the proper note in his statement about the present situation in Ireland when he said that so long as the evil of partition continues in Ireland such incidents as were reported in the newspapers last week about outbursts of emotion when American soldiers were seen on the streets of Belfast, are inevitable.

"A country that is deliberately divided and its national will set at naught by a government that has followed the sort of rule for its own selfish ends for centuries cannot but be subject to discord and disaffection."
"And the United States, following the Civil War, set up a governmental segregation policy between the Northern States and the Southern States; it is easy to visualize what the conditions in this country would have been during the last seventy-seven years.

"Then the carpet-baggers invaded the Southern States and took over their administration; there was nothing but strife—the natural outcome of the imposition of conditions in the South by the victorious North, which the Southerners regarded as tyrannical.

"Let the carpet-bagger government be removed from the North of Ireland, with the elimination of the boundary that was placed round it for the vicious purpose of Irish discontent, and there will be no need for Irish officials in Washington or anywhere else having to speak in defense of their people's rights."

It is also noted that the following articles appeared in the Irish Echo of the same date:

"DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U. S. TROOPS EXAGGERATED SAY IRE MINISTER BRENNAN"

"WASHINGTON.—Robert Brennan, Eire's Minister to the United States, said on Monday that recent reports of demonstrations against American troops in Ireland had been 'grossly exaggerated' by those who are jealous of the traditional good feeling between the people of Ireland and America.

"So long as the evil of partition (of Ireland) continues, such incidents are inevitable,' he said.

"In this case they had their origin in the hanging in Belfast of a boy of 19. Irishmen will never understand what right the British Government—or any government imposed by them on a part of Ireland against the wishes of four-fifths of the Irish people—has to execute any Irishman in Ireland."

"Mr. Brennan said there was no ill-feeling toward American troops in the North of Ireland. But the majority of the Irish people believe, he said, that their presence there 'is a condonation of the partition of Ireland.'"
The following cable was received by James Cotter, president of the C.A.A., of New York, from Patrick O'Keefe, general secretary of the Central Council of Ireland:

"Six young Irishmen under sentence of death in Belfast. Execution fixed for September 2. We recommend you ask Washington to intervene. - Patrick O'Keefe."

The following letter was sent to Washington by the secretary of the New York C.A.A.:

"Hon. Cordell Hull, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: The Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York, assembled in regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 1942, unanimously protest the execution of six young Irishmen and that the action of the Six-County authorities is unnatural and unfair in condemning to death those men, as it will further strain the relations existing as between the population of the twenty-six counties. Mr. Secretary, we are asking you to intervene on their behalf and any assistance you will extend to spare their lives next Tuesday, September 2, will always be remembered by our Irish people, both here and abroad.

Respectfully,

The Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York,

PARK. J. MINGAN, Sec."
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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SIC. Philadelphia

MR: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERIOR SECURITY - I and 3

Dear Sirs:

For your information and assistance and for appropriate attention
in connection with the above-captioned case, the following information was
transmitted to the Bureau from

[Redacted]

The Philadelphia office is directed to determine whether the bequest
to the Irish Republican Army made by the deceased James Keilly has been claimed,
and in the event this bequest has been claimed it is desired that the identity
and activities of the claimant be determined in connection with the above-
captioned case. In the event no action has as yet been taken concerning this
bequest, it is desired that appropriate arrangements be made so that the
Philadelphia office will be immediately notified of any attempt on the part of
any person or organization to claim the above-described bequest.

No effort should of course be made to block the payment of this
bequest and no indication should be given to the executors or to any other
interested individuals that the Bureau considers the bequest undesirable.

The Bureau should be advised of the action taken by you in connec-
tion with this matter.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAIL
★ OCT 9 1943 5 PM
CC: New York
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Baltimore indices negative.

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DATE: 12-23-43</br>DATE: 8-31-43</br>DATE: 7-15-43

REFERENCE:


DETAILS:

A check of the indices of the Baltimore Field Division in regard to reflected no information.

On October 4, 1943, the writer contacted

All leads having been covered, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 7-10-43

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: 

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES:

J. W. Vincen

5 - Bureau
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

American Embassy
London, England
September 20, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

Communication No. 1512

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

Attention: Liaison Section

Classified for: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY X and G.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 11, 1943
which furnished information concerning investigation of the circum-
stances surrounding the departure of Sean Russell, former Chief of
Staff of the I.R.A. from the United States in 1939. It is noted in
the last paragraph of reference letter that you advised that

RECORDERD & INDEXED
Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurstor
Legal Attache
Mr. A. L. Deverton
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and Q

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above-captioned case dated September 20, 1943.

For your information, it is noted that Messrs. represent a leader of the older Irish Republican Army Federation in the United States, which has to a large extent broken away from the present younger IRA leadership.

It is believed that the departure of Russell's family was engineered by this older IRA element, and that this element did not reveal the details of Russell's departure to prisoners or other younger leaders of the Army in New York.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 1

THE CASE CONSOLIDATED AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

FILE NO. 65-370

PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

DATE OCCURRED 10-2-43

SERIES 25-36, 31-6-22.

28-8-23:9-6-7.

RECOMMENDED TO (67c)

INTERNAL SECURITY (Irish)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

Produced negative results. No record of
as having registered as alien. Request by
JAMES MULLY to IRA presently unclaimed.

The Irish in Phila. resent
attacks upon their loyalty to the U. S.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File 61-7606 and 160-147396, dated April 5, 1943,
at Philadelphia.

Report of Special Agent dated May 19, 1943,
at New York.

DETAILS:
The following Philadelphia files have been consolidated:
"Irish Activities in the United States; Internal Security - N.;"
Philadelphia File 61-65;
"Espionage;" Philadelphia File 65-3110, Bureau
File 160-147396;
with the file entitled:
"Irish Republican Army, Internal Security (Irish), Bureau File
61-7606.
As requested in the reference report of Special Agent [redacted], a search conducted by the Alien Registration Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, revealed that there was no record of [redacted]. According to [redacted], the following information concerning [redacted] appeared in the files.

The following crimes and their dispositions appeared on his alien registration application:

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There was no record of JAMES KEILLY at the Central Office of Immigration and Naturalization Service.

JAMES KEILLY, deceased.

Information appearing in the Philadelphia newspapers and received from the New York Field Division revealed that JAMES KEILLY, deceased; of 5327 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia, had bequeathed $100.00 to the Irish Republican Army. According to the records of the Register of Wills for Philadelphia County, the following information was obtained:

JAMES KEILLY died on May 30, 1943 and his will was executed on April 1, 1943. His will was admitted to probate on June 10, 1943 by the Register of Wills, Philadelphia County.

The following is an excerpt from the will of KEILLY:

"I give and bequeath to the Irish Republican Army to assist them in making Ireland an independent nation, free from horror, at this time her only enemy, England, the sum of $100.00."

The executors of the estate are THOMAS LAVIN of 2141 South 21st Street, and Reverend ANDREW P. LAVIN, of 1723 Race Street.
PHILADELPHIA FILE #65-370

JAMES ADIGAN

This individual has been named variously as the leader of the Irish Republican Army in Philadelphia and also as the head of the IRA veterans.

The following information was obtained from [redacted] Registration and Verification Division of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
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AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Will interview [redacted] concerning [redacted] and at the same time will endeavor to obtain any information he may have concerning Irish activities especially those of the IRA in the Philadelphia area. He is located at [redacted].

Will obtain further information concerning the background of [redacted].

Will obtain further background information concerning [redacted] and ascertain if he is presently engaged in any activity that is of a subversive nature.

Will continue investigation of [redacted] in order that it might be ascertained whether or not he is in any way subversive. (See Philadelphia File 65-937).

Will interview [redacted] for any information he may have concerning the activities of the Irish groups in Philadelphia.
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01-7666-264
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letters dated September 10, 1943 and October 6, 1943, in the above-captioned matter, and particularly to those communications specifically referring to CORNELIUS/NEEMAN, alias Con Neenan, Connie Neenan, Con Divine, etcetera.
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Very truly yours,

E. E. COMROY

SAC
There is set out below certain explanatory and identifying information concerning various incidents and individuals referred to.
The descriptive information previously available concerning reportedly is accurate.
November 27, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AND COURIER ROUTE

RF: Mr. A. H. Sheeven
Legal Attache
The American Embassy
London, England

Dear Sirs:

Further reference is made to previous communications, for your information and assistance in pursuance to your previous requests, I am enclosing three copies of a blind memorandum concerning the identity of certain individuals.

For your confidential information, mention of this information and the explanation therefore was received directly.

For your further information in this connection, advice has been received that additional available information concerning will be furnished you in a separate communication.

With regard to previous voluminous correspondence with you concerning Sean Russell and his alleged death, it is of interest to note that...
If you will recall, innumerable allegations have been made concerning the time, place, and circumstances of Russell's alleged death, but so far as the Bureau's files reflect, the exact and accurate facts concerning this matter have never been received.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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EXTRACT FROM REPORT

Letter from the Bureau to the Detroit Field Division dated September 1, 1943.

DETAILS:

In accordance with instructions set forth in the reference Bureau letter, the report was re-inter-

EXTRACT FROM REPORT

Viewed at the Detroit Field Office.

RECOMMENDATION

Deferred.

APPROVED BY

John B. Wagner

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CONFIDENTIAL
IN SPECIAL ENVELOPE

Date: 10-19-43

To: Assistant Chief of Staff
O-S, War Department
Attention: Colonel E. E. Forney

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

Subject: IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY

As of possible interest in connection with the above subject, I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated (redacted) October 6, 1943, at Detroit, Michigan

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tonn
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavas
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nicholas
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Acers
Mr. Carson
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Starke
Mr. Quisen Tamen
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

MAILED 7
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[Redacted signatures]

[Redacted dates and numbers]
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**FILE NO.** 200-1536

**DATE WHEN CASE OPENED:** 10-15-43

**DATE WHEN CASE CLOSED:** 7-15-12

**PERIOD FOR WHICH CASE MAINTAINED:** 10-12-43

**REPORT MAILED BY:** C7

**CHARACTER OF CASE:** INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH

**IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY**

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**REFERENCE:**

- Report of Special Agent, Boston, dated May 15, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

- At South Portland, Maine

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- Bureau
- New York
- Boston

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated May 13, 1943 at Boston, which sets forth a lead, on Page No. 9, to recontact listed in the report; however, a review of the information obtained in the interviews conducted with these individuals appeared to indicate no reason for expecting additional information from them and, therefore, these informants are not being recontacted.

Reference is made to the information obtained from as appearing on the bottom of Page No. 7 of this report, where it is set forth that is not being contacted for inasmuch as the information pertaining to the same was secured from as set forth above.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated November 9, 1942 at Boston, in the case entitled, "Unknown Subject; British War Relief Society, Inc., 27 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, 9-15-42, Sabotage (Miscellaneous Bombing)". Where it appears on the bottom of Page No. 10 that were contacted by Special Agent after searching their records, advised
In view of the investigation conducted to date in this field division, which discloses no activities on the part of the IRA, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.
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61:7666-267
From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 13, 1943, at Boston, Massachusetts in the case entitled "Irish Republican Army."

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence
    Navy Department

Enclosures:
October 25, 1943

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DATED 22O-37 BY D83X573lOG

Director, FBI

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INFORMATION - X and 0
Bureau File 761-7606 and 166-16766.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated
October 8, 1943, wherein it is requested that the
Philadelphia Field Division determine if the bequest of
JAMES REILLY, deceased, of $100 to the Irish Republican
Army had been claimed.

Your attention is directed to the report
of special Agent [redacted] dated 10/2/43, at
Philadelphia, wherein it is reflected that the executors
of the estate of JAMES REILLY are listed as THOMAS LAVIN,
2141 South 21st Street, and Reverend ANDREW P. LAVIN,
of 1723 Beech Street. WALTER E. GLASGOW was the attorney for
the executors.

Very truly yours,

F. SEARS
SAC

RECORDED:

6/1/78/29

29 Nov 12 1942
Missed Salutation...

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

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Og'laigh Na h-Eireann
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Reference is made to Bureau letter of September 30, 1943, which transmitted five copies of a 57-page memorandum entitled "Irish Republican Army (Og'laigh Na h-Eireann)."

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

Enclosure

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In an effort to determine if any published literature might be available concerning the I.R.A. in the United States, the records of the Congressional Library were viewed with negative results.
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A check of the records at [redacted] reflected that the records of [redacted] contain no further information other than [redacted].

A check of the files of the Washington Field Division reflected that under date of January 24, 1943, a confidential informant of the Bureau advised that the files of the Washington Field Division further indicate [redacted].
Reference reports requested the Washington Field Division to conduct an investigation concerning the activities of [redacted] an alleged member of the [redacted].
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61-7606-278
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Communication No. 1728

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

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Attention: Liaison Section

Secret

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR COURIER POUCH

W. J. HARTLEY

Classified by: A. D. H. B.
Declassify on: 12-31-48

61-7606
Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attache
November 15, 1945

Director, FBI
Attention: FBI Laboratory

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the following:

[Redacted]

Postscript of typewritten letter from Local Board 34, dated July 18, 1942.

The laboratory is respectfully requested to compare the typewriting.
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Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

[Handwritten note: Ask to NYC to fill form. Men to leave 12/10/45.]

[Enclosure stamp: Secret]
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61-7606-273
In this connection your specific attention is directed to the information and the opportunity of contact you may have with any of the above-mentioned official representatives of the Department or any other official of the Department concerned. The above-captioned case, I am also permitted to make a letter dated November 29, 1963, to [Redacted] [Redacted] in favor of [Redacted] [Redacted].

Additional detailed information concerning this matter is available and will be furnished to you upon request.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Document date: [Redacted] [Redacted]

[Redacted] [Redacted]
November 27, 1943

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Alan Baseball Adams
Internal Security

Dear Mr. Adams,

Reference to your previous communications is made in the above-discussed case concerning [redacted]. An investigation is being conducted to determine the exact status concerning the alleged... [redacted].

Advised is now desired as to the present status of this inquiry and desires to be furnished with a summary of all information developed by you to date concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DATE NOV 27 1943 P.M.

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61-7606-226
In reply to the above comments made by Acting Inspector [redacted], advising that serial Nos. 11-19 and 11-20 were not in the file, this is to advise that serials Nos. 11-19 and 11-20 have been located and appropriate charge-outs have been made for these serials.
Communication #1960

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 the writer's letters dated April 26, May 3, August 10, and September 6, 1943, Communications #688, #689, #722, #1228 and #1408, regarding Hugh McAttee, Chief of Staff of the I.R.A., who escaped from a Belfast, Ireland jail on January 15, 1943.

For your information, there is attached hereto a clipping from the Sunday Dispatch of November 21, 1943, entitled "THREE-SCAR McATEER RECAPPED: £3,000 REWARD UNCLAIMED".

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Enclosure

RECORDED & INDEXED

18 DEC 6 1943
THREE-SCAR MCFADDEN RECAPTURED.

3,000 REWARD UNCLAIMED.

Three police constables raced into the house with revolvers drawn, ready for a gun duel. MCFADDEN, who was shooting his gun, was quivering with excitement, but was striving desperately to maintain an appearance of calm, hoping to bluff the pursuers into thinking he was not their quarry.

The constables will be given information contained herein is Unclassified.

DATE: 23-31912/5/11379

61-7606-277

ENG.

SUNDAY Dispatch
London, England
November 21, 1943
Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is...

Inasmuch as the owner of... desires to retain possession of it, it is requested that it be returned intact to the New York Field Division.

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Very truly yours,

C. E. Conroy

Date: [Redacted]
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Section 15
Dear Sir:

These reports will be discussed in a forthcoming report of Special Agent. Incidentally, there is no report numbered 31-207.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
SAC

Classified by: Capt. Elmo P. Segrave
Declassified on: 12/31/87
E. E. Conroy
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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 13 45 7-25 P

DIRECTOR

DEAR, ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY... IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, SECURITY MATTER IRISH. REFERENCE MY LETTER NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH, FORTY THREE, ENCLOSING FIVE LETTERS FOR EXAMINATION. PLEASE EXPEDITE REPORT AND RETURN LETTERS.

Called Laboratory (bwc)

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DATE: 1-25-

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The Irish Republican Government Association registered with the Secretary of State on February 6, 1940, as an Agent of a foreign principal under the McCormack Act, but did not register under the Foreign Agent’s Registration Act of 1938, as amended. No record of the Association having been notified to the Secretary of State as an Agent of a foreign government. 0'NEIL M. O'DRISDAIL was Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. On March 15, 1940, O'DRISDAIL advised the State Department that he had resigned from the office of Executive Secretary and Treasurer of, and from membership in, the Irish Republican Government Association. On December 31, 1940, the name of the Irish Republican Government Association was withdrawn from the list of names of persons and organizations registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 6, 1938.

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Teletype from New York to the Washington Field Office dated December 4, 1943.

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Under the name of foreign principal or principals for which the registrant is acting as agent was listed the information that:

All the activities of The Irish Republican Government Association are entirely voluntary, self-directed, and wholly independent of any foreign principal, or principals, or other persons or organizations. Under its constitution and general by-laws, when financially able to do so, it shall assist, by employing its own organizers in Ireland to promote an Irish Republican Government Party, or otherwise, in organizing the Irish people to vote in overwhelming numbers, as they did in 1918, for THE AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR ALL IRELAND, A SOVEREIGN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, HAVING NO CONNECTION WITH THE BRITISH CROWN—for renunciation of the British imposed bans agreement of 1921, and for restoration and perpetuation of the government of the Irish Republic, the lawful authority of which is vested in the surviving members of the Executive Council of Dail Eireann.

Under the address of the foreign principal was listed the names and addresses of the members of the Executive Council of Dail Eireann.

Seth J. J. O'KELLY of Dublin, Ireland, Chairman
Hon. CATHARINE PERK of Dublin, Ireland, Treasurer
Hon. COURTWAYnett of Dublin, Ireland
Hon. GAIR MACNEDY of Cork, Ireland
Hon. Professor W. F. P. STOKELY of the National University of Ireland, Cork, Ireland.
Hon. Brigadier THOMAS MURPHY of Mato, Ireland.

The nationality of all of the above was listed as Irish.

The registration reflected that the nature of business of the foreign principal was that the Executive Council of Dail Eireann is the Executive Council of the Legislative branch of the de jure government of the Irish Republic, established in the Irish National Parliament at Dublin in 1929; overthrown and suppressed by armed rebellion which was directed and assailed by the British Government in 1922; never legally disestablished and still in existence and meeting occasionally, but not functioning. The nature of the business of the registrant was given as a society, incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, to assist in organizing the people of Ireland to vote again in overwhelming numbers, as they did in 1918, for the American Form of Government for all Ireland, which is a sovereign democratic republic, having no connection with the British Crown, and for renunciation of the British imposed bans agreement of 1921, and for restoration and perpetuation of the Irish Republic, formally established in the Irish National Parliament in 1919.
Further information reflected that the Irish Republican Government Association, or any of its members, was not employed by the Executive Council of Fail Éireann, nor by any of its members, nor any other foreign principal or principals, or bodies whatsoever. No contract or agreement for any kind of employment service or of assistance had ever been entered into between the Association or any of its members, and the Executive Council of Fail Éireann or any of its members or other foreign corporations or bodies. No authority for any activity had been received by the Association from the Executive Council of Fail Éireann, or others, and further that the registrant had never entered into any contract or agreement of employment, nor into any negotiations leading thereto with Fail Éireann.

The registration statement further reflected that no compensation whatsoever was paid to, nor was any income received by the Irish Republican Government Association under contracts or terms of employment or otherwise, nor had any foreign principals or other persons or organizations contributed or undertaken to contribute any compensation.

Under the registrant's organization powers and purposes, the registration statement reflected that the registrant is a society incorporated under the Code of the District of Columbia, Title 5, Chapter 5; that it was an organization having a perpetual term with its particular objects being charitable, social, fraternal, namely, to promote domestic tranquility and prosperity in Ireland, and an honorable and lasting peace between the Irish people and the British Government.

The Executive Secretary SEAN O'DRAS was listed as being foreign born, but naturalized as a citizen of the United States on July 14, 1932, before the United States District Court, S.D.N.Y. The registration statement was sworn to and notarized by EDITH L. STEVENS, Notary Public, Washington, D.C., on January 22, 1940.

On March 15, 1940, SEAN O'DRAS, 2554 University Place, NW, Washington, D.C., advised the Division of Control, State Department, that he had as of March 15, 1940, resigned from the office of Executive Secretary and Treasurer of, and from membership in, The Irish Republican Government Association; and further requested that his name be removed from the Department's list as an Agent of a foreign principal; as he had no further connection with the aforesaid Irish Republican Government Association. Receipt of the above letter was acknowledged by the State Department on March 29, 1940. On December 31, 1940, the name of the Irish Republican Government Association was withdrawn from the list of names of persons and organizations registered with the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act of June 6, 1938, requiring the registration of Agents of foreign principals.
The Bureau's confidential representative in London, England, has requested advice concerning any additional information in regard to this matter, which is available to the Bureau.

In connection with this matter, in addition to the voluminous information already available to you in connection with the above-captioned case, specific reference is made to the case entitled [redacted] and to [redacted], the closing report therein of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 23, 1943 at New York City.

However, the names of these individuals are being placed on the Consular ship list, and any information made available as a result of this stop will, of course, be furnished to you. It is desired that your files be carefully reviewed and that the Bureau be furnished with any additional information available to you concerning this matter not already reported in the above-captioned case or in the "Gerald O'Malley, with aliases, et al." case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
December 15, 1943

Dear Sirs:

For your information and assistance in connection with the above
mentioned case and in connection with Irish activities generally, I am en-
sessing copies of a memorandum prepared by the Department of Justice entitled
"Highlights in the Irish-American Press."

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
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61.7606-284
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Further reference is made to the last paragraph of the Bureau's letter concerning one who is said to have complete knowledge of the date, place, and circumstances of the death of Sean Russell.

It is respectfully suggested that this matter be referred to Mr. Dennis Flinn, Legal Attaché in Lisbon. Mr. Flinn would be in a position to determine if, and if this is found to be true, the Bureau may desire to instruct him to personally handle this interview. In the event he is not in a position to ascertain the facts, the Bureau could then decide whether it would be advisable to have a State Department official conduct the interview.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Thurston
Legal Attaché
On September 16, 1943 the Bureau furnished further information about the present activities of Cornelius Keenan, with aliases, which will be discussed under the designation of "Former Leading Organizers".

On October 29, 1943 the Bureau furnished copies of a memorandum from which it is asserted that Hugh McAteer, Chief of Staff of the IRA, and other IRA escaped prisoners are at large in the United States.

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PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Under this heading the following would appear: Irish Republican Bulletin, Volume I, Sections 1, 2, and 3.

In the Irish Echo for the two weeks preceding October 24, 1943 appeared half-page advertisements soliciting attendance at the annual concert of the IR & Clann na Gael.

The Gaelic League protest published in the Irish Advocate under date of September 18, 1943 condemned the Gaelic League for having the Irish Consul as a speaker at the Gaelic League Golden Jubilee. This protest insisted that the Irish Consul was, in fact, a tool of the British.

The New Irish Republican Political Party "Manifesto" promulgated by S.H. O'NEILL in the Irish Echoes for October 16, 23, 30, and November 6, urges the adoption of a new government by the Irish. The form of government is substantially identical with the proposed constitution for the IRA discussed on page 31 of the report in this case of Special Agent made at New York City on December 19, 1942.
The report of Special Agent dated October 2, 1963 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania reveals that no attempt has as yet been made by anyone representing the Irish Republican Army to collect the $100 bequested to the IRA by JAMES REILLY, 5327 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (deceased). The Philadelphia Office has made arrangements to be notified if and when any claimant turns up.

KEEPING PLACE

No change is recorded under this section in this report.

POWER LEADING ORGANIZERS

M. REILLY, N.E.W.H. (s)
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In this connection attention should be drawn to the report of Special Agent dated February 4, 1942 at New York City in the case entitled [redacted], in which [redacted] is set out in detail, and in which appears the aforementioned connection with

FRANK BLYTH

This man's whereabouts are presently unknown.
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61-7.06-28
OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS ALLEGED TO BE ACTIVE IN IRA

SEAM CORMIN

It has been ascertained that this man is presently employed as Chief Engineering Aide at the Geological Survey, United States Department of Interior, at Washington, D.C. (report of Special Agent, dated November 6, 1943 at Washington, D.C.). His salary is $2000 per year. The records of this Department indicate that he was born February 12, 1884 at Fork Hill, Ireland, is a citizen of the United States, and maintains voting residence in the 7th New York District. He was employed from March 1, 1937 to July 7, 1938, and from October 15, 1938 to April 1, 1940 as an Engineering Aide by the R.I.L. On April 1, 1940 he attained his present status.

It has also been learned that in 1939 the State Department reported to the Secretary of the Interior that CORMIN was Executive Secretary and
Under date of July 20, 1943 the Bureau forwarded material received from

In answer of the request to the

In regard to this, it is stated that the

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In the memorandum of October 22, 1943 from [redacted], it is asserted that [redacted] and Jack [redacted] of the IRA Group are the same individual. This is not so. [redacted] has no connection with the IRA movement. Jack [redacted] is Treasurer of the IRA, and is employed as a stationary engineer in New York.
DANGEROUS IRISH INDIVIDUALS

There is nothing to report specifically under this caption except as otherwise set out in various parts of this report.

THE IRA IN OTHER SECTIONS

The Boston Field Division in the report of Special Agent dated October 12, 1943 states that the organization is inactive in the area covered by the Boston Field Division, and Confidential Informants of that office have no information disclosing any activities there.

The Baltimore Field Division advised in the report of Special Agent dated October 7, 1943 that their indices were negative as to there was also no record of

The Philadelphia Field Division in the report of Special Agent dated October 2, 1943 advised that Immigration and Naturalization Service had no record of PATRICK M. O'GILVY having registered as an alien. This source also advised that the bequest by JOHN REILLY (deceased) to the IRA is presently unclaimed. This report also advised that the IRA is presently inactive in Philadelphia, and that the Irish in Philadelphia resent attacks made upon their loyalty to the United States. This report also set out in considerable detail the records of one

The San Francisco Field Division in the report of Special Agent dated September 17, 1943 advised that informants stated that the傎E VIEW IN THE RED BLOCK are not active in that district at the present time, and that former meeting place has been taken over by the United States Navy as an Army headquarters.

The Washington Field Division in the report of Special Agent dated November 6, 1943 advised that additional inquiries failed to
indicates any evidence of IRA activities in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. 

Notes concerning the background and activities of Frank O'Connor were ascertained which have been set out in other parts of this report.

IRISH NEWSPAPERS

With the exception of the publication of the Irish Republican Bulletin, which has been discussed under "ACTIVITIES" in this report, and copies of which have been forwarded to the Bureau, nothing new appears under this caption. Incidentally, the 4th edition of the Irish Republican Bulletin is presently long overdue.

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN THE IRA

Communists and fellow travellers and sympathizers are anathema to the subject group.

OTHER IRISH ORGANIZATIONS

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61-7605-256
THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

I will check with the State Department for all records of Irish organizations which have been registered with the Secretary of State and will furnish the New York Field Division with a complete statement of all the details found at the State Department.

I will maintain [redacted] of Sean O'Leorain for a sixty-day period and furnish the New York Office with all data received from this source.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

I will check the records at the corporation commissioners to note if there are or have been since 1933 any organized group in the Pittsburgh district which may be related to the Irish Republican Army. Particular attention should be paid relative to the HOME TOLZ CLUB reported to be functioning in the Pittsburgh area March 20, 1933. This lead was originally stated in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 1, 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

I will recontact [redacted] as not set 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 may have concerning the present activities of 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.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

[Redacted]

Will contact [redacted] in an effort to discreetly ascertain the truth of the allegation that [redacted] is planning to take over the IRA in America.

[Redacted] ascertain the background and activities of [redacted].
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants appearing in the report of Special Agent dated 1/7/44, at New York, N. Y., are as follows:

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Section 16
January 15, 1944

SAC, Boston

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subj: IRELAND REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Togail na h-Eireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

For your information and for appropriate investigative attention in connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing

Copies of this letter, together with copies of the enclosure thereto, are being forwarded to the New York Field Division, the office of origin in this case, for its information.

CC: New York

Enclosure

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DATE 1-15-44 BY OSS 3-25-44
**Death waits round the corner**

I.R.A. men get 14 years

"Two I.R.A. men—both dastardly men," said Lord Justice Emmington yesterday, "were sent to penal servitude for 14 years at the Belfast City Commission yesterday, for possessing I.R.A. documents. They were Patrick Joseph McConnell and Connell Haughey. One of our armed documents said: "Death awaits the informer round the corner. Since 1938 six men have been executed for this type of crime."

"Daily Express"
London, England
January 14, 1944

SUBMITTED BY:
ARTHUR M. THURSTON
AMERICAN EMBASSY
LONDON, ENGLAND

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RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X - G
REFER 5 IS

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 17, 1943, in which information concerning [redacted] and the activities of the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., was requested.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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A summary of the information available in the reports on the Irish Republican Army would therefore indicate that in normal times the Irish Minister would and did control the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., in so far as Irish affairs were concerned, but that since December, 1941 this group has been for all intents and purposes dissolved and completely inactive as such.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Comrow

E. E. COMROW
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HAC, New York

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Irish Republican Army

O'Deaik On Na H-Ireann

Internal Security - X and 0

For your information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing two copies of an intercept received from the Office of Censorship of a communication.

Enclosure

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**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

**FILE NO. 100-1932**

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**REFERENCE:**


**DETAILS:**

At Washington, D. C.

Advised Special Agent that the files of the Foreign Agents Registration Section, War Division, Department of Justice, are not broken down according to nationalities, but that the registrants are registered according to their names only.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago
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REPORT MADE BY: (676)

TITLE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
CHARACTER OF CASE: INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No evidence developed to indicate the Irish Republican Army is active in Chicago.


DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A review of Chicago Field Division file entitled "Irish-American National Alliance - Internal Security - X Sedition" reflects that in connection with the investigation of this organization, a number of prominent

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persons of Irish sources and organizations were interviewed regarding the existence of the Irish Republican Army in Chicago, its membership and activities, and no information was developed indicating that the Irish Republican Army was or had been active in this area at the present time or within the recent past. It is to be further noted that the Irish-American National Alliance disbanded some time in the month of April, 1942, and that it was believed that the breakup was occasioned by the election of Martin J. Higgins as president of the Alliance, inasmuch as Higgins was violently anti-administration, anti-British, anti-Semitic, and an isolationist. The file further reflects that Higgins, who is also listed as a member of the American section of the Irish Republican Army and a leader in the Ulster Irish Liberty Legion, died in Chicago January 16, 1944. It should be noted that at a meeting of the Irish Liberty League December 10, 1941 the president, E. A. Riley, pledged the whole-hearted support of the legion to the president in the declaration of war against the enemy. Higgins violently opposed that adoption of the resolution authorizing this pledge of loyalty and many of the other members who had sons in the army declared that they would not attend another meeting of the legion if Higgins would be allowed to be present. Prior to Higgins' death it is reported that he was held in disrepute by the Irish leaders in Chicago and had been expelled from all Irish organizations.

Inasmuch as there is no evidence that the Irish Republican Army is presently active in this Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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61-7606-293
Date:  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff  
O-2, War Department  
Attention: Colonel L. R. Perdue  

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

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY  
(COLÁICH NA H-IRELAND)  

For your further information in connection with the Irish Republican Army, I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 12, 1944, at Chicago, Illinois.  

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence  
Navy Department  

Enclosure
It is felt that interviews with both these men would serve to give the Bureau access to records which have hitherto been denied to us.

It is respectfully requested that the New York Office be informed as to whether or not the Bureau has any objection to the proposed interview. Pending receipt of Bureau's opinion in this matter, the same will be held in abeyance.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy,
SAC

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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Óglaigh na h-Éireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

For your information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing a copy of an intercept of a communication.

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61-7606-296
For your further information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case, there is set out below the content of a memorandum received by the Bureau from the Department of State:

"February 11, 1944

I have been informed by Mr. Bussey of the U.S. that the Irish World, published in New York, carries an advertisement on Page 6 of the February 5, 1944 issue of a ball being held by the Clan Na Gael and I.R.A. Club, proceeds of which are to aid 'prisoners' dependents.' Apparently the only 'prisoners' to which this refers are political prisoners in Ireland, i.e., those whom the deValera Government has imprisoned for their agitation against the Irish Government."
Reference is made to the memorandum dated February 19, 1944, from Supervisor R. R. Roach to you, advising of the conversation with the Bureau of the State Department, during the course of which it was asked that the Bureau supply if available a list of the Irish-American societies in the U. S., including the status of each and their aims and purposes.

The general Bureau files concerning Irish activities, including File 61-7606, the file of the Irish Republican Army, have been reviewed. While the Bureau files do contain the names of certain isolated Irish organizations, both those of interest to the Bureau in the past and at the present time, and those of no intelligence interest whatever, it is noted that the Bureau files contain only fragmentary information concerning Irish-American societies in the United States, which information has been procured incident to other investigations.

There are literally thousands of Irish-American organizations in the U. S. and the vast bulk of these groups has never been of any intelligence or other interest to the Bureau. The Bureau files do contain sufficient information to indicate that the majority of Irish organizations are completely pro-American in their political and ideological concepts and beliefs and that with the single exception of the Irish Republican Army (Oglaigh na h-Eireann) and a few of its affiliated groups, practically all of which are now defunct with the exception of the Clan na Gael, the Irish-American organizations are purely harmless and of no interest from an intelligence standpoint. Pertinent information concerning the Irish Republican Army (Oglaigh na h-Eireann) and the Clan na Gael has previously been made available to the State Department.

ACTION: It is suggested that the substance of the above information be transmitted by the Liaison Section to the Department of the State Department.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

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[Redacted]
March 6, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Éireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and 9

Further reference is made to previous communications to you in connection with the above-captioned case involving further assistance and consideration in connection with this particular phase of the above-captioned investigation, I am enclosing copies of the following intercepts of communications received from the Office of Censorships.
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Your attention is also directed to the fact that in connection with the case entitled [redacted], the following important points which should be sent to you:

[Redacted]

Enclosures
It is noted that special Agent [redacted] is presently on assignment to your office from the San Francisco office and is to report in Philadelphia on or about August 6, 1931. It is desired that you personally interview [redacted] concerning this matter, in order to ascertain whether he has any knowledge of any connections or affinities on the part of his father with the Irish Republican Army at the present time or at any time in the past. No objection is perceived to your indicating to Agent [redacted] the reason for interviewing him in this regard, and I desire that he be informed of the fact that while the Bureau does not consider affiliation with the Irish Republican Army as necessarily an indication of either lack of loyalty or patriotism, it is felt that for the Bureau's protection the allegation of the informant in this case must be either established or disproved.

With regard to the investigation of the Irish Republican Army, it is noted that this case in your office was placed in a closed status by the reference report of Special Agent [redacted]. It is desired that this case be retained in a pending status and that the activities of the Irish Republican Army in your field division be followed periodically through the use of informants and other appropriate contacts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
5/3/13
3/14/44
61-7606

To: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: \*

For your further information and assistance in connection with the above-supplied investigation involving the \*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Mar 23 1944

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NEW YORK

March 14, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(O'Leary vs. H-Kilgour)

INTERNAL SECURITY - X and Y

Further reference to my file on Irish communications to you concerning the activities of
in connection with the above-cited case.

For your further information and assistance in connection with this case and in connection with Irish activities generally, I am enclosing copies of an intercept received from the Office of Censorship of a communication.

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3/ Edgar Hoover — Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
[Redacted]
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and Y

For your information in connection with Ryan, I am enclosing copies of intercepts of the following communications received from the Office of Censorship:

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On the basis of the information contained in these communications, it does not appear probable that Frank Ryan mentioned therein is identical with or has any connection with the Frank Ryan of interest in this above case. Any further intercepts which are received from the Office of Censorship in this connection however, will be made available to you for your information and for the completion of your file.

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Office Memorandum

TO: SAC, New York
FROM: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Eireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY – X and G

With regard to your request
regarding also the Irish Republican Army generally and its
activities in the United States specifically, the Bureau perceives no objection to
this interview and you are hereby authorized to proceed therewith.

Pursuant to your request, you are also authorized
in connection herewith and with particular regard to the Irish Republican
Association.

In the event that pursuant to your request you are instructed
that this case should not be presented to the United States Attorney but should
be referred to the Bureau in order that a Departmental opinion may be procured
concerning possible prosecution.

In connection with
it is desired that extreme care be taken in view of the present international
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reason to assume that this inquiry is in any way related to the question of Irish
neutrality or the recent notes exchanged between the United States Department of
State and the Eire Government, in which notes, as you will recall, the Government
of Eire was requested to expel from Ireland the German and Japanese diplomats and
other Axis representatives.
With regard to your request and, regarding also the Irish Republican Army generally and its activities in the United States specifically, the Bureau perceives no objection to and you are hereby authorized to proceed therewith.

Pursuant to your request, you are also authorized to in connection herewith and with particular regard to the Irish Republican

Regardless of the possibility for you to procure pertinent records of the Irish Republican Army by the voluntary consent of the leaders thereof and particularly, these records should, of course, be reviewed and reported at the earliest possible moment.

In the event that further investigation of this case, including the development of a prosecutable case against you are instructed that this case should not be presented to the United States Attorney but should be referred to the Bureau in order that a Departmental opinion may be procured concerning possible prosecution.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

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Report of Special Agent... dated January 7, 1944.

Report of Special Agent... dated February 11, 1944.

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FBI/DOJ
J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SAC, New York

May 27, 1944

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaiigh na h-Éireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - I and 9

For your further assistance in connection with the above-captioned case and related matters, I am enclosing copies of an intercept received from the Office of Censorship of a communication concerning the activities and whereabouts of Frank Ryan, former IRA and Communist leader.

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**


No record of Wolfe Tone Club at Harrisburg.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent (L7C)
dated 1/7/44 at New York City, New York.

**DETAILS:**

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia File No. 65-370

The writer was able to gain entrance into the I.R.A. club room and later attended the closed meeting of the I.R.A.-Clan Na Gael on April 13, 1944. The main entrance of the clubhouse is guarded by a doorman who identifies those who seek admission by peering through a peephole in the door.

The clubhouse is a two-story old-fashioned brick house and the lower hall is devoted to a dance floor with a bar in the rear. The upper hall consists of a room of approximately fifty feet by twenty-five with a permanent loud speaker system set up. In order to gain access to this room, each member must pass by a guard and give the password. Prior to the start of the meeting all the shutters on the windows were ordered closed.

The meeting was called to order of the Clan Na Gael-I.R.A. at 9:45 P.M. on April 13, 1944. There were 63 present in the hall at the start of the meeting. This includes a scattering of women and children. Presiding at the meeting was JOHN CARNEY. The meeting was opened up with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Second, was the reading of the 1916 resolution of the I.R.A. which affirms the declaration of a Republic. This address was read by ROBERT BANATT McGUINN. McGuinn explained that the resolution has never been rescinded. This address was followed by the singing of Irish songs by members of the audience. The songs included "O, Dannell Aboo" and the "Soldier's Song". Also, "A Shamrock From Your Mother's Grave".

The purpose of the meeting was then explained by the chairman, CARNEY, and after describing at great length the courage of the Irish martyrs in their action of May 3, 1916, he claimed that Ireland may be invaded and the bases may be taken from it but every true Irishman will stand by Ireland to free it eventually from the despotism of England.

Next on the program was some more Irish songs sung by some of the more accomplished members of the audience. This was followed by a poem delivered by PAT MccORAN, who is an ex-letter carrier. The poem told of the murder of one SHANNON O'NEIL by the Saxons. This action apparently took place in the 15th Century.

The main speaker of the evening was introduced by Chairman CARNEY. His name was given as JOSEPH REYNOLDS from New York City.
He was described by the chairman as "a prominent Clan Na Gael and I.R.A. fighter, who has risked his life for Irish freedom."

REYNOLDS traced the history of the Irish patriots, e.g. as ROBERT KENNEDY, WOLFE TONE, DANIEL O'CONNELL, THOMAS FERGUSON and others. REYNOLDS likened the courage of the old Irish patriots to the battle that the I.R.A. is supposedly waging in Ireland today. REYNOLDS stated that the I.R.A. is subjected to cruel and inhuman treatment and are deserving of loyal support for their gallant struggle for Irish freedom. He further claimed that one could not legislate or have "phony conferences" for freedom as freedom required a person to "bleed and die." HUGH MCATEER was described as the real Irish leader of the day and that his recent hunger strike was successful. (This statement by REYNOLDS drew loud applause from the members.) The present Irish Government, REYNOLDS stated, were Quislings and played ball with the Churchills and other English despots. He further stated that the only reason the De Valera Government were bold enough to take the stand they did in remaining neutral was that they knew if they gave in to England the I.R.A. would take over.

A resolution was then read by a person by the name of McMORINIGLE and this was adopted by the membership and supposedly forwarded to the Secretary of the States. The resolution called the attention of the Secretary of State to England's utter disregard for the sanctity of a treaty or a contract; further, England's historic and constant abuse of the Irish people. Further, that England was attempting to reduce Ireland to a position of slavery and poverty. Also, England was running down and persecuting Irish teachers in an attempt to keep the Irish in ignorance. The resolution concluded stating that Ireland insisted upon having a voice in the coming Peace Conference.

At this point in the meeting JOHN CARNEY addressed the members and commented on the action of a judge in Philadelphia who confiscated a $100,000 bequest by one JAMES REILLY, deceased, which was supposedly given for the purpose of freeing Ireland. CARNEY stated that the judge in his decision was completely wrong.

CARNEY explained that the I.R.A. was not subversive and was not interested in the overthrow of the British Government but its sole and unalterable purpose was in the release and freedom of Ireland from the despotic rule of the English.

The meeting was then adjourned and the members retired to the floor below where dancing and refreshments was the bill of fare. All those present wore a green and white feather with the quotation on it: "Remember Easter, 1916." One of these feathers is being retained in the file of the Philadelphia Field Office.
The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] of the Commonwealth of the State of Pennsylvania, searched the files in an effort to ascertain the identity of any corporation organized since 1938 in the Pittsburgh district which may be related to the Irish Republican Army. This search covered profit, non-profit and foreign corporations in the State of Pennsylvania. Particular attention was paid to the name Wolfe Tone Club, with negative results.

This case is referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Assistant Chief of Staff
C-2, War Department
Attention: Colonel L. R. Farney

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

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

As of possible further interest to you in connection with the above subject, I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated June 3, 1944, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence
Navy Department

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MAILED 12 JUN. 14, 1944 P.M.

Dated:

Field: 

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It is requested that the contents of this report be prepared and transmitted to the proper authorities in connection with the Bureau's investigation.

Date: 27 JUN 44

Field: 

Eugene B. Lippert, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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SAC, New York

June 22, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Eireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and 0

For your further information in connection with the above case and in connection also with the case entitled [redacted], I am enclosing a copy of an intercept received from the office of censorship.

Enclosure

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In connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army, the Philadelphia Field Division recently conducted certain investigations concerning this organization in Philadelphia. As a result of this investigation, the following facts were determined:

A review of the administrative files of the Bureau fails to reflect any information concerning an individual whose name is similar to the above-described individual. The Bureau personnel files have been reviewed in regard to any individual named [redacted] and this search was made with appropriate complete variations of the name.

From this file review it has been ascertained that the only Bureau Agent with a name similar to the above, whose father has the first name [redacted] is [redacted].

There is no indication from the file of any connection between the [redacted] and the Irish Republican Army.

Although it should be noted that membership in the Irish Republican Army is not necessarily an indication of either lack of loyalty to the U.S. or sympathy with the enemies of the U.S.; it is believed that for the Bureau's protection it should be definitely ascertained whether [redacted] is a member of the Irish Republican Army.

ACTION: Attached for your approval as a personal and confidential letter to the Philadelphia Field Division.
August 1, 1944

C, Philadelphia

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Eireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY - I and 0

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent dated June 2, 1944, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the above-captioned case, and also to your letter to the Bureau dated June 9, 1944, entitled "Security Matter."

The administrative files of the Bureau have been reviewed with regard to without any pertinent information being identified with this individual. A review of the Bureau personnel files under the name has revealed only one present or former Bureau Agent who might possibly be identical with the subject of your letter of June 9, 1944. This individual is Special Agent

A review of Agent personnel file fails to reflect any indication that either he or his father is or has been connected with the Irish Republican Army.

While it should be noted that affiliation with the Irish Republican Army is not necessarily an indication of lack of loyalty to the United States, it is believed that for the Bureau's protection it should be definitely determined whether is a member of the Irish Republican Army.

You are directed to immediately institute a highly discreet confidential inquiry for the purpose of determining whether is identical with the above-mentioned individual. This inquiry must be conducted with the utmost discretion and should be kept in strictest confidence. It is desirable that this matter be assigned to an experienced and able Agent of your Office that it be given the most careful and intensive attention, in order that complete advice in this matter may be forwarded to the Bureau not later than thirty days after your receipt of this letter.

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Section 17
August 11, 1944

Director, FBI

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of Special Agent dated August 11, 1944, at New York City, in the above-captioned matter.

Inasmuch as a violation of either the Voorhis Act or the McCormick Registration Act seems to have occurred in view of the signed statements taken from leaders of the organization, the additional character of the Registration Act has been added to this case.

The Bureau is requested to submit this case to the Department for its decision as to the possibility of prosecution under the Registration Acts.

It is noted that [redacted] is mentioned in the enclosed report and that he is likewise mentioned in the statements of [redacted] and for this reason the report is being marked confidential.

The desirability of interviewing [redacted] as left to the discretion of the Bureau.

[Redacted]
August 11, 1944

The Honorable

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of Special Agent dated August 11, 1944, at New York City, in the above captioned matter.

Inasmuch as a violation of either the Neutrality or the Selective Registrations Act seems to have occurred in view of the signed statements taken from leaders of the organization, the additional character of REGISTRATION ACT has been added to this case.

The Bureau is requested to submit this case to the Department for its decision as to the possibility of prosecution under the Registration Acts.

It is noted that is mentioned in the enclosed report and that he is likewise mentioned in the statements of and for this reason the report is being marked confidential.

The desirability of interviewing is left to the discretion of the Bureau.

It will be noted in the reports of which are attached hereto to the enclosed reports that refers to the interview with and the others.

ENCLOSURE.
Very truly yours,

E. E. Conner

E. E. CONROY,
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**Synopsis of Facts:**

Irish Republican Bulletin published monthly containing usual anti-British line. No new light on whereabouts of STAN RUSSELL or FRANK RYAN. IRA stated to have lost prestige in Ireland due to release of prisoners by D.I.E. Government, and concessions by British to prisoners in Belfast, and lack of leadership. Only United States activity outside of New York City is in Philadelphia. Alleged Communist politicians continue to receive support of some of the Irish; have created...

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**SEXET**
Synopsis of Facts: organization to get post-war settlement of Irish problem.

REFERENCE:
Bureau File #61-7606
Report of Special Agent (bdc)
New York City, January 7, 1944.

DETAILS:
The title of this case has been changed to show the additional subject of THE UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS, inasmuch as this organization has worked subsidiary to the IRA in the collection of funds.

JAMES KIRSLANE
2860 Buhre Avenue
Bronx, New York

KIRSLANE was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent (bdc) on June 21, 1944, and he furnished the agents with the following signed statement, the original of which statement is being retained in the files of the New York Field Division.
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61/7606:317
In January 1944, EIRISH and COLITX published a proposal for an Irish race convention for post-war settlement of the Irish question. This set out the historical background and proclamation of the Irish Republicans and added the following:

"In the near future, the Governments of the nations at war shall send delegations to sit around a table and discuss the terms of peace. The British and United States delegations are already committed to terms of peace, which include, as expressed by their spokesman, provisions of the document sent by Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt known as the Atlantic Charter.

Its provisions include the right of the people of every country to national freedom, and their own choice of government under which they wish to live. In the last general election, at which the whole people of Ireland had an opportunity to vote, they expressed their will in a most emphatic and unmistakable manner. They voted by a majority of more than 80% for establishment of a united and independent Irish republic, in accordance with the proclamation of Easter Week, 1916.

The members of the ÉMALL-GAEL, IRA Clubs, feel that irrespective of the numerous resolutions that have been passed by the various Irish groups in Ireland and America in connection with Ireland's right to National Liberty, the matter is of sufficient importance at the present time to warrant the organizing of an Irish race convention at some convenient center in the United States.

At this convention, the whole Irish situation may be reviewed, plans may be formulated, and delegates may be chosen to lay Ireland's claims to national unity and sovereignty before the International Peace Commission when it meets.

As a first step towards organizing the proposed Irish race convention, we invite your organization to formally endorse this communication by a resolution and to use the same over the signatures of your officers."

This document is dated November 1, 1943, although it actually was issued around January 1, 1944. It has been distributed at
the annual ball and the Peter Commenoration, and has been sent to everyone on the INN mailing list. Nothing has come of this proposal, however.
SECRE

SIR RUSSELL

No new developments have occurred to dispel the mystery surrounding the disappearance of this man. It is felt in some Irish circles that the British took him off a boat in 1940 and executed him.

FRANK FYLIE

This man's whereabouts also continue to be a matter of mystery. We have supplied a great deal of information indicating that he is in the International Brigade's headquarters in London, and others in Ireland are making continuous efforts to learn his whereabouts, and every possible source is being contacted by these people for information, but thus far no indication of success appears.
that the I.R.A. in Eire has been steadily deteriorating; that this deterioration appeared from election returns in strong republican sections; These returns were split between the Labour Party and the Clann na Talmhan, and most of the Labour vote went to the Labour Party.

Other indications of the deterioration of the I.R.A. in Eire are the facts that the majority of those interned in Eire for I.R.A. activities have been paroled in recent months. This willingness to give up their martyrdom role resulted from the lack of unity, leadership and definite policy within the ranks of the organization. No new political ideas have appeared in I.R.A. policy, nor have there emerged any new leaders with sufficient force of personality, determination and purpose to reanimate the organization.

As of February 1942, the internees in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Internment camp were divided into two groups and a third group was forming. Membership has dropped to 1191, and of the 50% interned, 27% were released.

Advised that in the North of Ireland, the 49 day hunger strike of 200 prisoners against the treatment of prisoners excited some interest, but when this was ended by the agreement of the British to investigate conditions, the I.R.A. lost interest.

The Irish Advocate of July 1, 1942, carried a story that all republican prisoners in Eire who had been detained in the Curragh Camp at Kildare were released under a general amnesty on July 30, 1942, the eve of the general election. Every one of the 26 counties was represented in the 500 prisoners who were released, according to this story.
GERMAN CONTACTS

The local New York press related the story of the parachute descent into Ireland from Germany on December 16 and December 19, 1943, of two Irishmen. These were JOHN P. O'REILLY, alias PAT O'BRIEN, 48 years of age, who had been broadcasting from Germany to Ireland under the name of PAT O'BRIEN, and the other individual was JOHN GUNN, age 35. These men were immediately apprehended by Irish police. Whether or not they were connected with the IRA has not been ascertained, nor has the purpose of their return to Ireland been disclosed.

Up to the recent exchange of notes between the United States State Department and the Government of Eire with respect to the alleged presence of Irish agents in Eire, the newspaper P.M. carried several articles tending to show connection between the IRA and the German Government. These are not being set out inasmuch as the particular allegations have been covered in previous reports, and the newspaper accounts appear inaccurate.

COURIER CONTACTS

OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS

STAN O'DONNELL
A photostatic copy of this letter is being maintained in the file of the New York Field Division.

GERALD O'REILLY

This man is presently active in the affairs of the Transport Workers Union.

Further indicated that O'REILLY has made and is making continuous efforts to locate FRANK RYAN.

DANGEROUS IRISH INDIVIDUALS

There is nothing to report specifically under this caption except as set out in various parts of this report.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Irish Republican Government Association was registered under the McCormick Act on February 6, 1940,
To an agent of a foreign principal. SEAN O'DEOCHIAN was listed as Secretary and Treasurer of the organization.

On March 15, 1940, O'DEOCHIAN advised the Department that he had resigned from the office, and on December 31, 1940, the name of this association was withdrawn.

The IIA has not been active here for the last few years.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

The IIA here consists of about 12 members, of whom about four are active. JOHN EDWARDS, is noted to be the most important, and he is District Officer. The group is active.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

A closed Easter Week Commemoration was held in Philadelphia on April 13, 1944, which was attended by 65 persons. The address was made by JOSEPH E. THOMAS, of the New York group, who denounced the British and Irish Governments. A resolution was passed to give Ireland a voice in the Peace Conferences.

The above represents the only known present activity of the IIA in the United States outside of the New York City area.

IRISH NEWSPAPERS

The only Irish newspaper connected with the IIA is the Irish Republican Bulletin, the contents of which have been covered under activities and propaganda.

The Irish Echo and the Advocate occasionally print items about the IIA activities, primarily to get the printing jobs of the IIA. However, the policies of these newspapers are generally in opposition to the policies of the IIA.
Communist sympathizers continue to be anathema to

HUGH MCKERNAN, who is generally considered a
Communist, and HARRY SHREK, who is not, have been expelled because of their
association with alleged Communists.

It is to be noted that the following former IR.
members endorsed publicly the candidacy of VITO FERRANTE, an alleged
Communist Congressman. These endorsements appeared in half-page
advertisements in the Irish Echo and Advocate:

HUGH MCKERNAN
JOHN COLMAN
GERARD QUINN
SHEEHY SETCHEL.

OTHER IRISH ORGANIZATIONS
The United Irish Counties held an annual feis at
Fordham University Campus on May 28, 1944. About 2000 persons attended
the musical pageant. Talks were confined to matters of Irish culture
and folklore. Nothing of a political nature was said.

[Redacted]
SHINE\-ENVELOPE\-LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION
At Philadelphia, Pa.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
At New York City:
At New York City:

Will report Departmental decision with respect to prosecution of either of the Subject organizations or members, for violation of registration acts.
The confidential informants mentioned in this report are identified as follows:

The Office of Peculiar Censorship.

Office of Cable Censorship,
Washington, D. C.

Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.
ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

References in this report were made to the following reports:

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Washington, D. C., February 11, 1944, and April 19, 1944.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Washington, D. C., 12/8/43.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Chicago, 2/12/44.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Boston, 4/3/44.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., 6/2/44.

All of the above reports were in the case entitled IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, Security Matter X and C.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], New York City, October 19, 1943, in the case entitled "JOHN M. R., SELECTIVE SERVICE."

The following letters from the Bureau, containing information received from other Informants, were also referred to in instant report:

December 10, 1943
February 10, 1944
February 29, 1944
March 12, 1944
March 16, 1944
April 12, 1944

May 23, 1944
May 27, 1944
June 14, 1944
June 22, 1944.
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Section 18
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61-7606-320
SAC, New York  September 15, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRELAND

(Oral and written)  PORTUGAL
INTERNAL SECURITY - I and II

For your further information and assistance in connection with the investigation of the above-captioned case, I am enclosing two copies of an intercept received by the Bureau from the Office of Censorship of a communication.

Enclosure

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SAC, Philadelphia  

September 12, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY  
(O'Gleigh na h-Eireann)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G
NEVER exposing

Reference is made to my personal and confidential letter to you in the above-captioned case dated August 1, 1944.

A review of the Bureau files fails to reflect that the instructions contained in my reference communication have been complied with. In view of the obvious importance of this matter, you are specifically directed to comply with my instructions without further delay and I will expect to receive the requested information from you not later than twenty days after your receipt of this letter.
Office Memorandum

FROM:
SAC, New York

SUBJECT:
(IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Éireann);
UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X & G
REGISTRATION ACT
Bureau file No. 61-7606

DATE: September 14, 1944

AND in view of the fact that this organization may be un-registered, the Washington Field Division is hereby requested to ascertain from the State Department and the Attorney General's Office whether or not there appears any registration in the name of either the Green Cross or the Irish Green Cross, under either the foreign agents registration act, or under the President's fund.

In view of the recent interview with the leaders of the I.R.A., some discussion has ensued among the members as to whether or not the Green Cross is registered, and it appears that there may be a Registration Act violation on the part of this organization.

 Classified by W.P. buckle
Declassify on: 1-3-85

cc - Washington Field
SAC, Washington

October 18, 1944

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Éireann)

UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X & U
REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Office dated September 14, 1944, in the captioned matter requesting that your office check with the Attorney General's Office to ascertain whether the Green Cross or the Irish Green Cross has registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and that a check be made to ascertain if either name is registered for the collection of foreign funds.

It is desired that the request of the New York Office be complied with. However, it is noted that in the case of the collection of funds for foreign relief this matter is usually handled by the Bureau and that an inquiry is directed to the President's War Relief Control Board to ascertain if a license has been issued for the collection of funds for foreign relief under the Neutrality Act.

In this instance, however, it will be permissible for your office to contact the President's War Relief Control Board and ascertain whether such registration has been effected with that Board.

CC: New York

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
EJA, New York 20 September, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

To: Irish Republican Army

No. 281 - COXH:IS

Subject: Internal Security

For your further information and assistance in connection with the above-captioned case and particularly in connection with the present whereabouts of Frank Ryan, I am enclosing two copies of an intercept report from the Office of Censorship of two communications.

Enclosure

All information contained herein is unclassified.

Date: 1944 by SP 88480

Communications Section
Mailed 15 September 1944 P.M.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
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\( 61-7606-324 \)
Office Memorandum

Mr. A. E. Lane

From: Mr. A. W. Reynolds

Subject: Irish Republican Army

DATE: September 8, 1914

Reference is made to the memorandum to you from a Major J. H. Mabbee, Army Service Forces, dated August 25, 1914, in the above-captioned matter which indicated that he possessed a New England Directory of the members of the Irish Republican Army, with information about those who were members of the organization.

There is attached hereto a carbon copy of the list furnished to the writer by Major Mabbee, of members of the Irish Republican Army in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Major Mabbee stated that he has the original of this carbon copy and that the information was furnished to him in Massachusetts by an alleged member of this organization.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this be forwarded to the Internal Security Section for their information.

Attachment
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61-7606-386
Set out below is an alleged list of members of the Irish Republican Army in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Massachusetts

Boston:
Beauchesne, Thomas J.
Cormelly, Michael
Hartigan, Patsy
Flanagan, Patrick
Larkin, William F.
Hillery, James
Sullivan, Daniel

Somerville:
Church, S.
Braccoll, Henrd
Sheehan, T.
Shine, Michael
Smythe, Peter

Brooklyn:
Bland, Ehm Seer
McCarthy, Mrs. Helen E.
Griffin, Thomas J.

New York:
Calato, John
Monagan, N. J.
Sawin, Timothy

Communic:
Yates, Michael Anthony

East Boston:
Oct. 15, 1943

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice

October 7, 1944

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
A carbon copy of this list was furnished to the Bureau in confidence by Major J. A. Labbe, Army Service Forces, War Department, Washington, D. C., who advised the Bureau that he possesses the original of this list which was furnished to him in Massachusetts by an alleged member of the Irish Republican Army. Further efforts are being made to secure the identity of the original source of this information and any additional data received in this regard will be made available to you.

It is desired that in connection with the above-captioned case, in which the New York Office is the office of origin, the Boston, Providence and New Haven Field Divisions conduct an appropriate investigation to determine the accuracy of this alleged list of members of the Irish Republican Army. In connection with this investigation it is desired that full and complete information be developed with regard to the present status, organization and activities of any Irish Republican Army branches functioning in the territory covered by these field divisions.

In attempting to prove the authenticity of this list, the fact should not be overlooked that the Irish Republican Army and the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., are separate organizations, and consequently the possibility should not be overlooked that this list may be a list of members of the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., rather than a list of members of the IRA. In this connection it is noted that the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., is a group composed of veterans of the Irish war of Independence who are presently receiving pensions from the Irish Free State government and this organization is bitterly opposed by the IRA.

The results of this investigation should be forwarded to the Bureau in reports and copies of the reports submitted should be designated for the New York Office.
Inquiry discloses that the Green Cross is not registered with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General or with the President's War Relief Control Board.

Reference: Bureau File No. 61-7606
Letter of the New York Field Division to the Bureau dated September 14, 1944.

Details:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent

Inquiry by the writer at the President's War Relief Control Board disclosed that by letter to the State Department dated April 18, 1944, CHARLES T. RICE, Attorney, 122 East 42nd Street, New York, New York, indicated that the Green Cross Fund is to relieve distress among the dependents of internees in Northern Ireland and asked if the activities of the proposed committee to be
organized in New York City are such as to require its registration. This was referred by the State Department to the President's War Relief Control Board, who advised RICE, on April 29, 1944, that they had no information about The Green Cross Fund in Northern Ireland, and stated that they had not registered any National Committee or organization interested in soliciting funds in the United States for this fund overseas. RICE was referred to Monsignor PATRICK O'BOYLE, War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

On May 6, 1944, O'BOYLE advised the President's War Relief Control Board that funds this committee is collecting are being raised on a private basis and no public appeal is being made, and he asks if it is all right for his agency to act as a channel agency for this group (presumably The Green Cross) and on May 9, 1944, JAMES BRUNOT, Executive Director of the President's War Relief Control Board, replied to O'BOYLE stating that it was all right to act as a channel agency, for Mr. RICE'S group.

The file indicated that no further action had been taken in connection with The Green Cross.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -
Date: [illegible]

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, O-3

Att: Colonel Carter V. Clarke

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

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
{Oglaigh na h-Éireann}
UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS

As of possible further interest to you in connection with the above subject, I am enclosing a copy of the report of Special Agent dated October 9, 1944 at Washington, D. C.

CC: Director of Naval Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure
Concerning the Bureau's letter dated October 7, 1944, captioned as above, in which the Bureau transmitted an alleged list of members of the Irish Republican Army in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, it is desired to advise that this list appears identical with a list that was received by this office from the First Service Command, U.S. Army, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Boston file contains a confidential letter from Lt. Colonel S. V. Constant, Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Second Corps Area, Governor's Island, New York, dated June 11, 1944, attached to which is a list of persons who are identical as to name and address, with that submitted in the Bureau's letter of October 7, 1944. Colonel Constant's letter reports—"Unsolicited information has been volunteered to this office as to persons in the United States who receive pensions or subsidies from the Irish Republican Army central fund. It may be assumed that they are still engaged in activities sponsored by the Irish Republican Army. It is understood that this information has already been supplied to the FBI by our source."

This list of names and addresses of persons who were allegedly pensioners from the Irish Republican Army, was transmitted to the Bureau under cover of personal and confidential letter dated June 24, 1944, entitled IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY-EXTERNAL SECURITY.

The Bureau's letter dated October 7, 1944 reports that a carbon copy of this list was furnished to it in confidence by Major J. A. Labee, Army Service Forces, War Department, Washington, D.C., who advised the Bureau that he possesses the original of this list which was furnished to him in Massachusetts by an alleged member of the Irish Republican Army. The Bureau points out that in attempting to prove the authenticity of this list, the fact should not be overlooked that the Irish Republican Army and the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., two separate organizations, are often confused, and consequently the possibility should not be overlooked that this
list may be a list of members of the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., rather than a list of the members of the IRA. The Bureau further points out that the Irish Republican Army Veterans, Inc., is a group composed of Veterans of the Irish war of independence who are presently receiving pensions from the Irish Free State government and that this organization is bitterly opposed by the IRA.

The Boston file in this matter indicates that the identical list referred to in the communication from Lieutenant S. V. Constant, dated June 11, 1941, was in possession of the First Service Command, Boston, Mass., at that time in 1941, when Major Labbee, then Captain Labbee, was assigned to G-2 here. In view of that situation, and unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau, no investigation will be conducted by the Boston Field Office.

Very truly yours

[Signature]

cc - New York City
cc - New Haven
cc - Providence
100-1336

CONFIDENTIAL

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Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: MAC, Providence, R.I.
SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (Óglach na h-Éireann)
INTERNAL SECURITY X and G

DATE: 11/3/44

In reference to the Bureau's letter of October 17, 1944, to the Boston Field Division, a copy of which was directed to this office, preliminary inquiry through the area has failed to reveal that the IRA is known to be active in this area. In view of this fact, and in consideration of the information set forth in the letter to the Boston Field Division to the Bureau under date of October 16, 1944, no further investigation is being conducted unless advice to the contrary is received from the Bureau, and this case is being considered as referred upon completion to the office of origin.

CC: Boston
    New York
    New Haven

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DATE: 2-3-45 BY O.J.
RECORDED 11-26-41
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58 NOV 2004
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC Roger F. Gleason, New Haven

DATE: November 1, 1944

SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
Oglaigh na h-Eireann
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G
(Bureau File 61-7606)

Reference is made to the letter from the Boston Field Division to the Bureau dated October 16, 1944, in which information was set out to the effect that the list of alleged members of the Irish Republican Army as set out in the Bureau letter to Boston dated October 7 is a list of members of the Irish Republican Army Veterans Incorporated rather than of the members of the I. R. A. The reference letter from Boston also indicates that in view of this situation no action is being taken by that field division unless instructed to the contrary by the Bureau.

This is to advise that pending new instructions to conduct investigation by the Bureau this matter is being placed in a closed status by the New Haven Field Division.

cc New York
cc Providence

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DATE 1-3-53 BY 888 853 08

5 NOV 20 1944 D
Information has been received at this Field Division to the effect that IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY aka REGISTRATION ACT SECURITY MATTER

Inasmuch as there has been no apparent activity in the Chicago Area by the subject group until the receipt of this information, the Chicago Field Division is requested to ascertain by sources at their disposal and particularly through the Chicago Irish Newspapers, the facts If possible, should be ascertained.

If it appears that there is an Irish Republican Army group active in the Chicago Area, efforts should be made to ascertain the membership and extent of such group.

Inasmuch as the New York Field Division is the office of origin in the above-captioned case reports should be referred to this office.

cc: Chicago
TO:  MR. GLAVIN  ALL RECS. DEPT. OCT. 16, 1944
FROM:  J. P. MOHR  DECLASSIFIED  SUBSTANTIAL "OUTWARD"

SUBJECT: ************************

CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT

(b) (c) (d) The bureau personnel files, in an unsuccessful effort to determine

Recently

In connection with the investigation of the Irish Republican Army in the Philadel phia Division, it was reported that

A review of the administrative files in the Bureau also failed to reflect any information concerning which can be identified with the aforesaid described individual************************

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SAC Sears has advised that in accordance with the Bureau's instructions, the case on the "Irish Republican Army (Oplaigh na h-Eireann), Internal Security -X and C," is being reopened in order that discreet investigation may be conducted and in the event any information comes to the attention of that office indicating that the Bureau would be immediately advised. SAC Sears further stated that when he spoke to **** concerning this matter, in this connection, it is to be noted that affiliation with the Irish Republican Army is not necessarily an indication of a lack of loyalty to the United States. However, for the Bureau's protection, a highly disc confidential investigation has been requested for the purpose of definitely determining.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of **** comments, it is recommended that no further action be taken at this time. However, this matter will be followed closely and you will be advised of subsequent developments.
Dear Sir:

In reply to Bureau letter of September 12th, I am transmitting herewith a self-explanatory memorandum addressed to me by ************ dated September 11, 1944.

This file is being re-opened in order that a discreet investigation may be conducted, and in the event any information comes to the attention of this office indicating that the Bureau will be immediately advised.

At the time I spoke to ************ concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

J. P. Sears,
SAC
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THE OFFICE OF CENSORSHIP
WASHINGTON

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
FBI
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Oct. 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: [Redacted]

I enclose a photographic copy of a communication [Redacted] in accordance with Special Watch Instruction No. 149. The communication has been released and no submission was prepared.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. WOLGEMUTH,
Executive Liaison Officer

Encl.
As above
November 13, 1944

Johnnie Mercer - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SECURITY MATTER - C, X and S

TEXAS REPUBLICAN ARMS
(Oglesby vs. Travis)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C and S

Enclosure

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DUPLICATE YELLOW
MAILED 11-18-44
American Embassy
London, England
November 13, 1944

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

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Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE ASSOCIATION

SECRET

 Classified by: Declassify on: 1/23/62

[Redacted]

7/8DEC 2 43

SECRET
Very truly yours,

K. Joseph Lynch
Legal Attaché

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November 11, 19__

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
FBI
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Attention: [Redacted]

I enclose a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to [Redacted] in accordance with Special Watch Instructions No. 119.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

J. P. Wolgemuth,
Executive Liaison Officer.

Encl.
As above

End with any it
SAC, New York

December 4, 1944

[Redacted]

INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Irish Republican Army
(Colm na h-Eireann)

INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

Further reference is made to my previous communications to you enclosing copies of correspondence of your assistance and appropriate attention in connection with the above cases. I am enclosing copies of a letter.

In connection with the [illegible] case, your specific attention is directed to [illegible]. Your attention is also called to the reference to "Frank" which appears probably to be a reference to Frank Ryan, former IRA and Communist leader who fought with the International Brigade in Spain and who was subsequently captured by the present Spanish government.

encl.

Communications Section
Mailed Dec. 4, 1944

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**TITLE**

| C (Ogleigh na b-Fireann) | UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS |

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

 INTERNAL SECURITY - X & G. REGISTRATION ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Activities of group set out.

Irish Republican Bulletin published monthly; continues anti-British and anti-DeValera line. Some indication given that a group exists in Chicago. Whereabouts of FRANK RYAN and SEAN RUSSELL still unknown.

**REFERENCE**

Bureau file 61-7606
Report of Special Agent August 11, 1944.

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Each month the Irish Republican Bulletin has been distributed and a most recent edition is Vol. 2 ff.

On October 25th ERISSANE distributed a reprint of the article "WE HAVE TO LICK CHURCHILL TOO" which was written by MILTON MAYER in the Progressive Magazine, Madison, Wisconsin issue of June 5, 1944, reprinted at Philadelphia August 15, 1944. This article indulges in the universal criticism of Churchill's political behaviour and does not seem to accent anyone complaint.

The files of the New York Office indicate that the author may be identical with the author of the controversial article published some years ago in the Saturday Evening Post entitled "The Case Against the Jews."
SEAN RUSSELL — There has been no further word about this man's whereabouts since the reference report.

FRANK RYAN — This man's whereabouts continue to be a matter of mystery. [Redacted] has supplied a great deal of material indicating that GERALD HEALY and the INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE Headquarters in London, and others in Ireland, are making every effort to locate him. Thus far it has been without success.

In a form letter of the INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE of London to various officials in Ireland dated August 21, 1944 the Executive Committee of the INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE requested that these men raise the matter of the whereabouts of FRANK RYAN in the "Irish Mail". This organization summarizes information at its hands by stating that the following facts exist: "First, that in the middle of last year a Dutch International Brigader, the last person known by the International Brigade to have seen Frank Ryan alive, reached England after prolonged imprisonment in Spain."

(b)
He informed the International Brigade that in 1940 he last saw Ryan and that Ryan had been informed officially that he was to be transferred from Burgos Prison to another jail and was to be allowed to escape during the transfer. Ryan asked this Dutchman to tell his friends of this, as he was suspicious. The opinion prevailed in Spain, according to this Dutchman, that Ryan was long ago back in Eire and was a professor in Dublin.

This letter referred to the fact that GERALD O'REILLY had had a card presumably from FRANK RYAN mailed in Madrid in 1943. This Association added that they heard rumors that FRANK was in Seville, Lisbon, Yugoslavia, America, the Asturias and even Berlin. The letter adds that Mr. DULANTY, High Commissioner of the Eire Government, had advised them that he was satisfied that RYAN was safe but was "up to something" and does not want to return home.

This same informant advised that in a letter.

MOVEMENT IN IRELAND

No information has been received at the New York Office under this heading since the reference report.

GERMAN CONTACTS

No recent information has been received indicating any interest on the part of the Germans in this organisation, either here or in Ireland. This organisation, however, is favorable to the position of the Irish Government on the recent publicity given to Eire's stand on giving haven to Axis leaders.

COURIER CONTACTS

OUTSIDE INDIVIDUALS
GERALD O'REILLY - This man is still endeavoring to get his wife back from Ireland and also to locate FRANK KILM. (C)

DANGEROUS IRISH INDIVIDUALS

There is nothing to report under this caption.

THE IRA IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

IRISH NEWSPAPERS

The only Irish newspaper connected with the IRA is the "Irish Republican Bulletin", the contents of which have been covered under activities and propaganda herein. Inasmuch as the subject group is now taking its printing to a private printer, they get practically no publicity from either the "Irish Echo" or the "Irish Advocate."

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

OTHER IRISH ORGANIZATIONS

...
In a letter dated October 16, 1944 from the Boston Field Division the fact that [redacted] was verified.

ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU

(b1) [Redacted]

(c) [Redacted]
UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Ill.

Will advise the Bureau and the New York Field Division of the facts surrounding

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York

Will endeavor to develop background information on any individuals found dangerous to the best interests of the United States.
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

Confidential Informants mentioned in report of Special Agent dated December 21, 1944 at New York City are as follows:

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**FILE NO.** 65-370 HK

**REPORT MADE AT:** PHILADELPHIA, PA.

**DATE WHEN MADE:** 2-28-45

**PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:** 2-6-45, 9-14-45

**REPORT MADE BY:** [Redacted]

**TITLE:** IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (Óglaigh na h-Éireann);
UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS

**CHARACTER OF CASE:** INTERNAL SECURITY - I & O
REGISTRATION ACT

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Inquiry of contacts and informants indicates

**REFERENCE:** Bureau File #61-7606.
Report of Special Agent dated December 21, 1944, at New York City.

**DETAILS:**

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED:** [Redacted]

**OFFICIAL AGENT OR DEPUTY:** [Redacted]

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Philadelphia File #65-370

A check of the newspaper morgue records regarding Irish general activities and Irish club activities in the Philadelphia Field Division territory, disclosed that there has been no activities since 1940.

- PENDING -
Philadelphica File #65-370

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

Will interview and develop background information concerning the following individuals who have been named as leaders in the Irish Republican Army and associated activities in Philadelphia:

MICHAEL MCCINN

HARRY McCARNEY

MICHAEL MCGUIGUE

JAMES NUTCHAN

HENRY CHARLES MADEN

OWEN B. HUNT

JOHN J. RILEY
Business - Morris Building
Residence -

DANIEL McDONALD

JOHN KENNY

Will contact the following as informants in order to ascertain any information they might have regarding Irish activities in and about Philadelphia:
Will ascertain the present whereabouts of the McGARRITY family and their present activities.

Will ascertain if the Cumann na Mban Woman's Auxiliary of the Irish Republican Army is in existence in this district.

Will purchase the appropriate Irish newspapers in order to be kept advised of social activities in this district.

Will maintain contact with confidential informants in order to be kept advised of all Irish activities in and about this district.
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CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - I & G REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Unable to verify no activities of organizations disclosed in Chicago.

REFERENCE:
Report of Special Agent [redacted], dated December 21, 1944, at New York City.
Letter from New York to Bureau dated November 4, 1944.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DETAILS: [redacted]
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Chicago Files 160-4833

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

AT CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago Field Division

Will attempt to contact additional informants in an effort to write (i.e.) and in a further effort to determine whether any Irish Republican Societies are presently active in the Chicago area.

Will review files of the Chicago Field Division in a further effort to ascertain any present activities of Irish Republican Societies in the Chicago area.
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Date: March 7, 1945

To: Mr. H. Joseph Lynch
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Irish Republican Army
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and 0

Enclosure

In connection with the above-captioned case, I am enclosing one copy of a Military Attaché report submitted by the Military Attaché in Dublin, Ireland, and made available to the Bureau by the Military Intelligence Service.

It is noted that this report states that the trial and execution of Charles Kerins for the killing of Detective Sergeant O'Grady brought to light many facts concerning the Irish Republican Army, including the names of leaders and important political sympathizers.
Confidential

Office Memorandum

Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: TRIBUNAL

INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G

To: LAUGHAN

EXTERNAL FILE: GL-706

For the information of the Bureau there is attached a copy of a news item which appeared on the front page of THE ADVOCATE for Saturday, March 10, 1945, reporting the death of FRANK RYAN in a sanatorium in Madrid, Spain.

It is suggested that the Bureau may desire to verify the reported death of FRANK RYAN.

Cuba

Mar 15, 1945

Cuba

Mar 22, 1945
DEATH OF FRANK RYAN,
IRISH PATRIOT, IN SPAIN

A cablegram from Ireland to Gerald O'Reilly of the Bronx Monday last says: "Frank Ryan died in a Sanitarium in Madrid." It further says "A letter is on its way giving full particulars on Frank Ryan's death in exile."

The news of Frank Ryan's death will come as a great shock to those who were fortunate enough to know him; and his friends and contemporaries were many: here in the United States, as well as in Ireland and England. Frank had a splendid record as a soldier; he first joined the Fianna when still a school boy and later he transferred to the IRA, where he fought throughout the Black and Tan and Civil War. He was eventually a member of the Army Council. Frank also was the editor of "An Poblacht" under his Gaelic name, Proinnsa sa O'Rian. He was also editor of the "Democrat", a newspaper which had for its objective the unity of the National movement together with the labor movement for the purpose of uniting Ireland for a worker's republic.

Frank Ryan spent many terms in Irish and British prisons, but, on his release he always returned to his activity in the movement, writing articles, issuing leaflets, travelling throughout all Ireland, speaking at mass meetings and lecturing in halls. He also visited the United States on behalf of the IRA. Frank was active in the G.A.A. and the revival of the Gaelic language. He made it a practice to speak the native language when on speaking tours.

When Franco opposed the republican government in Spain, Frank Ryan led the Irish Brigade who fought for the Spanish workers. He went to Spain to vindicate his Country's honor and at the same time, it must be remembered, for the unity and purpose of the workers all over the world in fighting for democracy. To friends and friends of Irish freedom, there are few like the passing of Frank Ryan and hope for the day when the Irish Republic is established and the visions of Frank Ryan and all his comrades realized.

"The Advocate"

5/10/25
SAC, New York  

March 16, 1945  

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY  
INTERNAL SECURITY - H - 0  

Further reference is made to my recent communications to you concerning the death of Frank Ryan.  

For your information and assistance in this connection, your attention is directed to the article appearing on page 8 of the Daily Worker, issue of March 14, 1945, headed "Announce Death of Frank Ryan" and bearing the by-line, "By Sean Nolan".  

All information contained herein is classified  

Date: 3/77 by DPTJ 138  

Communications Section  
MAILED 13  
MAR 16 1945 P.M.  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  

MAR 26 1945
Announce Death
Of Frank Ryan

By SEAN NOLAN

Wireless to the Daily Worker

DUBLIN, March 13—Information supplied by the Irish government to relatives and friends of Frank Ryan, formerly major in the Spanish Republican Army and leader of the Irish section of the International Brigade, today announced his death in Germany.

Ryan died at Lischwitz Sanatorium near Dresden on June 10, 1944. News of his death reached the Irish government indirectly, the government's announcement said, and Eire then requested its representative in Germany to learn the full details of Ryan's death. In the present circumstances of that country the inquiry took time.

Ryan spent many terms in Irish and British prisons, but, on his release, always resumed his activity in the progressive movement. When Franco attacked the Spanish Republican government, Ryan led the Irish Brigade which fought for Loyalty Spain.

This is a clipping from page 8 of the Daily Worker.

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**Title:** Irish Republican Army (Oglaigh na h-Éireann); United Irish Republicans

**Character of Case:** Internal Security - X & G Registration Act

**Synopsis of Facts:** Activities of subject organization set out.

**Details:**

- Whereabouts of Frank Ryan and Sean Russell still unknown.

**Reference:** Bureau File No. 61-7606

**Date:** Report of Special Agent dated at New York December 21, 1944

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PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

Numbers 8, 9 and 10 of volume 2 of the Irish Republican Bulletin have been distributed and copies of these are being retained in the files of the New York Field Office. Copies of these issues are also being forwarded to the Bureau as enclosures to this report. The Bulletin in the past has been aided by BRISLANE and contains the usual anti-British, anti-De Valera material.
SEAN RUSSELL — Since the reference report no additional information has been developed concerning the whereabouts of this person.

FRANK YIAN — This individual's whereabouts continue to be unknown.

Recently the writer had occasion to interview
MOVEMENT IN IRELAND

GERMAN CONTACTS

There is no information to report under this heading.

COURIER CONTACTS

There is no information to report under this heading.
DANGEROUS IRISH INDIVIDUALS

There is nothing to report under this caption.

THE IRA IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

IRISH NEWSPAPERS

It would appear that the only present medium of expression for the IRA is that of the "Irish Republican Bulletin."

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

OTHER IRISH ORGANIZATIONS
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Section 19
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

American Embassy
London, England
April 14, 1945

Communication #4965
VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Dear Sir:

Classified by: [Redacted]
Declassify on: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

I send you the attached report. See the attached for further details.

Handwritten note: Happy

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Attached report:

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Communication #5020
VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Classified by: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY (X & G)

1-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0

Dear Sir:

[Redacted text]

7-8-9-0

[Redacted text]

DIRECTOR

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DIRECTOR

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Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Asst. Legal Attache
Office Memorandum

Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York
SUBJECT: IRAish Republican Army (Óglaigh na h-Éireann);
INTERNAL SECURITY - X and 0
REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: April 25, 1945

Classified by [Redacted]
Declassify on: 04/02/55

Bureau letter in the captioned matter dated March 13, 1945, Bureau File 61-7854,

50 Jun 6 1945
This information is being forwarded to the Bureau for completion of the file concerning the captioned matter.

Encls.
cc: NY 100-13513
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DATE 5-28 BY 2836151308

Date of removal 5-7-48

Report
Letter
Enclosure, submitted by

dated has been removed for Mr. Wexell

to be sent to

Subject Irish Republican Army

Synopsis Three photos, paper clippings

This is to be removed from file upon the return of the item and forwarded to the Coordinator of Mail and Files

Date Removed by

5-7-48

File Number 61-7606-352
Enclosures for Bureau Office

Re: NEW YORK FILE NO. 100-7628

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IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
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UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS

**Synopsis of Facts:**

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No further information is available regarding Frank Ryan's case. The reference to the Irish Republican Army and International Brigades is not relevant to this case.

Frank Ryan, a journalist, was a major in the Irish unit of the International Brigades and was taken prisoner in March 1938.

He was sentenced to death, but due to protests the sentence was commuted to 10 years' imprisonment.

In 1940 it was reported that he had been set free but from that time nothing was heard of him.
Frank Ryan dies in Germany

News has reached Dublin that Frank Ryan (43), the Irish Republican sentenced to 30 years' imprisonment by a Franco court in the Spanish Civil War, died in a Dresden sanatorium last June.

Ryan, a journalist, was a major in the Irish unit of the International Brigade and was taken prisoner in March, 1938.

He was sentenced to death, but as a result of protests the sentence was commuted to 30 years' imprisonment.

In 1940 it was reported that he had been set free but from that time nothing was heard of him.

See communication 4640, dated February 5, 1945, entitled "Frank Ryan"
Date: May 3, 1945

To: Mr. H. J. Lyne
Legal Attache
The American Embassy
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Irish Republic Army; Internal Security - A and B

Reference is made to previous communications in the above captioned case concerning Frank Ryan.

Specific reference is made also to the clipping concerning Frank Ryan from the London, England, newspaper, the "News Chronicle," forwarded to the Bureau by you.
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

Re: Irish Republican Army (Oglaigh na h-Éireann)

United Irish Republicans

INTERNAL SECURITY - X & G

REGISTRATION ACT

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 1, 1944,

Bureau file no. 61-7606, relative to

I trust this will give the Bureau a good idea of

background and connection with Irish Societies.

56 Jun 18 1945
This case is being closed in the Philadelphia Field Division inasmuch as investigation fails to reveal any activity on the part of the I.R.A. in Philadelphia. Informants have been established, as set forth in the report of Special Agent [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., dated May 22, 1945, who will keep this office advised of any activity in Irish circles in Philadelphia.

Very truly yours,

J. F. SEARS,
Special Agent in Charge
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In view of the information given, no further investigation is being conducted. In the event there is any activity, the Philadelphia Field Division is in a position to receive that information.
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61-7606-357
ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY – M and G

Very truly yours,

J. A. Simperman
Assistant Legal Attache
June 21, 1945

SECRET

John Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

IRISH REPUBLIC ARMY
Internal Security - N - 0

Develop additional information concerning this matter and any further data received will, of course, be made available to you.
ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: \textit{INTERNAL SECURITY - X and G}
Refer FIVE-18

Enclosure

Very truly yours,

M. Joseph Lynch
Legal Attaché
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61-7606-359
ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: IRISH REPUBLIC ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - M and G

CAUTION - THIS INFORMATION IS NOT TO BE SENT OUT OF BUREAU HEADQUARTERS WITHOUT THE PERSONAL APPROVAL OF MR. D. M. LADD.

Very truly yours,

M. Joseph Lynch
Legal Attaché
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FORMER LEADING ORGANIZERS

SEAN RUSSELL - Since the period of referenced report no additional information has been developed concerning the whereabouts of this person.
A United Press article dated Dublin, July 12th, appeared in the New York World Telegram on that date and stated that a plot to overthrow Premier EAMONN DE VALERA's Fianna Fail government by force had been smashed with the arrest of 40 members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. According to the report, Police revealed that the would-be rebels were among some 400 I.R.A. members released from the Curragh internment camp at the end of the European war. Acting on information that the I.R.A. men were planning a wholesale assassination campaign against government and police officials, flying squadrons of the Irish Criminal Investigation Department rounded up the 40 leaders, most of them within a few days after their release from Curragh. The report stated SEAN MACCOOL, commander in chief of the outlaw army, was rearrested as he was
NY 100-7828

about to board a train for his home in Mayo only two days after his release. The fate of the 350 to 360 I.R.A. men freed after Germany's capitulation still was uncertain.

DANGEROUS IRISH INDIVIDUALS

There is nothing to report under this caption.

THE I.R.A. IN OTHER SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

COMMUNIST INFLUENCE

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RECEIVED 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARD BY THE DIRECTOR
OF INTELLIGENCE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

October 17, 1945

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

VIA US ARMY COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: I.R.A. Internal Security (M and G)

It is requested that I be advised whether the Bureau has a record of all the I.R.A. publications in the United States.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

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[Stamp: JOHN EDGAR HOOVER]

[Stamp: IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.]

[Stamp: XRET]
Date: November 23, 1945

To: Mr. J. A. Cipriano
Legal Attaché
The American Embassy
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - A

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above-captioned case dated October 17, 1945.

A review of the Bureau files fails to reflect that the Irish Republican Army is presently engaged in the publication of any considerable amount of material. However, the New York Main Division has been requested to immediately furnish the Bureau with a list of all official and unofficial publications of the Irish Republican Army.

As soon as this list is received, it will be made available to you.

It is noted that in the past periodic reviews have been made of publications used by the Irish Republican Army in the United States, which reviews have not developed any great amount of significant information.

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Declassify on (Date)
It is desired that the Bureau be furnished as soon as possible by
letter all information which is presently available to your office or which
may be readily developed through confidential sources concerning the official
and unofficial publications of the Irish Republican Army in the United
States. The information furnished by you to the Bureau in this connection
should include appropriate data concerning the date and place of publication
as well as the approximate circulation and the identities of the leading
editorial personnel of these publications.

Advice is also desired as to whether such publications are presently
being reviewed by your office directly or through informants and if they are
so being reviewed, the Bureau should be advised of the apparent value of
the information which has been secured through such review.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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NEW YORK

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EXTRACT FROM YOUR

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INTERNAL SECURITY - 1 & 0
REGISTRATION ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
(Oglaigh na h-Eireann)
UNITED IRISH REPUBLICANS

For

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Secretly

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

REFERENCE

Bureau File 61-7606
Report of Special Agent
City, 8/8/45.

BACKGROUND

whose identity is known
to the Bureau, is unable to furnish any further information in
addition to that already submitted regarding the background of
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The July issue (Number 4 of Volume 3) of the IRISH REPUBLICAN BULLETIN contained a eulogy to CATHAL BRUGHA, Irish Republican patriot executed at Dublin,
Ireland by the English, and also an article entitled "The Policy of Benevolence" in which Eire's role in assisting the Allies in World War II was shown as that of a non-combatant ally rather than that of benevolence to England. An article berates Premier EAMON DE VALERA for re-interning SEAN MAC AITE, former Chief of Staff of the I.R.A., on the basis of MAC AITE's having allegedly plotted against the government and publicly recruiting new members for the I.R.A. The issue also announced the coming annual Field Day of CLAN NA GAEL and I.R.A. in greater New York to be held on Sunday, September 23rd at Croker Park, proceeds of which would go to the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund.

The August Issue (Number 5 of Volume 5) of the IRISH REPUBLICAN BULLETIN takes to task Premier DE VALERA on his recent statement to the Eire Parliament that Eire was a Republic and refers to him as "The Great Illusionist." Another article again berates the British for internment of Irish Republican patriots and stated that the best answer to tyranny is a contribution to the Republican Prisoners' Dependents Fund. In another article a speech of BRIAN O'HIGGINS, veteran Republican, at the annual Republican Pilgrimage to WOLFE TONE'S grave at Bodenstown was summarized to further the effort to win full and true independence and unity of all Ireland." The remainder of the issue was devoted to a discussion of British imperialism and British treatment of its territories.

The September Issue (Number 6 of Volume 5) of the IRISH REPUBLICAN BULLETIN was devoted primarily to criticizing WINSTON CHURCHILL and CLEMENT ATTLE and Premier DE VALERA and British policy. It outlined policies which should be followed by Ulster Nationalists in the fight for their freedom from England. The issue also published a plea for the release of interned Irish Republicans.

FINANCES
It is noted that in an article entitled "Ireland's Political Noes Unchecked by Peace; DeValera Acts Against Outlaw Army Heads" published in the Home News on Tuesday, August 28, 1945, there appeared information to the effect that the I.R.A. are quite active in Eire, necessitating heavy guards of police assigne.
An editorial in the "Irish Echo" issue of September 1, 1945 suggested the formation of a national organization in a crusade for Ireland's complete independence. In reference to this proposed organization it should be noted that CHARLES CONNALLY, editor of the "Irish Echo," has been known from time to time to attempt to start Irish organizations which flourish momentary, only to fold up when the public realizes that such organizations are used by CONNALLY as vehicles for commission purposes of his paper and printing business coupled with a motive to rally Irish support for candidates during political campaigns.

In an article appearing in the "Irish Echo" issue of September 8, 1945, it was stated that CONNALLY'S efforts in attempting to form the new organization were meeting with some measure of success, it being particularly noted that
World War 2 veterans of Irish extraction were said to be supporting the movement.

In an article of the "Irish Echo", issue of September 15, 1945 it was stated that response to the new organization had been favorable and that precautions would be taken to insure the exclusion of subversive elements from the organization.

In the September 20th issue of the "Irish Echo" it was noted that the new organization formed by CONNALLY was to be called The Irish American National Association.

In the October 6th issue of the "Irish Echo" it was urged that recipients of that publication send in to the headquarters at 352 East 121st Street, New York, 35, New York their names for membership in the new organization. The article also urged local councils of ten members each, with the fundamental purpose of spreading the truth about Ireland and the Irish cause, being on constant lookout for anti-Irish propaganda.
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SAC, New York

December 11, 1945

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Republican Army
(Ogden and H - Straus)

Internal Security - X, 6

Reference is made to my letter to you in the above case dated November 23, 1945, requesting that the Bureau be furnished as soon as possible with certain information concerning the official and unofficial publications of the Irish Republican Army in the United States.

It is particularly desired that this inquiry be expedited by you and the results thereof made available to the Bureau as soon as possible.

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Goff
Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated October 17, 1945, inquiring whether the Bureau has a record of all the IRA publications in the United States.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

Classified by: J. A. Cimperman
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1-1-38

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY (M & G)

American Embassy
London, England
December 5, 1945

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RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
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61-7606-366
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:  Director, FBI
FROM:  SAC, New York

DATE: January 3, 1946

SUBJECT:  IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY - X, O
(Bureau File #51-7606)

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Reference is made to your letter dated November 23, 1945 requesting information concerning the publications of the above captioned organization.

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EX 33
Date: February 19, 1946

To: Legal Attaché
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Irish Republican Army
INTERNAL SECURITY - 1, 6

Enclosures

Declasified: JG

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TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, New York
SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY INTERNAL SECURITY - I, G
(Bureau File #51-7606)

Reference is made to the letter of the New York Field Division to the Bureau dated January 3, 1946.

In view of the foregoing facts the Bureau is requested to advise the New York Office as to whether it is desired to maintain this case in a pending status or not, and as to what action the New York Office should take regarding information received concerning this organization in the future.

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February 18, 1946

John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Reference is made to your letter dated January 3, 1946, and to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated December 3, 1945, at New York City, concerning the above-referred matter.

This is to advise that you should maintain this case in a pending inactive status and you should keep the Bureau advised of any developments concerning any activity on the part of this organization. All matters concerning this activity should be submitted in report form.
American Embassy
London, England
November 22, 1945

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

VIA U.S. ARMY COURIER S1

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

RE: CARL REKOWSKI; IRISH REPUBLIC AN ARMY
ESPIONAGE (G) INTERNAL SECURITY (X & C)

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau there is attached hereto a
copy of the re-interrogation report (RIR-2) on subject Rekowski dated
October 11, 1945, and in which he furnishes information concerning his
contacts with one SCHLEEBRUEGGE and also his contacts with a certain
JOHN MCCAUGHEY, Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, who visited him on
several occasions during 1940 in Mexico City and at which time they
discussed the reported death of SEAN RUSSELL, prominent IRA leader.
Enclosure

JAC:

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache
CARL REKOWSKI

Carl Rekowsk worked for the Near East Department of the German Foreign Office. He was later used as an Abwehr agent in Mexico.

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1. REESESKI

Brief from Deputy Chief, SCI, 12th Army Group, Feb 65, dated 25 Jun 45:
Report 3rd US Army IC, dated 16 Jul 45; LCF 'LOIC WECST', ICIC Center, dated 16
Aug 45; Letter from CI War Room, 12/75, (27 602, 176), 24 Jul 45.

2. RE-SCI FOR REPORT

This report is in reply to brief from AC of S, 0-2, CAC, APC 742, relative
to Letter from CI War Room, 12/75, File to PT 602, 176, date 24 Jul 45.

3. REPORT

a. REESESKI in Mexico

(1) REESESKI's stay in Mexico

In the Spring of 1936 REESESKI entered Mexico from the United
States on a Trading Alien Visa and contracted with the government
cartel, PEISAC (Productora de Pan de Panel S A) for the purchase
of one million marks worth of newspaper from the Verband Deutscher
Druck Papier Fabriken. He stayed in Mexico but visited Germany
annually until April 1941. His only official contacts on these visits
were with the Reichs Wirtschafts Ministry, where he talked on two
occasions with AEG/COLOMAG. The latter urged him to increase
the volume of sales, since it brought foreign exchange to Germany.

(2) DR. GOETZE (GND) and REESESKI

In March 1940 a certain J. REIFFERSON asked Fred REESESKI in Berlin
for the whereabouts of REESESKI as was referred to REESESKI, where
REESESKI was at the time. GOETZE saw REESESKI in Berlin and said,
"I know that you are going to Mexico. As a representative of the GND,
I ask that you deliver to certain people any messages we may send to
you." After asking for time to think it over, REESESKI consulted with
his wife and decided against the proposal. When he communicated his
decision to GOETZE, he received the following reply: "The GND will
stop your trip." After discussing the matter with the director of his
firm, it was decided that the offer be accepted as a means of putting
an end to the attacks of Party members who complained that the Verband
Deutscher Druck Papier was in the hands of non-party members.

(3) J. REIFFERSON and REESESKI

REESESKI signed a statement promising not to reveal his con-
nection with the GND under pain of death and was told to contact a
certain John KRAFTH, ROSEVIN Hotel, etc., and inform him that he
was in Mexico. In July 1940 REESESKI wrote to KRAFTH, asking him to
come to Mexico. KRAFTH arrived in Mexico City in August 1940, con-
ferred with REESESKI, and returned to NY Yor. REESESKI states
that this visit was made for the purpose of meeting each other and that
the conversations were casual and of a general nature. In November 1940
REESESKI received the following cable from his firm (Verband Deutscher Druck Papier Fabriken): "Please tell your
friends in New York that Son REESESKI died." (General REESESKI was formerly a leader of the Irish Republican Army IRA.). KRAFTH was sent for,
and when told the news, said, "It's all over now; it's no use to do
anything; we lost our best man." He asked KRAFTH to send a cable
requesting details, waited two days for a reply which did not come,
and returned to NY Yor. On this second visit, KRAFTH informed
REESESKI that he had received news through other channels that REESESKI
was in Mexico and had been told to get in touch with him.
In January 1941 REKOWSKI decided to return to Germany with his family. He wrote to LECAUTY asking him to come to Mexico to discuss future plans. LECAUTY was expecting further news about FUSSEL but was told by REKOWSKI that no more messages would be sent. LECAUTY said that it made no difference any longer because he had been doing nothing since FUSSEL's death. LECAUTY informed REKOWSKI that he was connected with an Irish relief committee which was sending food to Ireland. Upon REKOWSKI's departure from Mexico in February 1941, he notified LECAUTY by post card.

On return to Germany, REKOWSKI was contacted by the OKW through LECAUTY who came to REKOWSKI to learn about LECAUTY and to ask information about the possibility of war with the United States. In this connection, REKOWSKI stated that when he left Germany in 1940 he was told by Lt. Geier of the Kriegsmarine that all propaganda and acts of sabotage against the United States were expressly forbidden, in order to preserve American neutrality.

VON SCHLESENBURGHE

REKOWSKI first met VON SCHLESENBURGHE in October 1936 aboard the SS DEUTSCHLAND which was bound for New York from Germany. They both ate at the captain's table, where VON SCHLESENBURGHE introduced himself as a baron and a former member of the RICKETSCH squad during World War I. Upon arrival in New York, VON SCHLESENBURGHE borrowed 40 dollars from REKOWSKI, which he later paid back at the German bank in Mexico City.

VON SCHLESENBURGHE's credit in Mexico was always shaky; he was prodigal in his expenditures, and almost always without a penny, he opened a radio station at one time, ostensibly to exchange news with Germany, but the Mexican government closed it down immediately. It was said that VON SCHLESENBURGHE was a paid agent of the German Government. REKOWSKI believes this to be so because VON SCHLESENBURGHE had no known source of income.

REKOWSKI did not see VON SCHLESENBURGHE again until they met in May 1941 on a boat bound for Japan, from where they intended to return to Germany. REKOWSKI is certain that he and VON SCHLESENBURGHE were not on the same train of the Trans-Siberian FR. VON SCHLESENBURGHE had mentioned that he wanted to do some sightseeing in Peiping and REKOWSKI believes that he may have missed the next train which was the last one before the outbreak of war between Germany and Russia, 21 Jun 41.

VON SCHLESENBURGHE's second wife is the daughter of a Swedish arms manufacturer. The family owns a summer home on an island near Stockholm, where the SCHLESENBURGHE's have spent several summers.

Description of VON SCHLESENBURGHE (full):
54 years old, 1.79 m, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, dark brown hair, sprinkled with gray, slender build, wears conical helmet in left eye.

4. Possibly Wounded-duty of REKOWSKI and FUSSEL

REKOWSKI, who served as a liaison man between the Arab leaders in Germany and the Foreign Office (1926 - 1944), is of the opinion that Bachille, a Gaulois (ex-prisoner of FUSSEL) and the Turkish CUP, EL KISSIMIT, as well as members of their families, may now be living under cover somewhere in France, possibly near Paris. He asserts that their residence there may be by permission of the French Government, which desires to promote Arab goodwill to strengthen FRACE's position in the Near East.

4. CONCLUSIONS

None.
8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

For the Commanding Officer:

[Signature]

LEFOY VOGEL
Captain, Inf
CI Section

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RE: US AGENT COURIER SERVICE

Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

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TURKISH REPUBLICAN
ARMY - ESPIONAGE (G) INTERNAL
SECURITY (X & 0)

Dear Sir:

Please advise when a reply to my letter of November 22,

1945,

is received.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attache

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
February 7, 1946

Legal Attache
London, England

From: John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [Redacted]

In connection with your letter dated January 22, 1946, you are advised that this matter has been referred to the New York Office for investigation. As soon as the results are received, you will be promptly advised.

RCP: ECR

COMUNICATIONS SECTION

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SAC, NEW YORK

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, INTERNAL SECURITY, O. RELATION TO LETTERS OF NOVEMBER NINETEENTH AND DECEMBER FOURTEENTH REQUESTING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION IN THE US. PLEASE REPLY NOT LATER THAN TEN DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS TELETYPewriter.

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IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY. INTERNAL SECURITY IX. REURTEL FEBRUARY FIFTEEN.

FORTY SIX. REFERENCE IS MADE TO LETTER FROM NEW YORK TO BUREAU DATED JANUARY THIRD, FORTY SIX SETTING FORTH INFORMATION REQUESTED IN YOUR LETTERS OF NOVEMBER TWENTY THIRD AND DECEMBER FOURTEEN, FORTY-FIVE.

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FBI/DOJ
American Embassy
London, England
March 11, 1946

VIA AIR POUCH

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

RE: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY (X & G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 19, 1946, transmitting

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman
Legal Attaché
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ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Re: HELMUT GLOSSMANN
ESPORTAGE - G

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY, -X & G

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of the Final Report (FR 41) on subject HELMUT GLOSSMANN dated February 12, 1946 which has been made available to me by AC of S, G-2, Frankfurt, Germany. S-1/

This report contains considerable information regarding the IRA and German activities in Ireland, and it is suggested that same be read or studied in conjunction with the above captioned three cases. S-12

A copy of this report is not being retained in the files of this office.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman,
Legal Attache.

Enclosure

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There is enclosed herewith a copy of a Final Report concerning Robert Ciccarelli dated February 12, 1946, which was made available to the Bureau by a confidential source in London, England.

This report contains considerable information regarding the activities of the IRA and their association with the Germans. It also sets out considerable information to the effect that Ciccarelli had knowledge of the activities of Frank Ryan and Sean Russell and it gives an account of the death of Russell and how these two individuals assisted the Germans during the war.

This is being furnished for your information.

Enclosed

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American Embassy
London, England
September 25, 1946

ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DEPT. VIA AIR POUCH

Director, FBI
Washington, D.C.

Re: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
ESPIONAGE - G
INTERNAL SECURITY X AND G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated April 5, 1946.

As requested therein, I would appreciate being advised of the results of any additional investigation the Bureau has conducted concerning this case.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Clapperman
Legal Attaché.

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RETEL DECEMBER 14TH IN, IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY, SECURITY MATTER IRISH.
REPORT AND EVIDENCE BEING forwarded YOUR OFFICE TODAY'S DATE.

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61-7606-378
ATTENTION: SIS EUROPEAN DESK

VIA AIR POUCH

Director, FEI
Washington, D. C.

Re: CARL REKOWSKY
IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
ESPIONAGE - G
INTERNAL SECURITY X AND G

Dear Sir:

There is attached an extract of an Interrogation Report on KURT HALLE, dated August 30, 1946, containing information regarding subject CARL REKOWSKY, a suspect German agent in touch with SFCCE NICOLAY and BARON FREDRICK KARL VON SCHLEPPER. This report briefly discloses some of REKOWSKY's activities which were known to BALLER and same is being forwarded to the Bureau for its information and the completion of its files.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Cimperman,
Legal Attache.

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FBI/DOJ
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY
INTERNAL SECURITY — X & O
REGISTRATION ACT

DATE: February 14, 1947

G.I.R. 5

Reference is made to your letter of February 18, 1946, authorizing that this matter be placed in a pending inactive status.

Since that time, there has been no activity in this matter in the New York Field Division and authority is requested of the Bureau to close this case.

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: Irish Republican Army

A review of the material in our files concerning the Irish Republican Army reveals that most of the documents relating to this organization were secured through confidential informants. The dissemination of such documents might result in the disclosure of the identities of such informants.

It was noted during this file review that a memorandum was prepared under date of March 7, 1943 in which is set forth complete background information concerning the Irish Republican Army. This memorandum also contains considerable information concerning the activities of individuals connected with the Irish Republican Army. There are quoted therein all of the relevant documents in the possession of this Bureau concerning the organization. Copies of this memorandum are enclosed herewith for your information.

The information set forth above and that contained in the enclosure should not be disseminated outside your agency.

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61.7606.382
Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn

Criminal Division

May 26, 1943

Reference is made to our memorandum dated March 26, 1943, to Mr.
Lawrence E. O. Smith, who at that time was Chief of the Special War Policies
Branch of this Department, for advice concerning the above-referenced organization.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the information and statement and of each of
the following reports:

Report of Special Agent, dated March 30, 1943, at

Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent, dated April 3, 1943, at


Report of Special Agent, dated April 16, 1943, at

New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent, dated May 19, 1943, at

Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent, dated May 28, 1943, at

New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent, dated June 3, 1943, at

Detroit, Michigan.

Report of Special Agent, dated July 1, 1943, at

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent, dated August 9, 1943, at

Washington, D.C.

Report of Special Agent, dated September 24, 1943, at

San Francisco, California.

Report of Special Agent, dated September 26, 1943, at

New York, New York.

Communications Section.

A May 28, 1943, at 5:15 P.M., dated October 2, 1943, at


Department of Justice.


Report of Special Agent at Boston, Massachusetts dated April 3, 1946.


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FROM:  
SUBJECT: IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ESPIONAGE - 2  

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED  
DATE: 2-25-49  

Upon referral from your office on this date Supervisor W. A. Branigan personally interviewed **[redacted]**.

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Memorandum to

ACTION:

It is recommended that upon completion of which they be referred to the Espionage Section for appropriate attention.

Attachments

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