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July 2, 2021

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1487835-000
Subject: WOUK, HERMAN

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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41 pages were reviewed and 41 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].
- ☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "Part 1" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "Part 2" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "Part 3" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

The enclosed documents represent the final release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

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FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. A standard search normally consists of a search for main files in the Central Records System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include references, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files. For additional information about our record searches, visit www.fbi.gov/services/information-management/foipa/requesting-fbi-records.
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private Citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

[SEPTEMBER 25, 1941] (U)

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK CITY

HERMAN WOUK, SPECIAL INQUIRY, OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT. CONDUCT THOROUGH DISCREET INVESTIGATION CHARACTER, REPUTATION, QUALIFICATIONS, LOYALTY AND PATRIOTISM OF WOUK, EIGHT TWO NAUGHT WEST END AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY. BORN MAY TWENTYSEVENTH NINETEEN FIFTEEN, NEW YORK CITY. EDUCATION: COLUMBIA COLLEGE, NEW YORK CITY, RECEIVING B.A. DEGREE NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR. BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: EMPLOYED BY DAVID FREEDMAN AS ASSISTANT IN WRITING OF RADIO SCRIPTS, FROM NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR TO NINETEEN THIRTYSIX; SCRIPT WRITER FOR FRED ALLEN, RADIO COMEDIAN, FROM NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO NINETEEN FORTYONE. DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN WOUK'S POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY BY NOON TWENTYSIXTH INSTANT. INQUIRY AT BOARD OF ELECTIONS DISCLOSING WOUK'S POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS WILL SUFFICE. REMAINING INVESTIGATION TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED IN REPORT FORM AMASD ON TWENTYSEVENTH INSTANT. YOUR OFFICE ORIGIN. IMPORTANT AND URGENT. (U)

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Transmit the following message to:

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HERMAN WOUK SPECIAL INQUIRY OPM. BIRTH VERIFIED AS MAY TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTEEN, NYC. PARENTS BORN IN RUSSIA, CAME TO U S NINETEEN FIVE AND NATURALIZED NINETEEN SEVENTEEN. WOUKS FATHER IS AN ORTHODOX JEW, OWNER OF LAUNDRY BUSINESS, NYC, MODERATELY WELL TO DO, HAS EXCELLENT REPUTATION. WOUK HAS ONE BROTHER, AGETWENTYFOUR, EMPLOYED BY OIL CO IN CALIFORNIA, AND ONE SISTER MARRIED TO A DOCTOR IN NYC. WOUK ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL, TWENTYSEVEN, AND GRADUATED, THIRTY, WAS ABOVE AVERAGE IN INTELLIGENCE AND FINISHED IN THREE YEARS, TOOK PART IN LITERARY ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOL AND WAS CONTRIBUTOR TO SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS. HE ENTERED COLUMBIA UNIV, SEPT THIRTY AND RECEIVED AB DEGREE WITH HONORS, JUNE, THIRTYFOUR. IN SENIOR YEAR HE WAS EDITOR OF SCHOOL HUMOR MAGAZINE, MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA, AND AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP FOR PARTICIPATION IN NON ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES. IS RECOMMENDED BY DEAN OF SCHOOL FOR HIS LOYALTY, INTELLIGENCE AND GOOD CHARACTER. FROM NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO NINETEEN THIRTYSIX WOUK WAS CONNECTED WITH DAVID FREEDMAN, DECEASED, AS A RADIO AND THEATRICAL SCRIPT WRITER, AND COLLABORATED IN WRITINGS WITH ARNOLD AUERBACH, NOW EMPLOYED BY PARAMOUNT PICTURES, CALIFORNIA. LOS ANGELES WAS REQUESTED BY TELETYPE, SEPT TWENTYNINE, FORTYONE, TO CONTACT AUERBACH AND SUBMIT REPORT AMSD IMMEDIATELY. FROM NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO JUNE, FORTYONE, WOUK WAS EMPLOYED AS SCRIPT

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WRITER FOR RADIO COMEDIAN, FRED ALLEN, AT SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR. HE RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY AND VOLUNTEERED SERVICES TO U S TREASURY FOR WHOM PRESENTLY ENGAGED TO WRITERADIO SCRIPT FOR THE QUOTE TREASURY HOUSE UNQUOTE. RADIO EXECUTIVES CONTACTED ADVISE WOUK ABLE WRITER, DEPENDABLE, OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, AND LOYAL AMERICAN. WOUK REPORTED TO BE DEMOCRATIC IN HIS POLITICAL AFFILIATION. BUSINESS ASSOCIATE ADVISED WOUK DOES NOT DRINK, SMOKE OR FREQUENT NIGHT CLUBS, IS THRIFTY AND CONSERVATIVE IN HIS HABITS, AND READS CLASSICAL WORKS FOR A HOBBY. NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION OF WOUK AND PARENTS REVEALED ALL TO BE QUIET, CONSERVATIVE, RESPECTABLE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT LOYAL AMERICANS. REGISTERED LOCAL DRAFT BOARD CLASSIFICATION ONE A. LIKELY TO BE CALLED IN THREE MONTHS. NO CREDIT OR CRIMINAL RECORD NYC. REPORT AMSD WILL BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY.

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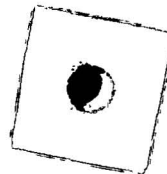
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HERMAN WOUK SPECIAL INQUIRY OPM. BOARD OF ELECTIONS MANHATTAN NY
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: HERMAN WOUK;
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Office
of Production Management.

Reference is made to your request of September 25, 1941, for an investigation of Herman Wouk, a member of the Office of Production Management.

In accordance with your request, this investigation was immediately instituted and I am, at this time, in receipt of information from our field division reflecting the results of inquiries conducted to determine the political affiliations of Herman Wouk. This information is being set forth in the attached memorandum for your attention.

Additional investigation is being conducted with regard to the character, background, loyalty and patriotism of this individual, the results of which will be furnished you immediately upon receipt in the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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*Received by Mr. Rosen
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September 27, 1941

Re: HERMAN WOUK;
Office of Production
Management.

The following teletype message has been received from the New York, New York, Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"The records at the Board of Elections, Manhattan, New York, reflect Herman Wouk registered as a Democrat in 1939 and 1940. No registration shown for this district for the years 1934 to 1938, inclusive."

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MR. ROSEN

Re: White House Request for
Investigations of Members
of the Office of Production
Management.

This is to record that under the above date, the
attached memorandum containing the names hereafter set forth was
furnished the Bureau by a routing slip from the Office of Mr.
Matthew F. McGuire, The Assistant to the Attorney General. It is
to be noted that this memorandum was furnished the Department by
the White House with a request that complete investigations be
conducted of the individuals whose names are set out, and
particularly with reference to their political affiliations:

Edward H. Letchworth
Herbert H. Mayers
Herman Wouk

These investigations were referred to the appropriate
field divisions by teletypes on this date along with appropriate
instructions.

For your information, the names of the above individuals
have been searched against the records in the Bureau's administra-
tive files without locating any prior records concerning them.

As information in these cases is received from our field
divisions, it will be immediately transmitted to Mr. McGuire.

Respectfully,

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C. D. Metz

Attachment

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Herman Wouk -- 820 West End Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Born May 27, 1915, New York City.

Education: Columbia Coll., New York City, B.A. 1934

Business Exp.: Employed by David Freedman as assistant in writing of radio scripts - 1934-1936.

Script writer for Fred Allen, radio comedian - 1936-41

Herman Wouk

Consulting Expert

Defense Savings Staff,
Office of Secretary
Treasury Department

*app. W. J. Jones
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York, N.Y.**

NY FILE NO. **77-1651 JR**

REPORT MADE AT New York, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/2/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/26, 29, 30/41	REPORT MADE BY W. R. Hoaglund
TITLE HERMAN WOUK			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY -- OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div style="width: 20%;">SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</div><div style="width: 80%;"><p>WOUK single; born May 27, 1915, N.Y.C., of Orthodox Jewish parents, who came to U.S. in 1905 and were naturalized 1917. Registered Board of Elections, N.Y.C., as Democrat 1939 and 1940. Attended Townsend Harris High School, N.Y.C., from 1927 to 1930; above average in intelligence and graduated in three years. Entered Columbia University September 1930, and received A.B. degree with honors June 1934. 1934 to 1936 employed by theatrical script writer now deceased. 1936 to June 1941 employed as script writer for radio comedian Fred Allen at \$16,000. per year. Services satisfactory; resigned voluntarily and volunteered services to U.S. Treasury, for whom presently engaged to write radio script. Radio executives contacted advised WOUK able writer, of good character and reputation and loyal American. Two executives stated WOUK rather arrogant and cocky for young man. Fred Allen's agent believed WOUK volunteered services to Treasury Department to avoid draft, although he admitted same attitude towards all seeking government employment at this time when eligible for draft. WOUK's habits conservative and temperate; is very thrifty; only hobby is reading classical works. Neighborhood investigation favorable. Selective Service classification 1A; likely to be called in three months. No credit or criminal record, N.Y.C.</p></div></div>			
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REFERENCE: Teletype from Bureau to New York, dated 9/25/41. (C) (U)

DETAILS: At New York, N.Y.

At the office of the Board of Elections covering the Borough of Manhattan, 400 Broome Street, H. W. BERG made available the records, which revealed that HERMAN WOUK is a United States citizen; that he has lived for twenty-five years in New York State and in New York County and for two years at 820 West End Avenue. The records also showed that WOUK registered as a Democrat in 1939 and 1940. There was no registration for the years 1934 to 1938, inclusive.

At the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, 641 Washington Street, the records revealed that HERMAN WOUK's father, ABRAHAM WOUK was born in Russia and entered the United States from Russia in 1905, and that he was naturalized in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County on March 2, 1917. The record disclosed that at that time ABRAHAM WOUK was engaged in the laundry business and had two children, both of whom were born in New York City.

EDUCATION

At Townsend Harris High School, Lexington Avenue and 23rd Street, Miss AMY RICHTER, registrar, made available records which showed that HERMAN WOUK was born May 27, 1915 in New York City. He enrolled in that school in February 1927 and graduated January 1930, having completed the course in three years. His average grade was 89 and there were no failures. Miss RICHTER advised that Townsend Harris High School is a scholarship school, where only a limited number of students are admitted upon competitive examinations. She also stated that applicant's average of 89 was considerably above average, since 65 was the passing grade, and that there was nothing derogatory on his record as to attendance, deportment or punctuality.

At Columbia University, Miss JESSIE GROF, in charge of records, produced the scholastic record of HERMAN WOUK, which revealed that he enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts in September 1930 and graduated with honors on June 5, 1934, receiving an A.B. degree. His birth was shown as May 27, 1915 at New York City. Miss GROF advised that in order to graduate it was necessary to have 120 credits in addition to

Physical Education, and of these 120 credits WOUK received A on 24 credits, B on 66 credits and C on 30 credits. There were no failures and his complete school average would be between B and B plus. The records showed that he took the general liberal arts courses and majored in Philosophy and Literature. The records also showed that he had numerous marks against him for cutting and that, as a consequence, he lost two credits, both of which were more than made up by his additional credits obtained because of his high grades. There was no further derogatory information on the record.

Dean HERBERT HAWKES, Dean of Men, Columbia University, examined WOUK's personnel file in order to refresh his own recollection and advised that WOUK was an above-average student, as indicated by the fact that he graduated with honors. He advised that WOUK contributed to "The Spectator", the school paper, and in his senior year was Editor of "The Jester", the humor magazine of Columbia University. The Dean stated that he remembered WOUK well in this respect, because the Editor of that magazine is in a position to ridicule and make gibes at various members of the faculty, and that during the year WOUK was Editor, the humor magazine was run in a manner of exceptionally good taste. The personnel record indicated that WOUK was President of the Literary Club in high school and was active in extra-curricular activities of a literary nature in high school, and that he contributed to the various school publications and was a debater. The Dean further advised that upon his graduation from college WOUK received the Fox Memorial Prize, which is awarded to the member of the graduating class who, through his participation in non-athletic student activities, has shown for Columbia University the greatest interest and helpfulness. This prize is a gift of \$20.

Dean HAWKES further stated that the personnel record showed that WOUK's parents were born in Russia and that his father is the owner of a laundry business in New York City. He further stated that from his recollection, WOUK was a good student, a gentleman, and exhibited no un-American or radical tendencies while in school. He stated that he would recommend WOUK without reservation.

At Columbia University, Professor JAMES GUTMAN, who was WOUK's faculty adviser, stated that while in school WOUK was an excellent student and was active in literary work and contributed articles to the various school publications, and was Editor of the humor magazine. Since his graduation, WOUK has continued to work in the literary field. Professor GUTMAN advised that WOUK is conscientious, thoroughly reliable and 100% American, and that he would recommend him for the position. He stated

WOUK's younger brother, VICTOR, graduated from Columbia University in 1939. He further stated that from his association with WOUK, both during the school period and after graduation, he observed nothing which would indicate WOUK to have engaged in any un-American or radical activities.

EMPLOYMENT

WALTER BATCHELOR, President of Batchelor Enterprises Inc., 1270 Sixth Avenue, who is agent for Fred Allen, the radio comedian, advised that he had hired HERMAN WOUK as a script writer about September 1936; that WOUK had previously been employed as a script writer by David Freedman, who is deceased and whose organization is no longer in existence. He stated that somehow WOUK approached Fred Allen and on Allen's recommendation and the fact that WOUK was previously employed by Freedman, he, BATCHELOR, employed WOUK. He stated that WOUK is a good writer, a proficient worker and a man of conservative and thrifty habits and that his services were entirely satisfactory during the period of employment. He advised that WOUK voluntarily resigned in June 1941 for the purpose of entering other fields of writing. He stated that during the time WOUK was working for Allen and during the time he was employed by Freedman, he collaborated in all his work with a writer named ARNOLD AUERBACH, who terminated his connection with Allen at the sametime as WOUK did and is now employed as a writer by Paramount Pictures in Hollywood. He stated that WOUK is presently employed writing the radio script for the program "Treasury Hour" which is conducted under the supervision of HOWARD DIETZ, the Buchanan Agency and the Treasury Department, DIETZ being the general guiding director.

Mr. BATCHELOR stated that he personally has not liked WOUK from the time he was hired, and that the reason for this dislike had nothing to do with his ability as a writer or because of any irregular habits that he might have, but principally for the reason that WOUK has at times an arrogant manner and certain cockyness which BATCHELOR extremely disapproved of in young men. He also stated that he feels that WOUK, who has no dependents and is in good health, should volunteer his services to the Army and that his efforts to obtain any other position with the government is a subterfuge to avoid being drafted. He stated that he may be prejudiced in this matter, but that he feels this way with regard to all young men of draft age who seek other positions with the government.

Mr. BATCHELOR stated that he knows very little about WOUK's personal habits, but that he believes him to be a "teetotaler" and very thrifty. He further stated that he would recommend him for the position

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as far as his ability, trustworthiness and loyalty is concerned.

Mr. BATCHELOR advised that at the time WOUK resigned, he was being paid at the rate of \$400. per week for a 39-week season.

HOWARD DIETZ, Director of Publicity and Advertising for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Chairman of the Motion Picture and Radio Defense Saving Stamp Staff, working directly under Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, 1540 Broadway, advised that he has known HERMAN WOUK for approximately three months, during which time WOUK had been writing scripts for the Treasury program called "The Treasury Hour". He stated that his association with WOUK had been of a purely business nature and that he has found him to be a capable, conscientious writer and one whom he would recommend to a position of trust with the government. He stated that there was no question as to WOUK's character or morals or his loyalty or patriotism as an American; that he is a man of moderate habits.

Mr. DIETZ further stated that WOUK was formerly connected with the Fred Allen program and prior to that with David Freedman, now deceased, who was a writer of comic scripts for show and radio people. He stated that Freedman's organization is no longer in existence and the only one who might be contacted concerning it is ARNOLD AUERBACH, now employed in Hollywood by Paramount Pictures. He also stated that DOUGLAS COULTER of the Columbia Broadcasting System has had some association with WOUK during the past three or four months.

DOUGLAS COULTER, Director of Programs for the Columbia Broadcasting System, 485 Madison Avenue, stated that he became acquainted with WOUK about thirteen weeks ago at the beginning of the Treasury program. He stated that these associations were limited to preparation of the program and that from this he could state that WOUK is a very good writer and that he would do a good job wherever he is assigned. He stated, however, that WOUK is the type who would try to run the whole Office of Production Management once he became a part of the organization. He stated that WOUK has an over-abundance of assurance, which frequently borders on his being arrogant in his association with fellow-workers. He stated he had no reason to believe WOUK to be anything but a loyal American, although he has had no occasion to discuss political philosophies with him. He also stated that if a job is given to WOUK as a writer only and if the Office of Production Management had nothing else to do with him, he would be very satisfactory.

PAUL MONROE, Buchanan & Co. Inc., 1501 Broadway, agents for Bendix Corporation and Texaco, stated that he has known HERMAN WOUK for at least two years, during which time he has supervised the radio programs written by WOUK. He stated that WOUK has considerable talent for writing, is a conscientious and thorough worker, and that he could be given a job and could be depended upon to complete it satisfactorily. As to WOUK's personal life, MONROE stated that he has had occasion to travel with him and has always found him to be a man of excellent habits; he neither smokes nor drinks, and is not one to frequent night clubs. He advised that WOUK is conservative in all his activities and is very thrifty. He stated that WOUK's only hobby is his interest in reading classical books, and that he occasionally plays the flute. He advised that WOUK has none of the vices of gambling or high living.

As to WOUK's political philosophy, MONROE stated that he had never had occasion to discuss politics with him, but that he believed he was a Democrat. He stated there was no question in his mind as to WOUK's being thoroughly in accord with our form of government, and that WOUK has never indicated or made any statements to the contrary.

Mr. MONROE advised that for the work WOUK is doing on the "Treasury Hour" he is being paid as out-of-pocket expenses a fee of \$150. per week.

FRED ALLEN, who was interviewed at the Columbia Broadcasting System Radio Theater, 53rd Street and Broadway, advised that WOUK was recommended to him by someone, whom he does not now recall, shortly after David Freedman passed away, and he hired WOUK as a writer without any further investigation. WOUK was employed by him in that capacity from the early Fall of 1936 until the Summer of 1941, during which time he received a salary of \$400. per week. ALLEN stated that his services as a writer were entirely satisfactory, and that he had ability and initiative, a great deal of self-assurance, and that when he believes a thing to be right he will stick to it. He further stated that WOUK voluntarily resigned because he felt he would like to try other fields of writing, and that it was unusual for a script writer to remain that long in the services of one comedian. He advised that WOUK is a young man of very conservative personal habits in that he does not drink or smoke or squander his money, and is in fact unusually thrifty. He stated that WOUK could be depended upon to perform his duties well and to be thoroughly reliable. He stated that he had no reason to believe WOUK is anything but 100% American and that he recommends him for the position.

NEIGHBORHOOD

KARL KAISER, 820 West End Avenue, superintendent, stated that HERMAN WOUK is living at that address with his parents, and that they moved into the apartment house in October 1938. He advised that they are very desirable tenants and cause no trouble, and appeared to be a quiet, respectable family, who attend strictly to their own business. He stated that he has talked with ABRAHAM WOUK, father of HERMAN, on several occasions and believes him to be a Democrat. He stated that the elder WOUK is quite active in Jewish refugee work and that he is the owner of the Fox Square Laundry in the Bronx. He stated that he did not know definitely what work HERMAN's younger brother, VICTOR, is engaged in, but believed he was working for his father in the laundry.

MATHIS KNAPP, superintendent, 290 Riverside Drive, stated that HERMAN WOUK, his father and his mother and younger brother lived there from October 1934 to October 1938. He did not recall anything about the two boys except that they were there, and that he never heard or saw anything derogatory concerning them. He advised that they were good tenants and highly respected.

JACOB HENKEL, superintendent, 845 West End Avenue, stated that the WOUKs resided at that address from November 1932 to October 1934, and that he has known them since 1924 when he operated a garage which serviced the trucks owned and used by WOUK's father in his laundry business. He stated that from all their dealings, he has found ABRAHAM WOUK to be a very high type person. He advised that he knew very little about the two boys, as he had just seen them come and go while living in the neighborhood. He advised that he has never heard anything derogatory concerning them and suggested that ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ, the cantor in the Synagogue on the corner of West End Avenue and 101st Street, might have more information.

ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ, cantor in the Jewish Synagogue, 101st Street and West End Avenue, stated that he has known the WOUK family, consisting of Mrs. WOUK, ABRAHAM WOUK, who has for many years owned and operated the Fox Square Laundry in The Bronx, HERMAN WOUK, who has been engaged as a writer, VICTOR WOUK, who was recently married and is now working in California for some oil company, and a daughter who is married to a doctor in New York City. He advised that ABRAHAM WOUK is very orthodox

in his Jewish belief, so much so that he recently left this synagogue because of its liberal practices and has been attending a more orthodox church. However, while attending his synagogue, Mr. WOUK was considered quite a humanitarian in that he would lend his assistance to any Jewish refugee who came to the synagogue for help. SCHWARTZ stated that he had occasionally seen the two sons, but that he knew nothing directly concerning them. He believed they all enjoyed very fine reputations in the neighborhood. He stated that there is no question as to the loyalty of any member of the family and that they have no radical or un-American tendencies. He was of the impression that they were all Democrats.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

At Local Board 30, 201 West 89th Street, FRED LEDERMAN, Chief Clerk, made available WOUK's file, which reflected that he has Serial Number 1539 and order number 2067, and that on July 31, 1941 he was classified 1A. He advised that WOUK is likely to be inducted into the Army in about three months.

In the Selective Service file there was also a statement written and signed by HERMAN WOUK in which he briefly set out his background and training and his opinion regarding his status. Mr. LEDERMAN advised that no claim for exemption had been made, but that this was furnished to them for their information. The statement as to background confirmed the results of this investigation previously set out, and in addition stated that he had done experimental writing and directing for semi-professional theaters and spent part of one summer writing for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in Hollywood. His statement as to his status as a possible draftee is being set out in full as indicative of his feelings and attitude toward Selective Service:

"My status is a genuine problem to me, and in all sincerity I prefer to have the local board decide it for me. These are the facts in my case:

"1. I have no dependents -- and as of today I am in good health, thank God. Therefore I am available for military service.

"2. Whether or not I am inducted into the armed forces of the United States I intend to place my services at the disposal of the country for the duration of the emergency. During the Spring (when I was under the impression that it would be two years before I would be called for induction) I notified my employer, the radio comedian, Fred Allen,

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that I would not be available for work next season, as I intended to seek government work instead. In so doing I relinquished voluntarily a position paying \$16,000. a year. I also advised my collaborator that I would not be available after the summer for the same reason. In May I wrote to the Joint Army & Navy Recreation Committee, asking them if there were any branch of the service for which I might volunteer my specialized training. I was advised to wait until I was called by the Selective Service and lay my qualifications before them.

"3. In the meantime, I have volunteered my services to the United States Treasury — and am at present engaged in preparing a series of radio entertainments to sell National Defense Bonds, my position on the project being that of Chief of Writing Staff.

"The Local Board will decide better than I can whether my force can be used most effectively in the type of defense work in which I am now engaged — or whether I am to be inducted into the armed service. I am only interested in serving my country as effectively as possible.

"With regard to the questions of dependents or physical fitness, I believe myself available for military service."

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

Special Agent W. A. Batten advised that there is no record of HERMAN WOUK at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

Special Agent J. E. Amos ascertained that there is no record of HERMAN WOUK in the files of the New York City Police Department.

A check of the indices of the New York Office failed to reveal any record of HERMAN WOUK, ABRAHAM WOUK, VICTOR WOUK or Fox Square Laundry.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Hollywood, California, will contact ARNOLD AUERBACH, who is employed as a writer for Paramount Pictures. Mr. AUERBACH was formerly associated with HERMAN WOUK as a script writer under David Freedman in New York City from 1934 to 1936, and until June 1941 under Fred Allen, the radio comedian. Mr. AUERBACH should be questioned regarding the character, reputation, qualifications, loyalty and patriotism of WOUK, as requested by teletype from the New York Office dated September 29, 1941.

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TITLE HERMAN WOUK			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY — OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WOUK single; born May 27, 1915, N.Y.C., of Orthodox Jewish parents, who came to U.S. in 1905 and were naturalized 1917. Registered Board of Elections, N.Y.C., as Democrat 1939 and 1940. Attended Townsend Harris High School, N.Y.C., from 1927 to 1930; above average in intelligence and graduated in three years. Entered Columbia University September 1930, and received A.B. degree with honors June 1934. 1934 to 1936 employed by theatrical script writer now deceased. 1936 to June 1941 employed as script writer for radio comedian Fred Allen at \$16,000. per year. Services satisfactory; resigned voluntarily and volunteered services to U.S. Treasury, for whom presently engaged to write radio script. Radio executives contacted advised WOUK able writer, of good character and reputation and loyal American. Two executives stated WOUK rather arrogant and cocky for young man. Fred Allen's agent believed WOUK volunteered services to Treasury Department to avoid draft, although he admitted same attitude towards all seeking government employment at this time when eligible for draft. WOUK's habits conservative and temperate; is very thrifty; only hobby is reading classical works. Neighborhood investigation favorable. Selective Service classification 1A; likely to be called in three months. No credit or original record, N.Y.C.

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TITLE HERMAN WOUK			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNOLD AUERBACH, Los Angeles, acquainted with WOUK since 1931 and states WOUK is a brilliant writer, intensely patriotic, and one of excellent character and reputation. Also advises WOUK is not Communist and does not indulge in intoxicants excessively.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a teletype received from the New York Field Division dated September 30, 1941, requesting ARNOLD AUERBACH be interviewed as to the character, reputation, qualifications, loyalty, and patriotism of HERMAN WOUK.

ARNOLD AUERBACH was interviewed at his residence, 10490 Holman Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and he stated that he had known WOUK since 1931, at which time he met WOUK when WOUK was a freshman at Columbia University in New York City. At that time AUERBACH was a sophomore at the same college.

According to AUERBACH, WOUK was very well liked in school and made a very good record for himself. At one time WOUK won the Richard Fox Memorial Prize, which is a prize awarded for outstanding writings of college students. AUERBACH advised that the type of writing that WOUK did while he was in Columbia University was, for the most part, humorous, and that he also did some writing for the school publications and for the school plays.

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AUERBACH stated that when he graduated from Columbia University, he went to work as a script writer for the Eddie Cantor Program under DAVID FREEDMAN, and that when WOUK graduated from Columbia, he too received a position writing for the Eddie Cantor Program under DAVID FREEDMAN.

AUERBACH advised that he and WOUK used to work together on practically all the scripts, and that WOUK was a very easy person to work with, was exceedingly intelligent and well liked by all the other members of the writing staff. WOUK and AUERBACH both worked for DAVID FREEDMAN until the year of 1936, when WOUK and AUERBACH left FREEDMAN and secured employment as script writers for FRED ALLEN. They worked for FRED ALLEN until June, 1941, at which time AUERBACH came to Los Angeles to take a position writing for the Paramount Studios, and WOUK remained in New York City.

Mr. AUERBACH advised that he and WOUK had lived together in New York City, and that WOUK was one of the best people he has ever known. He stated that WOUK is a brilliant writer, and intensely patriotic. He also advised that WOUK does not indulge in intoxicants to excess, does not smoke at all, and leads a very quiet life. He further advised that WOUK is quite religious and is very well versed in the Jewish faith. He stated WOUK is single, but that he is not the type of a person "who runs around with just any sort of a girl," but rather is choosy in selecting his companions. He further advised that WOUK maintains a very good reputation, and his character is of the best.

AUERBACH advised that he receives letters quite frequently from WOUK and he understands that WOUK, after leaving FRED ALLEN, did some writing for the program "Millions For Defense."

AUERBACH stated that he recalls WOUK had said at one time that he would be more than willing to go into the Army under the Selective Service Act, as he felt it was the duty of every true American to serve his country. AUERBACH stated that WOUK is not at all Communistic, but on the contrary is very much against Communism. AUERBACH stated that he would recommend WOUK for any position that might be offered to him and felt that WOUK had all the necessary qualifications to fill any such position.

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MEMORANDUM FOR
THE ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: HERMAN WOUK
Special Inquiry - Office
of Production Management

With final reference to your request of September 25, 1941, for investigation to be conducted relative to the above named individual, there is being transmitted herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent W. H. Hoaglund, dated October 31, 1941, at New York, New York.

The above mentioned report formally closes the investigation in regard to this individual.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

Enclosure

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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All leads having been covered, this case is considered closed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>REFERENCE: <i>6/7/88</i> <i>SP/malc/rpr</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 300px;">Report of Special Agent W. R. Hoaglund, New York City, 10/2/41. Report of Special Agent R. A. Garvey, Los Angeles, 10/2/41.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On October 31, 1941, the file in this case was reviewed and it was ascertained that all outstanding leads have been covered.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><p>- CLOSED</p><p>STATE (F/Hc) <i>12-1-65 (RR 11-19-65)</i></p><p>To: STATE (CU/ECS:AA) <i>4-22-63</i></p><p><i>NOV 1, 1941</i></p><p><i>RR 4-4-63</i></p><p><i>RR 1-30-74; REV 2-5-74</i></p></div>			
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TITLE HERMAN WOUK			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All leads having been covered, this case is considered closed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report of Special Agent W. R. Hoaglund, New York City, 10/2/41. Report of Special Agent R. A. Garvey, Los Angeles, 10/2/41.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On October 31, 1941, the file in this case was reviewed and it was ascertained that all outstanding leads have been covered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- CLOSED -</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"><i>6/7/88 SP7mac/jpm</i></div>			
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TO : Mr. Nichols ✓

DATE: November 17, 1955

FROM : M. A. Jones 2

SUBJECT: HERMAN WOUK
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N.Y. Herman Wouk was born in New York City on May 27, 1915, the son of Orthodox Jewish parents who came to the United States in 1905, and were naturalized in 1917. He was a student at the Townsend Harris Hall, 1927-30; received A.B. degree with general honors at Columbia University in 1934. ~~REDACTED~~ The same year he married Betty Sarah Brown and has one son, Abraham Isaac, born 12-9-45. From 1934 to 1936, employed by theatrical script writer. 1936-June, 1941 employed as a script writer for radio comedian, Fred Allen at \$16,000 per year. He resigned voluntarily to enter the service of the U. S. Treasury in June, 1941, where he was engaged in writing radio script. He served as a deck officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1942-1946; aboard a destroyer-mine sweeper in the South Pacific for three years. Executive officer of the USS Southard, 1945. Awarded four campaign stars, Unit Citation. Received the Columbia University Medal for Excellence, 1952. Religion, Jewish. Member of the Reserve Officers Naval Services Military Order of World Wars. Also a member of the Authors Guild. He is author of the following books and plays: "Aurora Dawn" (Book of the Month Club for May, 1947); "The City Boy" (novel, 1948); "Slattery's Hurricane" (film), 1949; "The Traitor" (drama, 1949); "The Caine Mutiny" (novel), 1951 (Pulitzer Prize fiction, 1952). Address: care Doubleday, 575 Madison Avenue, New York City 22, New York. (Who's Who in America, 1955) (62-64508-7).

BUREAU FILES:

The first reference we have in the Bureau files on Herman Wouk is a special inquiry from the Office of Production Management on September 25, 1941, to conduct a thorough investigation into his character, reputation, etc. This investigation, completed on October 2, 1941, produced no derogatory data. It confirmed all of the data contained in Who's Who in America cited above, through the year 1941, and in addition, reflected that he was above average in intelligence and was considered a brilliant writer by those who knew him. He proved to be a

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man of good character and reputation and a loyal American citizen. Arnold Auerbach of Los Angeles advised Bureau Agents he had known Wouk since 1931 and considered him intensely patriotic, of excellent character and reputation, a brilliant writer and would recommend Wouk for any position that might be offered to him in the Government as he felt he had all the necessary qualifications to fill most any position. (62-64508)

On April 4, 1949, the Daily Worker described Mr. Wouk's drama "The Traitor" as a "big lie" with reference to Wouk's description of U.S. communists as atom bomb spies. It was obvious from the tenor of the Daily Worker article that a patriotic theme in a play such as "The Traitor" was quite unacceptable to the Daily Worker. (100-138754-A)

On July 1, 1952, Mr. Wouk wrote the Director and enclosed some material he had received through the mail from Gerald B. Winrod titled "Conspiracy - The Philip Dru Case" as well as other Winrod propaganda. Mr. Wouk stated in his letter to the Director he thought Dr. Gerald Winrod appeared to him to be a "paranoid maniac." Mr. Wouk's address was Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York. In this same letter, Mr. Wouk commended the Director on his answer to the "irresponsible article" which appeared in the magazine, "Commentary," on the FBI. The Director wrote a note of thanks to him for his observations on July 9, 1952.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-16-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE"
BY HERMAN WOUK

BACKGROUND:

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WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.

Information received by your office from Jerry O'Leary of the Washington "Evening Star" indicates that "Youngblood Hawke" is a new book written by Herman Wouk, the prominent novelist who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1951 for his book, "The Caine Mutiny." The book is published by Doubleday and Company, Inc., of New York City, with whom Wouk has been associated for some years. According to O'Leary, on page 343 the plot concerns an individual who was a communist and came to Washington, D. C., to see the FBI. At this point, the book is reportedly critical of the FBI. Efforts to obtain copies of the book met with negative results inasmuch as Kann's Department Store advises that the book has not been released and will not be received until about June 1, 1962. Efforts will be made through the New York Office to obtain a pre-release copy; however, this will have to be done most tactfully in view of Wouk's extreme prominence as an author. The book is currently being serialized in "McCall's" magazine and parts have appeared in the March, April and May issues of the magazine. The serialization is not complete inasmuch as the book is quite lengthy (792 pages).

PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEW OF "YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE":

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The May, 1962, issue of the "Book-of-the-Month Club News" contains a review of the book, indicating that it is the June selection of the Club. (This is undoubtedly the reason that the book will not be received by stores in this area until the first of June.) Briefly, according to the review, the book is a work of fiction and it is advertised as "an absorbing story of the rise and fall of a best-selling author...." Youngblood-Hawke of Kentucky goes to New York and has a meteoric rise to fame as a novelist. The central theme of the book is said to be the crushing impact of a money-minded world on a talent too undisciplined to resist that impact. Youngblood Hawke becomes involved with a rich woman who is married and has children but nevertheless becomes his paramour. There is also another woman who is sensible and decent and the girl he should have married who edits Youngblood's manuscripts. The review points out that there are several sub-plots, without going into detail and without indicating a conclusion of the book.

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There was no indication in the review of any reference to the FBI or even to communism, nor was there any such reference found in the parts of the book contained in the April and May issues of "McCall's" magazine which we have been able so far to review.

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Jones to DeLoach Memo
Re: "Youngblood Hawke"

INFORMATION RE WOUK:

Biographical Data:

According to the current edition of "Who's Who in America," Herman Wouk was born 5-17-15 in New York City and received his A. B. degree from Columbia University in 1934. He also holds an honorary LL.D. degree from Clark University and an L.H.D. degree from Yeshiva. He was a radio script writer in the 1930s, and from 1936 to 1941 wrote scripts for radio comedian Fred Allen. He was a dollar-a-year expert to the U. S. Treasury in 1941. During the period 1942 to 1946, he served as a Deck Officer in the U. S. Naval Reserve and spent three years aboard a destroyer-mine sweeper in the South Pacific. He was awarded several campaign stars and a Unit Citation for his service in the Navy. His religion is Jewish and is a member of the Authors Guild. He is the author of a number of books and is particularly well known for his Pulitzer Prize winner, "The Caine Mutiny." His book, "Marjorie Morningstar," which he wrote in 1955, received considerable public acceptance.

Bureau Files:

In 1941, we conducted a Special Inquiry investigation for the Office of Production Management concerning Wouk which produced no derogatory information. The investigation disclosed he was of good character and reputation and a loyal American. On 4-4-49, the "Daily Worker," the now defunct east coast communist newspaper, described Wouk's drama, "The Traitor," as a "big lie" with reference to Wouk's description of U. S. communists as Atom Bomb spies. It was obvious from the tenor of the "Daily Worker" article that a patriotic theme as in "The Traitor" was unacceptable to the "Daily Worker." (62-64508; 100-138754-A)

Wouk wrote the Director on 7-1-52 enclosing some material he had received through the mail from Gerald B. Winrod titled "Conspiracy--The Philip Dru Case" as well as other Winrod propaganda. Wouk felt Winrod was a "paranoid maniac." It is noted that Winrod publishes "The Defender," is anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic and was one of 30 defendants indicted for sedition in January, 1944. In the same letter, Wouk commended the Director on his answer to an article in a magazine entitled "Commentary," which article had been unfairly critical of the FBI. By letter dated 7-9-52, the Director wrote a note of thanks to Wouk for his observations. [redacted] b3 b7E

Wouk was the recipient of funds in May, 1959, from^a Warsaw, Poland, bank. The funds amounted to \$600 which were described as royalties for his book, "The Caine Mutiny." (U) [redacted] (U)

OBSERVATIONS:

It is felt that a copy of Wouk's latest work should be obtained and reviewed for any criticism or unfavorable references to the FBI, at which time further appropriate

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Re: "Youngblood Hawke"

action can be considered. As mentioned earlier in the memo, efforts are being made by the Crime Research Section to obtain an advance copy of the book and it will be reviewed as soon as obtained.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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DATE: 5-25-62

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE"
BY HERMAN WOUK

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BACKGROUND:

My memorandum to you of 5-16-62 pointed out that Jerry O'Leary of the Washington "Evening Star" had advised "Youngblood Hawke" is a new book written by Herman Wouk, the prominent novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner. O'Leary stated that at one point in the book Wouk is critical of the FBI. A copy of the book, which is currently being serialized in "McCalls" magazine, has been obtained.

REVIEW OF "YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE":

"Youngblood Hawke" is a 783 page fictionalized story of a novelist from the Kentucky hills who skyrocketed to fame and fortune on his first book. Hawke is depicted as having written several other books, one of which won him the Pulitzer Prize. The entire novel takes place between the years 1946 and 1953. It reflects the financial difficulties and effect of sudden wealth on Hawke. Hawke is deeply involved in an illicit relationship with the wife of a stockbroker who has several children; however, he is in love with and should have married a sensible decent girl who edited his manuscripts, Jeanne Greene. Hawke becomes ^{one} of the most prominent novelists of the period and the book drags on through several subplots, one of which involves Hawke in financial difficulties to the extent that it almost bankrupts him. Jeanne Green marries another individual to spite Hawke and later her husband dies. The book ends when Hawke dies in his 30's at the time he is about to marry Greene. Near the end of the book his finances were solved.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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RE: "Youngblood Hawke"

REFERENCE TO THE FBI:

As mentioned previously, "Youngblood Hawke" has a number of subplots, several of which seem unnecessary except to lengthen the book and thereby cause the reader's interest to lag. The part referring to the FBI involves a character named Karl Fry, described as a nearly forgotten failure, a satiric poet of the twenties who had rapidly burned out, now a mystery story writer and a communist. Fry, who became acquainted with Hawke when they lived in the same building in Greenwich Village, becomes a mystery editor at the firm publishing Hawke's books and marries Jeanne Greene. About midway through the book (1948-50), Fry is contacted by Sam Erskine of the FBI who says that Fry's name came up in the "Hiss case." Fry states that Erskine requested his voluntary cooperation regarding any connection he may have had with the Communist Party. Fry claimed he had quit the Communist Party, however he was still a Marxist. He was later portrayed as an individual who, while loving his country, felt that Marxism would eventually take over and, in some respects, he felt this would be good.

Fry prepares a memorandum of his activities and comes to Washington to talk to representatives of the FBI. In relating to his boss the interview with the two FBI Agents, he describes one Agent as an ex-football player gone to fat and the other as a small man who made Fry feel that he had sinned and the FBI representative knew of his sins. Fry describes the interview as smacking of "European, with a present smell of blood and burning flesh." Fry states that some of this was his morbid imagination. He felt that the interviewer talked to him like a "ham American movie actor impersonating a Nazi." Because of this individual's attitude, Fry left the FBI without furnishing any information.

Fry obtains a lawyer, a professor from Columbia University, who handles Hawke's financial affairs and in discussing the matter with his lawyer, Fry states, "It's true I reacted violently to the smell of Goebbels in Washington." The lawyer recommends that Fry do nothing at the time and that he not resign from his position at the publishing firm. Later he is subpoenaed to testify before a Senate Committee. His efforts to limit the questioning so that he would not have to mention individuals he might have been associated with in connection with his communist activities met with no avail. He freely testified about his own activities. When the Committee offered to let him talk to the FBI regarding the name of other individuals to avoid contempt of Congress, he refused and finally the threat of citing him for contempt brought him around to a completely cooperative witness who named names. After returning to his hotel room from testifying, he died of a heart attack.

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RE: "Youngblood Hawke"

OBSERVATIONS:

Fry, being a Marxist but claiming not to be a communist, has been characterized, in his attitude toward the FBI and the Senate Committee by the author, as one would expect. Other characters in the story do not necessarily agree with Fry's attitude regarding Marxism; however, they feel that he is a good editor. All in all, the only reason the author could have for including this subplot, as it was totally unnecessary, was to tie the story to the era of Congressional hearings regarding communists and the fact that there were communists associated with the publishing houses. It adds nothing to the main theme of the story and the references to the FBI are indeed uncalled for. You may recall that my previous memorandum pointed out that in 1941 we conducted a special inquiry investigation concerning Wouk which developed no derogatory information. He wrote the Director in 1952 commending the Director on his answer to an article in a magazine which article had been unfairly critical of the FBI. The Director wrote a note of thanks to Wouk for his observations.

ACTION TAKEN:

Since we knew Jerry O'Leary at the "Star" was reviewing Wouk's book, efforts were tactfully made through him to counteract the critical part of the book. This undoubtedly resulted in the comment by O'Leary, in his review of the book several days ago, that the attack against the FBI was unwarranted.

RECOMMENDATION:

While there are derogatory comments about the FBI which are definitely uncalled for, it must be recognized that this is a fictional novel by one of the Nation's most prominent writers, and the book is already printed and being distributed. A serialization is also appearing in McCall's magazine. It is felt that we should take no further action in this matter than has already been done with O'Leary inasmuch as if our objections should get into the public realm, it would only tend to increase the sales of this book because of controversy.

APR 15/20, 1955
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J. Edgar Hoover
W. J. Jones
J. P. Mohr

HIS FINEST WORK

New Wouk Novel A Tour de Force

YOUNGBLOOD HAWKE. By Herman Wouk. (Doubleday; \$7.95.)

Herman Wouk, our most accomplished storyteller, has produced a gargantuan novel in "Youngblood Hawke" and it is the finest work of his already spectacular career.

The book, a massive 783 pages, is not read in a night or even in a week because the tale Mr. Wouk weaves is so compelling it engenders exhaustion and it must be put aside for a respite.

In every part of "Youngblood Hawke," Mr. Wouk manages a narrative climax or a feeling of self-identification that strains the brain.

Despite its extraordinary length, the novel never pales. There is excitement and sympathy and anticipation on every page and I think no writer of novels can hope to accomplish more than that. It is not necessary to wade through half-understood symbolism in "Youngblood Hawke." This is the story of a man, of his career as a writer and of the people whose lives he touches as he moves toward his inevitable destruction.

A Wolfe Prototype

Of course, the reader is free to speculate that the career of "Youngblood Hawke" is remarkably like that of the late Thomas Wolfe in that it involves a talented man with a penchant for woman trouble, a most aggressive mother and an early date with death. It is also permissible to speculate that there may be a smattering of autobiography in "Youngblood Hawke."

Mr. Wouk disclaims this. No person living or dead is depicted among the phantoms in this, his greatest novel, according to the author. Yet Mr. Wouk obviously has drawn heavily on his own experiences with the publishing business, with the stage and with Hollywood and it is a rare insight he gives into all three.

Indomitable Triangle

The novel spans 46 through 1961, centered on a powerful and shaggy young brute from the Eastern Kentucky hills, who descends upon New York with a handwritten first novel to sell. At the outset, Hawke is depicted as a fabulously well-read former Seabee with the work habits of a Trappist monk and just about the same degree of experience with women.

His vigorous but unpolished talent is immediately discernible to a New York publisher who assigns a young stylist, Jeanne Green, to tidy up the book. Thus commences both the success and the destruction of young Hawke. He is bilked pretty badly by the publisher, falls in love with Jeanne but somehow ends up in the nearly perpetual embrace of a wealthy married woman named Frieda Winter. This is a triangle that persists to the end of Hawke's short, confused life.

Although he never aban-

don's his back-breaking habit of writing all night, with the coaching of Mrs. Winter he moves into the New York smart set and soon finds that the Internal Revenue Department looks upon book royalties and movie rights with a more acquisitive eye than it does upon capital gains.

Hawke is a frankly avaricious man with the main purpose of earning a quick million and then living on the income from it so that he can write uninterruptedly a vast American comedy spanning the entire course of our Nation's history. So it is that he becomes a speculator, first in land and onion futures and later in the wildest sort of real estate deals. Meanwhile, his living costs skyrocket from \$2 a day to hundreds of dollars a week and his debts begin to close in on him.

Fantastic Prolificity

It is one of his many sorrows that Jeanne marries a Marxist writer named Karl Fry, though she loves Hawke, because the sensational adultery of Youngblood is insupportable to her. He, in turn, finds refuge in his writing and, as Mr. Wouk tells it, writes five major novels in seven years—a fantastic performance indeed.

There are many plots and subplots, all as fascinating as the mainstream of the novel. There is, for instance, the dogged fight of Hawke's mother with the big coal company for her rightful due. There is the poignant relationship of the cuckolded Mr. Winter with his wife and the son who commits suicide as a teen-ager because he cannot endure evil rumors about his mother. There is the ordeal of Karl Fry before a Senate Investigating Committee about his Marxism where Mr. Wouk departs from verisimilitude long enough to dig a vicious (and unwarranted) poniard into the FBI.

The main channel of events, however, follows Youngblood Hawke from one emotional and financial crisis to another until, beset with creditors and nearly bankrupt, he cracks and dies.

"Youngblood Hawke" is a Book of the Month Club selection. It is reported Mr. Wouk has received \$500,000 for movie rights and it also has been serialized in a magazine.

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C
Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested an FBI name check on Mr. Herman Wouk of 2220 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

The FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Mr. Wouk in 1941 which disclosed no derogatory information concerning him. There is no subsequent pertinent information regarding Mr. Wouk in FBI files.

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with those of Mr. Wouk. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

Sincerely yours, ST-116

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

DATE: June 18, 1965

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name HERMAN WOUK

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Present Address 2220 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D. C.

BESS ABELL has requested:

- ☐ Copy of Previous Report
- ☒ Name Check
- ☐ Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for;

- ☐ White House staff position
- ☐ Presidential Appointment
- ☐ Position with another Agency

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☐ SF 86 (in duplicate)
- ☐ SF 87, Fingerprint Card
- ☐ Bibliography

REMARKS:

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REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL
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