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December 11, 2020

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
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FOIPA Request No.: 1482656-000
Subject: BISSELL, RICHARD MERVIN, JR.

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed 31 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail or fax to—Work Processing Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.

- One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

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.

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure(s)

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.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (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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Administrator
Economic Cooperation Administration
800 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Fred Parker, Room 416
Personnel Security Branch

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RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the completed investigation required under the European Recovery Program on the above-named person:

- ✓ Report of Special Agent Carl W. DeTemple dated July 12, 1948, at Washington, D. C.
- ✓ Report of Special Agent Charles H. Fischer, Jr. dated June 21, 1948, at New Haven, Connecticut.
- ✓ Report of Special Agent Forman E. Cowles dated June 17, 1948, at New York, New York.
- ✓ Report of Special Agent James G. Woods dated June 23, 1948, at Boston, Massachusetts.

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STATISTICS

Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Administrator, Economic Cooperation Administration, advised that he first knew Bissell well in 1941 at which time he attempted to employ him for another position because of his well-known ability as an economist and his beliefs in the basic economic policies of the United States. He said that he knew nothing derogatory concerning Bissell or he would not have considered him for employment with the Economic Cooperation Administration. There was no question in Mr. Hoffman's mind as to the excellence of Bissell's character, reputation, and loyalty to the United States.

_____ who requested that his name be kept confidential advised that he has in the past _____

_____ stated that it is his opinion that Bissell is a good economist, although of a _____ type, and that Bissell has great theories on economics but is not well _____ in down-to-earth applications. He advised that as an economist Bissell is probably _____ the best but that he would need considerable supervision to make his theories workable. The informant stated that from _____ loyalty

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Gurnea _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Mohr _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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standpoint he has no hesitation in recommending Bissell as he feels that he is ultraconservative and entirely loyal to the present form of government.

In summation, the informant stated that he would recommend Bissell from a loyalty viewpoint, but that if he is being considered for an administrative position he would have to place certain reservations on his recommendation; further, that Bissell's economic opinions should be appropriately diluted with common sense to make them workable.

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TITLE RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.		CHARACTER OF CASE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 BY: *Alm. [Signature]*

Applicant employed Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, June 30, 1941 to August 9, 1942; War Shipping Administration, August 10, 1942 to December 7, 1945; Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, December 10, 1945 to September 11, 1946; President's Committee on Foreign Aid, Department of Commerce, July 25, 1947 to April 20, 1948, at which time he entered on duty with E.C.A. O.W.N.R. supervisor recommends favorably. Other supervisors unavailable for interview. Residence 3418 Q Street, N. W., established - nothing derogatory. No information regarding applicant in files of H.C.U.A., C.S.C., the Credit Bureau or the Metropolitan Police Department.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 124-203
 Bureau letter to SAC New Haven, dated June 4, 1948.

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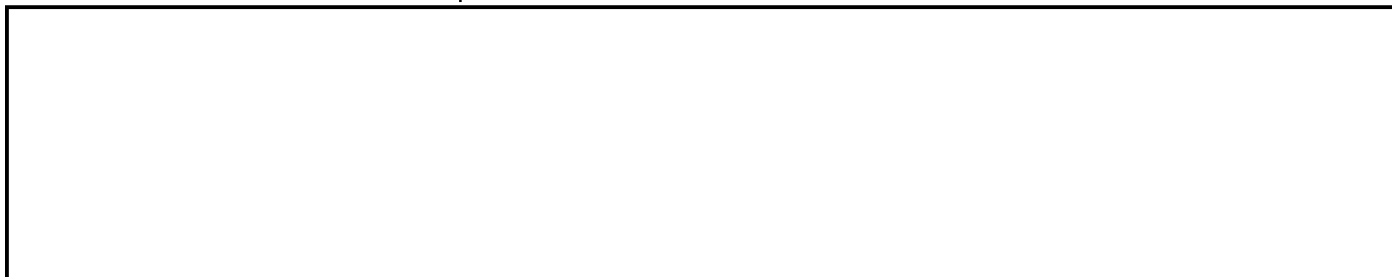
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MR. HANS A. KLAGSBUN, Attorney, Ring Building, who resides at 3420 Q Street, N. W., advised that he was formerly the Deputy Administrator in the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and as such was MR. BISSELL'S immediate supervisor, and he described the applicant as an outstanding American citizen, loyal and patriotic and of unquestioned character, reputation and integrity. MR. KLAGSBUN unqualifiedly recommended BISSELL for any position of trust in the U. S. Government. He further stated that he was a neighbor of the applicant and his family from approximately October 1941 to October 1946 and concurred with the sentiments of his wife in that BISSELL and his family were excellent neighbors and friends and that their conduct in the community was always above question.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

MR. and MRS. ANDREW KECK, 3416 Q Street, N. W., advised that the applicant and his family resided at 3418 Q Street, N. W. from approximately October 1941 until October 1946, at which time they returned to their home in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They stated that they became intimately acquainted with the applicant and his family both socially and as neighbors and during this association were assured that they (the BISSELL's) were loyal and patriotic citizens of unquestioned reputation, character and integrity. MR. and MRS. KECK further stated that they never knew the applicant to associate with any individual or organization which is subversive or Un-American in nature. They highly recommended MR. BISSELL for any position of confidence or trust in the United States Government.

MRS. HANS A. KLAGSBUN of 3420 Q Street, also verified the applicant's residence in that community and agreed with the opinion of her husband and MR. and MRS. ANDREW KECK regarding the favorable character, reputation and loyalty of the applicant. She also remembered that in her constant association with the applicant and his wife as neighbors, she never knew them to express sympathy with any subversive or un-American organizations and on the contrary all their opinions were in support of the democratic principles and ideals and the Constitution of the United States.

MISCELLANEOUS

There is no record regarding the applicant reflected in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities or the files of the Civil Service Commission.

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CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

There was no information concerning the applicant contained in the files of the Credit Bureau or Stone's Mercantile Agency. There was no arrest record relating to the applicant or his wife contained in the indices of the Metropolitan Police Department.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Reference is made to Bureau instructions reflected in reference letter indicating that BISSELL was associated with JAMES ROY NEWMAN and WILLIAM REMINGTON, both of whom are prominently mentioned in the Gregory Case.

In the case entitled, "DR. EDWARD UHLER CONDON, Director, National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., Loyalty of Government Employees," it was established that JAMES ROY NEWMAN was an associate of individuals involved in a Soviet Espionage conspiracy. It was also noted that NEWMAN and BISSELL were coincidentally employed by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion and during a physical surveillance conducted on NEWMAN on June 11, 1946, BISSELL was observed in the company of NEWMAN. At that time BISSELL accompanied NEWMAN and two other individuals from the Federal Loan Agency Building, which contained the offices of the O.W.M.R., to the American Security and Trust Company, where BISSELL left the other three men and ate lunch and returned directly to his office. It was noted that this was the only instance of association between BISSELL and NEWMAN reflected in the files of the Washington Field Office.

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Informant [redacted] in the matter entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was, et al; Espionage - R," advised that WILLIAM REMINGTON was involved in a Soviet Espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C. and New York City in the early 1940's and was a known contact and associate of Communist and pro-Soviet individuals and was a dues-paying Communist Party member for a period known to the informant.

Confidential informants reported that REMINGTON contacted, attempted to contact, or mentioned BISSELL eight times over a period from February 22, 1946 through March 3, 1947. The text of the conversations reflected that in each of these instances matters dealing with their mutual employment were discussed, that is, matters involving conservation and production. It is also noted that both REMINGTON and BISSELL were employed at O.W.M.R. and that REMINGTON's orders originated through BISSELL. There was no evidence of any further association with, or social contact involved between the applicant and REMINGTON.

Because of the lack of positive information of social and intimate relationship between BISSELL and NEWMAN and REMINGTON, the above information was not set forth in instant report.

*OK per discussion
with G.C.C. - 7/13/48
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/17/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15,17/48	REPORT MADE BY NORMAN E. COWLES
TITLE RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.		CHARACTER OF CASE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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References know BISSELL is regarded highly in Washington, D. C., for work he has done for government, and recommend him as excellent in character, reputation and loyalty.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file #124-203
Bureau letter to New Haven, 6/4/48

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BY *R. Jones*

DETAILS:

REFERENCES

W. RANDOLPH BURGESS, Chairman of the Executive Committee, National City Bank of New York, New York City, advised he has known RICHARD BISSELL for about one year through their both being on the Harriman Committee. During their work on this committee they were in daily associations. He knows that BISSELL did a great deal of work helping to "push through" the European Recovery Program bill and that Mr. HOFFMAN relies upon him a lot at the present time in their conduct of the European Recovery Program.

Mr. BURGESS states that everything he could say about BISSELL is "tops", that is, character, reputation and loyalty. He mentioned that he does not believe BISSELL is the slightest bit "leftish", stating, "by that I mean he is definitely not in favor of Communism, and I am sure he could not have hid such a thing when we were working together in Washington."

Mr. BURGESS remarked that he knows that Mr. BISSELL has refused numerous more remunerative positions in private industry than he holds now and he feels that is a good test of the quality of the BISSELL's character.

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Captain GRANVILLE CONWAY, President, The Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, 42 Broadway, New York City, advised he has known BISSELL intimately since 1943 when they both worked together in Washington, D. C. He knows that DICK BISSELL is highly regarded in Washington for his service to the government and recalled that BISSELL was on all the trips with the President of the United States, that he, Captain CONWAY, was. He believes Mr. BISSELL is one of the outstanding economists in the country and is "really going places." Captain CONWAY is acquainted with Mr. BISSELL's wife, family, and in-laws; has had numerous social meetings with them, and considers them all good Americans. He regards DICK BISSELL as excellent in character, reputation, and loyalty. He stated, "you don't have to worry about DICK as far as left wing tendencies are concerned, he has no interest in Communism."

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BS FILE NO. **121-32-jah**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/23/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23/48	REPORT MADE BY JAMES G. WOODS
TITLE RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR., aka Richard M. Bissell			CHARACTER OF CASE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant attended Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, September, 1922 to graduation June, 1928. Employed Massachusetts Institute of Technology as Associate Professor of Economics, September, 1942 to date. Reference, neighbors recommend Applicant as person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty. No credit, criminal record.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New Haven, June 4, 1948.

DETAILS:

EDUCATION

Reverend JOHN CROCKER, Headmaster, Groton School, Groton, Massachusetts, advised that the Applicant was admitted to Groton in September, 1922 and graduated in June, 1928 in good standing. Mr. CROCKER stated that he knew the Applicant to be a man of good character, reputation and loyal to the U. S. Birth data not available. While at Groton, the Applicant resided in a campus dormitory. His legal residence at that time was Farmington, Connecticut.

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EMPLOYMENT

Mr. ROBERT KILBALL, assistant to the President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised Applicant was engaged by that institute during September, 1942 as an Associate Professor of Economics. He declared that he is presently on leave of absence and is an assistant to Mr.

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AVERILL HARRIMAN with the Economic Cooperation Administration, Washington, D. C. He declared he is very well acquainted with Applicant and that he recommended him as a man of excellent character, reputation and of unquestioned loyalty to the U. S.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Mrs. LOUISE COUNIHAN, 224 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass., stated that she and her husband, who is an Assistant United States Attorney at Boston, have known Applicant and his family for about two years, their friendship beginning when Applicant moved into that neighborhood. She advised his associations center around persons of his own educational level and that both she and her husband consider him to be a man of excellent character, reputation and loyalty.

Mrs. ELIZABETH de RHAM, 232 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Mass., advised she has known Applicant and his family since May, 1947. She declared Applicant and his family are presently in Washington, D. C. and that they enjoy an excellent reputation in the neighborhood. She declared Applicant's wife was a wonderful person and a most desirable neighbor and that she could only say the best in regard to their character, reputation and loyalty.

Mrs. W. P. SUTTON, 229 Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that she was not too well acquainted with Applicant, but from her associations with his family she considered them to be of excellent character and unquestioned loyalty. She declared they were very highly regarded in the neighborhood and that she had no reason to question their associations.

REFERENCE

Mr. EDWARD S. MASON, Dean, School of Public Administration, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, stated he has known Applicant for approximately ten years, having met him at Yale University where Applicant was employed as an instructor in the Economics Department. He further advised that he was able to see a great deal of Applicant when both were employed by the War Shipping Administration at Washington, D. C. and that he has seen him very frequently during the past year as both are associated with the Committee for Foreign Aid. He stated that Applicant comes from an extremely good family and is totally reliable in every way. He stated that he is politically

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conservative, has good judgement, is absolutely honest, and that there is not the least question about his character, reputation or loyalty.

CREDIT

Miss MILDRED KING, clerk, Merchants Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Chauncy Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised the files of that agency contained no record for credit on Applicant, his wife, son or daughter.

CRIMINAL

Chief ELIOT CLARK, Groton, Massachusetts, advised that RICHARD M. BISSELL of Brattle Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts was arrested on 5/20/48 on a charge of failing to have an inspection sticker on display on his car. According to Chief CLARK, BISSELL admitted that he had not had the required safety inspection performed. The case is pending.

Miss CATHERINE CAROLAN, Massachusetts Board of Probation, Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, which agency is a clearing point for criminal arrest records in Massachusetts, advised the Applicant, his wife, son and daughter have no criminal records.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

Credit and criminal checks at Boston, Mass. were conducted by Special Employee RICHARD KELLY.

Investigation at Massachusetts Institute of Technology was conducted by Special Agent WILLIAM D. CRONIN.

Neighborhood investigation at Cambridge, Massachusetts was conducted by Special Agent THOMAS G. BUTTLE.

Investigation at Groton, Massachusetts was conducted by Special Agent CHARLES F. AHERN.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/21/48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/15-18/48	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES H. FISCHER, JR.
TITLE RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.		CHARACTER OF CASE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BISSELL born 9/18/09 at Hartford, Conn. Received B.A., Yale, 1932. Received Ph.D. Yale 1939. Was instructor and later Asst. Professor in Economics at Yale from 1934 through 1941. Yale Professors advise BISSELL of high moral character and unquestionable loyalty to the U.S. Neighborhood 135 Cottage St. satisfactory. No credit or criminal record New Haven.

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DETAILS:

Education

Mr. H. B. FISHER, Liaison Officer, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, advised that according to Yale records RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR. prepared for Yale at the Kingswood School, Hartford, Conn. and the Groton School. He entered Yale University in September of 1928. He was a ranking scholar and a member of the Debating Association, being Manager of this association in his junior and senior years. He was Editor of the "Harkness Hoot", a short-lived, independent liberal magazine published on the Yale Campus. BISSELL was also President of the

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"Liberal Club" in his senior year and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received Honors in History at the time of his graduation, receiving a B.A. degree in June of 1932.

BISSELL entered the Yale Graduate School in September 1933, continuing through the academic year of 1934-35. He re-entered the Graduate School in September 1937, receiving a Ph.D. degree in June 1939. In 1934 BISSELL was appointed an instructor and research assistant in Economics at Yale and in 1935 he was appointed an instructor in Political Economics. In 1939 he was appointed Assistant Professor in Economics. He was also appointed a Fellow of Davenport College in 1939.

BISSELL's personnel file at the University showed that on May 15, 1931 he refused election to Skull and Bones, a famous Yale honorary society.

On February 7, 1932 an article and BISSELL's picture appeared in the "Hartford Courant" describing BISSELL as Editor of the "Harkness Hoot" in which he states that the Yale undergraduate is one of the most pampered individuals in the modern world with too many special privileges. A notation in BISSELL's file dated January 23, 1933 indicates that BISSELL was then in England.

On September 23, 1941 a notation reflects that BISSELL is one of the younger faculty members called to Washington to work on economic defense problems. At this time BISSELL was granted a leave-of-absence by Yale University.

On October 4, 1941 a write-up states that BISSELL spoke at a meeting of the New Haven Chapter of the America First Committee on the success of the Hartford Chapter of this same committee.

Professor DANIEL MERRIMAN, Master of Davenport College, advised that he has known RICHARD BISSELL since he was thirteen years of age. He advised that BISSELL had an excellent college record and described him as a man whose moral character was beyond reproach. MERRIMAN is well acquainted with BISSELL's wife and her family and stated that they have an excellent background. He advised that BISSELL and his family are as loyal a group of Americans as one could find anywhere.

MERRIMAN did not know whether or not BISSELL were active in the America First Committee while at Yale but said that BISSELL very well could have been active in this group because he is strongly "pro-American". Professor Merri-man could furnish no derogatory information concerning RICHARD BISSELL.

MAX MILLIKAN, Associate Professor of Economics and Fellow of Davenport College, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., has known RICHARD BISSELL for the past

fifteen years. He stated definitely that BISSELL had attended the London School of Economics during the school year of 1932-33. According to Prof. Millikan, during BISSELL's undergraduate days he was a "liberal" and drew up what he called the "Bissell Plan" which was socialistic and called for Government ownership of practically everything. Prof. Millikan said, however, that after BISSELL returned from England, he completely changed his economic philosophy and became a conservative. This was due, according to Professor Millikan, to the influence of the London School of Economics, particularly to the influence of two conservative London economists.

As for BISSELL's interest in the America First Committee at Yale, MILLIKAN stated that BISSELL was not a leader or "sponsor" of this group. A Law student named STUART actually started the group on the Yale campus. MILLIKAN said, however, that BISSELL was active in the America First Group and honestly believed in staying out of Europe's troubles. According to Prof. Millikan, BISSELL was influenced very greatly by Colonel CHARLES LINDBERGH's arguments that the German airforce was invincible and BISSELL believed that because Europe was doomed, there was no reason why the United States should likewise be doomed. As soon as the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, according to Prof. Millikan, BISSELL completely changed his viewpoint and went all-out for America's participation in the war. MILLIKAN stated that he has no reason to question BISSELL's loyalty to the United States, and described him as being very pro-American. He went on to say that BISSELL is a great administrator and since his graduation from Yale has vacillated between teaching and service in the Government because he cannot quite make up his mind which he prefers.

In conclusion, Millikan stated that BISSELL has a fine moral character, comes from excellent stock, and this is also true of BISSELL's wife and her mother.

ARNOLD WOLFERS, Professor of International Relations, advised that he knew RICHARD BISSELL during his entire stay at Yale and everything he could say about BISSELL would be favorable. He has no reason to question BISSELL's loyalty to the country and knows nothing derogatory about BISSELL's moral character.

FRED RODELL, Professor of Law, Yale University, New Haven, stated that he knew RICHARD BISSELL a short time while BISSELL was in the Yale Graduate School. RODELL stated that he did not know BISSELL well enough to assay his loyalty or moral character.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that the "New Haven Register", an evening newspaper published in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1940 listed RICHARD M. BISSELL, Professor of Economics at Yale as one of the sponsors of the America First Committee at Yale University. A Yale University Law student, R. W. STUART, actually

formulated the America First Committee at Yale after meeting with General WOOD in Chicago, Illinois. According to Professor MAX MILLIKAN, the America First Committee was student-instigated at Yale, but inasmuch as Professor BISSELL very definitely believed in the America First Committee and since he was a member of the Yale faculty, he was listed as a "sponsor" of the committee.

Neighborhood

Mrs. LUTHER M. NOSS, 135 Cottage Street, New Haven, Conn., advised that she was a casual acquaintance of Professor RICHARD BISSELL and his wife, but could not speak for or against him because she did not know him well enough. She knew nothing derogatory concerning his loyalty to the United States. She is acquainted with Professor BISSELL's mother-in-law, Mrs. WINTHROP BUSHNELL of Ogden Street, New Haven and described her as a woman of fine background whose loyalty to the country she would not question. She went on to say that Mr. and Mrs. BISSELL lived at 135 Cottage Street for only four months and during that time they were not particularly friendly with anyone in the apartment house, confining their social life to members of the Yale University set.

Mrs. WELTON PARKER, 131 Cottage Street, stated that she knows RICHARD BISSELL through association with BISSELL's wife, the former ANNE BUSHNELL, a former school mate of hers. She could furnish no derogatory information concerning BISSELL's moral character or his loyalty, but advised that she knows ANNE BISSELL comes from an excellent family whose moral character is beyond reproach. She believes that Professor BISSELL's wife is very loyal to the United States.

Mrs. L. P. HASTINGS and Mrs. D. W. QUINN, both 135 Cottage Street, New Haven, advised that they are recent residents of this address and did not know RICHARD BISSELL. They advised that the only family still living at 135 Cottage St. which was there during 1940-41 was that of Mrs. LUTHER M. NOSS.

Mrs. CHAMPION H. MATHEWSON, 316 Ogden Street, New Haven, advised that her husband is a professor and a Fellow of Davenport College at Yale University. Mrs. MATHEWSON is well acquainted with RICHARD BISSELL, his wife and her mother. She advised that her husband and RICHARD BISSELL were both fellows of Davenport College. RICHARD BISSELL's wife, the former ANNE BUSHNELL, comes from an excellent family and Mrs. Mathewson advised that she has no reason to question either her loyalty or BISSELL's loyalty to the United States. She described RICHARD BISSELL as quick-tempered but stated that sofar as she knew, his moral character was of the highest.

The records of the New Haven Police Department and those of the New Haven Credit Bureau were checked but contained no information concerning RICHARD BISSELL or his mother-in-law Mrs. WINTHROP BUSHNELL.

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The following investigation at Hartford and Farmington, Conn. was conducted by Special Agent Edward R. Whalen.

At the Office of Vital Statistics, Hartford Health Department, it was ascertained that RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR. was born at Hartford, Conn. on September 18, 1909, the son of RICHARD MERVIN and MARIE TRUESDALE BISSELL.

At the Hartford Credit Rating Bureau it was ascertained that MARIE TRUESDALE BISSELL was the widow of RICHARD M. BISSELL, former President of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. Her credit record was excellent.

Chief MILTON SHAW of the Farmington, Conn. Police Department, advised Mrs. BISSELL was a member of an old family and respected in the Farmington community.

Mr. GEORGE R. HOTCHKISS, Clerk, Farmington Post Office, advised Mrs. Bissell has a favorable reputation as a respected citizen of Farmington.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Below is set forth the identity of the temporary confidential informant designated in the report of SA Charles H. Fischer, Jr. dated at New Haven 6/21/48 in the case of Richard Mervin Bissell, Jr., ERP:

T-1 Page four of the report of SA J.C. Porter dated at New Haven 5/26/42 in the case entitled "America First Committee, IS-G", in which the specific date this article appeared in the Register is not set forth.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *[Signature]*

FROM : V. P. Keay *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.
European Recovery Program

DATE: June 14, 1948

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
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- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Pennington _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Reference is made to a memorandum dated June 4, 1948, from Mr. Rosen to you, pointing out that the above individual is an applicant for employment with the Economic Cooperation Administration and that he listed as a reference Paul G. Hoffman, Administrator of ECA, and suggesting that a liaison representative interview Hoffman.

Dinsmore
[Handwritten initials]

Administrator, ECA,
On ~~June 14, 1948~~, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, advised SA R. W. Lawrence that he first knew Bissell well in 1941 at which time he attempted to employ him for another position because of his well-known ability as an economist and his beliefs in the basic economic policies of the United States. He said that he knew nothing derogatory concerning Bissell or he would not have considered him for employment with the ECA. There was no question in Mr. Hoffman's mind as to the excellence of Bissell's character, reputation, and loyalty to the United States.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended this memorandum be routed to the Investigative Division, attention SA A. M. Dinsmore, for their information.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. A. ROSEN *AR*

SUBJECT: RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

DATE: June 4, 1948

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Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This applicant for employment with ECA lists Paul G. Hoffman, Administrator of ECA and [redacted] as references.

It is suggested that an agent from the Liaison Section interview these two references.

For assistance in the interviews, there is attached the letter to the field ordering the investigation.

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

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. 124-203

Date: June 4, 1948
To: SAC, New Haven
From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: RICHARD MERVIN DISSELL, JR.
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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You are requested to conduct a thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, reputation and loyalty of the above-named individual. It will be necessary to furnish leads to auxiliary offices by teletype, but teletype summaries to the Bureau are not desired. The original and two copies of the reports are required.

Instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 22, Series 1948, dated April 10, 1948, should be followed in conducting this investigation.

This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the completed investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, to reach the Bureau by

June 22, 1948.

Address: 230 Brattle Street, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Birth date: September 14, 1919
Birthplace: Hartford, Connecticut

The applicant is referred to on page 4 of the report of Special Agent J. C. Porter dated May 26, 1948 at New Haven in the case entitled America First Committee. The specific source of the statement indicating the applicant was one of the sponsors of this organization is not clearly indicated. It should be determined and reported.

This investigation should be assigned to a mature, well qualified agent and should not be limited to covering the leads set out in this letter.

Verify date and place of birth set out above.

Education: Yale University Sept. 1926 to June 1932; Yale Graduate School, Sept. 1933 to June 1939; London School of Economics Sept. 1932 to June 1933. Attempt to verify from Yale Records.

Employment: Yale Univ., New Haven, Conn. as Assistant Professor of Economics Sept. 1939 to June 1942.

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ENCLOSURE

SAC, New Haven

Residences: 135 Cottage Street July 1940 to Oct. 1941;
1292 Havenport College, Yale University Sept. 1934 to July 1940 both New Haven, Conn.

Relatives: Marie Truesdale Bissell, Mother, Farmington, Conn. Ascertain reputation in community.

BOSTON

Education: Groton School, Groton, Mass. dates not given.

Employment: Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. as Associate Professor of Economics Oct. 1946 to present.

Residence: 230 Brattle St. Cambridge, Mass. Oct. 1946 to present.

Reference: Edward S. Mason, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

Relatives: Ann Bushnell Bissell, Wife; Richard W. Bissell, III, Son; Ann Harriet Bissell, Daughter; Winthrop Bushnell Bissell, Son, all 230 Brattle St. Cambridge, Mass. Ascertain reputation in community.

WASHINGTON

The following are references to a person probably identical with the applicant: Page 117 of the report of Special Agent Lambert C. Zander dated 4/15/46 in the Gregory case; pages 101, 102, 111, 112 of the same agent's report dated 7/8/46 in the same case; page 3 of the memorandum of Special Agent W. H. Kosburg to SAC, Hottel dated July 22, 1946 in the same case; and page 3 of the Washington Field letter to the Bureau dated March 25, 1947, in the case entitled Edward Uhler Gordon, II, Atomic Energy Act applicant.

These references indicate that Bissell was associated with James Roy Newman and William Remington both of whom are prominently mentioned in the Gregory case. It is desired that an agent thoroughly familiar with the Gregory case review not only the references set out above, but also any others contained in the files of your division pertaining to Bissell and incorporate the substance of these references in the current report. A summary of the information pertaining to Newman and Remington should be included in the report.

The investigation of this applicant should be assigned to a mature, well-qualified agent and should not be limited to covering the leads set out in this letter.

Check OSO, HCUA files.

He is in Paris, France

Employment: W. Averell Harriman as Exec. Secretary-Pres. Comm. Foreign Aid July 1947 to Jan. 1948; ~~with Harriman~~ *from which interviewed by a Bureau representative* Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion as Economic Adviser, Deputy Director Dec. 1945 to Sept. 1946;

War Shipping Administration as Director, Div. of Economic Policy April 1942 to Dec. 1945;

Dept. of Commerce, as Chief Economic Analyst Oct. 1941 to June 1942 all F. C.

SAC, New Haven

WASHINGTON (continued)

Residence: 3418 Q St. N. W. D. C. Oct. 1941 to Oct. 1946.

NEW YORK

References: Cranville Conway, The Cosmopolitan Shipping Company, 112 Broadway, New York;
W. Randolph Burgess, National City Bank of New York, NYC.

ALL OFFICES

All offices will conduct neighborhood investigations in those localities where the applicant has been known to reside to determine the character, reputation and loyalty of the applicant and his immediate family.

cc - Boston (AMSD)

Washington (By Special Messenger)
New York (Special Delivery)

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TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: March 2, 1961

FROM : R. O. L'ALLIER

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SUBJECT: RICHARD BISSELL
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

The following information was furnished to Agent Papich on March 1, 1961, by James Angleton, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), on a strictly confidential basis. (S)(U)

Richard Bissell, Deputy Director, Plans, CIA, is being seriously considered for a top job at the State Department. If he takes the position, he would be a Deputy Under Secretary with "very special responsibilities." Bissell already has received the offer and has not given a reply. He is trying to decide whether or not to leave CIA and in this connection, he will be consulting with Allen Dulles. (S)(U)

Bissell is closely connected with several top officials in the Kennedy administration such as McGeorge Bundy and Walter Rostow. He reportedly has other close connections with the Democratic Party built up over a period of years. (S)(U)

Information received by us in the past indicated that Bissell had entertained rather liberal economic views. His ties in the Democratic Party would be with the liberal wing. (S)(U)

Since he has been Deputy Director, Plans, CIA, we have not experienced any difficulties with him. There have been few occasions to deal with him directly and in all instances, he has been cooperative. (S)(U)

ACTION:

For information.

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VAC*

SUBJECT: RICHARD MERVIN BISSELL, JR.
EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM

DATE: June 28, 1948

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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As requested [redacted] Mr. Roach on June 24, 1948 interviewed [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was fairly well acquainted with Mr. Bissell in view of the fact that Bissell [redacted] during the period, 1945 to 1946, when [redacted]. He stated that it was his opinion that Bissell was a good economist, although of the radical type. He stated that Bissell had great theories on economics but was not well grounded in down-to-earth applications. He stated that at one time Bissell was considered for the position of Deputy Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion but that he ultimately did not feel that Bissell was capable of handling such a position in view of his lack of administrative ability. He stated that as an economist Bissell is probably one of the best but that he would need considerable supervision to make his theories workable. He states that from a loyalty viewpoint he has no hesitation in recommending Bissell, as he feels that he is ultra-conservative and is entirely loyal to the present form of government. In substance, [redacted] states that he would recommend Bissell from a loyalty viewpoint, but that if he is being considered for an administrative position, he would have to place certain reservations on his recommendation; further, that Bissell's economic opinions should be appropriately diluted with common sense to make them workable.

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[redacted] has asked that his name be kept confidential in any reports compiled as a result of this interview.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Investigative Division for its information.

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Date: February 9, 1953

To: Mr. John F. Roberts
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 Room 501, In Falls Building
 1700 L Street, Northwest
 Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ECONOMIC COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION
 MISSION TO ROME, ITALY

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Richard Mervin ...

This Bureau has been furnished a copy of a memorandum dated January 19, 1953, which sets forth the results of an interview with an informant of unknown reliability who has made certain allegations concerning the Economic Cooperation Administration Mission to Rome, Italy. This information is as follows:

James S. Callaghan was head of the Mission to Rome until June 1950, at which time he was succeeded by one H. Leon Dayton. After Dayton took over, the entire Economic Cooperation Administration operation became exceedingly "leftish and pro-Communist in its policies and in its operations." The operation became one of indiscriminately giving away money regardless of its merit or value, and it appeared that Dayton had more actual or practical authority than the Ambassador in Italy. This informant suggested the following individuals be carefully investigated for the reasons set forth:

1. H. Leon Dayton, who is not only "leftish," but lives beyond his means. He was the subject of much speculation as to the source of his unknown wealth. He also reportedly issued instructions that the merits of the recipient of AEC funds should not make any difference and the funds should be used "without waiting time to investigate," and in effect, said the funds should be used indiscriminately. Dayton is reportedly an ex-grocery clerk who came to AEC by way of the Red Cross - United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

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through a powerful backing of the pro-Communist people in Washington, D. C. He is now reportedly the head of the Mutual Security Agency in Turkey.

2. Bruno Inzetto, who was brought in as an assistant to Dayton, and reportedly had fled from Italy because of his Communist and radical activities. All of his relatives in Venice, Italy, were pro-Communist. Inzetto came to the United States and obtained an unusually quick naturalization. His removal from Italy was subsequently requested by the Italian Government and he is now in Paris, France, with the Mutual Security Agency. He is described as a close friend of Richard M. Bissell, Jr., "a left-winger."
3. Victor E. Gallin, who was last known to be with the Mutual Security Agency in Washington, D. C., was described as a naturalized Italian with a background similar to Inzetto's. Gallin in Rome, Italy, indicated that he was living beyond his means and was possibly obtaining kick-backs from CIA funds from his Italian connections.
4. Glenn H. Craig, who is now reportedly in charge of the Industry Section of the Mutual Security Agency in Washington, D. C., and is described as "left-wing."
5. Vincent M. Barrett, Jr., who reportedly is Chief of the Mutual Security Agency in Rome, Italy, is extremely pro-Communist, a former close associate of Alger Hiss, and had an extremely bad pro-Communist record while at Williams College in Massachusetts.
6. Alden W. Boyd, who reportedly is employed in the office of the Program Administrator, Mutual Security Agency, is described as being extremely "left-wing" and a close friend of the other individuals listed above.
7. Harlan Cleveland described as a top official of the Mutual Security Agency in Paris, France, is very "leftish" and closely associated with other individuals listed above.
8. James Kinzie, who is reportedly with the Mutual Security Agency in Lisbon, Portugal, was described as having been in contact with certain Russian Communists in Rome, Italy.

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The informant also said that one Frank Cervasi was formerly employed by the Mutual Security Agency in Rome, Italy, and he, too, had had a "left-wing" reputation.

The informant could furnish no specific facts relative to any thievery or highbacks on the part of these people, except that Dayton and Gallen, especially, lived beyond their means. He did suggest the names of three additional individuals presently residing in the United States as sources for more detailed information concerning the above facts.

A review of the files of this Bureau reflects that investigations were conducted at your request concerning the following individuals, named above, and reports were furnished to you in each instance: Bruno Lussatto, Richard M. Bissell, Jr., Glenn Warren Craig, Vincent M. Barnett, Jr., Allan Mark Boyd, Marian Cleveland, James Kinotto, and Frank Henry Cervasi. In addition, this Bureau conducted investigations concerning Victor Benedict Salles and Mildred Leon Dayton, who is believed to be identical with the Dayton referred to by the informant, in 1947 in connection with their employment with the Greece-Turkey Aid Mission.

This information is being called to your attention inasmuch as it involves activities of current employees of the Mutual Security Agency. It is to be noted that part of the allegations concern the administrative procedures and operations of the Mutual Security Agency, while information concerning possible pro-Communist activities and associations of persons mentioned above, has in most instances previously been called to your attention in reports submitted in the individual cases.

This Bureau will locate and interview the three persons furnished by the informant for information concerning the above allegations. In the case of Vincent M. Barnett, Jr., additional investigation will be conducted at Williams College in Massachusetts in an effort to substantiate the informant's allegations concerning Barnett. Efforts will also be made to ascertain if there was any association between Barnett and Kiss and you will be promptly advised of the results of these inquiries.

You are requested to advise this Bureau of the current employment status of each of the individuals referred to in this communication.

NOTE: [redacted] believed to be identical with the [redacted] who is the informant in this case was investigated for [redacted] This investigation failed to derive any derogatory information and reports were sent to ECA in May, 1949.

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