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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Cleveland, Ohio

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April 7, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Information has been received by this office from Mr. K. L. DAVIDSON, Tippecanoe, Ohio, by letter, dated March 24, 1942, to the effect that on the above date he heard a short wave radio program broadcast by Station DEBUNK at 8:30 p.m., E. W. T, the station operating on a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. The broadcast lasted until 9:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. The main speaker was an individual called JOE who advised the overthrow of our government and made other radical suggestions.

It is requested that the Bureau furnish this information to the Federal Communications Commission with the request that the above station be monitored and this office advised of the results obtained through said monitoring.

Very truly yours,

L. V. Boardman

L. V. Boardman
Special Agent in Charge

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April 17, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT OPERATING SHORT
WAVE TRANSMITTER 7.2 MEGACYCLES,
Using Call Letters DEBUNK
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Mr. IRVING E. PEER, 75 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, re-
ported the receipt of information transmitted by a mysterious short wave
transmitter operating on 7.2 megacycles. PEER said it was his practice
to listen to the Berlin broadcast of Lord HAWHAW nightly. While searching
for other stations on the short wave band, he heard an individual condemn-
ing the United States Government, using the expletive, "damn" frequently.
It was noted particularly that the station began operating at eight-thirty
P.M., Eastern War Time, by playing the first few bars of the "Star Spangled
Banner". However, when he announced the time, the Announcer stated it as
eight-thirty P.M., "Central War Time". From the power of the carrier wave,
it seemed to the Informant that the Subject was operating from a mid-
Western station.

Mr. PEER has been calling the Newark Field Division nightly to
report the results of his listening to the broadcast. This broadcast was
picked up in the Newark Field Division on one occasion, and it was noted that
the Announcer began promptly at eight-thirty P.M., Eastern War Time. However,
as previously mentioned, he designated the time as eight-thirty P.M., "Central
War Time".

At eight-thirty-five P.M. an individual by the name of JOE SCANDLIN
began broadcasting the news as he saw it. From the conversation it was
apparent that SCANDLIN was definitely anti-American, British, Communist and
Semitic. He referred to the United States as, "these United States of ours"
and urged the formation of discussion groups for the topics discussed on
Station DEBUNK, commonly called, Station of all Americans. A great deal of
profanity was used on the broadcast.

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Letter to the Dir.

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This matter was called to the attention of Mr. F. ROSS, Agent in Charge of the Federal Communications Office, Fort Lee, New Jersey, who advised that this Station came to his attention approximately five days before, and the information had been forwarded to the Washington, D. C. Office of the Federal Communications Commission for such action as that Office desired to take.

This data is being given to the Bureau for its information. No further action is being taken by the Newark Field Division unless so instructed.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Indianapolis, Indiana
April 17, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention through Dr. WALTER SHRINER of the Marine Hospital, Evansville, Indiana, that a radio station or program known as "Debunk" operates reportedly in or near New York, New York.

Dr. SHRINER states that he has heard the program on one or more occasions and that he has located it on his radio at 7.2 M.C., (shortwave.) He states that the program comes on allegedly each night at 7:30 o'clock and that the broadcasts are in English.

To illustrate the type of propaganda issued by this station Dr. SHRINER said that on the night of March 30, 1942 that the speaker of the program advocated that Mrs. ROOSEVELT divorce the President and marry a negro.

This information is being brought to your attention for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Yours very truly,

S. J. Drayton
S. J. Drayton
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

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

April 3, 1942

JAM:MC:JR

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station "DEBUNK"

There are attached hereto intercept sheets from FCC showing an outline of this radio program on March 28 and 29, 1942. Also attached is a news clipping of this station from the Washington Star. A recording was made of the program on March 31. The principal speaker, one Joe Scanlon, talked on the Negro problem in this country. Mr. Nichols listened to the recording of this program and advised that no other recordings would be necessary. Unless advised to the contrary the records will not be maintained.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

Wm. H. ...
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'Underground' Nazi Radio Aims 'Folksy' Propaganda at U. S.

By the Associated Press.

The Nazis have taken a lesson from the secret radio broadcasters who heckle them and have set up an "American freedom" station.

Last week, for the first time over the short waves, station DEBUNK was heard. It purported to be an underground American station waging a gallant struggle against the war-mongers of Washington.

Its programs open with "The Star Spangled Banner," sign off with "America," and denounce, in the folksy oratorical style of some American politicians, the "Jewish crowd running the show in Washington."

Traced to Europe.

Unfortunately for deception purposes, the signals of DEBUNK were traced easily to Europe. Its slangy arguments, slanted toward the rural districts, follow precisely the Berlin propaganda line. This was true to such a marked extent that listeners in this country believed Berlin was making no serious effort to conceal the fact that the transmitter was operated in Germany.

Its arguments apparently are aimed at the Middle West and are anti-British in appeal. Americans are told that Yankee farm boys are being sent to their death for the "red coat snobs."

Chief speaker is "Joe Scanlon," who, noting that "elections are coming again and our people will have a last opportunity to reassert themselves," urges that American citizens organize "to fight the dictatorship being set up in Washington."

"America First" From Tokio.

The Office of Facts and Figures reported last night that Tokio has named a new shortwave broadcast, the "America First" program. The "super-patriot" from Tokio proclaims: "The isolationists were right * * * whatever their stand may be, they have the whole world standing behind them in full sympathy and admiration."

Another Japanese propagandist declared:

"Practically all the leaders of various parties in the United States are strongly denouncing the Wash-

ington policy in connection with American strategy."

And from Tokio, also, comes this assurance: "Japan would be a charming partner to any nation which would understand Japan's ideals correctly. Japan will share with the United States its newly captured rubber and tin if Americans will get rid of Roosevelt."

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LOCATION RALEIGH, N.C. OBSERVER STEPHENSON COPY: _____ DIRECT RECORDING _____
CALL "DBUNK" FREQUENCY 7202 KC. SENDING TO: BROADCASTING
EMISSION A-3 RST _____ SIGNAL DESCRIPTION BROAD A-3-HETERODYNE FROM ANOTHER
A-3 STATION, QUICK FADING. 40 DB ABOVE S9 DURING ENTIRE BROADCAST
GMT _____

0030 - FIRST FEW BARS STAR SPANGLED BANNER

STATION DBUNK THE STATION OF ALL AMERICA, WE ARE OPERATING ON

7.2 MC

HELLO EVERYBODY, THIS IS YOUR STATION DBUNK. WE WILL START BROAD-

CASTING IN JUST ABOUT 2 MIN###. HELLO FOLKS STATION DBUNK

CALLING ALL FREE AMERICANS.

STATION DBUNK ON THE AIR 8:30 CENTRAL WAR TIME

0034 - DANCE MUSIC

0038 - JOE SCANLON (TALK) (WARPROPAGANDA)

0052 - (TALK BY JOE SCANLON ENDS)

ANNOUNCER.

0053 - STAR SPANGLED BANNER

0054 - ANNOUNCER. STATION DBUNK NOW SIGNING OFF

0055 - CARRIER OFF

A. PUTNAM, JR.
CORNWALL
NEW YORK

April 22, 1942

F. B. I.

Washington
D. C.

gentlemen:

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I wish to report a short
wave station which signs itself ^{ORADIO}
"STATION DEBUNK"
Station Debunk. I have heard this
station several times and they seem
to advocate our non-partnership in
this war, for they have been
banned from our air that
not heard in Russia for
Communism would be rampant.
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W. A. Putnam, Jr.

Cornwall

New York

April 22, 1942

F. B. I.
Washington
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Gentlemen:

I wish to report a short wave station which signs itself "Station Debunk". I have heard this station several times and they seem to advocate our non-partianship in this war, for they say Germany is bound to win and that we should not help Russia, for if she won, communism would be rampant.

It would seem to me this station should be looked into, as they not only preach subversive topics but do not identify themselves by call letters or location. They come on the air at 8.30 P.M. and say they are operating at 7.2 megacycles, although on my dial they are 7.25. They start & finish by playing the Star Spangled Banner.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. A. Putnam, Jr.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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RE: ~~RADIO STATION DEBUNK~~
~~UNKNOWN SUBJECTS~~
W. TRESPER CLARKE - COMPLAINANT
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

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5 Please be advised that the following communication was received from MR. W. TRESPER CLARKE, Chief Chemist for Rockwood & Company, Washington, Park and Waverly Avenues, Brooklyn, New York:

"Gentlemen:

"Last Saturday evening, March 28, 1942, the writer telephoned your office to report the reception of a strange radio broadcasting station which announced itself as "Radio Debunk, -The Station of All Free Americans," on a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. My purpose in calling your office at that time was to bring this station to your immediate attention, assuming that it may not already have been intercepted. I first heard the station on Saturday evening, and the broadcast came in rather poorly with much hum and roar. I had tuned in late, and was unable to get the first part of the program, and was surprised not to have a German announcement at the end of the broadcast. However, the announcer stated that they would be on the air again on Sunday night, March 29th, at the same frequency, so I listened again to learn more of the details. Although the monitoring stations may have already noted this transmitter, it will not hurt to give the following details.

"Radio Station Debunk" has the same type of confusing propaganda which has been typical of the German Short Wave Stations coming directly from Berlin. However, the impression one gets in 1942 listening to the program of "Radio Station Debunk" is that it is coming from somewhere in the United States, and this may well be the case. There seems to be intentional mispronunciation and poor grammar used which would appeal to poorly educated Americans. (Examples are: "Them there," "This here," "Them things")

"The Sunday evening program began at 8:32 PM E.W.T. on 7.20 mcgy., with the first two bars of the Star Spangled Banner played as a"

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"piano recording. This was repeated over and over for a period of about four minutes after the fashion of the German Short Wave Stations. In between these strains of the piano someone who had very poor musical ability whistled snatches of "Onward Christian Soldiers". A little later this same whistler changed his tune to "Nearer My God to Thee." This was stated to be the "favorite song of Winston Churchill, the worst and last of the British Prime Ministers."

"The Sunday evening broadcast struck a religious note. The sermon was given by a Reverend Joe Scanlon, (Scannon), (Scatnon), (Scanton), (Stanton). Although the name was mentioned several times in the broadcast, it was never clearly understood. "The Rev. Joe Scanlon" spoke with a Midwestern accent, and appealed for a return to fundamental Christianity. At the start of his sermon it sounded very much like many backwoods revival meeting preachers appealing to people of poor intellect. His sermon later changed to anti-Catholicism, attempting to stir Protestants into hate by the mere mention of "St. Bartholomew's Massacre".

"There was a mispronunciation of the word "imposter", pronounced as "im-poast-er. The speaker berated the Archbishop of Canterbury who "knocks down \$200,000 a year", and made much of the reversal of the Archbishop's opinion that "Joseph Stalin and his Bolsheviks are now the saviors of Christianity". The speaker then recited the Beatitudes.

"The Sunday evening program ended at about 8:55 PM with the announcement that the station would be back on the air every night at '8:30 PM C.W.T.'. A short time earlier this station had announced that it was on the air every night at '8:30 P.M. E.W.T.'. It was also announced that it would be on at '7:30 PM C.W.T.'. This confusion in time announcements suggests that this station, if it is in the United States, may be operating near the Eastern and Central time zone boundary. Even the announcer seemed to be confused. However, it is possible that the station may be a mobile transmitter.

"The portion of the Saturday evening program which the writer heard was anti-Roosevelt, anti-Jewish, anti-MacArthur, anti-British, anti-Russian, anti-Catholic, anti-everything which right thinking Americans should believe. Some quotes from that broadcast:

"Roosevelt brought us into this war through his Jewish New Deal Braintrusters Frankfurter, Morgenthau, Cohen, etc."

"We are now fighting a war for the British, and are going to be double crossed by Russia, --etc."

"It is a big mistake to put our trust in MacArthur who has now deserted the Philippines and gone to Australia,--etc."

"This station was actively broadcasting only about 25 to 27 minutes on Sunday night. As I was listening out for it I noticed that at about 8:05 to 8:11 PM E.W.T. there was a characteristic station hum which may have been due to"

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" 'warming-up'. This was noticed several other times at the same frequency, 7.20 megacycles, at about 8:15 to 8:20, and again from 8:24 to 8:27 PM E.W.T. The hum returned at about 8:30 PM but the program started two minutes later at 8:32 PM."

" I trust that these details may be of some help to you. If the location of this station is already known to your monitor units, and its operators are already under investigation, no harm has been done in recounting them. However, if this is an illegal station within the United States, and it has not been brought to your attention before, I hope that these details will be of assistance to you in locating it.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. TRESPER CLARKE"

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau with the thought that possibly the Bureau might be interested in monitoring this radio station.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

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April 8, 1942.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
(7.2 MEGACYCLES)
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

On March 30, 1942 information was received from Mr. Joe Hyatt, salesman, Advertising Department, Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, to the effect that on the previous night he had received a short wave broadcast from Radio Station "DEBUNK", which operated at a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. The announcer termed it the radio station of "Free Americans". The complainant informed that this was purely a propoganda station. He advised that in his opinion it was a German station since it was so violently anti-British. He advised that on the program, which he heard between 8:30 and 9:00 P.M., March 29, 1942, an individual who called himself "Reverend Joe" made some very furious remarks regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury, stating that he "is knocking down two hundred grand a year" through graft.

Mr. Hyatt advised that he had discussed this matter with a Pan-American Airways pilot, who informed him that he had heard this program one night the previous week and that the language used was absolutely profane.

Upon the receipt of this information, this matter was taken up with Mr. Paul Rosekrans, Monitoring Officer, Federal Communications Commission, Miami, Florida, who advised that he had heard the broadcast from this station. He verified the original information that it operated at a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. He stated that from the nature of the signal it appeared to be a foreign station. He added that his office had not been able to get any bearings on this station as yet. He advised that in his opinion this was probably a German station in that it used much the same tactics as known German propoganda stations. He stated that its policy was to debunk the American public on the war and the political situation in

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Washington, and it made quite a tirade against the present administration. He informed that there had been some obscene language used on the program and epithets against the British.

Mr. Rosekrans stated that some recordings of their broadcast have been made and forwarded to the Washington Headquarters of the Federal Communications Commission. He indicated that inasmuch as the station was outside of his district, no further action was being taken by his office. He advised that in his opinion the station was farther away than Havana, Cuba and was probably either on the west coast of Mexico or in South America.

The above is being transmitted as a matter of information.

Very truly yours,



R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beahm _____
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From Walter Winchell:

Note reads: "Is this your
 Dept. John?"

JCC has been monitoring this
 station for some times. News
 here been sent thru on it. Mr
 Mr. Nichols was recently interested

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WALTER LONG

Telephone BRyant 9-0233

March, 31, 1942

Mr. Walter Winchell
% Mirror
New York City.

*Proves
to be your dept. job*

Dear Walter:

If you will tune in (short wave) on 7.2 megacycles at eight -thirty P.M. each night, you will hear the worst propaganda, you ever heard. I would not publicize this but suggest that you have the Federal Radio Commission look into it. They call themselves Station DE*BUNK, start all programs with the National Anthem (usually about four bars) and then for thirty minuted attempt to slander our Chief and all other things that we stand for. Can't we do something about it?

Sincerely,

Jack Linx
Jack Linx

PS. Please do not use my name, nor do I want any publicity. I am a former World War Officer, and am writing you because I think it right.

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MARTIN Handcraft BAND INSTRUMENTS

PEDLER CUSTOMBUILT WOODWINDS

8 Glover St.
Marblehead Mass.
April 20, 1942

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Some time ago I wrote
to you for some advice as to
if I could get some help from
the Navy relief towards having
my artificial legs repaired
but since then I found out
I couldn't. However this is
not for that reason nor is it
for any reason other than
may be a tip or may be not.
I would want no mention of
my name though, so here is the
story.

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I have been listening
to the radio for the past few
weeks and about 8:45

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RADIO STATION DE BUNK
JOE O'SCANLON

neighborhood about 7 point 3 there has
been a station come on
that calls itself station
Debunk and Free America.
They play the Star Spangled
Banner and then proceed
to tear every thing in our
government apart and also
churches. They gave the
President an awful going
over a few nights ago. Last
night they gave him and
our country a real good
going over which I say
is terrible. They tell of all
the different reasons why
we should not fight this
war, that Roosevelt and
his Jewish friends are all
selling us out. I can not

start to tell you all. Then when they sign off it is by using the national anthem and by saying this is Joe Scanlon, station debut to Free America.

My father called the Boston Globe but they knew nothing of it so they say. I really believe it is in America some place and they ought to be put off the air. This may be a lead I don't know but maybe you could at least tell us if you have heard of this broadcast.

I want also to say thanks for returning my letter that I sent you

showing you that I
am disabled even though
you did not write.

So sir if you can
use this information
towards locating this
notorious broadcaster
if in this country, Swedish
you luck. I might say
also a couple of friends
I told to listen to it agree
with me.

Yours truly
H. Greenaway
H. GREENAWAY

WLS:MJH

April 25, 1942

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Mr. Philip J. Fitzsimons
Olmstedville, New York

Dear Mr. Fitzsimons:

Your letter dated April 10, 1942, has been received and I want to thank you for writing to me in this regard. You may be assured that the content of your communication will receive appropriate consideration.

The interest and courtesy which prompted you to communicate with me are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - Albany (with copies of incoming)

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- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____

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- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Holloman _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Almstedville, N. Y.

April 10, 1942.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

For two evenings I have listened to a program on short wave radio coming from "Radio" Station "De Bunk" 7.2 Kilocycles. This station is announced as "The Station of All Free Americans" and is decidedly "Pro Axis". The program lasts from 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM and features a ^{JOE & SCANLON} Joe Scanlon as principal speaker. When I first heard the program I believed it originated from Germany but the fact that the German station broadcasts at the same time and at approximately 7.3 kilocycles leads me to the belief that it originates somewhere on this continent. The signal at times is very good but is inclined to fade somewhat.

Possibly this information has no practical value to your department but I thought it should be reported.

Very truly yours,

Philip J. Fitzgerald - 41310-10

Almstedville, New York

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- Mr. Nease _____
- Mrs. Beahm _____
- Mrs. Gandy _____

JAM:AF

March 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station Using
Call "Debunk".

Reference is made to the memorandum of Mr. Nichols for Mr. Tolson dated March 25, 1942, setting out certain information concerning the above station. Mr. Martin contacted Mr. Norman of FCC who is acting head of the monitoring division in the absence of Mr. Sterling. Mr. Norman stated he was familiar with this station which started operation approximately one week ago. He said it was strictly a propaganda affair. The broadcaster puts out a sort of propaganda tending to antagonize one section against another in this country, for instance the farmer against the administration, etc. He advised that the speaker purported to be speaking from America but their direction findings had definitely placed the location of the station as being in Europe and probably in Germany. He stated that although the speaker would fix his time of appearance as 8:30 P. M. Central War Time he came on the air at 8:30 P. M. Eastern War Time. Mr. Norman stated that the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service was covering this station and would undoubtedly pass the substance of the broadcast on to other Government agencies. He stated they were closing their file on the case inasmuch as it reflected nothing coming within their jurisdiction.

Arrangements have been made with the Clinton station to receive this program tonight if possible and report. Its value to the Bureau is doubtful and unless advised to the contrary subsequent monitoring will not be had on this station.

Respectfully,

E P Coffey
E. P. Coffey

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Colonel William J. Donovan
Coordinator of Information
25th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Jed Scanlon

Dear Bill:

For your information, there are trans-
mitted herewith copies of a letter addressed to
this Bureau under date of April 10, 1942, by Mr.
Philip J. Fitzsimons, Olmstedville, New York,
relative to pro-Axis propaganda emanating from a
short wave radio station believed to be located
on this continent.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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Mr. Tracy	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____



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

March 25, 1942

LBN:NHT

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Radio Station Debunk

I talked to A. A. Schechter of N.B.C. from New York City. Last evening at the NBC listening post, the agents picked up a new station broadcasting on 7.2 megacycles. The station announced the call-letters as "Debunk." The individual speaking used perfect English and engaged in the usual harangue upon his views. At the time the station signed off, the person doing the talking stated they would be on the air at 8:30 p.m., Central War Time, tonight. They then signed off by playing "America."

The NBC engineers are very skeptical that this did emanate from Germany inasmuch as it is not a German wave-length, and secondly, it was much clearer than most German broadcasts are. In the third instance, the German broadcasts have used as their time Eastern War Time whereas in this instance Central War Time was used. The NBC engineers thought possibly this might be coming from the Middle West.

It is suggested that the Bureau monitoring station endeavor to pick up and locate the station tonight and it is also suggested that the Federal Communications Commission be advised and try to locate it.

Respectfully,

LBN
L. B. Nichols

cc - Mr. Tracy
cc - Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Nease.....	✓
Miss Gandy.....	✓

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge your memorandum of April 18 concerning radio station Debunk. As you know, this Commission gave the first report on the appearance of this station, and now gives almost daily information concerning the transmitter in the Daily Report of the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Service.

Yours truly,

James Lawrence Fly
James Lawrence Fly
Chairman



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Newark, New Jersey

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May 4, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ~~RADIO STATION DEBUNK~~
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

MR. JAMES J. HART, 611 Grove Street, Irvington, New Jersey, a radio amateur in possession of excellent short wave receiving equipment and who has furnished this office reliable information on several occasions in the past in regard to radio reception, has reported that he listened to a program broadcast by RADIO STATION DEBUNK on April 12, 1942 from 8:30 P.M. to 9:08 P.M. Eastern War Time. The station was received on 7.2 megacycles. MR. HART explained that this was a wave length commonly used by Cuban and northern South American amateurs and that it was not favorable for long distance broadcasting. At that hour of the day, basing his opinion on that fact and on the fact that the quality of the transmission was excellent and that it came in with good volume and that there was no fading and no interference from other stations, he concluded that in all probability the station is a permanent one on land and located either on the eastern seaboard or one of the nearby islands. He stated that he did not believe that this program would have been receivable west of Chicago and that he was very puzzled about the use of this short wave length inasmuch as it could not be received by the ordinary commercial short wave receiver or all wave set commonly purchased by the general public but would require high grade equipment such as is owned by only a few amateur radio fans.

He also stated that it was his belief that the station could not be located on board a ship, basing his conclusion on his technical knowledge of reception from such mobile stations. He further stated that it did not show evidence of the pulsations or clicks which ordinarily characterize broadcasts from trucks or other mobile units.

The program opened with several bars of the "Star Spangled Banner" and then the announcement of STATION DEBUNK spelled out D-E-B-U-N-K, after which there was a statement that the program was for the benefit of the 99% of the forgotten people of America. The announcer, who did not identify himself, then introduced JOE SCANLON, Public Debunker #1. He stated that

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his talk would be concerning our scalawag British cousins, a bunch of yellow dogs, and he stated that no "Red Coat" was a cousin of his. He then said, "Are we coolies to take orders from the Red Coats-are there no Americans left in America?" His whole talk appeared to be intended to stir up hatred for the British, distrust for the administration in Washington, who are merely British servants, and made a special appeal to American mothers not to allow their sons to be sacrificed for British selfish interests. The talk seemed to be particularly directed to the Irish element in America and followed the usual German propaganda line of condemning the lease-lend program, the shipment of materials to our allies, and the advice that what we should do is seek to protect ourselves only. One statement near the end of the program, which might have been a slip of the tongue, is quoted, "Right here in the United States there are enough pioneers". This seemed to indicate the possibility that the station is located in the United States.

After the talk by JOE SCANLON the announcer characterized the station as the station of free America and announced that it would be on the air daily at 8:30 P.M. Eastern War Time.

The above facts are being transmitted for the Bureau's information and no investigation is being conducted by this office.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

LL:els

May 4, 1942

By Flynn 1724
[Signature]

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS ON 7.5
MEGACYCLES SHORT WAVE.

Dear Sir:

There is quoted below a communication received from the Headquarters of the Commandant Third Naval District, 90 Church Street, New York City, a copy of which has been sent by that organization to the Federal Communications Commission:

" Mr. R. E. Rockefeller, Senior Administrative Assistant to the Officer-in-Charge of Construction at Naval Air Station, New York, and an amateur radio enthusiast, reports that at 8:30 P.M., Eastern War Time, on March 14, 1942, he tuned in on his short wave set at somewhere between 7.3 and 7.5 megacycles. Here he heard a man speaking in flawless English, urging the people of the country to stop this war abroad, urging them to write to their congressmen, and to have their ministers preach in the pulpits, that we should send no more men or material beyond the boundaries of the United States, that we should end our alliances, and that if we are to fight, it should only be strictly in the defense of our own country. This broadcast ended at 9:00 P.M. Eastern War Time.

" The following evening, March 15, Mr. Rockefeller again tuned in at between 7.3 and 7.5 megacycles, and again heard this program. It started with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by the announcement, "This is Joe Scanlon, your reporter, speaking from station DEBUND, the free American station on the air every evening at this time at 8:30 Central War Time." The time of course was actually 8:30 P.M., Eastern War Time. The main theme of Scanlon's talk this time was an attack on the officers in the Army and Navy, in which he urged that at least many of them be weeded out.

" The above is forwarded for your information and such action as you shall deem proper."

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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Mr. R. A. Watson
Fredericksburg
Virginia

Dear Mr. Watson:

I desire to thank you for your communication dated March 25, 1942, and to express my appreciation for your patriotic interest in making the information available to me. You may be assured it will receive appropriate consideration.

I do hope in the event you secure possession of any further data which you believe to be of value to the protection of our nation's internal security, that you will not hesitate to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of our field office at 601 Richmond Trust Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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To: Mr. William A. Kittol
Office of Coordinator of Information
South Building
25th and E Streets, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

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

Subject: Radio Station DEBUNK

There is set forth below a copy of a communication addressed to this Bureau on March 25, 1942, from Mr. R. A. Watson, Fredericksburg, Virginia. The correspondent has not been advised of this reference:

"Would suggest that you investigate radio station that calls itself Station Debunk. This station seems to be very un-American and comes over short wave radio at 7.2 at 7:30 p.m. I heard them last night and they say they come on daily at that time."

cc Honorable James Lawrence Fly
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

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Fredericksburg, Virginia
March 25, 1942

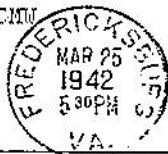
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Yours very truly,

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R. A. Watson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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GS:LVO

May 7, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

Re: JOE SCANLON,
"STATION DEBUNKER"
7.2 Megacycles
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone conversation on April 25, 1942, with Supervisor W. J. Kenney of the Bureau regarding a broadcast from the station set forth in the caption. The broadcasts emanating from this station, which is located in Germany, have been the subject of considerable newspaper comment and have also been mentioned in several of the weekly magazines distributed throughout the United States.

The station itself is a German propaganda distributing center which apparently attempts to disguise its identity and give the listener the impression that it is an outlaw station operating in the United States.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Dictated: 11:10 P.M.

April 25, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: JOE SCANLON,
"STATION DEBUNK",
7.2 Megacycles
INTERNAL SECURITY

SAC Moss of the Louisville Office advised that a short-wave broadcast has been made by one Joe Scanlon on 7.2 megacycles who calls himself "Station Debunk". The broadcaster, in his speeches which occur at 7:30 P.M., War Time, has advocated negotiated peace with the Axis powers and urged that all listeners contact their Congressmen and ministers of the gospel in order to effect such a peace. The broadcasts which have occurred on several occasions, according to Mr. Don Holt, a radio man employed at the Montgomery and Ward Company, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, have occurred eight or ten times since April 1st of this year.

Mr. Moss stated that Dan Holt has made a recording of one of the broadcasts and the record will be forwarded to the Bureau by air tonight. Mr. Moss has no idea as to where the broadcast originated from.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Federal Communications Commission be requested to monitor 7.2 megacycles.

Respectfully,

W. J. Kenney
W. J. Kenney

*Ret - to Louisville
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WJK

Monday,
April 21st, 1942

Peace Now before any more
American Boys are sacrificed
in this war - sponsored
and planned by the Jews.

(3) Exterminate all Jews
after the Negotiated Peace,
thereby eliminating future
wars - as the Jews were
solely responsible for this
world war.

(4) To beware of news of
occasional victories
which is propaganda
paving the way for further
curtailment of liberty -
and increase the burden
of taxes
etc., etc., all equally seditions

Dear Mr. Winchell:

Can anything be done
to prevent ^{Radio Station} "Debunk", short
wave station 720 (8:30 Eastern
War time) from continuing
to broadcast?

Last evening (Sunday)
when I accidentally tuned in
on that station I was
appalled to hear the voice
tell his audience to

(1) rout the Congress
from the White House
and the Cabinet

(2) Use every effort to
secure a "Negotiated

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Any advice or suggestions
you may make to which will
end this menace will be
gratefully received by one
who feels that "Debank"
should not be permitted to
destroy that which we
and our allies are
endeavoring to preserve
for all peoples -

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mae Prilik
Mrs. Charles R. Prilik
(Mrs. Charles R. Prilik)

2054 Chest. 69th St.
Chicago, Illinois

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May 6, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York:

Re: Radio Station WBSUNK
Unknown Subjects,
W. Tresper Clarke - Complainant
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 21, 1942 relative to the above-entitled subject. For your information this radio station has been previously reported to the Bureau and the information relayed to the Federal Communications Commission. The information available at the Bureau to date indicates that this station is engaged in propaganda broadcasts, no information having been received that it may be engaged in espionage, sabotage or related activities.

Should any information come to your attention indicating that this station may be engaged in espionage, sabotage, or related activities, you should advise the Bureau at once.

Very truly yours,

RECORDED
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Foxworth _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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- Mr. Tracy _____
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Carson	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Mr. McGuire	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gahan	_____
Miss Gandy	_____



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

May 4, 1942

EPC:MJC

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station DEBUNK 7.2 Megacycles

Radio Station DEBUNK appears to be a German short wave propaganda station broadcasting from Germany. It is disclosed, however, as an American radio station and operates to represent certain American "fronts" and to be a true representative of the people, et cetera. It has attempted to appear as though it were operating locally by an American group somewhere in the Middle West.

I understand the FCC monitors it regularly and that their direction finders indicate it is in Germany.

Walter Winchell refers a letter which he got March 31 concerning it.

Although it is my understanding that the FCC is watching this station and that they record the daily propaganda which it broadcasts, I am wondering if the FBI has any jurisdiction which we should be taking care of in matters of this kind. In other words this amounts to enemy subversive activity thrown into this country for consumption and dissemination. Thus it is a subversive activity in the United States and the only difference from other types of subversive activity is that it is safely conducted and directed from Germany.

The Walter Winchell letter should be returned to Strickland for answer.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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Hinkley
Mr. Mumford
7 J. Strickland
L. Linn

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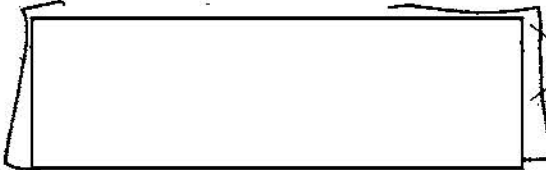
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Dear Sir:

With reference to your #14 relative to radio station "DEBUNIP" you are advised that the Federal Communications Commission in the United States has taken hearings on this station which place it in the vicinity of the low countries in Europe.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Kramer.....
Mr. McGuire.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

May 16, 1942.

Re: Suspected Unauthorized
Radio Transmission.

Dear Sir:

A report from the [redacted], reflects that they have

[redacted]

2. The [redacted] notified the [redacted]

3. The above is being transmitted to the Bureau for their information and if this radio station is known to the Bureau and they have information concerning the identity of the individuals responsible for this broadcast, it is believed that the [redacted] would be grateful for this information and it is requested that they be advised.

Very truly yours,

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[redacted signature]

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A.

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RADIO STATION DEBUNK

Letter to
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65-41310-23

June 3, 1942

Mr. A. W. Wigglesworth
89 William Street
Stratford
Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 22, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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- Mr. Ladd _____
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87 William St.
Stratford Ont.
May 22, 1942

F. B. I.

Washington D. C.

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Dear Sirs:

You may use this information
for what its worth (if it is
worth anything to you)

This evening (Fri. May 22) I
happened to be tuning over the short
wave bands on my radio receiver
when I came across a station on
7.2 M.C. calling themselves station
D-E-B-U-N-K, "The station of
all free Americans" and running
down the American Govt. & occupants
of the White House etc. Apparently
I had just tuned in on the Tail
end of the transmission as they
signed off shortly after I tuned in
(at about 8.55 P.M. E. wartime.)

They signed off with a piano F
playing "The Star Spangled Banner"
The frequency is close to that of a
Berlin station. Transmission was good
although there seemed to be a bad
heterodyne on the signal. Keeping this
information may be of some value
Yours Truly
A. W. Wigglesworth

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MAY 25 1942

Subscribed
to Radio
6/3/42

(approx. or had
slightly German
accent - I thought)

A. W. WIGGLESWORTH

89 William St.
Sturford Ont.



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65-41310-24

June 3, 1942

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Mrs. W. F. Mansfield
15 Green Road
Newport, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Mansfield:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 23, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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MRS. WILLIAM ~~SMITH~~ ^{SMITH} WANSFIELD
15 GREEN ROAD
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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May 23, 1942

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Dear Sirs,

Night before last I happened to tune in on a short wave broadcast from a station apparently in the United States. The station is called Debank & comes in on 7.20 ^{8.30-9.00 P.M.} megⁿ. This really is a station anywhere in this country, can anything be done about eliminating it?

I consider which I heard from this station as insidious propa-

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~~F. X. MANSFIELD~~

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Dr. T. Mansfield

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Sincerely yours,

*gotta, some of it just
clear enough to appreciate
to certain types of careers -
Thanking people of the station
is a foreign one, wouldn't it
be addressed as one?
I suppose you know
I am about this station,
I had to reduce my
mail.*

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Washington
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MRS. WILLIAM F. MANSFIELD
15 GREEN ROAD
NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

6-10-58
NEWPORT, N.H.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

June 15, 1942

File # 65-41310-25

Lab # 81016

Re: **Mathew Weimar - Informant;**
Anonymous Postal Card.

Examination requested by: **Buffalo, New York**

Reference: **Letter of 5-25-42**

Examination requested: **Document**

Specimens: **Miller**

Q1, One postal card postmarked "New York, New York, May 10, 1942,
10 P. M.", addressed to Mr. Mathew Weimar, Lawyer, Buffalo, N. Y.

The address on the front and the mimeographed message on the back of the postal card designated as specimen Q1 were compared with the typewriting standards and it was concluded that they were prepared on a typewriter equipped with Underwood type spaced 12 letters per inch.

Specimen Q1 was searched through the typewritten section of the espionage file with negative results. A photographic copy is being added for future reference.

The original evidence which you submitted is being retained in the files of the laboratory.

2 Buffalo
1 New York
1 Laboratory

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, N.Y.

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May 25, 1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Dear Sir:

There is being enclosed to the Bureau a post card which was transmitted to Mr. MATHEW WEIMAR, an attorney in Buffalo, New York which post card was mailed from New York City, May 10, 1942 at 10:30 PM. It is further noted that this post card has apparently been mimeographed, except for the address which has been placed in by using a typewriter.

For the information of the New York Office the following is the exact content of this post card which is being transmitted to the Bureau:

"WANT the Real Dope on the war news?

Tune in every night American Station 7.2 Megacycles, Shortwave, 8:30 P. M. Eastern War Time. The Station's call letters are D-E-B-U-N-K.

GET THE LOWDOWN ON WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES!
YOU CAN'T BE A WELL INFORMED AMERICAN UNLESS YOU HEAR THESE VITAL FACTS. IF YOU HAVE NO SHORTWAVE, ASK YOUR FRIEND TO LET YOU LISTEN IN ON HIS. YOU'LL BOTH PROFIT!
DON'T MISS IT!"

M.L.

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Mr. GEORGE BAIREY of the Federal Communication Commission, Monitoring Office at Buffalo, New York, has advised this office that the Federal Communication Commission has been noting this foreign radio station and is transcribing all the transmissions coming from this station. It is believed that some information possibly be obtained by referring this card to the laboratory at the Bureau for examination concerning the typing which appears on the same.

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Very truly yours,

K. M. Piper

K. M. PIPER
Special Agent in Charge

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RHK:EHC
cc Technical Laboratory
cc New York
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400 U. S. Court House
Buffalo, N.Y.

May 25, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. GEORGE BAINBY of the Federal Communication Commission, Monitoring Office at Buffalo, New York, has advised this office that the Federal Communication Commission has been noting the activities of this foreign radio station and is transcribing all the transmissions coming from this station. It is believed that some information may possibly be obtained by referring this card to the laboratory at the Bureau for examination concerning the typing which appears on the same.

Very truly yours,

E. M. PIERCE
Special Agent in Charge

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65-41310-26

July 6, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Buffalo, New York

RE: STATION DEBUNK
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated May 25, 1942, emanating from your office and transmitting a post card addressed to Mathew Weimar, an attorney in Buffalo, New York, mailed from New York City, May 10, 1942, at 10:00 P. M. The written message on this post card was as follows:

"WANT the Real Dope on the war news?

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It will be noted that a copy of this letter was transmitted to the New York Field Office. For the information of that office the Buffalo Field Office, under date of June 1, 1942, submitted an identical post card which had been addressed to E. L. Bausch, Rochester, New York. This post card was post-marked Grand Central Station at New York City, 6:00 P. M., May 10, 1942.

Mr. Tolson _____ As you are probably aware Station Debunk, in the past, has made Mr. E.A. ~~broadcasts~~ broadcasts to this country which are of a vicious propaganda nature. These Mr. Clegg ~~broadcasts~~ broadcasts are received at 7.2 Megacycles and were announced originally for Mr. Glavin ~~each evening~~ each evening at 8:30 Central War Time, whereas, in reality, they were received Mr. Ladd ~~at 8:30 P. M., Eastern War Time.~~ at 8:30 P. M., Eastern War Time. Shortly prior to June 15, 1942, the broad- Mr. Nichols ~~caster,~~ Joe Scanlon, whose true identity is not known, announced that the Mr. Rosen ~~Federal Communications Commission~~ Federal Communications Commission had changed the wave length of this station Mr. Tracy ~~from 7.2 Megacycles to 6.3 Megacycles,~~ from 7.2 Megacycles to 6.3 Megacycles, and following June 15, 1942, the broad- Mr. Carson ~~cast would be received on that wave length.~~ cast would be received on that wave length.

Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Kramer _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

Station Debunk is located either in Germany or occupied territory but leaves the impression that it is a clandestine free American station.

JUL 6 1942
F. B. I.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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E. A. Tamm
14 JUL 1942

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The distribution of the above-mentioned post cards shows a definite propaganda effort on the part of some individual in this country. The extent of the distribution of these cards is not known, since only two have come to the attention of the Bureau and both of those addressed to persons residing in the territory of the Buffalo Field Office.

It is believed that if the sender of these post cards can be identified, prosecution may be possible. Accordingly, you are requested to initiate inquiries through confidential informants available to you and make any arrangements possible with the Postal authorities, in an attempt to identify the distributor of these post cards.

For your possible assistance in this regard, there are attached copies of Laboratory Report, dated June 15, 1942.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

CC: New York City

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
400 U. S. COURT HOUSE
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

June 1, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: SUBVERSIVE RADIO ACTIVITY
RADIO STATION DEBUNK

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith another post-card received at the Buffalo Field Division from Mr. E. E. BAUSCH of Rochester, New York, which is a copy of one previously sent to the Bureau the week of May 11, 1942.

It is noted that the post card previously transmitted to the Bureau did not have the complete stamp cancellation indicated on it. Therefore, the enclosed post card will indicate the point of transmission of these cards.

Very truly yours

K. M. Piper

K. M. PIPER
Special Agent in Charge

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FRIEND TO LET YOU LISTEN IN ON HIS. YOU'LL BOTH PROFIT!
DON'T MISS IT!



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

E.E.Bausch & Son Company,
6 Main Str.,
Rochester, N.Y.

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DATE 11-17-2010 BY 60324UCBAW/DK/CMJ

DAF:DMH
65-41310

June 2, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Louisville, Kentucky

RE: JOE SCANLON
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 25, 1942, in the above-captioned matter, enclosing recordings and transcripts of a shortwave broadcast received at 7.2 megacycles, submitted to your Office by Don E. Holt, regarding Station Debunk, the text of which is broadcast by Joe Scanlon.

The above information has previously come to the attention of the Bureau, and it has been definitely ascertained that this broadcast emanates from Europe. However, it is worded in a manner to leave the impression that it is emanating from the middle west section of the country.

The Bureau does not know the true identity of Joe Scanlon, but in the past has monitored several of these broadcasts following which it was definitely determined that they were Nazi propaganda.

In view of the above, you are directed to place your file of the above caption in a closed status since no inquiries in this country would logically reveal the true identity of the broadcaster.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Kramer _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

DAF:DM
65-41310

June 2, 1942

FOR STAFF:

RE: SHORTWAVE RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
JOE SCANLON, RADIO ANNOUNCER

During the month of April there were received in the United States numerous complaints concerning radio station "debunk" operating at a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. This station, in announcing the future time of the broadcast, advises that it will come on the air at 8:30 p.m., Central War Time, whereas in reality the broadcast is received at 8:30 p.m., Eastern War Time. It is known that this station is operated from a point in Europe. However, the exact location is not known nor is any information available as to the true identity of Joe Scanlon, the announcer.

It would be appreciated if you would supply any additional data that may be in your possession with reference to radio station "debunk," Joe Scanlon, and their relationship to the German propaganda campaign.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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- Mr. Kramer _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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

March 26, 1942

STH:MAC

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station using
call "DEBUNK"

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 25, 1942 in connection with the above-entitled matter in which it was stated that the Clinton monitoring station would monitor this program which is transmitted at 8:30 PM. Eastern War Time.

Two recordings were made of the broadcast made on the evening of March 25, 1942 and have been examined in the Technical Laboratory. The transmission apparently consists entirely of propaganda, the speaker first deriding the British in general and Lord Halifax in particular and also deriding our own government for getting us into this war. The entire broadcast is definitely anti-war propaganda. The speaker was appealing in this broadcast to the middle or lower classes as against the government and the British.

Nothing of value to the Bureau was found in the broadcast on the evening of March 25 and unless advised to the contrary subsequent monitoring will not be had on this station.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Tracy _____
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TO : MR. NICHOLS *MM*

FROM : R. F. CARTWRIGHT

SUBJECT: RADIO STATION DEBUNK
Internal Security-M
Bureau file #65-41310-30

DATE: Feb. 6, 1946

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This enclosure consists of two records, on which broadcasts of the subject station have been recorded.

As there has been no index card made on these records, it is believed that they are of little use to the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

Inasmuch as this enclosure is occupying valuable space in the Records Section, it is requested that this file be reviewed by the Security Division for an expression as to its disposition.

It is recommended that this material be destroyed here at the Seat of Government.

HB:jm

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United States Department of Justice

633 Federal Building
Louisville, Kentucky

April 25, 1942

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AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOE SCANLON
INTERNAL SECURITY - M

Radio Station Debunk

Dear Sir:

This will refer to my telephonic conversation with Supervisor
W. T. KENNEY of the Bureau on April 25, 1942.

Please be informed that DON R. HOLT, radio man employed at
Montgomery Ward Company, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, has informed Special
Agent DON R. LASH that he, HOLT, is interested in short-wave reception
and that since approximately April 1, 1942 he has on several occasions
tuned in at 7.2 megacycles and heard a short-wave broadcast purported
to be issued by Station DEBUNK and by an individual who represents him-
self to be JOE SCANLON. This broadcast usually advocates a negotiated
peace and suggests that the listeners write their Congressmen and
ministers in order that the officials at Washington will negotiate a
peace. These broadcasts are also anti-semitic. SCANLON, after identi-
fying the station suggests that the listeners tune in their radio on
the following day at 7.2 megacycles and at 8:30 p. m., Central War Time.
HOLT, however, is positive that this broadcast usually comes at 7:30
p. m., Central War Time, rather than 8:30 p. m.

There are enclosed herewith two discs, properly identified as
Record Number One and Record Number Two, on which one of these broadcasts
has been recorded by Mr. HOLT. However, we do not presently have the
exact date when the records were made, although HOLT sets the approximate
date as April 6, 1942.

Agent LASH informs that HOLT's reputation is satisfactory at
Hopkinsville, and it would appear that his story about receiving these
broadcasts is substantiated by the attached recording.

The Louisville Field Division has no information regarding the
true identity of SCANLON, nor the location of his short-wave transmitting
set. This information is being provided to the Bureau in the event that
the Bureau desires to transmit the same to the Federal Communications

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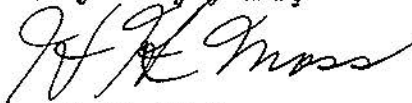
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Commission for appropriate monitoring service. An investigative file is being opened in the Louisville Field Division and it is requested that the Bureau advise the Louisville Field Division of any information in the files of the Bureau regarding SCANLON or the instant station, as well as any information that might be developed by the Federal Communications Commission.

There is further being enclosed herewith a memorandum in triplicate setting forth certain excerpts taken from the enclosed recording.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "H. K. Moss".

H. K. MOSS
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure

EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM SPEECH MADE BY
JOE SCANLON
SPEECH RECORDED BY DON R. HOLT, RADIO
MAN, MONTGOMERY-WARD COMPANY, HOP-
KINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, ON 4/6/42.

(Announcer) "We will start our program in about three minutes." (The song "AMERICA" is then played.)

The speaker, JOE SCANLON, then states that it has been his conviction for a long time that war is futile....it is about the most futile of all human efforts. There is nothing constructive about----nothing that couldn't be gained by other means, easier. As a matter of fact, I firmly believe that war by arousing all of mankind.....it is the deepest emotion in man by instinct. I am fully convinced there are some people who will not agree with me.....war is not only unavoidable, but it definitely had its beneficial side.....it was not only a battle between man and nature, but between man and man.....and that life without.....and life without war would produce a stagnant, bitter..... These two fellows were denouncing him for what he calls legalized murder and war. He said he was like these two men at the time of the first war when he believed that war would cure the ills of the world, but he was certainly convinced since then. He believed at one time that war is a solution for mankind that would lead us to a better, saner world. He has since learned differently.....as most of us have who are somewhat older...Some of us who are middle-aged by now. Some of you may think it silly to accept these beliefs, especially when we are right in the middle of the war to even discuss these questions at this time..... a war which we have been told is not of our own choosing. It has been forced upon us.....but aside from the questions asked, as you by now know, I am firmly convinced that this war was neither unavoidable nor that it was forced upon us.... it is to be more important that we discuss just these questions. We must clear up the insanity of it all if we ever hope to end it and arrive at a peace.

(The record was then turned over on the reverse side.)

If this war should again just lead us to a fake peace, another series of suppressions which would result in....unemployment, and a continuation or repetition of the social miseries and inequality of opportunity which we have been facing these last twelve years, well, then we might as well call it quits right now. The only way in which we can possibly profit by this war is not so much by a victory over our outside enemies, the Jap, the Negro, or the Nazis, but first of all a victory over the enemies within our own camp----the warmongers, racketeers, politicians in Washington, the Wall Street boys, and a bunch of international Jews who have been quietly taking over control of the government ever since WILSON let them do this during the first world war. In all likelihood the world will be a far different place anyhow, once this war is over, but what it will be like no one can tell at this time. At the moment things do not even look too rosy for us anyway we look at it. Public corruption probably never flourished more than right now. The public debt is mounting by leaps and bounds and is taking us rapidly and unavoidably toward inflation. Our treasury is being robbed on a heretofore unheard-of, unprecedented scale and at a speed which demands really the greatest admiration. The AL CAPONES and other high-class hoaxes, are just pikers in comparison to the ROOSEVELT crowd when it comes to making big money.....

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Public opinion, under pressure of London and Moscow is being.....towards..... and the propaganda mill is working overtime to keep us all as groggy as possible. The entire country is bending its every effort and energy towards producing new engines of destruction and our whole economic set-up will be so out-of-whack before long that the necessary readjustment at the end of this war can only reach a complete collapse....and what can we possibly do in return for all these negative factors? World dominion? Yes, that is what we want. But would we? Are we really out to take on the responsibilities for a.....and bankrupt world to police five continents and several oceans? Can we do it? Even if we wanted to? Are we in any way prepared for it physically, as well as mentally? We haven't made too good a show of running our own affairs in recent years, let alone running the affairs of a sick and bleeding world. It all sounds so fantastic, so completely insane, makes so little sense, that one can only shake one's head in complete bewilderment. The whole of so-called civilized mankind sets on destroying itself and that at the very moment when.....for the first time in human history, it at least theoretically permit us to abandon all that.... to produce sufficient goods for everybody to live a decent and secure life. We have again let ourselves be persuaded by the world's best propaganda machine... to believe that all that is necessary in order to achieve happiness and security is to defeat HITLER and the Germans. Twenty-five years ago we settled for exactly the same story, only then it was the KAISER instead of HITLER. Then we had WILSON's fourteen points instead of the Atlantic Charter. I know that most of you will say that we won't make the same mistakes again and that this time, this time, we will see to it that things are set right afterwards. No two people in Washington, London and Moscow seem to be of the same opinion on this. So many millions of non-combatant women and children who have died as a result of bombing raids, starvation, epidemics, and other.....(here SCANLON went off frequency).....Is it really so valuable that we destroy civilization? And do you really believe that the world will thereafter.....be a proper and saner one?.....and refuse to be bamboozled into swallowing the propaganda humbug that we are being.....What can we do about it? Sure..... that is a valid question. The most important one of all. It is not..... What can we do? Again I can only say that we should do all we can to stop the war as soon as we possibly can to keep it from spreading to other new fronts. Once we permit millions of our boys to be shipped to foreign countries we would be so deeply involved that there would be no way back any more. Let us stop arming the whole world! Let us stop sending our own arms out of the country. Let us do all we can to arm and protect ourselves. Let us attend to our own affairs instead of fighting a second time for a foreign interest. Anything else would be purely folly. The chances are at least two to one that we will ultimately have to negotiate a peace anyway. Mark my words on that. So why not do it now. Write to your Congressman and Senator and demand that negotiations be started right away.....and unanimously if you should fear reprisals if you do it openly. Washington will have to listen. The more of us who do it, the greater will be the chance that we avoid untold further misery throughout the world. Talk to your minister and demand that he also stand up in the corridors of peace. Talk to your friends. Make every effort to end this war

because where hatred has grown to a point where only total exhaustion will end it and civilization.....be thrust outward. Let us return to sanity!

(ANNOUNCER) "Thank you, JOE. Ladies and gentlemen, you have again been listening to our friend JOE SCANLON speaking to you over station DEBUNK.....D-E-B-U-N-K. The station that debunks the war of war propaganda for war promoters. Listen to us every night at this hour every night at 8:30 p. m., Central War Time. Tell your friends about it.....form discussions.....remember all JOE SCANLON told you tonight about the futility of war. This is station DEBUNK, the station of all true Americans. We are on the air every night at 8:30 p. m., operating on 7.2 megacycles."

The program then ends with the playing of "AMERICA."

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

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May 12, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: FOREIGN PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding to the Bureau a copy of a Memorandum of Press Wireless Inc. to Commander ANDREW W. CRUSE, U.S.N.R., Radio and Cable Censor, New York City concerning a ghost radio station transmitting on 7.2 MC as "The Voice of the Free Americas".

The true bearing of the station taken by Press Wireless was 54 degrees 30 minutes, swinging, possible error plus or minus 2 degrees at 8:40 P.M. EWT, April 24, 1942.

The attached memorandum states that this information was passed on to the Federal Communications Commission.

Very truly yours

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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Radio Station "D" Newark

Mr. James S. [unclear]

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CMDR CRUISE:

REFC STATION "DEBUNK" BROADCASTS "THE VOICE OF THE FREE AMERICAS" ON
7.2MC.

FOLLOWING WAS PASSED ON TO STERLING FCC:

TRUE BEARING TAKEN BY PW (NO CROSS BEARING POSSIBLE) WAS 54 DEGREES
30 MINS, SWINGING, POSSIBLE ERROR PLUS OR MINUS 2 DEGREES AT 840PM EDT
APRIL 24th.

HUM MEASURED 100 CYCLES, APPARENTLY ORIGINATES WITH 50 CYCLE

RECTIFIER. ENGINEERS ARGUING AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO DISTANCE -
SOME BELIEVE FADING CHARACTERISTICS INDICATE STATION NOT IN EXCESS
OF 1000 MILES. ANOTHER MUSICIAL SLETH NOTES THAT THE RECORDING OF
ALEXANDERS RAGTIME BAND IN HIS OPINION DEFINITELY A EUROPEAN BAND
AND RECORDING.

(STERLING THINKS THE HUM IS SUPERIMPOSED TO CREATE THE EFFECT OF
A "NONGERMAN" STATION....SINCE GERMAN STATIONS NOTABLY LOW IN NOISE
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June 2, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

RE: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 17, 1942, and the letter emanating from the Miami Field Office dated April 8, 1942, reporting the reception of a radio program purportedly emanating from radio station "debank," which was operated at a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. Reference is also made to the letter emanating from the New York Field Office dated May 4, 1942, captioned, Propaganda Broadcasts on 7.5 Megacycles Short Wave.

For your information it has been determined definitely that this program is coming from Europe and without a doubt is a part of the German propaganda campaign directed toward this country. The announcer holds himself forth as one Joe Scanlon, whose true identity is not known. The impression is sometimes left by the announcer that the broadcast is coming from the middle west section of the United States. However, this has been definitely proved erroneous.

In view of the above, no logical action can be initiated in this country.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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June 23, 1942

Mrs. E. Sibley Shattuck
168 North Main Street
Newport, New Hampshire

Dear Mrs. Shattuck:

I have before me your communication under date of June 4, 1942. Your courtesy and interest in making the information contained therein available to me are, I want you to know, sincerely appreciated.

In connection with the subject matter of your letter, I desire to advise that it has been definitely established that this radio station is a propaganda instrument which is located somewhere in Germany, despite the fact that its agents strive to leave the impression with its listeners that the broadcast is actually coming from within the boundaries of the United States.

I trust that I have been of assistance in advising you of the true facts surrounding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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168 North Main Street,
Newport, N. H.
June 4, 1942

Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

There is, at approximately 8:30 P.M. Eastern War Time, a broadcast on shortwave, at about 72 on the dial. It calls itself ^{Radio} Station DeBunk and one hears considerable propaganda against the British. It is called a station for All Free Americans and they indulge in a somewhat tinpanny rendering of parts of our National Anthem. Sometimes it is ~~X~~"Eddie" who does the talking and another time it may be a person by the name of ~~X~~"Scanlon." During the time they are on the air it seems to come from what might be a plane or a truck as there is a constant roar of a motor in the background.

This may, or may not be, of interest to you, but anyway it certainly does no harm to report such a broadcast.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. E. Sibley Shattuck
Mrs. E. Sibley ~~X~~ Shattuck

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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

My dear Mr. Berle:

During the month of April there were received in this country various obvious German propaganda broadcasts on a frequency of 7.2 megacycles. The broadcasts allegedly originated from station "debut" and the announcer used the name, Joe Scanlon.

These broadcasts suggested, for example, that the listeners write their congressmen and other Governmental officials to negotiate a peace. They were also anti-Semitic to a strong degree. The impression was left in several instances that the program was actually emanating from the Middle West section of the country. The announcer sometimes termed the station the radio station of "Free Americans."

It has been definitely determined that this station is located in Europe, however, no further information is available and any assistance that you might be able to give in supplying the true identity of Joe Scanlon or any other information pertinent to this broadcast would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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"Berle's letter"

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TITLE JOE SCANLON			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. DON R. HOLT, radio employee, Montgomery Ward Company at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, has recorded several records which he believes originated from a short-wave station somewhere in the United States or South America. He advised that the station has 72 megacycles. Subject announces himself as JOE SCANLON, who speaks on the present crisis and usually devotes one-half hour each evening on various subjects. Recordings reveal that Mr. HOLT has recorded speech for the Subject concerning the President of the United States. Speech denounces the President and suggests that the United States compromise with Germany at once. Bureau advised immediately by telephone this information. Letters and records also forwarded technical laboratory with request that this office be notified. Letter dated 5/7/42 from the Bureau indicated broadcasting station located in Germany and distributes German propaganda and tends to disguise its identity and give the listener the impression that it is outlaw station operating in the U. S. Inasmuch as the Subject is reported to be in Germany the description is not set forth and the case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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Letter from the Bureau dated May 7, 1942.

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DETAILS:

This case is predicated upon information received from Mr. D. R. HOLT, radio employee, technician at Montgomery-Ward Company, at Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

The writer called on Mr. HOLT on April 24, 1942 and he advised Agent that during several evenings while he had been working at the Montgomery-Ward store he had been fooling around with radio and in so doing, had picked up what he believes was a short wave station in that vicinity. He advised that the station changes frequency and that he had to change his radio in order to get the station several times. He also advised the writer that he had gotten this station on 72 megacycles. He stated after he had gotten this the first time, he had tried it on several other evenings and was successful in getting the same station.

He informed Agent that the person operating the short wave station had discussed the Communist Party and at another time, President ROOSEVELT, and he had been successful in recording several records in the talk against President ROOSEVELT.

Mr. HOLT advised the writer that the operator of this station stated he would be on the air at 8:30 CWT. Mr. HOLT stated, however, it was usually 7:30 when the subject comes on the air. He stated that this broadcast only lasts one-half hour each day which is usually around 7:30; however, the program varies from time to time and may begin five minutes early or five minutes late which indicates that it is not a standard station.

Mr. HOLT advised the writer that he recalled in one of the subject's speeches in which he was discussing England, he had called the Archbishop of Canterbury derogatory names and had spoken disparagingly of the President of the United States.

Mr. HOLT informed the reporting agent that the last time he had heard the subject was on April 21, 1942, and stated that there are two men who operate this station, the man who introduces the subject and the subject who does the talking. He stated he had never heard anyone else on the program, other than these two men. The program is always started and ended by playing "America". He further advised agent that he would be willing to cooperate with this Bureau at any future time.

The following are excerpts from the speech which was recorded by Mr. HOLT concerning the President of the United States:

"(announcer) 'We will start our program in about three minutes.' (The song "AMERICA" is then played.)

The speaker, JOE SCANLON, then states that it has been his conviction for a long time that war is futile...it is about the most futile of all human efforts. There is nothing constructive about---nothing that couldn't be gained by other means, easier. As a matter of fact, I firmly believe that war by arousing all of mankind...it is the deepest emotion in man by instinct. I am fully convinced there are some people who will not agree with me...war is not only unavoidable, but it definitely had its beneficial side...it was not only a battle between man and nature, but between man and man...and that life without...and life without war would produce a stagnant, bitter...These two fellows were denouncing him for what he calls legalized murder and war. He said he was like these two men at the time of the first war when he believed that war would cure the ills of the world, but he was certainly convinced since then. He believed at one time that war is a solution for mankind that would lead us to a better, saner world. He has since learned differently...as most of us have who are somewhat older...Some of us who are middle-aged by now. Some of you may think it silly to accept these beliefs, especially when we are right in the middle of the war to even discuss these questions at this time...a war which we have been told is not of our own choosing. It has been forced upon us...but aside from the questions asked, as you by now know, I am firmly convinced that this war was neither unavoidable nor that it was forced upon us...it is to be more important that we discuss just these questions. We must clear up the insanity of it all if we ever hope to end it and arrive at a peace. (The record was then turned over on the reverse side.)

If this war should again just lead us to a fake peace, another series of suppressions which would result in...unemployment, and a continuation or repetition of the social miseries and inequality of opportunity which we have been facing these last twelve years, well, then we might as well call it quits right now. The only way in which we can possibly profit by this war is not so much by a victory over our outside enemies, the Jap, the Negro, or the Nazis but first of all a victory over the enemies within our own camp---the war mongers, racketeers, politicians in Washington, the Wall Street boys and a bunch of international Jews who have been quietly taking over control of the government ever since WILSON let them do this during the first world war. In all likelihood the world will be a far different place anyhow, once this war is over, but what it will be like no one can tell at this time. At the moment things do not even look too rosy for us anyway we look at it. Public corruption

probably never flourished more than right now. The public debt is mounting by leaps and bounds and is taking us rapidly and unavoidably toward inflation. Our treasury is being robbed on a heretofore unhead-of, unprecedented scale and at a speed which demands really the greatest admiration. The A CAPONES and other high-class hoaxes are just pikers in comparison to the ROOSEVELT crowd when it comes to making big money.....Public opinion, under pressure of London and Moscow is being.....towards.....and the propaganda mill is working overtime to keep us all as groggy as possible. The entire country is bending its every effort and energy towards producing new engines of destruction and our whole economic set-up will be so out-of before long that the necessary readjustment at the end of this war can or reach a complete collapse.....and what can we possibly do in return for these negative factors? World dominion? Yes, that is what we want. But would we? Are we really out to take on the responsibilities for a....and bankrupt world to police five continents and several oceans? Can we do it? Even if we wanted to? Are we in any way prepared for it physically, as well as mentally? We haven't made too good a show of running our own affairs in recent years, let alone running the affairs of a sick and bleeding world. It all sounds so fantastic, so completely insane, makes so little sense, that one can only shake one's head in complete bewilderment. The whole of so-called civilized mankind sets on destroying itself and that very moment when.....for the first time in human history, it at least theoretically permits us to abandon all that.....to produce sufficient goods for everybody to live a decent and secure life. We have again let ourselves be persuaded by the world's best propaganda machine....to believe that all that is necessary in order to achieve happiness and security is to defeat HITLER and the Germans. Twenty-five years ago we settled for exactly the same story, only then it was the KAISER instead of HITLER. Then we had WILSON's fourteen points instead of the Atlantic Charter. I know that most of you will say that we won't make the same mistakes again and that this time, this time, we will see to it that things are set right afterwar

No two people in Washington, London and Moscow seem to be the same opinion on this. So many millions of non-combatant women and children who have died as a result of bombing raids, starvation, epidemics and other (here SCANLON went off frequency)....Is it really so valuable that we destroy civilization? And do you really believe that the world will thereafter, a proper and saner one?.....and refuse to be bamboozled into swallowing propaganda humbug that we are being....What can we do about it? Sure...that is a valid question. The most important one of all. It is not....What can we do? Again I can only say that we should do all we can to stop the war as soon as we possibly can to keep it from spreading to other fronts. Once we permit millions of our boys to be shipped to foreign countries we would be so deeply involved that there would be no way back any more.

Let us stop arming the whole world! Let us stop sending our own arms out of the country. Let us do all we can to arm and protect ourselves. Let us attend to our own affairs instead of fighting a second time for a foreign interest. Anything else would be purely folly. The chances are at least two to one that we will ultimately have to negotiate a peace anyway. Mark my words on that. So why not do it now. Write to your Congressman and Senator and demand that negotiations be started right away.....and unanimously if you should fear reprisals if you do it openly. Washington will have to listen. The more of us who do it, the greater will be the chance that we avoid untold further misery throughout the world. Talk to your minister and demand that he also stand up in the corridors of peace. Talk to your friends. Make every effort to end this war because where hatred has grown to a point where only total exhaustion will end it and civilization.....be thrust onward. Let us return to sanity!

(ANNOUNCER) "Thank you, JOE. Ladies and gentlemen, you have again been listening to our friend JOE SCANLON speaking to you over station DEBUNK... D-E-B-U-N-K. The station that debunks the war of war propoganda for war promoters. Listen to us every night at this hour every night at 8:30 P.M., Central War Time. Tell your friends about it....form discussions.... remember all JOE SCANLON told you tonight about the futility of war. This is station DEBUNK, the station of all true American. We are on the air every night at 8:30 P.M., operating on 7.2 megacycles."

The program then ends with the playing of "AMERICA."

A letter was forwarded to the Bureau dated April 25th, 1942 advising the Bureau of the facts given above. The records were also forwarded under separate cover to the Technical Laboratory.

A letter was received from the Bureau dated May 7, 1942 which advised that in reference to a telephone call made from the Louisville Field Division April 25, 1942 with Supervisor W. J. KENNEY of the Bureau regarding the broadcast from the station set forth in the captioned letter emanating from this station, this station was located in Germany and the broadcasts have been the subject of considerable newspaper comment and have also been mentioned in several of the weekly magazines distributed throughout the United States. He advised further that the station itself is a German propoganda distributing center which is apparently attempting to disguise itself and give the listener the impression that it is an outlaw station operating in the United States.

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VIA SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Radio Station Debunk, In reply to your letter of May 28, 1942 regarding *Gandy* production of bearing projections which have been obtained on this station. The relatively large area represented by the bearing intersections on the attached photostat could possibly indicate that more than one transmitter is used by this station. Reports to this effect have been made by observers.

In regard to the poor quality of the transmission this is probably the result of poor engineering in respect to the power supply. The extraneous modulation observed in this carrier resembles a power supply ripple. The announcer frequently states that the station will return to the air at 8:30 P.M. Central War Time when in reality the station appears on the air at 8:30 P.M. Eastern War Time indicating that the announcer is confused in respect to U.S. Time Zones.

Bearings have been taken on this station daily in order that there may be no doubt as to its location.

Very truly yours,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

James Lawrence Fly
Chairman

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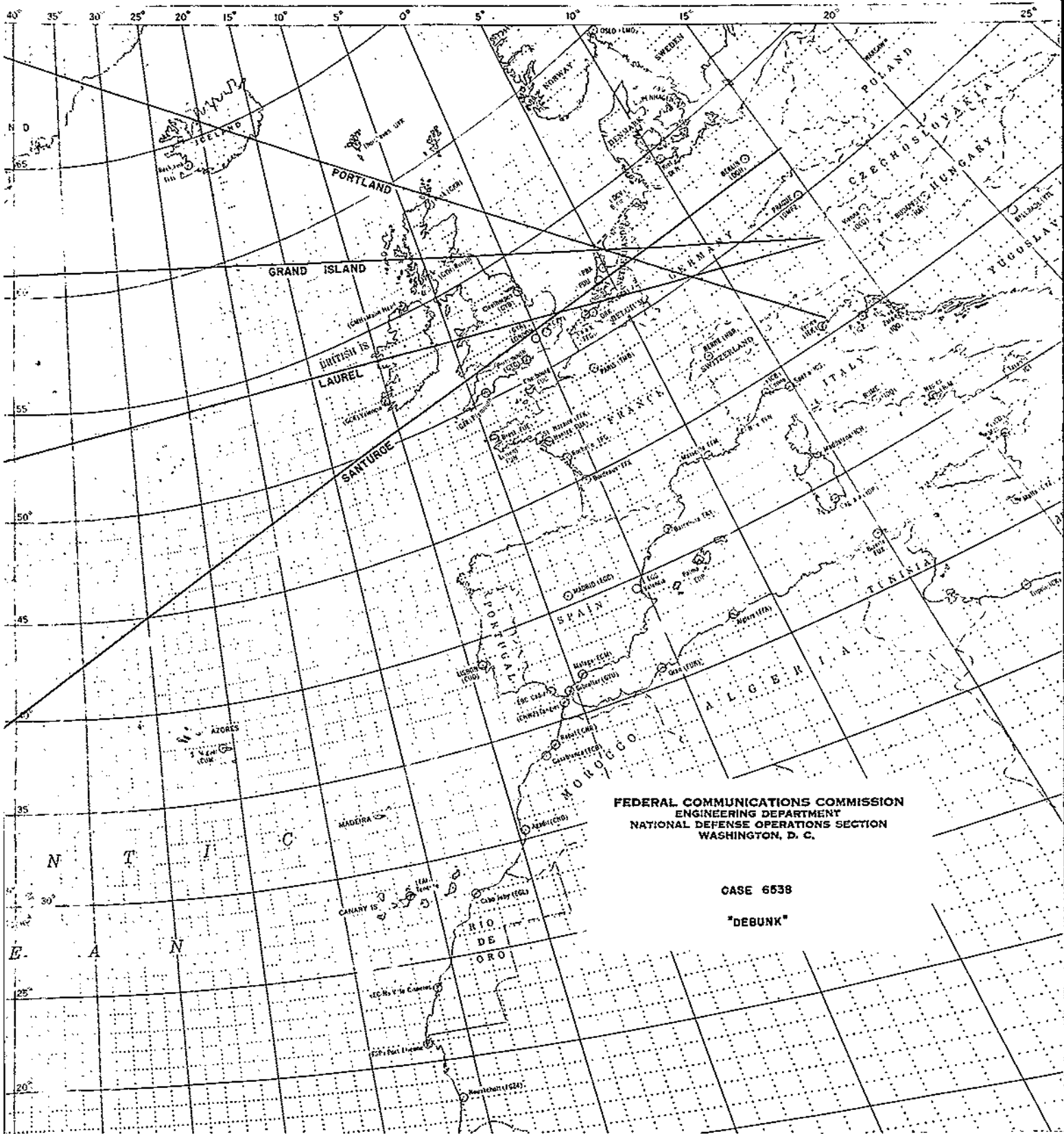
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Special Agent in Charge
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re; RADIO STATION DEBUNK, The
Station for Free Americans,
7.2 Megacycles; Joe Scavlon, wa
Scallon; Eddie _____;
Hack _____; Sedition.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1942 relative to
the above-entitled matter, your file #14-19. Please be advised that
radio station DEBUNK which broadcasts on 7.2 megacycles has been de-
termined by hearings taken by the Federal Communications Commission
to be located in Europe.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
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Director
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Washington, D.C.

RE: ~~RADIO STATION DEBUNK,
THE STATION FOR FREE AMERICANS,
7.2 MEGACYCLES;
JOE SCAVLON, W.A., SCALLON;
EDDIE _____;
MACK _____;
SEDITION -~~

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to the attention of this office by DALE NEWSUM, radio repairman, Belpre, Ohio, that the above-captioned radio station, perporting to be the "radio station which debunks all the war propaganda" is actively engaged in disseminating vicious German propaganda.

Instant radio station broadcasts each evening at 8:30 P.M., Eastern War Time, the program being for one-half hour, commencing with a piano rendition of the opening bars of the "Star-Spangled Banner", followed by the call letters of the station, which are D-E-B-U-N-K, and an announcement of the frequency is 7.2 megacycles. The announcer indicates the time as being 8:30 P.M. Central War Time although it is noted that actually the broadcast is made at 8:30 P.M., Eastern War Time. The announcer on one occasion stated that the station was broadcasting from Minnesota.

Mr. NEWSUM has kept notes of all broadcasts by this station since May 8, 1942, which is the date he first heard the broadcasts. In substance, the broadcasts consist of talks made by SUBJECTS JOE SCAVLON and EDDIE _____. The general topics covered in the speeches are summarized as follows:

The speakers urge the listeners to get rid of the war-mongers in this country by ousting ROOSEVELT by impeachment;

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claiming that the United States is governed by a Jewish administration, is run by a gang of Jewish crooks, and that the war is being waged in the interests of international Jewry; that the war is due to the stupidity of ROOSEVELT; that this country will not be invaded by either Germany or Japan; that War Bonds and Defense Bonds are valueless; that inflation will soon ruin the banks and insurance companies of the country; that the officers of the U.S. Army are men with criminal records, specifically JOHN L. PEARSON, who has served time at Leavenworth Penitentiary; that the thing for the people of this country to do is to buy no War Bonds, produce less, ship nothing out of the country, send no soldiers out of the country; that it would be better for the country if the Germans sank all the ships that are built, preferably on their maiden voyages; that it is insanity to aid the war effort.

Upon one occasion the announcer indicated that the station possessed no FCC license; during a subsequent broadcast he indicated the license to be FCC Permit Number 382; upon another occasion he stated that it was number 1001. SUBJECT MACK _____ ordinarily acts as announcer.

Mr. NEWSUM advises that reception is very poor, being accompanied by a great deal of static and a definite "hum", which he believes is due to the fact that the transmitter is of very poor quality, being possibly of a portable type with a motor generator, and the hum being due to improper filtering of alternating current. The broadcasts have been received by him on frequencies ranging from 7.2 megacycles to 7.23 megacycles.

It is suggested that it might be the desire of the Bureau to monitor this radio station for the purpose of ascertaining its location, and in the event instant station is found to be located within the United States, instigate appropriate investigation for the purpose of possible prosecution for violation of the Sedition Statutes.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Suran

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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 UNIT CASE NO. SA-1-223-55242 DATE 3/27/42 WASHINGTON CASE NO. 28
 LOCATION RALEIGH, N.C. OBSERVER R.F. HICKY COPY: DIRECT RECORDING
 CALL "DEBUNK" FREQUENCY 7202 KC. SENDING TO: BROADCASTING
 EMISSION A-3 RST SIGNAL DESCRIPTION GOOD - DISTORTION AT TIMES

GMT

(S-9 PLUS 40 DB SLIGHT FADING -FAST FADING. MODULATION FAIR TO GOOD - HETERODYN WHISTLE AT TIMES - SOUNDS AS IF R.F. AMPLIFIER OF DEBUNK TRANSMITTER OSCILLATES AT TIMES UNDER MODULATION.)

- 0030 FEW BARS OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER. WHISTLING AND PIANO
- 0032 ANNOUNCEMENT "STATION OF ALL FREE AMERICANS."
- 0033 ANNOUNCEMENT "STATION DEBUNK - TALK ON WANDERING JEWS" FEW MORE BARS OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER.
- 0034 ANNOUNCEMENT: TALK ON MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM. CALL YOUR FRIENDS AND TELL THEM TO TUNE IN ON 7.2 MC."
- 0035 POPULAR MUSIC (CARRIER SEEMED TO GO OFF AIR FOR SECONDS HERE EITHER THIS OR FREQUENCY SHIFT.)
- 0036 ANNOUNCEMENT "HELLO FOLKS - HELLO BOYS ALL GIRLS- STATION DEBUNK - DEBUNKS CAR PROPAGANDA, ETC - INTRODUCES JOE SCANLON -"
- 0037 JOE SCANLON TALKS ON JEWS - VILEFYS ROOSEVELT CALLING HIM A THIEF A LIAR AND A VANDAL -
- 0039 (SOUNDS LIKE A KEYED SIGNAL JAMMING "DEBUNK" FEW DOTS -LONG DASHES)
- 0052 (JAMMING SIGNAL ON AGAIN "V'S" AND LONG DASHES.)
- 0052 JOE SCANLON FINISHES ANNOUNCEMENT THANKS JOE SCANLON
- 0053 BARS OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER. (JAMMING CODE STN STILL ON.)
- 0058 GOOD FOLKS GOOD NIGHT BOYS AND GIRLS STATION DEBUNK NOW SIGNING OFF SIGNAL S9- PLUS 40 DB STILL FADING SLIGHTLY)
- 0100 CARRIER OFF.

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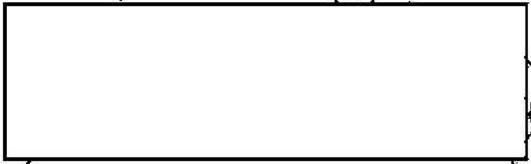
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Dear Mr. [Redacted]:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 12, 1942, requesting information as to the identity of Radio Station Debunk and its announcer Joe Scanlon.

Station Debunk was first received in this country on or about March 18, 1942. Joe Scanlon, the broadcaster, stated that this program could be received at 8:30 P. M., Central War Time. However, the program appeared each evening at 8:30, Eastern War Time. It is not known whether this was a deliberate misstatement or a misunderstanding of the time divisions in this country. It has been suggested, however, that this mistake was made to leave the impression that the broadcast was emanating from the Middle Western section of the United States.

As you are probably aware these broadcasts are unadulterated German propaganda, having as their purpose the encouragement of confusion and unrest in the minds of its listeners. A definite effort is made to bring discredit upon the leaders of the United States in their war effort; to discredit the British and to otherwise inject any argument that might interfere with the prosecution of the war.

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R 296 OCT 13 1960 The station has been definitely located as in Germany or occupied Europe and for your information in this regard there are attached photostatic copies of bearing projections which have been obtained on Station Debunk. The relatively large area represented by the bearing intersections on the attached photostats could possibly indicate that more than one transmitter is used by this station and reports to that effect have been made by observers. The quality of the transmission is ordinarily poor and this is probably due to the inefficient installation of the power supply. The extraneous modulation observed in this carrier resembles a power supply ripple. Bearings have been taken on this station daily by the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., in order that there will be no doubt as to its location.

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Another interesting feature that has recently occurred is the announcer, ~~Joe Scanlon~~, advised that the Federal Communications Commission had instructed a change of wave length and that following June 15, 1942, Station Debunk could be received at 8.3 Megacycles instead of 7.2 Megacycles, which wave length it has used since its inception.

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Every effort is made to leave the impression that Station Debunk is a clandestine free American station, whereas, in reality, the broadcast is as much a part of the German propaganda structure as the recognized stations in Berlin.

On two occasions recently postal cards have been forwarded to this Bureau by correspondents receiving them. These postal cards contain the following written message:

"WANT the Real Dope on the war news?

Tune in every night American Station 7.2 Megacycles, Shortwave, 8:30 P. M. Eastern War Time. The Station's call letters are D-E-B-U-N-K.

GET THE LOWDOWN ON WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES! YOU CAN'T BE A WELL INFORMED AMERICAN UNLESS YOU HEAR THESE VITAL FACTS. IF YOU HAVE NO SHORTWAVE, ASK YOUR FRIEND TO LET YOU LISTEN IN ON HIS. YOU'LL BOTH PROFIT! DON'T MISS IT!"

Both were postmarked in New York City on May 10, 1942, and an effort is being made to determine the identity of the sender. No definite results have yet been obtained.

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It would be appreciated if this latter matter would be brought to the attention of the [redacted] so that in the event any similar post cards, emanating from this country, are received in [redacted] immediate advice can be furnished. b7D

Should there be any change in the status of this station, it will be brought to your attention for any action you deem appropriate. Inquiries are presently being made in an effort to identify Scanlon, since he is apparently an American or an individual who resided in this country for many years. If the efforts presently being made are successful, this too will be brought to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my communication
No. 15 dated May 16 in the above entitled matter
requesting information as to the identity of the
radio station "Debunk" and also regarding one, Joe
Scallion.

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3. Reference is made to the General Intel-
ligence Survey in the United States prepared by the
F.B.I. for the month of May, 1942, and more specifically
to page 9 thereof which refers to radio station "Debunk."
From a perusal of this report, it appears the Bureau has
information concerning this radio station, and if the

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Bureau is in possession of further information concerning the identity of Scallion alias Scanlon, it is requested that I be notified so that I can transmit this information to the for the completion of their files.

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Very truly yours,

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'Underground' Nazi Radio Aims 'Folksy' Propaganda at U. S.

By the Associated Press.

The Nazis have taken a lesson from the secret radio broadcasters who heckle them and have set up an "American freedom" station. Last week, for the first time over the short waves, station DEBUNK was heard. It purported to be an underground American station waging a gallant struggle against the war-mongers of Washington.

Its programs open with "The Star Spangled Banner," sign off with "America," and denounce, in folksy oratorical style of some American politicians, the "Jewish crowd running the show in Washington."

Traced to Europe.

Unfortunately for deception purposes, the signals of DEBUNK were traced easily to Europe. Its slangy arguments, slanted toward the rural districts, follow precisely the Berlin propaganda line. This was true to such a marked extent that listeners in this country believed Berlin was making no serious effort to conceal the fact that the transmitter was operated in Germany.

Its arguments apparently are aimed at the Middle West and are anti-British in appeal. Americans are told that Yankee farm boys are being sent to their death for the "red coat snobs."

Chief speaker is "Joe Scanlon," who, noting that "elections are coming again and our people will have a last opportunity to reassert themselves," urges that American citizens organize "to fight the dictatorship being set up in Washington."

"America First" From Tokio.

The Office of Facts and Figures reported last night that Tokio has named a new shortwave broadcast, the "America First" program. The "super-patriot" from Tokio proclaims: "The isolationists were right whatever their stand may be, they have the whole world standing behind them in full sympathy and admiration."

Another Japanese propagandist declared:

"Practically all the leaders of various parties in the United States are strongly denouncing the Wash-

ington policy in connection with American strategy."

And from Tokio, also, comes this assurance: "Japan would be a charming partner to any nation which would understand Japan's ideals correctly. Japan will share with the United States its newly captured rubber and tin if Americans will get rid of Roosevelt."

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Radio Station Debunk

Nazis Operate Radio Station In 'Midwest'

Germany is operating an "underground" broadcasting station which purports to be located in the United States' Midwest and to be operating in defiance of American officials, it was learned yesterday.

The outfit, Station D-E-B-U-N-K, was first heard on the air last week and since has broadcast regularly over shortwave from 8:30 to 9 p. m.

The only thing wrong with its build-up is the fact that DEBUNK's signals were first heard abroad, that simple direction-finding efforts have located it in Europe, and finally, that its broadcasts follow the Berlin shortwave "line" almost word for word.

Other than that, the station is American as all get out. It begins its broadcasts with a few bars of the Star-Spangled Banner, and is conducted by a couple of announcers with Middle West accents. It signs off with "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and between its propaganda it plays hot jazz.

File this and under station Debunk

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Rural in Tone

Rural in tone, the programs appear to be directed to Midwest audiences. In slangy, colloquial speech the audience is urged to root aim from the "Jewish crowd running the show in Washington" the power which they usurped by "un-American" methods.

Violently anti-British, the station argues that American farm boys are being sent to die for the "redcoat snobs," in order to preserve the domination of the international banker groups.

It is fiercely anti-Semitic, anti-Roosevelt, anti-British. It broadcasts that "this is a war we cannot possibly win."

Not Very Subtle

Something less than subtle, the station urges Americans to read the history of the American Revolution in order to realize the barbarity of the British, "who aren't fit to eat slop alongside pigs at a trough," and to agitate against sending the American Army into foreign battlefields.

The broadcasts follow the reports of the official German shortwave so closely that listeners in this country believe the Nazis are making no serious attempt to conceal the fact that the transmitter is, in fact, operated in Germany.

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Mr. Walter Fugate
Salco, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Fugate:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 8, 1942.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Gentlemen:

I wish to report a
radio station which I believe
to be operated by foreign
agents.

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This broadcast starts
at 8.30 P.M. and
lasts about 25 minutes. The
wavelength of this station
is about 7.40 M.C. This
appears to be a medium
power station with a very
rough carrier a raw a.c.
hum and low modulation

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This station gives no
call letters but identifies
its call as Station De Bunk
Radio Station De Bunk

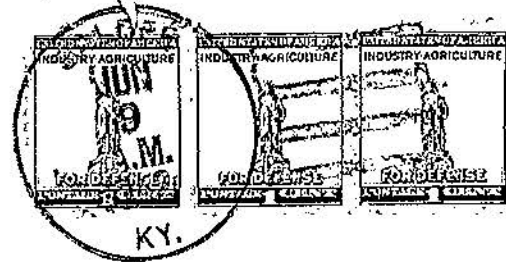
The American Station of all
free americans.

Sincerely

Walter Fugate

Walter Fugate

and Lt. M. G. U. S.



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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/18/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/9/42	REPORT MADE BY W. F. PRATT	WFP:HJB
TITLE RADIO STATION "DEBUNK" 7.2 MEGACYCLES			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY--G	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Radio station "Debunk" reported to this office to be broadcasting anti-Semitic and un-American propaganda. Investigation reveals that this station is located somewhere in Europe.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was predicated upon a complaint received at this office on March 27, 1942, when MR. BENJAMIN LICHTMAN, 1354 Tuckerman Street, N. W., telephonically advised that an unknown individual was broadcasting from 7.2 Megacycles condemning the administration and also broadcasting anti-Semitic and un-American propaganda. MR. LICHTMAN further advised that he thought that this station was a mobile radio station located somewhere in the Midwest and that the call letters of this station were "Debunk".

MR. LICHTMAN when contacted by the writer gave the same information and advised that he had heard this station at approximately 8:30 P.M. on several nights and that he thought we would be interested to know that this information was disseminating from this station.

MR. S. W. NORMAN, Assistant Chief of the Radio Intelligence Division of the Federal Communications Commission advised the writer that he was familiar with the above-mentioned station and that he had been in correspondence with the Director concerning this station and showed the writer a copy of a letter written to the Director dated March 20, 1942, concerning this station and also one written to Assistant Director P. E.

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FOXWORTH dated June 4, 1942. MR. NORMAN further advised that any further information desired could be obtained from him through F.C.C. file #6538. MR. NORMAN advised that his unit of the F.C.C. had ascertained that this radio station was located in Europe and that it had been constantly monitored by the unit.

No further investigation is being conducted by this office concerning the above radio station since the Bureau has been advised by the Federal Communications Commission concerning the activities of the above-mentioned station.

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 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

As a matter of record a man giving the name of WILBERN R. CISSEL, 630 "Eye" Street, SE., Washington, D. C. came to the Reception Room and stated that he would like to report a suspicious radio station having the name of "DEBUNK". Mr. Cissel explained that last evening, Thursday, June 18th, at 8:30PM, while listening to his radio on Short Wave, he happened to tune in on the above station. Mr. Cissel stated that this station slandered government officials and he thought should be reported.

Mr. Cissel advised he thought this station was in the United States and could be heard only on 1040 between 8:30 and 8:45PM.

The radio room advises that this station is being monitored by the Bureau.

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It is being monitored regularly. We monitor only on specific request of the 1st Defense Division or other interested Division.

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- Miss Beahr _____
- Miss Gandy _____



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

June 13, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station Debunk
Joe Scanlon, was. et al.

Mr. D. A. Flinn of National Defense Division called Mr. Larmoyeux on June 13 and advised that some postal cards had been mailed from New York City postmarked May 10 advocating that people listen to radio station Debunk on 7.2 megacycles.

Mr. Flinn requested that recordings be obtained of the programs for several days and sent to him in order that he may draw up a memorandum to the Department requesting an opinion as to whether or not there is any violation of any Federal statute under which the people mailing these cards may be prosecuted.

The Clinton monitoring station will make recordings on the evenings of May 13 through 16 inclusive. It is to be noted that word has been received to the effect this station is supposed to change frequency from 7.2 megacycles to 8.3 megacycles June 15.

Respectfully,
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E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey

"PAL" "F.P.C."

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Mr. Flynn was advised of the F.C.C. coverage on these propaganda stations, however he deemed it advisable to have first hand, some intercepts to be quoted from the memo to dept and serve as evidence should present in

The F.C.C. covers this station - with recording and a weekly digest. We could be criticized for duplicating a service already being performed properly by another agency. Should not the Dept know of their coverage on it?



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

June 15, 1942.

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

RE: Radio Program;
Radio Station D E B U N K.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that this office has in the past month or so received numerous complaints regarding a program which operates on a frequency of 7300 kilocycles and broadcasts every evening at 8:30 P.M., Eastern War Time.

This program lasts 30 minutes and the station identifies itself as D E B U N K, and the commentator identifies himself as JOE SCANLON, also JOE DEBUNK.

This broadcast consists of comments about the present international situation. It was reported that the commentator's remarks are very anti-British and anti-Semitic. In one program the commentator stated that Russia would be defeated this summer by Germany and that after this defeat, the United States will be fighting the war in behalf of the International Jews. It was indicated that the Jews were sitting back and making the money while the American boys lost their lives in their behalf and it was indicated that the United States had been duped into the war by the Jews and the political and diplomatic intrigue of the English. In the conclusion of the program, the national anthem is played, leaving the impression that this is ~~an American broadcast~~ (INC)

Contact with the local office of the Federal Communications Commission disclosed that this station has caused that Bureau much concern during the past month or so. They believed at first that the station was located in the Carolinas; that after some investigation and monitoring, it was determined that the station was located in Berlin, Germany.

This information is being transmitted to the Bureau as a matter of interest.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Danner

R. G. DANNER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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To ~~(S)~~

No. 1963

16th June, 1942.

SHORTWAVE RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
JOE SCANLON, RADIO ANNOUNCER

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This will acknowledge receipt of your memoranda Nos. 87 of June 2 last and 179 of June 12 concerning the above station and announcer.

As indicated in our letter No. 1523 of April 21st last we are without information as to the exact location of this station or the identity of SCANLON, but are making enquiries and will let you know when we receive additional information.

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To the President of U.S.A.
Washington.D.C.

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FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
AND REPLY

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Gentlemen;

If I was you ,I would cut out the short wave
radios as soon as posible,it is to dangerous to let all
that enemy propaganda reach the homes of our people.

By accident I tuned in Berlyn Germany,one
night while I was working,it sounded so terrible,especially
for our people,that I am tempted to listen in every night
from 12 p.m. to 3 a.m.

To my surprise I heard the very same words
being repeated by some of our costumers,and also by some
children in the neighborhood,this gives me reason to
believe that they also must to be listening to the European
broadcast at night as I do,and such a strong propaganda is
liable to inspire some of our week citizens to obey that
Mr.Robert.L.somthing,who claims to be an American and
who advices to ^{Impeach} President Roosevelt and vote for him at the
next election.

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Please dont throw this leter away,before you see
what you can do about passing a law to take away all short
wave radios at least for the duration of the war.

Respectfully yours
Just a plain old citizen.

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Mrs.F.Schwartz.U. S. Department of Justice

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United States Department of Justice

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

July 3, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Short Wave Transmitter
7.2 Megacycles
INTERNAL SECURITY

Dear Sir:

Complaints have been received by the Pittsburgh Field Division relative to an un-identified short wave radio station, operating on 7.2 megacycles; using the National Anthem as the opening signature and "This is Station Debunk" in closing.

Mr. H. A. ^{Boyle} MILE, Federal Communication Commission Listening Station, North Park, Pittsburgh, Pa., was contacted and he advised that the station is an Axis propoganda station and that their direction finder indicates the station is located in the direction of Europe.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Pittsburgh Field Division at this time and this matter is being brought to the attention of the Bureau for information only.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Thornton
J. E. THORNTON
Special Agent in Charge

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your personal and confidential letter addressed to Assistant Secretary Berle, dated June 4, 1942, in which you make inquiry concerning the identity of "Joe Scanlon", the announcer for station "debunk".

The files of this Department do not disclose the identity of "Joe Scanlon", however, the following opinion has been expressed:

"So far as we know no one on this side has been able to identify the 'Joe Scanlon' of the German short wave station 'debunk'. Purely as a speculation the thought is advanced that the announcer may be Fred W. ~~Kaltenbach~~ of Iowa who has been broadcasting in Germany for several years or S. D. Ward or Douglas Chandler. All these men come from the Middle West and would be able to convincingly give the impression which the Germans apparently desire to convey that the station is located in that area. It is possible that all three of these men appear on the programs of station 'debunk' since it is understood that two other persons, 'Mac' and 'Eddie', take part from time to time in addition to the principal speaker, 'Joe Scanlon'. Since 'Scanlon' has claimed in his broadcasts that he served in the A.E.F. during the last War, it is

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The Honorable
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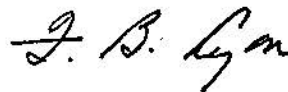
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also possible that he may be Walter ~~X~~ Baker, an American who has written articles for German propaganda publications and who likewise boasts of the fact that he was a volunteer with the A.E.F. in France. As far as we are aware, however, Baker has never previously appeared on German short wave broadcasts to this country.

"It may be pointed out that last year Kaltenbach broadcast for several months in a dialogue program called 'Fritz and Fred, the Friendly Quarrelers' was not dissimilar in nature to the programs of radio 'debunk'. Kaltenbach's protagonist in this program was Dr. Otto ~~X~~ Koischwitz, an American citizen who was formerly a professor at Hunter College, New York. It is believed unlikely, however, that Koischwitz is included among the speakers from radio 'debunk', since his accent would not be suitable for the programs of that station. It is known furthermore that Koischwitz has recently been broadcasting from radio Roma at Rome."

Sincerely yours,



Frederick B. Lyon
Acting Chief, Division of
Foreign Activity Correlation

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Mr. W. F. Arns
New York Times Short Wave Listening Post
Greenfield, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Arns:

I have for acknowledgment your telegram dated July 5, 1942, directing my attention to a German Short Wave Station claiming to operate on American soil.

From your description of this station, the program heard by you is most probably that of Station "Deburk". This broadcast in the past has been made up of German propaganda, and statements have been made to leave the impression that it is emanating from a clandestine, free American station. As you probably know, Station "Deburk" has been definitely established to be in Germany or occupied Europe, and is merely another ruse being used by the Ministry of Propaganda and Enlightenment to spread hate and disunity in this country.

Your interest in bringing this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated, and I know that you will feel free to supply similar material in the future.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NAZI SHORTWAVE STATION CLAIMING TO OPERATE ON AMERICAN SOIL
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USED 10.35 MEGACYCLES AT 830 PM EASTERN WAR TIME BUT
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Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy
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The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

John T. Bissell
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Colonel, General Staff,
Asst. Executive Officer, M. I. S.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
M. I. D.

July 8, 1942

(Date)

Subject: Short Wave Amateur Broadcast

Summary of Information:

This Division is in receipt of information to the effect that a "Ham" short wave operator, who announces a radio program on station D-E-B-U-N-K, and uses the name of JOE SCANLON (possibly alias), was heard operating during week days from 8:30 to 9:00 P.M. on 7200 kilocycles.

It is stated that the operator is on the air almost every night and gives a half hour talk "running down the policies and personalities within the United States Government."

If investigation is made, it is requested that this Division be advised as to the results.

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July 14, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Newark letter dated May 4, 1942, captioned as above, and to Newark letter dated April 17, 1942, entitled "UNKNOWN SHORT-WAVE RADIO, 41 Meter Band, 7.2 Megacycles", "IRVING PEER, 75 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey, Informant".

Mr. JAMES HART, 611 Grove Street, Irvington, New Jersey, furnished information telephonically which was subsequently confirmed by letter dated April 15, 1941, that he had listened for Radio Station "Debunk", on April 13, but that it was impossible to get good reception due to the action of the Northern Lights, which disrupted all forms of communication. On April 14, the station came in perfectly. From 8:30 p.m. Eastern War Time to 8:48 p.m., the station used the 7.20 frequency. At 8:48 the station went off the air abruptly and in the middle of a sentence. A minute or two later, Mr. HART shifted the dial and picked up the station again on 7.23 megacycles. It was Mr. HART'S belief that on the latter frequency, the station was using a different transmitter. This latter program lasted until 8:54 p.m., and ended with a brief announcement and a playing of a part of the Star Spangled Banner. On this occasion he went off the air again, as though cut off. Mr. HART then attempted the 7.20 frequency, and discovered that the carrier wave was still on the air with the original transmitter. It was Mr. HART'S opinion that the transmitters on both these frequencies were Italian made as he heard a characteristic hum which he stated he had not heard on any other type station. On April 16, 1942, Mr. HART advised that he had read in the Newark News Radio Club Bulletin that a correspondent in Indianapolis quoted a local Indianapolis paper, "The News Times Star" as stating that "Debunk" had been traced to a spot on the Belgium Border. The station says that it is in mid-western United States, Central War time. On the April 15th broadcast the announcement was made on the air at 8:30 p.m. Eastern War Time, and all other

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Newark, New Jersey
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gave as 8:30 p.m., Central War Time. Regarding the stand-by station operating on 7.21 megacycles, Mr. HART stated that it tuned rather broadly, and that there were no announcements and only piano music played on April 15, 1942.

The station remained on the air until 9:02 p.m., Eastern War Time, seven minutes after Station "Debunk" left the air. On April 17th, the atmospheric conditions were so bad that Mr. HART was not able to receive Station "Debunk". He did listen to the program on April 21, the contents of which will be set out below. For the Bureau's information the following reports on Station "Debunk" broadcasts furnished by Mr. HART are being set out:

April 14, 1942, Station "Debunk", 7.2 and 7.23 megacycles, 8:30 p.m., Eastern War Time on air and playing the first line of the Star Spangled Banner. 8:31 p.m., call as Station Debunk starting in two minutes giving all free Americans a chance to tune in. 8:33 p.m., another call, and the statement that Station "Debunk" is on the air every evening at 8:30 p.m. Central War Time. The words "Central War Time" were then repeated. A musical selection "Frankie and Johnny" was then played, and JOE SCANLON talked on the "Futility of War". Stated that he and his friends had met at his home the previous Saturday and discussed the question. His friends had said that war was unavoidable, and that the game was man against man, and the most ruthless would win. It was no easy manner for SCANLON to hold up his side of the argument against these two, because they said due to economic reasons there was always the war. SCANLON stated he could well understand their point of view as it had appeared the same to him in World War #1. He then remarked that it may sound silly to try and discuss these issues which have been forced upon us. Today, it is more important that we do discuss these questions, as by discussing them we can arrive at a peace better than the Debacle of Versaille. He went on to state that we have enemies in our own country, war mongers in Washington. It is not the Japs, Dagoes or Germans, (he did not say Heinies) who caused this war. The public debt is leading us to inflation at a staggering speed. AL CAPONE was a piker compared to the profiteers in Washington. The propaganda mill is working overtime so as to keep us groggy, and the necessary adjustments are leading to collapse. He remarked that we are ready to take over world dominion in the seven oceans and we are not prepared for it either physically or mentally, as we have not been able to run our own affairs. We have been led to believe that the defeat of Hitler and the Germans would bring peace, but he reminded that we should not forget Wilson's Fourteen Points. We say that we will not make the same mistake again but SCANLON states that there is d--- little hope that we will be able to declare a decent peace. At this point, 8:48 p.m. the Station went off the air and when picked up again on 7.23 megacycles two or three minutes later, SCANLON was advising everyone to talk to their ministers and priests

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and tell them to speak for peace and advising that everyone stand for peace and a return to sanity. The program ended at 8:53 with the Star Spangled Banner partly played.

April 15, 1942, Station "Debunk", 7.2 megacycles. At 8:30 p.m., the Station went on the air with the playing of the first line of the Star Spangled Banner. At 8:35 an opening announcement followed by question "How are things in Hawaii?" The announcer then stated that JOE SCANLON will name one officer each week who is a disgrace to the country. Last week he spoke about Allen ~~Kimmerle~~ (phonetic). This week PERCY ~~BLACK~~. SCANLON then came on and spelled out PERCY BLACK, who, he stated, is a Colonel and should be a candidate for Leavenworth; "when they sink so low and act so bad during a war for the past twenty years". He then stated that BLACK and his friends in the Army have thought of nothing but joy rides, extra allowances and grabbing something belonging to others. These same professional Army men are the highest paid in the World. A captain in the U. S. Army draws more pay than the Marshal of France. They think of nothing else, greed is their other name. Our first taste of their inefficiency was at Pearl Harbor. Mr. ~~LITVINOFF~~ is quoted as saying that these professional Army men were incapable and no good against our enemies. SCANLON then mentioned one ARTHUR H. ~~COCKER~~ (phonetic). He stated that during the last war, Col. CHARLES H. ~~BRIDGES~~, in the 6th Army Corps lived with a prostitute in France despite the fact that he was married and had a son in the Army. He also said that many officers lived with prostitutes, especially the Adjutant General, and he was promoted to Major General after the war. This proves, he stated, that war mongers hold the best job. SCANLON then asks the opinion of the audience on officers of that type, and asks "Do you think Bridges would convict Black"? He then stated that more than 99% of the professional Army men and officers should be in Leavenworth. He also stated that the department store head would fire anyone taking money from their business, so why not the Army men. Here, officers on the retiring board are ignorant and would they squirm if they went to workhouses. He then stated that all professional Army men stay on the pay roll until death, and that they do not pay one cent into any pension fund, although some draw as high as \$300 to \$400 per month. He then criticizes President Roosevelt for approving a fund contributed by labor but not by Army officers. He then appeals to his listeners to write their Congressman and urge him to sponsor and push a bill so that everyone would get the same pay or pension as Army men. He stated that the retired officers' Association is the biggest racket in the world. He then urges the introduction of democracy into the United States and with it, pension the same for all. The program ended as usual with the partial playing of the Star Spangled Banner.

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April 20, 1942, the Station came on the air at 8:30 p.m., Eastern War Time, at 7.2 megacycles with the playing of the first line of the Star Spangled Banner. At 8:30 p.m., JOE SCANLON was introduced, who spoke on the Communistic Capitol of the World, which he said was Washington. He stated that we are living in a momentous time, and ours is a revolutionary age. All we can do to analyze the revolutionary trend and steer our little boat away from it the better. As long as the group of Communists remains small let them alone, because they'll run themselves, and yet the cleverly concealed work of these Communists is known widely enough so that we should steer clear of them. He then related a discussion on these matters, of a few weeks previous, and stated he believed that we will wake up some morning and find that Washington is the Capitol of Communism. He reminded the audience that many things have happened here during the past few years, and it is an established fact that Communism favors World Revolution, and that the definite capitol of Communism in Washington is Stalin's aim. The basic idea for this was worked out in Berlin, London, and New York City, not in Russia, and Russia was not included in the original plan, but was used as a guinea pig for the experiment, and it was the first country to fall under Lenin's rule. Now, the Communists are looking for greener pastures and Stalin wants to extend Communism to the Western world. Even if Europe were dominated by Hitler it would not stop Stalin. Jewish Communistic theory can only prosper on World Revolution. They need the chaos of war to carry on. It is war that they had hoped and prayed for since 1921, when they realized that World War #1 was not enough. From the beginning Lenin played both ends against the middle and tried to involve all nations in war so Russia could sit back and be the strongest nation. The Comintern has always worked for World Revolution. Communists throughout the world take orders from the Comintern and it controls two million disciples. The Russian Revolution was on the verge of defeat until they signed a pact with Germany and Lenin, called an armistice to allow Communism to catch its breath until 1927, then worked to break Socialist Germany, and worked with Hitler, and in 1928 Stalin figured it was time to start a world revolution and then receive help from outside countries. Russia started the Spanish war and tried to encircle Germany. This was to give Russia time to get ready for war, and the United States and England fell for the trick. Stalin saw his great chance and stayed out until the other nations weakened themselves. Stalin saw England licked so he joined up and Roosevelt promised an open door for Communism. That is the only reason Russia entered the war and all we have to do is sit back and continue our policy and Washington will be the capitol of Communism. It is therefore necessary to get rid of Mr. Roosevelt and his Jewish friends. We need have no fear of Nazi Socialism as long as Washington throws open the door to communism. The program thus ended at 8:58 p.m.

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Newark, New Jersey
July 14, 1942

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for its information,
and no investigation is being conducted.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: STATION DEBUNK
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

For such reference as may hereafter be necessary there is attached a transcript of a German propaganda broadcast over Station Debunk on June 16, 1942. The recording of this broadcast is being retained in the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

D. A. Flinn

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Transcripts of broadcast of German Propaganda Station DEBUNK on June 16, 1942.

The first paragraph is undistinguishable because the announcer is talking at the same time of the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner", therefore there are some omissions which are denoted by dots.

This is Station DEBUNK, the Station of all Free Americans This is Station DEBUNK calling to all the farmers of the United States. Station DEBUNK is the station of all Free Americans. Station DEBUNK operating on 10.35 megacycles. Tonight we are going to talk about inflation, what it is and how it We are going to explain inflation by taking examples from the life on the farm, so give your farmer friends a ring and invite them to tune on 10.35 megacycles. Our discussion will also be highly valuable to all people living in towns and cities, and therefore, ladies and gentlemen, from one of your comes a whole from Station DEBUNK, the Station of all Free Americans, operating on 10.35 megacycles. We also have some news flashes which will interest everyone. While you are telephoning your friends we will ask our friend, Mac, to grind off one of his oldest records from the first We will start our program immediately after the music.

(Musical Interlude)

Hello folks, hello girls and boys, hello everybody, this is Station DEBUNK, speaking to you again, the Station of all Free Americans. Station DEBUNK is on the air every night at 8:30 p.m. Central War Time, operating on 10.35 megacycles. Tonight we have a special discussion for the American farmers and it will also be highly valuable to all persons living in towns and cities. Before we start our discussion this evening I have a few special announcements to make. You will recall that several weeks ago I said that as long as we have all the Westerners building our ships, we want to get in on the fun of sinking them. Therefore, I suggest that instead of letting the U-boats sink our ships, we go ahead and sink them ourselves.

Well, now that the Navy Department has announced that the Aircraft Carrier Lexington was scuttled by its own crew, I can tell you what I was referring to, I have inside information from sources in the Navy Department on the same day that the Lexington was sunk and that was what I was referring to.

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R 296 OCT 13 1960 Station DEBUNK has inside information on everything that is going on. Last week I ran down the rumor about "Handsome Harry" MacArthur's illegitimate daughter. I can now report to you as an absolute fact that "Handsome Harry" MacArthur has an illegitimate daughter. Miss Mary Hopkins, 22 years old, black hair, blue eyes, living in Atlanta, Georgia. Her mother died last year. The mother had relations with "Handsome Harry" MacArthur in 1919 while he was Commandant of the Military Academy at West Point, New York.

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Yesterday morning a United States battleship and a United States cruiser ran against drifting mines in Alaskan waters near Dutch Harbor and went down. Secret reports received by our Navy Department were in doubt whether the mines had been planted there by Japanese airplanes or whether they had been carelessly planted there by our own mine planters. Of the battleship crew five officers and thirty-six men were rescued, none of the men on the cruiser had been rescued so far.

I have also learned that each week a large convoy of twenty or thirty ships leaves these United States ports headed for Great Britain laden with such articles as washing machines, soaps, refrigerators, passenger cars, gasoline, canned milk and sweets, sugar, spice, canned boned chicken meat and run proof nylon stockings, and everything like that. Our women have to go without nylon stockings, but, of course, the ladies of British Society must not suffer any inconveniences. Our ladies must go without the labor saving devices but the British must have them.

In peace time the British bought their agricultural products from the many colonies within their own Empire but now that we make them a present of everything under the lend-lease law they place their orders in the United States.

That's the end of our little tidbit and now we will take up our discussion. You are listening to Station DEBUNK, the Station of all Free Americans.

Tonight, folks, our conference is going to be on the subject of inflation, I have asked an old firend of mine, Ole Oleson, a farmer living near Rockford, Minnesota, to discuss this question over the air with me. Ole is here at the mike now and we will start right away. Come over here now Ole and don't be afraid, the mike won't bite you, come right over here by the mike and tell me what you want to know and I will try to answer your questions.

I would like to introduce Ole Oleson as one of the best farmers I have ever seen, he studied Agriculture at the State College and runs his farm on scientific principles and is very prosperous. He was born on a farm in Wisconsin but he now has his own farm in Minnesota.

JOE: All right Ole let's get going.

OLE: Hi Joe, tell me what is all this stuff I hear about inflation anyhow. What is inflation to the United States?

JOE: Inflation, Ole, is the currency demand, the money value, when the money gets thick it looses its strength and the thicker it gets the weaker it gets. Finally it gets so weak, it has no strength whatever.

OLE: You mean, Joe, it loses its purchasing power.

JOE: Yes, Ole, the money gradually loses its purchasing power at the beginning of inflation the money loses only its purchasing power very slowly but later on the purchasing power of the money drops from one day to the next.

OLE: But what do you say, Joe. I gather that rising prices mean the same thing as the loss in purchasing power of the dollar.

JOE: When prices go up the purchasing power of the dollar goes down. Some people, Ole, call it rising prices, other people call it the loss in purchasing power of the dollar, and still others call it inflation. Call it what you want. It will not be long until everybody will be calling it inflation.

OLE: Now you seem pretty safe, Joe, when you say that when the dollar loses its purchasing power we have inflation.

JOE: Yes, Ole, the fact that the dollar has already lost some of its purchasing power denotes that inflation has already started.

OLE: Then you said that when prices go up it takes two.

JOE: You can call it what you want, Ole, rising prices or shrinking purchasing power of the dollar. Soon everybody will call it inflation.

OLE: Well a minute ago you told me, Joe, that when inflation commences the prices only drop slow.

JOE: That is right, Ole.

OLE: I say for myself that prices have already gone up in the last year.

JOE: What did you buy that cost more this year than last.

OLE: Well let's see, last year I bought a set of harnesses for two horses without collars for 80 bucks and this year I bought another set of exactly the same kind and I paid \$140. Didn't that price go up fast or didn't it.

JOE: The price is higher in that it went up from \$80 last year to \$140 this year. That's not very much. That was only an increase in price

of 75%. Now prices have not gone up very fast.

OLE: Well by golly the price went up fast enough for me.

JOE: What else did you buy, Ole?

OLE: Now last year I bought a tractor plow with all-over tires for \$50, this year just about a month ago my neighbor bought a plow just like it, but with no all-over tires and paid 270 smackers .

JOE: In other words, Ole, the increase in price of that particular kind of plow amounted to only 80%. I wouldn't say that that price went up very fast either.

OLE: Well, Joe, what in the heck do you call a fast increase in price.

JOE: Listen, Ole, during the past year the prices you have paid for the things you have to buy have gone up 75%, 80% or 90%, some of the things you have had to buy have doubled in price in one year. That is not really a steady increase in price.

OLE: Now come on, Joe, spit it out what do you call a steady increase in price.

JOE: Hold your horses, Ole, you have come to know just next year the prices of things you have to buy will be up another 100%, they will again have doubled. But that is not a sudden increase in price either.

OLE: But don't pull my tail like that Joe, what do you call a sudden increase in prices, if doubling the price each month isn't enough.

JOE: Listen Ole in four or five years from now the prices will not only double each year but they will perhaps double each month.

OLE: but we have a price administrator now who is going to prevent the prices from going up.

JOE: Yes, Ole, I know Leon Henderson, the Price Administrator, says he is going to prevent the prices from rising. Can't you see for yourself that the prices are going up. Let me tell you a little story. There was once a king who thought he was so powerful he could command the ocean tides, he did like so much baloney. The same is true of Leon Henderson, the Price Administrator king. There is no power that I know of that can prevent the prices from climbing sky high as the years go by.

OLE: Now that's the way to win a thought, Joe, I'm liable to forget myself.

JOE: The thing to do Ole is to buy everything right now that you will need for the next 10 to 12 or 15 years. If you have, 2 plows buy 4 more, if you have 1 hammer mill buy 2 more, if you have 2 farm trucks buy 4 more, if you have 4 horse blankets buy 10 more, if you have 1 cream binder buy 2 more, and so on and so forth. Why not play safe and buy all the manufactured goods that you will need for the next 12 or 15 years. Buy up most of the things you need, gasoline, grocery supplies, a new mill for your windmill, house equipment and don't forget the Mrs., Ole. Your wife wants some new things too, buy her new furniture, blankets, rugs, clothes, buy a bedroom suite for your pretty daughter. Buy all of the manufactured goods you can still get your hands on. There is another advantage of buying now the quality of the manufactured goods is still pretty good, later on the quality is going from bad to worse. Later on the prices will be sky high but the quality will be bad. Furthermore you will be lucky if you will be able to buy manufactured goods later on no matter how poor the quality is, certain things are going to get worse there will be a scarcity everywhere of everything. At the present time there are plenty of things but wait to see then when they are worn out, then everybody will want to buy things but it will be too late.

OLE: But where am I going to get all of the money, Joe.

JOE: Ole I know you are a thrifty farmer Ole, you have money in the bank, go to the bank and borrow the money.

OLE: Should I put it under the mattress at home.

JOE: No Ole of course not, the money you take out of your savings account will buy all of the manufactured good that you will need for the next 12 or 15 years. There is another reason why you should draw your money out of the bank. The Government is going to have Congress make a law making it impossible to draw your money out. You must draw out your money before the law is passed. The Government is going to force people to buy War Bonds with part of the money they have in the bank, if you want to buy these manufactured goods, Ole, you will have to draw your money out of the bank at once.

OLE: But I don't have enough in the bank to buy all of this stuff that I am going to need for the next 10 or 15 years.

JOE: Your credit is good, Ole, borrow the money, mortgage your farm. You can borrow all of the money you need. When you borrow the money, just make sure you don't have to pay it back for 8 or 10 years.

OLE: I'm pretty darn careful about borrowing money, Joe, if I have to pay it back after the war is over, you know millions of farmers lost their farms after World War I when banks foreclosed on their mortgages.

JOE: Well yes, Ole, I know that banks foreclosed on mortgages at the close of World War I but you must remember that we did not have inflation then. Now its different long before the present war is over prices will be sky high, the prices you will get for your farm products will also be sky high

when you sell hogs 6 or 7 years from now you will get thousands of dollars for one hog. I have another idea when the time comes to pay it off you can sell it and pay it off with one hog or cow. I have another idea when the time comes to pay the debt you can sell one of those plows or farm trucks which you are going to stock up on. You can keep one of them brand new, but not too new, you can sell it and pay off debts if you keep for 6 or 7 years. You see, Ole, buying up manufactured goods will perhaps pay around 20 or 30 thousand dollars. You can then sell it and pay off your debts. You see, Ole, buying up manufactured goods now is also a good investment. If you want to sell them later on all you have to do is to keep them in good condition and prevent them from rusting.

OLE: Joe you just made my mouth water. I don't have much room to store new machinery and new farm implements, my farm is already filled up.

JOE: Of course they must be in good condition to prevent them from rusting. If you want to use them 8 or 10 years from now or if you want to sell them later on, therefore, I would suggest that you build a barn or store house for these things. You can take them apart and store them that way in order to save room.

OLE: By golly Joe, I could build a new barn if I had the lumber.

JOE: You must see to it, Ole, that you get the lumber and the nails. You can make a fortune on this dickering, go all around and see if you can buy the lumber and nails and hence you can saw your own lumber. You can buy a wood saw mill for about \$150 or you can buy a steel saw mill for about \$200 and saw your own lumber if you buy the saw mill right away and saw your own lumber you can have the barn up by next fall.

OLE: Joe should I buy the new machinery and farm implements right now or wait until next fall.

JOE: By all means buy the new machinery and farm implements right now, don't wait until next fall before the prices go up and before everything is sold out and don't for you wife and daughter, buy them some new things. While you are at it treat yourself and your family to some new clothes and don't be stingy Ole. Stock them up on woollen goods and other things. Clothes are going to be rationed before long. After the Government once commences to ration them you will not be able to buy much. You will have to do your buying before the Government begins to ration these things.

OLE: You sure are giving me the best advice that I have ever got from anybody on earth. I'm going to start right in tomorrow and do the things you told me. The world seems brighter already, I guess every cloud has a silvery lining and clouds are bound to have a sunny side.

JOE: You're right, Ole, when the war started the big manufacturers thought that the war would have a silvery lining for them. You see those big

boys are fighting and doing their dickering with money borrowed from the Government when the war is over they will be the owners of land and equipment and they will be richer than they were before. But you can't make a fortune like that but you can make a fortune if you do as I have explained to you. That's the stuff, Ole, now you are smiling and see the sunny side of the war, the laugh on your face tells me that you are happy and gay.

OLE: You said it Joe.

(They both sing "Oh them Golden Slippers").

Ladies and Gentlemen you have been listening to a consultation between Ole Oleson, a farmer from Minnesota, and me, Joe Scanlon, over Station DEBUNK, the Station of all Free Americans. Station DEBUNK is on the air every night at 8:30 C.W.T., operating on 10:35 megacycles.

(Playing of "Star Spangled Banner").

Station DEBUNK, the Station of all Free Americans is now signing off for the night. Good night everybody.

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No. 2380

August 4, 1942.

Re: Radio Station DEBUNK

Upon receipt of your letter No. 87 of June 2nd, regarding the above Station and Joe SCANLAN, who is alleged to be in the employ thereof as a radio announcer, we asked our [] for details and have received a reply that the Station is, in fact, situated in enemy-occupied territory (as stated by you in your letter No. 179 of June 12th) and that this Station is intended to serve the same propoganda purpose in America as the "New British Broadcasting Station" and the "Workers Challenge" are intended to serve in England.

We received no information concerning the identity of Announcer SCANLAN. Any subsequent information which we receive concerning this man will be forwarded to you.

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In reply to your memorandum 265 of 22nd June,
we would refer you to your memorandum No. 179 of June 12th
which gave us the information requested in our 1523.

In order to assist you in tracing the papers
the subject of this correspondence was the "DEBUNK" Radio
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With reference to your memorandum #1731 dated
May 21, 1942, we have been unable to located the correspondence
to which you refer, namely, your note #1523 dated April
21 and would appreciate further elaboration in order that we can
assist you.

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Reference your number 1523 dated April 21 regarding radio station Debunk.
Bearings taken by the Federal Communications Commission indicate station
located in or near low countries in Europe.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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

June 16, 1942

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In accordance with the request of Mr. Ladd's Office there are attached hereto recordings of two programs of radio station Debank on June 14 and 15. These records should be forwarded to Mr. Ladd's office.

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Mr. Thomas B. Grandin
Chief Editor
Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grandin:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 1942, addressed to Mr. J. A. Martin of this Bureau, enclosing a transcript of a radio broadcast from station "DIEBEEK", for July 23, 1942.

I wish to thank you for your interest in submitting this material to the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TRACY

Re: Radio Station DEBUNK

Reference is made to my memorandum of recent date describing the visit of Mr. Thomas B. Grandin to the Laboratory, at which time he advised he had heard rumors to the effect that a woman living in Arlington, Virginia, had received certain suspicious telephone calls. He stated the substance of the calls was to the effect that the caller had met the person being called at some gathering. The caller would then immediately go into a conversation as to how the junk program in this country was not proving effective due to the fact that the Jewish dealers were getting rich from it. Grandin expressed the opinion that station Debunk may be the pattern former for such types of propaganda in this country. He stated he was going to check the past broadcasts of station Debunk and if he found anything of value he would notify Mr. Martin.

*J. J. [unclear]
J. J. [unclear]*

The attached letter from Mr. Grandin, dated September 14, 1942, encloses transcripts of Debunk transmissions on July 23, 1942. It will be noted that the broadcast concerned the scrap rubber and metal drive in this country. This information is being passed on to the Security Division for such value as it may have.

Mr. Grandin stated that if he received any specific information from persons in Arlington who have received such telephone calls he would advise us.

Mr. Grandin telephoned Mr. Martin subsequently, stating he had learned that a Mrs. Gray, chief telephone operator for the Metropolitan Office of Civilian Defense here in Washington, Telephone Executive 5440, was in Newark, New Jersey about a month ago at which time she received such a propaganda call from someone on the telephone.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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September 14, 1942.

Mr. J. A. Martin,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Room # 7326
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Martin:

As you requested I enclose herewith items of
interest from a broadcast by station Debunk broadcasting
to North America, July 23, at 8:30 p.m.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Thomas B. Grandin,
Chief Editor,
Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service.

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TRANSCRIPT OF SHORTWAVE BROADCAST

Station: Debunk
Audience: North America
Date: July 23, 1942
Time: 20:30 to 21:00 EWT
Language: English
Program: News-Talk
Speaker: Joe Scanlon

Station Debunk opening.

FLASH FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.--From Donald Nelson's office it is learned that the scrap rubber drive holds the record for making more millionaires in the shortest period of time than any other war racket. The firm functioning and salvage centers for scrap rubber, scrap metal, and other scrap are able to make exceptionally large profits it is stated, because they receive the scrap more or less gratis from the general public.

FLASH FROM MADISON, WISCONSIN.--Gentile retailers throughout the Middle West are complaining that the wholesale distributing firms are not giving the gentile retailers a just share of the commodities of which there is a shortage.

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- Mr. Rosen
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- Tour Room
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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Beahm
- Miss Gandy

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United States Department of Justice
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October 2, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to my memorandum dated September 29, 1942, concerning a transcript broadcast over the clandestine radio transmitter "Debunk" which was critical of the FBI. For your information, station "Debunk" was first received in this country on or about March 18, 1942. Joe Scanlon, the broadcaster, stated that this program could be received at 8:30 P.M., Central War Time. However, the program appeared each evening at 8:30, Eastern War Time. It is not known whether this was a deliberate misstatement or a misunderstanding of the time divisions in this country. It has been suggested, however, that this mistake was made to leave the impression that the broadcast was emanating from the Middle Western section of the United States.

These broadcasts are unadulterated German propaganda, having as their purpose the encouragement of confusion and unrest in the minds of its listeners. A definite effort is made to bring discredit upon the leaders of the United States in their war effort; to discredit the British and to otherwise inject any argument that might interfere with the prosecution of the war.

The station has been definitely located as in Germany or occupied Europe, bearing projections which have been obtained on station "Debunk" by the Federal Communications Commission. The relatively large area represented by the bearing intersections could possibly indicate that more than one transmitter is used by this station and reports to that effect have been made by observers. The quality of the transmission is ordinarily poor and this is probably due to the inefficient installation of the power supply. The extraneous modulation observed in this carrier resembles a power supply ripple. Bearings have been taken on this station daily by the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., in order that there will be no doubt as to its location.

Another interesting feature is that the announcer, Joe Scanlon, advised that the Federal Communications Commission had instructed a change of wave length and that following June 15, 1942, station "Debunk" be received at 8.3 Megacycles instead of 7.2 Megacycles, which wave length it has used since its inception.

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Every effort is made to leave the impression that station "Debunk" is a clandestine free American station, whereas, in reality, the broadcast is as much a part of the German propaganda structure as the recognized stations in Berlin.

The Federal Communications Commission has made transcriptions of the broadcasts over station "Debunk" and knows of the Bureau's interest in ascertaining the identity of the broadcaster, as well as any other pertinent information. [redacted] was requested to supply any information in his possession, as well as information concerning Joe Scanlon, the announcer. He pointed out that station "Debunk" was situated in enemy-occupied territory and was intended to serve the same propaganda purpose in America as the "new British broadcasting station" and the "Workers' Challenge" broadcast is intended to serve in England. He could not identify Scanlon, the announcer.

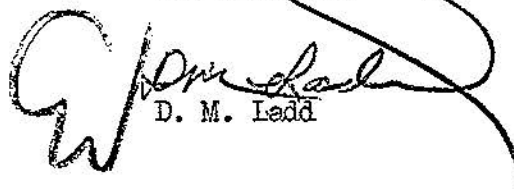
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The Department of State was also requested to furnish any information that might throw light on station "Debunk" and its announcer. No definite information was supplied by the State Department, although suggestions were made as to possibilities, and these concerned the presence of Americans in Germany who in the past had served purposes of German Ministry of Propaganda, and included Fred W. Kaltenbach, of Iowa, and others.

Should there be any change in the status of this station, or should any information be secured that would establish the true identity of the announcer, those facts will be brought to your attention at that time.

ACTION: It is obvious that no action can be taken with reference to this station in view of the circumstances.

Respectfully,


D. M. Ladd

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
September 29, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: RADIO PROPAGANDA ALLEGATION
THAT FBI IS JEWISH CONTROLLED

I thought you would be interested in the following statements which were made over the clandestine radio transmitter "Debunk," self-styled "station of all free Americans" on September 24, 1942, at 8:30 p.m. eastern war time. This broadcast was monitored by the Federal Communications Commission and reported in its daily publication, Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, on September 25, 1942. According to the Federal Communications Commission the broadcast from which these statements were quoted was a tirade against the alleged all-powerful influence of Jewry in the United States, and was broadcast in English to North America. Station Debunk does not announce its location and the Federal Communications Commission is apparently unaware of its whereabouts.

"Do you know that the F.B.I., our grand Federal Bureau of Investigation has already become the most powerful tool of F. D. R.'s Jewish brain trust number 4? That every job in the F.B.I. paying 75 bucks a week, or more, is already in Jewish hands? That an American-Jew controlled and Jew-manned Gestapo is already a reality? It's no fairy tale. Yet it's enough to frighten more than just children."

Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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JAN 13 1943

The Honorable
John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your Bureau may be interested in the attached transcripts of a broadcast made on January 8 from Station Debunk, in which four Americans, whose names and addresses are given, are said to have communicated with the Station. Inasmuch as hearings show Debunk to be situated in Axis-occupied Europe, and inasmuch as Debunk has never indicated in its broadcasts how it can be addressed, these correspondents and their messages presumably are spurious. The matter is referred to you for whatever action you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

James Lawrence Fly
Chairman

Enclosure

9/16/43 memo to Hoover re Debunk
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TRANSCRIPT OF SHORT WAVE BROADCAST

Station: Debunk	Record: 13276-80-1
Audience: ?	Translator:
Date: January 8, 1943	Transcriber: Sullivan
Time: 20:30-21:00 EWT	Monitor: Martin
Language: English	Reception: Good
Program: Talk	Monitoring Station: Shinda
Speaker: Unknown	

(Music) "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Good evening Mr. and Mrs. America and the ships at sea.

Hello Debunk scouts! This is station Debunk. The station of all Free Americans. Station Debunk debunk's war propaganda, war hysteria, war's criminals, war lords, war mongers, war speakers, Benedict Arnolds, and un-American activity.

The war criminals are: Franklin D. Roosevelt and his cabinet, the New Dealers, the Jews, the big business men of the armament industries, the bankers and financiers with international connections, the professional officers of the army and navy and the pro-British elements.

The war criminals constitute less than 10% of our population.

Station Debunk has inside information on choice news items which do not appear in the muzzled press.

FLASH FROM LONDON, ENGLAND: An unconfirmed report from Gibraltar states, the huge United States Army transport enroute from Baltimore to Algiers and carrying 4,800 American troops, was torpedoed and sunk by the Italian U-boats in the western Mediterranean.

FLASH FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.: General (Hersey) has said to have declared before a Senate committee yesterday, that the United States must have 10,000,000 men in the field by the first of next September. This is approximately twice as many men as are now serving in all branches of the American fighting forces.

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FLASH FROM FEZ FRENCH MOROCCO: Two American soldiers were killed and three others wounded in a clash which occurred here yesterday in the Arabian quarters. Much bad feeling is said to exist between the natives, Arabian inhabitants and the American occupational troops.

FLASH FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.: Our Debunk scout in Washington learns today from secret sources, within the general staff of the War Department, that General Eisenhower and Chief of Staff, General Marshall have not been able to agree as to what point in France, the invasion should be attempted toward establishing a second front in France.

We reported yesterday, that General Eisenhower returned to the United States, to report in person to President Roosevelt, that all preparations have now been completed by the armies of the United Nations to make another attempt to establish a second front on land along the coast of France on the English Channel.

General Eisenhower proposed to establish the second front by landing at Dieppe, at the same place where Canadians attempted to land last August, but Chief of Staff General Marshall is in favor of establishing a second front at a point south of Dieppe.

Most generals agree that the second front should be established somewhere along the coast of France, between Belgium and the French city of Brest, that is across the English Channel from England. However, nearly all other officers of the General Staff in Washington are in favor of invading Portugal and Spain and thereby establishing a second front in Portugal and Spain, from where the army of invasion should advance into France.

All preparations for establishing a second front at some points along the western coast of Europe, have been completed and the only question which still remains to be decided upon, is the exact point where the landing should be attempted.

(Music)

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Since my new talk on Christmas night two weeks ago, in which I discussed the reason why we are fighting this war, seems to have aroused some lively comment. Now all my talks are supposed to arouse comment, because I regard my most sacred duty as an American citizen, is to know about things going on behind the scenes of this war and keep my fellow countrymen well informed concerning events about which they would otherwise have no way of knowing.

My job is Debunking and the basis of information coming into me every day from all parts of the globe, I intend to bring you a true picture of events as they really happen and not as President Roosevelt with his muzzled press would like us to see them. I am not talking for the sake of taking nor am I being paid for my work. I * * * this radio program and I am conducting my interests in research out of my own private funds.

I regard this as the best contribution I could possibly make towards the welfare of my own people, to inform them of the way by which they are daily being (doomed) by President Roosevelt and the methods by which are being led on to more and greater sacrifices.

This is an non-profit organization, folks, for the benefit for all you American citizens of the radio audience and for all those with whom have contact.

Pass the word along. Tell your friends and relatives. We must bring our message to the whole nation. We must stop Roosevelt and his war crazy friends from continuing their mad attempt to rule the world. If we don't, my friends, we'll still be at war twenty years from now.

As I said a minute ago, my little talks to you over the radio are supposed to arouse comment, for I am that sure most of you listeners agree with my Christian American opinion.

Many thousands of letters and hundreds of telegrams reached me by a round about way this week, pledging me the support of people from all over the country and in all walks of life. These votes of confidence, to use in an appropriate parliamentary term, are nothing new, for they only serve to confirm more soundly, my conviction that the majority

of the American people are not in sympathy with this war and would do everything in their power to stop it.

Yet, and here I come back to an important point of this evening's message, the volume of mail which arrived following my broadcast to you Christmas night, exceeded all expectations and established a new all time record. I had always felt that I had the backing of most serious thinking Americans, but I had never supposed nor even dared to hope that my opinion was shared alike by such a substantial majority of fellow citizens.

It would not be too much to say, that I was almost unprepared for the interests and sympathy which my talks evoked. Most of the letters, as well as the large number of telegrams, came from women listeners, particularly mothers, but the men were also not too taciturn in their comments.

Mrs. Charles B. Conway of Seattle, Washington, wrote in to say, that since hearing our broadcast, she had been filled with new hope that the American people might wake up to their realization that they were fighting only for President Roosevelt's personal aim and not for the welfare of America.

Mrs. Mary McQueen of Scranton, Pennsylvania wrote: Allow me to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing. This country needs more crusaders like you who are not afraid to get up and tell the people of the United States who the real criminals are, who are responsible for this war.

A telegram from Mr. (Seth) Wilkins of Tulsa, Oklahoma, said: Keep up good work (stop) We're all for you and wish you best success.

One of the most touching letters came from Mrs. Theodore Kline of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Kline wrote: I have always been patriotic and I've always been a good American, but when one is a mother of three grown up sons in the army and loses two of them in one month, then such words as "patriotic" and American lose their meaning and become empty of all feelings.

It is all very well for people who have not lost near relatives themselves, to attempt to console by saying,

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Oh! but they have died for their country!! You won't bring my two dead boys back to life.

We parents are too old to forget such losses, but yet, in all my bereavement it would be at least of some slight consolation to me, if thought their death as well as the death of (numerous) of other mother's sons would serve as an example and a warning to the mothers of the United States of what is yet to come.

If I thought that this desperate loss of life would in any way influence or incite public opinion against that "mad man" in the White House and would be instrumental in driving him from his dictator's throne, then I would not feel that my two boys had died in vain.

That was the pathetic letter of Mrs. Theodore Kline of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who in one month has just lost two of her three sons on the battlefields of North Africa and New Guinea. Mrs. Kline's letter is only one of many hundreds-of thousands which I've received the last few weeks, but it is typical one.

May it serve as the reminder to you, that this war is not our war and that the sacrifices made by the American people, are not for the American people but solely for the benefit of President Roosevelt and his war-mad hirelings.

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January 28, 1943

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Special Agent in Charge
Seattle, Washington

RE: [Illegible]

Dear Sir:

There are attached copies of a transcript of a short-wave broadcast from the German radio station "Kolofon" given on January 6, 1943, in the English language.

It will be noted that Mrs. Charles E. [Illegible] of Seattle, Washington, has been named as a person of interest, together with Mr. (Jack) [Illegible] of [Illegible] and Mrs. Theodora [Illegible] of [Illegible], all of whom were alleged to have written to this station expressing dissatisfaction with the American war effort and the administration.

For your information radio station "Kolofon" has been broadcasting since about March 10, 1942. Every effort has been made by the German propagandists to leave the impression that radio station "Kolofon" is a clandestine free American station, whereas in reality it is no more a part of the German propaganda structure as the stations in Berlin. This station has been definitely located in Norway or in occupied Europe.

For a number of days it has been impossible to communicate with Norway or occupied Europe through the usual channels without censorship.

It is my desire that you institute a preliminary inquiry to determine if there are such persons in your area who are residing in your respective field divisions. If this is so, as a fact, I desire that you inform those persons and determine the extent in which they were able to communicate with station "Kolofon."

A review of the Bureau files reveals no information that can be furnished with any of these individuals.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Ladd _____
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For these inquiries the Bureau is to be carried as
the Office of Origin and you are to send your reports for the
attention of Division Five, Internal Security.

I desire that these cases be analyzed immediately and
reports submitted within five days of the receipt of this letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

cc - Philadelphia
Chicago
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Only one MRS. THEODORE KLEIN in Milwaukee. She has two sons, neither one of whom are in Army. Is Russian Jewess alien. Denies knowledge of radio station "Debunk" or any foreign communications.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Seattle dated 1/20/43.

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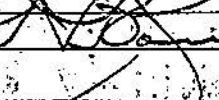
AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

This investigation is predicated upon confidential information received from the Bureau by letter dated January 20, 1943 to the effect that radio station "Debunk" had, on January 8, 1943, broadcast a letter reportedly received from MRS. THEODORE KLINE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in which MRS. KLINE stated that she was the mother of three grown sons in the United States Army, two whom had been killed.

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The name THEODORE KLINE was searched in the Milwaukee directories back through 1936 under the following

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variations: OLYNE, KLEIN, KLINE, CLINE, CLEIN and KLEINE. This showed only one THEODORE KLEIN residing at 2644 North 61st Street.

MRS. GARRISON H. MURPHY, 2648 North 61st Street was discreetly interviewed who stated that the THEODORE KLEIN family is Russian Jewish, they are of good reputation and have lived in that neighborhood many years. She stated that they have two grown sons, both of whom appear to be at home.

Records of Local Draft Board #22, located at 47th and Lisbon Avenue, Milwaukee, reflected that THEODORE KLEIN, the father, registered on the fourth registration, that he is in business at Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, is 56 years of age and was born February 19, 1896 in Window, Russia. He stated in his occupational questionnaire that he is not a citizen but is an alien having filed papers for citizenship; that he is engaged in business at Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin under the name of THEODORE KLEIN AND SONS.

MRS. THEODORE KLEIN was interviewed discreetly. She stated that she is a Russian Jewess; that she has been in this country since she was a young girl but is not a citizen. She stated she has two sons, BEN who is married and is 31 years old and GEORGE who is 28. She stated GEORGE was in the Marines but was discharged because of flat feet but that he expects to go to the Army shortly. She denied any knowledge of any radio station "debunk" and stated that she has not written a letter out of the United States for many years. She disclaimed any knowledge of any of the information furnished by the Bureau.

It was noted that the radio in the living room of the KLEIN home was a Philco radio of a model made about ten years ago and did not carry a shortwave band.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
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Mr. Elmer Davis
Director, Office of War Information
Social Security Building, Room 3362
Third and C Streets, Southwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I have for acknowledgement your letter of January 14, 1943, enclosing transcripts of the short-wave broadcast on January 8, 1943, of German Radio Station "Eckunk" containing the names of several Americans who allegedly have expressed dissatisfaction with our war effort.

In this regard appropriate inquiries along the line you have suggested are being made and the results thereof will be furnished in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

January 14, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I do not know whether you receive regularly the transcripts of the broadcasts of the German radio station Debunk. On page 4 of the enclosure you will note the alleged names of Americans who have written to this station.

I suppose the chances are a hundred to one that names, addresses, indeed the whole story, are fictitious but it might perhaps be worth while investigating.

Cordially,

Elmer Davis

Elmer Davis
Director

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Date: January 8, 1943	Transcriber: Sullivan
Time: 20:30-21:00 EWT	Monitor: Martin
Language: English	Reception: Good
Program: Talk	Monitoring Station: Shinda
Speaker: Unknown	

(Music) "Stars and Stripes Forever"

Good evening Mr. and Mrs. America and the ships at sea..

Hello Debunk scouts! This is station Debunk. The station of all Free Americans. Station Debunk debunk's war propaganda, war hysteria, war's criminals, war lords, war mongers, war speakers, Benedict Arnolds, and un-American activity.

The war criminals are: Franklin D. Roosevelt and his cabinet, the New Dealers, the Jews, the big business men of the armament industries, the bankers and financiers with international connections, the professional officers of the army and navy and the pro-British elements.

The war criminals constitute less than 10% of our population.

Station Debunk has inside information on choice news items which do not appear in the muzzled press.

FLASH FROM LONDON, ENGLAND: An unconfirmed report from Gibraltar states, the huge United States Army transport enroute from Baltimore to Algiers and carrying 4,800 American troops *, was torpedoed and sunk by the Italian U-boats in the western Mediterranean.

FLASH FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.: General (Hersey) has said to have declared before a Senate committee yesterday, that the United States must have 10,000,000 men in the field by the first of next September. This is approximately twice as many men as are now serving in all branches of the American fighting forces.

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FLASH FROM FEZ FRENCH MOROCCO: Two American soldiers were killed and three others wounded in a clash which occurred here yesterday in the Arabian quarters. Much bad feeling is said to exist between the natives, Arabian inhabitants and the American occupational troops.

FLASH FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.: Our Debunk scout in Washington learns today from secret sources, within the general staff of the War Department, that General Eisenhower and Chief of Staff, General Marshall have not been able to agree as to what point in France, the invasion should be attempted toward establishing a second front in France.

We reported yesterday, that General Eisenhower returned to the United States, to report in person to President Roosevelt, that all preparations have now been completed by the armies of the United Nations to make another attempt to establish a second front on land along the coast of France on the English Channel.

General Eisenhower proposed to establish the second front by landing at Dieppe, at the same place where Canadians attempted to land last August, but Chief of Staff General Marshall is in favor of establishing a second front at a point south of Dieppe.

Most generals agree that the second front should be established somewhere along the coast of France, between Belgium and the French city of Brest, that is across the English Channel from England. However, nearly all other officers of the General Staff in Washington are in favor of invading Portugal and Spain and thereby establishing a second front in Portugal and Spain, from where the army of invasion should advance into France.

All preparations for establishing a second front at some points along the western coast of Europe, have been completed and the only question which still remains to be decided upon, is the exact point where the landing should be attempted.

(Music)

Since my new talk on Christmas night two weeks ago, in which I discussed the reason why we are fighting this war, seems to have aroused some lively comment. Now all my talks are supposed to arouse comment, because I regard my most sacred duty as an American citizen, is to know about things going on behind the scenes of this war and keep my fellow countrymen well informed concerning events about which they would otherwise have no way of knowing.

My job is Debunking and the basis of information coming into me every day from all parts of the globe, I intend to bring you a true picture of events as they really happen and not as President Roosevelt with his muzzled press would like us to see them. ~~I am not talking for the sake of taking nor am I being paid for my work.~~ I * * this radio program and I am conducting my interests in research out of my own private funds.

I regard this as the best contribution I could possibly make towards the welfare of my own people, to inform them of the way by which they are daily being (doomed) by President Roosevelt and the methods by which are being led on to more and greater sacrifices.

This is an non-profit organization, folks, for the benefit for all you American citizens of the radio audience and for all those with whom have contact.

Pass the word along. Tell your friends and relatives. We must bring our message to the whole nation. We must stop Roosevelt and his war crazy friends from continuing their mad attempt to rule the world. If we don't, my friends, we'll still be at war twenty years from now.

As I said a minute ago, my little talks to you over the radio are supposed to arouse comment, for I am that sure most of you listeners agree with my Christian American opinion.

Many thousands of letters and hundreds of telegrams reached me by a round about way this week, pledging me the support of people from all over the country and in all walks of life. These votes of confidence, to use in an appropriate parliamentary term, are nothing new, for they only serve to confirm more soundly, my conviction that the majority

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of the American people are not in sympathy with this war and would do everything in their power to stop it.

Yet, and here I come back to an important point of this evenings message, the volume of mail which arrived following my broadcast to you Christmas night, exceeded all expectations and established a new all time record. I had always felt that I had the backing of most serious thinking Americans, but I had never supposed nor even dared to hope that my opinion was shared alike by such a substantial majority of fellow citizens.

It would not be too much to say, that I was almost unprepared for the interests and sympathy which my talks evoked. Most of the letters, as well as the large number of telegrams, came from women listeners, particularly mothers, but the men were also not too taciturn in their comments.

Mrs. Charles B. Conway of Seattle, Washington, wrote in to say, that since hearing our broadcast, she had been filled with new hope that the American people might wake up to their realization that they were fighting only for President Roosevelt's personal aim and not for the welfare of America.

Mrs. Mary McQueen of Scranton, Pennsylvania wrote: Allow me to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work you are doing. This country needs more crusaders like you who are not afraid to get up and tell the people of the United States who the real criminals are, who are responsible for this war.

A telegram from Mr. (Seth) Wilkins of Tulsa, Oklahoma, said: Keep up good work (stop) We're all for you and wish you best success.

One of the most touching letters came from Mrs. Theodore Kline of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Kline wrote: I have always been patriotic and I've always been a good American, but when one is a mother of three grown up sons in the army and loses two of them in one month, then such words as "patriotic" and American lose their meaning and become empty of all feelings.

It is all very well for people who have not lost near relatives themselves, to attempt to console by saying,

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Oh! but they have died for their country!! You won't bring my two dead boys back to life.

We parents are too old to forget such losses, but yet, in all my bereavement it would be at least of some slight consolation to me, if thought their death as well as the death of (numerous) of other mother's sons would serve as an example and a warning to the mothers of the United States of what is yet to come.

If I thought that this desperate loss of life would in any way influence or incite public opinion against that "mad man" in the White House and would be instrumental in driving him from his dictator's throne, then I would not feel that my two boys had died in vain.

That was the pathetic letter of Mrs. Theodore Kline of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who in one month has just lost two of her three sons on the battlefields of North Africa and New Guinea. Mrs. Kline's letter is only one of many hundreds-of thousands which I've received the last few weeks, but it is typical one.

May it serve as the reminder to you, that this war is not our war and that the sacrifices made by the American people, are not for the American people but solely for the benefit of President Roosevelt and his war-mad hirelings.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 100-12692

REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 1/30/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/27-29/43	REPORT MADE BY IVOR E. NITSCHKE
TITLE ① RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G (Refer: 51S)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Exhaustive search of logical indices and records, Seattle, Wash., fails to disclose any information concerning a Mrs. CHARLES B. CONWAY, whose name was mentioned in a broadcast on instant station 1/8/43.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated January 20, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

The following agencies were contacted relative to any information concerning a Mrs. CHARLES B. CONWAY, whose name was mentioned in a broadcast January 8, 1943, on the Radio Station in the above captioned matter:

Seattle Credit Bureau, 500 Joseph Vance Building; Sergeant JOHN FLINT, Seattle Police Department; Identification Bureau, Sheriff's Office; Puget Sound Power and Light Company, Seventh and Olive Way; Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau; Seattle City Light and Power, Third and Madison; newspaper morgues at the Seattle Times Newspaper and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer; King County Voters' Register.

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An examination of the current and past city directories also met with negative results.

At the Seattle Community Fund, Rankes Building, Fifth and Pike, Mrs. ELENA MERCER furnished the name of a Mr. CHARLES CONWAY, who in 1933 had received financial aid through instant organization and at that time gave his address as 1443 West 65th Street, Seattle, Washington. CHARLES CONWAY gave his wife's name as NELLIE.

Mrs. JOSEPH CICHY, 1443 West 65th Street, advised that she has resided at this address for several years and has never known or heard of a Mrs. CHARLES B. CONWAY.

The indices of the Seattle Field Division also failed to reflect any information concerning the above mentioned individual.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **100-3470**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/27/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25,26/43	REPORT MADE BY CLYDE E. GLANDON cgc
TITLE RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Unable to locate **SETH WILKINS** at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

- RUC -

Reference: Bureau letter to Seattle Office dated 1/20/43.

Details:

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

A check was made of the Tulsa City Directory as well as the Tulsa directory of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in an effort to find **SETH WILKINS**. Such a name was not found, the name most resembling it being **G. LESLIE (LES) WILKINS**, 2833 Sand Springs Road, Tulsa.

At the Record Bureau of the Tulsa Police Department, **PRICE BAYLESS**, clerk, advised that there is no record at that place of **SETH WILKINS**; however, he furnished the name of **THEODORE (TED) WILKINS**, 625 South Elgin, Tulsa.

Miss **FERN JENKINS**, Retail Merchants Association, after a check of the files of that organization, advised that the name in their files which most resembled **SETH WILKINS** was **JESS WILKINSON**, 724 North Columbia, Tulsa.

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Inquiry was made of **ELINOR McVAY**, underclerk, Local Draft Board No. 1, **ESTHER JOHNSON**, underclerk, Local Draft Board No. 2, **E. A. WARTERFIELD**, clerk, Local Draft Board No. 3, and **MARY WINBURN**, underclerk, Local Draft Board No. 4, but no information was obtained regarding **SETH WILKINS**.

BERLE GUTHRIE, clerk, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and **IRENE**

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QUANDELL, clerk, Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, after checking the subscriber indices of those companies, were unable to furnish any pertinent information.

Miss BESS WILSON, Sheriff's Office, checked the indices of that office, and advised that neither the name of SETH WILKINS nor any name closely resembling appeared there.

In view of the fact that there is evidently some question as to whether the given name of KILKINS was indeed SETH, as well as the fact that their names, when spoken, resemble SETH WILKINS, GEORGE LESTER (LES) WILKINS, 2633 Sand Springs Road, and JESS WILKINSON, 724 North Columbia, were interviewed. Both said that they had never heard of Radio Station "Debunk"; that they did not have short wave radios capable of receiving foreign broadcasts, and that they had sent no telegrams recently. Neither had heard of SETH WILKINS. An attempt was made to interview THEODORE (TED) WILKINS, 625 South Elgin, but inquiry of Mrs. L. P. HALL, landlady, disclosed that he has been residing in Fort Smith, Arkansas since November, 1942.

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Mr. Elmer Davis
Director, Office of War Information
Social Security Building, Room 3362
Third and C Streets, S. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

I am referring to your letter of January 14, 1943, which forwarded transcripts of the short-wave broadcast of January 6, 1943, on German Radio Station "Dobunk" containing the names of several Americans who allegedly expressed dissatisfaction with our war effort.

Inquiries have been made and in each instance those persons have been found to be nonexistent. Inquiries of a similar nature have been made in the past and where the individuals have been found to be existent it was determined that they are of good reputation and had not been known to contact German propaganda sources.

The possibility exists that those broadcasts are made to serve a dual purpose, first for the propaganda effect and secondly, as a phase of psychological warfare to divert the attention of agencies in this country from their real work to be done in protecting the internal security of the United States.

It is suggested that this same propaganda might be adopted in some of the broadcasts supervised and beamed by your Agency to Germany, if this has not already been done, thereby causing the intelligence agencies in that country a useless expenditure of time in checking on fictitious persons. It is my belief that the Gestapo would be much more concerned over matters of a similar nature due to the stress of recent international developments.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Sincerely yours,

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- Miss Beahm _____
- Miss Gandy _____



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.
 February 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK";
Internal Security - G

Reference is made to the letters of Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information and James L. Fly, Federal Communications Commission, dated January 14, 1943, and January 13, 1943, respectively, transmitting transcripts of the short-wave broadcasts of German Radio Station "Debunk", which transcripts contain the names of several Americans who allegedly expressed dissatisfaction with our war effort. Inquiries have been made concerning these individuals and in each instance these persons have been found to be nonexistent.

It will be recalled that similar inquiries of this nature were made in the past and where the individuals were found to be existent it was determined that they are of good reputation and had not been known to contact German propaganda sources.

It will be noted in the letter to Mr. Davis attached that the suggestion has been made that our own propaganda agencies use similar methods in their broadcasts to Germany.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Nichols has requested to be advised of the results of these inquiries and it is recommended that this memorandum be called to his attention.

Respectfully,

F. L. Welch
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RIPE. RADIO STATION QUOTE DEBUNK UNQUOTE, INTERNAL SECURITY-G.
UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYONE NAMED MRS. MARY MCQUEEN AT SCRANTON, PA.
ONE MARIAN MCQUEEN INVESTIGATED AND INTERVIEWED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. NO INDICATION UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS
NEVER HEARD OF INSTANT RADIO STATION OR COMMUNICATED WITH IT.
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable James Lawrence Fly
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fly:

I am referring to your letter of January 13, 1943, with which you forwarded transcripts of the short-wave broadcast on January 8, 1943, of German Radio Station "Deburk" containing the names of several Americans who allegedly expressed disaffection at our war effort.

As of possible interest to you, inquiries have been made and in each instance these persons have been found to be nonexistent. Inquiries of a similar nature have been made in the past and where the individuals have been found to be existent it was determined that they are of good reputation and had not been known to contact German propaganda sources.

The possibility exists that these broadcasts are made to serve a dual purpose, first for the propaganda effect and secondly, as a phase of psychological warfare to divert the attention of agencies in this country from the real work to be done in protecting the internal security of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. 100-10096 **MJM**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-13-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-5-43; 4-9-43	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE R. TUCKER
TITLE RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G)	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Efforts to locate Mrs. **MARY McQUEEN** at Scranton, Pa., met with negative results. One **MARION McQUEEN** located at Moosic, Pa. No indication of un-American activities.

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REFERENCE:

Philadelphia teletype to Bureau dated February 6, 1943.

DETAILS:

Lieutenant **CLYDE FINNEY**, N.P.A., Scranton Police Department, Scranton, Pennsylvania, advised that his records failed to reflect any record of a **MARY McQUEEN** in Scranton or vicinity.

Telephone directories and city directories of Scranton and vicinity failed to disclose any **MARY McQUEEN**.

Mrs. **HAROLD MANGAN**, 503 Spring Street, Moosic, Pa., advised that one **MARION McQUEEN** presently resides at 414 Spring Street, Moosic, Pennsylvania. She stated that **MARION McQUEEN** is a school teacher and has resided there with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. **EDWARD J. McQUEEN**, all her life.

Miss **GERTRUDE McCARTHY**, principal, Greenwood School, Moosic, advised that she is very well acquainted with **MARION McQUEEN**, and attended Marywood College with her. She advised that **MARION McQUEEN** bears an excellent reputation in the community, has never

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exhibited anything but strong pro-American tendencies, and is considered one of Moosic's better citizens. Miss McCARTHY stated that she and Miss McQUEEN worked together during the summer of 1942 at the Indian Mission under the British Purchasing Commission in Washington, D. C., and that for a number of years Miss McQUEEN has been engaged as a school teacher. Miss McCARTHY stated that it would not be possible for Miss McQUEEN to be engaged in un-American activities without her knowing about it.

Inasmuch as investigation has failed to disclose any Mrs. MARY McQUEEN residing in Scranton and vicinity, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **100-3858 PEH**

REPORT MADE AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/5/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18, 20, 22, 28; 3/14-16; 4/1, 5/43	REPORT MADE BY WILSON J. GIBNEY
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS STATION DEBUNK			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

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6 Radio Station DeBunked

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Postal cards received advising people to tune in on Station DeBunk for the truth concerning the war. Cards postmarked New York City. Broadcasts definitely anti-American heard over this station. Informants and people who received cards have no indication as to sender. Extensive investigation by Rochester PD with negative results.

*Ref. Bureau letter dated 7/6/43 -
65-41310-26*

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information received from C. E. HUNTLEY, Investment Analyst & Consultant, Elmira, New York, advising that Station DeBunk was broadcasting propaganda on 7.2 megacycles. Mr. HUNTLEY advised that the station operated from 8:30 until 9:00 p.m., Eastern War Time, and that the person broadcasting called himself JOE SCANLON.

AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK:

Detective VICTOR RAYCROFT, head of the Subversive Activities Squad of the Rochester Police Department, was contacted and advised that for the past year he had been making extensive investigations endeavoring to ascertain who was sending these cards to residents of Rochester. Detective RAYCROFT stated that he had contacted all informants and had been unable to locate the source of these cards.

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EDWARD P. LOESER, an attorney, 247 Clifford Avenue, advised that he received a postal card at the German House, Rochester, New York, addressed as follows:

Georg Ellwanger Unit, S.S.A.
Im deutschen Haus,
Gregory Str.,
Rochester, N.Y.

The card which Mr. LOESER received was worded as follows:

"WANT the Real Dope on the war news?

Tune in every night American Station 7.2 Megacycles,
Shortwave, 8:30 P. M. Eastern War Time. The Station's
call letters are D-E-B-U-N-K.

GET THE LOWDOWN ON WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES!
YOU CAN'T BE A WELL INFORMED AMERICAN UNLESS YOU HEAR
THESE VITAL FACTS. IF YOU HAVE NO SHORTWAVE, ASK YOUR
FRIEND TO LET YOU LISTEN IN ON HIS. YOU'LL BOTH PROFIT!
DON'T MISS IT!"

Mr. LOESER advised that he had no idea as to who the sender of these cards was and further that he did not even remember from whom he had received the card.

CARL R. BAUSCH, President of E. E. BAUSCH & SON COMPANY, optometrist and optician, 6 Main Street, East, advised that he received a similar card mailed from New York City May 10, 1942, and stamped at the Trans. Off. G. C. Sta. Mr. BAUSCH stated that he was at a loss to understand who mailed the post card and how his name was obtained by this unknown person. Mr. BAUSCH advised that he had listened in on the station and heard criticism directed against President Roosevelt and our war effort.

HERMAN FERNO, editor of the Abendpost, the German daily newspaper of Rochester, on being contacted advised that this was the first he had ever heard of such a station and that the various contacts he had on German sources in Rochester had never made mention of such a station or of receiving any such postal cards.

GUSTAVE ZIMMERMAN, personnel manager, Bausch & Lomb Optical Company, stated that he had never heard of such a station by the name of DeBunk and that none of his informants among the German people had ever advised him of the receipt of any postcards advising them to tune in on such a station.

█ whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that he was not familiar with any such station, nor familiar with the identity of the sender of these post cards. b2 b7D

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[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, also advised that he had not received any such cards, nor had any of his friends or contacts made mention of the receipt of such cards. He stated that he was not familiar with the source of such cards.

GORDON LEROY, Beaucaire's Radio Company, stated that he belonged to the amateur radio association in Rochester and had been quite active in said organization. He advised that he had never heard any of the members talk of such a station, nor had any of the members mentioned receipt of any such postal cards. Mr. LEROY advised that he was sure that, if any members had been cognizant of this station or had received any cards, they would have mentioned it at the periodic meetings which were held.

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GEORGE SMITH, Powers Building, stated that he was president of the amateur radio association for the past few years and that such a station had never been called to his attention.

JOHN KOBBE, 755 St. Paul Street, who, according to Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, received one of the circular post cards in question, was contacted and denied any knowledge either of station DeBunk or of the receipt of a card calling his attention to such a station.

In view of the fact that all outstanding leads have been covered by this field office, this case is considered closed.

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

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May 22, 1943

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY

RE: Radio Station DEBUNK

Reference is made to Mr. Mumford's memorandum for Mr. Ladd under date of May 20, 1943, setting forth a complaint received at the Washington Field Office from a complainant who has recently picked up a radio program describing itself as a "Station of All Free Americans." This program was picked up at 8:45 to 9:00 PM on 10.31 megacycles and was reported to the Bureau since the listener could not identify the source of the broadcast.

The station referred to above is known to the Laboratory to be station DEBUNK which refers to itself as the "Station of all Free Americans" and purports to be in the United States. This station sends propaganda consisting of criticisms of the present U. S. Government. It broadcasts between 8:30 and 9:00 PM, EWT, on a frequency of 10,360 kilocycles. It has been determined in the past that this station is actually located in Germany. This station has been active off and on for over a year.

Respectfully,

R. E. Thornton

ADDENDUM: RET:RER 5-22-43 The above information likewise answers the questions raised in the memorandum for Mr. Tracy by Mr. John E. Prince under date of May 14, 1943, since the station reported by Mr. Prince is likewise DEBUNK.

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June 15, 1943

Mr. Chester C. Waldron
Succasunna, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Waldron:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 1, 1943. I have carefully noted the content of your letter and greatly appreciate your interest in forwarding this material to me.

In the event you receive any information in the future which you believe to be of value to this Bureau, please feel free to forward it directly to me, or to communicate directly with Special Agent in Charge S. K. McKee, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1836 Raymond-Commerce Building, Newark, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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DEAR SIR - 65-41310-68

Radio Station - DE BUNK

IF YOU ARE ^B ALREADY AWARE OF THIS FACT, A RADIO STATION IS TRANSMITTING ENEMY PROPAGANDA ON THE SHORT WAVE BAND CORRESPONDING TO APPROXIMATELY (29) METERS THE STATION PRETENDS ITSELF TO BE AMERICAN AND CALLS ITS STATION, "RADIO DE BUNK" THE VOICE OF ALL FREE AMERICANS. THE BROADCASTS

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ARE RECEIVED HERE QUITE POWERFUL AND SOME OF THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE IS SO LATE AS TO MAKE ONE BELIEVE IT IS IN AMERICA. I HAVE HEARD THE ANNOUNCER CURSE AND DAMN THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE TWICE NOW, FROM 8:30 P.M. E.W.T. TO 9:00 P.M. SUNDAY 5-29-43 AND AGAIN TO-NITE AT THE SAME TIME. THE STATION DOES NOT ANNOUNCE ANY DEFINITE TIME FOR BROADCASTS OR AT LEAST I HAVE NOT HEARD OF THEM. THE TRANSMISSION

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is terribly noisy some
times as though from a faulty
transmitter. The ANNOUNCERS
etc. SPEAK PERFECT ENGLISH.

I CAN give you no
further information at this
time But if you do not
know of this station AND
you wish further information
I will endeavor to obtain
it, per your request.

Sincerely
Chester C. Waldron
Succasunna

CHESTER C. WALDRON N. J.

P.S. the station to-nite urged the
MINERS to STRIKE 100% etc.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: RADIO STATION "STATION OF ALL FREE AMERICANS" SEDITION

Dear Sir:

On May 12, 1943, Lieutenant HOWARD BISSELL, 2810 East-West Highway, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised Special Agent ROBERT W. MOLLOY, of this office, that he has heard a station at 10.31 megacycles from 8:45 P.M. to 9 P.M. for three consecutive nights immediately preceding his interview. He stated that he considered the program to border on sedition and desired to advise this office so that the proper authority can monitor the program.

It was the informant's belief that the station is located in the United States due to the strength of the signals.

Yours truly,

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1424 K STREET N. W.
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 7, 1943.

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The B. B. C. has made the following observations regarding Radio Debunk transmissions:-

Station Our monitors have noted a great deal of repetition in these transmissions. It is not the worrying of one idea in different words, but a literal word-for-word repetition with considerable emphasis. They have also noted that the speaker slows down his delivery very markedly on certain occasions in certain passages. The possibility therefore exists that passages thus more slowly delivered than the rest of the talk have a peculiar significance, and may indeed contain code instructions of some sort.

You yourselves will have noted that the organization of "Debunk Clubs" bears a striking resemblance to the New British Broadcasting Station's organizing of listening and collaborating groups."

The B. B. C. has been asked to report future instances of such peculiar passages in the event that they might aid you in determining whether Radio Debunk transmissions do contain code messages.

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TO: Mr. Louis Nichols
Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Mr. Grandin

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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January 18, 1943

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY *CC*

RE: Radio Station DEBUNK

The following observations made by the British Broadcasting Company regarding Radio Debunk transmissions have been received in the Bureau by blind memorandum from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service under date of January 7, 1943.

(U)
"Our monitors have noted a great deal of repetition in these transmissions. It is not the worrying of one idea in different words, but a literal word-for-word repetition with considerable emphasis. They have also noted that the speaker slows down his delivery very markedly on certain occasions in certain passages. The possibility therefore exists that passages thus more slowly delivered than the rest of the talk have a peculiar significance, and may indeed contain code instructions of some sort."

(U)
Instructions are requested as to whether radio monitoring and cryptographic examination are desired in connection with the transmissions of this station.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
P. A. Larmoyax

for 10 day period

Very little study (no memo) done in Crypt Section. Will suggest making recordings for a week for purpose of study in light of comment B.B.C. 2-16-43 STW

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Mr. Starke
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Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA
RCA BUILDING
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

RCA FREQUENCY BUREAU

CHRISTIAN E. PFAUTZ
MANAGER

June 9, 1943
17-BWC

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director FBI, Washington, D.C.
Mr. G. Sterling, Chief Radio Intelligence Div., FCC, Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We desire to call to your attention particulars observed in the operation of an unidentified broadcast station observed during the past week for whatever value the information may have in your investigative activity.

On the morning of June 2, 1943, Mr. J. O. Smith who resides in Babylon, Long Island, an old time RCA employee who for many years was a top ranking amateur operator of station 2ZL, advised by telephone as follows:

"9:45 to 9:55 p.m. EWT June 1st - heard a broadcast station on 10.3 MC - harsh male voice exhorted workers to follow United Mine Workers and strike now - Station of the Free Workers of the World - no call letters announced - seemed to be from a distance - poor language, knocked the President - concluded broadcast by playing STAR SPANGLED BANNER."

In view of the fact that the above was a report from a private source, I immediately asked our monitoring stations at Riverhead, N.Y. and Point Reyes, California to check their logs and report any incident observed of the nature described. I furthermore consulted Mr. George McElrath, the Operating Engineer of the National Broadcasting Company who is closely associated with the monitoring activities of the Government operated Intercept Station at Bellmore, Long Island (formerly owned by the National Broadcasting Company). None of these sources had intercepted the program reported by Mr. Smith.

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On June 4, I received from Mr. J. O. Smith an excerpt from his listening log as follows:

"First heard station 9:45 p.m., off at 9:55 p.m., 10.3 Megs R6 or 7 signal, tirade against Roosevelt and the U.S. Government because of failure to give workers just returns, etc. - urged all workers in U.S. to follow example of Lewis and his miners and strike now. No use to strike after the war is over, workers would be damn fools if they did. Then the "STAR SPANGLED BANNER" on piano. No call letters given and station went off air at 9:55 p.m. with the announcement, "This is the station of all free workers. A few buzzer signals followed, but meaningless."

J.O. Smith
6-1-43"

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Our Point Reyes monitoring station reported on the matter on June 4, as follows:

"Observation on 10300 Kc for unidentified fone station June second and third unheard between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. PWT. LSL2 heard with strong telegraph signal on this frequency. No further information regarding above fone station."

I received today a report from the Riverhead monitoring station dated June 7, as follows:

"In answer to your service message of June 2, with reference to the broadcast station on 10,300 KC, we started covering this frequency as soon as your service was received, but nothing was heard from him that could be identified. However, between 9:43 and 9:59 PM, we heard a very weak carrier on 10,297.2 KC but no modulation could be heard. This was best on the European antenna, and the carrier went off the air at 9:59 PM.

The next night, June 3rd, we again listened for this station and between 8:40 and 9:00 PM we heard a station on 10,356.2 KC who signs himself DEBUNK, "Station of All Free Americans". The speech was in good English, anti-Communist in nature, and he tries to give the impression that he is located somewhere in the U.S.A. The signal had a strength of R-9, and signed off with a recording of the Star Spangled Banner. Judging from the antenna that it was best on, this station must be located in Europe. Nothing was heard on 10,300 KC, 9:45 to 10:00 PM.

On June 4th, this same station, DEBUNK, was again on the air, however, this time his frequency was at 10,339.8 KC. The nature of his broadcast was again anti-American and anti-Jewish. He finished the program at 8:55 PM, and pulled the carrier at 8:59 PM. At 8:55 PM his frequency had drifted up to 10,354.3 KC. Nothing was heard of the carrier on 10,300 KC between 9:45 and 9:55 PM.

On June 5th this station, DEBUNK, was again on the air between 8:30 and 8:55 PM, and this time he made brief mention of the beauty of a general strike. His principal theme was our relations with South America.

On June 6th, he was again on the air with approximately the same line of propaganda."

If any further reports come through on this matter, I shall be glad to submit particulars if you desire them.

Very truly yours,



WJ

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July 14, 1943

Mr. Christian E. Pfautz
Manager, RCA Frequency Bureau
Radio Corporation of America
RCA Building
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Pfautz:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1943. (17-BUC), concerning the operation of an unidentified broadcasting station observed by Mr. J. O. Smith between 9:45 and 9:55 p.m. EDT on June 1, 1943.

It is believed that this broadcast was from the same station as further reported in your letter of the above date, which station calls itself the "station of all free Americans" and is commonly known as Radio Station Debunk. This station has been on the air for some time and has been definitely located in Germany although it attempts to convey the impression that it is a clandestine station being operated in the middle-western section of the United States. Its program usually opens with "The Stars and Stripes Forever" and closes with the national anthem. News reports gathered by the Debunk Scout from battlefronts are usually followed by a discussion of some important national problem by

Mr. Tolson two men known as "Charlie" and "Joe".

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Glavin

Mr. Ladd

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Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

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Mr. Hendon

Mr. Mumford

Mr. Starke

Mr. Quinn Tamm

Mr. Nease

Miss Gandy

The content of these broadcasts is selected and transmitted with a view to convincing the hearers of (1) the desirability of an isolationist policy; (2) the danger to the United States from Jews and Communists; (3) the foolishness of aiding British imperialism; and (4) the inefficiency of the American war administration. Broadcasts from Radio Station Debunk are usually made between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. EDT on a frequency of 10360 kilocycles.

Your cooperation in submitting information of interest to this Bureau is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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United States Department of Justice
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June 19, 1943

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COFFEY
Room 7643

Re: Radio Station Debunk

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W. Cunningham

A blind memorandum, received in the Bureau from the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service under date of January 7, 1943, states that British Broadcasting Company monitors have noted in the transmissions of Radio Debunk a literal word-for-word repetition with considerable emphasis, a characteristic which they believed might be indicative of the presence of code instructions of some sort. In view of this fact, Bureau monitors have recorded for cryptographic study 10 broadcasts of the above program.

The instant programs open with the march "Stars and Stripes Forever" and close with the National Anthem. News reports gathered by the "Debunk Scout" from battlefronts are generally followed by a discussion of some important national problem by two men, known as "Charlie" and "Joe". From time to time the name of an American soldier killed in action is also included. The content of these broadcasts is selected and transmitted with a view to convincing the hearers of:

- 1) the desirability of an isolationist policy
- 2) the danger to the United States from Jews and Communists
- 3) the foolishness of aiding British imperialism
- 4) the inefficiency of American war administration.

No repetitions or special emphasis, as suggested in the above-mentioned memorandum, have been noted. The inclusion of code or cipher in the Debunk programs is not suspected and it is believed that their purpose is merely to disseminate axis propaganda among American hearers.

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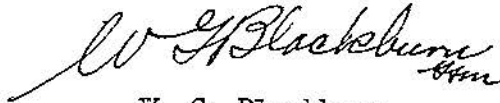
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Memorandum for Mr. Coffey

The records containing these broadcasts will be held in the Laboratory for two weeks and then resurfaced, unless instructions to the contrary are received.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. G. Blackburn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

W. G. Blackburn

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Per NARA dtd 11/14/1977

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Military Intelligence Service
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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L.R. Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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Army Service Forces
Headquarters, Second Service Command
(Office of Headquarters)

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Governors Island, N.Y.
(Place)

19 June 1943.....
(Date)

Subject: ~~X~~ KROLLSMAN INSTRUMENT COMPANY

Summary of Information:

The following extract taken from a report made by a confidential informant rated A-2 is transmitted for your information:

~~X~~ SCHNEEMAN, reported previously, has spread some stories that are evidently Nazi propoganda. For some time he has been quiet with his Nazi interpretation of events. During the last week, he repeated several times the story of a general strike of only one day of all workers and unions for increased wages. Further stating that union leaders had a secret meeting in San Francisco and Detroit with one scheduled soon in Washington. His authority is a JOE SCARLE who broadcasts on the short wave supposedly from Virginia. Of course, this authority has all the earmarks of Nazi propoganda, however, SCHNEEMAN says that 'when the war is over we'll see that JOE SCARLE is right.' SCHNEEMAN does not have too much contact with employees around the plant and those who work with him regard him as a 'gold-bricker' and have little respect for him."

Handwritten: ~~X~~ SCHNEEMAN
~~X~~ SCARLE

For the Director of Intelligence:

GEO. W. HINMAN, JR.
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive Officer

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Radio Station
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Debunk (Clandestine) English At 8:30 PM To North America

(Text) "Flash from Columbus, Ohio-- The details surrounding the death of Mr. Floyd Bartlett, an English citizen, still remain a mystery. Mr. Bartlett had only recently taken over a good position which heretofore had been held by an American citizen, who was drafted into the Army. Near the dead body of the Englishman was a note reading-- 'You Dirty English Draft-Dodger.'"

"The police state this is not the first case of an Englishman being murdered, who took over the position of an American who is drafted into the service."

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"Flash from Mexico City-- The Mexican Secret Service has uncovered another plot to assassinate President Avila Camacho. Particulars have not yet been learned regarding the identity of the would-be assassin, and it is doubtful if the Press will be permitted to mention the incident."

"The entire blame for Mexico's participation in the war is placed on President Camacho, who is rapidly becoming the best hated man in the country. The Anti-War Movement in Mexico has already become so strong that the man in the street proclaims frankly that President Camacho will be assassinated before the end of this year."

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"Flash from Detroit, Michigan-- F.B.I. Investigators stated to our Debunk Scout here today, that the wave of sabotage which is sweeping across the country is a natural result of the fact that this war is not popular and that nobody knows why we are at war."

"From ^{the} Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, these investigators have received notice to inspect an ever-increasing number of cases of sabotage, and the war continues."

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Date: July 15, 1943

To: SAC, Savannah

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

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Short-Wave Broadcast
Heard at Camp Stewart, Georgia, 6/17/43;
LT. PARRELATE WARD, INFORMANT; SEDITION.

Reference is made to your letter of July 3, 1943, entitled as above.

For your information, you are advised that from the data furnished in your letter it appears that the broadcast referred to probably emanated from the German propoganda station usually known as "Station DEBUNK." This station is located in Germany and it is known that it features material of the type described in your letter.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 305 Realty Building
 Savannah, Georgia
 July 3, 1943

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL

Director, FBI

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
 Shortwave broadcast heard at
 Camp Stewart, Georgia 6/17/43
 LT. PARMELATE WARD, Informant
 SEDITION

Dear Sir:

On the night of June 17, 1943, at 8:34 P.M., Lt. Parmelate Ward, C. A. Corps, Camp Stewart, Georgia, tuned in on his five-tube Crosely radio which has a shortwave band, in an effort to pick up a shortwave broadcast, as is his nightly habit. Lt. Ward said that he had studied radio in the past and for several years had been listening to shortwave broadcasts.

On this particular night he was running the band to pick up something in English when he heard a voice commenting in English about a happening in an Army camp and the name of Major Epstein was mentioned. In as much as he knew Major Epstein, who is Judge Advocate at Camp Stewart, he continued to listen to the broadcast which was coming in at 10.3 megacycles. He said the voice was explaining that a negro soldier had been given six months at hard labor and rather pointedly stated that the head of the Court Marshal was a Major Epstein, and that the accuser was a Lt. Goldstein.

The name of the camp, according to Ward, was not mentioned but as he had tuned in on the conversation, it had possibly been mentioned earlier in the broadcast. No further statements were made of the above instance, but the commentator switched to discussing various ways of mailing subversive literature and pointed out that one must always use a branch of a large post office in a large city, and never use the same place twice, as then it would be next to impossible to get caught.

The commentator then rambled on about war and rather pointedly stated that in any American gathering, such as street corners, drug stores, and barbershops, that when you really pinned a person down, no one knew why we were at war.

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 DEBUNK state
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 on 10.35 mcs
 at 8:00 PM EST
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 J.P.H.*

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Director, FBI

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July 3, 1943

Ward said the station signed off at 8:57 P.M. Eastern War Time, gave no call letter but said it was the station of all free Americans. Then a recording of the Star Spangled Banner was played. *DeLark*

Upon being questioned, Ward said that during the entire broadcast the speech was muffled, indistinct, with poor modulation, and a generator hum in the background. He said the volume was fair but the humming was always present. It was his opinion that the broadcast came from a low power station. He added that he did not think the frequency was crystally controlled, indicating to him that it was from a low type broadcasting set.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Ruggles
J. R. RUGGLES *21 034*
Special Agent in Charge



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
 305 Realty Building
 Savannah, Georgia
 July 15, 1943

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Director, FBI

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; SHORTWAVE BROADCAST
 HEARD AT CAMP STEWART, June 17, 1943
 LT. PARMALEE WARD, INFORMANT
 SEDITION
 Refer 5 E

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with Bureau teletype dated July 15, there are furnished herewith, three copies of the letter from the Savannah Office to the Bureau dated July 3, 1943, in this case.

In addition to the information contained in the letter dated July 3, Lt. PARMALEE WARD, said he had tuned in on this particular wave length on several occasions since June 17, but had been unsuccessful in getting any reception. This information was brought to the attention of the Savannah Field Office on July 2.

Please be advised that a report is being submitted concerning this matter and the Bureau is requested to advise if this information should be turned over to the FCC or whether the Bureau desires to monitor this section with a Bureau radio truck in an effort to determine whether this material might be being broadcast by a station in this country.

Reference is also made from a letter to the Bureau dated June 30, 1943, entitled "Racial Tension at Camp Stewart, at Hinesville, Georgia", which sets forth further information concerning the trouble that has been brewing between negro troops at Camp Stewart and white troops at Camp Stewart, and also between negro troops and civilians at Hinesville, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
 J. R. RUGGLES
 Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	DATE WHEN MADE 7-16-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-2,3,8,15-43	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT REECE ROGERS
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Short Wave Broadcast Heard at Camp Stewart, Ga., 6-17-43; Lieutenant Parmalee Ward - Informant			CHARACTER OF CASE SEDITION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Short wave broadcast heard at Camp Stewart, Ga., night of 6-17-43 by Lieutenant PARMALEE WARD. Commentator mentioned a happening at an army camp, in which a Major EPSTEIN was mentioned. As Lieutenant WARD knew a Major EPSTEIN was Judge Advocate at Camp Stewart, he continued to listen to broadcast, which was coming in at 10.3 megacycles. Commentator explained that a Negro soldier had been given six months at hard labor and pointedly stated that the head of the court martial was a Major EPSTEIN and the accuser was a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN. The name of the camp was not heard by informant. Commentator then discussed various ways of mailing subversive literature in U. S., and closed broadcast by saying it was the station of all free Americans, gave no call letters, played recording of Star Spangled Banner. Informant was of opinion broadcast came from low power station; has tuned in on same wave length on several occasions since, but has been unable to get reception. Racial tension between Negro and white soldiers at Camp Stewart, and between Negro soldiers and civilians, has been brewing. Investigation revealed that Major EPSTEIN is Judge Advocate General at Camp Stewart, but no case on record wherein a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN was accuser in a case involving a Negro. Several Negroes have recently received sentences

NEWBY ADVISES THIS IS OBVIOUSLY "STATION DEBUNK"

Procedural

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of six months at hard labor. Public Relations Office has given out no information regarding courts martial; no news items regarding courts martial have appeared in Savannah papers. Editor of Morning News advises no information has been received from any source regarding courts martial.

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REFERENCE: Letter to the Bureau dated July 3, 1943.
Telephone call to Bureau dated July 9, 1943.
Teletype from the Bureau dated July 15, 1943.
Letter to the Bureau dated July 15, 1943.

DETAILS: AT CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA

While conducting another investigation at Camp Stewart on July 2, 1943, the reporting agent was advised by Confidential Informant A of a report received from a Lieutenant WARD concerning a shortwave broadcast heard on the night of June 17, 1943. This report was outlined in the referenced letter to the Bureau dated July 3, 1943, and stated that Lieutenant PARMALIEE WARD had heard a short wave broadcast on the night of June 17, 1943, on which the commentator mentioned a happening at an army camp in which a Major EPSTEIN was mentioned. The letter further set out that as Lieutenant WARD knew that a Major EPSTEIN was Judge Advocate at Camp Stewart, he continued to listen to the broadcast, which was coming in at 10.3 megacycles. The commentator explained that a Negro soldier had been given six months at hard labor, and pointedly stated that the head of the court martial was a Major EPSTEIN and the accuser a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN. WARD advised that inasmuch as he had not tuned in at the beginning of the broadcast, it was possible that the name of the camp had been mentioned, but it was not mentioned after he tuned in. The commentator then discussed various ways of mailing subversive literature in the United States, pointing out that one must always use a branch of a large post office in a large city, and never use the same place twice, as it would then be impossible to get caught. The commentator closed the broadcast by saying that this was the station of all free Americans, but gave no call letters, and played a recording of the Star Spangled Banner.

Lieutenant WARD was of the opinion that the broadcast came in from low power station, inasmuch as the entire broadcast was muffled and the speaking was indistinct and poorly modulated, and there was a generator hum in the background.

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Referenced letter to the Bureau dated July 15, 1943, stated that Lieutenant WARD had tuned in on this same wave length on several occasions since June 17th, but had been unsuccessful in getting reception. The letter made reference to a letter from the Savannah Field Office regarding racial tension at Camp Stewart and Hinesville, Georgia, stressing the racial tension which has been brewing between Negro and white soldiers at Camp Stewart, and between Negro troops and civilians at Hinesville.

Confidential Informant A advised that Major EPSTEIN, Judge Advocate General, was on furlough until July 21, 1943, and that there was no means of checking the records in the Judge Advocate's Office without the name of the person court-martialed.

Informant A contacted the stockade, and determined that between June 9, 1943, the date of the race riot in which Negro soldiers killed a white MP, and June 17, 1943, the date of instant broadcast, two Negroes had received sentences of six months at hard labor. He advised that a check had reflected that a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN was the accuser in neither of these cases. Informant A also contacted the Public Relations Office, and was advised that the Public Relations Office had not heard of a case in which a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN was the accuser in court martial proceedings; and that at no time did that Office give out information to the press or otherwise regarding courts martial.

Informant A subsequently telephonically advised the reporting agent that a search had been made of the records in the Judge Advocate's Office and had been determined that a Major GOLDSTEIN had testified against a white soldier who had been sentenced to twelve months hard labor; but that there was no case on record in which a Lieutenant GOLDSTEIN had been the accuser. "A" said he could safely say that there was no such case as the one mentioned in instant broadcast at Camp Stewart.

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

GRAY G. BRANDON, Editor, Savannah Morning News, advised that his newspaper had not published any articles concerning courts martial, and that neither had they received any information concerning courts martial which could have been passed on to national press associations. Mr. BRANDON said that his reporter who covered Camp Stewart was WILLIAM FIELDER.

WILLIAM FIELDER advised that he had received no information concerning courts martial, and that the Public Relations Office at Camp Stewart at no time gave out information concerning courts martial, and that he was unable to understand how such information could have gotten out.

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A review of current newspapers in the Savannah area regarding articles on courts martial at Camp Stewart produced negative results.

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INDEX TO INFORMANTS:

Confidential Informant A - Lieutenant W. G. WITHERS,
Post Intelligence Officer,
Coast Artillery Corps,
Camp Stewart, Georgia.

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August 2, 1943

SAC, Atlanta

SHORT WAVE BROADCAST
8:30 P.M. E.S.T. - June 17, 1943
(201...6377)

Reference is made to your letter of July 27, 1943, in the above entitled matter.

The short wave radio station, a portion of whose broadcast is quoted in the reference letter, is undoubtedly the German Radio Station known as DEBUNK. This station broadcasts Axis propaganda and is on 10355 kilocycles at 8:30 p.m. E.S.T.

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United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1850
Atlanta (1), Georgia
July 27, 1943

Director, FBI

Attention: Communications Section

RE: SHORT WAVE BROADCAST
8:30 p.m. E.W.T. - June 17, 1943
(201...8397)

Radio Station DT FOUR

Dear Sir:

The following information has been furnished to this Office by G-2 in Atlanta, and is being furnished the Bureau due to the fact that it is possible that this short wave radio station is operating in this country and broadcasting subversive information, and it is thought since the wave length of the radio receiving set is available that the Bureau might wish to monitor this number; however, it is possible that this broadcast was received via short wave from Germany. The following quoted letter was received from G-2 dated June 30, 1943:

"The following report of a short wave radio broadcast was submitted by Parmelee Ward, 1st Lt., C.A.C., assigned to Headquarters AAATC, Camp Stewart, Georgia:

"As requested, I am reporting on a short wave broadcast picked up by me the night of 17 June 1943, at 8:34 p.m. The wave length of the station heard was 10.3 MC. As I turned on the S.W. Band of my personal radio in my hutment and started turning the dial, I heard a voice commenting in English about a happening in an Army camp, and the names mentioned were a Major EPSTEIN and a Lt. GOLDSTEIN. The voice was explaining that a negro soldier had been given six months hard labor, and rather pointedly stated that the Head of the CM was a Major EPSTEIN and the accuser was a Lt. GOLDSTEIN. The name of the camp was not mentioned, but I had tuned in during the conversation and it is possible that it had been previously stated. Knowing Major EPSTEIN here at Camp Stewart, and of his connection with JAG Dept., I was curious about the broadcast and continued to listen.

"No further mention was made of this incident but the commentator then switched to discussing the various ways of mailing subversive literature in this country and pointed out that one must always use a branch of a large post office in a big city, and never use the same place twice, as it would be next to impossible to be caught. The

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July 27, 1943

RE: SHORT WAVE BROADCAST
8:30 p.m. E.W.T. - June 17, 1943

commentator then rambled on about the war, and pointedly stated that in any American gatherings, such as on street corners, barbershops and drug stores, when you really pinned a person down, no one knew why we were at war. The stationer signed off the air at 8:47 p.m., EWT, giving no call letters, but saying that it was the station of all Free Americans, and played a recording of the Star Spangled Banner.

"During the entire part of the broadcast that I heard, the speech was muffled and indistinct, with very poor modulation and there was a strong generator hum in the background."

"It is pointed out that the mysterious station was using the Nazi familiar racial theme, aimed against persons having Jewish names, in this case Major EPSTEIN and a Lt. GOLDSTEIN, and, at the same time, identifying them as members of a Court Martial which gave a negro soldier six months at hard labor. This would lend credence to the theory that racial unrest on this Post is enemy inspired.

/s/ RICHARD J. WALLACE, JR.
2nd Lt., CMP,
Ass't Post Intelligence Officer"

No further investigative action is being taken in this matter by the Atlanta Field Division.

Very truly yours,

F. R. Hammack
F. R. HAMMACK
SAC

c/c - Savannah

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

407 U. S. Court House
Seattle, Washington

July 31, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK"
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
IVOR E. NITSCHKE dated January 30, 1943 at Seattle, Washington.

There is enclosed herewith a copy of an intercept
furnished this office by Radio Cable Censor for information
purposes, reflecting that a station calling itself the station
of the Free Workers of the World, broadcast in poor English
encouraging workers to follow the example of the United Mine
Workers' strike. It is noted that the Federal Communication
Commission at Seattle indicated the kilocycle reading to be
that of the above named radio station in Rome, Italy.

It is noted that an organization of Filipinos called
The Legionarios Del Trabajo is known as the Free Workers.

This is furnished for the attention of the Bureau, and
no action is being taken at Seattle.

Very truly yours,
H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER
Special Agent in Charge

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING SERVICE MESSAGE FROM RCAC NY TO RCAC
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REPORTED 9:45 10 9:55 PM EWT LAST NIGHT UNIDENTIFIED STATION

OPERATION ON 10300 KC ANNOUNCED AS STATION OF THE FREE WORKERS OF
THE WORLD VOICE BROADCAST IN POOR ENGLISH EXHORTED WORKERS FOLLOW
UNITED MINE WORKERS STRIKE NOW ALSO CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT AND BEFORE
SHUTDOWN RENDERED RECORDING OF STAR SPANGLED BANNER STOP PLEASE CHECK
WITH PTS ASCERTAIN IF BROADCAST NOTED AND REPORT ANY PARTICULARS NOTED
SUCH AS PROBABLE DIRECTION AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO ADD TO MEAGER DATA
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MM: INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE SEATTLE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL
COMMUNICATION COMMISSION INDICATES THIS STATION TO BE
2R019 at ROME, ITALY. THIS STATION IS CALLED "DEBUNK".
IT IS AN AXIS CLANDESTINE STATION.

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Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

For the Chief, Military Intelligence Service:

L R Forney

L. R. FORNEY
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Asst. Executive Officer, MIS.

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31 July, 1943.

(Date)

Subject: Short Wave Broadcast.

Radio Station Debank

Summary of Information:

Informant reported a short wave broadcast he picked up the night of 17 June 1943, at 8:34 p.m. The wave length of the station heard was 10.3 MC. He stated that as he turned on the S/W Band and started turning the dial, he heard a voice commenting in English about a happening in an Army camp, and the names mentioned were a Major Epstein and a Lt. Goldstein. The voice was explaining that a negro soldier had been given six months hard labor, and rather pointedly stated that the Head of the Court Martial was a Major Epstein and the accuser was a Lt. Goldstein. The name of the camp was not mentioned.

No further mention was made of this incident during the broadcast but the commentator then switched to discussing the various ways of mailing subversive literature in this country and pointed out that one must always use a branch of a large post office in a big city, and never use the same place twice, as it would be next to impossible to be caught. The commentator then rambled on about the war, and pointedly stated that in any American gatherings, such as on street corners, barbershops and drug stores, when you really pinned a person down, no one knew why we were at war. The station signed off the air at 8:47 p.m., EWT, giving no call letters, but saying that it was the station of all Free Americans and playing a recording of the Star Spangled Banner.

Informant stated that during the entire part of the broadcast that he heard, the speech was muffled and indistinct, with very poor modulation and there was a strong generator hum in the background.

Another informant pointed out that the mysterious station was using the Nazi familiar racial theme, aimed against persons having Jewish names, in this case Major Epstein and a Lt. Goldstein, and, at the same time, identifying them as members of a Court Martial which gave a negro soldier six months at hard labor.

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SAC, Savannah

Re: STATION DEBUNK, SHORTWAVE BROAD -
CAST HEARD AT CAMP STEWART,
JUNE 17, 1943; ESPIONAGE (G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 15, 1943, and to the report of Special Agent Robert Roscoe Rogers dated July 16, 1943, at Savannah, Georgia, both bearing the caption "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Shortwave Broadcast Heard at Camp Stewart, Georgia, June 17, 1943; Lieutenant Parmelee Ward - Informant; SEDITION".

For your information, it now appears that the radio broadcast heard by Lieutenant Ward was from "Station DEBUNK". This is evidenced by the fact that "Station DEBUNK" broadcasts on the same wave length as that on which the questioned broadcast was received, namely, 10.3 megacycles. "Station DEBUNK" is an Axis propaganda station broadcasting shortwave programs to the United States. The broadcast in instant case, in which the names Epstein and Goldstein were mentioned, is typical of the propaganda heard from this station.

For the above reason it is not necessary to monitor the area of Camp Stewart with the Bureau radio truck and for the same reason it is unnecessary to advise the Federal Communications Commission, which already is aware of the activities of this station.

In reference letter dated July 15, 1943, you advised that there were enclosed three copies of the letter from the Savannah Office to the Bureau dated July 3, 1943, concerning this matter. These copies were not received by the Bureau and it is desired, therefore, that you furnish additional copies as soon as possible.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
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- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Mumford _____
- Mr. Piper _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

It is not contemplated that any further action will be taken by your Office concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 19, 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: STATION DEBUNK, SHORTWAVE BROADCAST
HEARD AT CAMP STEWART, JUNE 17, 1943;
ESPIONAGE (G)

Reference is made to the memorandum for you by Mr. J. K. Mumford dated July 9, 1943, concerning the shortwave radio broadcast heard at Camp Stewart, Georgia, on June 17, 1943.

It was believed that a portion of the broadcast related to certain court martial proceedings at Camp Stewart and for this reason through investigation was conducted to ascertain if information concerning the same could have been knowingly or unknowingly disseminated from the camp. No evidence was developed indicating such a leakage and in fact, it now appears there is no definite reason to believe that the broadcast related to that particular court martial proceedings. The case has been placed in a closed status by the Savannah Office.

In a letter dated July 15, 1943, the Savannah Office has suggested that a Bureau radio truck be sent to that area for monitoring purposes to determine whether the broadcast was from a point within the United States. In this connection, all the facts have been discussed with Supervisor R. A. Newby, who advised that the broadcast was obviously from "Station DEBUNK", as evidenced by the fact that its broadcasts are on the same wave length as that on which the questioned broadcast was received, namely, 10.3 megacycles. Supervisor Newby advised that there was no need to monitor the area with the Bureau radio truck.

ACTION

The Savannah Office is being advised of the identity of this station and for this reason it is not necessary to send a Bureau radio truck to the area of Camp Stewart. The Savannah Office is also being advised that it is not necessary to furnish the information to the Federal Communications Commission.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS SHORT WAVE BROADCAST HEARD
AT CAMP STEWART, GEORGIA - JUNE 17, 1943

SAC Ruggles, Savannah, called at this time and stated there has been quite a lot of racial tension at Camp Stewart, Georgia, located about 35 miles from Savannah. There are 15,000 negro troops out of a total of 40,000 troops and they had a shooting spree, in which a Military Police was killed. Since that time the Savannah Office received a report which Camp Stewart sent to G-2 at Atlanta first. The report was that there was a lieutenant who heard a short wave broadcast on June 17 after the riot had taken place, which was June 9. On this short wave broadcast he heard the name of a Major Epstein and Lt. Goldstein mentioned on the court martial board at the camp, and Lt. Goldstein was the accuser of one of these negroes, who was given a six months' sentence. The authorities at Camp Stewart advised Ruggles that this information is true. G-2 called the Field Office and stated that the commanding officer at Camp Stewart heard another broadcast night before last and thought there was to be another one tonight. Ruggles stated what he heard was apparently a foreign broadcast, probably one of Berlin's stations. Ruggles inquired if the Bureau had any reports of that type of short wave stations in this country that might be putting in some such programs.

I stated that we did have one, Debunk, which we know is broadcasting from axis-controlled Europe, and they usually try to indicate that the broadcasts are coming from within the U. S. and that they are usually quite successful. I stated that a lot of these neutral, foreign correspondents get the regular press services and anything released by Censorship and OWI goes to those foreign press services and they send it to their countries through their regular press dispatches. That immediately makes it available to the axis so anything in the papers here would also be publicly known over there. Ruggles stated he knew there was publicity on the riot at Camp Stewart but whether the two names mentioned in the court martial were ever released, and about the negro getting six months' sentence, he did not know. I stated if there has been absolute security of that information we would be interested in the facts, but if any great number of people know those facts, then it does not mean a thing, because any local newspaper could have picked it up and sent it through.

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Ruggles stated he wrote a letter to the Bureau in regard to this case, inquiring whether they should try to monitor it themselves or turn it over to FCC. Their letter is dated July 3, 1943. I told him we would advise him whether the lab wants it or whether to turn it over to FCC after we find the letter, that I saw no reason now for us to do anything on it.



Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford
J. K. Mumford

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September 7, 1943

SAC, Atlanta

Re: SHORWAVE BROADCAST
8:30 PM, LIT, June 17, 1943
(201...8397)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your letter dated August 24, 1943, there is enclosed a copy of your letter dated July 27, 1943, concerning the captioned matter.

It is not desired that any further action concerning this matter be taken and the enclosure is merely for the completion of your files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1850
Atlanta 1, Georgia
August 24, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: SHORT WAVE BROADCAST
8:30 P.M., E.W.T. - June 17, 1943
(201...6397)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 2, 1943, entitled as above, making reference to the Atlanta Office letter of July 27, 1943.

Inasmuch as this office has been unable to identify the reference letter of July 27th, it is respectfully requested that copies be furnished.

Very truly yours

F. R. HAMRICK
Special Agent in Charge

to Atlanta
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United States Department of Justice

305 Realty Building
Savannah, Georgia
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Director, FBI

D. Rubin
RE: STATION DEBUNK, SHORTWAVE BROADCAST
HEARD AT CAMP STEWART, JUNE 17, 1943
ESPIONAGE - G *(Georgia)*
Bureau File 65-41310

Dear Sir:

As requested in Bureau letter dated August 23, 1943,
there are being forwarded herewith three additional copies of
my letter dated July 3, 1943.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Ruggles
J. R. RUGGLES
SAC

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To Beguile Allies and Own People

Clandestine Radio Stations Really Operated by Nazis

Radio Station "Debunk"

The ridiculous extremes to which the radio propaganda battles of this war have now gone is best revealed by the perversion of the so-called "clandestine" radio stations into what is now becoming known as "the black radio."

Actually, there is no such thing as a secret radio station because it's too easy to locate transmitters by radio direction finders. There were real "underground" radio stations six and eight years ago when the war was new. Then, a few brave patriots in Germany, Austria and the first countries overrun by the Nazis did actually put transmitters in trucks and move about the countryside, changing location from night to night, operating "Freiheitssenders" or freedom stations to keep alive resistance to the oppressors. But gradually every one of these underground stations has been run down and put out of business, so that, according to the United States and British Foreign Broadcast Intelligence services who do a 24-hour a day, 365 days-a-year-job of listening in on everything on the air, there are no clandestine broadcasters left.

NAZI-OPERATED

Instead, there are only the phoney clandestine stations, operated by Nazis and falsely representing themselves as being a part of the underground. Germany operates some 20 of these programs today. The United Nations government monitoring services follow these black broadcast to see what lies the Nazis are telling their conquered countries now.

The propaganda line of the black radio stations gets pretty complicated. They pretend that they're anti-German, or anti-Vichy and pro-Free French, or anti-Mussolini and pro-Badoglio, or anti-Nazi and pro-Catholic, or pro-Polish and anti-Communist, or pro-old-line-Bolshevik and anti-anti-Stalin, or pro-British but anti-Churchill, or pro-American and anti-Roosevelt.

The black radio station beamed at America is station Debunk. It went off the air last August but is now back on the job, representing itself as being an underground station located in the United States. Actually, of course, it's in Germany and is 100 per cent hokum. Debunk's announcer is one Joe Scanlon, whose accent is pretty genuine mid-western, but whose real identity has never been disclosed.

Joe lets on to be a veteran of the last war. He runs a rather Winchelsque type of show, full of scoops, flashes and inside dope, all dished out to cater to the gullible public which believes that gossip and rumors are more important than news. Joe outdoes the Republicans and the anti-New Deal Democrats, both of whom could take a leaf from his book when he gets going good.

One of the black radio's neatest tricks was to report it had conducted a public opinion poll in the United States, in which it was learned that a majority of Americans would rather die in battle than in an automobile accident, so a loss of five million lives would mean nothing to this country. That was subtly being put over was the idea that the war might cost that many casualties.

BEGUILE OWN PEOPLE

To other countries, the black radio does equally agile mental gymnastics.

To Soviet Russia, a station identifying itself as "Lenin's Old Guard," claiming to be inside the U. S. S. R., broadcasts advocacy of the overthrow of Stalin and a return to Bolshevism.

Newest "clandestine" stations is Radio SWIT, which in Polish means "dawn." It's another made in Germany phoney, outwardly anti-Nazi, but really trying to convince the poor Poles that their worst enemy is the Soviet.

For French consumption, the Germans run a station identified as "Brazaville II," claiming to be in Algeria, actually located near Vichy. This station takes the prize for fast changes of lines. It claims to be pro-deGaulle, but it makes the Fighting French obnoxious by overstating the deGaulle position, in that regard doing just what de Gaulle does himself.

The Nazi propagandists even run clandestine black radio stations in German, for the deceit of their own disgruntled populace, but perhaps their cagiest operation has been a fake Italian underground radio, purporting to be anti-Axis, but really to admit "reluctantly" the weaknesses of the United Nations.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 8, 1944

FROM: SAC - Albany

SUBJECT: THE VOICE OF FREE AMERICANS
FOREIGN RADIO BROADCAST

Fowler

On November 29, 1944, Mr. SHERMAN S. FOWLER, colored, of 126 Duane Avenue, Schenectady, New York, advised this office that he had been listening to his radio, a Crosley Super Eight radio, between 8:30 and 9:00 P. M. on the night of November 28, 1944. He tuned the short wave dial to a point just beyond where the South American and Japanese come in, and he received the broadcast of an unlisted station which called itself, "The Voice of Free Americans".

The broadcast consisted of a conversation between two men, one of whom was referred to as "CHARLIE", and they spoke with well-educated voices with a slight German accent.

During the discussion, the men pointed out that the big companies in the United States were making large profits out of the war, whereas the workmen obtained very little compensation. They made fun of the American workers, stating they were too soft and did not take what they should take by way of large wages. They also pointed out that England was draining the resources of the United States so that there would be little left for the American working man. The individuals then urged a nation-wide strike "from coast to coast", and suggested that the CIO should instigate a strike by orders to its various locals. They discussed the recent telephone strike but stated it had not gone far enough. The voices also pointed out that the telephone operators were paid so poorly that it was necessary for them to have three or four boyfriends to help support them. Another theme of the discussion was making fun of President Roosevelt.

Adm. of ...

In conclusion the announcer, without giving any call letters, signed off and stated that the station would broadcast again at the same time the following evening.

The above information is being transmitted to the Bureau for its information in the event they may desire to monitor this broadcast, if it is not already being done.

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Date: December 28, 1944

To: Special Agent Frederick Ayer, Jr.
Paris, France

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

Subject: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK" also known
as "The Voice of Free Americans."

Radio Station "Debunk" has been in operation since 1942 and is known to be an Axis propaganda station specializing in the hearing of short-wave programs to the United States. At one time it utilized a frequency of 7.2 megacycles, but more recently it has been using a wave length of 10.3 megacycles.

The station specialized in what purports to be "American common sense of the homespun variety" and in implementing the program, dialogs are frequently presented between such fictitious characters as "Joe and Bill", "Epstein and Goldstein," etc. These dialogs are invariably calculated to belittle the American war aims, peace plans, etc. During 1942 and 1943, a person identified only as "Joe Scanlon" was very often featured on the program and apparently served as a director or overseer of some sort. We have not been able to identify this man and, of course, it is not known whether the name is legitimate or whether it is an alias. However, it has been surmised that Scanlon may be Fred Kaitenbach, or one of the other persons now under indictment for treason.

Although it is realized that you have probably previously heard of this radio station, it is felt that this brief summary might be of assistance in view of the fact that the station has been in operation for a considerable period of time and is without doubt one of the best known Axis propaganda stations. Should you procure any additional information, particularly with reference to any American citizens who are appearing on the various programs, we would, of course, be very much interested in receiving such data.

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Report Made at PARIS, FRANCE	Date when Made 4/25/45	Period for which Made 4/10/45	Report Made by DONALD L. DAUGHTERS
Title RADIO STATION "DEBUNK", also known as "The Voice of Free Americans"		Character of Case FOREIGN SECURITY MATTER - G <i>France - Sec. Post - A</i>	

Synopsis of Facts :

JOSEPH LINCOLN LUHAN, who broadcast for the Germans in France, designates one WAGNER and one BRUGMANN as Director and Assistant, respectively, of RADIO DEBUNK at the Rundfunk in Berlin. This source claims organization created for broadcasting exclusively to western United States.

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Reference: Bureau letter dated December 28, 1944.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Your attention is directed to the communication from this office dated December 5, 1944, entitled "JOSEPH LINCOLN LUHAN; TREASON. Attached to this communication was a complete signed statement of the subject LUHAN in which he set out background information regarding his radio broadcasts and recordings made under the supervision of representatives of the German Propaganda Ministry in France. The second section of this statement is devoted to appendices describing personages with whom LUHAN had come in contact while working for the German Propaganda Ministry. Appendices 5 and 6 in this second section describe two Germans: a certain WAGNER and one BRUGMANN who were attached to the Rundfunk organization in Berlin. A review of this statement will set out substantially the background information LUHAN possesses relative to the personalities and descriptions of WAGNER and BRUGMANN. Further interrogation has failed to elicit more definite details in this regard.

It will be noted that in reference communication of December 28, 1944, the radio characters "Joe" and "Bill" have been referred to as broadcasters for Radio Debunk. LUHAN, it will be noted, believes that WAGNER employed the radio soubriquet "Bill".

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25 April 1945

Re: RADIO STATION "DEBUNK",
aka "The Voice of Free Americans"
Paris, France

JOSEPH LINCOLN LUHAN, the subject of a Treason investigation, has been interrogated relative to his knowledge of the organization and operation of RADIO STATION "DEBUNK" in Germany. LUHAN visited Berlin on two different occasions in order to participate in broadcasts to the United States.

LUHAN advised that when he arrived in Berlin on his first trip, he was taken out to the Rundfunk and introduced to one _____ WAGNER who presented to him for study a large file which bore the title, "RADIO DEBUNK". LUHAN contends that WAGNER was the supervisor of RADIO DEBUNK, and that a certain _____ BRUGMANN acted as WAGNER's assistant. LUHAN could not recall any specific details about the script of the RADIO STATION DEBUNK which he was given to study, but he has expressed the opinion that BRUGMANN is identical with the broadcaster on the RADIO DEBUNK series known as JOE ~~SCANLON~~. LUHAN further pointed out that WAGNER many times employed the radio sobriquet "BILL".

LUHAN further claimed that he was advised by the Rundfunk authorities that RADIO DEBUNK was a station which had been organized to broadcast only to the western part of the United States; that is, generally west of the Rocky Mountain area. Since WAGNER and BRUGMANN were anxious to obtain the cooperation of Americans who had a western accent, LUHAN advised that he, a former resident of New York State did not qualify for such work.

LUHAN was given a radio test by WAGNER who went so far as to order the former to study a script of RADIO DEBUNK in order that he might be able to copy the style and become a regular script writer even though not an announcer.

LUHAN advised that he is unable to furnish any information relative to the background, places of residence in the United States, associates, family ties, citizenship status, or other identifying data relative to WAGNER and BRUGMANN.

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THE PARIS OFFICE

AT PARIS, FRANCE

Will check further with Paris sources, particularly with RADIO DIFFUSION FRANCAISE in an effort to develop further background information on the operation of Radio Debuik in Berlin.

WIESBADEN, GERMANY
21 JUNE, 1945

Director, F.B.I.

Attention SIS European Desk

Re: HERBERT JOHN BURGMAN wa. JOSEPH SCANTON,
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Treason

also
"RADIO STATION "DEBUNK", "THE VOICE
OF FREE AMERICANS"
Foreign Security Matter-C

Burgman

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter to me at Paris, France dated Dec. 28, 1944 and also report dated April 25, 1945 made at Paris by Special Agent Donald L. Daughters, both references on RADIO STATION "DEBUNK", there is being furnished the following additional information. The captioned subject was arrested at Helmstedt, Germany on 14 May 1945 by the 83rd CIC Detachment and interned in the 9th Army Internment Camp. He was subsequently transferred to the jail located in Wiesbaden and made available to this office for interview.

There are attached to this letter three statements based on information furnished by BURGMAN. As noted on the original copies of these statements BURGMAN refused to sign the statements because he felt that they would some day be used against him. However he initialed each page as well as each correction and admitted in the presence of Special Agents Richard C. Thompson and Bernard W. Rucks that all information contained in the statements was true. Besides the information set out in the statements BURGMAN furnished the following additional facts:

Former Employments:

BURGMAN said that after he left the Wisconsin Business School he spent about two years working for the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy R.R. During this time he attended high school at night. After this he spent one year working for a grain elevator in Brookings, S. Dak. Following this he spent about a year with the Northern Pacific R.R. in Minneapolis, Minn. working in the Gen. Passenger Agent's office. After this he took the Civil Service exam and his employment was as already set forth in his statement. While in Washington as a clerk with the War Dept. BURGMAN went to a private high school there and received his degree.

Employment in Embassy in Berlin:

BURGMAN states that he was chief clerk in the Military Attache's office during practically his entire stay in Berlin. He says that the last Attache for whom he worked was a Col. Truman Smith. BURGMAN states that there were about three officers and three clerks employed in the Attache's office. He recalls that a Miss HELEN ZIMMERMAN was a former clerk there.

Subject's Family:

Subject stated that he has one son named THURMAN BURGMAN born on Jan. 5, 1926. He said both of his parents were dead but that he had one sister still living at 1212 Burr Oaks Drive, Austin, Minnesota.

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Re: HERBERT JOHN BURGMAN

Residence Addresses in Berlin:

Subject said he lived at 51A Babelsbergerstrasse, Wilmersdorf until Jan. or Feb. of 1944. Then when the office moved to Koenigswusterhausen because of the bombing, he left his wife at the above address and moved to 5 Wilhelmstrasse in Koenigswusterhausen. After living here for six weeks he returned to his apartment at the first address listed above but found that his wife had already been evacuated. However he continued staying in the apartment and commuted to work. In Feb. 1945 he again moved out to Koenigswusterhausen where he continued living until he moved to Helmstedt in April 1945.

KREINOW

Subject said that a Mr. KREINOW was chief of the short wave radio station where he worked. This short wave station was called the DEUTSCHE KURZWELLESENDER or the DEUTSCHE UBERSEESENDER and was a branch of the REICHSRUNDFUNK G.m.b.H. which was located near the Adolf Hitler Platz in Berlin. Subject described KREINOW as being 38-39 years old in 1942, about 5 ft. 10 in. tall and weighing 140 lb. Described him as slender with blond hair.

DEUTSCHE KURZWELLESENDER

Subject said that the office for this outfit was located in a three story building across a narrow street from the main Rundfunk Building. He said that the U.S. Dept. was in the second story (1st floor in Ger.). Besides the U.S. Dept. the subject could recall the following other departments: British, German, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, and then there was also one man who broadcast to Denmark. All these departments were in the one building but had separate offices. The U.S. Dept. was set up as follows: HUBEN or HOUBEN who was the head of the dept. had his own private office. Then his assistant, first a Lt. RICHTER and then a Mr. SCHARTHAUSEN, also had a private office. The remaining personnel of the U.S. Dept. was together in one large office. The subject recalled the following individuals as having worked in the department with him: CHARLES STUTTER, EDWARD STUTTER, BEST, CHANDLER, FRED KALTENBACH, WAGNER, FRITSCH, Miss GIBBARS.

The subject stated that the antenna for their short wave station were located at Koenigswusterhausen to the best of his knowledge. He did not know whether the records which he prepared for broadcasting were actually broadcast from their office in Berlin or whether there was a separate office or studio for this in Koenigswusterhausen.

CHARLES STUTTER

Subject stated that CHARLES had on several occasions told him that he intended to return to the United States. CHARLES never told the subject that he had taken up German citizenship. Subject said CHARLES was over 6 ft. tall, was very slender, had dark hair, and was about 30 years old in 1942. CHARLES married a German girl last fall.

EDWARD STUTTER

Subject indicated that EDWARD was strongly Nazi and that he had become a German citizen and joined the Nazi party. EDWARD is several years younger than CHARLES but nearly as tall and has blond hair. Both CHARLES and EDWARD came over together.

BEST

Subject said that when he started working at the station in May of 1942 there was an American citizen there named BEST who was working on translation of news items. Sub. says BEST became a speaker about July or August of 1942. He thinks BEST used his own name on his broadcasts but sub. is not sure because he never heard him broadcast. Subject said BEST had been a newspaper correspondent in Vienna for many years. He described Best as being 50 to 55 years of age and short and stubby. Subject heard that BEST got married in 1943 or 1944. Burgman also said that he heard one time that BEST had had a good chance to go back to the United States because he had been interned with the Embassy people when war broke out. Subject does not know who told him this but thinks perhaps BEST did so himself. Subject states he saw BEST very little perhaps no more than half a dozen times. Subject says Best left the station in 1945 and that he later heard BEST had gone to Vienna.

CHANDLER

Subject states that CHANDLER was broadcasting when he started working at the station but that he left for Vienna even before BEST did. Subject said he never heard CHANDLER broadcast so does not know what name he used. He said CHANDLER is now about 55 years old, tall and very handsome. Subject says Chandler's wife died while he was there at the station and that he later heard Chandler got married again. Says his first wife was an American citizen. Subject stated that Chandler had formerly taken pictures for the GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE. Since Chandler has already been indicted and was recently arrested this information is very likely already in the hands of the bureau.

FRED KALTENBACH

Kaltenbach was there at the station when Burgman started but left in 1943 or 1944. Subject thinks he may have gone to work in the main Rundfunk building because he continued to see him around that vicinity. Subject said Kaltenbach originally came from Iowa, was about 5 ft. 10 in. tall and slender and about 52 years old now.

HUBEN or HUBEN

Was head of the U.S. Dept. all the while that subject was at the station. Huben spoke English very well but was not American. Besides heading the U.S. Dept. Huben was also known as the Sender-Leiter of the transmitting station. Subject states that he had much more contact with Huben's assistants than with Huben himself.

RICHTER

Was at the station as assistant to Huben when subject started there. Subject described Richter as about 35 years old in 1942, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, full head of dark brown hair, married but no children that he (sub.) knows of. Richter went to the hospital in the first part of 1944 with pneumonia and was replaced at the station by SCHARFHAUSEN.

SCHAFFHAUSEN

Started at station in 1944 to replace Richter as assistant to Huben. He was about 40 years old in 1944, 5 ft. 10 in. tall, 135 lb., very dark complexion, and dark hair. He remained at the station until the end.

FRITSCH

Fritsch was at the station when subject started there. He spoke English but not very well, so he made no broadcasts but worked only on translations. Fritsch was about 65 years old then in 1942, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, 150 lb., slender, sandy hair turning grey, married and may have one or two daughters in U.S., perhaps in Winona, Minn. Fritsch was a German citizen according to subject but spent at least 10 years in U.S. returning just prior to the outbreak of the present war. He was working for a newspaper in Winona, Minn. when he left to return to Germany. He originally came from Vienna and had served in the Austrian Army in the first World War.

WAGNER

Was there at the station when subject started but left a few months later and subject believes he may have gone to Italy. Subject described Wagner as about 48 years old in 1942, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, 200 lb., dark hair nearly black, dark complexion. Subject says Wagner lived in Schmargendorf which is a suburb of Berlin. He also said Wagner spent at least 10 years in the U.S. and returned shortly before the start of the war. Wagner told Burgman that he was manager of some factory in the U.S. Believes Wagner told him this was in Rochester, N.Y. Wagner was supervisor of script for STATION DEBUNK and received the daily news letters from DNB which he then distributed to the rest of the fellows for translation and script preparation. Wagner also decided the sequence in which the items should be recorded. After Wagner left Fritsch took his place as script supervisor.

RECORDINGS

Subject says there were about half a dozen recording machines which were utilized by the entire office—all the depts. He states that there were girls who would handle the actual making of the records.

Miss GUNLARS

Subject states that the only woman who ever broadcast for the U.S. Dept. to the best of his knowledge was a Miss GUNLARS. She would not be at the office at a 111 except to just come in and make her recordings. She was about 33 years old then in 1942, 5 ft. 6 in. tall, very slender, dark hair, dark complexion, very eccentric in her dress, usually wore a big black hat and black slacks. She continued broadcasting until the very end but did not move to Helmstedt. Subject says he saw other women who broadcast for other depts. at the station but that he does not know anything about them.

STATION DEBUNK

Subject described STATION DEBUNK as being operated solely by a couple people in the U.S. Dept. He said Wagner started Debunk and that after he left the Sittlers and the Subject handled Station Debunk by themselves.

The subject stated that in most cases, he and one of the Sittlers would make the broadcast over DEBUNK. As set forth in the attached statements subject worked on DEBUNK with EDWARD SITTNER for a few months in early summer of 1942 and then after that worked with CHARLES SITTNER until early 1945. The subject said that in only a very few instances did he make a broadcast all alone.

SUBJECT'S HEALTH

After a preliminary interrogation of the subject by the agents it was noted that subject was very nervous and might be mentally ill. Therefore subject was taken to the General Dispensary by Special Agent W.H. Clark and here the subject was examined by Dr. Abner Kurtin, Captain, MC. Capt. Kurtin furnished diagnosis that subject is at present in a mild depressive state, but that in his opinion subject is not mentally deficient and can be considered responsible for his actions.

Subject stated that he had a complete nervous breakdown in 1938 and had spent several months in a private sanitarium in Chemnitz. He returned to work in Dec. of 1938 but continued to be in general poor health. Therefore in either 1939 or 1940 he was recommended for retirement due to disability. However this was not approved by the Civil Service Commission according to the subject. Subject stated that the sanitarium at Chemnitz was in the nature of a mental institution but that his going there was not because of any court action or any complaints made against him by anyone. He stated that the office as well as his wife had suggested he take a long rest cure.

PAPERS IN POSSESSION OF SUBJECT AT TIME OF ARREST:

Minnesota drivers license issued to subject at 1212 Burr Oaks Drive, Austin, Minn. on July 20, 1937 (date mailed)

German drivers license (Führerschein) issued July 22, 1933

Fremdenpass issued to subject on Jan. 21, 1942

Miscellaneous ration coupons and books

Diploma received from Friederick Wilhelm University also called Uni. of Berlin

Bank deposit book of the Deutsche Bank - book issued Feb. 14, 1945 and shows balance of 3,540 RM.

German birth cert. for his son.

U.S. birth cert. of Subject - Cert. issued Nov. 25, 1921 in the Village of Hokah, County of Houston, State of Minn. indicates subject was born on April 17, 1896

Arbeitskarte - issued on July 19, 1944 by Arbeitsamt Teltow showing as place of employment: Reichs-Rundfunk G.m.b.H. die Deutschen Overseesender.

Card shows he started working there May 1, 1942

Arbeitsbuch für Ausländer - issued on July 14, 1944 showing same employment as card.

FINANCES

Subject had approximately 15,000 Rm. in his possession when arrested. This remains in custody of the U.S. Army. Subject stated that ~~before~~ his monthly checks when at the Embassy ran about \$450. due to the adjustment because of the devalued dollar. His base salary was \$2600. per year. Subject said he made considerable profit on two automobiles, Buicks, which he purchased and then later resold. As an Embassy employee he was permitted to buy one new automobile each year. Subject added that in 1935 he had received his army bonus of \$1400. He also said he had a life insurance policy with the New York Life Insurance Co. which was worth 3 or 4 thousand marks and which was paid up in 1934. Subject advised that his account with the Deutsche Bank had been blocked until recently and that in Feb. of this year he was able to draw out all his money. Several old statements in subject's possession at time of arrest were reviewed but no suspicious transactions were noted thereon.

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Subject also advised the interviewing agents that a man by the name of KOISCHWITZ had worked on some other program in the U.S. Dept. but had died about a year ago. Subject had no further information about this individual.

In setting forth the above information as related by Burgman every attempt was made to avoid repetition as between this letter and the statements enclosed herewith. This was felt advisable because no stenographic assistance was available.

The subject of his own accord wrote numerous pages of background information about himself which is being sent to the Bureau since it might be of some value to an attorney considering prosecution. These pages, of which there are 15, are in pencil and were written by the subject while in jail in Wiesbaden.

There are also being enclosed for the Bureau 10 photographs (5 front and 5 profile) of the subject. One copy of each view is being retained in the file at this office.

This is the report of Special Agent Bernard W. Rucks.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick Ayer, Jr.

Enclosures for Bureau:

- 10 photographs of subject
- 15 sheets handwritten background info. by subject in pencil
- 3 typewritten statements from subject.

Insert to above letter:

Description of Subject,

HERBERT JOHN BURGMAN

Born April 17, 1896 at Hokah, Minnesota

5' 8" in height

140 lb. at present (normally about 180 lb.)

Brown hair, bald except on sides as shown on picture

Brown eyes

Family: wife - Johanna (nee ^{Burgman} Krahl)

son - Thomas Carl born in Berlin Jan. 5, 1923

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. HARBO *RTB*

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Mathew Weimar - Informant;
Anonymous Postal Card.
Bureau file 65-41310

DATE: 10-28-46

Radio Station
De Bunk

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

There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

Attachment

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Assistant Attorney General T. L. Caudle
Criminal Division

October 31, 1946

Director - FBI

ROBERT HENRY BEST
TREASON

DOUGLAS CHANDLER
TREASON

Reference is made to the investigations conducted in the above-captioned treason cases.

There is forwarded herewith a translation of captured documents received by this Bureau from the Pacific Military Intelligence Research Section at Camp Ritchie, Maryland. It is noted that the names of the above-mentioned subjects are mentioned in these translations. They are, accordingly, forwarded to you for your assistance in connection with the trial of these individuals.

It is noted that these documents are concerned with German radio propagand activity directed to the United States during the war. Included in the documents are an article by Herbert J. Burgman on Radio Station "Debunk" and a report by Edward Vieth Sittler. There is also contained a letter from Wilhelm Liefors, Attorney for Chandler.

Attachments

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Political Broadcasting Division of the Foreign Office

RU XII Political Broadcasting Service

7 January 1943

German, Italian, and Japanese short wave broadcasts in the United States

Perlin, 7 January 1943

The following five page, profusely color illustrated article of the American periodical, "Saturday Evening Post" makes significant revelations concerning the reception of our short wave broadcasts to North America.

So far as the author reports German short wave broadcasts, he avoids literary and critical embellishment and sticks to facts. So far as he makes public the effects of these broadcasts in the United States, he affirms that which is already known to us and skips here and there considering echo responses up to the present time. As far as German short wave broadcasts are concerned, the important thing is the first extensive reaction which comes to our attention. The care, thoroughness and technical expense which is apparently expended in general in the United States in registering and analyzing enemy radio broadcasts is remarkable.

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In the article entitled "Hitler's Short Wave Rumor Factory" in the 21 November 1942 issue there appears among other things the following:

FA-Transmitting Station Debunk

"The entire United States today is filled with the most absurd reports and rumors of the following style:

The English have absolutely no rationing, and are making pleasure trips throughout England with American tires and American gasoline. In reality, the Red Cross is not in need of blood donations at all inasmuch as the blood of animals is just as suitable. We have promised to feed Russia and England, even though our own boys go hungry. Roosevelt and Morgenthau have never intended to pay back the war loans, interest, and stamps. Jewish doctors mix negro blood and the blood of whites in their phials. There are 120,000 English agents in our country, a number of whom are committing acts of sabotage in our factories in order to create a hysterical fear of the V Columns. Prostitutes are now permitted to live directly in military camps.

If you have heard any of these rumors, it would be perhaps interesting to determine just who it was who related it to you.

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Perhaps you will then endeavor out of curiosity to determine the initial source. If you are successful, you will come to the conclusion that every one of these rumors--every one is, of course, an exaggeration--may be traced here from the German, Japanese, or Italian short wave radio. In order to understand just how this was possible one must examine the plan of the short wave propaganda of the Axis and how it is broadcasted to our country. In its entirety this propaganda may be classified into three classes:

1. Distorted interpretation of news and public propaganda speeches by disloyal Americans and other people; this is the standard type of propaganda.

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2. Coded broadcasts to spies of the Axis and saboteurs in our country. These broadcasts are concealed in programs and simply appear abroad as absurd propaganda. When the program which is often humorous seems especially stupid and when the announcer and the players mention numerous figures one can wager one to a hundred that they are sending a coded message.

3. Instructions to Friends of the Axis as to just what facts they are to base their rumors on. These programs are often in the form of dialogues in which one participant relates to the other "what the censor has cut out". Much of the time it is in the form of boastful talks which are designed to give the impression that a quietening medium is being administered in the form of new special announcements, dates and arguments.

Experience has taught us that you hear these tales from people you know well and trust, your neighbor, your cousin, your aunt or your friend, and that it occurs in somewhat the following manner:

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He who is secretly in sympathy with the Axis knows that these radio broadcasts are for the purpose of instructing him, that the nasty tales they bring concern themselves with just those rumors he is to disseminate. He always relates just one of them, perhaps half of a joke, in the rest room of the factory, in a club, in a bar, at a lodge meeting, or in a neighboring store in order to allay any incidental suspicion. His wife does the same thing in a beauty parlor, at the baker's, or in a drugstore. There is always a listener who relates it further to a friend as a joke or as gossip. In the meantime, the story has been repeated a dozen different times and does not have the resemblance of a joke any more. From this time on it will get around quickly, and will be largely believed inasmuch as it is now repeated by people who cannot be held in suspicion of treason and who have no idea that they are reacting in exactly the manner the Axis expected of them.

This type of propaganda is not only successful because of its subtlety, but also because it is so entirely difficult to trace its origin and to classify it.

One of the first examples that may be referred to occurred during the summer of 1942 when the struggle for the production of aluminum for defense purposes was in progress. That battle was hindered by cunning rumors which spring up with surprising similarity from Florida to Oregon.

Henry Paynter, now an official in the War Information Office, concluded with others that these rumors could be traced to the radio broadcasts of the Axis. The leaders of the struggle for the production of aluminum monitored the short wave broadcasts in order to determine just what they would have to expect. One evening the Berlin speaker told the North Americans that the struggle for production by the Aluminum Company of America[®] was thought up in order to create a new market for their production. Five days later these stories were being related from California to Maine. Berlin reverted from the American Aluminum Company to its favorite target, the Jews, and announced that the struggle for the production of Aluminum was a plot to enrich the Jewish warehouse owners. Within a week this assertion was repeated by hundreds of sincere but angry housewives throughout the entire country.

War production in America was delayed six months by difficulties encountered in the gathering of scrap metal.

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PA-Transmitting Station Debunk

This experience might be regarded as an outstanding example if the reports of the ~~X~~ Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service--Auslandsrundfunk--Spionageamt) were couched in plain language. This station of which little is known publicly but which is extremely useful was erected in great secrecy in April of 1941 by the ~~X~~ Federal Trade Commission) upon favorable recommendation of the State Department. It was authorized to monitor all foreign short wave broadcasts regardless of whom they were directed to or where they came from, receive, and submit a report on them. Since 7 December this is the only official station in our country which not only receives the news broadcasts of our enemies but also of most of our allies and of neutral countries. Four hundred technicians, monitors, translators, editors, and reporters receive out of the ether, assemble and analyze daily a flood of 1,050,000 words, information, and propaganda which is collected from the monitoring stations of the (Federal Trade Commission) in Washington, D.C., Portland, Oregon, Kingsville, Texas, San Francisco and (Puerto Rico). The monitors and translators have at their command nearly 100 languages and dialects. The director of this office is Dr. Robert D. Leigh, (I) president of Bennington College, Vermont. Dr. Godwin Watson is chief revisor. Special communications, reports, and when the opportunity presents itself, full word for word accounts are further disseminated directly by means of the teletype to more than twenty official government offices. Comprehensive reports with twenty and more closely typed pages are issued daily, and significant reports of up to sixty pages are issued weekly. An examination of the files of the F.B.I.S. (Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service--Auslandsrundfunk--Spionageamt) for the previous year, exposes the origin of by far the majority of rumors which have been circulated in our country and which are still being circulated at the present time.

It is, of course, very difficult to ascertain the exact time of a rumor suddenly appears in the country. The files referred to prove, nevertheless, that the majority of these stories originated from radio broadcasts of the Axis before they suddenly appeared among us. For example, the following assertions appeared in radio broadcasts of the Axis:

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"Have you heard that there are only fifty anti-aircraft guns in the country inasmuch as all the others have been sent to Russia? Have you heard that the majority of girls in the upper schools and in the high school in Atlanta are expecting children from soldiers, some of these are also from negroes, and that the majority have already contracted venereal disease? Do you know that the Jews started this war a) because they as international financiers wish to exploit the common people, and b) because inasmuch as they are communists they wish to do away with capitalism? Do you know that the English are underselling us in South America with our own lend lease material? Have you heard that the English have not employed any of their own troops in Libya, that both of the Scottish regiments were held undangered in reserve while the Poles, Indians, South Africans, French, Australians, Canadians and our youngsters from the United States fought and starved? Did you know that the English battleship, "Warspite" withdrew from the sea battle in the Coral Sea and let our fleet take the punishment?"

These false, rank speeches have in recent times been broadcasted mainly from a transmitter in Berlin which designates itself as "Station Lebunk" (Bluff-Station). In the beginning it used false (FCC-Zulassungsnummern--Federal Communication Commission--license Numbers) in an attempt to give more nearly the impression that it was a secret transmitter within the United States. However it soon dropped these

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FA-Transmitter Lebunk

numbers as well as nearly the entire presentation of incorrect facts when it (regretfully) adopted the practice of playing the American National Anthem at the beginning and the end of its broadcasts. This was done apparently more in an effort to protect the friends of the Axis who left their radios on all night to receive instructions for the dissemination of rumors than to deceive the occasional listener. It is very easy to detect that the transmitter is a very long distance away from the disturbances, bad reception, and the tone, even though the listener does not know that the engineers of the FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service) have definitely determined by means of radio direction-finding apparatus that the transmitter is located in Germany. The responsible parties do not take the pains to iron out the contradictions and mistakes which betray them although the broadcasts have been recorded on phonograph records as the FBIS (Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service) determined one evening when the needle stuck and was corrected. The main speaker who calls himself Joe Scanlon and who has a faint Virginian accent brings in a co-worker at an opportune moment announcing him as "Arthur" and then proceeds to talk to him for a minute calling him "Bill".

After the announcer has explained that "Station Debunk is now on the air, the station of all free Americans", he continues further: "If you are able to take shorthand, we recommend that you take down all our broadcasts and then type them out. While you are getting a note book and a pencil we will play soothing, restful music."

This music always consists of an old worn out gramophone recording of "Carry me back to Old Virginny".

Then the voice of Joe Scanlon jovially calls out: "Hello Folks! Hello boys and girls! Hello all of you! This is Station Lebung speaking bringing you news from all parts of the world. Then he mimics Walter Winchell for a few minutes if not actually quoting him.

Attention! From London England! People here, the young as well as the old, have been made very happy by the announcement of the Minister of Food and Supply that because of the Lend Lease Agreement larger portions of sweets and confectionery goods will be available. When President Roosevelt issued the order placing the American people upon a program of rationing he promised to send large shipments of confectionery goods and sugar to Great Britain. Our American mothers should be informed of this new deed of our dearly beloved president just in case they have the desire to set aside some sugar for the dark days ahead, and it would pay them to do just that before all the sugar is shipped to England.

Attention! From Gary, Indiana! British seamen who have deserted their ships in ports of the United States are registering in ever increasing numbers for service on ships which ply the Great Lakes.

Attention! From Brooklyn, New York! From an unimpeachable source we learn that a large convoy containing American troops from the United States has met with a terrible disaster. The convoy was three days out of Hoboken, New Jersey when a battleship on Tuesday evening shortly after midnight in a torrent of rain and a frightful storm rained an armed transport carrying

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approximately 1,500 soldiers on board and sank it immediately. In the haste and confusion of the attempt to rescue some of the drowning soldiers a destroyer raised another troop transport which also eventually sank. This transport also had approximately 1,500 soldiers on board. Both ships were overloaded and over-filled because of the shortage of shipping tonnage. This announcement appeared a few days later as a topic of the day in the districts of Boston and Cape Cod, namely in the form of an article according to which the ships were said to have sunk just (off the coast) from Princetown. It appeared in New York and on the west coast. The number of soldiers on each transport was given correctly in each instance, namely 1,500 men.

Attention! San Francisco reporting! Officials of the Board of Health declare confidentially that the influx of Mexican labor who are to replace the interned workers here now must be stopped as far as is possible. The Mexicans are bringing many contagious diseases with them which might lead to epidemics. This was not the condition as long as Japanese labor was available.

With the exception of programs of the type just mentioned, Berlin adheres rather strictly to its two objectives, mistrust and race hatred. Every wedge which could possibly be the cause of any disunity, be it ever so small, is hammered home. Lebrun broadcasted one item wherein a pleasure yacht which was overloaded with pleasure seekers was fired upon by a destroyer under the command of a sea officer from Boston, Massachusetts. In a letter which was purportedly written by a soldier in Georgia, complaint is made that the superior officers, "the damned Yankees, have absolutely no morals, but instead a big snout." A Berlin commentator who announces himself as ~~okay~~ and was identified as a former teacher of German Dramatics at the Columbia University warned that one should guard himself against not only the Jews, but also against those sly, smart, wily Yankees who value money and trade above everything else, and who are the real scoundrels in this world tragedy.

Official German Short Wave Transmitter

Appeals are made here to the Hungarians, Roumanians, Ukrainians, Italians, and above all to those Americans living here of German lineage. "Blood is thicker than water", a Nazi announcer repeatedly declared. "Why not give your German cousins just one chance?"

Italian Short Wave Transmitter

Mussolini's radio programs are by far not prepared with that double meaning and party consciousness as those from Berlin. They vary in the majority of cases between lengthy, drawn out analysis of military campaigns and geopolitics to formal portrayals of prostitution. Most of the smutty jokes regarding the purported sexual habits and body functions of the leaders of the various allied nations and their families originate over Radio Rome.

Rome does not agree with Berlin entirely regarding the question as to who misled who. Berlin claims that England brought us into the war in order to save its own skin. Rome apparently forgets that the broadcast goes out directly to us and states that Roosevelt is determined to take over the British empire.

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"As things stand at present," said Radio Rome one day, "Great Britain is fighting for its old economic security, while the United States is endeavoring under the planned guise of friendship to take it out from under her feet." In another talk Rome warned, "No power can save England. She will have to give in. She will have to give in to either the Axis or to the United States, or perhaps to both."

Japanese Short Wave Transmitter

Radio Tokyo depends almost entirely upon American prisoners of war in its broadcasts to America. Nevertheless, one hears the voice of the prisoner of war seldom. The broadcasts consist mostly of pretended discussions. Now and then a prisoner of war is actually brought to the microphone, and even then it is very apparent that he is coerced into speaking.

In general the Japanese broadcasts to the United States are very absurd. For a while a sort of tin soldier band played over the Radio Tokyo Transmitter which the station designated as the "Rhythm Boys of the New Order". This band played such modern material as "A Tisket, A Tasket". Later these hits were replaced with two phonograph records which were played until they were nearly worn out. The songs on these phonograph records were "My Bonnie Lies Over The Ocean" and "Old Black Joe".

Translated by:
Gordon C. Lund
8 February 1946
OF

7.1.1943

Die deutschen, italienischen und japanischen Kurzwellensendungen in USA.

Berlin, 7.1.1943.

Der nachfolgende 5-seitige, mit zahlreichen farbigen Karrikaturen illustrierte Artikel der amerikanischen Zeitschrift "Saturday Evening Post" gibt bezeichnende Aufschlüsse über die Hörbarkeit unserer KW-Sendungen nach Nordamerika.

Soweit der Verfasser deutsche KW-Sendungen angibt, hält er sich - von feuilletonistischen Ausschmückungen abgesehen - an die Tatsachen. Soweit er über die Auswirkungen dieser Sendungen in der USA-Öffentlichkeit berichtet, bestätigt er uns bereits Bekanntes und geht stellenweise beträchtlich über bisherige Echomeldungen hinaus. Bezüglich des Deutschen Kurzwellensenders handelt es sich um die erste umfassende Reaktion, die uns zur Kenntnis gelangt. Bemerkenswert erscheinen die Sorgfalt, Gründlichkeit und der technische Aufwand, mit denen man in den USA offenbar ganz allgemein die feindlichen Rundfunk-einstrahlungen registriert und analysiert. (RU IX)

In dem unter der Überschrift "Hitlers Kurzwellen-Gerüchte-Fabrik" in der Nummer vom 21.11.1942 erschienenen Artikel heisst es u.a.:

"Die gesamten Vereinigten Staaten sind heute von unsinnigen Berichten und Gerüchten erfüllt folgenden Stils: Die Engländer haben überhaupt keine Rationierung und machen mit amerikanischen Reifen und amerikanischem Benzin Vergnügungsfahrten durch ganz England. Das Rote Kreuz braucht in Wirklichkeit ihre Blutspende garnicht, da Tierblut ebenso gut verwendbar ist. Wir haben versprochen, Russland und England zu ernähren, auch wenn unsere eigenen Babys Hunger leiden. Roosevelt und Morgenthau haben niemals die Absicht gehabt, Kriegsanleihen-Anteile und -Marken zurückzuzahlen. Jüdische Ärzte mixen Negerblut und Blut von Weissen in ihren Ampullen. In unserem Lande gibt es 120.000 englische Agenten, eine Anzahl von ihnen begeht Sabotageakte in Fabriken, um eine hysterische Furcht vor der V. Kolonne zu erzeugen. Prostituierte dürfen jetzt direkt in Militärlagern wohnen.

Wenn Sie irgend eines von diesen Gerüchten gehört haben, so ist es vielleicht interessant, wenn Sie versuchen, festzustellen, wer es Ihnen erzählt hat. Vielleicht versuchen Sie dann des Interesse halber, die ursprüngliche Quelle festzustellen. Wenn es Ihnen gelingt, so werden Sie zu dem Ergebnis kommen, dass jedes dieser Gerüchte - jedes ist natürlich ein Schwindel - durch den deutschen, japanischen oder italienischen Kurzwellenfunk hierher gelangt ist. Um begreiflich zu machen, wie dies geschah, muss man das Muster der Kurzwellenpropaganda der Achse, wie sie nach unserem Lande ausgestrahlt wird, untersuchen. Im Grossen und Ganzen lässt sich diese Propaganda in drei Gruppen einteilen:

1. Verzernte Zusammenfassungen von Nachrichten und offene Propagandareden von abtrünnigen Amerikanern und anderen Leuten;

dies ist der Standardtyp der Propaganda.

2. Verschlüsselte Sendungen an Spione der Achse und Saboteure in unserem Land. Diese Sendungen sind in Programmen versteckt, die nach aussen hin lediglich als eine sehr alberne Propaganda erscheinen. Wenn das Programm - öfters in witziger Form - besonders einseitig erscheint und wenn der Ansager und die Mitspieler häufig Zahlen erwähnen, so kann man 1 gegen 100 wetten, dass es sich um eine verschlüsselte Sendung handelt.

3. Weisungen für die Freunde der Achse, auf was für Tatsachen, sie ihre Gerüchte stützen sollen. Diese Programme sind oft in Form von Zwigesprächen gehalten, in denen ein Sprecher dem anderen erzählt, "was die Zensur sperrt". Häufig handelt es sich um windige Talks, die den Anschein erwecken sollen, dass mit Hilfe von neuen Sondereinrichtungen, Dabbits und Argumenten Bewähigungsspielen verabreicht werden.

Das Verfahren ist so, dass Sie die Geschichte von Ihrem Nachbarn, Ihrem Vetter, Ihrer Tante oder Ihrem Freund hören, d. h. von Leuten die Sie gut kennen und denen Sie vertrauen, und zwar geht dies folgendermassen vor sich:

Der heimlich mit der Achse sympathisierende weiss, dass diese Rundfunksendungen seiner Unterrichtung dienen; dass es sich bei den böswilligen Geschichten, die die bringen, gerade um diejenigen Gerüchte handelt, die er verbreiten soll. Er erzählt immer nur eine davon, vielleicht halb im Scherz, um einen etwaigen Verdacht zu besänftigen, im Erholungsraum des Betriebes, in einem Club, einer Bar, bei einer Logaversammlung oder in einem benachbarten Laden. Seine Frau macht es ebenso in einem Schönheitssalon, beim Bäcker oder in der Apotheke. Immer findet sich ein Zuhörer, der sie einem Freunde als Witz oder als Geschwätz weiter gibt. Inzwischen ist die Geschichte ein halbes Dutzend Mal erzählt worden und klingt nicht mehr wie ein Witz. Von nun an kommt sie schnell herum und wird manchmal geglaubt, weil sie jetzt auch von Leuten erzählt wird, die nicht des Verrats verdächtigt werden können und die keine Ahnung haben, dass sie gerade tun, was die Achse von ihnen erwartet.

Diese Art der Propaganda ist nicht nur wegen ihrer Verschlageneheit erfolgreich, sondern weil es so überall schwer ist, ihr nachzuspüren und sie zu brandmarken. Eines der ersten nachweisbaren Beispiele stammt aus dem Sommer 1942, als die Aluminium-Aktion für die Landesverteidigung im Gange war. Jener Feldzug wurde durch unangelegentlich gesteuerte Gerüchte, die mit erstarrten Bildern Gleichgültigkeit von Florida bis Oregon aufbrachten.

Henry Paynter, jetzt Beamter im Kriegsinformationsamt, kam zusammen mit anderen auf den Gedanken, dass diese Gerüchte auf Rundfunksendungen der Achse zurückgehen könnten. Die Leiter der Aluminium-Aktion überwachten daraufhin die KW-Sendungen und herauszufinden, wovon nunmehr gerechnet werden müsste. Eines Abends erzählte der Berliner Sender Sprecher den Nordamerikanern, dass die Aktion von der Aluminium Company of America erdacht worden sei, um für ihr Erzeugnis einen neuen Absatzmarkt zu eröffnen. Eine Woche später wurde diese Geschichte von Kalifornien bis Maine erzählt. Berlin ging von der amerikanischen Aluminium-Gesellschaft zu seiner Lieblings-Zielscheibe, den Juden, über und berichtete, dass die Aluminium-Aktion ein Komplott sei, um die jüdischen Warenhändler zu bereichern. Binnen einer Woche wurde diese Behauptung im ganzen Lande von hunderten von verängstigten und gutgläubigen Hausfrauen wiederholt.

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3. Weisungen für die Freunde der Achse, auf was für Tatsachen, sie ihre Gerüchte stützen sollen. Diese Programme sind oft in Form von Zwiegesprächen gehalten, in denen ein Sprecher dem anderen erzählt, "was die Zensur sperrt". Häufig handelt es sich um windige Talks, die den Anschein erwecken sollen, dass mit Hilfe von neuen Sondermeldungen, Dabttten und Argumenten Beruhigungspillen verabreicht werden.

Das Verfahren ist so, dass Sie die Geschichte von Ihrem Nachbarn, Ihrem Vetter, Ihrer Tante oder Ihrem Freund hören, d.h. von Leuten die Sie gut kennen und denen Sie vertrauen, und zwar geht dies folgendermassen vor sich:

Der heimlich mit der Achse sympathisierende weisse dass diese Rundfunksendungen seiner Unterrichtung dienen; dass es sich bei den böswilligen Geschichten, die die bringen, gerade um diejenigen Gerüchte handelt, die er verbreiten soll. Er erzählt immer nur eine davon, vielleicht halb im Scherz, um einen etwaigen Verdacht zu besänftigen, im Erholungsraum des Betriebes, in einem Club, einer Bar, bei einer Logenversammlung oder in einem benachbarten Laden. Seine Frau macht es ebenso in einem Schönheitssalon, beim Bäcker oder in der Apotheke. Immer findet sich ein Zuhörer, der sie einem Freunde als Witz oder als Geschwätz weiter gibt. Inzwischen ist die Geschichte ein halbes Dutzend Mal erzählt worden und klingt nicht mehr wie ein Witz. Von nun an kommt sie schnell herum und wird manchmal geglaubt, weil sie jetzt auch von Leuten erzählt wird, die nicht des Verrats verdächtigt werden können und die keine Ahnung haben, dass sie gerade tun, was die Achse von ihnen erwartet.

Diese Art der Propaganda ist nicht nur wegen ihrer Verschlagenheit erfolgreich, sondern weil es so überaus schwer ist, ihr nachzuspüren und sie zu brandmarken. Eines der ersten nachweisbaren Beispiele stammt aus dem Sommer 1942, als die Aluminiumaktion für die Landesverteidigung im Gange war. Jener Feldzug wurde durch unvernünftige Gerüchte behindert, die mit erstaunlicher Gleichförmigkeit von Florida bis Oregon auftauchten.

Henry Paynter, jetzt Beamter im Kriegsinformationsamt, kam zusammen mit anderen auf den Gedanken, dass diese Gerüchte auf Rundfunksendungen der Achse zurückgehen könnten. Die Leiter

durch die Behinderung der Schrottsammlung wurde die Kriegsproduktion in Amerika um mehr als 6 Monate verzögert.

um die jüdischen Wareneinsitzer zu bereichern. Binnen einer Woche wurde diese Behauptung im ganzen Lande von hunderten von verärgerten und gutgläubigen Hausfrauen wiederholt.

Diese Erfahrung könnte als vereinzelt Beispiel abgetan werden, wenn die Akten des Auslandsrundfunk-Spionageamtes eine deutliche Sprache redeten. Diese in der Öffentlichkeit wenig bekannte, aber ausserordentlich nützliche Stelle war im April 1941 vom Bundesausschuss für Verkehrsfragen auf Grund einer vom Staats-Department befürworteten Anweisung in aller Stille errichtet worden. Sie wurde beauftragt, alle ausländischen KW-Sendungen, ohne Rücksicht darauf, an wen sie sich richteten und woher sie kamen, abzuhören, zu bearbeiten und darüber zu berichten. Seit dem 7.12. ist sie in unserem Lande die einzige amtliche Stelle, die die Nachrichten sendungen nicht nur von unseren Feinden, sondern auch von den meisten unserer Verbündeten und aus den neutralen Ländern erhält. 400 Techniker, Erfasser, Übersetzer, Schriftleiter und Berichterstatter erhalten aus dem Äther, sammeln und zergliedern täglich eine Flut von 1.650.000 Worten Information und Propaganda, die von den Abhörstellen des Bundesausschusses für Verkehrsfragen in Washington D.C., Portland (Oregon), Kingsville (Texas), San-Francisco und Puerto Rico aufgenommen werden. Die Erfasser und Übersetzer beherrschen nahezu 100 Sprachen und Dialekte, Der Leiter dieses Amtes ist Dr. Robert D. Leigh, I. Präsident des Bennington College (Vermont), Hauptbearbeiter ist Dr. Godwin Watson. Sondermeldungen, Berichte und erforderlichenfalls vollständige Wortlaute werden unmittelbar mit Fernschreiber an mehr als 20 zuständige Regierungsstellen weitergeleitet. Zusammenfassende Berichte mit 20 und mehr eng bedruckten Seiten werden täglich herausgegeben, mit inhaltsreichen wöchentlichen Berichten bis zu 60 Seiten. Bei einer Prüfung der Akten des F.B.I.S. (Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service-Auslandsrundfunk-Spionageamt) für das vergangene Jahr wird die Quelle der weitaus meisten Gerüchte, die in unserem Lande umgingen und zurzeit noch umhulen, freigelegt. Der genaue Zeitpunkt des Auftauchens eines Gerüchtes im Lande lässt sich natürlich schwer feststellen. Die erwähnten Akten zeigen jedoch, dass die meisten dieser Geschichten bei Rundfunksendungen der Achse gebracht wurden, ehe sie bei uns auftauchten, z.B. sind folgende Behauptungen zuerst in Rundfunksendungen der Achse aufgetaucht:

" Haben Sie gehört, dass im ganzen Lande nur ungefähr 50 Plakgeschütze vorhanden sind, da alle anderen nach Russland geschickt wurden? Haben Sie gehört, dass die Hälfte der Mädchen auf den höheren Schulen und auf der Hochschule in Atlanta Kinder von Soldaten erwarten, darunter auch von Negern, und dass die meisten schon geschlechtskrank sind? Wissen Sie, dass die Juden den Krieg begonnen haben, a) weil sie als internationale Finanzleute das gewöhnliche Volk ausbeuten wollen oder b) weil sie Kommunisten sind, die den Kapitalismus beseitigen wollen? Wissen Sie, dass die Engländer uns in Südamerika mit unseren eigenen Pacht- und Leihwaren unterbieten? Haben Sie gehört, dass die Engländer in Libyen keine eigenen Truppen eingesetzt haben und dass dort die beiden Schottischen Regimenter ungefährdet in Reserve gehalten wurden, während die Polen, Inder, Südafrikaner, Franzosen, Australier, Kanadier und unsere Jungen aus den Vereinigten Staaten kämpften und starben? Haben Sie gewusst, dass das englische Schlachtschiff "Warspite" in der Seeschlacht im Korallenmeer sich davon machte und die Flügel unserer Flotte überliess? "

In letzter Zeit sind diese falschen, zersetzenden Reden hauptsächlich auf dem Wege über einen Berliner Sender gegangen, der sich "Station Debunk" (Bluff-Sender) nennt. Anfangs benutzte er falsche FCC-Zulassungsnummern, um damit seine Vorspiegelung, er sei ein Geheimsender in den Vereinigten Staaten, wahrscheinlicher

zu machen. Bald liess er aber die Nummern sowohl wie fast die ganzeganze Vorspiegelung falscher Tatsachen weg, wenn er auch daran festhielt, am Anfang und Ende seiner Sendungen leide die amerikanische Nationalhymne zu spielen. Das geschieht offenbar mehr zu dem Zweck, die Achsenfreunde zu schützen, die allnüchtllich mit-hören, um sich Instruktionen für die Gerüchtenacherei zu holen, als um Gelegenheitshörer zu täuschen. An den Störungen, dem schlechten Empfang und dem Ton ist deutlich zu merken, dass der Sender, sehr, sehr weit entfernt ist, auch wenn der Hörer nicht weiss, dass die Ingenieure der FBIS mit Peilgeräten festgestellt haben, dass der Sender sich in Deutschland befindet. Die Verantwortlichen nehmen sich nicht einmal die Mühe, verräterische Widersprüche und Irrtümer auszubügeln, obgleich die Sendungen auf Schallplatten aufgenommen werden - wie die FBIS eines Abends feststellte, als die Na-del stecken blieb- und korrigiert werden könnten. Der Hauptsprecher, der sich Joe Scanlon nennt und einen leichten virginischen Akzent hat, führt gelegentlich einen Mitwirkenden als "Arthur" ein, redet ihn aber eine Minute darauf als "Bill" an.

Nachdem der Ansager erklärt hat: "Hier spricht der Sender Debunk, der Sender aller Freien Amerikener", fährt er fort: "Wenn Sie stenographieren können, so schlagen wir vor, dass Sie alle unsere Sendungen mitstenographieren und dann in die Schreibmaschine übertragen. Während Sie sich ein Notizbuch und einen Bleistift holen, spielen wir Ihnen beruhigende, entspannende Musik vor."

Diese Musik besteht immer in einer abgespielten Grammophonplatte von "Carry me back to Old Virginny".

Dann ertönt die Stimme von Joe Scanlon, die jovial ruft: "Hallo, Leuten! Hallo Jungen und Mädchen! Hallo, alle miteinander! Hier spricht der Sender Debunk, der Ihnen von überall her Nachrichten bringt!" Dann erinnert ein paar Minuten lang die Art, wenn auch nicht der Inhalt, an Walter Winchell.

"Achtung! Aus London, England! Die Menschen hier, die jungen sowohl wie die alten, sind glücklich darüber, dass der Ernährungsminister angekündigt hat, dass auf Grund des Leih- und Pachtverfahrens grössere Zuteilungen an Süssigkeiten und Zuckerwaren gewährt werden sollen. Präsident Roosevelt hat, als er das amerikanische Volk auf Rationen setzte, versprochen, grosse Überschüsse an Zuckerwaren und Zucker an Grossbritannien abzugeben. Unsere Mütter in Amerika sollen von dieser neuen Tat unseres geliebten Präsidenten wissen, und falls sie den Wunsch haben, für trübe Tage ein paar Süssigkeiten zurückzulegen, so wird es gut sein, wenn sie das tun, ehe die Süssigkeiten alle nach England geschickt werden.

Achtung! Aus Gary, Indiana! Britische Seeleute, die von ihren Schiffen in den Häfen der Vereinigten Staaten dersertiert sind, melden sich in immer wachsender Zahl zur Anheuerung auf Schiffen, die auf den grossen Binnenseen verkehren.

Achtung! Aus Brooklyn, New York! Aus zuverlässiger Quelle erfahren wir, dass ein weiterer Geleitzug mit amerikanischen Truppen, der auf den Vereinigten Staaten kam, von einem ~~xxx~~ furchtbaren Unglück betroffen worden ist. Der Geleitzug war drei Tagereisen von Hoboken, New Jersey, entfernt, als in der Dienstagnacht kurz nach Mitternacht bei strömendem Regen und furchtbarem Sturm ein Schla

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