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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

October 14, 2016

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.
[REDACTED]
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FOIPA Request No.: 1357742-000
Subject: KELLY, JOHN SIMMS

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 120 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is written over a horizontal line.

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

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

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

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

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

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

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with instructions contained in Section 36 of the Bureau Manual of Rules and Regulations, please be advised that my status with respect to the items listed below is as follows:-

- (A) Marital Status:
(Married employees
state spouse's place
of employment)

Married

- (B) Date of Birth:

July 8 1910

- (C) Names of parents,
brothers and sisters:

Anna Simon. R E Kelly,

- (D) Maiden name of wife, together
with names of wife's parents,
brothers and sisters:

*Bruce Frazier
Bruce Taylor - Frank
Frazier.*

- (E) Names of husband's parents,
brothers and sisters:

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(F) Names of societies or organizations with which connected:

*Garden Club
Barbers Club*

(G) Legal Residence:

447 E 57th St NYC

(H) Education:

(Names of Schools attended and degrees received)

*Springfield Grammar
High School
St Marys Prep.
University of Ky.*

(I) Name, address and relationship of person to be notified in case of emergency:

(J) List of names of any relatives now in the Government service, with degree of relationship, and where employed. (List all relatives, including those by marriage.):

(K) Offices where assignment preferred:
(Limited to three)

Very truly yours,

John J. Kelly

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VOCATION RECORD

I. DEGREES:

SCHOOL:

LOCATION:

AB Univ of Ky Lexington Ky.
 II. BARS: YEAR ADMITTED:

III. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS:

YEAR:

IV. LANGUAGES:

 (language) Read: Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
 Sufficient to read foreign language newspapers ____
 Sufficient to translate with aid of dictionary ____
Speak: (ability to carry on conversation)
 Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
Understand: (ability to listen to a conversation and intelligently report the substance)
 Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____

 (language) Read: Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
 Sufficient to read foreign language newspapers ____
 Sufficient to translate with aid of dictionary ____
Speak: (ability to carry on conversation)
 Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
Understand: (ability to listen to a conversation and intelligently report the substance)
 Excellent ____ Good ____ Fair ____
 (To report additional information, attach sheet)

V. SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS: (give detailed information regarding previous employment, vocations, avocations and special abilities, and degree of proficiency)

VI. MILITARY & NAVAL AFFILIATIONS: (include reserve officer's commission)

 (Date)

John D. Kelly
 (Signature)
General Employee
 (Title of Position)
 JUL 2 1942

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5th 1942

Sir:

I hereby make application for employment in the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation; United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent (Law Trained) ..	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	**
Special Agent (Accountant) ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Stenographer ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Typist ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Translator ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Messenger ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Laboratory Technician* ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	**
Student Fingerprint Classifier ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Clerk ..	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(This application should be typewritten if possible) (Indicate by check)

1. Name in full (please print) KELLY John SIMMS
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)
(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name _____
2. Legal Residence 447 East 57 St New York City
3. Mail and telegraphic address 630 5th Ave Phone No. Co 5-7798
4. Complete date of birth July 8-1910 Weight 210 Height 6'2"
5. Place of birth Springfield Washington Kentucky
(City) (County) (State)
6. (a) Father's name Richard (b) Father's birthplace Springfield Ky.
(c) Present address Dead (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? _____
(e) Date and place of naturalization _____
7. (a) Mother's name Anna (b) Mother's birthplace Springfield Ky
(c) Present address Dead (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? _____
(e) Date and place of naturalization _____
8. Brothers _____
(Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)
9. Sisters _____
(Include married names, birthplaces and present addresses)
10. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? _____
11. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes
12. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization _____
13. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Married
14. (a) Maiden name of wife Margaret (b) Wife's birthplace Canada
(c) Present address 447 East 57 St (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? Yes
(e) Date and place of naturalization American Father

*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician.
**Positions of Special Agent (Law Trained), Special Agent (Accountant),
Laboratory Technician, and Messenger for male applicants only.

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

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15. (a) Husband's complete name _____ (b) Husband's birthplace _____
 (c) Present address _____ (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? _____
 (e) Date and place of naturalization _____
16. (a) Father-in-law's name Frank Taylor (b) Birthplace Cincinnati Ohio
 (c) Present address Dead (d) If foreign born, is he a citizen? _____
 (e) Date and place of naturalization _____
17. (a) Mother-in-law's name Brenda Taylor (b) Birthplace Canada
 (c) Present address Red Cross City (d) If foreign born, is she a citizen? Yes
 (e) Date and place of naturalization Married in Canada
18. Brothers-in-law _____
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)
19. Sisters-in-law _____
 (Complete names, birthplaces and present addresses)
20. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed _____
21. Number of children, if any None
22. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? No
23. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? None that
would be paid
24. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM—	TO—	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	<u>Springfield Ky</u> <u>Grinnam School</u> Name _____ Address _____			<u>Graduated</u>
(b) High school equivalent	<u>Springfield Ky</u> <u>High School</u> Name _____ Address _____			<u>Graduated</u>
(c) College or technical *	<u>University of</u> <u>Kentucky</u>			<u>AB</u>
(d) Foreign Languages Give degree of proficiency as to speaking, reading, writing				<u>degree</u>
(e) Miscellaneous *	<u>One year to</u> <u>prep school.</u>	<u>St Marys Ky</u>		

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

25. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Bankers Club N.Y.
Garden Club N.Y.

26. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify _____

(Furnish Date and Place)

27. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any, with and without glasses (Snellen) _____

Fractured leg which is O.K.

28. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness): _____

None

29. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM—	TO—	ANNUAL SALARY
Name <i>Home Insurance</i> Address <i>59 Madison Ave N.Y.</i>	<i>Special Representative</i>			<i>\$10000 a</i>
Name _____ Address _____				<i>year plus</i>
Name _____ Address _____				<i>Commission</i>
Name _____ Address _____				<i>and</i>
Name _____ Address _____				<i>expense.</i>
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				

30. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests) _____

1 - Mayfield Traffic - 2 in Virginia - Traffic Virginia 1

31. Specify any arrests of immediate family _____

32. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? *No*

Specify: _____

33. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women, including your family physician, if you have one, of good standing in the

33. (continued)

community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1. P. H. Johnston	Mont Claire N.J.	30	Chemical Bank & Trust Co
2. H. J. Cadden	Versailles Ky.	14	Senate U.S.
3. J. J. D. [unclear]	5th Ave N.Y.C.	8	Cockle Export [unclear]
4. Harold Melan	Mont Claire N.J.	8	Chemical Bank & Trust
5. Bill [unclear]	Chatham R.R.	8	New York Journal

34. Give residence addresses and dates of residence for the past ten years.

Mont Claire N.J. - 2 East 88th - 108 E 66th
 5th Ave at 71st - 386 Pl South - 435 E 51st
 447 E 57th

35. List the names of any relative now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

36. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? Any37. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes38. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes39. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes

40. Attach unmounted full face photograph not larger than 3 by 4 1/4 inches. Write your name plainly on back of photograph. Photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.

(Application will not be considered complete if such photograph not furnished)



Respectfully,

J. Kelly
 (Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this 8th day of May, 1942, at city (or town) of New York, county of New York, and State (or Territory or District) of New York

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

Charles W. Brooks
 (Signature of official)

(Official Title)
 Notary Public, New York City

Application will not be considered complete if above jurat not executed.



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

May 2, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: JOHN "SHIPWRECK" KELLY

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 Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

Mr. Kelly, with whom you are personally acquainted, called to see me on April 29. He advised that he attempted to get in the Army but was given a 4-F classification because of a physical defect involving the breaking of his leg a couple of years ago. He feels there is a possibility of getting into the Army in physical instruction work but before taking any steps in this matter he wanted to get in touch with you to find out whether the Bureau might be able to utilize his services.

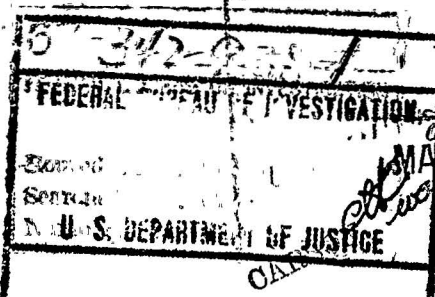
Mr. Kelly has been connected for the past two and one-half years with the Home Insurance Company in New York City. This company has an agency in Cuba and Mr. Kelly felt that he might be able to be helpful to us at that point. He indicated that he is not familiar with any foreign language but that he has excellent contacts in and near Cuba. As you know, he married Miss Brenda Frazier, whose grandmother is the social leader in Nassau.

Subsequent to my conversation with Mr. Kelly, I discussed this matter with you and with Mr. Tamm, and in line with our understanding I telephoned Mr. Kelly stating that he might be helpful to us in Cuba and that we would like to have him make arrangements for a transfer in his insurance company to that point. I explained in detail that he would not be considered as an employee of the Bureau and that his work would be entirely in an undercover capacity. I told him that we would be willing to try him for a year at a salary of \$3800 per annum and an expense account of not to exceed \$100 per month. I suggested that he immediately enroll in a Berlitz or other school of languages with a view to securing a background of Spanish; that he make the necessary arrangements to effect a transfer to Cuba and that when he has made such arrangements he plan to come to Washington for a period of two weeks, during which time the necessary background and instructions concerning his work would be given to him. I told him that if I was not in the city I would suggest that he get in touch with Mr. Tamm, who was familiar with this matter.

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Memorandum for the Director

Mr. Kelly was cautioned that there should be no public knowledge of his connection with the Bureau. He indicated that the only persons who would be advised in this matter would be his wife, the President of the Home Insurance Company, and his guardian, Mr. Percy Johnston, in New York City.

Mr. Kelly's address in New York is 630 Fifth Avenue and his home telephone number is Plaza 3-0360. I have forwarded to him an application blank which he will return to me under personal cover, in order that the same may be of record here.

✓
Clyde Tolson

cc Mr. Tamm

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

J. Lowdy
dated 11/14/42

AMERICAN EMBASSY

HABANA, CUBA

November 14, 1942

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

Re: JOHN SIMMS KELLY

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated
October 28, 1942, regarding the contacts and
information of the above.

There are enclosed duplicate memoranda
prepared by Mr. KELLY concerning his work since
the time mentioned in reference letter.

The information which is obtained by
Mr. KELLY is regularly incorporated in investi-
gative reports, and the enclosures are forwarded
only for the Bureau's interest in reviewing at
one time the work performed by Mr. KELLY.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Leddy
R. G. LEDDY,
Legal Attache

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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MAY 15 1985

This is still being sent in reports.

Re: Colonel JAIME MARINE.

I received a letter of introduction from LARRY McPHAIL to Colonel JAIME MARINE, of whom I have spoken before. LARRY McPHAIL, the President of the Brooklyn baseball Dodgers, trained the team in Cuba. Colonel MARINE is the Cuban sports director and presumably a friend of McPHAIL'S. Lieutenant CHARLES GOVEA, of the Cuban Police, a friend of mine of whom I have spoken before, delivered the letter to MARINE.

MARINE invited me to his house. CHARLES GOVEA accompanied me, and acted as interpreter since MARINE speaks very little English. MARINE discussed mostly the coming amateur World Series Baseball Tournament, which was to be held in Cuba, and also seemed to be very interested in prize fighters. He sponsors a prize fight each Saturday night which is held in Havana.

He couldn't have been nicer, and I expect to see more of him in the future.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

P 114 4367-2

Re: LUIS CUNEO HARRISON, Peruvian Minister
to Cuba.

On October 13, 1942, I met the Peruvian Minister at the Hotel Nacional swimming pool, through MIKE TARAFIA of whom I have spoken before. Also with the Peruvian Minister, I met a Panamanian by the name of BILL ARANGO. The Peruvian Minister seems very much attached to ROSE MARIE HUBER, of whom I have spoken before.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

~~P64-4357-2~~

Re: DIARMID CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

On October 15, 1942, I visited the CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON house. Upon arriving, Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON broke down, started to cry, and said something horrible had happened to her husband. I told her I was terribly sorry and that I would do anything I could possibly do to help out. She put her head on my shoulder and said that I was the nicest American she had ever met.

When I first met CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON, I told him that I had heard that he was a spy. He had obviously discussed this with Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON because she said that I was the only one who had mentioned the stories that had been started about them, which they knew were going the rounds of Havana.

Also at the house on this morning was the lawyer, JESUS VALDES CRESPO, commonly known as "Chu Chu". Also present was Mrs. BAROIS, the wife of the Vichy French Minister; Mrs. ST. THOMAS, an older Cuban lady who spoke very good English; and Mrs. EGBERT, who is Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON'S constant companion.

Mrs. EGBERT explained to me that her father had been the Cuban Ambassador to Norway years ago, and that she had accompanied him to Norway when she was a girl, and had married a Norwegian by the name of EGBERT. She said her husband was quite prominent in Norway, and owned forests and pulp factories. She said she was a friend of SONJA HENIE'S, and had known her in Norway. Mrs. EGBERT has properties here in Cuba which were left by her father when he died. Although she has spent most of the time since her marriage abroad, she is now living in Cuba for the duration.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

P64-4357-2

Re: DIARMID CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

On the afternoon of October 16, 1942, I met JESUS CRESPO, the CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON lawyer, and made arrangements for renting the house. During our conversation, he explained to me that CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON was in prison, and that things were in a terrible shape.

He told me that the Cuban Minister of Defense, was a classmate of his, and that he had seen him and had also talked to the assistant to the Minister of Defense. They gave him a letter to a captain in the Cuban Army, who was in charge of this particular investigation. He said that he was going to see the Captain and felt that possibly he might be able to pull a few strings and get CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON out of jail. He also said that if this didn't work, a great friend of his, Dr. TOPIA, a Cuban Representative who had helped him before, would help him again. I asked if he could probably bribe a few Cubans and arrange for CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON'S release. CRESPO explained to me that under ordinary conditions, you could do most anything with money. He further explained that this situation was different from the usual ones because the British Minister, Sir GEORGE OGILVIE-FORBES, hated CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON and was behind the whole thing.

CRESPO also explained to me that CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON had a great friend, a lawyer by the name of ANDRE LA FARGUE, who lived at 1023 Harding Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana. He said that he had contacted LA FARGUE, and that LA FARGUE was in touch with the French Ambassador to the United States, HENRY-HAYE. He also explained to me that he felt something might be done in Washington because HENRY-HAYE was a great friend of Mr. and Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON, had visited them, and would do almost anything to help them out. He went so far as to say that he felt HENRY-HAYE would contact Lord HALIFAX, the British Minister. CRESPO seemed quite confident that something worth while would happen in Washington through the efforts of LA FARGUE and HENRY-HAYE.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

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Re: FREDERICK WILLIAM LANGE

On October 17, 1942, I met Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM LANGE at the Nacional Hotel.

Mr. LANGE is the distribution manager for Paramount in Cuba. He told me that he was born in Germany, and that he had spent the last few years as Paramount's general distribution manager for Europe. Mr. LANGE was obviously very anti-Semitic.

I expect to see Mr. LANGE again soon, as he invited me to the preview of a picture.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

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Re: LUIS CUNEO HARRISON

On the night of October 19, 1942, I attended a dinner given at the British Legation by Sir GEORGE OGILVIE-FORBES, British Minister.

At this dinner were Mr. and Mrs. JOHN DUYS, of whom I have spoken before; and Mr. and Mrs. HUGH CHISHOLM. Mr. CHISHOLM is the Cuban representative for the Sun Life of Canada Insurance Company, which he advised me wrote 70 percent of the Cuban life insurance, thus surpassing all other life insurance companies.

Also at this dinner were Mr. and Mrs. AUGUSTIN BATISTA. Mr. BATISTA, of whom I have spoken before, is president of the Havana Philharmonic, and quite obviously a most important man in Cuba.

After this dinner, we all attended the opening of the Philharmonic Orchestra winter season, under the direction of MASSIMO FRECCIA, of whom I have spoken before. I noticed that the Peruvian Minister, CUNEO HARRISON, attended the Philharmonic opening accompanied by ROSE MARIE HUBER, of whom I have spoken before.

When this was finished, we attended a party given by Mr. and Mrs. ELLIS BRIGGS at their home. Mr. BRIGGS, of whom I have spoken before, is First Secretary of the American Embassy.

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

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Re: DIARMID CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

On October 18, 1942, I talked with JESUS CRESPO, the CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON lawyer. He explained that things weren't going so well but that he had an appointment with the Minister of State, Dr. MARTINEZ, an old friend of his, whom he expected to give him help.

On October 19, 1942, I moved into the CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON house. I located a wall safe in this house, hidden away in one of the closets. I asked Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON for the combination of this safe, but she said she couldn't give it to me, as only CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON knew the combination, and that it was the place where he kept his private papers.

The safe will be opened to see what it might contain. *reported*

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

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Re: DIARMID CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON

On the night of October 20, 1942, I had as guests at my house for dinner, MASSIMO FRECCIA and Miss RENE AZIPAZA.

I was called away from dinner and advised by the butler that the CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON lawyer, JESUS CRESPO, wanted to see me. I talked with him; he seemed terribly upset, explaining that CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON had broken down and also that Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON had been crying all day, and that he hadn't been able to accomplish anything. He said that he hated to disturb me but that Mrs. CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON felt I was the one friend she could depend on in Havana, and that she would like me, as a great favor to her, to see the British Minister and deliver a message. The message was this -- that she and CAMPBELL-JOHNSTON would do anything that he would like to have them do. I advised the lawyer that I would be more than glad to do this, as I felt sorry for people in trouble.

in a report

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

Re: FRANK STEINHARDT, Jr.

On October 12, 1942 FRANK STEINHARDT, of whom I have spoken before, brought to my room at the Nacional Hotel, a diamond bracelet which he said was a bargain. He said the party asked \$20,000 for it, but he thought he could get it cheaper. I asked STEINHARDT about the duty and customs or other difficulties which might arise from purchasing a used bracelet like this one. He said there would be no trouble, as it wasn't bought from a store and no one would know the difference since it would be bought for personal use.

I explained to him that it was not a very good bracelet, and under no conditions would I be interested in it.

He also explained to me at this time that he had been commissioned a Major in the Military Intelligence and was awaiting his orders. I told him that with the knowledge he had of Cuba that they would probably leave him in Havana. He agreed with me, and said that he thought he could do the best work here.

*this is now a
subject of
concern*

November 11, 1942

John S. Kelly

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January 4, 1943

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

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a summary report of the organization and set up of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, "Office of the Legal Attache," in the American Embassy at Havana, Cuba.

It is believed the Bureau personnel already on duty in Cuba, together with those scheduled for duty in Cuba in accordance with the original plan of operation, is sufficient for the time being to satisfactorily handle all matters of interest. In the event there is an appreciable increase in pending cases, it is suggested that any additional personnel be assigned in the open, as Assistant Legal Attaches. The Cuban police officials and Ambassador Braden have advised me there is no restriction on the number of F. B. I. agents who may work in the open in Cuba.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Spears
Special Agent

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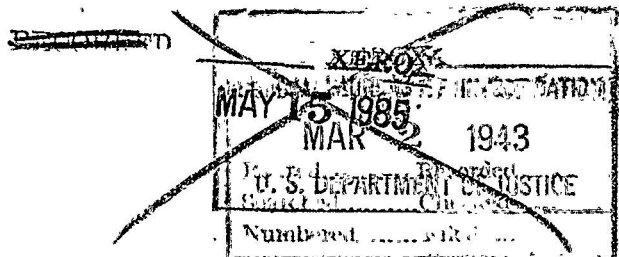
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Confidential Representative JOHN SIMMS KELLY resides at the Hotel Nacional, Havana, Cuba, where he is contacted frequently by Agent Leddy.

Up to the present time KELLY has been able to only render limited assistance to the Office of the Legal Attache. KELLY, naturally, is quite well known in Havana and is much sought after by Havana society. However, it appears that KELLY neglects to take full advantage of the contact opportunities he has for the asking. It is within my knowledge that Agent LEDDY has spent considerable time in conferring with Kelly; furnishing leads and suggestions and encouraging him in his work. KELLY appears to be quite anxious to help but at the same time he seems to hesitate to make the necessary contacts or to take advantage of the opportunities he has to secure information desired.

However, it is believed that with time to get acquainted with the work and with Agent LEDDY'S assistance that KELLY will become a valuable contact for the office of the Legal Attache.



(Present address) Washington, D. C.(Date) June 25, 1942

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

Dear Sir:

In accepting an appointment to a position in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby agree that I will be governed by the following provisions:

1. That my retention in the Bureau will be contingent upon the performance of satisfactory services.
2. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public, and with each other, is fully understood by me.
3. That the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me in connection, directly or indirectly with my work as an employee of this Bureau, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me.
4. That neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nor at any time, will I violate this confidence, nor will I divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me to persons not officially entitled thereto.

I further certify that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me, and that I am entering on duty as an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with a full knowledge of the conditions above set forth.

Very truly yours,

John S. Kelly
Signature and Title of Position

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of June, A.D. 1942

Wm. C. Jackson
Notary Public

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OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ATTACHE

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HABANA, CUBA

June 1, 1943

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

Re: JOHN S. KELLY
Special Employee
Efficiency Report
Cuba - Administrative

Dear Sir:

Mr. John S. Kelly came to Havana in July 1942, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Brenda Frazier Kelly; he has been assigned in Cuba continuously since that time for the purpose of developing information of value to the Bureau through independent contacts, in an under cover capacity.

Mr. Kelly has developed wide contacts in Cuba, and utilized them to good advantage. Gifted with a likable personality and an impressive personal appearance, he has no difficulty in securing access to any circle of society. He is able to make acquaintances with ease and to be accepted readily by varying types of individuals without reserve. In manner, he is very direct and frank, which qualities have a disarming effect on persons who with other Bureau representatives might feel more cautious. He is intelligent, penetrating in personal judgment, and independent in approach. He has conducted himself in his work with discretion, and exercised good judgment in liaison with this office and the use of information turned over to him. He is exceptionally interested in the work of the Bureau and in performing a satisfactory job on his present assignment; in this regard, he shows himself amenable to suggestion and anxious for numerous leads to occupy his investigative time.

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Mr. Kelly has in a very large degree overcome the initial uncertainty as to his duties and manner of performing them, which he felt on arrival in Cuba. His knowledge of the type of information of interest to the Bureau and of the means

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of securing the same has steadily improved, but it is felt that with his experience of one year in this work, he can demonstrate further ability to originate and follow up topics of information, and to expand information which he receives into a complete report by additional investigation.

Mr. Kelly has acquired entree to the principal circles of Cuban society, both social and commercial. He has secured himself in a position whereby he can entertain or be entertained by the principal diplomatic figures in Havana, as well as the leaders of Cuban social life in many parts of the island. He has utilized his cover of a representative of the Home Insurance Company (with which he has been connected for a long period) to secure access to information in the financial and commercial world. His value to the Bureau depends largely on these contacts, so that any transfer from this country, it is believed, would reduce his ability to secure this type of information, at least for a temporary period.

Mr. John S. Kelly has been an asset to the work of this office, and his services to the Bureau have been entirely satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Leddy
R. G. LEDDY
Legal Attache

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J. S. Kelly

PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT

Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.
(Department or agency) (Bureau or division) (Place of employment)

Name John S. Kelly
(Given name, initial or initials, if any, and last name. Print or type)

Section 9A of Public 252—76th Congress, approved August 2, 1939, otherwise known as the "Hatch Act," provides:

"(1) It shall be unlawful for any person employed in any capacity by any agency of the Federal Government, whose compensation, or any part thereof, is paid from funds authorized or appropriated by any Act of Congress, to have membership in any political party or organization which advocates the overthrow of our constitutional form of government in the United States.

"(2) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be immediately removed from the position or office held by him, and thereafter no part of the funds appropriated by any Act of Congress for such position or office shall be used to pay the compensation of such person;"

It is provided in various appropriation acts that no part of the funds so appropriated shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence, and that an affidavit shall be considered *prima facie* evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence. Such acts provide further that any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment, the salary or wages for which are paid from any such appropriation, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both, and that the above penalty shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

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I, John S. Kelly, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have read and understand the foregoing; that I do not advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; that I am not a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence; and that during such time as I am an employee of the Federal Government, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of June A. D., 1942
at Washington, D.C.
(City or place) (State)

John S. Kelly
(Signature of employee)
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I, John S. Kelly..... do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Special employee.....

on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

(Sign here)John S. Kelly.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

25th day of June.... 1942

Wm. C. Jackson
Notary Public

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

October 23, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN S. KELLY

Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒
Mr. Clegg ☒
Mr. Coffey ☒
Mr. Glavin ☒
Mr. Ladd ☒
Mr. Nichols ☒
Mr. Rosen ☒
Mr. Tracy ☒
Mr. Acers ☒
Mr. Carson ☒
Mr. Harbo ☒
Mr. Hendon ☒
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Mr. Starke ☒
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Miss Beahm ☒
Miss Gandy ☒

I talked to the above individual this morning. He came down from New York and is somewhat perturbed as to his status with the Bureau in view of his recent classification by his draft board in 1-A. I made it clear to Mr. Kelly that the Bureau cannot under any circumstances request deferment for him. I pointed out to him that he is not a Special Agent and that he would have to be a duly appointed Special Agent prior to being classified in 1-A before the Bureau can do anything for him in the way of requesting deferment. I also made it clear to Kelly that the Bureau cannot under any circumstances be a party to any procedure whereby he would be classified as 4-F by his draft board on the basis of his working for the FBI. Kelly states that he understands our position in the matter and that he does not want the Bureau to think that he is trying to escape army service or anything of the kind.

Kelly states that he advised his draft board in New York that he had been in Cuba for the Home Insurance Company while classified as 4-F and that for the very confidential information of the board he had helped the FBI and had to some extent worked for the FBI. He stated that he told the draft board confidentially that he had received training by the FBI with regard to such work. I told Kelly that he should not have done this and that he should not reveal to anyone under any circumstances his connection with the FBI. I pointed out to him that it has been previously explained not one but a number of times that his connection with the Bureau is highly confidential, the assignment which he was on was highly confidential and that the Bureau cannot under any circumstances back him up to the effect that he was assigned in Cuba with the FBI. Kelly states he understands this and that the members of the draft board did not believe him when he told them he had been working with the FBI. Certain members of the draft board seemed to think he was lying and asked him to get proof from the FBI. Kelly states he told the draft board he could not get any such proof.

He states that upon one prior occasion he was told by Special Agent Jerome Doyle in New York City that Special Agent Doyle would



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send an FBI Agent to the draft board in New York City to pick up a draft release for Kelly to leave the country. He stated that Special Agent Doyle told him, Kelly, that the Agent was sent to the head of the draft board, a Mr. Graziana (spelling phonetic), on a strictly confidential basis merely to obtain the draft release, Kelly, of course, being classified as 4-F legitimately. Kelly states that Doyle did obtain the draft release for him to leave the country, and that he assumed there would be some record, confidential or otherwise, at the draft board concerning this. A check was made but no record could be found. He states that the head of the draft board, Graziana, has no recollection of any FBI Agent having contacted him or anyone else on the board to obtain a draft release. He states that Graziana called in his secretary who stated he had a vague recollection that someone representing himself to be an Agent of the FBI did contact Mr. Graziana previously and did obtain a draft release for Kelly to leave the United States and go to Cuba.

Kelly states that he would like very much for the Bureau to have an Agent contact Mr. Graziana, the head of the draft board, confidentially and advise him on a strictly confidential basis orally that while Kelly was in Cuba for the Home Insurance Company he voluntarily assisted the FBI and other American authorities there. He states that he would like this to be done inasmuch as Graziana and the others apparently now think that Kelly was lying. I told Mr. Kelly that as he had previously been told any number of times, the Bureau cannot officially admit that Kelly was in any way whatsoever working for us, that he obviously should not have put himself in the position with his draft board of making representations which he should have known he could not back up and that the Bureau could not back him up with regard to such representations; further, that the Bureau did not and does not desire that he disclose his connection with the FBI under any circumstances to anyone outside of the FBI. Mr. Kelly stated that he thought the Director and Mr. Tolson would approve, if they knew the facts, the matter of having an Agent approach the head of the draft board in a strictly confidential capacity and advise him in the strictest of confidence that Kelly did, as a matter of fact, while in Cuba and while legitimately classified as 4-F, cooperate with the FBI. I told Kelly that I would check and see if this procedure could be taken but that if it is approved he should understand definitely that the FBI cannot in any way whatsoever request deferment for him nor can we admit to the draft board or anyone else that he has been working for the FBI in the past either in Cuba or elsewhere. Kelly states that he understands this and only desires that an Agent contact Mr. Graziana as indicated above so that Kelly will not be in a position of telling a barefaced lie.

Kelly states that he is a very good personal friend of Major General Irving Phillipson of the War Department. General Phillipson previously told Kelly that he would try to get Kelly reclassified into 1-A and get him a commission in the event Kelly desired. Kelly stated that he at that time told General Phillipson in the strictest of confidence that he had been helping the FBI in Cuba and that because of such connection he did not desire General Phillipson to take any action with regard to the matter. He stated that he did not have authority from anyone in the Bureau to tell General Phillipson the above but that he mentioned the fact that he had done so to Special Agent Jerome Doyle in New York City, that Special Agent Doyle asked Kelly whether he could trust General Phillipson to be absolutely discreet about the matter, and that Kelly replied that if he could not trust General Phillipson to respect a confidence he would not trust anyone to do so. Kelly inquired as to whether the Bureau would have any objections to his recontacting General Phillipson and telling him that he has been reclassified into 1-A and is now desirous of General Phillipson doing what he can concerning Kelly and a commission. I told Kelly that the Bureau, of course, has no objection to this procedure although we do not want him to represent himself to General Phillipson or anyone else as having been working for the FBI. He stated that he will tell General Phillipson that with regard to his previous conversation with the General he, Kelly, meant he was cooperating in helping the American authorities in Cuba as much as he could but that he can no longer continue in this capacity inasmuch as he has been classified 1-A. He stated that he will locate General Phillipson and talk to him this afternoon inasmuch as the General is a close personal friend. I warned Kelly again that under all circumstances and conditions his connection with the FBI must remain at all times completely confidential and secret. Kelly states he understands this.

Kelly states that he particularly wants the Director and Mr. Tolson to know that he appreciates the Bureau's action in letting him be of assistance and that he wants us to know that he was sincere in wanting to help and that he did on this basis enjoy most heartily his connection with the Bureau. I told Kelly that the Bureau enjoyed having him and that his work had been of value, that as a matter of fact we have been assured by the Legal Attache in Cuba that his efforts were most valuable and of great assistance. Kelly states he is highly gratified to know this. He is not yet sure whether his classification will remain in 1-A inasmuch as he states that he still does not believe that his knee will pass the final medical examination for induction.

ACTION

Inasmuch as Kelly has already performed the harm with the draft board of telling them that he was connected with the FBI, it is believed

that the Bureau might desire to have a fully qualified Agent contact the head of the draft board and orally explain to him in confidence that Kelly as a prominent businessman legitimately classified in 4-F has in the past offered certain cooperation and assistance which was received gratefully by the FBI in the same manner that we would receive cooperation and assistance from anyone else, but that this fact must, of course, be kept strictly confidential by the draft board member in question. It is believed that the Agent should make it very clear to the head of the draft board that the Bureau is not and did not under any circumstances request deferment for Kelly because of any assistance that he has rendered to the FBI or might be able to render in the future.

Respectfully,


C. H. Carson

I am opposed
to any contacts
in this matter

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Since Kelly acted in first
instance without consulting
us, we will do nothing
now.

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

October 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN S. KELLY,
SIS - SPECIAL EMPLOYEE

I called Special Agent Minor in New York today with regard to the attached memorandum and advised Special Agent Minor that he should get in touch with Kelly and tell him the Bureau is completely unable, in view of all the circumstances involved in connection with this matter, to contact the Draft Board in anyway whatsoever. I told Mr. Minor to make it clear to Kelly that the Bureau, in view of its responsibilities and duty concerning the confidential and delicate nature of foreign intelligence work, definitely cannot at any time in anyway admit that we engage in such work or that Kelly was employed by the Bureau in such capacity. I told Mr. Minor that he should tell Kelly that for this reason we cannot contact the Draft Board even in an off the record confidential manner; further, that Kelly had gone ahead and contacted the Draft Board and gotten himself into a predicament without first consulting the Bureau although he had been previously repeatedly warned of the confidential and secret nature of his connection with the FBI.

I told Mr. Minor to get in touch with Kelly and to find out just what the situation and status of Kelly was going to be in order that we can get his resignation or take such other action as might be necessary in view of this draft situation.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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United States Department of Justice
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May 26, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR ~~THE DIRECTOR~~

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E.A. Tamm _____
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John S. Kelly called from New York with reference to his application for a position with the Bureau.

I asked Mr. Kelly how he has been getting along with his Berlitz course, and said it was pretty slow, but he is coming along all right. He has had about fourteen hours of a twenty hour course.

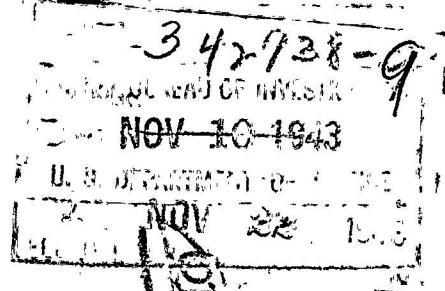
I advised him we would want him to come down to Washington for a couple of weeks, or it might run into a month.

Mr. Kelly said he would come to Washington on Monday to go over the whole matter, and he asked me to tell you and Mr. Tolson he had asked about you and him.

Respectfully yours,

Edward A. Tamm

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DIRECTOR



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN S. KELLY
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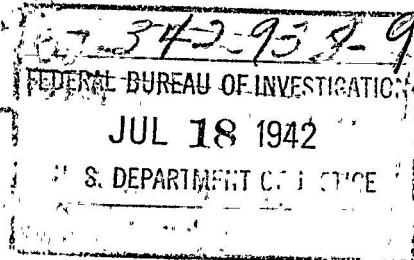
This is to advise that John S. Kelly took the oath of office and entered upon active duty as a Special Employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation assigned to the SIS Division as of 9:00 a.m. June 22, 1942.

Mr. Kelly's compensation is to be at the rate of \$3800 per annum. His expenses are not to exceed \$100 per month, and he will be provided with transportation expenses between New York City and Havana, Cuba, for himself.

Respectfully,

CAC
C. H. Carson

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1942

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD *Dhc*

RE: JOHN SIMS "SHIPWRECK" KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

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John S. Kelly took the oath of office as a Special Employee of this Bureau on June 22, 1942, and completed his primary training for SIS work July 10, 1942. Mr. Kelly on July 10, 1942, returned to New York City to arrange his personal matters. He intends to leave New York City on July 22, 1942, for Miami, Florida, en route to Havana, Cuba. It is expected that he will arrive at Havana, Cuba, on or about July 26, 1942.

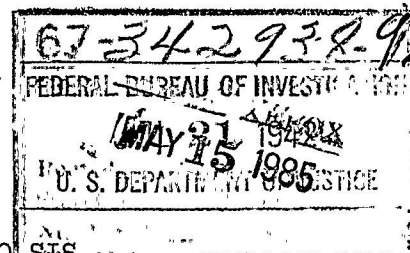
While on special assignment for the Bureau, Mr. Kelly will use the cover of the Home Insurance Company whose main offices are at 59 Maiden Lane, New York City, New York. Mr. Kelly has made arrangements with the president of this company to work as their Special Representative in Havana, Cuba.

Mr. Kelly will communicate with the Bureau through the cover address of Benjamin Bowen, Post Office Box 644, Grand Central Annex, New York City, New York, and will sign his mail "Snake". No cable address was assigned to Mr. Kelly. *noted wk.*

Mr. Kelly has requested that all checks issued to him by the Bureau be forwarded to Miss Ruth Harrison, c/o J. S. Kelly, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York. Miss Harrison has been Mr. Kelly's secretary in the insurance business for the past two years and will maintain his office in New York City during his absence. Mr. A. M. Thurston at New York City is to be introduced to Miss Harrison by Mr. Kelly so that an appropriate liaison can be arranged in New York.

While in Washington under the direct supervision of Mr. Jerome Doyle of the SIS Division, Mr. Kelly received extensive training to prepare him for SIS work in Cuba. He was given specific lectures on the general operations of the Spanish Falange; on the handling of informants; on the general problems of working undercover; on the various types of persons who would seek to undercover him in his work for the Bureau in Cuba. In addition, he attended a lecture on the subject of How to Recognize a Clandestine Radio Transmitter and was given an extensive talk on the general subject of espionage by Supervisor H. Kimball of the Security Division.

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In addition, Mr. Kelly was given the opportunity of reviewing all the Bureau's files relative to Cuba. The contents of these files were discussed with him and the various types of information desired by the Bureau were outlined to him.

Under the general supervision of Mr. Coffey of the Technical Laboratory, Mr. Kelly was afforded an opportunity to take special courses (in/coding and the use of secret inks). In addition, general uses of photography in SIS work were outlined to him. He was shown the mechanical operations of detectaphones and the general checks which could be made to ascertain the presence of microphones in a room. He was given instructions on the manner in which his mail could be opened unknown to himself and the various types of espionage writings were explained to him.

Mr. Doyle accompanied Mr. Kelly to Quantico, Virginia, where Mr. Kelly was given the opportunity to attend a lecture on practical sabotage problems, and he audited the actual field work of an In-Service class in its efforts to solve three specific practical sabotage problems. While at Quantico, Mr. Kelly fired both the hip shooting and the practical pistol course. It is noted that in the hip shooting course he obtained a score of 96 and in the practical pistol course a score of 68. Mr. Kelly stated this was the first time he had ever fired a revolver.

At the specific request of Mr. Kelly, Mr. Doyle discreetly outlined to Mr. Kelly and his wife, Brenda Frazier Kelly, the confidential nature of Mr. Kelly's assignment to Havana, Cuba. The only subject matter stressed during this conference was the nature and the types of persons who would seek to trick Mrs. Kelly into uncovering her husband's official connection with the Bureau. It was noted during the conference that Mrs. Kelly had a quick appreciation of the general problems of her husband's assignment, and she stated that wherever possible it was her intention to assist him in this work. It was particularly stressed to Mrs. Kelly that under no circumstances should she reveal her husband's official connection with the Bureau to any one. The various reasons for this were outlined to her.

Previous to Mr. Kelly's completion of his training course, a conference was had between Mr. Kelly, Special Agent Raymond Leddy and Mr. Jerome Doyle wherein Mr. Kelly was instructed as to how Agent Leddy would make contacts with him in Havana, Cuba, where Agent Leddy is about to be assigned as Attache to the American Embassy. It was explained to Mr. Kelly that he should be most careful in his contacts with Agent Leddy inasmuch as Agent Leddy will be known to the Embassy as an Agent of the Bureau.

During the course of Mr. Kelly's training, he advised that he was intimately acquainted with Ernest Hemingway. Mr. Doyle reviewed the Bureau files relative to Hemingway and noted the information indicated Hemingway was an ardent anti-Francoist with respect to Spanish matters; that he had been a great sympathizer with the Loyalist side in the Spanish revolution and was among other things a contributor to the "Daily Worker".

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Mr. Doyle instructed Mr. Kelly that any contact he made with Hemingway should be most discreet and that under no circumstances should he reflect to Hemingway his official connection with the Bureau. Mr. Kelly stated that he felt that in view of Hemingway's hatred for Franco information relative to the operations of the Falange in Cuba should be obtainable from him. In this as well as all other matters, he was advised he should take the advice of Agent Leddy before involving himself in situations which he did not understand. Mr. Kelly stated that in his own opinion he was totally inexperienced in investigative matters and he realized that he could not properly evaluate the worth of information but that he stands ready to obtain any information which was requested of him and to make whatever contacts would be of assistance to the Bureau's work in Cuba.

It is Mr. Kelly's present intention, upon his arrival in Havana, Cuba, to proceed about ordinary business for about ten days or two weeks and then to have a preliminary conference with Special Agents Raymond G. Leddy and W. C. Spears at which time the nature and scope of his work can be outlined.

While Mr. Kelly was here in Washington, I met and talked with him generally about SIS work in Cuba.

Upon leaving Mr. Kelly stated that he understood thoroughly all of the instructions that had been given him.

Respectfully,


C. H. Carson

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE October 18, 1943MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN S. KELLY,
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE

Special Agent Minor in New York City has advised that the above-named Special Employee has been reclassified by his Draft Board in New York City and is now classified as 1-A.

It will be recalled that Special Employee Kelly at the time he was employed in the Bureau was classified as 4-F because of a bad and defective cartilage in his knee. According to Kelly, this resulted from a "football" knee. Apparently, either this condition has improved and somewhat cleared up or Selective Service has become less particular with regard to defects of this kind. Mr. Minor desires to know just what action the Bureau wishes to take concerning this matter.

ACTION

If it is desired to seek deferment for Special Employee Kelly, it is believed that Mr. Minor should be instructed to talk personally with the Board in order to find out just what action will be necessary in view of the particular circumstances involved in this case.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

RE: JOHN SIMMS KELLY

While in Havana, Cuba I conferred with John Simms (Shipwreck) Kelly at his post of assignment in that city. When talking with him I learned that during the early part of November, 1943 Kelly had been reclassified by his draft board from 4F to 1A and as a result of this reclassification is returning to New York City for probable induction in the Army.

It was discreetly ascertained from Kelly that after he had been so reclassified there was some question as to whether or not the Bureau would request a deferment for him with his draft board. Kelly stated that he did not expect the Bureau to take such a step and was not at all surprised when the Bureau advised him that it would be necessary for the Selective Service process to take its regular course. During this period Kelly stated that he had been in Washington on two occasions and wanted to see you in order to pay you his general respects as he has not had a chance to talk with you since he became a Special Employee of the Bureau in June of 1942. Kelly was at somewhat of a loss as to why on meeting you in New York City casually on the street you asked him why he didn't drop in to see you when he was in Washington.

During this original contact with Kelly in Havana I learned that he was returning to New York City on November 27, 1943 and I told him to let me know his final status with the Selective Service process.

On Saturday, December 4, 1943 I learned telephonically from the New York SIS Office that Kelly had telephoned that office for me on several occasions. In view of your absence from the city of Washington I talked with Assistant Director Ladd and obtained clearance from him for me to go to New York City Saturday afternoon and return to Washington by 9 a.m. December 6, 1943. Upon my arrival in New York I was able to get in touch with Kelly and I had a long conference with him concerning his present Selective Service status.

Kelly advises that two or three doctors have already told him that his leg is in such poor condition that as soon as he receives anything like a thorough medical examination in the United States Army he will receive a medical discharge. He expects to be called for induction December 11, 1943.

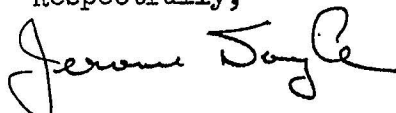


During the same conversation I discreetly ascertained that during the latter part of the week Kelly telephoned your office in Washington and requested a definite date when he could come to Washington and call upon you. It was discreetly ascertained that Kelly's only reason for desiring to talk with you is to pay his respects to you and tell you how he has enjoyed working for the Bureau since June, 1942.

I assured Kelly that in the event he receives a medical discharge from the Army that the Bureau will want to make use of his services as a Special Employee again either in Havana or in Mexico City.

I am calling this to your attention as I believe you might be interested in Kelly's present frame of mind which is that he is perfectly resigned to going into the Army and maintains a deep admiration for you and for the Bureau. I am sure Kelly understood the Bureau's position with respect to the Selective Service situation and bears no resentment toward the policy pursued at that time.

Respectfully,


Jerome Doyle



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE December 17, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CARSON:

RE: John S. Kelly

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During the course of a conference which I had with the Director on December 16, 1943 the Director inquired as to Kelly's present status and I advised him of Kelly's telephone conversation with me of the same date wherein Kelly stated that he had been classified as IAL by his Draft Board and had been told that for all practical purposes he was back in 4F. I also told the Director that the Board had given Kelly a permit to leave the country to go to either Mexico or Cuba.

The Director stated that in the absence of anyone such as Kelly in Mexico the Bureau would not be obtaining the type of information which is of such interest to the Bureau concerning International Society and the like in Mexico City. He added that Havana, Cuba, while important, is much more easily covered by the regular Bureau Agents than is Mexico City. He stated, consequently, that he felt that Kelly would best serve the Bureau on SIS by being sent to Mexico City and if the occasion arose where it would be necessary for the Bureau to use him in Havana, Cuba that he could make such trips from Mexico City to Havana, Cuba for the purposes desired.

I am calling this to your attention so that you may be advised as to the Director's point of view concerning the best point of assignment in the future.

As you know Kelly has not been removed from the SIS rolls but is on annual leave so that all that is necessary to prepare him for his new assignment is the obtaining of leave slips from him.

Respectfully,

Jerome Doyle

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New York, N. Y.
January 8, 1944

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Director, FBI

Attention: C. H. Carson

RE: JOHN SIMS KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the New York office dated December 23, 1943 concerning the above captioned individual. Since December 21, 1943, Mr. KELLY has been occupied in New York City preparing for his special assignment in Mexico. He has read the Mexican Monograph; has conferred with the officials of the Home Life Insurance Company; and has spent a great deal of time in an effort to obtain transportation from New York City to Miami.

He advised Mr. Jerome Doyle at New York that he was departing from New York on January 6, 1944 to Miami, Florida from where he would go to Havana, Cuba, complete his cover for going to Mexico City, and would call upon General Benitez while in Cuba, explaining to him that business called him to Mexico. Thereafter, he will return to New York City and will immediately depart by automobile for Mexico City.

Mr. Doyle made inquiry of Supervisor William Beaulieu at the Seat of Government as to whether or not it was desired that Mr. KELLY go to Washington for any possible training or instructions for this assignment. Subsequently Supervisor Beaulieu advised that the Bureau did not desire to have Mr. KELLY journey to Washington for the above purpose; consequently, he be instructed by Mr. Doyle in New York City prior to his departure to Mexico to discreetly contact the Bureau's Legal Attache in Mexico City soon after his arrival there and make himself available for assignment in that city.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
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New York, N.Y.
December 23, 1943

JD:EMC

Director, FBI

Attention: C. H. CARSON

RE: JOHN SIMS KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the instructions of the Director furnished Jerome Doyle on December 16, 1943, the Bureau is sending JOHN SIMS KELLY to Mexico City on special assignment. Since December 1, 1943, Mr. KELLY has been in New York City on annual leave during which time he has appeared before his draft board and has, due to physical incapacity, been re-classified to 1 AL. At the same time, Mr. KELLY received from his draft board a permit to leave the United States for travel in both Mexico and Cuba. (ms)

Due to the uncertainty of Mr. KELLY's induction into the Army, it was decided in early December not to request his resignation but to place him on annual leave awaiting the outcome of his appearance before the induction board. In view of the developments already described, it was not necessary to continue Mr. KELLY on annual leave after the close of business on December 20, 1943.

Consequently, on December 21, 1943, Mr. Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office, conferred with Mr. KELLY and discussed with him the manner in which he would be undercover in Mexico and various arrangements in New York City which Mr. KELLY would have to perfect, in order to insure a reliable cover for himself in Mexico. In addition, Mr. KELLY is from time to time reading the Mexican Monograph, a copy of which is contained in the New York SIS office. At the time of Mr. Doyle's conference with Mr. KELLY, annual leave slips were signed by Mr. KELLY for the period beginning December 1 and ending December 20, 1943.

While it is realized that the regulations of the Bureau did not at this time permit more than two calendar weeks annual leave, it is believed that in view of the unusual circumstances surrounding Mr. KELLY's case, that the attached leave slips will be acceptable to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

DATE JANUARY 29, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN SIMS "SHIPWRECK" KELLY
 SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

BACKGROUND:

It will be remembered that Special Employee Kelly was recalled from Cuba by his draft board which, after some consideration, placed him in classification 1-AL (deferred as being limited service) whereupon it was believed desirable to continue Kelly's employment in SIS.

Mr. Kelly returned to New York City from Cuba where he has been closing out his affairs and home at that point on January 26, 1944 and is now ready to depart within the next four or five days for Mexico to continue his assignment.

Mr. Kelly has been occupied in New York City preparing for his special assignment and will go to Mexico as a tourist with his wife. The Bureau has expedited Kelly's passport to him and has provided gas ration stamps so that he may drive his automobile from New York City. In addition, Special Agent Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS Office has instructed Kelly as to the necessary contacts to be made in Mexico and has supervised his preparation for this assignment.

Mr. Doyle will advise the Bureau as to the travel of Kelly when determined so that the Civil Attache at Mexico City may be apprised as to the situation.

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Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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DATE FEBRUARY 4, 1944MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN SIMS "SHIPWRECK" KELLY
 SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

We are advised that Special Employee Kelly has now received an additional deferment from his draft board until March 15, 1944, at which time, upon this employee's application, a further renewal will be forwarded to him by his draft board.

Mr. Kelly will depart from New York City via his personally-owned automobile for Mexico on February 6, 1944.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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New York, N. Y.
February 8, 1944

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Director, FBI

Attention: R. D. ~~WELBACH~~

RE: JOHN S. KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the New York office dated December 23, 1943 and January 8, 1944 concerning the above captioned individual.

Please be advised that Mr. KELLY, following his last trip to Havana, Cuba, returned to New York City and completed arrangements to depart for Mexico City on SIS assignment. While in New York City Mr. KELLY has made the acquaintance of several influential Mexicans, including the president of the Bank of Mexico, whom he will contact upon arrival in Mexico City. In addition, Mr. KELLY has obtained from James A. Farley a letter of introduction to the United States Ambassador Messersmith.

Mr. KELLY is departing from New York City on the evening of February 8, 1944 by plane for Charleston, S. C. Upon arrival in Charleston he will depart from that city with his wife by auto, and will drive to Florida, New Orleans and will enter Mexico at Lorado, Texas. Mr. KELLY and his wife will enter Mexico using tourist cards which are good for six months. KELLY will advise people he meets in Mexico City that he is still connected with the Home Insurance Company but is in Mexico in order to give his wife a chance to recover from a recent illness. He will also state he is making a study for post-war investments in Mexico and will make a general survey of future insurance business in Mexico.

Prior to Mr. KELLY's departure it was ascertained that he desired any checks to be mailed to his secretary, Mrs. Emory Harrison, Room 2062, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He will continue to use the same mail drop and will sign his mail in the same manner as on his previous assignment. He will also use the same cable address upon emergency and will handle his own income tax.

Mr. KELLY advised in the event of an emergency the Bureau should notify Mr. PERCY JOHNSTON, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, New York City. For the

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further information of the Bureau, Mr. KELLY is carrying with him United States Passport #173 issued at Havana, Cuba. His draft status is 1A1 and he has received permission from his draft board to be out of the United States until March 15, 1944, at which time his draft board will notify him. Arrangements have been perfected in New York City so that KELLY's secretary will contact the board to determine whether or not an additional permit will be issued.

As the Bureau knows, KELLY is 33 years of age, is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he received his B.A. Degree, and has a language proficiency in English only. Mr. KELLY's SIS number, his salary, grade and date of entrance on duty in the Bureau and in SIS are a matter of record at the Seat of Government.

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Prior to Mr. KELLY's departure he turned over to Mr. Jerome Doyle three separate reports reflecting information on his last trip to Havana, Cuba. These reports are attached herewith.

Mr. KELLY stated that his auto trip from Charleston to Mexico City will consume approximately five days, which will get him into Mexico City on the 15th of February. He and his wife will register at the Hotel Reforma in Mexico City. Kelly suggested that no one from the Bureau in Mexico City contact him for at least a week after his arrival. Mr. Doyle advised KELLY that Mr. Birch O'Neil or someone representing Mr. O'Neil will contact him in Mexico City, at which time he can begin to report information of interest to the Bureau.

In view of the prominence of Mr. KELLY and his wife it is suggested that the Bureau designate an assistant to Mr. O'Neil to be the Bureau's contact with Mr. KELLY inasmuch as Special Agent O'Neil is probably known to the management of the Hotel Reforma as the Bureau's representative in Mexico City. In the event this suggestion meets with the Bureau's approval it is believed that Special Agent F. B. Garvey, who is attached to the American Embassy in Mexico City, be a suitable contact with Mr. KELLY.

It is further suggested that in order for the Bureau to obtain the full use of KELLY's abilities, he be kept acquainted with the entire situation by the Civil Attache's office. With such background information KELLY will be in a far better position to evaluate and obtain information of interest to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

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Transmit the following message to:

Mr. Birch D. O'Neal
The American Embassy
Mexico, D. F.

(U) [CODE CABLE] (X)

RE JOHN S. KELLY. REFERENCE YOUR CABLE FIVE ZERO NINE. THIS REPRESENTATIVE IS SPECIAL EMPLOYEE WHO WILL WORK UNDER COVER MEXICO CITY WITH HIS WIFE, WHO IS FORMER BRENDA FRAZIER. HE WILL BE OF PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING UNUSUAL INFORMATION IN HIGH SOCIAL CIRCLES AND WILL OPERATE UNDER HIS OWN COVER. INFORMATION OF TYPE SUBMITTED BY HIM SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE TO YOU TO KEEP AMBASSADOR INFORMED.

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Mr. Birch D. O'Neal
The American Embassy
Mexico, D. F.

RE:

SIS NO. 357 *John S. Kelley*

Dear Sir:

The following information regarding SIS NO. 357 is being furnished you for your confidential information and inclusion in his Field Personnel File:

NAME	SIS NO. 357
TITLE	Special Employee
EOD BUREAU	June 22, 1942
EOD SIS	June 22, 1942
GRADE AND SALARY	CAP-11, \$3800
AGE	33
MARITAL STATUS	Married
OFFICE OF PREFERENCE	None
LAST ASSIGNMENT	Havana, Cuba
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	AB.
LANGUAGE ABILITY	None

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MARCH 29, 1944

Transmit the following message to:

MR. BIRCH D. O'NEAL
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
MEXICO, D. F.

CABLEGRAM - URGENT

John "Shipwreck" Kelley

RE SIS NUMBER 357, MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE.

IN VIEW OF THIS REPRESENTATIVE'S PECULIAR POSITION, BELIEVED HE CAN
CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN MEXICO UNDER TOURIST PERMIT. ADVISE HIM HE
IS NOT BEING WITHDRAWN AT THIS TIME.

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Director, FBI

Attention: R. D. AUERBACH

RE: JOHN S. KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE

Dear Sir:

Confirming the telephone conversation of Mr. Jerome Doyle with Supervisor R. D. Auerbach on March 18, 1944, please be advised that it has been noted by Mr. Doyle that Mrs. BRENDA FRASER KELLY is the granddaughter of LADY WILLIAMS-TAYLOR of Nassau, and as such, has been received by English society throughout the Latin American countries that she and her husband have visited.

It is possible that KELLY and his wife, if sent to Argentina by the Bureau, could make inroads into the British Colony in Buenos Aires which numbers 50,000. In view of the strong position of the English in Argentina, it might be that KELLY could obtain information of extreme value to the Bureau in its SIS program. This suggestion was made to Mr. Auerbach by Mr. Doyle and at his request, is being made a matter of formal record.

Of course, the Bureau will bear in mind that this suggestion depends entirely upon the Bureau's needs in the various Latin American countries as well as the attitude which KELLY's draft board will take in New York City on or about April 1, 1944 when his case is reconsidered. At this point, KELLY is IAL and he has been verbally advised by his board that he will not be inducted into the Army. However, they have only given him a three months' permit to remain out of the country.

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Very truly yours,
E. J. Conroy
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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*memo for Mr. Ladd
3-27-44*

*cc'd to Mr. Ladd
3-27-44*

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

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March 29, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN SIMS "SHIPWRECK" KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Harbo ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Kramer ✓
Mr. McGuire ✓
Mr. Piper ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

BACKGROUND:

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are at the present time functioning in an undercover capacity at Mexico City under the use of a tourist permit.

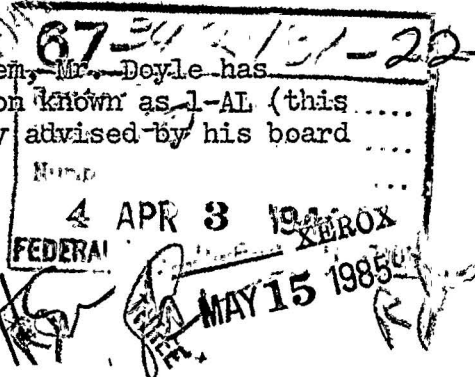
DETAILS:

It will be remembered that we are presently withdrawing all undercover personnel from Mexico who are utilizing tourist permits, due to the recent border incident involving Agents of a domestic field office going into Mexico under such tourist permits.

Although Mr. Kelly is utilizing a tourist permit, his particular situation in Mexico, in which he is of distinct value inasmuch as he has access to high degrees of Mexican society not normally susceptible to our personnel, plus the fact that he has his wife with him, lead us to believe that to retain Mr. Kelly in Mexico would not subject him to the same possibilities of being uncovered that our other personnel having tourist permits are subject to.

It was thought that Perhaps Mr. Kelly and his wife could go to Argentina and function in the same capacity, due to the fact that Mrs. Kelly has the possibility of excellent contacts in Argentina. However, it is suggested that due to the fact that Mr. Kelly's draft board has permitted him to be outside the country only until April 1, 1944, when his case will be reconsidered, we should let him continue to function in Mexico.

In connection with the draft board problem, Mr. Doyle has advised that at this point Kelly is in a classification known as 1-AL (this is for limited service) and that he has been virtually advised by his board that he will not be inducted into the Army.



Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of this situation, it is recommended that Mr. Kelly be kept on his assignment at Mexico City.

There is attached hereto a suggested cablegram to Mexico advising the Legal Attache in this regard.

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Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

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TO : MR. C. H. CARSON *CHC*

DATE: April 4, 1944

FROM : JEROME DOYLE (Dictated telephonically from New York- 3:00 P.M. 4-4-44)

SUBJECT: JOHN S. "SHIPWRECK" KELLY

I was telephonically advised by Mrs. Harrison, Secretary to John S. Kelly, that she had just received a long-distance phone call from Mr. Kelly that he had received a notice from his draft board to report in New York City for induction on April 8, 1944. Mr. Kelly asked his secretary to tell his draft board that the earliest reservation he could obtain in Mexico was on April 8th and that he would arrive in New York about April 11th or 12th. Mrs. Harrison advised his draft board and it was apparently agreeable to the draft board.

Mr. Kelly likewise asked his secretary to notify me that his draft board was calling him back. No request was made by Kelly for me to take any action. I am taking no action until I hear from Kelly directly, at which time I will notify the Bureau of his present draft status. For the purpose of the record, Mr. Kelly's local board is Number 31, at 67 East 59th Street, New York City.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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New York, N. Y.
April 19, 1944

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Director, FBI

Attention: R. D. AUERBACH

RE: JOHN SIMS KELLY
ADMINISTRATIVE - SIS

Dear Sir:

On April 19, 1944, Mr. JOHN SIMS KELLY, Special Employee of the SIS Division, conferred with Mr. Jerome Doyle at New York City. The substance of the conference is of immediate interest to the Bureau and is being called to its attention. These facts have already been outlined to Supervisor R. D. Auerbach at the Seat of Government telephonically and this letter is confirming that telephone conversation.

Mr. KELLY advised that upon his arrival on special assignment in Mexico City in February 1944, he was approached by Mrs. LOUIS RILEY in Mexico City and she told him that she knew of his connections with the Bureau as she had been so advised by her husband, LOUIS RILEY III, a former Special Employee of the Bureau. Subsequently, in Acapulco, Mexico, Mrs. RILEY repeated this statement and was advised by Mr. KELLY that he had been connected with the Bureau but was no longer so connected. On both occasions, Mr. KELLY immediately told the Bureau's Civil Attache of these conversations and prepared a memorandum outlining the conversations, which was forwarded by the office of the Civil Attache in Mexico to the Seat of Government. Mr. KELLY added that it was his opinion that it is quite possible that Mrs. RILEY might advise any of her numerous close friends in Mexico of Mr. KELLY's former employment by the Bureau and leave the possible impression that Mr. KELLY still was a Bureau employee.

Mr. Doyle immediately took up the subject with Mr. KELLY as to the possibilities of Mr. KELLY working on special assignment for the Bureau outside of the Republic of Mexico because of the possible indiscretions of Mrs. LOUIS RILEY. Mr. KELLY stated that he was, of course, willing to go any place the Bureau desired to assign him on special assignment and stated that he could offer one suggestion which was that several months ago while Mr. KELLY was in New York City, he was approached by Mr. LAWRENCE ELY, who formerly lived in the same apartment building as Mr. KELLY. Mr. ELY is the head of the Reeves Sound Laboratories, 62 West 47th Street, New York City, LO 3-3900. This concern manufactures radio equipment used by the Army and the Navy with particular reference to the installation of quartz crystal and since the outbreak of the war, have been constantly working on Government contracts. Mr. ELY asked Mr. KELLY if he, Mr. KELLY, would go to Brazil.

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New York, N. Y.
April 19, 1944

for the Reeves Sound Laboratories for the dual purpose of conducting a survey to determine the feasibility of opening a local factory for the sound laboratories in Brazil and the possible purchase of a crystal mine in Brazil. The business reason behind this was to reduce costs of shipment of raw, uncut quartz from Brazil to the United States and thereby cutting down the basic manufacture costs of the equipment. Mr. ELY further advised that it was an essential war industry; that he knew Mr. KELLY was unable to get into the armed services because of his injured leg and that he, Mr. ELY, could obtain priorities for Mr. KELLY and his wife to go to Brazil for the reason already outlined.

Mr. KELLY stated he felt that it was quite possible that at this time he could revive this proposition with Mr. ELY but upon the advice of Mr. Doyle, Mr. KELLY will not approach Mr. ELY until the Bureau gives the necessary clearance.

With further respect to Mr. KELLY's knowledge of Brazil, he states he knows GEORGE PRADO, a prominent citizen of Brazil, and that he, Mr. KELLY, has visited in Rio de Janeiro in the past and he is quite certain that through Mr. PRADO, he can quickly make the necessary social and other types of contact which would be of assistance to the Bureau in its coverage in Brazil.

The substance of the foregoing information was outlined to Supervisor Auerbach who requested that Mr. Doyle immediately furnish this to the Bureau in the form of a letter which is being done and it is further requested that the Bureau advise Mr. Doyle in New York City as soon as possible as to whether Mr. KELLY's suggestion is acceptable. Meanwhile, Mr. KELLY will not make any efforts to obtain a reissuance of his passport but will await the instructions of Mr. Doyle who, in turn, will be advised by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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New York, N. Y.
April 20, 1944

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Director, FBI

Attention: R. D. FAHERBACH

RE: JOHN SIMS KELLY
ADMINISTRATIVE - SIS

Dear Sir:

Supplementing the letter of the New York office dated April 19, 1944 in the above captioned matter, the following is being set out to clarify for the Bureau's information the status of Special Employee JOHN SIMS KELLY with the Selective Service.

While in Mexico D.F., KELLY received a wire from his local draft board in New York City instructing him to return to the United States for induction into the Armed Service by April 10, 1944. Due to transportation difficulties, KELLY did not arrive in New York City until April 14, 1944 at which time he immediately reported to the Secretary of his draft board. The draft board had been already advised of the possible delay of KELLY's return due to transportation.

Between the time that the draft board instructed KELLY to return to the United States for induction and the date of his actual arrival in New York City, the policies of the Selective Service System were changed radically throughout the United States, placing all emphasis on the early induction of men between the ages of 18 and 25. Consequently, when KELLY arrived in New York City, his draft board did not desire him to report for induction but instructed him to await clarification of the general policies of Selective Service.

On April 18, KELLY had a conference with the Chairman of his Board..... who stated that the Board would give him an indefinite deferment beginning with one for a period of six months. However, on April 19, 1944 when KELLY received a new permit to leave the United States, it was but for two months in duration. On calling this to the attention of the Chairman of his local board, KELLY was advised that even though the permit was only dated for two months duration, that it would not be necessary for KELLY to return to the United States at the expiration of that time but that through his secretary in New York City, he could get additional deferments.

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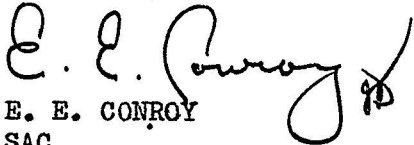
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New York, N. Y.
April 20, 1944

The Bureau should note that in all his present dealings with his local draft board, KELLY has made no efforts to obtain deferment because of his employment by the Bureau. Deferments have been obtained because KELLY is over thirty years of age, and is classified as 1A1. This information is being set out so that the Bureau might see the general availability of KELLY for SIS assignment.

Very truly yours,


E. E. CONROY
SAC

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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

APRIL 24, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

RE: JOHN SIMS "SHIPWRECK" KELLY

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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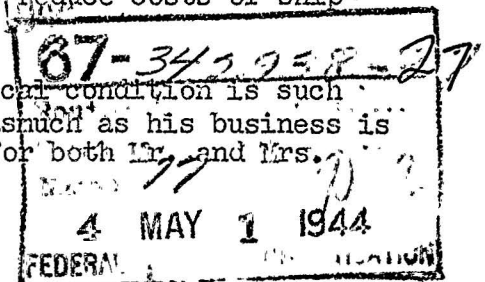
You will remember that this Special Employee, who has been functioning under cover at Mexico City was returned to the United States due to a call from his draft board.

DETAILS:

The Bureau is now advised that Mr. Kelly has secured another draft deferment for an indefinite period, beginning with a permit to leave the country for two months. The Chairman of his local draft board has advised that Kelly's Secretary will be able to get additional deferments from him if they are needed.

Mr. Kelly states that he would not be able to return to Mexico, inasmuch as during his previous stay in Mexico he met a Mrs. Lewis Riley, whose husband was formerly a Special Employee of the Bureau (he is now in the Army) and who was in training at the Seat of Government at the same time as Kelly. Mrs. Riley has been decidedly indiscreet in some of her statements in Mexico and it is not believed that Mr. Kelly should return to that country under cover, for fear that she may make additional comments and embarrass the Bureau by having Kelly uncovered. However, Kelly has advised that he has been approached by Mr. Lawrence Ely, head of the Reeves Sound Laboratories of New York, which is manufacturing radio equipment for the Army and Navy. Mr. Kelly has asked Kelly if he could go to Brazil for the Ely Laboratories for the dual purpose of conducting a survey to determine the feasibility of opening a local factory for the sound laboratories in Brazil and the possible purchase of a crystal mine to reduce costs of shipment to the company.

Ely has advised that he knows Kelly's physical condition is such that he could not enter the Armed Forces and that inasmuch as his business is an essential war industry, he can obtain priorities for both Mr. and Mrs. Kelly to go to Brazil.



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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

Mr. Kelly has been in Brazil in the past and it is Mr. Doyle's belief that Kelly can make the necessary social and political contacts which would be of assistance to the Bureau and its coverage in Brazil.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Mr. Kelly be processed with this cover and be sent to Brazil.

Respectfully,

C. H. Carson
C. H. Carson

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New York, N. Y.
May 12, 1944

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Director, FBI

Attention: GEORGE HALL

RE: JOHN SIMS KELLY
TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER 1943 - APRIL 1944

Dear Sir:

Since Special Employee John S. Kelly has returned from his recent assignment in Mexico City, he inquired of Mr. Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office whether or not he could be reimbursed for monies advanced by him for transportation purposes between Cuba, Mexico and New York on official business.

Mr. Doyle obtained a memorandum from Mr. Kelly which reflects ten such items, stretching over a period from September 20, 1943 to April 12, 1944, costing a total of \$885.35. By way of explanation, Mr. Kelly stated that on September 20, 1943, he proceeded from Cuba to Mexico City on official business in order to accompany General BENITEZ who was making a trip to Mexico City. Kelly further advised that on September 27, 1943, he proceeded from Mexico City to New York City on official business in order to prepare appropriate reports of information ascertained by him while in Mexico with General BENITEZ. This information was of such a nature, it was not felt advisable to forward it in written form from Mexico to Washington.

Mr. Kelly stated further that on October 4, 1943, he made a round trip from New York to Washington in order to confer with officials of the Bureau relative to his Selective Service status. He stated that on October 26, 1943, he travelled from New York to Havana, Cuba on official business to clear up all his contacts and to be ready to return to New York for induction into the Army. On November 26, 1943, Mr. Kelly returned from Havana to New York in order to be inducted.

Subsequent to November 26, 1943, Selective Service authorities in New York decided it was not necessary to draft Mr. Kelly so he was ordered to return to Havana on official business. On January 6, 1944, he proceeded to Havana and on Bureau instructions, he returned from Havana to New York City on January 22, 1944 for re-assignment.

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New York, N. Y.
May 12, 1944

On February 8, 1944, Mr. Kelly proceeded from New York to Mexico City which was his new post of assignment. Finally, on April 12, 1944, he returned from Mexico to New York City in order to prepare for additional re-assignment to Brazil.

Mr. Kelly advised that he does not have the used tickets but that his travel in all of the above instances is a matter of record with Eastern Air Lines, Pan American Airways, and the Airline Services in Cuba and Mexico. The memorandum prepared by Mr. Kelly is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY *JD*
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Attachment 1

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[JUNE 7, 1944]

MR. WILLIAM J. BRADLEY
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL

RE JOHN S KELLY, SPECIAL EMPLOYEE. THIS EMPLOYEE, WITH HIS WIFE, THE FORMER
BRENDA PRAZIER, WILL ARRIVE RIO [JUNE 12]. HE WILL CONTACT YOU. SPECIFIC
LEADS SHOULD BE GIVEN HIM AND HE SHOULD BE TREATED AS ANY UNDERCOVER MAN.

ON PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENT HAVANA SUCCESSFULLY COVERED SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND
ECONOMIC FIELDS.

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June 14, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

RE: John S. Kelly
Special Employee - SIS No. 357
EOD Bureau - June 22, 1942
EOD SIS - June 22, 1942
Grade & Salary - CAF-11, \$3800

Mr. John S. Kelly left New York City on June 7, 1944 en route to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for special assignment. He will arrive at Rio de Janeiro about June 13, 1944. Mr. Kelly is a Special Employee.


Mr. Kelly is traveling to Rio de Janeiro as a representative of the Graham Paige Motor Company for whom he will conduct a survey for the President of that company of the possibility of building a factory in that country. He will communicate with the Bureau through the post office box of Box 644, Grand Central Annex, New York City and he will sign his communications "Snake."

Mr. Kelly requests that all SIS salary checks be forwarded to Miss Ruth Harrison, c/o J. S. Kelly, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He is traveling on passport #173 and has the Selective Service classification of 1AL.

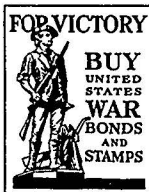
Mr. Kelly stated that in the event of an emergency, Mr. Percy H. Johnston, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, 165 Broadway, New York City who is Mr. Kelly's legal guardian, should be notified.

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Respectfully,


C. H. Carson

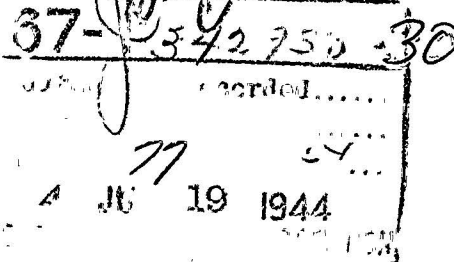
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New York, N. Y.
June 21, 1944

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Director, FBI

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Attention: C. H. CARSON

RE: JOHN "SHIPWRECK" KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a clipping of an article which appeared in the New York JOURNAL-AMERICAN on Sunday, June 11, 1944. The article appeared in the Society pages of the above named paper.

It is being called to the Bureau's attention in view of the fact that it indicates that the many trips of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN S. KELLY to various Latin American countries on behalf of the Bureau's SIS program are the cause of comment on the part of various New York columnists. The Bureau will note, however, that there is no indication that any of these trips were taken on behalf of any Government agency.

When the attached article appeared in the New York JOURNAL-AMERICAN, Mr. and Mrs. KELLY had already left the United States on SIS assignment.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
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New York Journal-American
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Cholly Knickerbocker Observes:

THE RESTLESSNESS that seems to dominate the lives of Brenda Frazier Kelly and her husband, "Ship" Kelly, has now sped them toward Rio de Janeiro, where the No. 1 Glamor Girl and her ex-football hero husband plan to spend several months. Which means we'll probably be hearing reports that the Kellys are looking to buy a house in Brazil, just as they were reported buying in Mexico, Cuba and Miami Beach. It appears unlikely, however, that Brenda would purchase a villa in Miami Beach, for she already owns a large house in Palm Beach, just a few miles north of Miami — and despite her wealth, Brenda is not given to spending money thoughtlessly or extravagantly. She hasn't occupied the Palm Beach house for years — an indication that she cares nothing for life as lived by the idle rich along the Gold Coast. For that matter, Brenda, despite the great acclaim accorded her as the outstanding debutante in society, cares little for society, anyway. She's a pretty sensible, down-to-earth person — which makes one wonder the more why she and "Ship" don't settle down permanently in one spot.

NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN
June 11, 1944

JOHN S. KELLY
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Arrived Rio de Janeiro
Offices of Preference

Special Employee
June, 1942
June, 1942
June 13, 1944
None

Legal Attache Bradley

This employee arrived in Rio very recently and, as yet, I am unable to comment upon his investigative ability. To date, however, he has demonstrated facility for contacting and getting on a friendly basis with important Brazilian and social groups in Rio. He dresses well, presents a mature appearance, and is enthusiastic about his work.

Inspector Gurnea

This Special Employee is, of course, well known to the Bureau. Due to his personal background and his wife's social prestige, he has an entree to the highest of social and political circles. Although he and his wife have entertained and have been entertained by large numbers of influential people in Rio, he does not have a particularly good grasp of what the Bureau is attempting to obtain in foreign countries. I discussed this with him at length during the interview. I also instructed Legal Attache Bradley to assign him specific political and diplomatic work of a nature that a man of his qualifications is in a position to handle. I feel that this employee can be of particular service to the Bureau in the SIS field but his activities must be carefully guided.

Inspection Report
Rio de Janeiro Office
July 25, 1944
Inspector Gurnea

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: John Simms Kelly - Special Employee

DATE: 10/17/44

BACKGROUND:

It will be recalled that the above Special Employee recently returned to New York City following an undercover assignment in Brazil of approximately four months duration.

DETAILS:

Mr. Kelly has advised Special Agent Jerome Doyle in New York City that while he is perfectly willing to return to Rio de Janeiro if the Bureau so desires, there is little work for him there, as political activity is his most fertile field, and all elections have been suspended in Brazil for the duration of the war. Kelly has informed Agent Doyle that he is perfectly willing to go anywhere on assignment that the Bureau wishes.

Mr. Doyle has pointed out that Kelly has good entree into British circles through connections of his wife, the former Brenda Frazier, with the British nobility, and in both Cuba and Brazil obtained information regarding British activities. Mr. Doyle has suggested that Kelly be assigned to Buenos Aires, Argentina, stating that the British activities in that country are of great interest to the Bureau. Mr. Doyle has also pointed out that Kelly could, in all probability, furnish information regarding members of the international set, in some of whom the Bureau is interested, such as Merry Fahrney, and Fritz Mandl, Hedy Lamarr's ex-husband.

We are of the opinion that Kelly's usefulness in Argentina or Brazil is doubtful and feel that he has been of no great benefit to the Bureau since he was assigned to Havana, Cuba where, through his contacts, he was undoubtedly of great assistance to the Office of the Legal Attache. It is believed that if Kelly is to be retained on the Bureau's rolls, arrangements should be made for his reassignment to Havana.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Special Agent Jerome Doyle in New York be instructed to ascertain from Kelly whether he could satisfactorily return to Havana, Cuba at this time and, if so, to instruct him to make immediate preparations to proceed there on assignment.

Per instructions
to Mr. Ladd
advised to Kelly
10-20-44

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Samuel
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W. S. S. S. S.
New York, N.Y.
October 28, 1944

Mr. Hoover:

This week "Shipwreck" Kelly advised that when he and Brenda Frazer were returning from Brazil, Kelly--in order to ascertain her attitude towards his work for the Bureau--said to her that perhaps it would be a good idea now that the war was almost over for him to resign his position with the Bureau and get himself a job.

Kelly advised that he was pleasantly surprised by his wife's reaction, when she said that he owed it to his country and to the Bureau to stay on his assignment until the Director personally told him that his assistance was no longer needed.

As a result of this, Kelly feels a great deal better and is very happy about his coming assignment for the Bureau in Argentina.

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New York, New York
November 20, 1944

JD:MJC

MEMORANDUM FOR C. H. CARSON

RE: JOHN S. KELLY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE

The attached clipping appeared in the New York Post on November 20, 1944. Mr. JOHN S. KELLY, Special Employee of the SIS Division, advised the writer that he knew nothing of the proposed appointment but that it probably arose from a conversation he had with Mr. ED FLYNN one evening in the Morocco restaurant while entertaining the daughter of the President of the Dominican Republic.


JEROME DOYLE

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Vanderbilt Writes

By CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

New York's 400 are discussing the current rumor that Shipwreck Kelly and his glamour gal wife, Brenda Frazier, are about to be named U. S. envoys to the Dominican Republic. In El Morocco the other night the manner in which former Democratic chief Ed Flynn greeted Shipwreck added to the gathering talk. As Dominican Minister Flor Trujillo, whose dad is President of the Central American country, and her new husband were effusive in toasting Ed, the smart set was sure the story was correct. With Ed incidentally were Mayor Kelly of Chicago and his charming wife, and singer Morton Downey.

It was a distinguished weekend for what's left of Cafe Society as it poured in and out of the Stork and El Morocco. At the latter there were Ray Bolger and Meyer Davis, each showing off his own type of tango.

Also Model Babs Beckwith in black ostrich plumes and Nina and Orson Munn waltzing together... Jimmy Bryant and his new bride, he in civvies... Chic Adrienne Ames in a dress covered with black sequins, and Johnny Myers with Helen Lipsey, quite easily the latest sensational baby movie star.

There were Newporter Sheffield Cowles, son of the great admiral from World War I, and Fredrica Nicholson, the Raleigh belle, with her distinguished naval husband, and chanteuse Ann Keis with young Sailing Baruch Jr.

There were the Jack Astors and the Robert Goelets and Maggi Johnson with Egyptian fashion plate Ely Elie and striking-looking Marian Oates Leiter, daughter-in-law of the Joe Leiters, just up from Washington, and Gwen Cafritz, wife of the well-known D. C. realtor.

NEW YORK SUN
November 20, 1944

Broadway

By DANTON WALKER

Broadway Beat

JOHN SULLIVAN, now assistant Secretary of the Treasury, will be the next Undersecretary of the Navy . . . Will Clayton, of the surplus property setup, will succeed Leo Crowley as head of the Federal Economic Administration . . . Henry J. Kaiser was



Brenda Kelly

offered the Secretary of Labor post, but declined in favor of something resembling an ambassadorship later on . . . Dr. Herbert Feis, formerly of the State Department, will be made economic adviser to the War Department . . . Herbert Brownell, chairman of the Republican National Committee, will return to his law practice, despite protestations from Thomas E. Dewey . . . For the Straws in the Wind Dept.: From this column November 13, "Donald Nelson will be groomed for a role similar to that, now occupied by Harry Hopkins in the White House setup." The headlines November 21: "F. D. R. raises Nelson to Cabinet rank as his personal envoy."

THE Hazel Scott-Rev. Adam Clayton Powell cause celebre, now rocking Broadway and Harlem, really will become a live issue about the time the new Congress convenes . . . Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and the troops who are guarding Hyde Park will get a "command performance" a week from Sunday by Pearl Bailey, New York's latest colored singing find; the Bernard Brothers and Dean Murphy . . . Paulette Goddard is taking ballet lessons in Hollywood, in case you care . . . John "Shipwreck" Kelly, Brenda Frazier's spouse, is going to South America as an automobile representative, not to Santo Domingo as a diplomatic envoy, as rumored . . . Jerry Wald may have married Peggy Ellis in Tampa, Fla., as printed elsewhere, but if so it's news to Tampa officials . . . Radio Row hears that the Information Please sponsors would be just as happy if one of their mouthpieces resigned now, instead of waiting to be eased out.

GRETA GARBO is having her freckles removed at a Fifth Avenue beauty salon . . . Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, who'll be reunited in "Without Love," are both taking piano lessons from Jose Iturbi . . . Russell Swann, the mad magician at the Cotillion Room, has renamed his prop rabbit, Harvey jr. . . Bunty Pendleton, who used to go with the lease at Cafe Trouville, has taken over Spiwy's roof while the Chatelaine is away on a tour . . . Song Writer Sammy Cahn is substituting for Comedian Eddie Davis, out of the cast of "Glad To See You" because of a broken shoulder, and Bert Lahr, who witnessed his performance in Philadelphia, opines that Sammy missed his calling . . . It's a toss-up between Celeste Holm, originally of "Oklahoma," and Edna Skinner, who replaced her in "Oklahoma," as to who gets the title role in "Cluny Brown," the movie, in case Jennifer Jones isn't available.

PARAMOUNT is the first American movie outfit to get set up again in Spain, as Paramount de Espana . . . The uproar about American military men getting back into business in Paris started (according to a story about to break) when GI's marching into the French capital were greeted by large billboards put up by Hart Schaffner and Marx reading "Congratulations On A Job Well Done." . . . Our M.P.'s are really cementing British-American relations in London by learning the ins and outs of that complex city better than the Londoners know 'em . . . The Treaty of Versailles is no longer in Versailles, or Paris either. The Nazis took it with them as a souvenir . . . One of the big aviation plants has installed a branch in Birmingham Hospital, Alabama, where bedridden vets are paid up to \$1 an hour for assembling work . . . Rumors persist here that the War Department will shortly take over all interstate transportation.

LAURENCE STALLINGS' newest opus, "The Streets Are Guarded," is as different from "What Price Glory" as World War I is different from World War II, but no play about this war has been

S -:- By George Clark



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We have just seen some very
interesting figures on this
kind of portal-to-portal time
schedule for Washington, D.
C. Most Washingtonians, ac-
cording to the evidence of a
survey of transportation etc.,
just made for the D. C. De-
partment of Highways, dislike
walking to work, especially
when the distance traveled is
more than one mile or re-
quires more than 20 minutes' time.

But, believe it or not, the average
ing his own automobile to work in-
actually consumes four or five mo-
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person who walks.

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and time consumed, both amo-
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follows:

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Auto	23.7	Auto
Streetcar	34.2	Streetcar ..
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Bus	34.4	Bus
Other busses	32.0	Other busses
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Of course people with automobili-
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who live within short walking dista-
work, but the above table shows p-
just how poor an edge it is as compa-
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lem of finding parking places.

THE present transit system of the
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Administration L To 'Bury' Pearl H

By JACK DOHERTY

Senate Administration leaders
yesterday attempted to bury a
congressional probe of the Pearl
Harbor disaster, making their
stand known during debate over
resolutions (1) extending the
statute of limitations for the Kim-
mel-Short trials to June 7, 1945,
and (2) calling for a Senate in-
vestigation of all aspects of the
sneak Jap attack.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley
(D.), of Kentucky, said that while
he favored statute extension,
which would allow six months' ad-
ditional time in which court-mar-
tial proceedings could be brought

John Sims "hipwreck" Kelly

John S. Kelly was employed by the Bureau as a Special Employee in June of 1942. In the ensuing twenty-eight months, Mr. KELLY, together with

his wife, BRENDA FRASER KELLY, have carried out confidential assignments in Cuba, Mexico, Brazil and at the time of the writing of this memorandum, are preparing to journey to Argentina on a confidential assignment.

The worth of Mr. KELLY's services to the Bureau is self-evident when the length of his services is considered. At great personal expense, far above any remuneration he has received from the Bureau, Mr. KELLY has been able to cultivate persons in the countries to which he has been assigned of a type generally unavailable to the Bureau's ordinary SIS Agent. By his employment with the Bureau on SIS, Mr. KELLY has out his own personal income to a point where it is now almost negligible.

In addition to the monetary sacrifice undergone by Mr. KELLY, due to his prominence in social circles in New York City, he has been forced to suffer personal insult from a variety of people who do not realize the service he is rendering the Bureau and the country in the present war. In the past two and one-half years, Mr. KELLY, on several occasions, has turned down the opportunity of obtaining a "soft commission" in the United States Army. These commissions have been assured him by various high officers in the Army.

~~It is believed the Bureau should also be aware of the fact that~~
In the early Fall of 1943, Mr. KELLY suffered a personal tragedy because of his Bureau assignment. His wife had her second miscarriage which was undoubtedly precipitated by the necessity to travel, which necessity arose from her husband's Bureau assignment.

In view of the foregoing, it is strongly recommended that Mr. KELLY receive the highest recognition possible from the Bureau for his war service. In addition, it is suggested that in view of the constant aid and assistance furnished by Mrs. KELLY to her husband throughout this entire period which strengthened his cover in the eyes of strangers, all of which aid was done by Mrs. KELLY gratuitously, voluntarily and patriotically, it is believed that she likewise should receive some sort of recognition from the Bureau at the close of the war.

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New York, N. Y.
January 5, 1945

JD:EMC

Director, FBI

Attention: GEORGE HALL

RE: JOHN SIMMS KELLEY
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE - SIS

Dear Sir:

Special Employee John S. Kelly is finishing arrangements in New York City to depart on special assignment to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. Kelly's cover in this assignment will be the Graham Paige Motor Company of Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Kelly has had a number of conferences with the President of this corporation in preparation for his assignment. In addition, either directly or through his wife, Mrs. BRENDA FRASER KELLEY, He has obtained letters of introduction to various prominent persons in Argentine and British social circles in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr. Kelly is presently scheduled to leave New York City on or about January 10, 1945 by plane via the West Coast of Latin America. He has obtained alternative reservations on the Argentine Steamship Lines which leave from New Orleans, La. on January 25. It is his intention to travel by boat to Lima, Peru and from there by plane to Buenos Aires, in the event that his January 10 plane reservations are cancelled.

Jerome Doyle of the New York SIS office has had a series of conferences with John Kelly discussing his prospective assignment and details concerning this assignment. It was decided that in view of the internal situation in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Kelly should make no efforts to contact Bureau representatives in that city upon his arrival. He will register at the Hotel Plaza with his wife and two weeks after the date of his registration at that hotel, contact should be made with Kelly by representatives of the Legal Attache at Buenos Aires by telephoning him at the Hotel Plaza and stating that "Mr. Jerome is calling," and then making preliminary arrangements to meet Kelly at some satisfactory place. Thereafter, contacts between Kelly and representatives of the Legal Attache can be perfected in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Until Mr. Kelly receives specific instructions from the Legal Attache in Buenos Aires, it is his intention to circulate among Argentine and British social circles in that city and make as many acquaintances as possible. Thereafter, he will provide the Legal Attache with the identities of his contacts so that the most effective use possible can be made of the contacts by the Legal Attache in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Director, FBI
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New York, N. Y.
January 5, 1945

The foregoing is being brought to the attention of the Bureau so that they may advise the office of the Legal Attache in Buenos Aires appropriately and discreetly.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy *gd*

E. E. CONROY
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(U) RADIOGRAM (CIPHER PAD) (X)
ROI TIME

(U) January 9, 1945 (X)

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MR. FRANCIS E. CROSBY
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

(U) JOHN SIMMS KELLY, SPECIAL EMPLOYEE, WITH WIFE, BRENDA FRASER KELLY, WILL LEAVE
MIAMI BY PAN AMERICAN (JANUARY 10) EN ROUTE BUENOS AIRES VIA WEST COAST FOR (X)
UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT. UPON ARRIVAL BUENOS AIRES, KELLY WILL REGISTER HOTEL
PLAZA. REGISTRATION SHOULD BE WATCHED AND TWO WEEKS AFTER DATE OF REGISTRATION
SHOULD BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE AT HOTEL PLAZA. PERSON CALLING SHOULD IDENTIFY
HIMSELF "MR. JEROME IS CALLING".

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New York, N. Y.
January 12, 1945

Mr. Hoover:

John Simon
"Shipwreck" Kelly and Brenda Frazier Kelly left New York on Tuesday, January 9th, en route to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

It is interesting to note that last week Conrado Traverso, the Argentine Consul in New York City, after meeting Kelly when Kelly was obtaining his visas, was so impressed with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly that during the week of January 1st he was the host to Mr. and Mrs. Kelly at a cocktail party, at which time he introduced them to several Argentinians presently in New York City. In addition, Mr. Traverso furnished the Kellys with letters of introduction to prominent individuals in Buenos Aires social circles.

Of course, Traverso has no idea of Kelly's true purpose in visiting Buenos Aires.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson _____ () ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____ () ✓
Mr. Clegg _____ () ✓
Mr. Coffey _____ () ✓
Mr. Glavin _____ () ✓
Mr. Ladd _____ () ✓
Mr. Nichols _____ () ✓
Mr. Rosen _____ () ✓
Mr. Tracy _____ () ✓
Mr. Carson _____ () ✓
Mr. Egan _____ () ✓
Mr. Hendon _____ () ✓
Mr. Pennington _____ () ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____ () ✓
Mr. Nease _____ () ✓
Miss Gandy _____ () ✓
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See Me _____ ()

Note and Return _____ ()

Remarks:

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

WHB:ney:mle

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: June 9, 1945

FROM : C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: John Simms Kelly
 Special Employee
 EOD Bureau June 22, 1942
 Age: 34

Mr. Tolson ✓
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
 Mr. Nichols ✓
 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
 Mr. Carson ✓
 Mr. Egan ✓
 Mr. Hendon ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
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 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Beahm ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that Special Employee John Simms Kelly entered on duty with the Bureau on June 22, 1942; was sent to Havana, Cuba, on July 2, 1942; transferred to Mexico City, D.F., on February 8, 1944; to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on June 13, 1944; and to Buenos Aires, Argentina, on January 28, 1945. During all of this time he has been operating in an undercover capacity.

Kelly and his wife, Brenda Frazier Kelly, left Buenos Aires on April 22, 1945, and it is my understanding that Mrs. Kelly went to Nassau and Mr. Kelly went to New York, where he is located at the present time.

DETAILS:

Special Agent Jerome Doyle stated that Kelly desires to talk with Mr. Tolson regarding the possibility of submitting his resignation. It is probable that Kelly will talk to Mr. Tolson or to the Director in the near future.

While on undercover assignments in Havana, Cuba; Mexico City, D. F.; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Kelly was able to obtain entrance to the principal circles of society, both social and commercial. He secured himself in a position whereby he could entertain or be entertained by the principal diplomatic figures as well as the leaders of social life. Because of the high financial plane on which Kelly lived, it has been possible for him to obtain entrance into circles which were not open to the usual Special Agent. Kelly has been able to keep the Legal Attaches informed of the discussions held and the gossip circulating in the circles in which Kelly moved. He has on many occasions been able to keep the Legal Attaches advised of the opinions expressed by diplomats, Embassy officials, government officials and businessmen regarding the Office of the Legal Attache and its work.

He has performed his work for the Bureau at great personal expense far above any remuneration he has received from the Bureau.

Events in Connection with Draft Status

On April 29, 1942, Kelly advised that he had attempted to get into the Army but was given a 4-F classification because of a physical defect resulting from a broken leg previously sustained.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

On October 23, 1943, Kelly advised that he had recently been classified in 1-A. He said that he had advised his draft board in New York that he had been in Cuba for the Home Insurance Company while classified as 4-F and that for the very confidential information of the board he had helped the FBI, had to some extent worked for the FBI and that he had received training by the FBI with regard to such work. Certain members of the draft board seemed to think that Kelly was lying and asked him to get proof from the FBI. Kelly replied that he could not get any such proof. At that time it was made clear to Kelly that the Bureau could not under any circumstances request deferment for him. Kelly said that he would like very much to have the Bureau have an Agent contact the head of his draft board and confidentially advise him orally that while Kelly was in Cuba he had voluntarily assisted the FBI and other American authorities there. His reason for making such request was to show the board that Kelly had not been lying. Kelly was advised that the Bureau could not comply with his request.

While on undercover assignment in Mexico, Kelly received a wire from his draft board instructing him to return to the United States for induction into the armed service by April 10, 1944. On April 18 Kelly had a conference with the chairman of his board, who stated that the board would give him an indefinite deferment. He was given a permit to leave the United States for two months duration and was advised that his secretary in New York could obtain additional deferments. Deferments were obtained by Kelly without assistance from the Bureau and were obtained because Kelly was over 30 years of age and had been reclassified as 1-AL.

ACTION:

This is for information in the event Kelly proceeds to Washington for an interview.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

GWH/grv

TO : Mr. C. H. Carson

FROM : G. W. Hall *GWH*

SUBJECT: John S. Kelly
Special Employee

DATE: July 17, 1945

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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A letter has been directed to Mr. Kelly under date of July 14, 1945, accepting his resignation as a Special Employee.

Mr. Kelly was placed upon annual leave on May 1, 1945, upon his return to the United States from Buenos Aires, Argentina. His annual leave expired at the close of business on June 15, 1945. Mr. Kelly was placed on leave without pay on June 16, 1945 until the date of his resignation. All salary payments to Mr. Kelly have been made.

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U.S. DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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Payable to Mr. John S. Kelly in the amount of \$ 761.23Check # 2162 Voucher # Salary Expenses 1/1-7/14/45Registry # 170741 Return receipt requested.

Check Mailed to: Mr. Laurence J. Quinn
30 Rockefeller Plaza
Room 3144
New York City, New York

11/6/45

Return Address: James G. Smith

Mailed 11-6-45By lwr

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S. DIVISION MEMORANDUM

RECORD OF CHECK MAILED

GWH:lwr

Payable to Mr. John S. Kelly in the amount of \$ 761.23

Check # 2162 Voucher # _____

Salary _____ Expenses 1/1-7/14/45

Registry # 172349 Return receipt requested.

Check Mailed to: Mr. John S. Kelly
447 East 47th Street
New York City, New York

10/23/45

Return Address: James G. Smith

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July 18, 1945

Mr. John S. Kelly
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

It is with the deepest regret I am accepting your resignation as a Special Employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I do want you to know, though, I appreciate your desires based on changed conditions brought about by the end of the war in Europe.

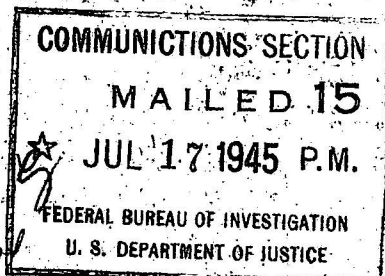
I hope you appreciate how grateful I am for the outstanding and meritorious service you have rendered since your affiliation with us on June 22, 1942. The assistance you have rendered during this most critical period of the war has been an outstanding factor in the successful accomplishment of the responsibility placed upon the FBI of maintaining the security of the Western Hemisphere. The sacrifices you have made in being ever ready to accept assignments involving danger and adverse living conditions rank with those of the most devoted members of this or any other branch of the Government engaged in the war against the Axis Nations.

My knowledge of your work during the past three years leaves no question in my mind that you will be successful in the years to come. I hope it will not be necessary to call on you again officially but am happy to know your services are at our disposal should the need arise.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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JOHN S. KELLY
630 FIFTH AVENUE
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TELEPHONE COLUMBUS 5-7282

July 11, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It was very good to see you the other day and I enjoyed talking with you.

Back in 1941, as you know, I tried to enlist in the Army; I was refused because of a bad leg. I was disappointed after this happened, but you were kind enough to give me a job which gave me an opportunity to help in the war effort. I want you to know how much I appreciate this and how much I enjoyed working with your organization.

I am sorry that more people don't have a chance to see what a magnificent job you have done in building up from nothing such a great organization. In my estimation, the American people are very much indebted to you.

Apropos of our discussion, I want you to know that my services are at your disposal at any time.

Sincerely

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REPORT OF EFFICIENCY RATING

ADMINISTRATIVE-UNOFFICIAL ()
OFFICIAL:
REGULAR (X) SPECIAL ()
PROBATIONAL or TRIAL PERIOD ()

As of March 31, 1945 based on performance during period from April 1, 1944 to March 31, 1945

JOHN S. KELLY

Special Employee

(Name of employee)

(Title of position, service, and grade)

Federal Bureau of Investigation - SIS Section

(Organization—Indicate bureau, division, section, unit, field station)

ON LINES BELOW MARK EMPLOYEE ✓ if adequate - if weak + if outstanding	1. Study the instructions in the Rating Official's Guide, C. S. C. Form No. 3823A. 2. Underline the elements which are especially important in the position. 3. Rate only on elements pertinent to the position. a. Do not rate on elements in <i>italics</i> except for employees in administrative, supervisory, or planning positions. b. Rate administrative, supervisory, and planning functions on elements in <i>italics</i> .	CHECK ONE: Administrative, supervisory, or planning _____ <input type="checkbox"/> All others _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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----- (4) Presentability of work (appropriateness of arrangement and appearance of work).
+ (5) <u>Attention to broad phases</u> of assignments.
✓ (6) <u>Attention to pertinent detail</u>.
----- (7) Accuracy of operations.
✓ (8) <u>Accuracy of final results</u>.
+ (9) <u>Accuracy of judgments</u> or decisions.
✓ (10) <u>Effectiveness in presenting ideas or facts</u>.
+ (11) <u>Industry</u>.
✓ (12) <u>Rate of progress</u> on or completion of assignments.
✓ (13) Amount of acceptable work produced. (Is mark based on production records? <u>no</u>)
✓ (14) <u>Ability to organize his work</u>.
+ (15) <u>Effectiveness in meeting and dealing with others</u>.
+ (16) <u>Cooperativeness</u>.
+ (17) <u>Initiative</u>.
+ (18) <u>Resourcefulness</u>.
+ (19) <u>Dependability</u>.
+ (20) <u>Physical fitness for the work</u>.</p> | <p>----- (21) <i>Effectiveness in planning broad programs</i>.
----- (22) <i>Effectiveness in adapting the work program to broader or related programs</i>.
----- (23) <i>Effectiveness in devising procedures</i>.
----- (24) <i>Effectiveness in laying out work and establishing standards of performance for subordinates</i>.
----- (25) <i>Effectiveness in directing, reviewing, and checking the work of subordinates</i>.
----- (26) <i>Effectiveness in instructing, training, and developing subordinates in the work</i>.
----- (27) <i>Effectiveness in promoting high working morale</i>.
----- (28) <i>Effectiveness in determining space, personnel, and equipment needs</i>.
----- (29) <i>Effectiveness in setting and obtaining adherence to time limits and deadlines</i>.
----- (30) <i>Ability to make decisions</i>.
----- (31) <i>Effectiveness in delegating clearly defined authority to act</i>.</p> |
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STATE ANY OTHER ELEMENTS CONSIDERED

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STANDARD Deviations must be explained on reverse side of this form		Adjective rating
Plus marks on all underlined elements, and no minus marks	Adjective rating Excellent	Rating official <u>Good</u>
Plus marks on at least half of the underlined elements, and no minus marks	Very good	Reviewing official <u>[Signature]</u>
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and any minus marks overcompensated by plus marks	Good	
Check marks or better on a majority of underlined elements, and minus marks not overcompensated by plus marks	Fair	
Minus marks on at least half of the underlined elements	Unsatisfactory	

Rated by James P. Laine Jr. Legal Attache (Signature of rating official) (Title) March 24, 1945 (Date)

Reviewed by C. H. Carson Inspector (Signature of reviewing official) (Title) June 20, 1945 (Date)

Rating approved by efficiency rating committee _____ (Date) Report to employee _____ (Adjective rating)

MAY 15 1945

Buenos Aires, Argentina
March 24, 1945

JOHN S. KELLY - Annual Efficiency Report.

JOHN S. KELLY, Special Employee, arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina, January 28, 1945, and is working under cover as a representative of the Graham-Paige Automobile Corporation.

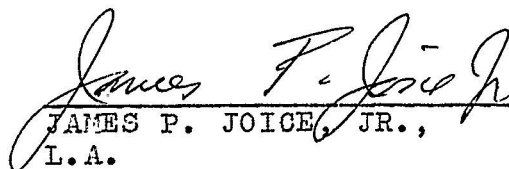
He is well known and socially prominent and has immediately, upon his arrival in Buenos Aires, established contact with prominent individuals in Buenos Aires. He has a possessive, forceful personality and enters into his work with a great deal of zeal and enthusiasm. He makes and keeps friends easily. He is always impeccably dressed and presents an impressive appearance. He is aggressive and forceful in his contacts which he has developed with great success. He is thoroughly sold on the Bureau's work and is entirely loyal to it. He uses a great deal of initiative and resourcefulness in widening his circle of friends.

KELLY is well qualified to work under cover, and at the present time he is specializing in ascertaining the extent of British propaganda efforts and economic penetration. In this regard, he has developed a great many sources of information in the British colony.

There has been no opportunity to evaluate this individual's ability to dictate and write reports, and it is considered that because of the nature of his assignment and background, it is not necessary to make an appraisal of the usual types of work to which a Special Agent is assigned.

His work merits the adjective rating of "good".

Initials


JAMES P. JOICE, JR.,
L.A.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Time called: 11:00 a.m. 10/26/45

CHC:FC

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

DATE: October 26, 1945

FROM : Mr. C. H. Carson

SUBJECT: JOHN S. (SHIPWRECK) KELLY
Former Special Employee

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Leahy	
Miss Gandy	

Larry Quinn of the New York SIS Office called me advising that he had just gotten a call from Kelly. Kelly states that City Editor, Paul Schoenstein, of the New York Journal "American", who, according to Quinn, is well known to the Bureau, just called Kelly advising the latter that Schoenstein has accurate and reliable information of the fact that Kelly has been working during the war for the FBI in a secret capacity in Latin America. Schoenstein told Kelly that this information seems to be more or less generally known in New York City. He asked Kelly for permission to do a complete story of Kelly's activities for the Bureau during the war, telling Kelly that the secret is now out and cannot be protected any longer anyway, and adding, "You know we will take care of you very nicely on the story." Kelly told Quinn that he replied to Schoenstein, "I do not know what you are talking about." Whereupon Schoenstein replied that Kelly could quit kidding and stalling inasmuch as he, Schoenstein, has already cleared the matter with the Bureau and has obtained not only verification concerning the story, but also clearance from the Bureau for Schoenstein to print the same. Kelly told Quinn that he still insisted he did not know what Schoenstein was talking about. Kelly wants Quinn to get Bureau advice as to just what he, Kelly, should do.

RECOMMENDATION

It is believed that Mr. Nichols is acquainted with Schoenstein and it is suggested that efforts be made to prevent actual publicity in connection with Kelly's employment in a secret capacity for the Bureau in Latin America. *per*

It is recommended that Quinn be instructed to advise Kelly not to disclose this information for publicity purposes to anyone.

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Mr. Nichols
MAY 15 1985

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York, N. Y.
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Mr. Hoover:

On a recent evening, Miss Gandy
Beth Leary was a dinner guest at the
home of Mr. & Mrs. Dick Berlin. Others
present were Louis Bromfield, Mr. &
Mrs. John "Shipwreck" Kelly, and Warren
Johnson who is the brother of Mrs. Berlin.
According to Beth Leary, Johnson described
his service with the Navy and some engage-
ments in which he had participated in
the Mediterranean, whereupon Shipwreck
countered with a half hour description
of his espionage activity in Latin America.
Miss Leary said that she felt like
throttling him because it has been her
policy never to discuss FBI business
openly.

W. E. CONROY

E. E.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : C. H. CARSON

SUBJECT: JOHN SIMS KELLY, FORMER SPECIAL EMPLOYEE

DATE: June 11, 1946

BACKGROUND:

It will be recalled that the above individual was employed by the Bureau as a Special Employee in connection with SIS work from June, 1942, until July, 1945.

DETAILS:

Kelly is presently residing in New York City, and we have been advised by the New York office that on May 16, 1946, Kelly wrote a letter to the New York telephone company in an effort to get a telephone in his private residence in New York in which letter he stated that he was employed by the United States Government outside the United States from June, 1942, until December, 1945. Kelly is presently residing at 160 East Sixty-third Street and has requested a telephone at this address. This matter has been referred by the New York City authorities to the Civilian Production Authority in Washington. It was suggested by the New York Office that the Bureau attempt to clear this matter with the Civilian Production Authority in order that Kelly might be granted a telephone.

I do not believe that the Bureau should take any action in connection with this affair as we have no legitimate reason for asking the Civilian Production Authority for favorable consideration of Kelly's request. The mere fact that he was out of the United States while employed with us does not in my opinion warrant a special request for a telephone at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that no action be taken in connection with this matter.

Mr. Tolson _____
 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Mumford _____
 Mr. Jones _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Gahan _____
 Miss Gandy _____

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

DATE: January 6, 1948

FROM : R. W. WALL

SUBJECT: ~~JOHN SIMMS KELLY~~
SPECIAL EMPLOYEE
EOD BUREAU, JUNE 22, 1942

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 23, 1947, advising that Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, had interviewed Kelly in connection with Kelly's application for a position with CIA. During the interview Kelly advised Admiral Hillenkoetter that the FBI knew about him and that in the event the Admiral desired background information, it could be obtained from the FBI.

Admiral Hillenkoetter desired any information the Bureau could furnish to him regarding Kelly.

Pursuant to instructions Admiral Hillenkoetter was informed that Kelly entered on duty with this Bureau on June 22, 1942, and voluntarily resigned on June 15, 1945. Admiral Hillenkoetter was advised that during the time of his employment Kelly was a very efficient employee, did his work well, and could get along in any type of social gathering. Admiral Hillenkoetter was also informed that there is nothing derogatory concerning Kelly in the files of this Bureau.

Admiral Hillenkoetter was very thankful for this information and stated that he has since learned that Kelly is interested only in a position that would pay him approximately \$15,000.00 a year and that at the present time CIA has no such position.

ACTION:

No further action necessary.

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JOHN KELLY

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 Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
 Mr. Clegg _____
 Mr. Glavin _____
 Mr. Ladd _____
 Mr. Nichols _____
 Mr. Tracy _____
 Mr. Rosen _____
 Mr. Carson _____
 Mr. Coffey _____
 Mr. Hendon _____
 Mr. Holloman _____
 Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
 Mr. Harbo _____
 Tele. Room _____
 Tour Room _____
 Mr. Nease _____
 Miss Beahm _____
 Miss Gandy _____

MEMORANDUM FOR FILES

(U) RE: Mr. John Kelly
 [Special Cipher System.] (X)

(U) On June 30, 1942 and thereafter Mr. John Kelly was referred by the SIS Section to the Technical Laboratory for training in Special Cipher Systems X and Y as well as in the preparation and use of secret ink. (X)

(U) For record purposes it is being noted that Mr. Kelly was instructed to use WEBSTER'S DAILY USE DICTIONARY, SELF-PRONOUNCING, 1932 EDITION. This book is used only in connection with System X. (X)

A modification of the widely used X System is being employed by Mr. Kelly. [REDACTED]

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(U) [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

(U) In connection with System Y, Mr. Kelly was instructed to (X)

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RE: Mr. John Kelly

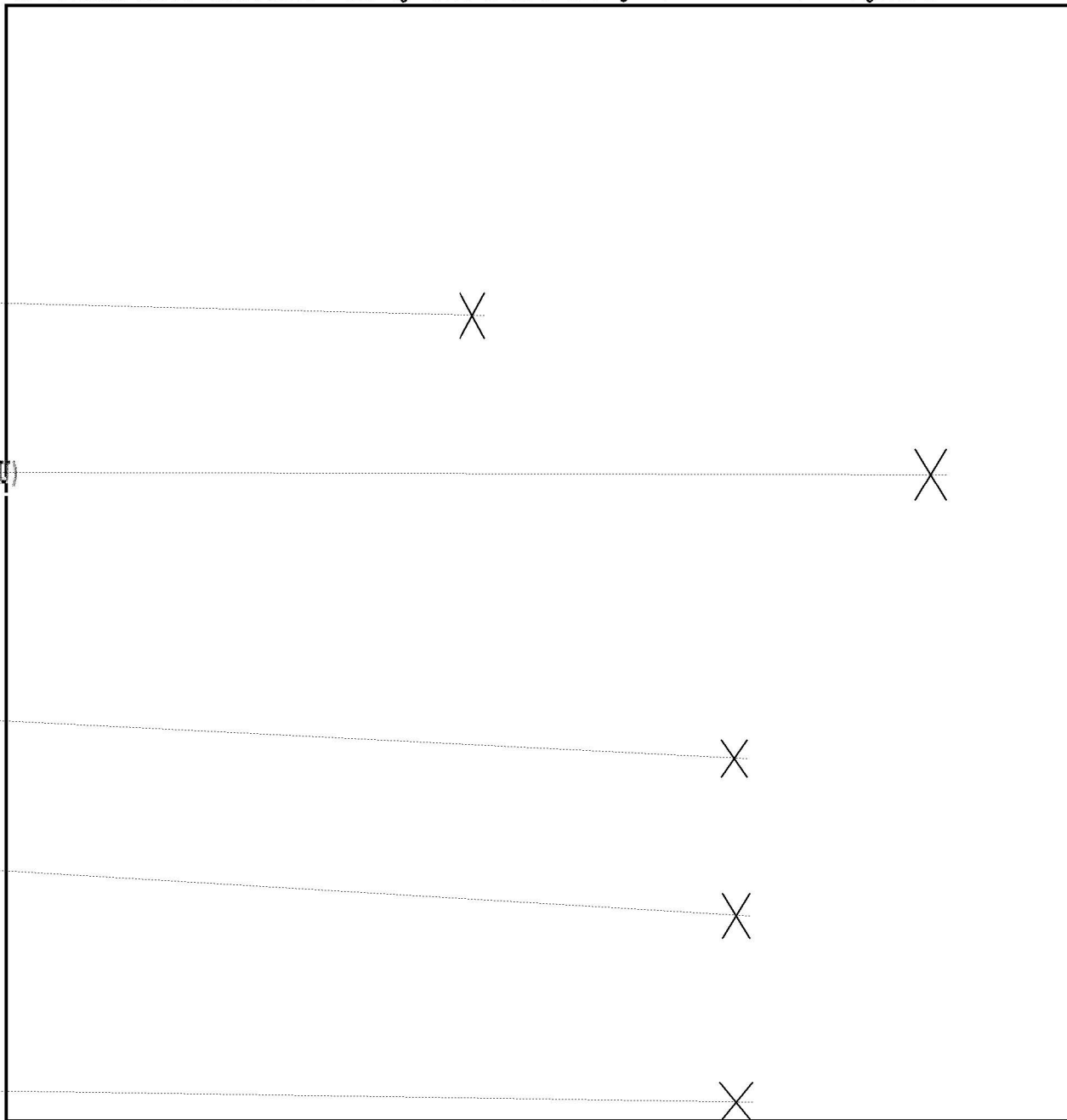
write his cover text in all but the opening and closing paragraphs.

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The method corresponding to the Y system is basically a "syllable" system, wherein the number of syllables in each word is taken into account. In System Y Mr. Kelly also uses the keyword



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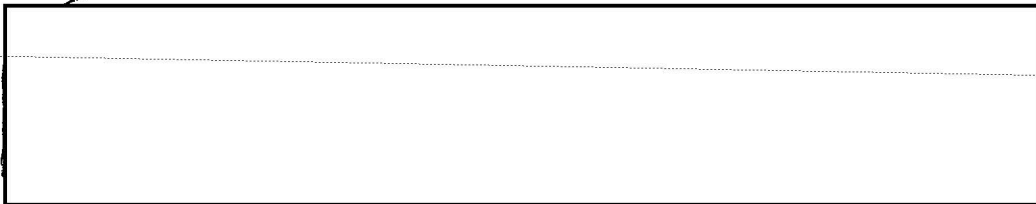
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RE: Mr. John Kelly

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(U) It is to be noted that Mr. Kelly was instructed to use two supplementary sections of the Dictionary in connection with System X, the section of ABBREVIATIONS and that of CHRISTIAN NAMES OF MEN AND WOMEN. In connection with the latter section, the usual method of arriving at a five-digit group is used, viz., page number and consecutive word count. However, in connection with the former section, Mr. Kelly uses the page number and consecutive count for the first two columns, while he uses the page number plus 100 and consecutive-word count for column three. ~~(S)~~

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DIRECTOR

12/15/46

CLYDE TOLSON

Mr. John "Shipwreck" Kelly, of New York City, called to see me today by reference from your office. He has had in mind for some time the possibility of a motion picture based upon the activities of a master criminal and patterned after the criminal background and history of Eddie Bents. He states that he has made no overtures with respect to the production of such a picture or its distribution but that he is anxious to secure your tentative approval to prepare a summary of material on Bents, after which he has in mind presenting the matter to Howard Hawks, a prominent motion picture producer for the purpose of interesting Hawks in making such a picture. He also has in mind the possibility of securing distribution through United Artists.

I pointed out to Mr. Kelly that the Bureau could not actively assist in connection with a motion picture until we handle our commitment with Twentieth-Century-Fox for a sequel to "The House on 92nd Street." Mr. Kelly stated he thoroughly understood this and would be entirely willing to wait whatever period of time was necessary, six months or a year after the release of the Twentieth-Century-Fox picture before attempting to produce any picture of his own. He states that if you look favorably upon this suggestion he thought it might be possible for he and his secretary to come to Washington for the purpose of reviewing the Bureau's files on Eddie Bents in order to secure picture material. I told him that I would suggest that if you are favorably inclined the best step to take at the beginning would be for the Bureau to furnish him with a complete memorandum of Eddie Bents' activities which he could review and then discuss any further ideas he might have with us after going over this material. Mr. Kelly wanted to assure me that he would communicate with you and be guided by the Bureau's desires in every step of the proceedings.

After conferring with you I told Mr. Kelly that we would be very happy to go along with him on his proposal and that within the next ten days or so we would send him a very valuminous and complete summary of Eddie Bents' activities so that he could start his preliminary review of this material.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : R. W. Wall *RWW*

SUBJECT: John Simms Kelly
Special Employee
EOD Bureau, June 22, 1942

DATE: December 23, 1947

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 Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director, Central Intelligence Agency, advised Special Agent Doherty of the Liaison Section that James Forrestal, Secretary of Defense, had called him and indicated an interest in having Kelly employed by CIA.

Admiral Hillenkoetter stated that he had interviewed Kelly at which time Kelly desired to be informed what position would be available to him in CIA. Admiral Hillenkoetter stated that he advised Kelly he was not in any position to tell him until such time as he had some information regarding Kelly's background. According to Admiral Hillenkoetter, Kelly advised him that the FBI knew about him and that in the event the Admiral desired background information, it could be obtained from the FBI.

Admiral Hillenkoetter stated that Kelly was apparently very security-minded in that about all the information he could obtain from Kelly was that he resided at 630 - 5th Avenue, New York.

Admiral Hillenkoetter stated that he would like to have the Bureau files checked concerning Kelly because of Mr. Forrestal's interest and would appreciate any information concerning Kelly that could be made available to him.

A check of the Bureau files reveal that Kelly entered on duty as a Special Employee on June 22, 1942, and served as such in South America. He resigned on June 15, 1945.

It should be noted that Kelly has the nickname of "Shipwreck."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this request be forwarded to the Chief Clerk's Office and the Liaison Section be advised of the information which may be furnished to Admiral Hillenkoetter. It is further recommended that since Admiral Hillenkoetter is expecting a "follow-up" from Secretary Forrestal, that this matter be handled as soon as possible.

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*memo to hold
for Mr. Wall
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*John
Forrestal*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MAY 15 1985

JOHN S. KELLY
95 Lake Road
Plandome, N.Y.
11030

U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, DC 20535

December 14, 1984

Re: Request No. 251316

Dear Sir:

I give authorization for the disclosure of my records to
my

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Sincerely,

John Simms Kelly
John Simms Kelly

Sworn to before me this
14th day of December, 1984

Jane A. Marino

JANE A. MARINO
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 4654614
Qualified in Nassau County *ST*
Commission Expires March 30, 1985

December 13, 1984

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: FOIPA
Washington, D.C. 20535

Request No. 251316

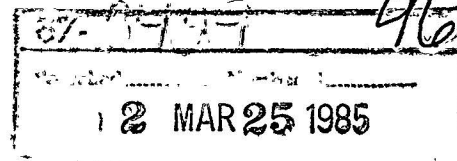
Dear Sir:

The additional information pertaining to the records of John Simms Kelly a.k.a. "Shipwreck Kelly" you requested are as follows:

Place of birth: Simmstown (Springfield), Kentucky
Date of birth: July 8, 1910

Enclosed is the notarized authorization from Mr. Kelly supporting my request.

Encl.



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SUBJECT OF REQUEST: John Simms Kelly
aka: "Shipwreck Kelly"

FOIPA NO. 251,316Dear

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request(s). Information pertaining to your request has been set forth below in appropriate paragraphs.


- ☒ The additional data requested from you has been received.
- ☐ We have received your letter expressing your willingness to pay fees of approximately _____.
- ☐ We have received your check in the amount of _____, dated _____.
- ☒ We are currently conducting a search of indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters to determine if we have the records you are seeking. Upon completion of this review, we will advise you.
- ☐ We have located documents which may pertain to your request(s), and we will assign them for processing soon.
- ☐ As a result of the large number of FOIPA requests received by the FBI, we may encounter some delay in processing your request(s). The FBI has allocated substantial resources, including manpower, to insure that delays in responding to FOIPA requests are minimized. We solicit your understanding and assure you that we will process your request(s) as soon as possible.

Your continued patience will be appreciated.

- ☐ See Continuation Page for additional information.

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Sincerely yours,



Chief
Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division

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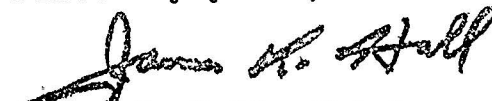
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This is in further reference to your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request for records pertaining to John Simms Kelly aka "Shipwreck Kelly".

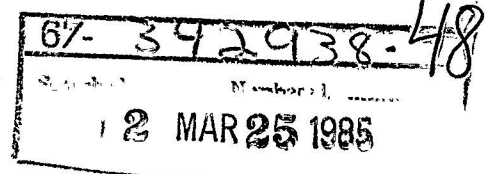
Documents which appear responsive to your request have been located and will be assigned for processing in the near future.

As a result of the large number of FOIPA requests received by the FBI, delay may be encountered in processing your request. The FBI has allocated substantial resources, including manpower, to insure that delays in responding to FOIPA requests are minimized. We solicit your patience and assure you that your request will be processed as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,


James K. Hall, Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Records Management Division

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DATE 2/16/68

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Memorandum



To : Chief, Document Classification and
Review Section
(Attn: Document Classification Unit)

Date

4/15/85

From : Chief, Disclosure Section

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Subject : FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS
REQUEST OF [redacted]

RE: John Simms Kelly

FOIPA NO. 256,316 DATE OF RECEIPT: 2/2/84

PERFECTED (PRIORITY) DATE 1/18/85

Attached records are presently:

☐ Classified

☐ Both

☐ Unclassified

☐ Particular attention is directed to serials _____

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67-342938 (101 pgs), 94-4-3430 (105 pgs),
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After reviewing these records to determine if classification is presently warranted, indicate your determination on this form and return it and the records to:

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Team

Attention:

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ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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For your info, [redacted] is collaborating with
Mr. Kelly on his autobiography.

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This section (2) is
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request of [redacted]
Re: [redacted] # 254,237.

Please review

FBI/DOJ

File transferred
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to filing unit
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DCU
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MEMORANDUM TO: ☐ **Chief, Operations Section**
Re: Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA)

Request of: Subject: John S. KellyFOIPA #: 251,316FOIPA Analyst: Norma Greene☐ **Chief, Civil Discovery Unit**

Civil Suit: _____

Subject: _____

File #: GAA/ba**ADDENDUM: Document Classification Unit**

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 100-59460-9; 100-122400-43; 98-3822-6;
 62-22670-47;

Files that were previously reviewed: 100-59460-9

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 AND FIELD OFFICES
 ADVISED BY ROUTING
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DATE 5/14/85 OK

Team Captain:

Reviewer: _____

Extension: 3913Room: 6361Addendum Date: 5/13/85Time Expended: 27 Hours

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SUBJECT:

John Simms Kelly

FOIA #:

251,316

C. FBI records have been reviewed and the following portions of documents have been classified in accordance with EO 12356
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