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REAR ADMIRAL R. H. HILLENKOETTER. FURNISH BY RETURN CABLE SUMMARY CONCERNING ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER, PRESENT NAVAL ATTACHE IN PARIS, COVERING BACKGROUND, ABILITY, INTELLIGENCE EXPERIENCE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD BUREAU IF KNOWN. BE EXTREMELY DISCREET AND MAKE NO INQUIRIES CONCERNING HIM.

DVH:FA
OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: February 25, 1947

SUBJECT:

Fred Mullen advised me yesterday that the UP representative covering the War Department had secured information that General Hoyt Vandenberg was going to be replaced by Rear Admiral Roland H. Hillenkoeter, presently assigned as Naval Attache at Paris. He wanted to know if we had heard anything on this or could confirm the story. I told him we of course could not comment on the rumor.

This morning Earl Godwin called and stated that he had received a tip that reports were current that General Vandenberg would step out and be replaced by a Naval officer presently assigned in a liaison capacity at the American Embassy in Paris.

It would thus appear that something is imminent as far as Vandenberg is concerned.

LBN: hbm
February 25, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent S. W. Reynolds of the Liaison Section has advised that he was contacted while at the Pentagon on February 24th by Colonel Carter W. Clarke of the Military Intelligence Division. Colonel Clarke inquired of Mr. Reynolds whether or not Reynolds could get information to you without going through any other individual in the Bureau. Mr. Reynolds advised Colonel Clarke that if the matter was of sufficient importance, the information could be furnished directly to you. Colonel Clarke indicated to Mr. Reynolds that he would leave the matter up to Reynolds' discretion as to whether or not it was of sufficient importance to be brought to your attention. Colonel Clarke was quite emphatic and did not want this matter discussed by Reynolds with anyone else but you.

Colonel Clarke indicated that there is bad relations between himself and the CIG. He stated that apparently General Vandenberg has felt that no-much as he made Colonel Clarke the Deputy Director of the Intelligence Division of the War Department, that, therefore, Clarke owed Vandenberg an allegiance even before his loyalty to General Chamberlin. Colonel Clarke pointed out that to the contrary he has never hesitated to block attempts by the CIG to get out of bounds and has let it be clearly known and understood that his first loyalty is to his superior General Chamberlin. Colonel Clarke indicated that as a result General Vandenberg hardly speaks to him.

Colonel Clarke advised that he and his wife eat their evening meals regularly at Fort Meyer. He stated that General Vandenberg and his wife also eat their evening meals at Fort Meyer. The other night, February 17th, Colonel Clarke stated that while he and his wife were having dinner, General Vandenberg came over to Clarke's table and asked Mrs. Clarke to visit with Mrs. Vandenberg while he talked to Colonel Clarke. General Vandenberg advised Colonel Clarke that he remembered that when he was the Director of the Intelligence Division at the War Department that the Intelligence Division had an extensive file containing numerous reports made by the FBI and the MID on the activity of Colonel Dornot (you will recall the Bureau investigated Colonel Dornot quite a long time ago at the request of General George V. Strong who was then C-2, War Department). General Vandenberg told Colonel Clarke that he would like to have this file forwarded to General Spatz. Colonel Clarke allegedly advised General Vandenberg that the files of the Intelligence Division of the War Department were confidential and would not be made available to General Spatz. Colonel Clarke pointed out to General Vandenberg that an extensive summary had been prepared by the Intelligence Division on Dornot and made available through the proper War Department channels to the Air Corps for their information.
Colonel Clarke stated that General Vandenberg became quite angered at Clarke's refusal and pointed out that General Spaatz was a four-star General. Colonel Clarke allegedly answered that he was working for a five-star General, i.e., General Eisenhower. Colonel Clarke advised that he has heard rumors that General Vandenberg had received in the past some rather expensive gifts from Doriot and Clarke suspected that Vandenberg was after the file of the Military Intelligence Division for the purpose of deleting certain information.

According to Colonel Clarke, General Vandenberg then inquired of Clarke what the Intelligence Division knew about Lilienthal. Colonel Clarke advised that he told Vandenberg that the Intelligence Division didn't know any more about Lilienthal than was published in the newspapers because any investigating conducted by any other organization would not be of pertinent interest to the Intelligence Division of the War Department. General Vandenberg is alleged to have stated to Colonel Clarke that he wanted to find out about Lilienthal so that he could protect his "Unk", Senator Vandenberg, from embarrassing himself by endorsing Lilienthal. Colonel Clarke advised Mr. Reynolds that the told General Vandenberg that he doubted whether there existed any evidence that Lilienthal was a Communist. However, if any information was available, it would be in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. General Vandenberg is then alleged to have stated to Colonel Clarke that as personal favor he would like to have Clarke obtain the information from the Bureau. Colonel Clarke then advised Mr. Reynolds that he told Vandenberg that he did not think it was up to him Clarke, to obtain the information from the Bureau, that General Vandenberg was acquainted with you and if he, Vandenberg, wanted this information he should contact you.

According to Colonel Clarke, General Vandenberg became angry at this retort and stated, "Something's got to be done about this God damn Hoover. He is going around town talking about Communists and Russian agents, yet he is never able to furnish any proof. He ought to be made to put up or shut up." Colonel Clarke stated that you have never hesitated to do him a favor when he requested it, and he thought that for your own information you should know how General Vandenberg feels about you.

Colonel Clarke mentioned to Mr. Reynolds that General Vandenberg is to be relieved as Director of Central Intelligence Group in May. Mr. Reynolds inquired of Colonel Clarke who was to replace General Vandenberg, and Clarke stated that as of this time Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Naval Attaché in Paris, has been selected.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. Ladd

SWR:AJB. Director's notation: "Ask Telford what he knows about Hillenkoetter. H."
TO: D. M. Ladd
FROM: E. G. Fitch
SUBJECT: REAR ADMIRAL ROSCOE HENRY HILLENKOETTER
U. S. NAVY
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

The following is a summary of the information contained in the files of the Navy Department regarding Admiral Hillenkoetter, who, as you know, is reported to be taking over the duties as Director of CIG.

REAR ADMIRAL ROSCOE HENRY HILLENKOETTER, U. S. NAVY

Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter, born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 8, 1897, was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy from the Twelfth District of his native state in 1916. While a Midshipman he served in the summer of 1918 in the USS MINNESOTA which operated with the Atlantic Fleet during the World War. As a First Classman he won the watch presented annually by Dr. Henry Van Dyke to a member of the graduating class for the best original article or theme on any naval or equally patriotic subject. Graduated with distinction, twentieth in a class of 467, and commissioned Ensign in June 1919, with the Class of 1920, he subsequently progressed in grade until his promotion to Captain, June 18, 1942. His selection to Rear Admiral was approved by the President November 28, 1946. His date of rank as a Rear Admiral is March 4, 1944.

After graduation in 1919, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter served in the USS BUSHNELL until July 1920, and following duty in the submarine S-7, served in the USS PADUCAH from September 1920 until September 1921 when that gunboat was decommissioned. Reporting for duty with the Mine Force, Atlantic Fleet, in October 1921, he was assigned to the USS ISRAEL in which he served until July 1923. He was under instruction at the Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, from August to December 1922 when he joined the submarine O-2 in which he served for a year. In December 1923 he reported for duty in the Fifteenth Naval District, Balboa, Canal Zone, and in February 1925 was assigned duty as Aide to the Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District, serving in that assignment for eight months.

Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter served as aide on the Staff of the Commander, Destroyer Squadrons, Scouting Fleet, from October 1925 until July 1927 when he was transferred to duty as aide and flag Lieutenant on the Staff of the Commander, Special Service Squadron. Detached from that assignment in May 1929, he was an instructor in the Department of Modern Languages at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, the two succeeding years. Returning to sea, he served in the USS MEMPHIS from June to December 1931, and after assisting in fitting out the USS BAINBRIDGE, served as executive and engineer officer of that destroyer from her commissioning, March 9, 1932, until May of that year. Ordered to Nicaragua in connection with an electoral mission, he served in that duty until December 1932. Proceeding to the Canal Zone, he reported in January 1933 for duty as aide and flag lieutenant on the Staff of the Commander, Special Service Squadron, and from May to October 1933 served as aide and flag secretary on the staff of that Commander.

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From November 1933 until September 1935, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter was Assistant Naval Attache at the American Embassy, Paris, France. After his return to the United States, he joined the USS Maryland in October 1935, serving as gunnery officer of that battleship from June 1937 until February 1938. Following duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., he returned to France, and in April 1938 again reported for duty as Assistant Naval Attache at the American Embassy, Paris, with additional duty as Assistant Naval Attache at the American Embassy in Madrid, Spain, and at the American Legation in Lisbon, Portugal. In April 1940 he was designated Naval Attache and Naval Attache for Air at the American Embassy in Paris, was relieved of his duties in Madrid and Lisbon, and later was assigned additional duty as Naval Attache and Naval Attache for Air at the American Embassy, Vichy, France.

Detached from that assignment August 30, 1941, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter returned to the United States. On November 19, 1941, he joined the USS West Virginia as executive officer and was serving in that duty during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, T. H., on December 7, 1941, being wounded in that attack which sank the West Virginia at her berth. Transferred to the USS Maryland at Pearl Harbor on December 15, 1941, he served as executive officer of that battleship, damaged in the attack but repaired and returned to duty in the South Pacific in February 1942, until July 3, 1942.

Following brief duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter served as Officer in Charge of Intelligence on the Staff of the Commander in Chief, Pacific Ocean Area, from September 1942 until March 1943. Transferred to command of the USS Dixie, he served in that command until February 1944, with additional duty during that period as Representative, Commander, Destroyers, Pacific Fleet, in the South Pacific Area. For his services in command of the Dixie during the Solomon Islands campaign he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the following citation:

**BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy as Commanding Officer of a Destroyer Tender of the United States Navy from April 1943 to February 1944. Captain Hillenkoetter displayed able leadership, outstanding initiative and professional skill in tending a large number of Destroyers during the long and arduous Solomon's campaign when their services were vital to our forces. His energy, sound judgment and devotion to duty were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Following detachment from command of the Dixie on February 7, 1944, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter reported March 14, 1944, for duty in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., serving as Assistant Director of Training, and later as Director of Planning and Control. For services in this latter capacity he was awarded the Legion of Merit, with the following citation:
Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

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the Legion of Honor, Rank of Officer, and the Order of Maritime Merit, awarded by the Government of France, and the Medal of Merit presented by the Government of Nicaragua.

His official address is 4147 Green Lea Place, St. Louis, Missouri, and that of his wife, Mrs. R. H. (Jane Clark) Hillenkoetter, is care Captain G. F. Clark (MC), USN, Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Massachusetts.
DECODE OF DOUBLE CODE CABLE NUMBER 224 FROM SIS NUMBER 498 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1947, AT PARIS, FRANCE. RECEIVED VIA THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

REFERENCE YOUR CABLEGRAM NUMBER 215 DATED FEBRUARY 26. REAR ADmiral R. H. HILENKOETTER ARRIVED PARIS WITH RANK OF CAPTAIN, LATER PROMOTED TO REAR ADMIRAL. HAS PERMANENT RANK OF COMMANDER. HOME ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. GERMAN ANCESTRY, SPEAKS FLUENT GERMAN AND FRENCH. DURING SOME OF 15 YEARS PRIOR TO LAST WAR WAS WITH NAVY IN EUROPE PRINCIPALLY FRANCE, AS NAVAL COURIER WITH RANK OF LIEUTENANT. LATER ASSIGNED TO OFFICE OF NAVAL ATTACHE AS ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE WITH RANK OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER AT PARIS AND VICHY. DURING LAST WAR WAS ON ACTIVE SEA DUTY IN PACIFIC AND RECEIVED SEVERAL CITATIONS. EXPERIENCE IN INTELLIGENCE WORK BELIEVED LIMITED. VERY POPULAR WITH AND WELL LIKED BY HIS STAFF AND CONSIDERED CAPABLE OFFICER. ATTITUDE TOWARD BUREAU UNKNOWN BUT LIMITED CONTACT WITH OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN CORDIAL.

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: THE DIRECTOR
FROM: D. M. IADD
SUBJECT: Rear Admiral Roscoe Henry Hillenkoetter

advised Special Agent of the Liaison Section in strictest confidence that

Subsequently I talked to on the telephone regarding this matter. I informed

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Office Memorandum  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Laidlaw
FROM : V. P. Keagan
DATE: February 28, 1949

SUBJECT: DESIRE OF ADMIRAL ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER, DIRECTOR OF CIA, TO TOUR FACILITIES OF FBI, TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1949

On the occasion of many routine liaison contacts with Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director of CIA, he has repeatedly voiced his desire to tour the facilities of the FBI. He has, of course, been advised each time that we would be most happy to accord him a special tour.

On Friday, February 25, 1949, Admiral Hillenkoetter telephonically contacted Agent DeLoach and advised that he would be free to come over at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday morning, March 1, 1949, if convenient with the FBI. He stated that he would particularly enjoy spending a brief moment with the Director so that he could pay his respects at this time. The Admiral was advised that this matter would be brought to the Director's attention and that he would be given an answer accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION: If you agree, Admiral Hillenkoetter will be given a very thorough tour of the Bureau on the above-mentioned date. Should it be possible for the Director to receive him at any time during this tour, Agent DeLoach will advise Admiral Hillenkoetter immediately.
Admiral to Head
U. S. Intelligence

By United Press

An informed War Department source said yesterday Lt. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg will be replaced on or about May 1 as head of the central intelligence group by Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoeter.

The central intelligence group was set up by President Truman to co-ordinate the hitherto unrelated intelligence work of the State, War and Navy departments.

Vandenberg will either become chief of staff to Gen. Carl Spaatz, army air forces commander, or replace Lt. Gen. Nathan F. Twining as commander of the air materiel command at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

If Vandenberg replaces Twining at Wright Field, this source said, Twining will become chief of staff to Spaatz. Lt. Gen. Ira C. Baker is now chief of the air staff and is expected to retire in the next several months.

Hillenkoeter was intelligence officer on the staff of Adm. Nimitz now commander in chief of the Navy, when Nimitz was in command of the Pacific fleet during the war. Hillenkoeter is now on duty as naval attache at Paris.

Vandenberg has an outstanding record as a combat commander but no long experience in intelligence work. He commanded the 8th air force in Europe and was deputy air commander in chief of the Allied expeditionary forces in Europe.
The Director

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3 ITEMS
Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of CIA, contacted Agent DeLoach on March 29, 1950, and advised that his wife, a visitor from France, his twelve year old daughter, and a neighbor's daughter desired to visit the Bureau at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 1950. The Admiral stated that his wife had always been keenly interested in the work of the FBI and that his daughter particularly enjoyed various radio programs which depicted the work of the Bureau.

Admiral Hillenkoetter was advised that we would be most happy to arrange this group a tour of Bureau facilities.

It is thought, perhaps, the Director might like to know of Mrs. Hillenkoetter's presence in the building on that particular day, and, if possible, might like to see her briefly during some phase of the tour. Arrangements for the tour have been discussed with Inspector____ of the Records and Communications Division.

ACTION:

None. This is for informational purposes only.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM: V. P. KEAY

SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH CIA

DATE: April 10, 1950

My memorandum to you dated April 3, 1950, reflected the request of Admiral Hillenkoetter, Director of CIA, concerning a tour of Bureau facilities by his wife, a visitor from France, his twelve-year old daughter, and a neighbor's daughter.

A very thorough tour was given Mrs. Hillenkoetter and her group on the morning of April 4, 1950. She expressed appreciation for the courtesies afforded her group and stated that she was especially delighted that her twelve-year old daughter had enjoyed the advantage of seeing the FBI Laboratory.

Admiral Hillenkoetter later advised Mr. DeLoach that he was extremely appreciative of the manner in which his wife, daughter, and their visitors had been treated.

ACTION: None. This is for informational purposes only.
TO: MR. TOLSON
FROM: L. B. NICHOLS
DATE: September 29, 1950

SUBJECT:

Supervisor DeLoach in the Liaison Section has advised that Admiral Hillenkoetter will leave CIA tomorrow and return to his duties in the Navy. He will leave town over the weekend. His brother-in-law, Henry H. Benedict, and daughter [underline] and Admiral Hillenkoetter's daughter [underline] have indicated a keen desire to visit the FBI. Saturday and Sunday of this week are the only two days they will have and in view of the special request of Admiral Hillenkoetter, an exception is being made and this group will be conducted on a tour of our exhibit rooms. They have indicated that the exhibit rooms are what they are particularly interested in.

Supervisor DeLoach will be present upon the arrival of Admiral Hillenkoetter and his party and we will have a special tour of the exhibit rooms conducted for them in the morning at 10:00 a.m.

CC: Tour Room

I don't think we should do this in the future.

It is straight this one time but had again as it is gross information.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 30, 1950

9:57AM - Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter and his daughter, his brother-in-law Mr. Benedict and his wife and daughter, and the daughter of Adm. Hillenkoetter's maid called at the Director's Reception Room with Tour Leader. Also accompanying the group was Special Agent C. D. DeLoach of the Liaison Section.

In Mr. Hoover's absence the group was taken through the Director's private office. They were most appreciative and were most commendable in their praise of the Director.
TO:

___Director 5633  ___Mr. Mohr 5744
___Mr. Tolson 5744  ___Miss Gandy 5633
___Mr. Ladd 5736  ___Mr. Nease 5633
___Mr. Clegg 5256  ___Records Sec. 7235
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___Mr. English 5627 ___Prepare reply
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L. B. Nichols
Room 5640, Ext 691
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM: V. P. KEAY V/A

DATE: October 2, 1950

SUBJECT: TOUR OF FBI FACILITIES BY ADMIRAL HILLENKOETTER AND PARTY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1950

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, Director of CIA, and his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benedict, Miss [___] and Miss [___] were given a tour of Bureau facilities on September 30, 1950. Admiral Hillenkoetter specifically requested the tour on this particular date inasmuch as Mr. Benedict, a woolen manufacturer from Philadelphia, planned to be in Washington only that day.

The Admiral and his party were given an extensive tour of the Director's reception room, exhibit rooms, a short tour of the Laboratory and the firearms range. Special Agent DeLoach, of the Liaison Section, and [___] of the Tour Room, met the party and accompanied them throughout the tour. Mr. Holloman, of the Crime Records Section, handled the firearms assignment on the Bureau's indoor range.

Both Admiral Hillenkoetter and Mr. Benedict were high in their praise of the Director and the Bureau's facilities. Admiral Hillenkoetter mentioned several times during the tour that knowledge of the FBI and the cooperation he had received from the Director and the Bureau were the highlights of his assignment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

ACTION:

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October 5, 1950

Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Special Agent  
% Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Ninth and Constitution Avenue  
Washington-25, D. C.

Dear Mr. DeLoach:

I would feel ungrateful if I did not acknowledge the very interesting visit we had with you last Saturday. My nephew, Admiral Hillenkoetter, tells me that you and some of the other gentlemen sacrificed your own time Saturday morning to show us this courtesy.

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to again thank you. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at some time in the future. Any time you have occasion to visit this vicinity I shall be very happy to have you advise me; perhaps we can arrange luncheon together.

Sincerely,

Henry H. Benedict  
President

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI                        DATE: December 20, 1954
FROM: SAC, New York

SUBJECT: REAR ADMIRAL ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER
SAC CONTACT
ATTENTION TRAINING AND INSPECTION DIVISION

I. DESCRIPTION OF CONTACT

This contact, a Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy, is Commandant of the Third Naval District with offices at 90 Church Street, New York City. He is former Director of CIA.

II. SERVICES THIS CONTACT CAN PROVIDE

He can be of assistance in expediting any investigations relative to U.S.N. personnel of the Third Naval District. He can also furnish data on former and some present CIA officials.

III. PAST RELATIONS WITH THE FIELD OFFICE

He readily released a copy of the Third Naval District investigative report on the accidental killing of a Naval employee at 90 Church Street. This office had conducted an inquiry on this matter. This contact, on a continuing basis, fully cooperates with the New York office in matters of mutual interest.

IV. THUMBGNAIL SKETCH OF KNOWN HISTORY

ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER is a Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy and former Director of CIA. He resides at Quarters B, New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York, telephone Main 5-4880, ext. 782, and has offices at 90 Church Street, New York City, Room 1520, phone number RECtector 2-9100, ext. 530 and 531.

V. DEROGATORY INFORMATION

New York file 65-12749, COCASE, sets out in substance that Admiral HILLENKOETTER in 1941 was Naval Attache to the Vichy Government in France and rendered assistance to

subject in this case to obtain a passport for the purpose of going to the U.S. It is to be noted that was exploiting a patent which he wanted to present to the War Department at Washington, D.C.

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RE: REAR ADMIRAL ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER
SAC CONTACT

for the purpose of seeing Admiral HILLENKOETTER.

New York file 65-15446-3 re [redacted] ESPIONAGE IS, sets
out that [redacted] subject in this investigation, listed Admiral ROSCOE
H. HILLENKOETTER as a reference at the time he sought employment with
CIA during the fall of 1948.

VI. RECOMMENDATION OF SAC

It is recommended that Rear Admiral ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER
be considered a SAC contact in the future.
August 3, 1956

VIA LIAISON

PERSONAL

Vice Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter
Inspector General
United States Navy
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Please accept the hearty congratulations of all of your friends in the FBI upon your appointment to the position of Inspector General of the United States Navy and your promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral.

We join in wishing you every success in carrying out the additional responsibilities of your new office, and we trust you will not hesitate to call upon us whenever we can be of aid.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

cc - Liaison Section, Unit

NOTE: Admiral Hillenkoetter was made an SAC contact 1-19-50, and Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory concerning him. Liaison Unit advises he assumed his new position along with the new rank of Vice Admiral as of 8-1-56.
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (80-695)
SUBJECT: REAR ADMIRAL ROSCOE H. HILLENKOETTER
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Admiral HILLENKOETTER has been assigned to Washington as
Inspector General with the rank of Vice Admiral. He is being deleted
as an SAC Contact of this office.
August 8, 1956

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You are most kind to send me such a nice letter on my return to Washington, and I do appreciate your courtesy and kind thoughts more than I can possibly say.

You have always been so helpful and of such great assistance to me in everything that I have asked, and this present letter simply is one more fine example of your courtesy and assistance.

Again, with my sincere thanks and appreciation and my very best personal wishes, please believe me.

Very sincerely,

R. H. Hillenhoetter
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.
LEGION OF MERIT

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the Government of the United States as Director of Planning and Control, Bureau of Naval Personnel, from August 15, 1944, to September 24, 1945. Responsible for the initiation, coordination and implementation of personnel plans, Captain Hillenkoetter rendered invaluable service in meeting the peak war effort's changing demands with the trained manpower necessary to man ships and stations, so that the attack was never stayed for lack of the basic flow of trained personnel. His breadth of vision and tireless efforts have been of inestimable assistance in handling the varying requirements of war and in carrying forward improvements in the procedures and methods of personnel planning and utilization. By his brilliant professional ability and steadfast devotion to duty, Captain Hillenkoetter aided in maintaining the greatest economy in the use of the nation's manpower and contributed materially to the successful prosecution of the war."

After the cessation of hostilities, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter assumed command of the battleship, USS MISSOURI, in October 1946. Under his command the MISSOURI transported to Turkey in the spring of 1946 the body of the late Turkish Ambassador, Mehmet Munir Ertegun. At Gibraltar Admiral Henry Kent Hewitt, USN, Commander United States Naval Forces in Europe, boarded the MISSOURI and completed the remainder of her cruise, escorted by the destroyer USS POWER and the cruiser USS PROVIDENCE. The MISSOURI anchored in the Bosphorus, off Istanbul, where the body of the ambassador was removed and the ship was opened to visitors. After visiting the ports of Piraeus, Naples, Algiers and Tangier, the MISSOURI returned to Gibraltar and from there to the United States, arriving in Norfolk, May 9, 1946. This visit of the MISSOURI to Turkey was the first visit to that country by a U. S. warship since the shakedown cruise of the USS CHESTER in September 1930. During this cruise, Read Admiral Hillenkoetter was awarded the Order of the Pheonix, degree of Commander, by the Government of Greece, presentation being made at Athens on April 10, 1946, and was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice and Saint Lazarus, degree of Commander, by the Government of Italy, presentation being made on April 22, 1946.

Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter was relieved of command of the MISSOURI shortly after this cruise and on July 29, 1946, reported to Paris, France, for his third tour of duty there, this time as Naval Attache. His selection to the rank of Rear Admiral was approved by the President on November 28, 1946.

In addition to the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart Medal, Rear Admiral Hillenkoetter has the Victory Medal, Atlantic Fleet Clasp (USS MINNESOTA), and is entitled to the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Area Campaign Medal, the American Area Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. In addition to the Order of the Pheonix, degree of Commander, from the Government of Greece, and the Order of Saint Maurice and Saint Lazarus, degree of Commander, from the Government of Italy, he also has