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Gen. Carroll to Investigate Alaska Hunt

Air Force to Do Its Own Probing

By JIM G. LUCAS
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

Maj. Gen. Joseph F. Carroll, a former FBI man, today had the job of investigating charges that his chief, Gen. Nathan F. Twining, misused Government property on an Alaskan hunting trip last summer.

Gen. Twining is Air Force Chief of Staff and chairman-designate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Gen. Carroll is head of the Air Force office of special investigations. He was picked in 1947 during the Benny Meyers case. (Ex-Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers later served a prison term for tax evasion and subornation of perjury.)

He will investigate charges Keith Hart of College, Alaska, in a letter to Chairman Clair Engle (D., Calif.) of the House Interior Committee, disclosed by Scripps-Howard newspapers yesterday. Rep. Engle termed the charges "very serious."

"LAVISH" EXPEDITION

Mr. Hart, who identified himself as a former employee of the Air Force Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory at Fairbanks, charged Gen. Twining and other Air Force generals took part in a lavish hunting expedition in August, 1956, under guise of a strategy conference.

He said, among other things, that a B-47 was used to relay radio broadcasts of the national political conventions and that a mountain sheep killed by Gen. Twining was stuffed and mounted at Government expense under a "scientific research contract."

DENIAL

The Air Force said Gen. Twining admits attending the meeting and hunting while in Alaska. A spokesman said he "categorically" denied violating any laws, and that he had ordered an immediate investigation.

Rep. Engle said his committee would not jump to any conclusions. Although the letter was addressed to Rep. Engle, Mr. Hart sent copies to other members of Congress and Scripps-Howard did not obtain a copy from Rep. Engle.
Meanwhile, Ernest Swift, executive director of the National Wildlife Federation, issued a statement declaring "this special privilege hunting and fishing at public expense and at the cost of wildlife resources owned by all the people must be stopped." Mr. Swift said the actions ascribed to Gen. Twining and his party "bear no relationship to national defense or military operations."

He urged early Senate approval of legislation passed by the House this week restricting hunting and fishing by the military.

It could not be learned when Gen. Carroll would begin his investigation or what form it would take. In his letter, Mr. Hart said he would be available for interviews at Sacramento, Calif., after April 25. The phone operator at College, Alaska, said yesterday she had no phone for a Keith Hart and did not know him.

SUGGESTIONS

Mr. Hart also suggested that records of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the University of Alaska's comptroller, the Hinman and Haynes taxidermists firm in Fairbanks, and the Ladd Air Force Base civilian personnel finance office be checked. Mr. Hart charged that the Fairbanks taxidermists were paid for mounting Gen. Twining's sheep out of funds "monitored by the University of Alaska."
Reference is made to a press reference on May 7, 1959, to the effect that General Twining was returned to Walter Reed Hospital for further chest examinations as a result of a previous physical examination performed in connection with an annual check-up.

Liaison ascertained this morning from the Joint Staff, that as a result of a recent physical examination General Twining will be at Walter Reed Hospital for a day or two for further chest examinations; that this action resulted from X-rays taken at a recent physical examination and was not due to a sudden emergency development in the General’s over-all physical situation.

Advised that regardless of the presumed “routine” nature of this check, the Joint Staff is quite concerned about the situation and is making every effort to avoid further press reference or comment at this time because of the psychological effect it could produce on part of the American public following the sudden death of Donald Quarles, Deputy Secretary of Defense, today.

ACTIONS:
Liaison will follow and report any further developments on General Twining’s condition.
Inspector General's Report

Gen. Twining Cleared of Hunting in Alaska

By JIM G. LUCAS
Space-Howard Staff Writer

The Air Force has cleared Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman-designate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, of charges that he and other Air Force generals took part in a "lavish" hunting expedition in Alaska last summer.


The investigation grew out of a letter to Chairman Clair Engle (D., Calif.) of House Interior Committee last April from Keith Hart of College, Alaska. Mr. Hart said he had resigned as an employee of the Air Force Aeromedical Laboratory at Fairbanks in protest against the flagrant disregard for Alaska's resources by certain high-ranking Air Force officers.

DENIAL

Gen. Twining promptly denied that he had violated any laws, and ordered an investigation.

Mr. Hart charged, among other things, that a B-47 intercontinental jet bomber was kept aloft over the Twining hunting camp at Agak Lake so that hunters could listen to the national political conventions by radio.

The Inspector General's report to the Armed Services Committee, which took over from the Interior group, said that was not so, that a check of all Air Force logs in Alaska for the period showed there were "no B-47 aircraft over Alaska during the time in question."

Furth-er, it said, "A radio log maintained at the site revealed only occasional contact with aircraft and no receipt or transmission of news of the political conventions."

DISMISS CHARGES

The report dismissed all of Mr. Hart's allegations against the Twining party—which in included Gen. Earle Partridge, head of the Continental Air Defense Command, Brig. Gen. T. Allan Bennett and Col. Howard Currie of the Artic Laboratory. It called the charges "completely irresponsible, untrue and without foundation in fact."

Among Mr. Hart's charges was the statement that the Agak Lake camp site was established to provide a hunting camp for top ranking Air Force officers. The investigators said the camp was "established for the purpose of testing various items of equipment (and) ... not for a conference ... it's establishment was totally unrelated to the visit of (the generals)."

NOT LAVISH

Moreover, said the report, the Agak Lake station was established "prior to any anticipated visit" by Gen. Twining. It insisted that camping facilities there were "exceptionally modest as almost to be categorized 'austere'; they were a far cry from being lavish."

Air Force Secretary James Douglas wrote Chairman Carl Vinson (D., Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee that he trusted "no further action by the Air Force is necessary."

Rep. Vinson said he was making the report public "to set the record straight."
Office Memorandum

TO: MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM: MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: GENERAL NATHAN F. TWINING
CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: May 8, 1959

Reference is made to my memorandum earlier today advising of the tests being made on General Twining's chest at Walter Reed Hospital. Following the inquiry by the Liaison Supervisor with General Twining's office this morning concerning the above, General Twining was subsequently advised by his aide at the Hospital concerning the Bureau Liaison's inquiry regarding his health. General Twining's reply to the aide was to tell Mr. Hoover "I am feeling fine and deeply appreciate his inquiry as to my health. Also extend to Mr. Hoover my sincerest felicitations on his anniversary and would be putting them in writing were it not that I am in the hospital."

The Joint Staff, telephonically contacted the Liaison Supervisor to advise him of General Twining’s comments resulting of the earlier inquiry by the Bureau Liaison Supervisor.

ACTION:

The above is submitted for information.

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1 - Mr. Kuhrtz

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PERSONAL

General Nathan F. Twining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6625 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I was very sorry to learn of your confinement at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and I certainly trust this note will find you feeling much better and resting comfortably following surgery.

You must, of course, take every precaution and closely follow your doctor's instructions so that your convalescence will be rapid and complete. All of your friends in the FBI join me in this expression of encouragement and good wishes. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do to be of assistance.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We have had cordial relations with General Twining. 
**Suspicious Finding in Checkup**

**Gen. Twining Undergoes Surgery; Part of Lung Is Removed for Tests**

By Nate Haseltine
Staff Reporter

Surgeons yesterday removed the upper lobe of the left lung of Gen. Nathan F. Twining during an exploratory operation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here.

The operation was similar to that performed recently on Arthur Godfrey, TV and radio star, whose condition subsequently was diagnosed as lung cancer.

The Defense Department announcement of Gen. Twining's surgery said that specimens of the lung tissue were sent to the hospital's laboratory for examination. Such tests take up to 48 hours.

The announcement said Twining, 61-year-old chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, underwent the surgery yesterday morning. It described his post-operative condition as "very satisfactory."

The prompt surgery came with what was to have been an exploratory operation to examine the cause of suspicious findings that showed up in a recent chest X-ray examination. The Department said yesterday the X-ray checks were made nine days ago when Gen. Twining entered the hospital for his annual physical checkup.

An Air Force general, Twining was nominated by President Eisenhower recently for a second two-year term as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**The Washington Post and Times Herald**
**The Washington Daily News**
**The Evening Star**
**New York Herald Tribune**
**New York Journal-American**
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February 23, 1960

General Nathan F. Twining,
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6825 16th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

I was indeed sorry to learn that you underwent surgery yesterday, and I do hope this finds you well on the road to recovery. Please take care of yourself, and accept my very best wishes for a quick return to good health.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: We last wrote General Twining on May 13, 1959, when he underwent surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center for removal of part of his lung.
Twining Has Appendectomy

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was operated on for acute appendicitis yesterday, the Defense Department announced.

The Department said the appendix of the 62-year-old Twining was removed by surgeons at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. It said his condition was considered satisfactory.

A Department spokesman said Twining entered the hospital about 3:30 p.m. He was operated on later in the afternoon.
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

1 March 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Many thanks for your nice letter containing good wishes for my recovery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

I am feeling better now and look forward to being released from the hospital shortly.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

NATHAN F. TWNING

Nate Twining

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
August 19, 1960

PERSONAL

BY LIAISON

General Nathan F. Twining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Twining:

It was with deep regret that I learned of your plans to retire, and all of us will certainly miss the excellent relationship which has existed between you and this Bureau.

I want to extend our best wishes for a pleasant retirement and for success in your future endeavors. We sincerely hope that contact with you will not be lost and want you to feel free to call on us whenever we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Liaison Section

NOTE: Bufiles indicate cordial correspondence with General Twining. By letter dated 2-23-60 we wished him a speedy recovery from an illness.
Global. Twining, JCS Head, Will Retire

By Elton C. Fay
Associated Press

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, 62-year-old Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who twice has undergone surgery in the last two years, is retiring.

The White House, where Twining called yesterday morning, said that for some time President Eisenhower and the General "have been discussing informally the General's retirement after 42 years of service."

Press Secretary James Hagerty said no date has been fixed and denied that Twining, now almost halfway through his second term as JCS chairman, had submitted his resignation or that the President had accepted it.

However, two dates for Twining's retirement seem possible. Aug. 15 will be the date upon which he was first appointed to the JCS position in 1957 and would be the halfway point in his second tour of duty.

Note was taken of Hagerty's reference to Twining's retiring "after 42 years of service." This anniversary would be reached next November. It was in November 1918 that Twining was graduated from West Point and began his regular military career. He had been a member of the National Guard from 1916 until his entrance into the military academy in May 1917 for war-shortened courses.

At the Pentagon there seemed considerable certainty today that Army Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer would be named to succeed Air Force General Twining as JCS chairman.

This was based chiefly on the custom of rotating the chairmanship among the three services, instead of basing it on seniority of service in the JCS.

Adm. Arleigh A. Burke is senior in service, having begun his first term in 1955, with two subsequent reappointments as Chief of Naval Operations.

Gen. Thomas D. White took over as Air Force Chief of Staff on July 1, 1957, the same date Lemnitzer was appointed Army Chief of Staff.
Twining to Quit JCS, Lemnitzer Due for Job

Congressional Clearance Is Awaited; Change Tentatively Set for Sept. 30

By RICHARD FRYKLUND

Gen. Nathan F. Twining has submitted his resignation as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it was learned today. President Eisenhower has indicated the resignation will be accepted, to take effect in about two months.

Gen. Twining's successor is reported to be Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, Army Chief of Staff. But apparently his selection has not gotten through the usual informal clearance of congressional leaders.

The date tentatively set for the change is September 30.

No Date Set

The President and Gen. Twining have discussed Gen. Twining's retirement but no date for his retirement has yet been set, the White House said today.

"The story that Gen. Twining has resigned as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and that the President has accepted his resignation is not true," Press Secretary James C. Hagerty said.

Gen. Twining, an Air Force general, underwent an operation for lung cancer last year and an appendectomy last spring. He told the President he simply was not up to the gruelling task of shepherding another defense budget through the Pentagon and Capitol Hill. He has asked several times since his illness to be relieved. The President, "finally, reluctantly," agreed.

Clearance of the new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs with congressional leaders is of particular importance with a new administration coming in this January.

Ordinarily a chairman serves four years, two two-year terms, so it would be desirable for Mr. Eisenhower to pick a man acceptable to both presidential candidates.

Gen. Lemnitzer, Army boss for a year, was selected for his broad background as a fighting man and military diplomat—and also for his ability to play as a team man. He has given the administration considerably less trouble than past Army chiefs.

His philosophy is to determine the most he can get for the Army and fight for that—but not to rock the boat reaching for more.

Architect of NATO

Gen. Lemnitzer, working under Gen. Eisenhower, drew the detailed plans for the North African landing during World War II. At various times he served as chief of staff to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander and chief of staff to the commanding general of the United States Mediterranean theater.

He helped negotiate the surrender of Italy and in the final weeks of the war entered Switzerland in civilian clothes.

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TWINING

To lead surrender talks with the chiefs of German forces in Italy and Southern Austria. He was one of the architects of the NATO treaty.

He qualified as a parachutist at the age of 51. He won the Silver Star in Korea while commander of the 7th Infantry Division.

Gen. Lemnitzer is 61; Gen. Twining is 63.

Gen. Twining still does a full day's work and plays golf with gusto. By any normal standards, he is not a sick man. But the budget fight, which each year builds to a crescendo in the Pentagon about October 1, is an exhausting experience.

And the multiple grillings before numerous congressional committees in January, February and March have worn down many a young officer.

The next President will have a chance to name a new Air Force and Navy chief. Gen. Thomas D. White ends a four-year term as Air Force Chief of Staff next August. He says he wants to retire, but other Pentagon observers see him as a logical man to carry on another term or go to NATO to replace the ailing Gen. Lauris Norstad.

Chief of Naval Operations Arleigh Burke will end his 23-year in the job next August.
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

29 August 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You have my sincere appreciation for your note concerning my impending retirement. I, too, shall miss the fine relationship that has existed between us.

I want you to know that your kind words were received with warm gratitude, and I am deeply appreciative of your continuing offer of assistance.

Sincerely,

Nate Twining

The Honorable
J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
September 30, 1960

PERSONAL
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

General Nathan F. Twining
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Pentagon
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Twining:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on your receiving the Distinguished Service Medal yesterday. This was indeed a well-deserved tribute to your many outstanding accomplishments, and I am certain you must be very proud of this recognition.

My associates and I want to wish you continued success, and it is my hope your retirement years will prove to be fruitful and pleasant ones. Do not hesitate to call on us for any assistance we may be able to give.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: File indicates cordial correspondence with General Twining. By letter dated 8-17-60 we wrote him concerning his retirement which will be effective at the close of business on 9-30-60.
RETIRING GENERAL DECORATED—President Eisenhower sharing a light moment with Gen. Nathan Twining at White House yesterday after the Chief Executive honored retiring chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff with Distinguished Service Medal.

D. S. M. Awarded
Gen. Twining, Retiring Today

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP)—President Eisenhower, in a hasty ceremony, today awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to Gen. Nathan F. Twining, outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The ceremony in the White House was moved up 35 minutes because of the death in Denver of Mrs. Eisenhower's mother. The President shifted his morning plans and left immediately to prepare to depart for Chicago.

Gen. Twining was cited for "exceptionally distinguished service to the United States of America in a position of great responsibility as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from Aug. 15, 1957, through Sept. 30, 1960." The latter date, tomorrow, is when the general retires.

Mr. Eisenhower pinned the medal on the gray-haired Air Force veteran and shook his hand before hurrying on.

New York Herald Tribune
September 30, 1960
4745 Berkley Terrace, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.
7 October 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of September 30th was received with warm gratitude, and I shall remember our association with pleasure throughout the years to come. As always, I extend my admiration to you and to your associates for the fine contribution you have made to our country through the years.

I am also deeply appreciative of your offer for assistance in the future, and I shall be forever grateful for your support in the past.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Nate Twining

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable Edgar T. Rigg
Chairman of the Board
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Ed: [Signature]

Many thanks for sending me an advance copy of General Twining's new book. I am looking forward to reading it.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

NOTE: Both Mr. Rigg and General Twining are on the Special Correspondents' List. This book is an analysis of military-political strategy in the United States. General Twining states America withdrew soon after the fighting of World War II stopped and by its inept post war activities allowed communism to make strongholds in Europe and China.
from EDGAR T. RIGG

Sept 6, 1966

Dear Edgar:

I believe you will want to read this advance copy of a sort of "rough" book by Nate Twining - a great admirer of yours. I have also sent a copy to [name]

Hope you have had a good summer.

My very best

Ed

Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.

383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.
from EDGAR T. RIGG

Sept 6, 1966

Dear Edgar:

I believe you will want to read this advance copy of a sort of "rough" book by Kate Twining — a great admirer of yours. I have also sent a copy to...

Hope you have had a good summer.

My very best.

HOLT, RINEHART AND WINSTON, INC.
393 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.
General Nathan F. Twining, USAF (Ret.)
Memorial Medical Center
4700 Waters Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31404

Tuesday 11:24 AM
November 14, 1972

Dear General Twining,

Just a brief note to say that Jan and I offer our prayers for your complete and early recovery from this most recent bout with the scalpel.

With our warm regards and affection,

Sincerely,

[Handwritten note]
Twining Hits Education Lag on Communism

DALLAS, Tex., Sept 28 (UPI) — Gen. Nathan Twining, retired chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said yesterday that lack of education about the communist system and its aims is the reason for repeated U. S. setbacks at the hands of the Russian-block nations.

Speaking before the members of the National Association of Insurance Agents at its national convention, Gen. Twining said the repeated setbacks are creating a sense of anger and frustration in the American people.

"We have deep deficiencies in our educational system, particularly in the area of educating our people in the aims, objectives and practices of communism," Gen. Twining said.

"It is this deficiency that I (consider) the principal cause of our defeats at the hands of communism over the past 20 years.

Twining, Nathan F.