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MR. JOHN GREENEWALD, JR.

FOIPA Request No. 1225195-000
Subject: MCDONALD, JAMES EDWARD

Dear Mr. Greenewald, Jr:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 107 pages of previously-processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge and as such your request for a fee waiver is unnecessary.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S. C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), U.S. Department of Justice, 1425 New York Ave., NW, Suite 11050, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP’s eFOIA portal at http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html. Your appeal must be received by OIP within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Appeal.” Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be identified easily.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
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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;

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(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;

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(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;

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(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 he 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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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-NEW)

FROM: SAS, NEW YORK (105-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: J. E. MC DONALD (IS-R) (OOF: PHOENIX)

DATE: 3/24/69

SECRET

For information of Phoenix, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on 2/25/69, concerning information with the KGB (Committee for State Security). Among the information furnished by was the following:

A letter dated from UN, NY, to Professor J. E. MC DONALD, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. This letter reads: [redacted]

NYC indices contain no information identifiable with Professor J. E. MC DONALD.

Phoenix is requested to initiate investigation regarding Professor J. E. MC DONALD, who is reportedly in contact with, or of interest to, [redacted].

This investigation should be handled in accordance with provisions relating to investigation of individuals in contact with Soviet officials as contained in Section 105K, N of I. When this investigation is completed, Phoenix should give consideration to requesting Bureau authority for an interview of MC DONALD to determine the extent of MC DONALD's contacts with [redacted].
BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE CONTACT
OF THE SUBJECT, IT IS NECESSARY THAT CAREFUL
PROTECTION OF THE ABOVE MATERIAL BE USED TO PROTECT FULLY THE
IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT, AS WELL AS THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT,
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OUTSIDE THE FBI. (U)
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: PHOENIX (100-6252) (P)

DATE: 5/26/69

SUBJECT: CHANGED PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD Mc DONALD, aka J. E. Mc DONALD
       (IS-R) 00: Phoenix

The title of this communication is marked CHANGED to add the full name of the subject as shown in University of Arizona (UA) records.


Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) entitled, "PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD Mc DONALD, Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona."

Enclosed for New York are two copies of the above LHM and one copy of above referenced report on the

Informants
PX T-1 is [Blank]
PX T-2 is [Blank]

File Location
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Hold Dissemination 6/24/69

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
contacted by SA. RAYMER P. PETERS, JR.

The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL, as disclosure of information therein from the above live informants could reasonably result in their identification, thereby jeopardizing their future effectiveness.

As set out in the LHM, the subject is a prominent Atmospheric Physicist and is becoming well known publicly for his belief that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are extraterrestrial and are real. The letter from [PROPRIETARY INFORMATION] to the subject, as set out in re New York letter, refers

It appears that Professor MC DONALD's letter to [PROPRIETARY INFORMATION] might have been in itself an innocuous, sincere contact on the part of Professor MC DONALD; however, in view of his background and long-time leadership in "New Left" activities in the Tucson area, it is quite probable that Professor MC DONALD would be highly susceptible to an approach made by a Soviet intelligence, particularly concerning a research done in his field, of Atmospheric Physics. At this point it is not known whether Professor MC DONALD would be at all cooperative in an interview.

Professor MC DONALD's [PROPRIETARY INFORMATION] for some years has been [PROPRIETARY INFORMATION] (Phoenix file 161-342) (File 161- ) and [PROPRIETARY INFORMATION] and it is believed he would be
completely cooperative and reliable in any authorized interview concerning this matter. Therefore, Bureau authority is requested for an interview with [redacted] along the following lines:

1. Information concerning Professor MC DONALD's "Plea for International Scientific Study of the Problem of the UFO" and Professor MC DONALD's activities regarding this. (§)

2. His knowledge of any contact Professor MC DONALD has had with foreign agencies in his UFO studies, particularly Soviet bloc countries.

3. His evaluation of Professor MC DONALD so far as his loyalty is concerned and his opinion as to whether Professor MC DONALD would be amenable to interview.

On 5/20/69 interviewed by SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR., concerning various SDS members at the VA, including [redacted] commented that he recently received information that Professor JAMES B. MC DONALD is "disenchanted" with constant "New Left" activities and they plan to separate. He further said he has heard that [redacted] This information has not yet been confirmed through other sources; however, if true, it should have some bearing on MC DONALD's cooperation in any interview.
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Phoenix, Arizona
May 26, 1969

PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
Senior Physicist,
Institute of Atmospheric Physics
University of Arizona (UA)
Tucson, Arizona

The current Student and Faculty Directory for the University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, for the 1968-1969 academic year, lists "James E. McDonald, Ph.D., Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics and Professor, Meteorology Department, residence, 3461 East Third Street, Tucson."

On April 11, 1969, UA, Tucson, made available records which show the following:

James Edward McDonald was employed at the University, April 1, 1954, as Associate Director, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Associate Professor of Physics. On July 1, 1956, his title was changed to Scientific Director, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Associate Professor of Physics. On July 1, 1957, his title was changed to Senior Physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics; Professor of Meteorology; these are the positions he now holds.

The records show he was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota. He attended the University of Omaha from 1938 to 1942, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942. He attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1943 to 1945, receiving

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PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

a Master of Science degree in 1945. He attended Iowa State from 1946 to 1951, receiving his doctorate in 1951.

The records show that he was on Sabbatical Leave from July 1, 1963 to December 31, 1963. In his application for this leave, dated April 12, 1963, he said, "I will continue working on research and affairs of Naval Research Contract # NR-082-164." He stated his main reason in applying for Sabbatical Leave was to write up already completed research for publication.

His salary as of May 18, 1969, was $21,000 per year.

The records show that he currently resides at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, with his

The SDS is characterized in the appendix.

Concerning the PFA, the March 16, 1968 edition of "The Tucson Daily Citizen," a daily newspaper published at Tucson, Arizona, carried an article which stated in part, as follows:

'The formation of Peace and Freedom Associations, a coalition of local groups dedicated to end the war in Vietnam and to ending racial injustice at home, was announced today. The center will serve as a communications interchange between local and national peace groups and will be the focal point of local efforts
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against the Vietnam War." A list of member organizations set out in the article included the SDS, above.

On October 18, 1968, at a meeting of the PFA in Tucson, reported to the group on her recent attendance at a convention of the SDS at Boulder, Colorado.

PX T-1 (10/18/68).

A bulletin put out by the Tucson Peace Center (TPC) and received through the mail, February 7, 1968, advertised the fact that on February 8, 1968, there would be a public meeting, where Dr. James E. McDonald would speak on the subject of napalm. The bulletin described McDonald as "Professor of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona and Consultant to the Peace Center."

PX T-2 (2/12/68).

On February 18, 1969, PX T-1 advised that an accurate summary of the aims and purposes of the TPC was set out in a mimeographed letter dated October 22, 1968, from the TPC President and sent to all persons on the TPC mailing list. This letter stated in part, 'The Tucson Peace Center serves as a clearing house for information on peace activities and programs in the Tucson area.' The source said the TPC has never at any time advocated the use of violence in demonstrations or protests.

On May 20, 1969, PX T-1 advised that although Professor James E. McDonald possibly condones activities in the various "New Left" groups in the Tucson area, he very seldom accompanies her in any of these activities and has taken very little part in such activities.

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PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

The July 27, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," a newspaper published daily at Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article:

UA Physicist To Spur Scientific UFO Probe

Will Appear Before House Committee

By JUDY DONOVAN

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the university's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, said a thorough investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects is long overdue. Twenty years have passed since the objects first attracted public attention, he said, and officialdom is still taking a "ho-hum" attitude toward the matter.

"UFO's constitute an extraordinarily important scientific problem, the greatest of these times, and it has been shoved under the rug," he remarked.

The UA physicist who is appearing with five other scientists from around the United States, will present testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Astronautics. McDonald said Rep. Morris K. Udall was highly instrumental in efforts to arrange for the special Unidentified Flying Objects Symposium.

McDonald is organizing the bulk of his presentation around a set of typical questions people ask about UFO's, such as, "Why they aren't picked up on radar?", and "Why they don't contact us?"

He will include examples of what he termed "scientifically ludicrous explanations" that hinge on some scientists' meteorological and atmospheric physical weather explanations for UFO's.

"I particularly take issue with Dr. Donald H. Menzel, former director of Harvard Observatory, who has written two books on UFO's and mainly explains them away as meteorological phenomena. Another work that can't be taken seriously is a recent book by Philip Klass, senior editor of Aviation Week Magazine, which purports that UFO's are meteorologically generated plasmas of the ball lightning type."
The April 6, 1969, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," carried the following article:

**UA Prof Will Challenge Condon Report On UFO's**

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The Condon report on unidentified flying objects will be challenged before the Vandenberg Chapter, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, by Dr. James E. McDonald when he speaks at Vandenberg Air Force Base Friday.

The senior physicist of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics will speak on "UFO's and the Condon Report: A Dissenting View." As a dissenter, Dr. McDonald expects to stress the fact that the Condon report covers only a "minute fraction" of the significant cases available for study.

From his studies of several years Dr. McDonald believes that UFO's are probably extraterrestrial and are real.

His talk at the air force base in California will be the first in a series of 15 lectures he will give in the next 12 months to members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics in Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Iowa, Washington, D.C., Missouri, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.
APPENDIX

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Party (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students.

Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
Title  PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD  
Senior Physicist,  
Institute of Atmospheric Physics  
University of Arizona  
Tucson, Arizona

Character

Reference  Letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above at Phoenix, Arizona.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.
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Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM: W. A. Branigan

DATE: June 20, 1969

SUBJECT: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

INTERNAL SECURITY - RUSSIA

Submitted to obtain authority to interview both professors, University of Arizona (UA).

Source furnished letter written by Committee for State Security officer to subject requesting information on thermodynamic properties of the earth's atmosphere from 10 to 100 kilometers. Subject, born 5-7-20, is senior physicist, authority on Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). Applicant-type investigation of subject in 1962, favorable re loyalty, character, and reputation. Subject's wife is active in Students for a Democratic Society and peace movement. Subject is disenchanted with "New Left" activities and separation planned.

Department of Meteorology, UA, is friendly to Bureau and believed he will be completely cooperative. Subject recent applicant-type investigation, results completely favorable. Subject and are not pacifists, but interested in peace. Recommended subject for position of trust and confidence.

Phoenix desires interview concerning subject's UFO studies, knowledge of contacts with foreign governments, particularly Soviet-bloc countries. Current evaluation of subject, and opinion whether subject amenable to interview. No reason to anticipate embarrassment. We should authorize investigation of subject and interview of since we know is using position to obtain scientific information.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS DECLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE.
Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
105-191677

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is letter to Phoenix in accordance with above instructing interview be conducted away from campus, UA, and explain not interested in legitimate educational functions.
In accordance with your request, authority is granted to interview [redacted]. Explain that we are not interested in legitimate educational contacts and functions. Interview of should be conducted away from the campus of the University of Arizona. Furnish results in form for dissemination.

Attention is called to the fact that [redacted] was interviewed 2/20/62 concerning the subject as set out in your file 161-107 on the subject.

If you determine it is desirable to request authority to interview subject, submit request on FD-379 in accordance with page 29, Section 105K, Manual of Instructions.

NOTE:

Based on memorandum W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 6/20/69, prepared by LML: mst/SC.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-191677)  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (100-6252) (C)  
SUBJECT: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, aka J. E. McDonald  

Re Phoenix letter with its LHM, 5/26/69, entitled, "PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, aka J. E. McDonald" and Bulet to Phoenix, 6/23/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM entitled, "PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, SENIOR PHYSICIST, INSTITUTE OF ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA"; two copies of the LHM are enclosed for New York for information.

Agent who interviewed is SA RAYMER P. PETERS, JR.

The LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL as this inquiry was based on information obtained from an extremely sensitive source of the NYO.

As set out in the LHM,

- said he has no doubt whatever of the subject's loyalty to this country. He said he feels certain the subject's contact with the Soviet representative at the UN Secretariat in mid-1968 in connection with the subject's "UFO" studies, was completely innocuous and he does not believe that MCDONALD would be receptive to any approach by the Soviets or any other country to act in any capacity against the best interests of the United States. He said Professor MCDONALD has mentioned no further correspondence with the above-Soviet representative other than the initial reply to MCDONALD's original inquiry. MCDONALD uses the same secretary as does
and she has made no mention of any such further correspondence between MCDONALD and the Soviet representative. He said he would be alert for any indication of such continued contacts and he would contact the Tucson Resident Agency of the FBI, should he develop any such information.

is considered completely reliable and he assured interviewing agent that he would keep this matter in complete confidence.

At this point it does not appear that an interview of Professor MCDONALD would be productive and could possibly result in embarrassment to the Bureau. Although Professor MCDONALD might not object to such an interview, it is almost certain that (SI subject of the Phoenix Office), would attempt to, publicly denounce the Bureau for such an interview. For this reason a request for authority to interview the subject is not being made at this time.

If New York develops further information concerning this matter from or other sources, such information should be furnished to Phoenix.
Professor James Edward McDonald, Ph.D., is currently employed as senior physicist, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, at the UA. He has been employed at the UA since 1954 and has been closely associated with him both professionally and socially since 1946 when both were students at Iowa State University, Iowa.

said he considers Professor McDonald a sincere, conscientious and dedicated scientist who is very outspoken in both his scientific and political views. who described himself as a political conservative, said his own political views are quite opposite those of Professor McDonald and although he sees the McDonald family quite frequently socially, they seldom discuss political matters because of this divergence of views. He said he has no doubt whatsoever that Professor McDonald is completely loyal to the United States.

said Professor McDonald for the past several years has been obsessed with the idea that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are probably extraterrestrial and are real. He has lectured before various groups throughout the country during the past year on the subject of UFOs and has publicly challenged reports by the U.S. Air Force and other
RE: PROFESSOR JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

agencies who discount the possibility that UFOs are real and from outer space.

In mid-1968, as part of his research into the question of UFOs, Professor McDonald wrote to a number of representatives of various countries soliciting information concerning sightings of UFOs in these countries. He entitled this project, "A Plea for International Scientific Study of the Problem of the UFO." The principal reason for this effort was to obtain reports of UFO sightings from more or less underdeveloped areas of the world where people reporting these sightings would not have been previously exposed to publicity about UFOs.

Professor McDonald contacted representatives of several agencies at the United Nations in New York, including the Soviet representative of the Outer Space Affairs Group, United Nations Secretariat. [ ] does not know the name of this individual. He said Professor McDonald mentioned receiving a reply from this Soviet representative but he does not recall whether Professor McDonald ever mentioned any further contacts with that individual. [ ] said he believes that if there had been further contacts between Professor McDonald and the above Soviet representative, that he, Professor McDonald, probably would have mentioned this fact.

[ ] said his department at the UA is not engaged in any classified research projects and Professor McDonald at the present time does not have access to any classified research material.

[ ] reiterated that he has never had any reason whatever to question Professor McDonald's complete loyalty to the United States.

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March 18, 1971

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Dr. James Edward McDonald

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosures bearing a classification are removed.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (7)

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EX-103 [RECIPT] 05-5-1971
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1: MAR 24 1971
Dr. James Edward McDonald, who you advised was born May 7, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota, and who resides at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, Arizona, was the subject of favorable applicant-type investigations in 1949 and 1962. A summary of these investigations dated March 12, 1962, is attached. (161-1891)

He was also the subject of a security-type investigation in 1969, concerning his contact with

Our investigation indicated Dr. McDonald's contact was in connection with his study of unidentified flying objects and his attempts to obtain information from sparsely populated parts of the world. No evidence of subversive activities on his part was determined. (5) (105-191677)

Our files indicate that

As of late 1970,

In October, 1968, reportedly attended the SDS National Convention in Boulder, Colorado, and was overheard telling a group in Tucson upon her return that she favored violence, if necessary, to achieve the goals of the SDS. (100-453871)

A confidential source in a position to know advised in mid-1969 he had recently received information that Professor James Edward McDonald was disenchanted with constant New Left activities and that they planned to separate. The source also said he has heard

(105-191677)

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPING UNIT ENCLOSE

SEE NOTE - NEXT PAGE
Dr. James Edward McDonald

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President. This memo classified "Confidential" in as much as it contains information previously so classified.
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- Restricted to Locality of
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Orrin H. Bartlett, FBI
FROM Dr. James B. Hartgering Technical Assistant
SUBJECT TRANSMITTAL SF 86 FOR James E. McDonald

5/7/20 Date of Birth

The subject forms are forwarded for the purpose of obtaining a White House clearance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Encl: As above
16. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (SINCE 1930) (Exclusive of military service)

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17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST OR FASCIST ORGANIZATION?  
NO  

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEeks TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?  
NO  

(ANSWER "YES" OR "NO")

19. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 17 OR 18 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATIONS OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. IN QUESTION 23 OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS FORM, GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

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### Have You Ever Been Arrested

15. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law-enforcement authorities, for any violation of any federal law, state law, county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Do not include anything that happened before your sixteenth birthday. Do not include traffic violations for which a fine of $25 or less was imposed. All other charges must be included even if they were dismissed.)

**No**

(Answer "Yes" or "No")

If your answer is "Yes," give full details below:

- Reason Charged or Held
- Date
- Place Where Charged or Held
- Name of Law Enforcement Authority
- Disposition
### Personal Information

**Name:**
- **Last Name:** McDonald
- **First Name:** James
- **Middle Name:** Edward

**Other Names Used:** None

**Date of Birth:** May 7, 1920

**Place of Birth:** Duluth, Minnesota

**Height:** 6'1
**Weight:** 175 lbs
**Color of Eyes:** Hazel
**Color of Hair:** Brown

**Marital Status:** Married
- **Married:** Feb. 10, 1945 - Manchester, New Hampshire

### Addresses

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### Social Security Information

**Social Security Number:** 507-10-3639

**Military Service**
- **Branch of Service:** Navy
- **Serial Number:** 270531
- **From (Year):** 1942
- **To (Year):** 1945

### Notes

- *Certified for FBI Use* (See also Item 24.)
22. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you.)

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23. SPACE FOR CONTINUING ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS (Show item numbers to which answers apply. Attach a separate sheet if there is not enough space here.)

Before signing this form check back over it to make sure you have answered all questions fully and correctly.

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

False statement on this form is punishable by law.

DATE: Feb 7, 1962

(INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENCY: See Federal Personnel Manual Chapter 12 for details on when this form is required and how it is used. If this is a request for investigation before appointment, insert "APPL" in the space for Date of Appointment and show information about the proposed appointment in the other spaces for appointment data. The original and the first carbon copy should be signed by the applicant or appointee. Submit two carbon copies of this form, Standard Form 87 (Fingerprint Chart), and any investigative information about the person received on voucher forms or otherwise, to the United States Civil Service Commission, Investigations Division, Bureau of Departmental Operations, Washington 25, D. C. If this is a request for full field security investigation, submit these forms to the attention of the Security Investigations Section; if this is a request for preappointment national agency checks, submit these forms to the attention of the Control Unit.)

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY AGENCY

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: TYPE OF APPOINTMENT
- EXCEPTED
- COMPETITIVE (Include indefinite and temporary types of competitive appointments)

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION NUMBER OR OTHER APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

TITLE OF POSITION AND GRADE OR SALARY

SEND RESULTS OF PREAPPOINTMENT CHECK TO:
Airtel

To: SACs, Omaha
Washington Field
Boston

From: Director, FBI
JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
BUDKD: 3-1-62

Re Bureau airtel 2-15-62. Omaha see your file
116-8775, Washington Field file 116-39001, Boston file
116-12611 captioned "James Edward McDonald - CH, ARAA."

All offices bring previous investigation up to date.
Insure complete adult life is accounted for.

2 - Phoenix

161-1891-2
NOT RECORDED
13 APR 12 1962

MAILED 4
FEB 19 1962
COMM-FBI
To: SACs, Phoenix Enc.,
    Chicago Enc.
    Omaha Enc.
    Washington Field Enc. (5)
    Boston Enc.
    Kansas City Enc.

From: Director, FBI

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
Dated 3/1/62

White House has requested investigation of McDonald who is being considered for White House clearance. Born 5/7/20 Duluth, Minnesota, and resides Tucson, Arizona. Background data is attached.

Conduct thorough investigation covering entire adult life including periods of unemployment. Complete names and current addresses of all immediate relatives must be ascertained by active investigation and appropriate checks made concerning each. Assign immediately, afford continuous attention, set out all leads by airtel and secure tor reach Bureau by 3/1/62.

NOTE: Request received 2/15/62 by letter dated 2/13/62 from the White House.
AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (161-101)
RE: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

BUDDED: 3/1/62

Re Bureau airtel to Phoenix, 2/15/62.

MC DONALD on PSO lists as reference
Tucson, Arizona,
at the University of Arizona. On trip of indeterminate
length and can be reached c/o

Code 502, U. S. Naval
Ordinance Test Station, China Lake, California. Los Angeles
interview immediately.

For Los Angeles information, applicant, Dr. JAMES
MC DONALD has been involved in much publicized controversy
with USAF of proper location of missile sites near Tucson,
in some extent, assisted Dr. MC DONALD in
controversy. His name also mentioned in connection with
Arizona Civil Liberties Union. He also sent a petition to
President KENNEDY protesting state department's policy of
hostility towards Cuba and requested restoration of normal
diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba.

Los Angeles to airtel results of interview of


2 - Los Angeles,
1 - Bureau
5412
(4) 161-1891-3

NOT RECORDED

13 FEB 23 1962
TO: SAC, PHOENIX
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (161-444)

JAMES EDWARD MCCONNELL, SPI. RE URTELE DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE, LAST AND PHOENIX FILE NUMBER ONE SIX ONE DASH ONE ZERO ONE. U. S. NAVAL ORDNANCE TEST STATION, CHINA LAKE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE KNOWN APPLICANT FOUR YEARS IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL CAPACITY, CONSIDERED HIM OF HIGHEST MORALS, CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND DOES NOT QUESTION HIS LOYALTY, AND STATES ASSOCIATES REPUTABLE. ORGANIZATIONS APPLICANT BELONGS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE ARE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, A NATIONAL TECHNICAL GROUP AND AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION, TUCSON, ARIZONA CHAPTER, SPONSORED BY UNITARIAN CHURCH. RECALLED APPLICANT POSSIBLY NAVAL OFFICER IN PAST, AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR ANY GOVERNMENT POSITION. AIR MAIL COPY FURNISHED BUREAU SAME DATE.

RUC

JED: Jam
(1) Bureau (AIR MAIL)
(2)

161-1871-4

NOT RECORDED
10 FEB 20, 1962

55 APR 27 1962
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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**REPORT MADE BY**: SA LAWRENCE G. HEALEY  
**CHARACTER OF CASE**: SPI

**REFERENCES:**
- Bureau airtel to Phoenix dated February 15, 1962.  
- Bureau airtel to Omaha dated February 19, 1962.  

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**
Prior investigation has been conducted concerning Appointee.  
See case entitled, "JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, CH 3922, AEAA" and report of SA WILLIAM D. CRONIN dated July 14, 1949 at Boston (Boston File 116-12611).

**COVER PAGE**

- **APPROVED**
- **SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE**
- **DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW**

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**DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT**

**NOTATIONS**

55 APR 27 1962
Copy to:

Report of: SA LAWRENCE G. HEALEY
Date: 2/26/62
Office: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Field Office File No.: 161-756
Bureau File No.: 

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:
Education verified. Associate recommends. Credit and arrest records negative.

- RUC -

DETAILS:

Credit and arrest records, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed by Investigative Clerk.

Education

On November 23, 1962, Registrar's Office, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that according to her records, JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, born May 7, 1920 at Duluth, Minnesota, attended MIT from June, 1943 through the second term of the year 1943-1944, and in September, 1945 received an M.S. degree in Meteorology. His record contained no information reflecting unfavorably on his character, reputation or loyalty.
MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he first became acquainted with JAMES MC DONALD as a student at MIT and has seen him professionally since his graduation from MIT. He advised that he was also acquainted with him socially and has visited him at his home in Tucson, Arizona and was also acquainted with his wife and family, all of whom he considered as persons of good moral character and of unquestioned loyalty. He described JAMES MC DONALD as a competent scientist, trustworthy, reliable, discreet, and recommended him favorably for a position of responsibility and trust.

Credit

On February 23, 1962, personnel of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, which agency also covers Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised these records contained no information concerning JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

Arrest

On February 23, 1962, personnel of the Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised their files contained no record for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.

On February 23, 1962, Sergeant Records Bureau, Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department, advised their files contained no record for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.
TO SAC, PHOENIX
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI
JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI, BUDEO MARCH ONE PAST. RE YOUR
REPORT OF SA [ ] FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX TWO. BY NOON MARCH SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX TWO SUTEL PRESENT ADDRESS FOR APPOINTEE'S MOTHER AND RESULTS OF APPROPRIATE AGENCY CHECKS CONCERNING HER.
URGENT 3-6-62 6-21 PM HFL
TO SAC PHOENIX
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P
JAMES EDWARD. MC DONALD, SPI, BUDED MARCH ONE PAST. RE YOUR
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END ACK PLS

OK FBI PX/JG AND HOLD FOR MSG TO WA

OK
Arizona Civil Liberties Union Eyes Ordinances On Loitering, Vagrancy

The Arizona Civil Liberties Union yesterday began hearings on vagrancy and loitering laws in Tucson to see if any constitutional rights are being violated.

One of the ACLU's objectives is a test of the constitutionality of Arizona statutes, according to Dr. Cornelius Steelink, chairman of the Arizona ACLU.

The ACLU's Vagrancy Committee, headed by Tucson businessman Tom Bailey, initiated a comprehensive study of vagrancy and loitering laws and their enforcement in Tucson.

Steelink said: "We are concerned with the issue raised by the Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who suggested there is strong evidence that current vagrancy statutes may actually restrict a man's right to free travel as well as make it a crime to be out of work or broke."

The committee plans to gather information concerning local vagrancy and loitering arrests to determine:
1. Whether local law enforcement practices violate basic constitutional rights.
2. What are the reasons for the arrest of a man's constitutional rights?
3. Whether the arrest is made to the community?

Members of Bailey's committee are John Denton, William Clark Kennedy, William Lawton, J. M. Bailey, Mrs. Helen McManus and George Anderson.

UA's Steelink Will Head ACLU

Cornelius Steelink, assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Arizona, was elected president of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Other officers elected were:
James C.人均, vice president; Mrs. James McDermott, secretary-treasurer.

The new board was elected to the board of directors.

The new board includes:
Dr. David L. Miller, John S. DeForest
and the Rev. George Whitney.

Re-elected to serve another term were Frank Berry, Charles Aron and E. McDonald. These board members are in the second year of their terms.

The officers will be installed at the annual banquet to be held April 4 in the UA Student Union building. Dr. Bernard C. Wehner will preside over the meeting of the UA, which will open.

Mahar Heads Directorate Of ACLU

The Tucson chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union has elected Michael Mahar president of the board of directors.

Mahar, assistant professor of Oriental studies at the University of Arizona, succeeds Dr. Cornelius Steelink, the former president of the ACLU.

Mahar, a former chairman of the board of directors, was elected to serve on the board as corresponding secretary.

The ACLU is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated solely to defending constitutional liberties under the Bill of Rights.

Current board members include:
Dr. David L. Miller, John S. DeForest
and the Rev. George Whitney.

Continuing board members are:
Dr. David L. Miller, C. M. Wright, Dr. John S. DeForest
and Mrs. Helen McManus.

Continuing board members are:
Dr. Bernard C. Wehner, William Whitney.

William Whitney is a noted legal council on a panel of 13 Tucson attorneys.
ACLU WILL HEAD
U.S. STEEL LINK

DATE: May 31, 1960

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Arizona Civil Liberties Union Eyes
AF Charged With Neglect in Selecting Missile Sites

By J. B. REDDING

The Air Force is selecting its missile bases without regard to potential hazards to millions of civilians, a University of Arizona scientist said today.

Millions of Americans live in the path of prevailing winds that could deposit radioactive fallout 300 miles away in the towns of future missile war, Dr. James McDonald, senior physicist in the UA Institute of Geophysics, said.

"There is urgent need for the Air Force to change its policies," McDonald said. "The Air Force is needlessly increasing the risk of death from radioactive fallout for millions of civilians."

The present policy of the Air Force is to save money and time by putting the 31 intercontinental ballistic missile bases already selected at the site of existing air bases, McDonald said.

But this policy, however reasonable from a standpoint of cost, does not consider the fallout problem—which is the greatest killing force in nuclear war.

The millions of people in Los Angeles, for example, are downwind 150 miles from Vandenberg AFB on the Pacific Coast.

And in putting another ICBM base at Offutt AFB in Nebraska, a target has been created to drive radioactive fireballs which would be poured down the prevailing winds on the thousands of people in Lincoln, Omaha, Council Bluffs and Des Moines to the east.

Prevailing winds in general are from West to East.

Most of the American intercontinental ballistic missiles are being placed in "hardened" silos underground for greater protection. In order to destroy them, an enemy would have to strike the ground within 1.1 miles. This is what it would take to produce the necessary blast pressure of 100 pounds per square inch, McDonald said.

This means that an enemy could be expected to strike perhaps 15 to 30 minutes at any target to overcome his mathematical chance of missing.

Air nuclear bursts carry their destructive effect in blast and thermal destruction. But a ground burst leaves the fallout to lie in tons of dirt on which the radioactive activity would be carried back to birth.

This is a matter of the danger to sick hospital patients, rather than the comparatively slow drip of post-nuclear poisoning of fusion products," McDonald said.

The Rand Corp. in a study for the Air Force estimates that a 10 million surface burst would lay an infallible film of contaminated dust sprawling over 1,000 square miles with a fatal 30-hour dose of radiation.

McDonald estimates that the total dose of radiation could be expected to cover a 100 square mile area, 200 miles downwind.

Vandenberg was originally selected as a missile training base and then made a site for offensive weapons as well.

"Los Angeles residents have good reason to demand the launchers be converted to mere very costly—training aids," McDonald said.

All 31 of the IB bases have been placed in the West. Two have been, well chosen from the fullest standpoint—Mountain Home, Idaho and Ronald, S.D.

On the other hand, the inhabitants of Spokane have two missile bases operated within fallout range—Fairchild and Larson.

And so does Kansas City—Fort Offutt 30 miles away and Offutt missile base 40 miles upwind. Atlas launchers are reported on all sides of Cheyenne.

McDonald said that he has worked the West from the viewpoint of how much space is available in which only cities of less than 10,000 persons lie downwind from possible missile sites.

There are 14,000 square miles of such comparatively vacant land in Arizona, 21,000 in Nevada and 39,000 in Montana.

In the meantime, McDonald suggests that the federal government build bomb shelters for the tens in Mountain Home, Idaho."

Letters which have gone from McDonald to Air Force officials of space groups and some planners have been, as a practical end, have brought little more information than the view that the city is already a high priority target to IAC bases anywhere, the scientist said.
ICBM Location Method Upheld
By Air Force
Proximity Of Bases Doesn't Increase
Danger To Population, Spokesman Says

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6—The Air Force Friday upheld the decision of locating intercontinental ballistic missile sites in the general area of existing air bases.

It said this does not materially increase the danger that enemy attacks on the sites might endanger populations of cities in the general region.

A spokesman was asked Friday about the report of Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, against building ICBM launching sites near major population centers.

McDonald contends that this means creation of prime targets for enemy attack and that failures from nuclear detonations in the attack would endanger the populations of cities in the area.

Most of the ICBM bases are being built on or near existing air-dromes—which already are targets. One reason is that the supplying and operation of the launching sites can be done from the central existing military bases.

In some instances, he said on which launching sites are being built already are in use or controlled by the Air Force as part of the existing bases facilities.

The selection of main support base for missile facilities and the location of launch sites is made only after thorough consideration of all factors, the spokesman added.

The spokesman said: "One of the factors is the variety of residence in the areas and on the military personnel operating the missile bases.

"It is now our belief that the dispersal of the bases will not and is not material to the potential of any site location as a target. The spokesman said.

Referring to arguments that the launching sites should be located far from populated regions, the spokesman said: "Refusal to accept this.

"It must be noted," he said, "that the construction of completely new and self-sufficient facilities in such areas as isolated sections of the Rocky Mountains would not be feasible at any cost of initial costs, type of construction, both costs of support facilities and other factors of life support.

"Where costs are reasonable and it is in the best interest of the government, missile facilities must be located at existing sites in the Rocky Mountain areas.

"Examples of this are the facilities being built at Mountain Home, Idaho; Minot, North Dakota; Whiteman, Kansas, and Mountain City, Calif.

"The reduction of operating bases which are necessary here, are not personnel and must be satisfied with certain space, personnel and type of facilities. The logistics and area requirements for the operational missile sites must be met.

"In the interest of ready availability of the Air Force for use, the Air Force pointed out waiting areas which are needed in areas outside of all bases.
Challenge Is Based On Solid Background

Dr. James E. McDonald, the University of Arizona faculty member who criticizes the Air Force's base of ICBM in the state, has a long background in meteorology.

More than 30 of his articles have been published in scientific journals. Most of them have to do with the science of meteorology.

Dr. McDonald received a Ph.D. in meteorology in 1946 from the University of Oregon, a Ph.D. in meteorology in 1949 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in physics in 1951 from Iowa State University.

He has been at the U.S. Army Institute of Meteorology since 1952.

Dr. McDonald feels that the Air Force "is on the wrong track" and is asking for technical information on fallout that has been released.

Only one "reliable" scientific article on local fallout has been published. Mr. McDonald says, "If it's right, that's all right."

Among the hazards cited by Mr. McDonald, the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, in a report prepared by the University Air Force: "Tucson must expect to be hit by over 300 megatons of enemy missile power in the opening phase of any future military conflict.

This is because of the 13 hardened missile silos surrounding the city. The blast effects of such an attack would not only be as serious as the fallout from any local attack but would be far more devastating to the civil population."

Dr. McDonald reports that ICBM pad locations should be moved to more northerly locations where they would be more difficult to locate and not so close to inhabited areas.

"In order, then, to make a reasonable high ground offensive effective, we must consider each cluster of three to produce enough destruction to destroyopens.

In order, then, to make a reasonable high ground offensive effective, we must consider the clusters of three to produce enough destruction to destroy the ICBM pads."

4. Underground shelters may have to be constructed for the citizens of Phoenix, Mountain Home, El Paso, and Rapid City, where ICBM pads are being located. Also this precaution should be followed for other endangered communities.

As alternate sites, McDonald listed George AFB, Nellis AFB, Nevada; Kingsley Field, Oregon; Spade AFB, Nevada; Jacksonville AFB, Florida; Minot AFB, North Dakota; and Minot AFB, S.D.

The Air Force has not commented, McDonald said, on the "highly tentative" proposals presented by his group for economy reasons — including dining halls, barracks, etc.

Adoption of McDonald's recommendations would be expensive. It would cost $100 million to build facilities for an ICBM base in an area he said would be sufficient.

"But," he said, "you cannot measure lives in millions and cents."

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McDonald's Report Is Sustained

The scientific validity of Dr. James McDonald's assessment of the fallacy of massive nuclear strikes on Tucson is backed by the Department of Defense.

In a letter dated Sept. 19, 1950, the Air Force said that there are "no underground military facilities" in the area. The report by Mr. McDonald's presentation on the civil defense returns at that early date.
ICBM Location Method Upheld By Air Force

Proximity Of Bases Doesn't Increase Danger To Population, Spokesman Says

WASHINGTON, D.C.---The Air Force Friday upheld the propriety of locating intercontinental ballistic missile sites in the general area of existing air bases.

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A spokesman was asked Friday about the report of Dr. James E. McDonald of the University of Arizona, against building ICBM launching sites near major population centers.

McDonald contends that this means creation of prime targets for atomic attack and that fallout from nuclear detonations in the attack would endanger the populations of cities in the areas.

Most of the ICBM bases are being built on or near existing air bases--which already are targets. One reason is that the supplying and operation of the launching sites can be done from the central existing military bases.

In some instances, the land on which launching sites are to be built already is owned or controlled by the Air Force as part of the existing base facilities.

The selection of a new support base for missile facilities and the location of launch site is made only after thorough consideration of all factors, the spokesman said.

One of these factors is the proximity of residents in the area and of the military personnel operating the missile bases.

"It is our firm belief that the dispersal of the launch sites 20 to 40 miles from the main support base will not materially increase the potential of any site location as a target," the spokesman said.

Referring to assertions that the launching sites should be located far from populated regions, the spokesman said several factors, including money, are involved.

"It must be noted," he said, that the construction of completely new, self-contained cities would entail a much greater expenditure of initial costs, time in construction, each step of support facilities and other factors.

"While costs are reasonable and it is the best interest of the government, military officials are being located at widely selected sites in the Rocky Mountain area. Examples of mushroom facilities being to be constructed at buildings, jointly owned by the military and commercial companies, will be built at Rapid City, S.D.

"The technical operating factors which apply to the missile themselves, or the weapon itself, and must be considered in the initial planning, and all condition requirements, in logistics and support planning, and final planning also must be taken into account.

"In the case of air bases, the Air Force on its first survey of the space area which are located near the missile bases and logistics facilities.

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Challenge Is Based On Solid Background

Dr. James E. McDonald, the University of Arizona faculty member who criticized the Air Force's ICBM installations, has a long background in meteorology.

More than 30 of his articles have been published in scientific journals. Most of them have been devoted to the science of meteorology.

Dr. McDonald received a B.A. in chemistry at the University of Oklahoma in 1943 from the University of Oklahoma and a M.S. in meteorology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in physics in 1951 from Iowa State University. He is the head of the U.S. Institute of Atmospheric Physics for five years. Before coming here, he had spent one year as a research scientist at Iowa State and an assistant professor in physics. Dr. McDonald feels that the Air Force "broadens" its defense against ground attack because small things have been released. The only one "very good" scientific article on local fallout has not been published, he said. "It's probably," Dr. McDonald said, "that only a small fraction of the population who read it, and apparently none of them saw it relative to the Air Force ICBM area location policies."

Listed in point No. 1 should be a minimum of 15% of the people from any large population center. This safety concept should be made by this rule.

4. Underground shelters may have to be constructed for the citizens of the town in Hidalgo, Ada, and Rapid City, S.D., where ICBM pads are being installed. Also, this should be followed for other endangered communities.

As alternate sites for present locations, McDonald listed Gooding, Idaho, Kingsley Field, Ore.; St. Paul, Minn.; Manchester, N.H.; Rapid City, S.D.; Malstrom AFB, Mont.; and Minot AFB, S.D.

The Air Force has chosen, Dr. McDonald said, perhaps 12 of the 300 locations where to support the ICBM squadrons for economy reasons—existing ballistics missile bases.

Adoption of McDonald's recommendations would prove expensive. It takes about $70 million alone to build facilities for an ICBM squadron.

"But," he said, "you cannot measure the risk in dollars and cents."

McDonald's Report Is Sustained

The scientific validity of Dr. James McDonald's assessment of the fallout danger in Tucson in event of nuclear attack has been acknowledged by the Department of Defense.

In a letter signed by Secretary of Defense, the Air Force and that "there are no important technical errors" in McDonald's presentation on the nuclear defense hazards at missile bases.

Aren't the hazards cited by McDonald of the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, in two papers reviewed by the Air Force are "sufficiently justifiably to expect to be hit with over 250,000 men of one weapon in the opening phase of any future nuclear war. This is because the hardened, impregnable cities surrounding the city.

The blast effects of such an attack would be so serious as the fallout damage that would inevitably result. If McDonald's reports are correct, the magnitude of the damage, whether the Air Force or any other federal agencies are still saying that an underground stay of two weeks would be sufficient to withstand the blast. The report, as rushed by the Air Force, estimated that it would take 2,000 underground shelters to house the Tucson population. The cost of this many shelters would be $50 million. McDonald estimated another way.
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2 (two) copies of newspaper articles relating to location of ICBM sites at Tucson, Arizona; Arizona Daily Star, 11/6/59 and 11/7/59; and Tucson Daily Citizen, 11/6/59 and 11/19/61.

2 (two) copies of newspaper articles relating to officers of Tucson Chapter of American Civil Liberties Union; Arizona Daily Star, 5/15/59, 5/27/60, 10/28/60 and 5/24/61.

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For the Bureau's information, the Arizona Daily Citizen of 10/28/60 contains a news item listing as officers of the Southern Section of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, the following:

Mrs. JAMES MCDONALD - Secretary Treasurer,
JAMES E. MCDONALD - Board Member (re-elected).

The Arizona Daily Star of 5/24/61 lists the new officers of the Tucson Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and names Mrs. BETSY MCDONALD as Vice President. The news articles relating to the American Civil Liberties Union have been included as enclosures to the Bureau.

There is no evidence available that the Tucson Chapter (aka. Southern Section) of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union is a CP dominated or infiltrated organization.

who has furnished reliable information in the past and is familiar with some phases of Communist activities in the Tucson, Arizona area, advised on 2/23/62 that the Communist Party (CP) in Tucson had no control or influence whatever in the Tucson Chapter of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union.

INFORMANTS:

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JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

SPECIAL INQUIRY

JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, a Ph.D., is Senior Physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor of Meteorology at the University of Arizona, resides at 3461 East 3rd Street, Tucson, Arizona with wife and family. Appointee has been employed at the University of Arizona since 1954 and is highly recommended by the University of Arizona President, Officials and associates as a brilliant, outstanding scientist. He is a loyal American who is worthy of Governmental appointment. Tucson neighbors of appointee all recommend him as a good family man, interested in the welfare of the community, who is a loyal citizen in every respect. Appointee received considerable publicity in Tucson newspapers, concerning his differences with the U.S. Air Force over proper location of Titan missile sites surrounding Tucson. Appointee has a satisfactory credit record and no identification record at Tucson.

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AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

EMPLOYMENT:

of the University of Arizona (UA), on February 20, 1962, made available official personnel records relating to appointee.
These personnel records reflect that Dr. JAMES E. McDONALD, born May 7, 1920 at Duluth, Minnesota, has been employed at the UA since 1954. Appointee had received his B.A. degree in 1942 from the University of Omaha, his Master of Science degree in 1945 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and in 1951 his Ph. D. degree from Iowa State College. In the current year, 1961-1962, Dr. JAMES E. McDONALD is a Senior Physicist in the Institute of Atmospheric Physics, and Professor of Meteorology at the UA.

On February 20, 1962, advised he has known appointee for approximately eight years and considers him a very ethical, reputable, competent, outstanding scientist. [ ] said the appointee was very sincere in his scientific opinions regarding radioactive fallout and he was very outspoken. [ ] said he is very much aware of appointee's well-known differences with the U. S. Air Force over the location of the Titan missile sites which surround Tucson, Arizona. [ ] said the appointee had criticized the Air Force for locating the missile sites to the west of the city inasmuch as the prevailing westerly wind would carry the radioactive fallout eastward over the entire city. [ ] said he knew appointee had done all his research on this subject matter on his own time and not on the UA's time. Furthermore, appointee was quite ethical and never used the name or prestige of the UA even to the point of using his own stationery in all correspondence concerning the controversy. [ ] stated there was no question in his mind, appointee was a loyal American citizen with no sympathy whatsoever for any Communist thinking. [ ] recommended appointee without reservation for Governmental appointment.

UA, on February 20, 1962, advised he has known appointee for eight years, the period in which appointee taught at the UA.

[ ] stated that the appointee was in his college and that he considered the appointee to be a very brilliant scientist who had the respect of all his colleagues in the field. [ ] stated the appointee is an independent type of thinker in that once he had arrived at a scientific conclusion he was very outspoken and independent in his statements. [ ] said that there was no question of any disloyalty concerning the appointee and he would recommend appointee on the standpoint of security, patriotism and loyalty.
stated on February 20, 1962 that appointee is a very personable, brilliant scientist who is fearless and independent in his research and thinking. _______ stated the appointee might be viewed as a controversial type of scientist in that he is very outspoken in his opinions. _______ pointed out, however, that the appointee usually was able to back himself up from a scientific viewpoint and to defend himself very adequately. _______ said he had never heard of any of the appointee's critics suggest that appointee was Communist or un-American. _______ said the appointee had been in the U. S. Navy during World War II and that he considered appointee a good loyal American fit for appointment in Government service.

UA, advised February 20, 1962, that he has known appointee since September of 1946. He stated they were students together at Iowa State University and graduated in the same year. _______ said he is a professional associate and personal friend of the appointee. He stated that the appointee is a conscientious outspoken, sincere scientist and that everything he does is prompted by patriotism and never from the fact of purely being controversial. _______ said he knew appointee had many critics in his controversy in 1959 with the U. S. Air Force over the location of Titan missile sites, but _______ said that in his opinion, the appointee had been vindicated. _______ said that the Secretary or Assistant Secretary of Defense had written Dr. MCDONALD a letter in which he said that there had been "no substantial errors in Dr. MCDONALD's findings". _______ said the appointee had never urged there should be no Titan missile sites surrounding Tucson, but merely that the Titan missile sites should be properly located. _______ said the appointee and _______ are not pacifists but are interested in peace. He said he knew had been interested in the Peace March of the Fellowship of Reconciliation which was held in Tucson in December, 1960. _______ recalled that the Peace March had been a demonstration in which individuals marched from downtown Tucson to the gates of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base carrying placards in support of peace. However, _______ stated had been opposed to the civil disobedience demonstrations.
wherein demonstrators trespassed and sat down on the property of the U.S. Air Force. Stated that in his mind there was no question as to the Americanism and loyalty of the appointee and

With regard to the reference by the Peace March of December, 1960, the Arizona Republic of December 6, 1960 carried a news item indicating that approximately 60 individuals of two sponsoring groups marched from downtown Tucson to the gates of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The sponsoring groups were named Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Pima Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The marchers were carrying signs urging peace.

With regard to the civil disobedience referred to by the Tucson Daily Citizen of January 19, 1961 carried a news item reflecting a member of the Committee for Non-Violent Action, JERRY WHEELER, 26 years old of Berkeley, California, was jailed January 18, 1961 for attempting the unauthorized entry of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The young demonstrator had been taken into custody by the Davis-Monthan Air Police when he tried to enter the base.

REFERENCE:

February 25, 1962 was interviewed at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California. Advised he has known appointee four years due to mutual employment and as social friends. Considered the appointee to be of the highest morals, character and reputation. Has no question as to appointee's loyalty or reputation. Recalled appointee as a Naval officer in the past and recommended him highly for governmental position.

With regard to reference the following information was received from T-1 in May, 1961:

Signed a petition for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York. This petition was addressed to President JOHN F. KENNEDY as follows:
"We urge that you reverse the State Department policy of hostility towards Cuba. We urge that normal diplomatic and trade relations be restored, that the ban on travel to Cuba be lifted and that the Cuban people be permitted to determine their own destiny without reference from any outside source."

The 1960 Tucson City Directory lists [UA Professor] as residing at [Address].

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC):

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained $3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about $1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times."

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent
FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NEIGHBORHOOD:

- on February 22, 1962, advised that he has known the appointee and since 1954.
- as well as a friend in the neighborhood of the appointee's family.
- stated appointee is not a pacifist and that he has been much maligned because of his controversy with the U.S. Air Force.
- stated the appointee is a very fine family man, devoted to his children, and interested in all community projects.
- is very active in the League of Women Voters and the organization known as the Property Owners Protective Association.
- stated he had no hesitancy in recommending appointee and as being well liked American people in the neighborhood and considered appointee as an excellently qualified person for service in any capacity on behalf of the Government.

- advised February 21, 1962, that she had been a neighbor of the appointee and since 1954. She stated the appointee lives at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, with and six small children. She stated they are a fine family and that she was very proud to have her children play with the MCDONALD children.
- stated the appointee had an excellent reputation in the neighborhood and that in her opinion he was a trustworthy, patriotic American fit for Governmental appointment.
advised on February 21, 1962 that she has known appointee for approximately three and one-half years. She stated she allows the McDONALD family to swim in her pool at any time and she considers them fine and sincere American people. She stated that is an alert, smart American housewife who is interested in all humanity projects. recommended the appointee and in every respect and stated Dr. McDONALD would prove an excellent appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS:

In connection with the publicity received by the appointee concerning the proper location of the Titan missile sites surrounding Tucson, Arizona, the Arizona Daily Star of November 6, 1959 carried a news item relating to the criticism of appointee of the location of the ICBM installations. The articles were captioned "Challenge is Based on Solid Background" and "Downwind Radiation in Attack is Feared". The Arizona Daily Star of November 7, 1959 carries a news article captioned "ICBM Location Method Upheld by Air Force", "McDonald Blasts AF Statement, UA Savant Declares Reply 'Incredible!'". The Daily Citizen of November 6, 1959 carried a news item concerning the appointee captioned "AF Charged With Neglect in Selecting Missile Sites".

The Arizona Daily Star of November 19, 1961, carries an article concerning the appointee captioned "McDonald's Report is Sustained". The article cites a letter received from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civil Defense as stating "no important technical errors" in McDONALD's presentation on the civil defense hazards at missile base cities.

INFORMANTS:

Phoenix Confidential Informants familiar with phases of Communist activities in the Tucson area advised February 23, 1962 that the appointee and his wife are not known to them to be connected or affiliated with the CP or Communist front organizations in Tucson.
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CREDIT:

of the Tucson Merchants Credit Bureau stated on February 26, 1962 that JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, a professor at the UA, residing at 3461 East Third Street, had a satisfactory credit rating at the Tucson Merchants Credit Bureau.

IDENTIFICATION:

of the Records Section, Tucson Police Department, advised on February 26, 1962 that there was no identification record at the Tucson Police Department identifiable with appointee JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD or

of the Identification Bureau, Pima County Sheriff's Office, stated on February 26, 1962 that there was no identification record at the Pima County Sheriff's Office identifiable with appointee JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD or
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Phoenix, Arizona
February 27, 1962

Title JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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**TITLE OF CASE**

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

**REPORT MADE BY**

THOMAS W. CARROLL

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

SPI

**REFERENCES:**

- Bureau airtel 2/15/62.

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**APPROVED**

1. Bureau (KNSD)

1. Omaha (161-164)

**NOT RECORDED**

10 FEB 28 1962
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA THOMAS W. CARROLL
Date: 2/27/62
Field Office File No.: 161-164
Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
Office: Omaha, Nebraska

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD was born 5/7/20, Duluth, Minnesota. He attended Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, Iowa, from January, 1946, to March, 1950, and from January, 1951 to 8/31/51, at which time he was conferred with a Ph.D. degree. He was employed as an instructor at ISU, Ames, from 1/1/46 to 4/40/53, which was considered satisfactory. Associates recommend favorably. Credit and criminal negative for MC DONALD and at Ames. References of JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, knew MC DONALD well for several years prior to 1942, when MC DONALD moved out of Omaha. These references recommended MC DONALD highly for a position of trust with the U. S. Government. They knew of no unfavorable information regarding MC DONALD, or any of his relatives. An applicant-type investigation was conducted in Omaha, Nebraska, and Ames, Iowa, in 1949, regarding MC DONALD. That investigation verified his education and former employments in those two cities. His references at that time were interviewed and neighborhood investigations were conducted. All information favorable. In 1949, MC DONALD had no credit rating in Omaha and had a very good credit rating in Ames, Iowa. He had no arrest record at the police departments in those two cities.

-RUC-

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by SA CHARLES L. BROWN, JR.:
BIRTH
On February 20, 1962, Registrar's Office, Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, Iowa, advised her records show JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota. is listed as

EDUCATION
On February 20, 1962, Mentioned above, advised MC DONALD entered graduate school at ISU in January, 1946. His major course of study was Physics, and he attended through March, 1950. He re-entered the University Graduate School in January, 1951, and was conferred with a Ph.D. Degree on August 31, 1951. He was considered a satisfactory student.

On February 20, 1962, Student Affairs Office, ISU, Ames, Iowa, advised his records contain no information concerning MC DONALD.

Other persons interviewed concerning MC DONALD and his attendance at ISU are set forth under the heading of employment.

EMPLOYMENT
On February 20, 1962, ISU, Ames, Iowa, advised her records show MC DONALD was employed as an instructor in the Physics Department at this University from January 1, 1946, to April 30, 1953. He obtained a leave of absence on May 1, 1953, to do cloud research at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. He submitted his resignation on March 1, 1954, stating he had decided to accept other employment. stated MC DONALD's employment at this University was considered satisfactory.

On February 20, 1962, Physics Department, ISU, Ames, Iowa, advised they were well acquainted with MC DONALD. They all stated they were fellow staff members with MC DONALD during his employment at this University during the years 1946 to 1953; and also were acquainted with applicant's attendance
at the graduate school of the university. They stated that MC DONALD was a graduate student during the first few years of his employment in this department. They all stated that he was a very competent physicist and has done extensive studies in the field of clouds and winds. They stated that he had endeavored to interest MC DONALD in a position on his staff recently; however, MC DONALD was not interested in returning to ISU. They all stated that they considered MC DONALD to be of excellent character, associates, a completely loyal American and one who they would highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government.

CREDIT

On February 20, 1962, Story County Credit Bureau, Ames, Iowa, advised her files contain no credit information concerning MC DONALD or

CRIMINAL

On February 20, 1962, Chief of Police

Ames, Iowa, Police Department, and Office Deputy

Story County Sheriff's Office, Nevada, Iowa, advised their respective files contain no arrest record for MC DONALD or

The following investigation was conducted by SA

THOMAS W. CARROLL:

REFERENCES

On February 23, 1962, was interviewed.

advised that in 1935 his family moved into the same neighborhood in Omaha where JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD resided. He stated he and MC DONALD were good friends during their upper years in high school. and MC DONALD

stated that in 1942 MC DONALD left Omaha to serve in the U. S. Navy and has never resided in Omaha
since that time. [Blank] stated that in 1942–1943, he and MC DONALD saw each other on occasion, when they were both in the U.S. Navy. [Blank] stated the last time that he personally saw MC DONALD was in 1947. He advised that they have corresponded about once a year since 1947.

[Blank] stated he has met [Blank] when the MC DONALD family lived in Omaha over twenty years ago.

[Blank] advised that he knew nothing of an unfavorable nature regarding MC DONALD or any of the latter's relatives. He described the MC DONALD family as very fine people. [Blank] described MC DONALD as a most intelligent individual who was very well balanced. [Blank] stated MC DONALD was honest, sober, reliable and loyal to the United States. He advised that MC DONALD had good habits, morals and associates. He stated that MC DONALD had a very good character and reputation.

On February 23, 1962, [Blank] was interviewed.

[Blank] advised that he and MC DONALD grew up in the same neighborhood in Omaha. They were friends while [Blank], [Blank] advised that he has known JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD for thirty-five years.

He advised that MC DONALD left Omaha in 1942 and has never lived here since that time. He stated that he and MC DONALD usually see each other briefly every two years or so and that they correspond occasionally. He advised that they have had very limited contact with each other since 1942.

[Blank] stated MC DONALD came from a very fine family. He advised that he met [Blank] in 1947. He stated she has a Masters Degree. He stated he knew of no unfavorable information regarding MC DONALD or any of the latter's relatives.

[Blank] described MC DONALD as an intelligent person of unquestioned loyalty to the United States. He stated MC DONALD was sincere, honest, energetic and studious.
He advised that MC DONALD was of very good character, reputation, habits and morals. He stated MC DONALD had good associates. He recommended MC DONALD for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

On June 29 and 30, 1949, an applicant-type investigation was conducted regarding JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD in Omaha, Nebraska, and Ames, Iowa, by SA's and respectively.

The results of that investigation were as follows:

**BIRTH**

Records of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, reflect MC DONALD was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota.

**EDUCATION**

Records of the Registrar, Municipal University of Omaha, Nebraska, reveal the applicant attended that school from September, 1938, to January, 1942, when he withdrew to enter military service. He received a B.A. Degree in October, 1944, apparently having secured additional credits while in the armed services. His scholastic record was excellent and nothing derogatory as to his character or reputation for loyalty was noted in the files.

College of Arts and Sciences, Municipal University of Omaha, verified MC DONALD's attendance at that school and advised that he had taught MC DONALD, had supervised MC DONALD's work, and had maintained social contacts with MC DONALD. He states that he considers MC DONALD an exceptional individual, both as to ability and character. He states that he recommends MC DONALD for a position of trust with no reservation, whatsoever, and believes MC DONALD to be thoroughly loyal to this country.

Records of the Registrar's Office, Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, reflect that MC DONALD had been attending Graduate School there from December, 1946, to the present. He has maintained a high academic average and nothing of a derogatory nature is shown in the records.

advised that he has been acquainted with MC DONALD since he has been at the university
and considers him to be a man of high character, excellent associates, that MC DONALD's loyalty to the United States is unquestioned and recommended him highly for a position of trust.

**NEIGHBORHOOD**

Both advised that MC DONALD has an excellent reputation in the vicinity. They stated that he is a man of high morals and character, a loyal and patriotic citizen, and they recommended him highly for a position of trust.

advised that MC DONALD and his parents had resided at 2122 South 35th Street, for many years and that he knew them well. He advised that MC DONALD's father was in the ice cream business for many years and possessed a good business and personal reputation. MC DONALD was described as a most industrious boy who possessed a good neighborhood reputation, associated with only the highest type young men in the community, and was, in opinion, a loyal citizen. He stated that MC DONALD entered the armed services in 1942 and that he has seen little of him since that date. He added, however, that he has never heard anything to cause him to change his opinion of MC DONALD.

**EMPLOYMENT**

mentioned above, also verified MC DONALD's employment as a departmental assistant in the Psychology Department of the university during the school years from the fall of 1939 until January, 1942. He states MC DONALD performed his work in a highly satisfactory manner and that he knows nothing in any way derogatory to MC DONALD.

The Harding Company, 802 Harney Street, Omaha, both verified MC DONALD's employment by this company as a shipping clerk during the summers of 1939, 1940 and 1941. Both state that MC DONALD appeared to possess a sound character, that he associated with a good class of people,
that he was most industrious and ambitious, and they consider him to be loyal to this country.

advised that MC DONALD has been
employed at Iowa State College, Ames, as a part time instructor while attending classes since he entered the college in December, 1946. He stated that MC DONALD is a loyal and patriotic citizen of unusually high character and an unblemished reputation. He stated MC DONALD can be trusted to the utmost and considers him to be an ideal man to be employed in a position of trust.

REFERENCES

Professor and Professor
Ames, both stated that MC DONALD has an excellent reputation, his character and associates are above reproach, he is a loyal and patriotic citizen and recommended him highly for a position of trust.

CREDIT

MC DONALD has a very good credit rating at the various Ames banks.

Special Employee ascertained that MC DONALD possesses no credit record with the Associated Retail Credit Bureau in Omaha.

CRIMINAL

The files of the Ames Police Department reflect no arrest record for MC DONALD.

Special Employee also determined through Omaha Police Department, that MC DONALD has no criminal record in Omaha.
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**Approved**

Bureau (AMSD)

1 - Kansas City (161-154)

**NOT RECORDED**

22 MAR 21, 1962

**NOTATIONS**
Residences of [ ] and [ ] established. Arrest records negative and credit records satisfactory for said [ ].

On February 27, 1962, [ ] advised that the [ ] have lived at [ ] for about the last two or three years, but are expected to move to New York or Denver on or about March 1, 1962, due to a possible business transfer of [ ].

[ ] considered the [ ] to be fine, respectable neighbors, had mentioned to [ ] that [ ] has a brother working in some job of a secret or security nature. [ ] knows of no derogatory information concerning the [ ] and knows of no reason to question their character, associates, reputation or loyalty. [ ] noted that prior to living at [ ], had lived at [ ] for about one year.

On February 27, 1962, [ ] advised the following: The [ ] first names not known, lived at [ ] for about a year and then moved to [ ] for about three years. [ ] have lived at the latter address for about [ ] and is believed...
KC 161-154

to be moving to Denver around March 1, 1962, on a business transfer. Based on his limited acquaintanceship with the
knows of no derogatory information concerning them and has no reason to question their character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

On February 27, 1962, advised that he has known the for about two years and knows that they have lived at that address for about three years. contact with the has been very limited. He knows of no reason to question their character, associates, reputation or loyalty and knows of no derogatory information concerning them.

On February 27, 1962, Rutan, was contacted with negative CREDIT & ARREST

The following individuals advised that a review of files of their respective units was negative as to a Wichita Police Department.

Office.

advised that records of her bureau indicate that a lives at and both she and her husband have maintained satisfactory credit ratings since 1950. Supervisor also noted that

and that the have prior addresses of Arkansas City, Kansas, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Columbus, Nebraska. found nothing of a derogatory nature in the file.

On February 23, 1962, a check of Wichita City Directory for 1961 revealed only one and address were listed.
A I R T E L

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1569) -P-
JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
BUDED 3/1/62

Re: Buairel 2/15/62.

Navy Officer Service Record under Navy Serial Number (NSN) 270531 reflects prior enlisted service for appointee from 1/25/42 to 7/28/43 under NSN 648-14-28 and record located at St. Louis.

St. Louis check FRC.

2 - St. Louis (AM)
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A I R T E L

[Signature]
10 FEB 27 1962
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To: SAC, Washington Field (161-1569)
From: Director, FBI (161-1891) / O

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
Buded: 3-1-62

Re your report of SA Leo I. Prosise dated 2-28-62.
Immediately advise status.

Note: Referenced WFO report advised Internal Revenue Service, and Passport Office (State) checks were outstanding.

[Signature]

Paul [Signature]
ROOM 7647
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

**REPORT MADE BY**

LEO I. PROSISE

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

SPI

**REFERENCE:** Bureau airtel dated 2/15/62.

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**LEAD**

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will report the results of check of records of IRS, State Passport and State Department conference files when received.

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**APPROVED**

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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**NOTATIONS**

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Copy to:

Date: 2/28/62
Office: Washington, D. C.

Field Office File No.: 161-1569
Bureau File No.: 

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: White House file reviewed. Navy Officer Service record set forth. ONI investigation in 1942 reflected no identifiable derogatory information. No record CSC or HCUA.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.


On February 26, 1962, IC reviewed the Office of Naval Intelligence file on JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD which reflected his date of birth as May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota.

On January 22, 1942, the Office of Naval Intelligence was requested to conduct a background investigation of the appointee who was being considered by the Chief of Naval Operations for confidential work. The investigation developed no identifiable derogatory information.

The file contained no additional pertinent information.
On February 26, 1962, IC reviewed the Navy Officer Service record of JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD, Serial Number 270531, which reflected he was born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota. He was appointed a Midshipman, United States Naval Reserve, on June 26, 1943, for training at United States Naval Reserve Midshipman's School, Notre Dame, Indiana. On July 29, 1943, he accepted a commission as an Ensign, United States Naval Reserve and entered on active duty the same date. He was released from active duty as a Lieutenant (JG) on December 22, 1945. He was called to active duty for 14 days training in 1950. On June 8, 1954, his resignation was accepted by the Secretary of the Navy and he was discharged as a Lieutenant (JG) on that date.

According to the record the appointee had prior enlistment service from January 25, 1942, to July 28, 1943, under Navy Serial Number 648-14-28.

This record is now located at the Federal Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri. The appointee's efficiency ratings were favorable and no additional pertinent information appeared in the file.

On February 23, 1962, IC caused a search to be made of the records of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, which reflected no record for the appointee.

On February 20, 1962, IC reviewed the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and determined that they contained no information concerning the appointee.
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REPORT MADE BY: ROBERT E. PRINGLE

CHARACTER OF CASE:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE: Bureau airtel to Phoenix, dated 2/16/62.

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Report of: SA ROBERT E. PRINGLE
Date: 2/28/62
Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 161-598
Bureau File No.: 

Title: JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Employment, University of Chicago, verified. No credit or arrest record located for appointee.

- RUC -

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DETAILS:

Employment

University of Chicago
5801 South Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On February 23, 1962, the Comptroller's Office, advised from records that JAMES E. MC DONALD, born May 7, 1920, at Duluth, Minnesota, was appointed a physicist, Air Force Special Research Project, beginning April 9, 1953. He was also listed as

advised that the record indicates that MC DONALD resigned this position with his last day of service being March 31, 1954. She advised that he, at that time, advised that he was accepting a position at the University of Arizona, Institute of Atmospheric Physics.

On February 26, 1962, to the Dean of Students, Division of Physical Sciences, advised that would be the only person she could suggest who might recall the appointee.

On February 26, 1962, Cloud Physics Laboratory, advised that is currently out of the city and his date of return is unknown. She stated that she could suggest no one further at the University of Chicago who would have personal knowledge of the appointee.

Credit and Arrest

On February 26, 1962, Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, advised Investigative Clerk that her records contained no information regarding JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.
On February 26, 1962, the files of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department were reviewed by Investigative Clerk with no record being located for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD.
AIRTEL  AIRMAL

TO:  SAC, INDIANAPOLIS

FROM:  SAC, ST. LOUIS  (161-958) F

RE:  JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
    SPI
    BUENDE:  3-1-62

REFPOAIRTEL to EL, 2-27-62.

St. Louis verifying U. S. Navy enlisted service, active
and inactive, 1-25-42 to 7-28-43, at which time enlistment
terminated to accept a commission.  USN enlisted record
reflects MC DONALD attended U. S. Naval Reserve Midshipman
School, Notre Dame University, Ind., 6-8-43 to 7-28-43.

For information INDIANAPOLIS, MC DONALD's enlisted
SN was reflected as 648 1488 and Officer's SN as 270 531.
DOB 5-7-20, Duluth, Minn.

INDIANAPOLIS conduct appropriate investigation.

2 - Indianapolis
    B - Bureau
    L - St. Louis

EMO: Wm.
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**REPORTING OFFICE**
ST. LOUIS

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BUREAU

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**REPORT MADE BY**
JAMES EDWARD Mc DONALD

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**REFERENCE:**
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**NOTATIONS**

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MC DONALD served in USN, 2-3-42 to 7-28-43. Enlistment terminated to accept commission.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on March 1, 1962, of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration, Military Personnel Records Center, for JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SN 648 14 28, indicated he enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserves, January 25, 1942, and entered on active duty February 3, 1942, at Omaha, Nebraska. His enlistment terminated July 28, 1943, as a Seaman Apprentice at Notre Dame University, Indiana, by reason of his acceptance of a commission. The record indicated he was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserves, Midshipman School, Notre Dame University, from June 8, 1943 to July 28, 1943. His military occupation was shown as Yeoman and civilian occupation was not shown. He had foreign service in Hawaii, but was awarded no medals, citations, or decorations. His character and efficiency ratings ranged from unknown to excellent and there is no record of courts-martial or absence without official leave.

The date and place of birth were shown as May 7, 1920, Duluth, Minnesota.
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-1569) (P)

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI

Re report of SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER 3/1/62 at WFO.

On 3/1/62 Personnel Operations Division, Department of State, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER she could locate no record indicating the appointee had attended any international conferences as a member of the official United States Delegation. She mentioned it was possible he had attended such conferences in a private or unofficial capacity, in which case there would be no record in her office.

CIA check still outstanding.

Bureau 3/1/62
WFO 165

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Indianapolis (161-288)
From: Director, FBI 16/1891-15

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
Buded: 3-1-62

Re Indianapolis teletype 3-5-62.
Surep without further delay.

Note: Indianapolis teletype 3-5-62 advised report follows.
URGENT 3-5-62 6-55 PM EST RJS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS 161-288 1P
JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI. RE ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO INDIANAPOLIS
MARCH ONE LAST. OFFICE OF ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS, NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, IND., ADVISED
SA HAYES S. KING ON MARCH FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCATE
NO RECORD OF APPLICANT’S ATTENDANCE AT NOTRE DAME.

DEAN OF STUDENTS, NOTRE DAME, ADVISED MARCH
FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD OF ANY
DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAVING BEEN TAKEN AGAINST APPLICANT.

RESOUTH BEND PD, ADVISED MARCH FIVE
INSTANT, SHE COULD LOCATE NO ARREST RECORD FOR APPLICANT.

CREDIT BUREAU OF SOUTH BEND, INC.,
ADVISED MARCH FIVE INSTANT SHE COULD LOCATE NO CREDIT RECORD
FOR THE APPLICANT. REPORT FOLLOWS.

WA DID LINE NINE AND TEN CARBELE ON UR PAGE
NDQMI IS FINE
7-00 PM OK FBI WA WS
OK BUT HOLD FOR ANOTHER MESSAGE PLEASE
OK 10/c destroyed 3/6/62
URGENT
3-7-62 11-02 AM MST
TO DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM SAC, PHOENIX 161-107

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD, SPI, BUDED MARCH ONE PAST. REBUTEL

YESTERDAY. ON MARCH SEVEN, INSTANT, MOUNTAIN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
THREE EIGHT ZERO NINE E. THIRD ST., TUCSON, CONTACTED BY SA
ADvised HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH MOTHER OF
APPOINTEE AND SHE IS ACTIVE MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH. HE STATED
BELIEVED APPOINTEE-S MOTHER-S NAME IS HELVA MC DONALD AND
STATED SHE LIVES WITH APPOINTEE IN SPECIAL APARTMENT WHICH
APPOINTEE HAD ADDED TO HIS HOUSE. STATED THAT MRS. MC DONALD-S
ADDRESS IS SAME AS THAT OF APPOINTEE, THREE FOUR SIX ONE E.
THIRD ST., TUCSON. CITY DIRECTORY OF TUCSON INDICATES MRS.
HILVA MC DONALD RESIDES THREE FOUR SIX ONE E. THIRD ST., TUCSON.
RECORDS OF TUCSON MERCHANTS CREDIT BUREAU CHECKED BY SA ALBERT
MARCH SEVEN AND SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING LOCATED OF MRS.
HILDA MC DONALD, THREE FOUR SIX ONE E. THIRD ST.
RECORD SECTION, TUCSON PD, ADVISED SA ALBERT TODAY THEREFORE
IS NO IDENT RECORD AT TUCSON PD IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE-S
MOTHER. IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, PIMA COUNTY
END PAGE ONE

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SO, STATED TODAY THERE IS NO IDENT RECORD AT PIMA COUNTY SO IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE'S MOTHER. RUC.

END AND ACK

1-08 PM OK FBI WA JS

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Airtel

To: SAC, Washington Field (161-1589)
From: Director, FBI 161-1891-17

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
SPI
Buded: 3-1-62

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JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

**REPORT MADE BY**

HAYES S. KING

**CHARACTER OF CASE**

SPECIAL INQUIRY

**REFERENCES:**

St. Louis airtel to Indianapolis dated 3/1/62.

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Synopsis:
No record located of attendance of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. No credit or arrest record located for McDONALD at South Bend.

DETAILS:

AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

EDUCATION

U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School,
University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana,
June 8, 1943 - July 28, 1943

It will be noted that the U.S. Navy enlisted service record of JAMES EDWARD McDONALD notes that he attended U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipman School, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, June 8, 1943 to July 28, 1943.
Office of Academic Affairs, University of Notre Dame, advised on March 5, 1962 that she could locate no record of the attendance of JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD at the University of Notre Dame.

Office of Dean of Students, University of Notre Dame, advised on March 5, 1962 that she could locate no record of any disciplinary action having been taken against JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD while a student at the University of Notre Dame.

CREDIT AND ARREST RECORD

Credit Bureau of South Bend, Ind., advised on March 5, 1962 that she was unable to locate any credit record for JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD.

Records Room, South Bend Police Department, advised on March 5, 1962 that she was unable to locate any arrest record for JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD.
TO: Director, FBI
FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (161-718)

JAMES EDWARD MC DONALD
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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

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JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD

SUMMARY

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April, 1953, to March, 1954
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, as a physicist.

April, 1954, to Present
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, as Senior Physicist and Professor.

Military Service
He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve January 25, 1942, and entered on active duty in the United States Navy February 3, 1942. His enlistment terminated July 28, 1943. On July 29, 1943, he accepted a commission as ensign, United States Naval Reserve and entered on active duty. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant (junior grade) on December 22, 1945. He was called to active duty for fourteen days' training in 1950. On June 8, 1954, he was honorably discharged as a lieutenant (junior grade). His service record is clear.

Marital Status
Dr. McDonald is married to the former [Name Redacted] who resides with him and their minor children, [Name Redacted] and [Name Redacted] at 3461 East Third Street, Tucson, Arizona.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

Interviews
[Name Redacted] University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald for approximately eight years and considers him to be a very ethical, reputable, competent, outstanding scientist. He said that Dr. McDonald is very sincere in his scientific opinions regarding radioactive
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...that he has been very outspoken in this regard. He stated he is very much aware of Dr. McDonald's differences with the Department of the Air Force over the location of the Titan missile site which surrounds Tucson, Arizona. He related that in November, 1959, Dr. McDonald criticized the Department of the Air Force for locating missile sites to the west of the city inasmuch as the prevailing westerly wind would carry the radioactive fallout eastward over the city. He stated that Dr. McDonald was quite ethical concerning this controversy which received considerable publicity in the newspapers in Tucson, Arizona. He stated Dr. McDonald is a person of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1946 when they were both students at Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa. He stated that they are professional associates and personal friends. He said that Dr. McDonald is a competent, outspoken, sincere scientist who is motivated by patriotism. He stated that Dr. and Mrs. McDonald are not pacifists but that they are interested in peace. He advised that there is no question in his mind concerning the character, reputation, loyalty and associates of Dr. McDonald and he recommended Dr. McDonald for a position of trust and confidence.

Omaha, Nebraska, advised during the current inquiries that he and Dr. McDonald grew up in the same neighborhood in Omaha, Nebraska. He stated they attended the same grade school, high school and college. He added that their contacts have been limited since 1942 but that they correspond occasionally. He stated that Dr. McDonald is an intelligent, energetic, studious person and has a very fine family background. He commented favorably concerning Dr. McDonald's character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.
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Thornton Insurance Company, Omaha, Nebraska, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1935. He said they were neighbors and good friends during their upper years in high school. He added that they attended the Municipal University of Omaha at the same time. He advised that they have corresponded about once a year since 1947. Mr. Thornton stated he has met and that he was acquainted with his mother and. He described the McDonald family as very fine people. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a most intelligent, well-balanced person of excellent habits. He stated that Dr. McDonald is of good character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He recommended him for a position of trust.

University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, advised during the current inquiries that he was a fellow staff member with Dr. McDonald during his employment at this school from 1946 to 1953. He added that he was also acquainted with him during Dr. McDonald's attendance at this graduate school. He added that Dr. McDonald is a very competent physicist and that he has done extensive studies in the field of clouds and winds. He pointed out that he had endeavored to interest Dr. McDonald in a position on his staff recently. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a person of excellent character, reputation, loyalty and associates. He highly recommended him for a position of trust.

United States Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, California, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald professionally and socially for four years. He stated Dr. McDonald belongs to the American Meteorological Society and the American Humanist Association, Tucson, Arizona. He said that Dr. McDonald is of the highest loyalty, character, reputation and associates. He advised that Dr. McDonald has never given him any reason to question his loyalty to the United States. He highly recommended him for any position of trust with the United States Government.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised during the current inquiries that he has known Dr. McDonald since 1943. He said that he has seen him professionally and socially since
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his graduation from this school. He stated he has visited at his home in Tucson, Arizona, and is acquainted with family. He advised that Dr. McDonald is a competent scientist, trustworthy and reliable. He stated that Dr. McDonald and are loyal citizens of good character, reputation and associates. He recommended Dr. McDonald for a position of trust and confidence.

Nineteen other persons, including social acquaintances, professional associates and neighbors, were interviewed and stated that Dr. McDonald is a loyal citizen, whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. Those who know him well recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Close Relatives

Dr. McDonald's father, James P. McDonald, is deceased. His mother, Hilve C. McDonald, resides in Tucson, Arizona.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies and credit reporting agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald or his close relatives.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald:

- House Committee on Un-American Activities;
- Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; and the Office of Naval Intelligence.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. McDonald.

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Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
Service Unit - Room 6524
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Return to 1847 3039
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Type of References Requested:
- Regular Request (Analytical Search)
- Subversive References Only
- Nonsubversive References Only
- Main References Only

Type of Search Requested:
- Restricted to Locality of
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- Buildup
- Variations

Subject James Edward McConnell
Birthdate & Place 5/7/20 Duluth, Minn.
Address 3461 East 3rd St.
Seattle, Wash.

Localities

Record Date 3/16
Search Initials 508

FILE NUMBER

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[Signature]
August 18, 1965

JAMES EDWARD MCDONALD
Born: May 7, 1920
Duluth, Minnesota

Applicant-type investigations concerning the subject of your inquiry were conducted by this Bureau in 1949 and in 1962, and the results summarized in a memorandum furnished to the White House. These investigations developed no pertinent derogatory information concerning the captioned individual and at the request of the White House, you are referred to the office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention Mrs. Mildred Stegall should you desire the detailed results of these investigations.

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An applicant-type investigation by the FBI concluded in 1949 and 1962. The investigation is not based on a FBI file. It is only a record of information obtained at the material location. Refer to material placed in FBI file for detailed answers.

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