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**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 831  
Los Angeles, California  
August 10, 1940

Mr. H. H. Clegg  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Clegg:

Reference is made to my conversation with you recently relative to an Agent of this office making a survey of the home of DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR., having in mind the establishment of a recommendation of a protective system to minimize the possibility of the kidnaping of the FAIRBANKS baby.

There are transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent A. R. MILLER, who made a survey of the home on Sunday afternoon, July 28, 1940. The recommendations contained in this memorandum were furnished to ELLIS HERSHFIELD, who was very appreciative of the services rendered. HERSHFIELD advised that arrangements would be made with the Santa Monica Police Department for the fingerprinting of Mr. FAIRBANKS' employees.

With reference to the mention of an American District Telegraph alarm system in the report of Agent MILLER, Mr. HERSHFIELD was informed that it was recommended that an alarm be placed in operation in connection with the nursery but no particular type of alarm was mentioned to him. He appeared very well satisfied with the assistance rendered by the Bureau and I believe that he will be a valuable contact for this office in the future.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur Cornelius, Jr.*  
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Arthur Cornelius, Jr.  
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July 29, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Under date of July 27, 1940, the undersigned Agent made definite arrangements with attorney ELLIS HERSHFIELD to visit the DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. home in Pacific Palisades at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 28, 1940, for the purpose of making a brief survey of the premises from the standpoint of preventive measures, if any, to be taken to prevent a possible kidnaping.

The FAIRBANKS home, which is known as "Westridge", is located at 1515 North Amalfi Drive, telephone Santa Monica 41242. Agent met Mr. FAIRBANKS at his home and conducted a brief survey of the premises. The home is located approximately fifty yards from Amalfi Drive, there being but few houses in the immediate vicinity. It is surrounded by shrubbery and trees and is difficult to see from the road. The rear of the house abuts a large canyon and the approach to the home from the canyon would be by means of a long, sloping hillside covered with brush and small scrub trees. The house is a two-story rambling Spanish type, white stucco, the entrance to which is by means of a circular driveway which runs up to the house and then proceeds in a circular direction to an exit on the same street. There are no gates to the entrance to the home. There are no fences around the home proper, except some small wire fencing which does not entirely enclose the premises, and is used mainly for protection of flower beds, etc. The nursery is located on the second floor of the home on what is known as the right wing, and is close to the driveway, which is used for entrance to the grounds of the home.

At the present time Mr. FAIRBANKS has installed photo-electric cell system which entirely surrounds the grounds making approach to the house difficult if the photo-electric cell works properly; however, he stated that this system was installed at a cost of approximately \$2,000 on trial and that he is dissatisfied with it due to the fact that dogs passing through the grounds often set off the light which is connected with both his room and the room of the chauffeur; that they are constantly being awakened by the turning on of this light during the night. He states that in foggy weather the light does not operate properly; that this photo-electric mechanism is attached to flood lights which properly illuminate the grounds in the event of an alarm. It was noted that ample flood lights are installed about the grounds and can be turned on when needed.

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Mr. FAIRBANKS does not employ a watchman. There is a large Great Dane dog located some hundred yards from the house in a separate compartment, but this dog made no movement or outcry at the time Agent entered the grounds by automobile and seems to be fenced in from the house proper. Agent mentioned to Mr. FAIRBANKS the possibility of installing an inexpensive A.D.T. alarm and system which would be wired to the nursery room and which could provide an alarm directed to both his room and the chauffeur's room in the event the nursery was disturbed.

At the present time, the nursery, which could be entered from the roof of the house, is protected by the photo-electric cell. Agent also suggested the possibility of surrounding the immediate premises of the home with a steel wire fence with barbed wire strands on top. It is believed that this fence could be installed and partially hidden by the shrubbery without too much expense and would provide adequate protection, in conjunction with a night watchman. The duty of the night watchman would be to make his rounds and inspect the fence every fifteen minutes during the night hours.

Mr. FAIRBANKS stated that he has seven servants employed and that he has implicit confidence in these servants with the possible exception of what he called his "second man", who is an Austrian. There has been nothing to arouse his suspicions in connection with the Austrian other than the fact that he is foreign-born and Mr. FAIRBANKS only mentioned his name in connection with possible "Fifth Column" activities.

It was further suggested to Mr. FAIRBANKS that he make immediate arrangements to have members of his household staff fingerprinted and he stated that he had already started the preliminary groundwork for this. He seemed to believe that the Bureau would do this fingerprinting work for him. Agent informed him that we could possibly do it but that authority would have to be obtained from yourself before this could be undertaken. It was further suggested that if there was any doubt concerning the loyalty or background of his household employees that he permit some private organization to conduct an investigation of these employees.

It was noted during the interview that in the past Mr. FAIRBANKS has been reporting matters of this nature to the District Attorney's office (BURON FITTS), and he was asked by Agent to report this and similar matters to this office in the future. He stated that he would do so; however, this matter should be further gone into by you with Mr. HERSHFIELD, FAIRBANK'S attorney.

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It would be Agent's recommendation, therefore, that some type of A.D.T. system be installed in the house to protect the nursery; that a steel fence be placed around the immediate vicinity of the home; that locked gates be installed at the entrance and exit of the premises; that fingerprints of the employees be submitted and searched through the records of the Bureau and then placed in the Civil Identification file and that a night watchman be employed to supervise the grounds during the night hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. MILLER,  
Special Agent.

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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. WILL TOUR SOUTH AMERICA TO STUDY MEANS OF IMPROVING INTER-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THE THEATRICAL ARTS. YOUNG FAIRBANKS, UPON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM THE STUDIO UNTIL JULY 1, UNDERTOOK THE MISSION AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. HE CALLED AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY TO BID THE PRESIDENT GOOD-BYE, PREPARATORY TO FLYING SOUTH.

HE SAID HE PLANS TO VISIT ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, PERU, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, PANAMA, AND, POSSIBLY, MEXICO.  
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# U. S. A. Only Beginning To Know Latin Neighbors

This is the first of three articles reporting the progress of the U. S. Government's elaborate program to promote hemispheric solidarity and the good neighbor policy.

By DUNCAN AIKMAN



The U. S. A. is slowly gaining ground in its efforts to win Latin America's friendship.

Given British survival in the war, the chances of uniting the quarter of a billion people in the Western Hemisphere in new bonds of political understanding and economic co-operation are excellent.

But little is being done to prepare a true hemisphere defense, or to cushion the other 20 republics of the hemisphere—especially the more distant ones—against the shock of a German victory.

And it's far too early yet to say that, if Germany won, the crucial South American republics would, or could, stand with us against absorption in Axis economic and political systems.

These are the outstanding points I have to make after a 10 days' survey in Washington and New York of the vast program now being conducted by the Government to attach Latin America's interests more closely to us. But another point calls perhaps for even more emphasis.

## Appeal to Intellectuals

Most progress to date has been made piecemeal. More has been done to win the sympathies of intellectuals and upper class groups in the republics below the Rio Grande than to influence the masses. And much more has been done to persuade leaders of our good will toward "the neighbors" than to link 20 nations with us in tight ties of self-interest.

The bulk of the work naturally is being done in the departments where fairly ex-



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.—photographed as he left the White House yesterday—will leave April 20 on a two-month good will tour of Latin America for FDR. He will make 10 speeches—in English, French and Spanish.

Photo by Harris & Ewing

industries and wider trade activities within the hemisphere. It has a cultural division working for a wider interchange of books, art and music, and a communications section to assist the exchange of movies and radio programs.

It has a commercial development division exploring new export and import, buying and selling opportunities between ourselves and the "neighbors" and between the Latin republics themselves. It has a finance and

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# 'Great Minds' as Envoys Seen As U.S. Need in So. America

BY ALLEN HADEN.  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
Of The Chicago Daily News Foreign Service.  
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Buenos Aires, June 4.—(By Clipper.)—

With the travels of Douglas Fairbanks Jr. in South America, efforts to "promote" cultural relations with Latin America have received a new impulse. That impulse is to use the celebrity value surrounding like an aureole the personality of movie stars to put over political ideas of war, dictatorship and the unity of free peoples.

This technique overlooks a fundamental difference in psychology between the United States and Latin America. In the United States, after winning a world tennis championship or flying the ocean with peerless courage, a celebrity gets his opinions on religion or politics accepted and discussed as though they were the product of study, meditation and work.

The Latin mind, however, is so cynical that it remembers that the new prophet is a tennis player or an aviator. Because Mr. Fairbanks has a charming smile and is a great movie actor, his views on politics were listened to politely but cynically.

### Roosevelt Cheered.

Fairbanks said that on his arrival in various cities the crowds yelled, "Viva Roosevelt," not "Viva Fairbanks," as a spontaneous tribute to President Roosevelt, who symbolizes the idea that individual man still has some rights despite his being threatened by the Nazis. Cultural relations rest on ideas

Those relations are not a pile of rice that can be polished into a better product by simply using a new washing machine. While commercial and political relations between nations can sometimes be improved and altered fundamentally by signatures on a treaty, cultural relations resemble a plant. The plant can be disinfected by the proper bug killer and strengthened with fertilizer, but its growth will still be a slow process of cellular multiplication done by the plant itself.

Chaucer described his scholar: "And fain would he learn and gladly teach." A sort of complex is growing in the United States that Latin America must be studied as though all were to be learnt. On the other hand, the United States has much to teach, without hiding the intent to teach behind a mask of learning.

### Authorities Sought.

That teaching consists merely of telling how things are done, and what is being thought, in the United States and letting the Latins decide whether our methods suit them or not. It is impossible for travelers from the United States individually to convince all enemies and encourage all friends; that must be done by the people in each of these countries. The plant can be fertilized with ideas but these must be furnished by authorities in their own fields who stick to what they are known to know.

Cool-headed Latins who are fighting the battle of democracy have said to me repeatedly: "Send us your greatest men to tell us what the United States is like." They mean novelists to talk about the novel, great lawyers to talk about jurisprudence, social workers to talk about social welfare, politicians to talk about personal freedom and great actors to talk about the stage.

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 PANAMA CITY, June 24 (AP).—  
 Douglas Fairbanks Jr., President  
 Roosevelt's "cultural envoy," declared  
 today he had found that "German  
 propaganda has made serious in-  
 roads in South America—far more  
 serious than we realize back home."  
 Fairbanks, who arrived by air and  
 plans to stay here two days, said he  
 was cutting short his tour of Latin  
 America because of "excitement back  
 home." He has visited most South  
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# Hitler Is Preparing Putsch in Americas, Fairbanks Warns

## Actor Backs Knox Plea To Use Fleet to Rid Atlantic of Raiders

By the Associated Press.  
 Douglas Fairbanks, jr., special envoy for President Roosevelt on a recent South American tour, assured radio listeners in this country last night that the democratic ideal was strong in the countries he visited, but insisted that those who minimize the danger of Nazi invasion of the southern continent are living in a "false paradise."

The "vanguard of Hitler's army is right now preparing for a Nazi putsch below the Rio Grande," he said.

He declared that if Britain were defeated it would be a signal for these agents to "come out into the open" in South America.

### Backs Knox Suggestion.

As a means of crippling this program he vehemently seconded Secretary of the Navy Knox's suggestion that the United States Navy be used now—while Germany is occupied in Russia—to "clear the Atlantic of German submarines and raiders."

Mr. Fairbanks spoke over the Columbia Broadcasting System as national vice chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

He listed Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Peru as the nations visited on his tour and said that the people in each had convinced him that they looked to this country for spiritual leadership in democracy.

### Finds "Hesitation."

Mr. Fairbanks explained that there was "some hesitation on the part of certain groups in certain places toward accepting our outstretched hand," but attributed this to the fact that in years gone by "we unwittingly exported a few of our more selfish individuals who proceeded to feather their own nests with such shortsightedness that they created many important misunderstandings."

The young motion picture actor said he believed these misunderstandings were shrinking to their rightful proportion because "we are not a people who assume a sense of racial superiority or of a belief that we are supermen. We leave that kind of barbaric chant to the twisted tongues of the present German leaders."

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## Good Will Tourist Reports Nazi Invasion of Americas Underway, Says Fairbanks

Douglas Fairbanks Jr., motion picture star who recently completed a good-will tour to Latin America, said in a radio speech last night that a German invasion of the Americas "is not a fantastic dream . . . it is already underway."

"The vanguard of Hitler's army is right now preparing the ground for a Nazi putsch below the Rio Grande," he said. "If Britain goes down to defeat, the signal will be given from Berlin, subversive forces will come into the open and our time will have come."

Mr. Fairbanks, whose tour was made on instructions from President Roosevelt, reiterated a recent statement of Navy Secretary Knox that the U. S. Navy should be used to clear the Atlantic of German raiders. He said "Hitler's attack upon Russia is truly

a God-given opportunity for us to deliver a smashing blow."

The actor, who visited Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Chile, charged that Nazi propagandists, with large sums at their disposal, already are at work in South American countries. Their activities, he added, constitute a "very black shadow" over the Americas.

Mr. Fairbanks spoke under auspices of the Committee to Defend America, of which he is a national vice chairman.

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# Nazi Putsch From South Planned, Says Fairbanks

Douglas Fairbanks Jr., personal envoy of President Roosevelt to the principal capitals of South America, met reporters at the Blackstone Hotel last night and told them some of the impressions of two and a half months of study and inquiry in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Peru. He said:

"The people down there, as indicated by the best evidence that I could gather, are 80 per cent for us. I was especially impressed by the trust and confidence which President Roosevelt personally has inspired among these South American populations. They regard him as a savior and they praise him as an 'internationalist'."

He added:

"I can't say, however, that the average American is trusted as might be wished."

Without disclosing the evidence on which he based his opinion, Fairbanks said he was convinced that the Nazi menace in South

America is a reality and not a "dream." He added:

"Hitler's forces are preparing right now for a Nazi putsch which is intended to be launched below the Rio Grande as soon as the present campaigns against Russia and Great Britain are completed."

Fairbanks traveled 14,000 miles, accompanied by his wife, and is on his way back to Hollywood to make a picture which, he said, "may be the last for some time."

It is whispered in Washington that his talents as a diplomat have so impressed the State Department and the President that additional missions may soon be entrusted to him.

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### Ambassador Fairbanks Reports

Mr. Douglas Fairbanks jr. has just returned from his South American embassy, and has warned the American people that German propaganda is active in that part of the world, and that, in the event of a German victory in Europe, a German invasion is by no means out of the question. Inasmuch as this is the same thing that has been reported by other returning visitors, whose reports have gone unheeded, it is to be hoped that Mr. Fairbanks, through his large following, will be able to make the country understand better that we face these dangers.

It is in no sense belittling Mr. Fairbanks's mission to say that the existence of the powerful anti-American propaganda of which he speaks antedates the present crisis by many years. This is one of the reasons why it is a real menace. It has been active for so long that it has entrenched itself effectively in numerous countries. It has grown strong by capitalizing and keeping alive the long hostility to the United States that has existed in most of Latin America. This hostility is based partly on fear, partly on jealousy and partly on resentment that the United States has not done more to help these nations meet their economic problems. On all three counts the Germans have diligently stirred up anti-American feeling.

The important thing to bear in mind is that if Hitler wins, it will be difficult indeed to overcome the effects of this propaganda. Germany unquestionably will make an aggressive drive for South American trade. If it succeeds it will be largely because the United States cannot absorb more than a comparatively small share of the exports of nations like Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and even Brazil (with the exception of coffee from the last-named nation). Even if Hitler is defeated some of these nations will have trouble in regaining their economic balance until the rest of Europe is once more in a position to buy from them.

The fact that these problems were not created by German agents but merely have been used by them in no way minimizes their significance. It will require the combined ingenuity and good will of the American people to help effect a solution which will make them independent of European influence. Certainly if we wait for the outcome of the war, and if Hitler wins, we shall find it difficult, if not impossible, to do anything about it. If, in addition, the Germans attempt to obtain control of one or more of the South American states, we shall find our task almost insurmountable.

Mr. Fairbanks said that there are indications of German plans to invade South America. However incredible such a warning sounds, it cannot be ignored. Certainly there are German groups in parts of Latin America which would like to see German power and influence greatly extended. They will bear the closest watching, even though they can only plan and prepare the way so that when and if the day of victory comes in Europe, they will be ready. If Hitler is defeated their plans will collapse. All of which leads to the same conclusion that is reached by almost every other channel—that to defeat Hitler is the first and greatest task which we in this country face. When that is achieved many other things will take care of themselves.

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## U.S. Taking Back Seat to Nazis In Americas, Says Doug Jr.

Douglas Fairbanks Jr. reported today that the United States is already taking an awful beating at the hands of the Nazis in South America.

"Our backs are to the wall," said the young actor, showman and writer of the South American scene. He has just returned from a special government mission to South America, where he gathered information for the State Department. He and Mrs. Fairbanks, the former Mary Lee Epling of Washington society, passed through Chicago over the weekend.

Fairbanks said he had talked with cultural and political leaders of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Peru, concerning the relations of this country to Latin America. He returned with the recommendation that a co-ordinating body be set up at once, to present our side of the case fully. South American relations are far from being a one-man job, as the Germans have found.

### 'Tourists' Still Arriving.

"The vanguard of the Hitler army is already well-intrenched down there," Fairbanks said, "and the methodical one-two-three-four pounding of the cylinders of the Nazi machine can already be heard. Nazi 'tourists' are arriving by the hundreds, and more paid advertisements to 'visit beautiful Germany' are seen in the newspapers.

"In my own business, the movies," the star added, "I saw 'Grapes of Wrath' being billed as 'typical of life in America,' and following these sordid scenes would be German UFA shorts, describing the brother-love and prosperity of strength through joy."

The Nazis have not been successful in every case, Fairbanks pointed out. Brazil, he said, is "co-operative" with this country, and Uruguay, "small as she is, seems to

be the only country courageous enough to tell Hitler to jump in the lake."

### Tired of 'Good-Will' Missions.

More South American leaders should be invited to this country, Fairbanks believes, because he points out that the Latins are a little tired of "good-will" missions. Most important, however, is his belief that democracy should have a co-ordinating agency made up of business, cultural and political leaders to impress the rest of the world that "we are not perfect, and we hope we never will be—but we are free."

"The ball," said Fairbanks, "is not yet over our goal line, but Americans should realize that it is on the 20-yard line and the Germans are ready for a place kick."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The District of Columbia Recreation Department which is responsible for issuing permits for the use of public school buildings for community purposes, has issued a permit to the ATLANTIC UNION COMMITTEE for a public rally to be held in the auditorium of the Cardozo High School on Friday, February 16, 1951.

By Act of Congress the public schools in the District of Columbia may be used "for supplementary educational purposes, civic meetings for the free discussion of public questions, social centers, centers of recreation, playgrounds".

Upon receipt of the request for this permit, our Permit Section requested full information from the Washington Chapter of the Atlantic Union Committee as to the character and purpose of their organization and the objective of this meeting. We received the following:

- (1) a pamphlet "Twenty Questions on Atlantic Union - a Practical Way to Peace, Prosperity and Expanding Freedom";
- (2) a sheet listing the Council of the Atlantic Union Committee (partial), and the names of senators and representatives who introduced the Atlantic Union concurrent resolution in both Houses of Congress on July 26, 1949 together with other senators and representatives who have since announced their support;
- (3) a reprint from FORTUNE April 1949 - "History is Catching Up with 'Union Now'".
- (4) a reprint from FREEDOM AND UNION, 700 - 9th Street, N.W. giving testimony of the Hon. Owen J. Roberts before Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee on February 8, (1950?).

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(5) Brochure - "This Way to Peace! - A Brief for Atlantic Union."


The Atlantic Union Committee is not included in the Consolidated List of Organizations designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order No. 9835.

In view of the avowed purpose of the Atlantic Union Committee to explain and support the Atlantic Union Concurrent Resolution and of the broadly representative personnel of the Council of the Atlantic Union Committee as well as of the senators and congressmen supporting the Atlantic Union Resolution, this department has granted the permit on the understanding that Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. will be the speaker of the evening.

Doubtless as a result of the publicity directed toward the method of clearing speakers for public school assemblies in Washington, this department has received inquiry as to whether Mr. Fairbanks has been "cleared" as an approved speaker.

It will be much appreciated if this office may have from you a statement as to whether there is anything in the record of Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. which would make it undesirable to permit him to address an open rally in a government-owned auditorium on an issue now before the Congress of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

  
Milo F. Christiansen  
Superintendent of Recreation



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. B. NICHOLS

FROM : M. A. JONES

SUBJECT: ATLANTIC UNION COMMITTEE;  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.  
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## BACKGROUND

A letter dated 2-7-51 was received from Milo F. Christiansen in which he pointed out that a permit was issued by the District of Columbia Recreation Department to the Atlantic Union Committee for a public rally on 2-16-51. At this rally, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. is scheduled to be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Christiansen stated that an inquiry had been received as to whether Mr. Fairbanks has been "cleared" as an approved speaker. He requested any information in Bureau files which would make it undesirable to permit Mr. Fairbanks to address an open rally in a government-owned auditorium on an issue now before Congress.

Bufiles reflect no current information concerning Fairbanks, Jr. 62-59397 sets forth newspaper clippings concerning his tour of South America in 1941 as a special envoy of President Roosevelt. He undertook this tour to study means to bring about Inter-American understanding through theatrical arts.

## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Mr. Christiansen be contacted telephonically and advised that the Bureau has not conducted any investigation concerning Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. **AND THAT** whether He speaks is NOT a matter for

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us to pass upon.

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He was so advised.  
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Memorandum Mr. Roach to Mr. Belmont  
RE: DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.

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(S) KJ

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ACTION:

It is suggested that the above information and enclosure may be of particular interest to the Central Research Section.

*JCR*  
*8/5/54*  
*W. A. B.*

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 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

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August 29, 1972

BY LIAISON

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

*Photo*  
CC TO: *W.H.*  
REQ. REC'D *B-14*  
MAY 20 1975  
ANS. BY: *[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Dorothy Ann Brooks Beale and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

**[Redacted]**  
Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.  
**[Redacted]**

**[Redacted]**

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Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
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- Viller, E.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ponder \_\_\_\_\_
- Soyars \_\_\_\_\_
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August 29, 1972

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. Summary

Captioned individual, who you advised resides at Chateau Marmont, 8221 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1951 in connection with his appointment as a consultant with the Voice of America Program.

The investigation revealed that during the 1940's, Mr. Fairbanks' name was associated with several organizations cited as communist front groups, but acquaintances, associates, and other sources all described him as anticommunist and a loyal American citizen. (62-60527-40557) (123-10655-27)

Fairbanks' name was also mentioned in connection with the trial of Stephen Ward on moral charges in England during 1963. The case received worldwide publicity and was highlighted by the testimony of two admitted prostitutes, Christine Keeler and Marilyn Rice - Davies, who, according to press reports, named Fairbanks as among those whom the girls described as their "boyfriends."

Fairbanks reportedly received osteopathic treatments from Ward and, through Ward, became acquainted with Keeler and Rice - Davies, but denied that he had ever been associated with the two women. (65-68218-233)

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.

- Felt \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_
- Ms. Herwig \_\_\_\_\_
- Mrs. Neenan \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.

Mrs. Fairbanks, not further described, is not known to have been the subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau.

*Summary*

Mr. Fairbanks, who you advised can be contacted in care of the Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D.C. was the subject of a White House name check in 1972. A copy of the FBI memorandum dated August 29, 1972, concerning Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., is attached. (62-59397-5)

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

Enclosure

Douglas Fairbanks

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EX 104

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NOTE: Per request of Miss Jane Dannenhauer, Staff Assistant (Security), the White House.

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*Summary Report*

Type of Search Requested:

- Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
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- I 62-59397-5 Sum 8-29-72
- I 62-60527-40557 Sum 11-12-54
- L 62-107261-32-162 Ep. p. 41
- M 97-5292-3 12/67C

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- I Douglas Eldon (Bu)
- I 123-10655-28 Sum 6-4-67
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*Sumner's Present Files*

Type of Search Requested:

- Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_
- Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
- Buildup       Variations

Subject *Fairbanks, Douglas* <sup>*Mr.*</sup>

Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*Sumner's Crawford's file*

*Mr. divorced from D.J.*

*not current wife*

*NH*

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**

**62-60527**

SAC, Philadelphia

Feb-March 18, 1953

Director, FBI

REQUEST BY GOVERNOR FINE, PENNSYLVANIA,  
FOR NAME CHECKS ON 133 INDIVIDUALS TO BE  
INVITED TO JUNE ASSEMBLY CONVENTION,  
AARONSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

Re Bulet January 16, 1953.

There follow the results of additional name checks  
on individuals appearing in the list of 133 names submitted by  
Governor Fine. Dissemination of information to Governor Fine  
should be made in accordance with instructions contained in  
referenced letter.

No investigation has been conducted by the Bureau  
concerning the following individuals:



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Attachments

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Applicant-type investigations have been conducted by the Bureau concerning the following individuals. No subversive derogatory information was developed during these inquiries.

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Loyalty of Government Employees investigations have been conducted relative to the following two individuals in accordance with Executive Order 9835. Governor Fine should be advised that we are precluded by Presidential Directive from furnishing information developed during these inquiries to sources outside the Executive Branch of the United States Government. However, it should not be inferred that the results of these inquiries were derogatory.

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Governor Fine should also be advised that an investigation was conducted by this Bureau during 1941 and 1942 concerning Bert Helm. However, the investigation failed to substantiate derogatory allegations. (100-32048)

In addition, subversive derogatory information is included in the attached memoranda concerning six individuals, and Governor Fine may be advised of the information contained therein.

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Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. 17

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Results of additional name checks will be furnished as expeditiously as possible.

February 27, 1953

~~DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.~~ - SUMMARY

The Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning the captioned individual in June, 1951.

The "New York Times" issue dated October 10, 1941, carried a full-page advertisement for Russian War Relief, Inc. Under the caption "These Eminent Americans Ask Your Help in Behalf of the Russian People" appeared the name of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. (123-10655-11)

The name of Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., appeared as a sponsor on a program of a dinner which was held at Ciro's Restaurant, Hollywood, California, under the joint auspices of the American Committee to Save Refugees, Exiled Writers Committee, and the United American Spanish Aid Committee on November 10, 1941.

The American Committee to Save Refugees was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities.

The Exiled Writers Committee was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities as follows: "Established by the Communist League of American Writers to bolster the Communist front, American Committee To Save Refugees. The Exiled Writers Committee worked with other Communist fronts in the Spanish Communist refugee agitation."

The United American Spanish Aid Committee was cited as a Communist organization by the Attorney General.

The "Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, issue dated November 9, 1947, carried an article captioned "Hollywood Fights Back." According to this article, the Committee for the First Amendment had sponsored a radio program protesting the action of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It was reported that Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., had participated in this program. (106-55-11)

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Laughlin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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J. J. DAUNT:lng *mgf*  
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The Committee for the First Amendment was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Daily Variety," a trade publication of the motion picture industry issue dated December 29, 1947, identified Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., as a member of the "anti-Communist group of motion picture people who were members of both the major political parties in the United States, who felt there was a great danger of confusion over the difference between liberalism and Communism." The article further reported that the "anti-Communist" group would not have as a member any person who had appeared as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

(123-10655-11)

The "New York Sun" issue dated January 22, 1948, carried an article captioned "Secret Plans Laid for Drive to Attack Thomas Committee." This article reported, among other things, that the Committee of One Thousand was making plans for a stage show, and that Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., would be among those to participate. (Ibid)

The Committee of One Thousand was cited as a "Communist created and controlled front organization" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities.

The "Daily Peoples World," west coast Communist newspaper, issue dated December 27, 1948, in a column captioned "Political Arena," attacked as to veracity a booklet entitled "Red Stars in Hollywood." The article pointed out that the booklet had been prepared by Miron C. Fagan. According to this article, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., appeared in the booklet as one of the "red stars in Hollywood." (123-10655-14)

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Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
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FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

FILE NO. 62-60527-40520

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: November 10, 1954

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FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

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SUBJECT: WORCESTER ANGLO-AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP  
W. J. CROWE  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR. Calif DC

On 11/9/54 Miss Madeline Fitzgerald of Mr. Hagerty's office, the White House, requested a name check concerning the captioned organization and individuals. She identified the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship as an organization formed in 1942 for American servicemen overseas and pointed out that the annual dinner of this organization was to be held November 19, 1954, and was including Col. W. J. Crowe, U. S. Army, and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., as guest speakers.

Our files were reviewed and revealed no identifiable information concerning the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship and Col. W. J. Crowe.

In June and July, 1951, the Bureau conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Fairbanks in connection with his appointment as a consultant to the Voice of America Program. This investigation revealed that Fairbanks' name was associated with several Communist front groups during the 1940's including the Russian War Relief Committee for the First Amendment, Committee of One Thousand, and American Committee to Save Refugees. He was alleged to have been active with the Tom Mooney Defense Committee between 1932 and 1934. The "Daily Variety," motion picture trade publication, dated 12/29/47 identified Fairbanks as a member of the anti-Communist group of the motion picture people. Reliable informants of the Los Angeles area, acquaintances, and associates interviewed during this investigation described Fairbanks as anti-Communist and a loyal American citizen.

This investigation also revealed that during the early 1930's Fairbanks had some social contact with a girl by the name of Solveig Dietz. Based on this contact Dietz and her husband attempted to "shakedown" Fairbanks for a substantial sum of money, threatening to publicize alleged intimacies that Fairbanks had had with Mrs. Dietz. Fairbanks arranged for the District Attorney's Office in Los Angeles to cover the payoff, immediately after which Dietz was arrested. In an effort to avoid publicity no criminal charge was filed against Dietz, however, he later filed suit for false imprisonment against Fairbanks. Fairbanks then made a cash settlement with Dietz and his wife to avoid adverse publicity.

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Our reports reflecting the results of this investigation are being made available to the White House.

To be ATTACHED AFTER Approval this Letter.

ACTION:

There is attached for your approval a letter of transmittal to the White House.

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**FILE DESCRIPTION**

**SUBJECT** Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.

**FILE NO.** 62-60527-40557

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*ccw*

November 12, 1954

BY COURIER SERVICE

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DATE 11/24/82 BY SP4EUF/ab

Honorable James C. Hagerty  
Press Secretary  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hagerty:

Reference is made to the request for name checks by Miss Madeline Fitzgerald of your office on November 9, 1954, concerning the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship, Colonel W. J. Crowe, and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. You are advised that a review of the files of this Bureau revealed no pertinent identifiable information concerning the Worcester Anglo-American Fellowship and Colonel W. J. Crowe.

*coll. D.C.*

*SUMMARY*

In June and July of 1951 the FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation concerning Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in connection with his appointment as a consultant with the Voice of America Program. There are enclosed herewith pertinent reports reflecting the results of that investigation. Our files reveal no additional pertinent information concerning Fairbanks.

Sincerely yours,

11/15/54  
Delivered to  
Hagerty.  
*CHH*

Enclosure

CC 123-10655

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- Sizoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
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NUMEROUS REFERENCE

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SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Bairbender, Douglas

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- ✓ 121-23001-30 \_\_\_\_\_
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**  
**COVER SHEET**

**SUBJECT: DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**

**123-10653**



7. REFERENCES: LIST FIVE PERSONS WORKING IN THE UNITED STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU AND WHO HAVE DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND FITNESS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. DO NOT REPEAT NAMES OF SUPERVISORS.

FULL NAME	PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS (Give complete current address, including street and number)	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION
WARREN AUSTIN	U.S. Embassy - Waldorf Astoria N.Y.C.	Diplomat
LEWIS DOUGLAS	Tucson, Arizona	ex-Diplomat, Banker
DAVID K. E. BRUCE	U.S. Embassy - Paris, France	Diplomat
NORMAN ARMOUR	U.S. Embassy - Venezuela	Diplomat
PAUL HOFFMAN	c/o Ford Foundation Pasadena, Calif.	Business Executive

8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks (Jr.)	Wife	"Westridge", Pacific Palisades, Ca
Mrs. Jack Whiting	Mother	325 E. 57 St., New York, N.Y.
Daphne Fairbanks	Daughter	"Westridge" Pacific Palisades, Cal.
Victoria Fairbanks	"	" " " "
Melissa Fairbanks	"	" " " "

9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

Formerly Chairman of the "Care Committee" & "Share-Through-Care Committee"  
 Chairman, American Relief for Korea  
 Board Member "Navajo Relief Committee" and many other philanthropic and cultural organizations (e.g. English Speaking Union, etc.)

	YES	NO.
10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE?		
(B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION?	X	
(C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?	X	

(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE April, 1941	DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS February, 1946
BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.) NAVY	SERIAL NO. (if none, give grade or rating at time of separation). Commander, USNR, 105-759

11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

- Associated through company directorships and investment in Motion Picture production in U. K. and on the Continent of Europe
- Pres. "Brit-America Alumni Assoc.", "Pilgrim Soc.", "Order of St. John" and other cultural and philanthropic organizations in U.K., France, Italy
- Possess at least 14 decorations for war, philanthropic, & public services from European countries.

12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: June 1, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS (JR.)  
SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

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PURPOSE:

To advise of the receipt of a request to investigate Douglas Elton Fairbanks (Jr.), the movie star and movie producer as a consultant on the Voice of America Program.

BACKGROUND:

A request to investigate Douglas Elton Fairbanks, (Jr.) as a consultant on the Voice of America Program was received from the State Department on May 29, 1951. A search of the Bureau files fail to reflect that the Bureau has ever conducted any investigation of Mr. Fairbanks. There was considerable background information in the Bureau files from newspaper clippings, etc. referring to his tour of South America in 1941 as a special envoy of President Roosevelt. He undertook this tour to study means to bring about Inter-American understanding through theatrical arts. (62-59397)

The investigation is being ordered and the field instructed to advise persons interviewed that the investigation is being conducted since Mr. Fairbanks is being considered as a consultant on the Voice of America Program. 7

This investigation will be followed closely and the results reflecting the completed investigation will be forwarded to the State Department at the earliest possible date.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Information purposes.

JGS:mw

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Date: 6-1-51

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, Washington Field

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS  
SPECIAL INQUIRY--STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by 6-15-51.

Address: "Westridge", Pacific Palisades, California

Birth date: 12-9-09

Birthplace: New York, New York

ALL OFFICES

This investigation must be handled by mature, experienced and well-qualified Agents. Persons contacted should be specifically advised that the investigation is being conducted since Fairbanks is being considered as a consultant on the Voice of America Program.

THIS DEADLINE MUST BE MET.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

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It is noted that the applicant indicates details concerning his education may be received from his Naval Reserve Records. These records should be carefully checked for any pertinent information. The private tutors handling studies in the college field should be interviewed if they can be located.

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- Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: July 18, 1951

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: DOUGLAS ELTON FAIRBANKS, aka  
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, JR.  
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PURPOSE:

summary  
To advise that the investigation of Douglas Elton Fairbanks, also known as Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., the movie star and movie producer, as a consultant on the Voice of America program has been completed.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

The investigation is not being completely summarized, however, for your information, the following data is being set forth.

The investigation, in general, was very favorable as to Fairbanks' character, reputation and loyalty. He was highly recommended by the Honorable Warren Austin of the United Nations and by Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Director of the Ford Foundation and former Director of ECA.

Los Angeles Office developed the fact that Fairbanks was sued by Jorgen Dietz in March 1933 on a charge of alienation of affections of Solveig Dietz, wife of the plaintiff. The charges were that Fairbanks on or about February 15, 1931 debauched and carnally knew Solveig Dietz. Fairbanks denied the claim and made a counter claim charging Dietz with a conspiracy to extort money in the amount of \$6,000 with a threat of publicizing false statements against him. No further action was taken and this case was dismissed by the court with prejudice in 1934. Various people interviewed were of the opinion that Dietz and his wife had attempted to frame Fairbanks and thereby extort a sum of money from him.

Acquaintances and co-workers reported Fairbanks to be very pro-British but they still considered him loyal to the United States. Numerous people interviewed stated that he was definitely anti-Communist although his name has been associated directly and indirectly with organizations which have been officially cited as Communist fronts, Communist infiltrated or dominated such as Russian War Relief, American Committee to Save Russian Writers Committee and United American Spanish Aid Committee and Committee for First Amendment. It was also indicated that he sponsored programs on behalf of Tom Mann and did participate

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