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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION: In re: Edward C. Getsinger (Alleged pro-German)			

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, TESTIMONY COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Boston, Mass.

Continuing this investigation previously reported Sept. 17, Agent proceeded to the ~~Ridgehaven Inn~~ Ridgehaven Inn, Tonawanda St. Dorchester, and in an interview with Mrs. Minnie Beals, landlady of the Inn, she stated that subject came to live at the Inn sometime in September, 1917, staying there until December 1917. He pretended to be writing an ancient history of the bible, spent most of his time in his room typewriting. He was well educated, claimed to have money, but did not show it in the way he lived. Travelled all over Europe. She had never heard him discuss the war, but on one occasion in November, 1917, one of the boarders, Miss Ella Young, a district nurse in Boston Public Schools, who still lives at Ridgehaven Inn, told her that the subject said that the Belgians are getting just what they deserve..

Subject had only one visitor during the time he lived at the Inn, this being a woman whom he claimed was helping him in his study. She ~~visited~~ ^{came} from Montreal and lived at the Inn for one week. Mrs. Beals could not remember her name. Subject paid attention to Miss Gladys Young, a younger sister of Miss Ella Young, until told not to do so by Arthur Young, her brother. He pretended to be teaching Miss Gladys Young astrology. Both Arthur and Gladys Young work at the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. at Boston.

This summer, Getsinger spent his vacation at the Tower House,

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 Falmouth, ~~Mass~~ Heights, Mass. Miss Ella Young reported him while
 he was staying there to the Naval Intelligence stationed at Woods
 Hole, Mass. Getsinger now lives at 27 Astor St., Boston, telephone
 number B.B. 71880.

During the last week, Getsinger came into the Department of
 Justice Office, and complained that he was being persecuted by Miss
 Ella Young wherever he went, as she spread false rumors about him,
 saying that he was an enemy alien and that he was pro-German.
 Getsinger claims that he was born in Saginaw, Michigan, and that he
 was the third generation of an American family. He was going to
 start a suit against Miss Young for slander. He claims to be an
 Egyptologist and is interested in the early history of the bible.
 Agent will continue this investigation.

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION
In re: Edward C. Getzinger
(Alleged Pro-German)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Dorchester, Mass.

Continuing investigation, previously reported Oct. 2nd, Agent proceeded to Dorchester and interviewed Miss Ethel Young, of Ridge Haven Inn, Tomawanda St., Dorchester. She stated that she first met subject when he came to live at the Inn in October, 1917; and that he looked like a German and she had always been suspicious of the way he acted. She did not remember anything in particular that he had done, but thought it was a queer occupation for an able-bodied man in these times to be translating the Bible. She always considered him a German, and for that reason was suspicious of him. This summer she stayed during the month of August at the Tower House, Falmouth, Mass., and while she was there, subject came. A number of the guests of the hotel seemed to consider that he was a man that should be watched, and after a consultation, Dr. Hicks, of New York City, and a Mr. Anthony, of Milton, Mass., called upon the Naval Intelligence at Woods Hole, Mass., to make an investigation. This was done and she does not know the result. Getzinger returned to Boston before Miss Young left the Hotel. He has only made one pro-German remark in her hearing, in which he said that the Belgians were getting what they deserved.

Agent will continue this investigation.

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and that we are first, last and all the time for our country and for President Wilson, his administration and his policies. In fact, we both agree that our President is the greatest statesman that has lived in the last two or three thousand years. Mr. Getsinger is known all over the United States as a scientific man. I know his friends in Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago and California. In politics he is a staunch Democrat on national issues; in state and municipal, he is an Independent. For some time he has expressed a desire that he would like to be a Four-minute-man and get before the Americans of German extraction and tell them that they ought to be heart and soul with the President's aims in the war. He is American born, although his parents were Saxons. There is a vast difference between Saxons and Prussians.

"The writer is sending you this as he knows that your Department's one idea is to be just to all, and I can honestly state that I have not a friend whom I respect and admire more than Mr. Getsinger, and he is loyal to the backbone."

"Respectfully yours,

(Signed) A. W. Randall"

During the time subject lived on Tonawanda St. with Miss Ethel Young, although Miss Young told the Agent that she believed his actions suspicious at that time, she did not report him to the Department. Later, when he and she were staying at the same hotel at Falmouth, Mass., she did not report him, but it was through the suspicions that she raised in the minds of a number of the other summer boarders that he was reported to the Naval Intelligence. There does not seem to be any foundation for any of the remarks that she has made in regard to the subject.

Agent interviewed Mr. Frank Anthony, of Canton Ave., Milton, who is mentioned in a previous report, was having reported the subject to the Naval Intelligence while stopping at Falmouth. Mr. Anthony said that he thought it his duty to report the subject because of remarks made by Miss Young. He did not hear the subject make any statements, and would not have thought his actions suspicious if his attention had not been called to them by Miss Young.

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Agent does not consider that subject has been talking or acting in a suspicious manner, and unless otherwise instructed, Agent considers his part in this matter closed.

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TITLE OF CASE AND DIFFERENT CHARGES OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION.

In re: Edward C. Galt
(Alleged Pro-German)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Cambridge, Mass.

Pursuant to instructions from Special Agent Snow, based upon the following memorandum from the U. S. District Attorney's office:
August 15, 1918.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Juth of the Wheelock & Lovejoy Company, Cambridge, telephoned that E. C. Getzinger and R. Q. Walsh, said to be both alien enemies, are stopping at the Tower House, Falmouth Heights; Getzinger used to live on Tonawanda Street, Dorchester, that he and Walsh travel between Provincetown and Buzzards Bay every day, that they have no occupation but are said to be rewriting the bible. Walsh is said to come from Ansonia.

Copy to B of I
August 26, 1918.

Agent proceeded to the office of Mr. E. A. Juth, of Wheelock & Lovejoy Co., 128 Sidney St., Cambridge, and interviewed Mr. Juth. He stated that on the week-end of August 14th, he went to the Tower House, Falmouth Heights, Mass., and in conversation with a number of the guests, he heard that subject had been acting suspiciously; that he took frequent automobile rides between Falmouth and Provincetown with R. Q. Walsh; and that he did not have any known business, except that he was rewriting the Bible. Mr. Juth did not know of any pro-German utterances of the subject, or of his movements other than his frequent automobile trips. Most of these trips were made at night, and Mr. Juth believed, with the other guests of the hotel, that subject was signalling to submarines off the coast.

Some of the guests reported the matter to the Naval Intelligence, at Woods Hole, Mass., that the case might be investigated. Agent

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will endeavor to obtain a report from the Naval Intelligence on this matter.

This investigation will be continued.

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE: CHARGES OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION In re: Edward G. Getsinger (Alleged Pro-German)			



STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Boston, Mass.

Continuing investigation, previously reported Oct. 5th, Agent spent some time examining newspaper-clippings and personal papers of the subject. These newspaper-clippings were very complete, with the exception of two or three years, extending from 1872 to the present date. Most of them bore on the same subject, -namely, his lectures before various universities throughout the country and before conferences of college professors, -and had to do with his new theory of the solar system, and regarding Egyptology. He has lectured in practically every prominent university of the country. It is noticeable that none of his friends and associates, as mentioned in newspaper-clippings, have been German, or in the remotest way connected with any one who is pro-German. The newspaper-clippings in the United States that are missing are explained by the fact that he spent these years abroad, in Egypt, Persia and Palestine.

Agent then called up Mr. A. W. Randall, Supt. of the National Biscuit Co., Cambridge, Mass., who was mentioned as having been connected with him, in a number of the clippings. The following letter was sent in by Mr. Randall, dated Cambridgeport, Mass., Oct. 8, 1918.

"My friend, Mr. E. G. Getsinger, has informed me that a complaint has been lodged against him, which places his loyalty in question. Permit me to state that I have known him most intimately for a number of years before he came to Boston. Since he came we have dined together several times each week for the past three years. Have discussed the war freely and our views are identical,

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION			
IN RE: <u>E. C. COSTLINGER</u> (German Activities)			
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.			



AT WASHINGTON:

Pursuant to instructions of Agent-In-Charge Berkam, to investigate subject based on letter from Agent-In-Charge De Woody, New York, Agent has the following to submit:-

Working under cover Agent called at the residence of Mr. R. Barnitz- 2626 University Place, and was informed that subject had resided there for some time until two years ago when he went to Boston, Massachusetts. The last time Barnitz heard from subject which was nine months ago he (meaning subject) gave his address as-- 63 Aster Place, Boston, Mass.

A copy of this report is to be sent to Agent-In-Charge Kelleher, Boston, Massachusetts.

COPY OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

Copy to Kelleher, Boston, Mass.

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know who is alive.

I was born in a house called the Oberheuser House, on the main street next to us was a family whose name was Kurtz and had a cooper shop. About the same time of my birth, they also got a boy whose name was Louis Kurtz, and who moved to East Saginaw and has now the cooper-shop on Genesee Street. He and his brother William a policeman for 25 years of East Saginaw, will both know of my birth.

Fred Opperman, Clerk in Probate Court, E. Saginaw also will know. Albert Beirle, Printer.

Reuter Brothers, Proprietors of a German and English Daily paper, E. Saginaw will know. They were born near us.

Of my immediate family still living there, I know but few first cousins, who will know. Many second, third and fourth generations of cousins are there still. Their name is Goetsinger and Heine.

At age 18 I Americanized my name to Getsinger---much to their displeasure.

At Frankenmuth is my Cousin, of my age, Fred Goetzinger.

My cousin and my God-father, Edward Rittmaier, farmer near the village.

His eldest son, Martin, and I were playmates, but he does not remember us.

Margaret Goetzinger-Skelton, my cousin, is no doubt alive.

There are many Goetsingers there, but not of my generation.

But Louis Kurtz and his brother William are easily accessible and know me well, as I went to school with them in Saginaw, after they likewise moved there for an education. My mother's people lived in Detroit. I never was German enough in my tastes, hence did not associate with them, nor my own brothers. I was always glad to be entirely American.

I will make affidavit to these statements before a Notary Public, so that the matter may be clinched on both sides. Will mail this per Registered mail and ask for a return card receipt.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) E. C. Getsinger

P. S. My two brothers G. A. Goetsinger and William A. Goetsinger, of Detroit can be found in Directory if alive, if not in one of 5-6 years back.

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Signed, Edward C. Getsinger

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Suffolk,

October nineteen,
1918.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this day October nineteen
One thousand nine hundred and eighteen

(Signed) Frederick L. Briggs
Notary Public

With this letter subject asked for a return receipt, it being registered. Agent calls attention to the fact that if subject intends to file a suit against Miss Ethel Young he is endeavoring to manufacture evidence so that he may be able to show that the

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Department has previously investigated him upon his asking for same. As a matter of fact, the case was first reported, as shown by Agent's report of Sept. 17th, by Mr. K. A. Juth, of Wheeloock, Lovejoy & Co., Cambridge. Subject was also reported at that time to the Naval Intelligence, copies of whose reports are as follows:

Agent No. 83. New Bedford, Mass. August 28, 1918.

Edward Getsinger - Suspect. Residence: Boston, Mass., and
Falmouth Heights, Mass.
Informant: Miss Rose McLoughlin, 36 Comstock Ave., Providence, R.I.

Informant in letter, told Agent that subject stated he was arrested twice during his stay in Europe following the declaration of war. Subject told informant he was arrested in Paris "on his face" and in London "on his name."

Agent met informant while assigned to Falmouth Heights, on case. Informant met subject then.

Subject made reservation for room at Tower Hotel at Falmouth Heights until the 28th of August.

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Agent 83 New Bedford, Mass. August 19, 1918.

Edward C. Getsinger) Suspicious aroused by guests at Tower Hotel,
Robert Q. Walsh) Falmouth Heights, Mass.

Informants: Dr. Edward E. Hicks, 1168 Dean St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Officer in Charge, Station a.

Edward C. Getsinger lives on Hemingway Street, Boston, Mass. He admits being of German parentage but is believed to have been born in Germany. He claims to be a physicist and is called "Doctor". In conversation with Agent he said that he had obtained a degree of "Doctor of Philosophy" at the University of Michigan and that he had lived in and about Detroit, Michigan. Following his course he traveled the world and speaks of his adventures in Persia, Palestine, Babylon, India and most every country of the world. He has also traveled extensively in England, France and Germany. According to informant, he is supposed to be re-writing the bible, but to Agent, subject stated he was compiling a book on his discoveries and explorations as an Egyptologist or Antiquitist in places mentioned above. He told other folks about the hotel about his revision of the bible. Subject is not religious in any respect, judging from his talk with Agent and his fondness for women. Subject has never published any books, as yet. He claims to have worked three years on one book that is soon to be completed. He is said to have given lectures. Other than this reported fact, he has no visible means of support. He pays his hotel bill in currency. Subject seems very interested in the shores of Cape Cod and traffic

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passing through Woods Hole and up the Sound. His pensive mood and pacing up and down in front of Hotel grounds added to his very German-like appearance aroused the suspicions of guests of the Hotel.

Agent was in company of subject for a considerable amount of time and noted that subject was interested in conversation dealing with America's part in the war although he expressed no sentiments. Subject, although reticent at first, spoke German with Agent. His German is perfect and his English is dialected with German.

Subject is about 36 years old and is of the pronounced student type.

Miss Ethel Young a nurse, employed by the Public Schools of Boston, stated to Agent that she lived in the same boarding house with subject, in Dorchester, last winter. She is firmly convinced that subject should be watched, basing her suspicions on his actions during his stay at the boarding house. His only pro-German remark she says is that subject justified the violation of Belgium neutrality on the part of Germany. This was the only remark she paid any attention to. He was supposed to be rewriting the bible while at this house. A woman came down from Canada during the winter, Miss Young stated, to see Getsinger. The latter said she was helping him in his pursuits. Miss Young said that subject would often remain up, seemingly at work on his typewriter, all night on many occasions. She also said that the visit of the woman from Canada was at the time that troops were being transported from Canadian ports. Subject did no work other than writing last winter and his presence was always looked on as suspicious. He told the other boarders that he was the last person to leave Port Said at the declaration of War between England and Germany.

The other subject, Robert Q. Walsh, met Getsinger through Miss Donihi and Miss Corrigan, school teachers of Boston who are staying at the Terrace Cables, Falmouth Heights. Walsh appears to be in love with Miss Corrigan. Getsinger met Miss Donihi in Boston last winter. Their meeting at Falmouth Heights was co-incidental. Walsh's standing is O.K. His patriotic actions and his business standing in Ansonia, Conn. has proved conclusively to Agent that he should not be held under surveillance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Held are friends of subject. They were reported by informants but investigation shows that reports are without foundation. Their meeting with subject was co-incidental.

Walsh who has been in Getsinger's company considerable, declares that he is a "dam mysterious fellow".

Getsinger is believed to have made inquiries concerning waters around Falmouth Heights from Miss Viola Coffin, who runs a small ferry across the pond. Getsinger answered description.

REMARKS: Getsinger should be held under close surveillance.

Agent #63.

In regard to the two school teachers of Boston mentioned in the Naval Intelligence report, Miss Donihi and Miss Corrigan, there is no record at the Boston School Committee of any teachers by those names. Agent will continue this investigation.

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A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq.,
 Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
 Department of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: In re: E. C. Goetsinger, 2626 University
 Place, Washington, D. C.

Among certain confidential papers we find a letter of January 13, 1914, from the above subject to the German Embassy at the Savoy Hotel, Naples, sent through Goetsinger's friend, Dr. Schoenfeld, of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., giving information as to action being taken by the British and French authorities with regard to Germans and Austrians endeavoring to get back to Germany, and stating further that outside of Genoa there were then English and French torpedo boats to hold up United States passenger ships, and consequently all the men had better get off at Naples and report at once to the German consul, who had plenty of funds with which to send them via Austria to their destination. Copy of the letter is attached hereto.

I would suggest an investigation as to Goetsinger and Dr. Schoenfeld.

Respectfully,
 (Signed) Chas. DeWoody
 Division Superintendent.

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P.S. While the original document bears date as above, January 13, 1914, this was evidently a typographical error and should have been 1915.

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(Kaiserlich Deutsche Botschaft, Washington D.C.J. No.1999)
 Savoy Hotel

Jan. 13/14

Naples

Your Excellency:-

I arrived here on the Stampalia yesterday and may have a little information of value. This will be mailed in Washington by my friend Dr. Schoenfeld of George Wash. University.

At Gibraltar on Verona, previous ship, 8 suspected Germans were removed. on Stampalia none were removed and 12 Germans came through. The Swiss passports are under grave suspicion.

A man who claims Austrian citizenship gets through the best and easiest, as they are not at all questioned. Five of such came through without examination. The English officers told me "we don't care about the Austrians, let them go, but we want the Germans." The same with any one who can claim Italian citizenship and speak a little Italian. On board they must keep closed mouth. Italians and Austrians in any class are not questioned at all.

Swiss are closely questioned and invariably taken off. Army papers are demanded for identification. American citizen naturalized are closely questioned, if these are without citizenship papers, regardless of a good passport of U.S.A., but when citizenship papers

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are submitted, then all questions cease - that is the certificate of citizenship issued at time of - renunciation.

A Holland passport also went through O.K. and it was quite a poor one at that, but the man could not speak a word of Holland and luckily the interpreters did not come on board so late 11 p.m. otherwise he would have been caught.

The Germans that left the ship at Naples, a captain and 3 privates came through and left at once for Austrian territory, as Switzerland gives passes to Germany with difficulty, so your consul here states. But at outside of Genoa there are now English and French torpedo boats to hold up U.S. passenger boats and again an examination is gone through, consequently all men better get off at Naples, report at once to German consul, who has plenty funds with which to send them via Austria to their destination.

The authorities at Gibraltar no doubt send information via wireless as suspects, to these ships at Genoa when the French assume the responsibility of detention. Hence all Genoa passengers are not so closely questioned at Gibraltar, leaving these to the Genoa authorities. Hence the friends better get passage to Genoa and without notice, suddenly get off at Naples. Both French and English spies are at hand on arrival at Naples.

I am on my way to Egypt and Haiffy Syria.

Very Respectfully yours,

Gen. E. C. Getsinger

2626 University Place

Washington, D. C. after Apr. 15.

KaiserlichDeutsche

Washington, D.C. dem 4. Februar
1915.

Botschaft

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Abschrift eines mir zugegangenen Privatbriefes

Herrn Fregattenkapitan Boy-Ed
in New York

fur den Herrn Militarattache ergebenst ubersandt.

Der Kaiserliche Botschafter

I.A.

(sgd) Hatsfeldt

Agent proceeded to Dorchester, and interviewed Wm. Fitz postman on the route which covers 143 Tonawanda St., where subject lived during the fall of 1917. Fitz remembers subject well, and states that his mail was mostly business, with no foreign mail. He remembers one letter the subject had from Montreal.

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In December, 1914, Mr. Randall and Mrs. Agnes Parsons learned that Abdul Baha and his colony in Haifa, Syria, were in need of food and clothing, and so Mr. Albert W. Randall, Mr. Wm. H. Randall and Mrs. Parsons, with a few minor contributions, obtained a fund of \$1200, exclusive of expenses, which they requested Mr. Getsinger to carry to Abdul Baha. Subject left this country some time in the latter part of December, his passport reading "To Italy, Egypt and Syria", the first two places being only for change of ship. When subject reached Haifa, Abdul Baha refused the money, and Getsinger returned home with same, delivering it to Mr. Wm. H. Randall. Subject arrived home some time in March, 1915. He had considerable trouble in getting out of Palestine, being arrested twice by Turkish soldiers, and only getting out safely through the intervention of the American Consul at Damascus. This is the story as told by subject to Mr. Albert W. Randall and his wife.

Mr. Randall states that in all of the five years he has known subject, he has never heard him express any pro-German sentiments and further, has never heard of any German connections. Subject at present receives from \$200 to \$250 a month from Wm. H. Randall. This is his sole source of income. Mr. Randall is very much interested in subject's success in obtaining the original alphabet, and subject claims that he has discovered it, and has been able to decipher all of the ancient Persian, Egyptian and Hebrew hieroglyphics. Subject spends most of his time at present in the Boston Public Library, where he is engaged in re-writing the books on Indian research by the Persian American Society.

When Mr. Randall first met the subject, he lived at 2626 University Pl., Washington, D. C., his landlord being a Mr. Barnitz

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The landlord's daughter, Leoni Bernitz, was the secretary for Mrs. Agnes Parsons, and it was through this connection that subject met Mrs. Parsons. Subject has a man, who is paid a small salary by the Boston Public Library, engaged with him in his research work. Agent will obtain this man's name, etc. To Mr. Randall's knowledge, subject has only one friend in Boston, a Mrs. Elizabeth Miner, address unknown, but working at the Second National Bank at Boston. Mr. Randall had no information in regard to the stenographer from Montreal. As to subject's application to be a "four-minute man" Mr. Randall states that it was accepted, but that he was given no work to do. At the time Mr. Randall met subject, he was living in Washington. He came from Washington to Boston to obtain the gold to carry to Abdul Behm, and sailed from the port of New York, returning at the same port. When he returned home, he went to live at an apartment at 63 Astor St., Boston, living there until the fall of 1917. He then went to live at Ridge Haven Inn, 143 Tomawanda St., Dorchester. He left there in the early part of the winter of 1917-18, and went to 27 Arvor St., Boston, where he has lived ever since. He spent the months of June and July, 1917, at Elliot, Me., and the last two weeks of August, 1918, at the Tower House, Palmyra Heights, Mass.

Agent will continue this investigation.

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TITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

RAM - Edward C. Getsinger (Alleged pro-German Activities) 10/28/18

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

drawn out books regarding the Zodiac and Egyptology. The librarian will personally endeavor to find out who the subject's helper is in library, and keep a close watch upon the subject's movements in the library.

It was suggested that the signs of the Zodiac and hieroglyphics in the books of Egyptology is an easy method of making a code.

The librarian will also obtain the names of other users of the same books that the subject has drawn, with a view to ascertain if there is any possible connection.

Agent then proceeded to the Back Bay postoffice, and found that there has been no mail as yet for the subject.

This investigation will be continued.

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United States Department of Justice

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
AND REFER TO OFFICE

Bureau of Investigation

OFFICE OF DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
INTERNATIONAL TRUST BUILDING
45 MILK STREET
BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

GEK/D.

October 29, 1918.

A. Bruce Bielaski, Esq.,
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

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IN RE: E. C. GOETZINGER - GERMAN ACTIVITIES.

Referring to recent but undated Bureau communication - initialed GFR-RTB - and telegram dated October 28, 1918, relative to the above matter, I beg to call your attention to the fact that Goetzinger, who now spells his name Getsinger, has been under investigation by this office since September 17, 1918, as will appear from reports of Special Employee Ham for September 17, October 2, 3, 5, and 8, 1918, which have already been forwarded to the Department. This matter is still under investigation, and reports for October 24, 26 and 28 have already been dictated. Further reports of investigation will later be rendered.

Getsinger called at this office a few weeks ago and stated that he either knew or expected that an investigation had been or would be initiated in regard to him. He pointed out that he believed reports had been furnished the Department indirectly at least through one Miss Ethel Young, 143 Tonawanda Street, Boston, Mass., whose displeasure he had incurred, and against whom he mentioned the possibility that he might bring suit. A little later he voluntarily furnished this office with a sketch of his antecedents and personal history, which is incorporated in report of Special Employee Ham for October 26; verification of the truth thereof to be determined by further investigation at Michigan points. Getsinger was very anxious to obtain from this office a letter of vindication, but none has been or will be furnished him unless the Department so directs.

Yours very truly,

G. E. Kelleher
Division Superintendent.

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Everett A. Ham

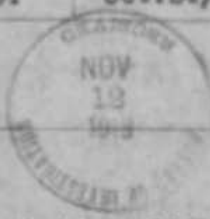
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TITLE OF CASE AND EXTENT CHANGED IN NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

In re: Edward G. Gotsinger.
(Alleged pro-German)



STATEMENT OF WITNESSES, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

At Boston, Mass.

Reopening investigation, previously closed on October 11th, Agent received the following letter from subject.

Boston, Mass.
27 Astor St.
Oct. 19th 1918.

FLB

Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:- I write this letter in persuasion of our several conversations during the past month, regarding my having been scandalized at Falmouth Heights this summer by a certain Miss Ethel Young, who with malice intent accused me of being a German spy to over 150 people.

Upon my return from Falmouth Heights, I voluntarily called upon your department and asked for an investigation, so that no recurrence might be had from parties who might be sincere in such hearsay charges.

You put Mr. Ham upon the case, who had an interview with Miss Young and then came to me for my history etc. all of which I gladly furnished.

In order to further facilitate any further investigation you may make at my behest, I herewith give you as much detail of my birth and history as I know, and to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I was born at Frankenmuth, Saginaw County, Jan. 9th 1866, in a German Colony founded over 100 years ago, and an asylum for German revolutionists who had to flee or were exiled by the Prussian's encroaching policy against neighboring Nations. Consequently no Prussian was enabled to ever get a foothold within ten miles of the Colony, who owned all the lands for miles around.

At age Seven I went to East Saginaw for my education, thence to Detroit and for years have traveled in the interests of science.

Having left early in youth, my father died about that time, so that I know the family history only from family talk. I remember my old Grandfather well, but none of the other grandparents. My father was in the war of the rebellion, and I have seen a daguerrotype of him with his soldier cap and uniform on. He brought with him a Negro slave, Elijah, whom I remember well until he died.

My father and mother met when very young in Detroit, married and went back to Frankenmuth.

I have not been in that village only once in over 50 years. I don't

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STREET OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC. At Dorchester, Mass.			
Continuing investigation, last reported on Oct. 24th, the following papers were received from Chief Bielaski: <p style="text-align: right;">GFR/BTB</p>			
<u>Personal and Confidential.</u> George E. Kelleher, Esq., Box 3185 Boston, Mass.			
Dear Sir: <u>IN RE: E. C. GOETZINGER; GERMAN ACTIVITIES.</u>			
Enclosed please find for your information, copies of letters from DeWoody under date of September 26th; also report of agent Ruch under date of October 23rd. It may be advisable to make under-cover preliminary investigation to ascertain the activities of this subject before taking any action.			
Very truly, (Signed) A. B. Bielaski Chief.			
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Report of G. A. Ruch Washington, D.C. Oct. 23, 1918. 10/23/18 IN RE: E. C. GOETZINGER (German Activities)			
At Washington:			
Pursuant to instructions of Agent-in-Charge Benham, to investigate subject based on letter from Agent-in-Charge DeWoody, New York, Agent has the following to submit:- Working under cover Agent called at the residence of <u>Mr. R. Barnitz - 2626 University Place</u> , and was informed that subject had resided there for some time until two years ago when he went to <u>Boston, Massachusetts</u> . The last time Barnitz heard from subject which was nine months ago he (meaning subject) gave his address as-- <u>65 Astor Place, Boston, Mass.</u>			
A copy of this report is to be sent to Agent, in Charge, Kelleher, Boston, Massachusetts.			
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The waste paper from subject's rooms is taken up by the janitor each morning, and Mrs. McKenzie will personally see to it that the Department is allowed to examine it.

On one or two occasions recently, subject has had large parcels from some express company,- Mrs. McKenzie did not remember the name of the company,- delivered at this address. These parcels were very heavy for their size. Mr. Getsinger afterwards made the remark to the landlady that they contained books on ancient Egypt, which he had been waiting for, for some time. These are the first parcels which the landlady knows of his receiving. He pays his rent by checks, drawn on the State Street Trust Co. There is an empty apartment beside that of the subject.

Agent believes that the best way to obtain access to subject's German activities, if there are any, is through his evident susceptibility to women. If a woman representative of the Department could be placed ⁱⁿ his apartment, who would have sufficient knowledge of Egyptology to appear interested, in his scientific studies, she would be able to obtain any information there is available.

Agent then proceeded to the Boston Public Library, and with the aid of the librarian, ascertained that subject has a special card from the library which allows him to take books which are not otherwise allowed out of the library. He was recommended for this special card by Albert W. Randall, of 74 Westland Ave. (This is the same A. W. Randall, whose present address is 38 Mallon Rd., Dorchester). Librarian does not know who the man was who was engaged in helping the subject in his researchwork. This man was mentioned in Agent's report of Oct. 26th. Subject evidently has

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At Boston, Mass.

Continuing investigation, previously reported Oct. 26th, Agent proceeded to 27 Astor St., Suite 1, and interviewed Mrs. Annie McKensie, Tel. Back Bay 8217, landlady for Mr. Getsinger. She stated that subject came to her apartment some time at the beginning of last summer; that at first he hired one room in the front, later changing to suite 23, rear, which contains two rooms, hallway and bath. Subject spends most of his time in his room writing and using his typewriter. He has very little mail. Mrs. McKensie has not seen or heard of a visitor to his apartments since he has been there. The few times that she has been in his apartment, he seemed to be busy upon books, which she judged were relating to his studies in Egyptology. He has very little to say about his past life. When he first came into the house, he gave as a reference his former neighbors at #63 Astor St. Mrs. McKensie did not investigate, and does not now remember who the people were whom he gave as a reference. Her janitor, who is a Russian Pole by the name of Stanley, was also janitor at #63 Astor St. when subject lived there, and Mrs. McKensie thought this sufficient reference. Subject has few telephone messages. He has no telephone in his apartment, but Back Bay 71860 is a public telephone in the lower hall of the apartment house. The telephone is answered when calls come in by neighbors in the apartments on either side of it, and she has heard these neighbors call up the speaking tube to the subject on one or two occasions, but she considers that he has very few calls, comparatively speaking, compared to the calls received by the rest of the tenants.

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to trace this call, if it should come in again while subject is in library. According to Mr. Powers, subject has not been especially friendly with any other person in the library. On one or two occasions during the past year, he has met a woman outside the door of the hall, and has gone away with her. Mr. Powers stated that this woman was about 35 years of age, 5'6" in height, finely dressed, and he believes that he noticed a wedding ring on her finger at one time.

When agent was formerly at the library, he asked the librarian to keep a watch on who used the same books as the subject. There is no one who comes into the library who uses exactly the same books as subject. There is one man, a Hebrew about 50 years of age, by the name of R. Granga, who lives at the Hotel Belmont, Boston, Mass., who might be interested in the same books. Agent has at hand the book slips issued to subject and to Granga, and in no case have they taken the same book. It is understood that Granga is interested in writing a history of the Jewish people, and in such line of work, he naturally would take out the books which subject is using. Agent cannot see any connection between subject's studies at the library, and any pro-German connections that he might have.

Agent then returned to the office, and spent the remainder of the day piecing together and going over the subject's mail, which had been found in his waste basket. The mail consisted mainly of letters written in answer to correspondence with reference to the Bahaist belief. None of them contained any information of any kind which would have any bearing whatever on the war. The great majority of the letters are from members of the Bahaist Cult, and a number of the letters speak of sons and brothers in the American army. There is only one letter from anyone who would even appear to have a German name. This letter also speaks of a brother in France, "fighting for the glorious cause of democracy." This letter

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being addressed Haifa, Syria. The correspondence confirms interviews which Agent has had with Mr. A. W. Randall in regard to the subject and his relations with Abdul Baha, and also the reason for his trip in 1914-15. Most of the documents were in connection with subject's studies, and contained hieroglyphics, and translations from Egyptian, Indian and Persian monuments. The correspondence also confirms the subject's story of his own life, in that post-marks and dates show that he has actually lived at the addresses given the Departments at the times which he has stated. His correspondence also shows that his activities are confined to his scientific inquiries, and his Bahaist friends.

Subject has previously stated that he was born in Michigan and brought up there; and that he ran away from home, and was educated by a German professor, who had been driven out of Germany because of his revolutionary ideas. According to clippings from newspapers, which Agent found in subject's trunks, subject was interested for 15 or 18 years after that in scientific discoveries regarding the solar system, and the effect of cold and vibration upon human life. He is also a poet, having written a great many poems, which have been compiled and published. He has written many articles for various newspapers all over the country on public questions of the day, and Agent found no sign of any German connection in any of these, from 1863 up to the present time. Subject, in his speeches and manuscripts, speaks of the United States as "our country", and there is no mention made at any time of Germany. Agent found a number of articles which stated that subject was a young German scientist, these articles appearing in the German paper of Detroit, Mich., the

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Our personal affairs are of not much importance in this world tumult in which through war and struggle the land has been turned over preparatory to receiving the Seed of God.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Harry.

Agent also quotes subject's letter in reply to Mr. Randall's, which gives a fair insight into subject's business and associations.

27 Astor St., Oct. 8th 1918.

W. H. Randall
Boston Mass.

Dear Harry:-

I have yours of the 7th inst. with enclosed check, for which I am grateful to you and to the one for whom I am laboring--Abdul Baha, and to whom I am and ~~am~~ no doubt will held strictly accountable for the outlay I have made in this effort, as I know well that he has done this before when I was his housekeeper. Nevertheless I agree with the economy idea fully.

I note what you say about economy and sacrifice. It appears, dear Harry, that about ever so often you get a feeling that you must write me a letter which takes all the sunshine out, that may be because you are not personally interested in the work I am doing, as much as I am in what you do for the Cause. But on second thought and reflection I see considerable humor in your argument and letter and hope you will see the humor in my reply. One thing stands out boldly, and that is, the labor for Abdul Baha and the Cause is not to be judged by the human vision and understanding, and that includes both your and my limited vision.

Because I trusted in your faith in me I have not troubled you about the details of my affairs heretofore, but it is best that you know a few things, and then you will be in better position to remark and preach, dear brother.

While cost of everything has gone up since our agreement and covenant has been in effect, I reduced a year ago the amount \$25 per month. Then I put in a further reduction the past year by calling on you only every five weeks instead of every four. Not because I could not use it, but because I assumed that much more labor, as well as strict economy by cooking my own meal and moving in from Dorchester to a room where for the whole winter the sun never shone into. And yet I have just as cheerful and refined tastes of home surroundings as you or others of refined natures--but I make the sacrifice.

I use VERY little of the funds for my own use, as I eat only two dinners in restaurants a week, and get goose pimples to pay 65 cents for one. I needed clothes badly, and the suits I had ready to give away, I had the

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Aberdeen Post: the same paper speaks of him as a German-American scientist, and spells his name with the Germanized version, Goetsinger. The American newspapers, however, of New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco use the Americanized version of the name and he is there spoken of as an American. Clippings speak of his travels in other countries. Some of his speeches are regarding his travels, but none of the clippings show that he has ever been in Germany or any of the enemy countries, with the exception of Turkey.

In 1905, subject claimed to have found a new remedy for consumption, which he called "Oxydase". The Oxydase Chemical Company was organized, the address of the firm being 515 Lexington Ave., New York City, having serial no. 5092, under the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. Subject at a later date, -some time in 1910,- sold out his interest in this company, together with the formula, and has not been interested in the company in any way since. He did not receive a large sum, obtaining approximately \$2500. for his whole interest. Subject stated previously that he retired from the business so that he might be free to pursue his scientific discoveries.

In 1911 appears his first interest in the Bahaist Cult, and on Dec. 9, 1914, he applied for a passport to go to Italy, Egypt, and Palestine for the purpose of completing certain arrangements regarding the Bahaist Convention of the Panama Exposition. Previous reports have shown that while he may have had this object in view when he started for Palestine to confer with Abdul Baha, his main object was to carry the money, \$1200, which had been furnished by the two Randall brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, and one or two other members of the

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Bahaist Cult in this country. This money was supposed to be for the relief of Abdul Baha, and was obtained over his protests, as he did not wish the money sent to him, owing to the fact that in all probability it would be seized by the Turks, if it was sent. On his passport, Getsinger signs the oath of allegiance, and it was during this trip that he sent the letter to the German authorities in this country through Mr. Scheenfeld. His identification is signed by Richard H. Barnitz, of 2626 University Pl., Washington, D. C. The passport number was 45041.

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tailor cut up the vests and put patches on the seats, cuffs on the frayed sleeves and legs, and my overcoat is being turned inside out.

It is true that you sent me a check three weeks ago, but you forget that last month you forgot to send me when promised until over two weeks had passed, and I was hard pressed and phoned you. This put me \$190 behind, and this month the check minus \$25 puts me more behind ---because during the winter when I had to pay the reference searcher \$30 and toward the last \$40 a week, when I was not getting more than that, I arranged to pay in instalments instead of asking you for a lump sum when I got in debt. Now that I don't need him, he looks for his money each month.

The illustrators for the drawings are getting fabulous sums for work on war books illustrations, so that I could not touch them. I found one in Brookline who would do it reasonable at spare hours----- \$ 6 each. and pay him in instalments. He has finished 52 on the Zodiacal figures into which I insert the alphabets, and there are more of other illustrations to follow. I am not asking for a lump sum to pay for this either, but would like to keep my promises in the instalments to them.

My furniture is on the instalment plan.

Abdul Baha will be on his way here by spring, and I want to have things ready to submit to him when he gets here.

While I also like a home, someone to talk to, whereas now I dont see a person to speak to for days and days at a time, save when I got to Bert or Henry, and as wasteful-- unfortunately poverty does not take these human inclinations away, I put that on the side of sacrifice, as I have done for more than 15 years. In fact my trail in the cause from San Franc. to Bombay is plainly marked with sacrifices and economy during over 20 years. I do it now from force of habit, as my statement proves. I would like a dog or a cat for companionship, but I know that if my own cooking has the same effect on them as it does on me, there would soon be a dead mut and nine lives snuffed out in a short time.

So now dear Harry, life has very little of anything that would want me to stick very much to it--only the work I am doing and I work myself sick, because there is nothing else I enjoy, consequently, just put the soft pedal on the crepe and blanket, and know that AM sacrificing everyday, and in such wise as I know you would hope not to have to do for yourself---yet my spirit is just as proud and just as fine grained as yours. The world is full of those who can labor for the country in their way, but there are but few who can labor in the field I do and if it was not needed, I would not be getting the light. This "not being a Bahai unless you dont do this or that" is a very limited vision. Activities in all departments of human activities, even that of refining the methods of the business world, or refining the materialism of education and knowledge, are all Bahai activities, more than that of reading and reading and reciting the Holy words and placing a selfmade halo around our sanctified heads.

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When your heart points to the pole of the spirit I would like to have a visit in the spirit with you and talk over various matters, now that A.B. is looking in this direction.

I hope you see the humor too and a fair exchange is real Bahai generosity.

Yours sincerely

Agent also found an envelope, addressed to Abdul Baha (Persian Savant) Haifa, Syria, via Egypt, registry no. 320649, in which he gives his return address as P.O. Box 2772, Boston, Mass. He asks for a return receipt, return receipt no. being 10295. The even- envelope is marked "Passed by Censor" on three occasions, but is returned to the subject, owing to their inability to locate the address. In the envelope was part of the letter, which is as follows:

NOTICE TO CENSOR

Abdul Baha:-

I am writing this on a separate page, so that the censor can refuse to pass it if he wishes, as it contains matters about the war.

I am enclosing newspaper copy the latest speech by President Wilson on the peace terms which Rumania has asked for from England. This speech declares how Wilson or U.S. will agree to peace, so that no more war will be possible. Small nations to be protected for the strong; A League of Nations; Arbitration among the nations with a Tribunal etc. In fact he has read many of the Bahai books and it will be seen that he has found the Fountain of Wisdom.

There is no possibility of the Central Powers winning even enough to be asked for peace terms. Wilson has determined that the Central Powers must sue for peace, either now or soon. We have actually 1 700 000 men in France all from U.S. and are now mobilizing 3 000 000 more and more still if required until the war lords are vanquished. This whole nation is agreed as to the war. It is not necessary for the government to pass laws that we should eat less meat; use less sugar, less wool, etc. The President only needs to say that the people must do so and so, and at once it is done without any law. I am informed fairly well, and I am positive that this country will never cease the war with Germany until the Kaiser comes to Washington for peace terms, and then they will have to be on such terms as will insure a world peace hereafter: The Kaiser hoped the German Americans would rebel---then he became surprised to find how many soldiers from U.S. had German names among the prisoners. I am also giving my services two nights a week, to speak to the people

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in the theaters on the war needs, and I belong to thousands who do this all over, and are directed from Washington. We are called four minute men, because we speak only four minutes at each place.

I am so glad that the Allies have at last come to liberate you and establish law and order.

Doctor.

Agent is also quoting letter written by Mrs. A. V. Parsons, of Dublin, N. H. This refers to the object of Getsinger's trip across to Abdul Baha in 1914-15; it refers to the raising of the money and Abdul Baha's refusal of it, when they wished to send it. The Claudia mentioned in the letter is subject's wife, who died in Egypt in 1917. Subject previously stated that he was not married, but his papers show that he was married, although he did not live with his wife for a number of years. She also was Bahaist, and they agreed on some points, but did not live together. There are no records of his marital relations beyond an application which subject made for a divorce from his wife, grounds for obtaining divorce unknown, application being made in Chicago in 1912. The following is copy of letter above referred to:

Finished Nov. 3rd 1914

Dear Mr. Getsinger:

Mr. & Mrs. Ober & I have done what we could to show to Mrs. Goodall & Mrs. Cooper our reasons for taking a favorable view of the plan to send help to the poor in Syria. They were very kind, expressed no criticism of those who felt the call, but did not embrace the plan.

Nov. 3rd. This was begun several days ago, but there has seemed to be no fitting time to continue. I am really sorry not to have sent you some idea of their attitude of mind earlier, but I do not feel all these matters are subjects for telegrams - unless the emergency is very great. Meantime yours of Oct. 31st has reached me. I still feel that nothing is so important as the avoidance of any mention of funds in a cable to that distressed country of Turkey. You will be glad to hear that Mr. Parsons, who leaves here the end of this week to spend perhaps a day or so in Boston and then going to Washn has asked Mr. Ober to travel with him & stay there for several days with him. Mr. Ober will be able, in this way, to visit the various assemblies & you know how devotedly he will try to straighten things out! I shall not

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return quite yet. Mr. Lunt sent me copy of your letter to Mrs. True, & I was distressed to see the criticisms which had found their way into it. Truly I was surprised and disappointed, for you had shown such willingness to cross out all such criticisms in the writings we went over here & they were made so much stronger & more powerful thereby. I have lost no sympathy with your big plan, but I am conscious of the uselessness even the harm of some of the letters & messages you have sent out recently & am tempted to feel that these things make you lose ground.

If Abdul Baha had chosen to give a direct answer to you or rather a direct instruction, he would not have failed to do so. He knew that the message had reached your heart & that it might reach the hearts of a few others. Once I wrote asking him to please say to me "do this! do not do that!" & I received only a spiritual reply - "Abdul Baha is not training slaves but men", & I saw that through acting upon our understanding of his teachings we grow. I mean after consultation & if we are assured that our action is not in opposition to any command.

I do not see that the sending of relief to a stricken people goes against any command or statement & I pray that we may show wisdom in completing the work. You say "a cable would have shown to the Turkish officials that no fund was being collected". My point is that frantic officials might have said "We will not allow money to be refused". I am happy about all you have done to make a foundation for unity, & as my note to the sec. shows, I think we should all do what we can to uphold the present arrangement. Do you see any way of sending the money except on a messenger? Please take no action concerning Krug fund until you can talk over things with Mr. Ober. I cannot write all I would say. Please do not ask for any of this matter to be published in the Star of the West! Do let us proceed quietly!! I do not find copy of your letter to Mrs. Krug - The one to Mrs. True was sent by Mr. Lunt at your request. Let us look at the bright side! Is it not much that such dear souls as Claudia, Mr. & Mrs. Ober, Mr. Lunt and the Randalls see this as a hoped for opportunity for service? And I don't know how many other dear Bahais are with us. Have you reached Mrs. Morse? She so gladly and so liberally responded last spring.

I am glad you wrote the note to Mr. Parsons. I think it relieved his mind as to the loyalty of the Germans in this country, & I was glad that it showed him your position. I still feel that your original plan of a central Treasurer is a good one & it seems to me that you should be the messenger - unless we can be assured of some way by which gold can be had there. Another important point to me is that Gold should be handed the entire sum, before A.B. is told of it. I think you are right about not having anything to do with funds which may be collected in N.Y. but I want you to regard these things I say as confidential (except Claudia) for I do not wish to antagonize.

Yours with Bahai greetings.

A. V. Parsons

In February, 1918, Subject wrote to the State Dept., Washington, D. C., asking in regard to the sending of money to Abdul Baha through

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the Consular officials. The following letter was received in reply:

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WASHINGTON

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Professor E. G. Getzinger,

65 Astor Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 26, 1918, and take pleasure in informing you that Mr. William P. Kent is the American Consul at Berne, Switzerland. Mr. Rudolf E. Schoenfeld is the Vice Consul.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Herbert C. Hengstler,
Chief, Consular Bureau.

The above explanation of this letter is the one given by subject to Agent. Rudolf E. Schoenfeld, mentioned in the letter, is a son of Dr. Schoenfeld, referred to in Chief Bielski's letter of instructions. Agent made careful inquiries from subject regarding his connections with Schoenfeld, and subject denied having seen that party, with one exception, for the last 15 years, stating that he met him on the street in Washington back in 1914 while he (Getzinger) was still living in that city. He stated that one or two letters had passed between them during that time, but that since the war, he had not heard from him.

It is evident from the result of Agent's search of subject's apartment that the subject is entirely innocent and the letter mailed by Dr. Schoenfeld to the German authorities was not written by him, or that he has very carefully covered up his tracks and destroyed every possible bit of evidence and papers which would show any connection.

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Agent has been in touch with the man so that he has made very few movements in the last two or three months that Agent has not known about. His mail, telephone calls, friends, express packages, etc., have all been covered, and there is no sign of German activities; in fact, exactly the opposite, he being very open, and anxious to have the authorities know of his activities in the Liberty Loan and Four-Minute campaigns. Agent has been very careful not to allow the subject to become suspicious, and subject now believes that the whole investigation is because of his visit to this office, at which time he requested such investigation on account of the persecution of him by Miss Ethel Young.

Agent has caught the subject in a number of direct lies,--assuming that he is the person who wrote the letters to the German Embassy- in that he denies any connection with Mr. Schoenfeld, and Agent believes that it would be advisable to examine the subject closely upon these points.

This investigation will be continued.

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Howard B. Pfaelzer

Boston, Mass.

Nov. 27, 1918 Nov. 21, 1918

In re: Edward Gotsinger,
 (alleged suspicious German Activities.

at Boston, Mass.

Agent accompanied Agent Ham to suspect's apartment, 27 Astor Street, Boston, Mass., ~~and~~ assisted in the search of two rooms and three or four trunks. No foreign correspondence was found. All the English letters of importance were taken by Agent Ham who is conducting this investigation.

For details of this case, see reports of Agent Ham of even date.

Copy sent to Boston Office.

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was written by Elmer Herbst, Chicago, Ill., street address unknown. The majority of the letters contain flowery quotations from Abdul Baha and Baha U llah's, with comments on how the members of the Cult are living up to the teachings, and asking for suggestions from the subject on mistakes they claim to have made in living their daily lives. Agent does not believe that there is anything in these letters which is at all suspicious, but, however, is submitting them to an expert in order to determine whether or not there is any question of a code.

In examining the subject's mail, agent found numerous pamphlets and letters from the Committee on Public Information, 10 Jackson Pl., Washington, D. C., Four-minute men, notifying the subject that he was to speak at various theatres in and about Boston, and giving him the dates and subjects upon which he was to speak. Agent would judge from the tone of the letters that subject had previously complied with the Committee's request, and had spoken upon these subjects.

Agent also found numerous torn library slips, showing that subject had taken books home from the library. These books were all of the same character as those which he had previously taken out from the library. There were also numerous scraps of paper with symbols and diagrams which evidently came from the old Egyptian monuments and mummies. The notes on these papers Agent would judge are his translations of these symbols. Agent will submit these to code expert when he submits the letters above mentioned.

Subject previously stated to Agent that he was not a member of any club, but Agent found a notice from the Arts and Letters Club, of Whitney Hall, Brookline, Red Suite, calling for a special meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21st, at 8.00 o'clock, signed by Grace Evelyn Brown, Secretary. To Agent's knowledge, this club is, as its name indicates, interested in arts and letters, having composers' nights, art exhibits and musical programs. Mention of the war is

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prohibited during club sessions.

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At Boston, Mass.

Continuing investigation, previously reported on Oct. 28th.

Agent proceeded to 27 Astor St., Boston, and interviewed the subject's landlady, Mrs. Annie McKensie. She stated that subject of late has kept to his apartment almost the whole time, so far as she has been able to notice. He eats two of his three meals during the day in his apartment, and goes out about once a day, staying about 15 minutes, long enough to purchase groceries and supplies, and newspaper for that day. He has had considerable mail lately, but no more than a man who maintains as large a correspondence as the subject has been in the habit of doing, should have. He has had no visitors at all. Since Agent last saw Mrs. McKensie, she has been sick and has spent most of her time at the window watching the doors and thus has been able to observe the subject closely. The waste-paper basket from subject's apartment has been brought to her room every day, and she turned over to the Agent the collection of articles taken from same.

Agent then proceeded to the Boston Public Library and there found that the subject has not been in the Library recently. Agent interviewed Mr. Powers, who has charge of Bates Hall, where Mr. Getsinger has spent his time while in the Library. Mr. Powers has noted the subject at various times, more particularly because of numerous telephone calls which he has received from a woman who refused to leave her name, but who always left the message for the subject to either call her up or come to her home. No address was ever left. Agent then made arrangements with the telephone operator

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At Boston, Mass.

Continuing investigation, previously reported Nov. 18th, Agent this day, pursuant to instructions from Chief Bielaski, a copy of which is as follows:

GFR:GER
November 14, 1918.

Geo. R. Kelleher, Esq.,
P. O. Box 3185,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir: In re: Goetsinger (German Matter)

Please secure confidentially, if possible, otherwise by direct approach, any letters written by Dr. Herman Schoenfeld, Washington, D.C., to subject subsequent to August 1st, 1914. Please photostat same and send to the Department at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
(Signed) A. B. Bielaski,
Chief.

took this matter up with Division Supt. Kelleher, and advised him that it was impossible to secure confidentially the information desired, owing to the fact that subject spends almost his entire time in his apartment.

Acting on instructions of Division Supt. Kelleher, Agent then proceeded to the office of U. S. Commissioner Hayes, and obtained a search warrant to search subject's apartment. Agent spent the whole day in going over the case with the Commissioner, securing the necessary affidavit, etc.

This investigation is to be continued.

Boston Office.

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In re: Edward C. Getsinger,
(Alleged pro-German)



At Boston, Mass.

Continuing investigation previously reported Nov. 19th, Agent proceeded to 27 Astor St., Boston, together with Agent Pfaelzer, formerly of this office, and searched the subject's apartment to obtain letters written by Dr. Herman Schoenfeld of Washington, D. C. to subject subsequent to August 1, 1914. Agent found no letters or correspondence whatever that related to Dr. Schoenfeld. Agent had obtained a search warrant on the previous day, but when he arrived at subject's apartment, he found no one there, so he obtained the keys from the landlady. While Agent was conducting the search, subject arrived at his apartment, and submitted to the search without having the warrant served upon him, stating that he was willing to help the Department in anything that they desired to learn.

Subject had three trunks full of letters, documents, and papers, and, together with Agent Pfaelzer, Agent went through all papers contained in these trunks. By far, the greater majority of the papers referred to subject's Bahaist connections, and related to the meetings of committees or conventions of the Bahaists in America. His most frequent correspondents were Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Parsons, of Dublin, N. H., and Washington D. C., street address unknown, Miss Leona Barnitz, of 2626 University Pl., Washington, D. C., Miss Barnitz being the secretary of Mrs. Parsons. Other correspondence was with the Randall Brothers, William and Albert, and there were many so-called "tablets" or writings from Abdul Baha, the head of the Bahaist Cult, these all Boston Office.

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At Boston, Mass.



Continuing investigation, previously reported Nov. 20th, Agent spent the day going over papers in connection with the above case, which papers he had obtained in the search of subject's apartment on the previous day.

In confirmation of subject's claim that his present financial support is due to a monthly check which he receives from Wm. H. Randall, 35 Congress St., Boston, Agent quotes the following letter from Randall to Getsinger. Note that Randall signs his middle name, Harry, to the letter.

Oct. 7, 1918.

Mr. Edward C. Getsinger,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Edward:-

I enclose check of \$150.00, and it is only three weeks since I sent the last check.

I think you must realize that my income is very, very much reduced owing to war activities and importunities in every direction very much increased, in fact I have been running behind every month this year. Ruth and I are rearranging our household on much more economical lines and some of our maids have already gone and it is probable that the chauffeur will follow. We are doing this because we feel that sacrifices should be made all along the line in order to take our stand with all the other people and be able to serve the many calls that require great assistance and in many cases starvation and suffering.

I can no longer feel that I am a Bahai without proving it through sacrifice in various ways. I know you will be glad to take a similar stand and as I view the outlook, labor assistance is perhaps more important for the next 12 months than anything else.

The time is fast approaching when the Bahais who will come into the open and actively assist the great movements that are making for world readjustment and promoting national brotherhood, economic and industrial peace, will be giving the real spiritual message that the world is hungering for.