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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1011 Santa Cruz, Grand Rapids, Mich.
June 14, 1941

SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

- Special Agent (Law Trained)
 - Special Agent (Accountant)
 - Stenographer
 - Typist
 - Messenger
 - Laboratory Technician*
 - Student Fingerprint Classifier
- (Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) FORD JR GERALD RUDOLPH
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 1011 Santa Cruz Grand Rapids, Michigan

3. Mail and telegraphic address Grand Rapids, Mich. Phone No. 83822

4. Date of birth July 14, 1913 Weight 192 Height 6' Color white
(Without Shoes)

5. Place of birth Omaha Nebraska

6. (a) Father's name Leslie King (b) Father's birthplace Casper, Wyoming

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Dorothy Hardnet (b) Mother's birthplace Harvard, Illinois

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here? _____

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? yes

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization _____

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Single
(Specify)

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed _____

13. Number of children, if any _____

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? no

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? no indebtedness

*Specify exact title of position sought as Laboratory Technician

See details on separate description sheets which will be furnished on request.

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16. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM—	TO—	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	MADISON SCHOOL GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.	KINDER- GARDEN	7TH GRADE JUNE "25"	
(b) High school equivalent	SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Grand Rapids	7TH GRADE SEPT. "25"	GRADUATION FROM 12TH GRADE JUNE "31"	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
(c) College or technical	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Ann Arbor	SEPT. "31"	JUNE "35"	BACHELOR OF ARTS
	YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL New Haven	FEB. "38"	FEB. "41"	LL.B.
(d) Miscellaneous *	New Haven			

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Corbey Court (Phi Delta Phi fraternity at Yale), Kent Country Club, Michiganian, M. Club, Sphinx,

18. Have you been admitted to the Bar, if so specify *admitted to Michigan bar June 7, 1941*

19. Describe any physical defects, including extent of defective vision, if any

My vision in the fall of 1940 was 20/40. Have had operations on both knees but operations were considered substantially successful.

20. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days and nature of serious illness):

Have had no illnesses of any consequence. Have had several slight colds each year but not confined to bed at anytime. Injured my left knee while skiing in 1940 but it is now all right. Injured my right knee while skiing in 1941. It is now all right.

* Applicants for Laboratory Technician positions should list in detail scientific courses pursued, using an insert if necessary and give title of any Master's or Doctor's Thesis prepared.

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21. Experience: (Please print.)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND KIND OF WORK	FROM-	TO-	ANNUAL SALARY
Name <u>YALE ATHLETIC ASSN.</u> Address <u>NEW HAVEN CONN.</u>	<u>ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH</u>	<u>SEPT. '35</u>	<u>FEB. '41</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Name <u>NATIONAL PARK SERVICE</u> Address <u>YELLOW STONE PARK</u>	<u>RANGER</u>	<u>JUNE '36</u>	<u>SEPT. '36</u>	<u>\$135.00 PER MONTH.</u>
Name _____ Address _____				
Name _____ Address _____				
<i>Ascertain whether applicant is presently employed by Michigan Trust Bldg, Grand Rapids ✓</i>				
Name _____ Address _____				
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22. Specify any arrests (include traffic arrests)

Arrested for speeding at New London, Conn in June 9, 1937. Not fined but had to pay court costs. Arrested for speeding at North Branford, Conn in Feb. of 1937. Not fined but had to pay court costs.

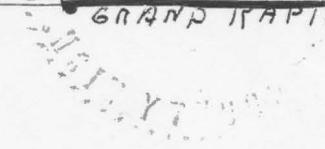
23. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action?

Parents divorced, prob., 1914, prob. Grand Rapids ✓

24. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS.
<i>1. PAUL GOEBEL</i>	<i>2310 JEFFERSON S.E. GRAND RAPIDS MICH.</i>	<i>10 YRS</i>	<i>GOEBEL & BROWN 17 MONROE N.E. GRAND RAPIDS MICH.</i>
<i>2. THORNE BROWN</i>	<i>737 CHIPPEWA DR. S.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>	<i>10 YRS</i>	<i>GOEBEL & BROWN 12 MONROE AVE NE GRAND RAPIDS MICH.</i>
<i>3. FREDERICK STILES, SR.</i>	<i>1810 FRANKLIN ST. S.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>	<i>8 YRS.</i>	<i>1575 EASTERN AVE. S.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>
<i>G. HOWARD SOUTHWICK.</i>	<i>1935 SAN LO RAE DR. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>	<i>6 YRS.</i>	<i>55 SHELDON S.E. GRAND RAPIDS MICH.</i>
	<i>GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>	<i>11 YRS.</i>	<i>GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.</i>

Miss Margaret Powell Beld



25. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

26. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? *Will accept whatever is the usual salary for lawyers entering the service*

27. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? *Will accept without previous notice*

28. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? *yes*

29. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? *yes*

A photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly on the photograph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.



Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford Jr

(Signature of applicant as usually written)

NOTE.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

NOTE.—The following jurat must be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me by the above-named applicant, this *16th* day of *June*, 19*41*, at city (or town) of *Grand Rapids*, county of *Kent*, and State (or Territory or District) of *Michigan*

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL]

Marcine Spaelma

(Signature of officer)

Notary Public Kent Co. Mich.

(Official title)

My comm. exp. Jan. 30, 1942

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6. (a) My father is Leslie King of Riverton, Wyoming. My mother, Mrs. Dorothy Gardner Ford, was married to Mr. King in 1912 and then divorced from him shortly after my birth. Mother then came to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in order to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Gardner. My mother married Gerald R. Ford, Sr., on February 1, 1916, in Grand Rapids and since their marriage I have lived with them. I never saw my father, Leslie King, until my Junior year in high school and since then only infrequently. At all times the relationship of father and son has existed between Mr. Ford and myself. In 1935 in the Probate Court of Kent County, Michigan, my name was legally changed to Gerald R. Ford, Jr. *from Leslie King, Jr.*

17. Delta Kappa Epsilon (Social fraternity at the University of Michigan.) Corbey Court (Phi Delta Phi) - Corbey Court is the only legal fraternity at the Yale Law School. All members of Corbey Court are members of the National legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi. Kent Country Club (a Grand Rapids golf, tennis and social Club.) Michigamua (senior honorary society at the University of Michigan.) "M" Club (athletic letter winners club at the University of Michigan for students and alumni.) Sphinx, (Junior honorary society at the University of Michigan.) Peninsular Club (A Grand Rapids social organization.)

20. Right knee injured while playing football my Junior year in High School. Operated on at the University Hospital at Ann Arbor Michigan. Left knee injured as a Sophomore at the University of Michigan while a member of the varsity football squad. It was operated upon at the University Hospital.

24. I have given as references the names of five men in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which City I consider my home. However, as I indicated in question 21, I was employed at the Yale University as assistant football coach for five and one-half years. During this time I lived in New Haven, but at no time did I consider it my residence. The first two and one-half years in New Haven, I was assistant football and assistant boxing coach. The last three years I was assistant football and assistant boxing coach and at the same time went to and graduated from the Yale Law School. If personal references are desired from New Haven I can furnish them. Most of my acquaintances in New Haven were among my fellow coaches at the Athletic Association and among the students and faculty at the Law School.

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5-3-76

J. J. McDERMOTT

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, Jr.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - BUREAU FILE 161-9896

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend transfer of captioned file from my office to the Special File Room.

DETAILS:

Memo 8-14-74 from J. W. Marshall to you reflects Mr. Callahan's instructions that the captioned file containing the results of the extensive Special Inquiry investigation conducted by the Bureau concerning Mr. Ford prior to his designation and confirmation as Vice President be maintained in the Front Office of the then Files and Communications Division, not to be charged out to anyone without the Assistant Director's approval. Also maintained in my Front Office is a correspondence-research file concerning Mr. Ford (94-40611) and a Bureau applicant file (67-221008) captioned "Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Special Agent Applicant."

It is believed that these files more appropriately belong in the Special File Room rather than in my Front Office. In the Special File Room they can be afforded safe-cabinet security in a room to which access is extremely limited and tightly controlled. Former Director Hoover's Official and Confidential files, as well as files relating to Director Kelley, are maintained in the Special File Room at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Special Inquiry, Special Agent Applicant, and correspondence-research file relating to President Ford be transferred from a cabinet in my Front Office to the Special File Room.

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4-12-83 see memo 4-1-83 from Mr. Selmer
to Mr. Hoover for approval*

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 10, 1975

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.
BUFILE 67-221008

The External Affairs Division advises that one or two press inquiries have been received as to the reason President Ford was not tendered an appointment in connection with his application for the Special Agent position in 1941.

A review of the file indicates no specific reason as to why appointive action was not taken but was apparently due to the nature of the football injuries to his legs which precluded his acceptability.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General be made aware that inquiries have been received and will be responded to as indicated above.

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MR. JENKINS

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J. W. MARSHALL

GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, Jr.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - BUREAU FILE 161-9896

Per instructions from Mr. Callahan the captioned file, which contains the results of the extensive Special Inquiry investigation conducted concerning Mr. Ford prior to his being designated Vice President, will be retained in my office and will not be charged out to anyone without my approval. I will also maintain in my office file 94-40611 concerning Mr. Ford and file 67-221008 entitled "Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., Special Agent Applicant."

Abstracts relating to these files will likewise be restricted and will not be made available to anyone without my approval.

RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes.

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR. - Special Agent Applicant - 67-221008

NR Father: Leslie King *Wyo.*
Mother's Maiden Name: Dorothy Gardner *Ill.*
M Step-Father: Gerald Rudolph Ford *Mich.*
Step-Brother: Thomas Ford *Mich. Ill.*

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Mr. Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
621 Michigan Trust Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mr. Ford:

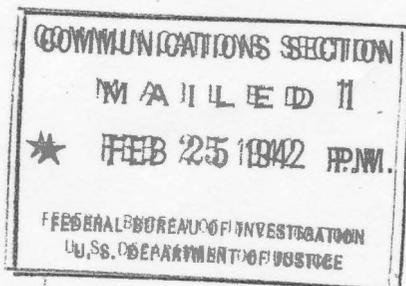
Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of recent date in which you inquire relative to the status of your application on file for appointment to a position in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

You are advised that your application is being retained on file for consideration in the event it is possible to utilize your services at some future date.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Ford and Buchen
Attorneys at Law
621 Michigan Trust Building
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Telephone 83822

February 12, 1942

The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I filled out and sent to your office my application for an appointment as a special agent. Subsequently, I took the written examination and later had a physical examination by my local doctor. Since completing the above, I have not heard regarding the status of my application. Perhaps it is too early for me to expect any affirmative or negative decision on the above, but if you are able to disclose at this time what action has been taken in my case, I would appreciate knowing.

Respectfully,

Gerald R. Ford Jr.

Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

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LIGHT. GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., SA APPLICANT. BORN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY FOURTEEN, THIRTEEN. ATTENDED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, GRAND RAPIDS, FALL TWENTYSEVEN TO JUNE NINETEEN, THIRTYONE, GRADUATED IN UPPER QUARTER OF CLASS WITH FOUR YEAR AVERAGE OF EIGHTYNINE PLUS. PARTICIPATED OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THREE SPORTS. TEACHERS STATE ALERT, INDUSTRIOUS, POPULAR, CONSCIENTIOUS, DISCREET, TO HAVE GREAT LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND TO BE ONE OF SCHOOLS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI. DECREE CHANGING NAME LESLIE KING, JR., TO GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., NUMBER FIVE NINE FOUR TWO FOUR ENTERED PROBATE COURT DECEMBER THREE, THIRTYFIVE. APPLICANT MEMBER LAW FIRM FORD AND BUCHEN, OFFICES SIX TWO ONE MICHIGAN TRUST BLDG., AND EMPLOYED UNIVERSITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AS TEACHER OF LAW IN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH. DEAN OF SCHOOL STATES HAS PLEASING PERSONALITY, IS GOOD ORGANIZER OF COURSE AND TEACHER, AND IS POPULAR WITH STUDENTS. REFERENCES STATE PERSONABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, TEMPERATE, ENERGETIC, FORCEFUL, GOOD MIXER, GOOD ORGANIZER, AND GIVE HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION. NEIGHBORS GIVE GOOD REPORT OF APPLICANT AND FAMILY. OTHER PERSONS INTERVIEWED CORROBORATE TEACHERS, DEAN, REFERENCES AND NEIGHBORS. ONE PERSON STATES APPLICANT, AS HOLDER OF ISOLATIONIST VIEWPOINT, ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE AT YALE UNIVERSITY, TWO PERSONS STATE AFFILIATED WITH

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FILE NO. **67-1206**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 1-26-42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-19-42	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES G. CARR mg
TITLE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant's ~~step~~ ^{agent} father, **LESLIE KING**, was in real estate business, Riverton, Wyoming, for many years until 1938, but now deceased. Reputation and morals considered excellent; no criminal record; satisfactory credit record, Riverton, Wyoming; no indication of un-American tendencies.

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REFERENCE:

out Bureau teletype dated January 15, 1942.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO

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Chief SLAGLE stated that he was positive that Applicant's ~~step~~ father had no un-American tendencies.

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TITLE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Applicant born July 14, 1913. Attended South High School, Grand Rapids, 1927-1931. Participated in outside activities, including three sports. Graduated in upper quarter of class, with four year average of 89-58. Decree No. 59424, changing name from LESLIE KING, JR., to GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., entered by Probate Court of Kent County December 3, 1935. Applicant member of law firm FORD and BUCHEN, and employed University of Grand Rapids as teacher of law in School of Business Administration, references and other persons interviewed recommend highly, saying personable, alert, industrious, temperate, energetic, forceful, popular, conscientious, discreet, good mixer, good organizer, has great leadership ability. Neighbors give good report of Applicant and family. One person states Applicant, holding isolationist viewpoint, active in organizing AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at Yale University. Two persons state affiliated with COMMITTEE for same reason. All agree war changed isolationist opinions. All persons state Applicant and family 100% Americans and free from subversive tendencies or sympathies. Parents, LESLIE KING and DOROTHY GARDNER KING divorced Omaha, Nebraska, 1914 or 1915. Mother married

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GERALD RUDOLPH FORD at Grand Rapids, February 1, 1917. Present address of LESLIE KING unknown, but last heard from May 23, 1938, from Riverton, Wyoming, and once in 1939 from Lincoln, Nebraska. Applicant no credit record; step-father excellent one. No ^{arrest} criminal records for Applicant or family. Applicant's draft classification I-B, unchanged after review December 9, 1941. All persons state Applicant willing to be inducted if called, and not filing application to avoid military service.

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Reference:

copy { Bureau teletype dated January 13, 1942.

Details:

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

Mr. SHERMAN E. CORYELL, 1332 Giddings Avenue, S.E., Principal, South High School, 120 Hall Street, S.E.; produced the records of Applicant's attendance at that School from the Fall of 1927 until graduation on June 19, 1931, which indicated a four year average of 89.58. Mr. CORYELL stated that this average would place Applicant in the upper fourth of his class, on the basis of which he was elected to membership in the National Honor Society. The records gave Applicant's birth as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska. They also indicated the Applicant's election by his fellow students to the School's Student Council, and his election by it to the Inter-Hi Council, composed of representatives from all High Schools in the City. The records further showed Applicant's participation in the following activities: Glee Club, Latin Club, Football Team (Captain his Senior year), Basketball Team and Track Team. Mr. CORYELL advised that there is no record of any disciplinary action having been



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taken against Applicant.

Mr. CORYELL stated that he had not been connected with South High School during Applicant's attendance there, but that he was familiar with Applicant's outstanding record. He advised that Applicant was "one man in a School generation," and that he is considered one of South High School's outstanding alumni.

Schools
Mr. ARTHUR W. KRAUSE, 910 Giddings Avenue, S.E., Superintendent of Public Schools, 143 Bostwick Avenue, N.E., advised that he had been Principal of South High School while Applicant was in attendance there. He stated that Applicant was a conscientious student, who had been extremely popular with his fellow students and also highly regarded by his teachers. Mr. KRAUSE said that during Applicant's term as football captain, as well as during his membership on the Student Council, he had demonstrated leadership ability which was outstanding in a boy of his age. He also advised that Applicant had given striking evidence of his ability to "keep his mouth shut."

Mr. KRAUSE stated that he has been well acquainted with Applicant ever since his High School days, and considers him to be excellent material for any Government position. He also stated that he knows the reputation of Applicant and his entire family to be excellent, and that they are free and clear from any un-American or subversive tendencies.

Mr. HOWARD W. WICKETT, 1644 Jefferson Avenue, S.E., Apartment 2, Principal Creston High School, 1676 Plainfield Avenue, N.W., advised that he had been Applicant's session room teacher at South High School, as well as faculty Manager of athletics during the period of Applicant's attendance at that School. Mr. WICKETT stated that Applicant had made a splendid record both scholastically and athletically while at High School, and had been selected, in his Senior year, as Center of the All-State High School football team. He characterized Applicant as a clean boy of good habits, good looking in appearance, and alert not only in class, but on the athletic field.



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Mr. WICKETT stated that the reputation of Applicant and of his family is above reproach, and that none of them hold any subversive tendencies so far as he knows or has heard. He advised that he would have no hesitation in recommending Applicant for any position for which he had the technical qualifications.

In the Office of the County Clerk of Kent County, Michigan, is contained, in Marriage Record Volume 18, Page 179, No. 4165, a record of the marriage at Grand Rapids, by C.O. GRIESHABER, Clergyman, on February 1, 1917, of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD and DOROTHY GARDINER KING. Such record contains the notation that the bride had been married once before, without designating the manner in which such former marriage was terminated. Applicant advised that such former marriage had terminated in a divorce, decreed in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1914 or 1915.

The records of the Probate Court of Kent County indicate that on December 3, 1935, on Petition of the Applicant, a Decree, No. 59424, was entered by JOHN DALTON, Probate Judge, changing Applicant's name from LESLIE KING, JR., to GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR. In the file containing the original Decree there is lodged a letter, dated May 23, 1938, from LESLIE KING, of Riverton, Wyoming, making inquiries concerning the proceedings. Applicant advised that he had last heard from his father by letter, received sometime in 1939, which bore no return address, but was postmarked "Lincoln, Nebraska;" and that neither he nor his mother knew the present whereabouts of his father.

EMPLOYMENT

Applicant is a member of the law firm of FORD and BUCHEN, with offices at 621 Michigan Trust Building, S.E. corner of Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W. Certificate of Copartnership No. 2300, filed on June 20, 1941, in the Office of the County Clerk of Kent County, Michigan, indicated that the members of that firm are GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., and PHILIP W. BUCHEN.



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Mr. ROBERT J. McBAIN, 926 Joslin Street, S.E., Dean, School of Business Administration, University of Grand Rapids, 1607 Robinson Road, S.E., stated that Applicant had been employed last Summer as teacher of law in the School of Business Administration and as Assistant Football Coach. Mr. McBAIN advised that Applicant is a man of excellent personality, who meets people well, and who has shown marked ability as an organizer in preparing the law course to be given during this School year. He stated that Applicant appears to be a good teacher, and is popular with his students, and that he had made a large contribution to the success of last Fall's football season.

Mr. McBAIN stated that he knows Applicant socially, and that he does not use alcohol to excess. He also stated that he considers Applicant to be a 100% American.

REFERENCES

Mr. PAUL G. GOEBEL, 2310 Jefferson Drive, S.E., partner in the sporting goods firm of Goebel and Brown, 12 Monroe Avenue, N.E., stated that he has known Applicant for 18 or 20 years, and is also acquainted with Applicant's family. He said that Applicant is "a splendid young man," popular, and a good mixer, who had made a very good record in High School, at the University of Michigan, and at Yale Law School. Mr. GOEBEL stated that Applicant has temperate habits, does not smoke, drinks rarely and very moderately when he does, and keeps himself in good physical condition. He also stated that, except for injuries to his knees which Applicant had received while playing football, Applicant had enjoyed good health.

Mr. GOEBEL further advised that Applicant has a great deal of "drive" and organizing ability. As evidence of the latter, he cited Applicant's achievements in getting a law practice started, as well as the success of "Curbstone Quarterbacks", a series of weekly luncheons for persons interested in football, promoted by Applicant, which "started from scratch" last Fall and built up to an attendance of 400 at one luncheon.



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Mr. GOEBEL stated that Applicant's mother is a "fine, civic-minded woman," and that his step-father is a civic leader who is very highly regarded in the community. He could give no information concerning Applicant's real father. Mr. GOEBEL said he was certain that Applicant and his entire family had no un-American tendencies, and were loyal Americans.

Mr. GOEBEL further advised that Applicant had spoken to him about Selective Service, and had stated his willingness to go into the army if called, although he felt that his legal training would fit him to serve his country more effectively than as a selectee, and hence he had made Application for employment both by the Office of Naval Intelligence and by the Bureau.

Mr. GOEBEL stated that he would be more than willing to employ Applicant himself, and that, although he made it a practice not to recommend people for jobs, he had no hesitation in recommending Applicant for employment by the Bureau, and did so without any reservation.

Dr. G. HOWARD SOUTHWICK, 1935 San Lu Rae Drive, S.E., East Grand Rapids, physician and surgeon, 55 Sheldon Avenue, S.E., stated that he had known Applicant for about 12 years, and his family even longer. Dr. SOUTHWICK gave substantially the same information about Applicant and his family as Mr. GOEBEL, adding that Applicant is a person of the highest integrity, and that his half-brother, THOMAS FORD, is an Ensign in the United States Navy, presently stationed somewhere on the West Coast.

Mr. THORNE J. BROWN, 937 Chippewa Drive, S.E., partner in the sporting goods firm of Goebel and Brown, 12 Monroe Avenue, N.W., stated that he had known Applicant for a least 10 years. Mr. BROWN gave approximately the same information concerning Applicant and his family as Mr. GOEBEL and Dr. SOUTHWICK, and characterized him as having "good habits." He was particularly emphatic in his recommendation of Applicant ~~for employment by the Bureau.~~

Mr. FREDERICK E. STILES, 1310 Franklin Street, S.E., member of the law firm of WILLIAMS, STILES and TUBBS, 538

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Michigan Trust Building, S.E. Corner Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W., and President, Stiles Incorporated, 155 Eastern Avenue, S.E., stated that he had known Applicant for 7 years and his mother and step-father for 15 or 20 years. Mr. STILES corroborated the statements concerning Applicant and his family made by the three previous references. He also described Applicant as a "fine fellow", who is intelligent and discreet, possessing both drive and ingenuity. Mr. STILES said that he considered Applicant worthy of the highest possible recommendation.

[redacted] advised that he has known Applicant and his family for a number of years, since his first association with Applicant's step-father in business. [redacted] information concerning Applicant and his family was corroborative of that furnished by the other references.

[redacted] described applicant as a hard worker, a good mixer, and free from any trace of snobbishness. He advised that he did not believe Applicant had been a member of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at Yale University, but of an organization of similar name, which he could not recall, supporting the candidacy of WENDELL WILLKIE for President.

[redacted] advised that Applicant had held isolationist opinions during the past few years, but that he had changed such opinions following the entry of the United States into the War. He also advised that Applicant had expressed to him willingness to serve his country in any capacity for which he might be called.

NEIGHBORHOOD

AT EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

Mrs. GEORGE J. HARDY, 1012 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whos husband is employed in the shops of the Pere Marquette Rail-



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road, advised that she has been a neighbor of the FORD family for the past four years, and is acquainted with all of them except Applicant, whom she knows barely to speak to because of him having been away from home until recently. She stated that the family are "splendid" people, and that Applicant's brothers, RICHARD and JAMES, who are in School, are well-behaved boys who cause no trouble in the neighborhood. Mrs. HARDY said that she had never heard any scandal concerning any member of the FORD family, or any rumor of their making un-American or subversive statements or having any such tendencies.

The following persons, when interviewed, stated that they had each known Applicant's family for about two years, and gave substantially the same information as Mrs. HARDY:

Mrs. RICHARD J. ELIAS, 1016 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is a dentist, with offices at 744 Franklin Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. RUSSEL A. SWANEY, 1017 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is Secretary-Treasurer of Harper, Wegusen and Yonkman, Inc., 104 Federal Square Building, 29-33 Pearl Street, North West, Grand Rapids, investments.

Mrs. HAROLD J. DAMSTRA, 1022 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is a physician, with offices at 1115 Wealthy Street, S.E., Grand Rapids.

Mrs. BERNARD S. WARREN, 1025 Santa Cruz Drive, stated that she had resided in the neighborhood only a short time and could give no information about Applicant or his family.

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AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

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stated that he has known Applicant for 8 years, having been a Fraternity brother, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Applicant's

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at the University of Michigan. He characterized Applicant as a "swell fellow," entirely trustworthy, whose word is entitled to absolute reliance, having no bad habits, and being only an occasional moderate drinker.

[redacted] stated that Applicant, while attending the University of Michigan, had held the view, shared by many of his contemporaries, that war is entirely futile as a means of settling anything, and was strongly set against taking part in any war which might occur in the future. He stated that out of these views, Applicant evolved an adherence to the isolationist viewpoint when the present War began and aid to Britain was advocated. He further stated that, motivated by his isolationist viewpoint, Applicant joined the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE when it was first organized at Yale University by two of Applicant's friends in the law school. [redacted] advised he was convinced that Applicant had adhered to the COMMITTEE with pure motives, and not with any subversive intent. He further stated that, when the authorities of Yale University suggested to Applicant that it was embarrassing for the University to have him, while a member of the football coaching staff, active on the COMMITTEE, Applicant promptly severed all connection with the COMMITTEE; and that shortly afterward, Applicant became associated with the WILKIE Organization and worked hard organizing WILKIE-for-President Clubs in Colleges and Universities throughout the country.

[redacted] advised that he has known Applicant since they were in grade school together. He said that he and Applicant had gone to different High Schools, but had been together at the University of Michigan, where Applicant belonged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. [redacted] described Applicant as having good moral fibre, no bad habits, and being a good organizer.

[redacted] gave substantially the same information as [redacted] about Applicant's connection with the AMERICA



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FIRST COMMITTEE, except that he doubted Applicant's having been one of the organizers at Yale University. He corroborated [redacted] in his statement that Applicant's connection with the COMMITTEE had been due to his isolationist viewpoint rather than to any subversive tendencies, and stated that in his opinion Applicant is a loyal American. [redacted] stated that he would recommend Applicant without reservation for a position with the Bureau.

[redacted] stated that he has known Applicant since he was about four years old. He stated that he [redacted]

[redacted] gave substantially the same information about Applicant and his family as the references, named above, and corroborated [redacted] statements concerning Applicant's connection with the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and his motives in such connection.

AT EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

Mr. ALLAN ELLIOTT, Grandville, Michigan, teacher and athletic coach, East Grand Rapids High School, 2021 Lake Drive, S.E., stated that he has known Applicant since they were both youngsters, having gone to both Junior and Senior High School, and played on the same teams, with Applicant. Mr. ELLIOTT said that Applicant is a good, clean sport of temperate habits, and is an excellent organizer, as he has seen from contact with Applicant in the work of the Grand Rapids Junior Association of Commerce, of which they are both members. He also said that even as a boy, particularly on various athletic teams, Applicant showed outstanding leadership ability.

Mr. ELLIOTT advised that Applicant's two half-brothers, RICHARD and JAMES, attend East Grand Rapids High School where he has had an opportunity to observe them, and that neither



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has ever been the subject of disciplinary action.

Mr. ELLIOTT stated his conviction that Applicant had no un-American sympathies or tendencies, and of Applicant's absolute loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. DONALD T. MAENTZ, 933 Orchare Road. S.E., whose husband is a salesman, stated that she had known Applicant for a number of years, and had attended the University of Michigan while Applicant was matriculating there. She said he is a "swell fellow," entirely free from subversive tendencies, and very highly regarded by the group of men and women of his own age who constitute his closest friends. Mrs. MAENTZ advised that, although she has frequently attended social functions at which Applicant was present, both at the University and in Grand Rapids, she has never seen him drink to excess.

Mr. HOWARD R. DAVIDSON, JR., 942 Dickinson Street, S.E., member of the firm of HOWARD R. DAVIDSON Co. 1480 Buchanan Avenue, S.E., sales agents, stated that he has known Applicant since the days they attended grade school together, and that "they don't come any finer" than Applicant. Mr. DAVIDSON made substantially the same statements concerning Applicant as those made by his references and by other disinterested persons.

CREDIT

Mr. WILLIAM J. BOMKEMA, official of Merchants Service Bureau, 309-321 Federal Square Building, 29-33 Pearl Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that Applicant had no credit record with the Bureau, but that Applicant's step-father, GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, had an excellent credit rating. Mr. BOMKEMA also advised that he is personally acquainted with Applicant's step-father, who has a fine reputation in the community, and is very active in all types of civic enterprises.

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CRIMINAL *arrest*

Mrs. ADDIE M. DEUTSCH, Assistant Record Clerk, Grand Rapids Police Department, 35 Crescent Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that she could locate no record of any arrest of Applicant or of any member of his family.

Officer EARL WAGNER, East Grand Rapids Police Department, 750 Lakeside Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that the records of such Department contained no notation of any arrest of Applicant or of any member of his family.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Miss MARGUERITE VAN DYKE, Assistant Clerk, Local Board No. 4, 211 Houseman Building, N.E. corner Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that Applicant's Questionnaire stated he was born at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 14, 1913. Miss VAN DYKE further advised that Applicant's Classification was 1-B, based on the record of his physical examination, following a review of such Classification made by the Local Board on December 9, 1941.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

AT RIVERTON, WYOMING, will ascertain the reputation of Applicant's father, LESLIE KING, last known to be in Riverton about May 23, 1938 (Teletype lead set out on January 15, 1942).

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, will investigate Applicant's connection with the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at the Yale University Law School (Teletype lead set out on January 17, 1942).

THE OMAHA FIELD DIVISION:

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, will ascertain the reputation of Applicant's father, LESLIE KING, last known to be in Lincoln in 1939, when street address unknown (Teletype lead set out on January 15, 1942).

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA, will check the records of the divorce of Applicant's parents, DOROTHY GARDNER KING from LESLIE KING, in 1914 or 1915 (Teletype lead set out on January 15, 1942).



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Character:

Synopsis:

Applicant born July 14, 1913. Attended South High School, Grand Rapids, 1927-1931. Participated in outside activities, including three sports. Graduated in upper quarter of class, with four year average of 89.58. Decree No. 59424, changing name from LESLIE KING, JR., to GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., entered by Probate Court of Kent County December 3, 1935. Applicant member of law firm FORD and BUCHEN, and employed University of Grand Rapids as teacher of law in School of Business Administration, references and other persons interviewed recommend highly, saying personable, alert, industrious, temperate, energetic, forceful, popular, conscientious, discreet, good mixer, good organizer, has great leadership ability. Neighbors give good report of Applicant and family. One person states Applicant, holding isolationist viewpoint, joined AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at Yale University. Two persons state affiliated with COMMITTEE for same reason. All agree war changed isolationist opinions. All persons state Applicant and family 100% Americans and free from subversive tendencies or sympathies. Parents, LESLIE KING and DOROTHY GARDNER KING divorced Omaha, Nebraska, 1914 or 1915. Mother married GERALD RUDOLPH FORD at Grand Rapids, February 1, 1917. Present address of LESLIE KING unknown, but last heard from May 23, 1938, from Riverton, Wyoming, and once in 1939 from Lincoln, Nebraska. Applicant no credit record; step-father excellent one. No arrest records for Applicant or

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family. Applicant's draft classification I-B, unchanged after review December 9, 1941. All persons state Applicant willing to be inducted if called, and not filing application to avoid military service.

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DETAILS: AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

Mr. SHERMAN E. CORYELL, 1332 Giddings Avenue, S.E., Principal, South High School, 120 Hall Street, S.E., produced the records of Applicant's attendance at that School from the Fall of 1927 until graduation on June 19, 1931, which indicated a four year average of 89.58. Mr. CORYELL stated that this average would place Applicant in the upper fourth of his class, on the basis of which he was elected to membership in the National Honor Society. The records gave Applicant's birth as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska. They also indicated the Applicant's election by his fellow students to the School's Student Council, and his election by it to the Inter-Hi Council, composed of representatives from all High Schools in the City. The records further showed Applicant's participation in the following activities: Glee Club, Latin Club, Football Team (Captain his Senior year), Basketball Team and Track Team. Mr. CORYELL advised that there is no record of any disciplinary action having been taken against Applicant.

Mr. CORYELL stated that he had not been connected with South High School during Applicant's attendance there, but that he was familiar with Applicant's outstanding record. He advised that Applicant was "one man in a School generation," and that he is considered one of South High School's outstanding alumni.

Mr. ARTHUR W. KRAUSE, 910 Giddings Avenue, S.E., Superintendent of Public Schools, 143 Bostwick Avenue, N.E., advised that he had been Principal of South High School while Applicant was in attendance there. He stated that Applicant was a conscientious student, who had been extremely popular with his fellow students and also highly regarded by his teachers. Mr. KRAUSE said that during Applicant's term as football captain, as well as during his membership on the Student Council, he had demonstrated leadership ability which was outstanding in a boy of his age. He also advised that Applicant had given striking evidence of his ability to "keep his mouth shut."



Mr. KRAUSE stated that he has been well acquainted with Applicant ever since High School days, and considers him to be excellent material for any Government position. He also stated that he knows the reputation of Applicant and his entire family to be excellent, and that they are free and clear from any un-American or subversive tendencies.

Mr. HOWARD W. WICKETT, 1644 Jefferson Avenue, S.E., Apartment 2, Principal Creston High School, 1676 Plainfield Avenue, N.W., advised that he had been Applicant's session room teacher at South High School, as well as faculty Manager of athletics during the period of Applicant's attendance at that School. Mr. WICKETT stated that Applicant had made a splendid record both scholastically and athletically while at High School, and had been selected in his Senior year, as Center of the All-State High School football team. He characterized Applicant as a clean boy of good habits, good looking in appearance, and alert not only in class, but on the athletic field.

Mr. WICKETT stated that the reputation of Applicant and of his family is above reproach, and that none of them hold any subversive tendencies so far as he knows or has heard. He advised that he would have no hesitation in recommending Applicant for any position for which he had the technical qualifications.

In the Office of the County Clerk of Kent County, Michigan, is contained, in Marriage Record Volume 18, Page 179, No. 4165, a record of the marriage at Grand Rapids, by C. O. GRIESHABER, Clergyman, on February 1, 1917, of GERALD RUDOLPH FORD and DOROTHY GARDINER KING. Such record contains the notation that the bride had been married once before, without designating the manner in which such former marriage was terminated. Applicant advised that such former marriage had terminated in a divorce, decreed in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1914, or 1915.

The records of the Probate Court of Kent County indicate that on December 3, 1935, on Petition of the Applicant, a Decree, No. 59424, was entered by JOHN DALTON, Probate Judge, changing Applicant's name from LESLIE KING, JR., to GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, Jr. In the file containing the original Decree there is lodged a letter, dated May 23, 1938, from LESLIE KING, of Riverton, Wyoming, making inquiries concerning the proceedings. Applicant advised that he had last heard from his father by letter, received sometime in 1939, which bore no return address, but was postmarked "Lincoln, Nebraska;" and that neither he nor his mother knew the present whereabouts of his father.

EMPLOYMENT

Applicant is a member of the law firm of FORD and BUCHEN, with offices at 621 Michigan Trust Building, S.E., corner of Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W. Certificate of Copartnership No. 2300, filed on June 20, 1941, in the Office of the County Clerk of Kent County, Michigan, indicated that the members of that firm are GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., and PHILIP W. BUCHEN.



Mr. ROBERT J. McBAIN, 926 Joslin Street, S.E., Dean, School of Business Administration, University of Grand Rapids, 1607 Robinson Road, S.E., stated that Applicant had been employed last Summer as teacher of law in the School of Business Administration and as Assistant Football Coach. Mr. McBAIN advised that Applicant is a man of excellent personality, who meets people well, and who has shown marked ability as an organizer in preparing the law course to be given during this School year. He stated that Applicant appears to be a good teacher, and is popular with his students, and that he had made a large contribution to the success of last Fall's football season.

Mr. McBAIN stated that he knows Applicant socially, and that he does not use alcohol to excess. He also stated that he considers Applicant to be a 100% American.

REFERENCES

Mr. PAUL G. GOEBEL, 2310 Jefferson Drive, S.E., partner in the sporting goods firm of Goebel and Brown, 12 Monroe Avenue, N.E., stated that he has known Applicant for 18 or 20 years, and is also acquainted with Applicant's family. He said that Applicant is "a splendid young man," popular, and a good mixer, who had made a very good record in High School, at the University of Michigan, and at Yale Law School. Mr. GOEBEL stated that Applicant has temperate habits, does not smoke, drinks rarely and very moderately when he does, and keeps himself in good physical condition. He also stated that, except for injuries to his knees which Applicant had received while playing football, Applicant had enjoyed good health.

Mr. GOEBEL further advised that Applicant has a great deal of "drive" and organizing ability. As evidence of the latter, he cited Applicant's achievements in getting a law practice started, as well as the success of "Curbstone Quarterbacks", a series of weekly luncheons for persons interested in football, promoted by Applicant, which "started from scratch" last Fall and built up to an attendance of 400 at one luncheon.

Mr. GOEBEL stated that Applicant's mother is a "fine, civic-minded woman," and that his step-father is a civic leader who is very highly regarded in the community. He could give no information concerning Applicant's real father. Mr. GOEBEL said he was certain that Applicant and his entire family had no un-American tendencies, and were loyal Americans.



Mr. GOEBEL further advised that Applicant had spoken to him about Selective Service, and had stated his willingness to go into the army if called, although he felt that his legal training would fit him to serve his country more effectively than as a selectee, and hence he had made Application for employment with several Government agencies.

Mr. GOEBEL stated that he would be more than willing to employ Applicant himself, and that, although he made it a practice not to recommend people for jobs, he had no hesitation in recommending Applicant for employment and did so without any reservation.

Dr. G. HOWARD SOUTHWICK, 1935 San Lu Rae Drive, S.E., East Grand Rapids, physician and surgeon, 55 Sheldon Avenue, S.E., stated that he had known Applicant for about 12 years, and his family even longer. Dr. SOUTHWICK gave substantially the same information about Applicant and his family as Mr. GOEBEL, adding that Applicant is a person of the highest integrity, and that his half brother, THOMAS FORD, is an Ensign in the United States Navy, presently stationed somewhere on the West Coast.

Mr. THORNE J. BROWN, 937 Chippewa Drive, S.E., partner in the sporting goods firm of Goebel and Brown, 12 Monroe Avenue, N.W., stated that he had known Applicant for at least 10 years. Mr. BROWN gave approximately the same information concerning Applicant and his family as Mr. GOEBEL and Dr. SOUTHWICK, and characterized him as having "good habits." He was particularly emphatic in his recommendation of Applicant.

Mr. FREDERICK E. STILES, 1310 Franklin Street, S.E., member of the law firm of WILLIAMS, STILES, and TUBBS, 598 Michigan Trust Building, S.E. Corner Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W., and President, Stiles Incorporated, 155 Eastern Avenue, S.E., stated that he had known Applicant for 7 years and his mother and step-father for 15 or 20 years. Mr. STILES corroborated the statements concerning Applicant and his family made by the three previous references. He also described Applicant as a "fine fellow", who is intelligent and discreet, possession both drive and ingenuity. Mr. STILES said that he considered Applicant worthy of the highest possible recommendation.



[redacted] advised that he has known Applicant and his family for a number of years, since his first association with Applicant's step-father in business. [redacted] information concerning Applicant and his family was corroborative of that furnished by the other references.

[redacted] described applicant as a hard worker, a good mixer, and free from any trace of snobbishness. He advised that he did not believe Applicant had been a member of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at Yale University, but of an organization of similar name, which he could not recall, supporting the candidacy of WENDELL WILLKIE for President.

[redacted] advised that Applicant had held isolationist opinions during the past few years, but that he had changed such opinions following the entry of the United States into the War. He also advised that Applicant had expressed to him willingness to serve his country in any capacity for which he might be called.

NEIGHBORHOOD

AT EAST GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN:

Mrs. GEORGE J. HARDY, 1012 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is employed in the shops of the Pere Marquette Railroad, advised that she has been a neighbor of the FORD family for the past four years, and is acquainted with all of them except Applicant, whom she knows barely to speak to because of him having been away from home until recently. She stated that the family are "splendid" people, and that Applicant's brothers, RICHARD and JAMES, who are in School, are well-behaved boys who cause no trouble in the neighborhood. Mrs. HARDY said that she had never heard any scandal concerning any member of the FORD family, or any rumor of their making un-American or subversive statements or having any such tendencies.

The following persons, when interviewed, stated that they had each known Applicant's family for about two years, and gave substantially the same information as Mrs. HARDY:

Mrs. RICHARD J. ELIAS, 1016 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is a dentist, with offices at 744 Franklin Street, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. RUSSEL A. SWANEY, 1017 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is Secretary-Treasurer of Harper, Wegusen and



Yonkman, Inc., 104 Federal Square Building, 29-33 Pearl Street, North West, Grand Rapids, investments.

Mrs. HAROLD J. DAMSTRA, 1022 Santa Cruz Drive, S.E., whose husband is a physician, with offices at 1115 Wealthy Street, S.E., Grand Rapids.

Mrs. BERNARD S. WARREN, 1025 Santa Cruz Drive, stated that she had resided in the neighborhood only a short time and could give no information about Applicant or his family.

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[redacted] stated that he has known Applicant for 8 years, having been a Fraternity brother, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of Applicant's at the University of Michigan. He characterized Applicant as a "swell fellow," entirely trustworthy, whose work is entitled to absolute reliance, having no bad habits, and being only an occasional moderate drinker.

[redacted] stated that Applicant, while attending the University of Michigan, had held the view, shared by many of his contemporaries, that war is entirely futile as a means of settling anything, and was strongly set against taking part in any war which might occur in the future. He stated that out of these views, Applicant evolved an adherence to the isolationist viewpoint when the present War began and aid to Britain was advocated. He further stated that, motivated by his isolationist viewpoint, Applicant joined the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE when it was first organized at Yale University by two of Applicant's friends in the law school. [redacted] advised he was convinced that Applicant had adhered to the COMMITTEE with pure motives, and not with any subversive intent. He further stated that, when the authorities of Yale University suggested to Applicant that it was embarrassing for the University to have him, while a member of the football coaching staff, active on the COMMITTEE, Applicant promptly severed all connection with the COMMITTEE; and that shortly afterward, Applicant became associated with the WILKIE Organization and worked hard organizing WILKIE-for-President Clubs in Colleges and Universities throughout the country.



[redacted] advised that he has known Applicant since they were in grade school together. He said that he and Applicant had gone to different High Schools, but had been together at the University of Michigan, where Applicant belonged to the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. [redacted] described Applicant as having good moral fibre, no bad habits, and being a good organizer.

[redacted] gave substantially the same information as [redacted] about Applicant's connection with the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, except that he doubted Applicant's having been one of the organizers at Yale University. He corroborated [redacted] in his statement that Applicant's connection with the COMMITTEE had been due to his isolationist viewpoint rather than to any subversive tendencies, and stated that in his opinion Applicant is a loyal American. [redacted] stated that he would recommend Applicant without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] stated that he has known Applicant since he was about four years old. He stated that he [redacted]

[redacted] gave substantially the same information about Applicant and his family as the references, named above, and corroborated [redacted] statements concerning Applicant's connection with the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and his motives in such connection.

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Mr. ALLAN ELLIOTT, Grandville, Michigan, teacher and athletic coach, East Grand Rapids High School, 2021 Lake Drive, S.E.T, stated that he has known Applicant since they were both youngsters, having gone to both Junior and Senior High School, and played on the same teams, with Applicant. Mr. ELLIOTT said that Applicant is a good, clean sport of temperate habits, and is an excellent organizer, as he has seen from contact with Applicant in the work of the Grand Rapids Junior Association of Commerce, of which they are both members. He also said that even as a boy, particularly on various athletic teams, Applicant showed outstanding leadership ability.



Mr. ELLIOTT advised that Applicant's two half-brothers, RICHARD and JAMES, attend East Grand Rapids High School where he has had an opportunity to observe them, and that neither has ever been the subject of disciplinary action.

Mr. ELLIOTT stated his conviction that Applicant had no un-American sympathies or tendencies, and of Applicant's absolute loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. DONALD T. MAENTZ, 933 Orchare Road, S.E., whose husband is a salesman, stated that she had known Applicant for a number of years, and had attended the University of Michigan while Applicant was matriculating there. She said he is a "swell fellow," entirely free from subversive tendencies, and very highly regarded by the group of men and women of his own age who constitute his closest friends. Mrs. MAENTZ advised that, although she has frequently attended social functions at which Applicant was present, both at the University and in Grand Rapids, she has never seen him drink to excess.

Mr. HOWARD R. DAVIDSON, JR., 942 Dickinson Street, S.E., member of the firm of HOWARD R. DAVIDSON Co. 1480 Buchanan Avenue, S.E., sales agents, stated that he has known Applicant since the days they attended grade school together, and that "they don't come any finer" than Applicant. Mr. DAVIDSON made substantially the same statements concerning Applicant as those made by his references and by other disinterested persons.

CREDIT

Mr. WILLIAM J. BOMKEMA, official of Merchants Service Bureau, 309-321 Federal Square Building, 29-33 Pearl Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that Applicant had no credit record with the Bureau, but that Applicant's step-father, GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, had an excellent credit rating. Mr. BOMKEMA also advised that he is personally acquainted with Applicant's step-father, who has a fine reputation in the community, and is very active in all types of civic enterprises.

ARREST

Mrs. ADDIE M. DEUTSCH, Assistant Record Clerk, Grand Rapids Police Department, 35 Crescent Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that she could locate no record of any arrest of Applicant or of any member of his family.



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Officer EARL WAGNER, East Grand Rapids Police Department, 750 Lakeside Drive, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that the records of such Department contained no notation of any arrest of Applicant or of any member of his family.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Miss MARGUERITE VAN DYKE, Assistant Clerk, Local Board No. 4, 211 Houseman Building, N.E. corner Pearl Street and Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised that Applicant's Questionnaire stated he was born at Omaha, Nebraska, on July 14, 1913. Miss VAN DYKE further advised that Applicant's Classification was 1-B, based on the record of his physical examination, following a review of such Classification made by the Local Board on December 9, 1941.

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