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a. FROM		b. TO		c. NUMBER AND STREET 1624 Sherman Street, S.E.		d. CITY Grand Rapids
						e. STATE Michigan
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NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT
INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Date December 30, 1941.

SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr. 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Report made at: Detroit, Michigan

Report made by: Agent Harold GOLDS

Period covered: December 23 and 24, 1941.

Status of Case: PENDING

Origin of Case:

Subject's 9ND application of December 13, 1941, for a position as Civilian Agent, and for commission USNR, Class I-V(S).



Character of Investigation:

Investigation to determine Subject's background, character, education, ability, associates, activity and loyalty.

Enclosures:

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9ND (7)

Source File No.:

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SYNOPSIS:

Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., attended South High School, Grand Rapids High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 1927 to 1931; University of Michigan from 1931 to 1935, where he received AB Degree. Subject, who is presently in a Law office partnership, was highly recommended by References. Subject taught at the University of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan, during 1941, and was also Line Coach of the football team. No Credit or Criminal Record was found on Subject at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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DEDUCTIONS:

Nothing was revealed by the investigation that reflects unfavorably upon the subject

9-ND IS CONTINUING INVESTIGATION AND A FURTHER REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED.

APPROVED
WELLS, CDR, U.S.N.
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DIRECTION

FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.,
1011 Santa Cruz Drive,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.



1. Origin of this case is Subject's 9ND application of December 13, 1941, for a position as Civilian Agent. Investigation is to determine Subject's background, character, education, ability, associates, activity, and loyalty. Subject is also an applicant for Commission USNR, Class I-V(S).
2. Investigation of marriage records in the office of Lewis J. DONOVAN, County Clerk, Grand Rapids, Michigan, revealed that Gerald R. FORD, age 27, and Dorothy G. KING (nee GARDNER), age 24, were married at Grand Rapids on February 1, 1917.
3. Investigation of records of Probate Court of Kent County, Grand Rapids, Michigan, revealed that Leslie KING filed petition to change name to Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr., and an order granting prayer of petition was entered December 3, 1935.
4. G. T. VOGT, Chief Clerk, Record Bureau, Police Department, Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported no record concerning Subject.
5. W. J. ROMKEMA, Assistant Manager, Merchants Service Bureau, Grand Rapids, Michigan, said that they had long and favorable notations concerning Gerald Rudolph FORD Sr., except that he was sometimes slow on paying accounts. Mr. ROMKEMA stated that they had no records concerning Subject.
6. Records in the office of Miss Libbie BERKOWITZ, Clerk, South High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, revealed that Subject was born on July 14, 1913; that his address was 649 Union Avenue, Grand Rapids; that he entered the school in the Fall of '27, and that he graduated in June, '31, with an 89.6 of "B" average.
7. Arthur KRAUSE, Superintendent of Schools, Grand Rapids, Michigan, said that he was Principal at South High School when Subject attended there; that Subject was a good student and played football; and that Subject was Captain of the team during his senior year. The Coach at that time was not very good, according to Mr. KRAUSE, who said that he made Subject responsible for much of the training and discipline of the team, and that Subject fulfilled his duties admirably.

Subject: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., Continued.



Mr. KRAUSE said Subject then attended the University of Michigan from '31 to '35, after which he went to Yale as Assistant Coach and also studied Law until he graduated in February '41; that Subject passed the Bar examination in April, '41; that Subject opened an office with a partner named BUCHEN a few months ago; that Subject's father is in the paint business, and that the family belongs to St. Marks Episcopal Church.

8. Subject taught a Law course at the University of Grand Rapids last Fall, related Mr. KRAUSE, and Subject was also line coach of the football team. Mr. KRAUSE further related that Subject was one hundred percent in every way and was the outstanding young man of his acquaintance. Mr. KRAUSE was so enthusiastic that he felt it necessary to explain that ordinarily he was very conservative in his judgment but that Subject was so fine a specimen that he could not endorse him too highly.

9. Records in the office of Miss Velma LOUCKES, Clerk, Registrar's Office, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, revealed that Subject entered the University on diploma from South High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the fall of '31, and received a AB Degree in June, '35, with 14 hours of "A"; 74 hours of "B"; 28 hours of "C"; and 4 hours of "D".

10. Messrs. Paul COMBEL and Thorne BROWN, partners as COMBEL & BROWN, Men's Furnishings, Grand Rapids, Michigan, were both highly complimentary regarding Subject, who, they said, graduated from Yale Law School in February, '41, and recently opened his Office with a fine associate, and who is doing very well, they believed. Subject also has an interest in a model agency in New York City, they believed, for which he supplied part of the capital. Subject drinks moderately; plays tennis and golf, and has three full or half-brothers, one of whom, Tom, is now in the Navy; that Subject's father, who is in the paint business, is quite successful and well thought of in the community.

11. Messrs. Paul COMBEL and Thorne BROWN also stated that Subject had attended University of Michigan from '31 to '35, where he played football very successfully, and had then gone to Yale as Assistant Coach through the 1940 season, and also attended Yale Law School. In the Fall of '41, Subject began as Assistant Coach at University of Grand Rapids, they further related, and he also taught a Law class for which he received \$1000 per year. They stated that Subject is honest, industrious, modest despite his varied success, loyal, discreet, adaptable and in every way desirable for Naval Service.

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Subject: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., Continued.



12. Mr. Ralph CONGER, Physical Education Director, Central High School, Grand Rapids, Michigan, said that he grew up with Subject's father and had known the family all his life; that his son played with Subject as boys; and that Subject is the only boy he believed he might rate higher than his own son in many respects. According to Mr. CONGER, Subject is honest, discreet, loyal, and one hundred per cent in all respects, and is eminently desirable for the Navy.

13. Mr. Winter SNOW, Attorney-at-Law, and member of the Grievance Committee, Michigan State Bar Association, 700 Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, Michigan, said that no complaints concerning Subject had been received by the Committee.

14. Mr. Arthur AUSTIN, Clerk, Selective Service Board #4, Kent County, Michigan, produced Subject's file, under Order #1385, in which the following appeared on Questionnaire dated May 3, 1941.

"Name: Gerald Rudolph FORD, Jr.,
1011 Santa Cruz Drive,
East Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Physical Defects: None.
Education: University of Michigan, Lit. 4 years.
Yale University, 3 years.
Former Employment: Assistant Coach, Yale University.
Present: None.
Status: Single -- no dependents.
Income previous 12 months: \$4,785.00
Born: Omaha, Nebraska, 7-14-13
U. S. Citizen: Yes.
Convictions: None.
Statement as to Classification: Should be 1A.
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bad knees.

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THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

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SUBJECT: FORD, GERALD RUDOLPH, Jr.
Report made at: Seattle, Washington. Date: 3 JAN. 19 42
Report made by: OFFICER #30.
Period covered: 23 Dec. 1941 to 3 Jan. 1942. Status of Case: Closed.

Origin of Case:
9ND card dated 17 December 1941, same SUBJECT. 13ND to investigate SUBJECT'S employment in the 13th Naval District.

Character of Investigation:
Records.

Enclosures: Copy to:

NONE ONI (2)
9ND (2)

Source File No. PL6-3 (13ND P-1518) ONI File No.:

SYNOPSIS: REF: (a) 9ND card dated 17 December 1941, same SUBJECT.

Joseph JOFFE, Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park, Yellowstone, Park Wyoming, reports the following:

"Our records show that Mr. Ford was employed as a seasonal ranger with the National Park Service in Yellowstone National Park from 16 June 1936 to September 3, 1936, \$1680 per annum.

His services were entirely satisfactory and he was recommended for re-appointment during the 1937 season, but it was necessary for him to decline such reappointment due to ~~his~~ having obtained a more permanent position at Yale University. There is nothing of a derogatory nature in the records against Mr. Ford. He was employed under the Chief Ranger of Yellowstone Park, Francis D. LaNoue."

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COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE IN THE THIRTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

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APPROVED: W. J. GILES,
Captain, U. S. NAVY.



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NINTH NAVAL DISTRICT

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CONFIDENTIAL

Date January 15, 1942

SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan
 Report made at: Kansas City, Missouri
 Report made by: John J. Hoellen, Agent 1jm
 Period covered: January 9, 10, 1942 Status of Case: PENDING
 Origin of Case:

Subject's 9ND application of December 13, 1941, for a position as Civilian Agent.

Reference: (a) 9ND report of December 30, 1941, same Subject.
 (b) 13ND report of January 3, 1942, same subject.



Character of Investigation: To determine Subject's background, education, character, ability, associates, activity and loyalty.

Enclosures: Copy to: ONI (2) ✓
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Source File No.: ONI File No.:

SYNOPSIS:

Subject was born July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska, to Leslie KING and Dorothy GARDNER, both American citizens. On July 30, 1913, Subject's father started proceedings which ended in a divorce, granted January 28, 1914, giving custody of Subject to mother, and father paying for Subject's support. A long bitter wrangle over alimony saw Subject's father in jail before a settlement could be effected. Throughout the court proceedings, Subject was known as Leslie KING, Jr. Subject's father has remarried, has three children by his second marriage, and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Subject has neither police, subversive, nor credit record at Omaha, Nebraska.

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DEDUCTIONS:

ing was revealed by the investigation reflects unfavorably upon the subject

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 [Signature]
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Subject: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan



1. The origin of this case is Subject's 9ND application of December 13, 1941, for a position as Civilian Agent.

Reference: (a) 9ND report of December 30, 1941, same Subject.

(b) 13ND Report of January 3, 1942, same subject.

2. Records produced by Miss Loretta DUNDIS, Assistant Clerk, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Omaha, Nebraska, verify fact that Subject was born at Omaha, Nebraska, July 14, 1913, to Leslie KING and Dorothy GARDNER, both American citizens.

3. The divorce case between Subject's parents is described by court attaches at the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Douglas County, County Building, Omaha, Nebraska, as one of the longest and bitterest in the history of the court. Subject was born on July 14, 1913, and on July 30, 1913, Subject's father filed suit against his wife's parents to restrain them from molesting him and in seeking his wife's separation from him. The case is entitled "Leslie L. KING vs. Levi A. GARDNER et al.," and is numbered 126/110. The sworn complaint contains allegations that Subject's parents were married on September 7, 1912, at Harvard, Illinois, and that the GARDNERS sought to have Subject's mother leave for Chicago, Illinois, in December, 1912, and at various times thereafter. By answer filed August 20, 1913, the GARDNERS denied the allegations of the complaint and stated that Subject's mother had left her husband and was with her parents in Council Bluffs, Iowa. A temporary injunction was granted.

4. On August 20, 1913, the same day that the answer was filed in the suit for injunction, Subject's father filed a complaint for divorce alleging extreme cruelty. Subject's mother then filed a cross-bill on the same grounds which was sustained by the court in its decree of January 28, 1914, custody of Subject awarded to the mother, and the father ordered to pay \$25.00 per month for the support of Subject. On April 10, 1931, this decree was modified, and the father was ordered to pay the mother \$100.00 per month for Subject's support. On July 1, 1937, the court in its decree found that \$5,645.55 was due the mother for Subject's support and ordered execution to issue. After much contest a writ of attachment was issued against Subject's father and he was incarcerated in the Douglas County Jail. The contest was finally settled on June 3, 1939, upon payment to Subject's mother of \$4,000.00 in full settlement. In the various pleadings it was stated that Subject's father was the son of the one-time wealthy founder of the Omaha Wool and Storage Company, Omaha, Nebraska; that he remarried and moved to Riverton, Wyoming, where he had large ranch holdings; and that in 1939, the father had three children by the second marriage, aged 18, 16, and 13, and that in May, 1938, he moved from Riverton, Wyoming, to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he now resides. Throughout the entire of these proceedings Subject was known as Leslie KING, Jr. The father defended upon the grounds that Subject did not need support allowance because he had worked his way through school, and had later earned \$4,500.00 per year as assistant football coach at Yale University. The Omaha World-Herald, a daily newspaper at Omaha, Nebraska, declared that "this is one of the most flagrant cases

Subject: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr. (Continued)

4. (Cont.) of alimony dodging in the history of the country."

5. Associated Retailers of Omaha, a credit agency, City National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska, has no report of credit transactions in the name of Subject.

6. Neither the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department nor the F. B. I. at Omaha, Nebraska has any report of criminal or subversive activities in the name of Subject.

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Date January 26, 1942

SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 Report made at: Chicago, Illinois
 Report made by: H. L. BARNES, Agent rhh
 Period covered: January 14, 20, 1942 Status of Case: CLOSED IN 9ND
 Origin of Case:

Subject's 9ND application of December 13, 1941, for a position as Civilian Agent.

- Reference: (a) 9ND Report of December 30, 1941, same subject.
 (b) 13ND Report of January 3, 1942, same subject.
 (c) 9ND Report of January 15, 1942, same subject.

Character of Investigation: To interview reference, William BECKWITH, Morris, Illinois, regarding subject.

Enclosures: Copy to:
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SYNOPSIS:

William H. BECKWITH of Morris, Illinois, given as reference by subject, is vice-president and general manager of the Morris Paper Mills, Morris, Illinois. Mr. BECKWITH is a former resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan and has known subject and his parents a number of years. William J. BECKWITH, son of William H. BECKWITH, was a Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity brother and a classmate of subject at the University of Michigan. Robert BECKWITH, also a son of William H. BECKWITH, was on the football team at Yale University at the time subject was coaching at that school.

William H. BECKWITH stated that subject is a man of excellent character and morals and is thoroughly discreet and reliable. He said he would place subject at the top of all his sons' friends and also at the top of all the young fellows he knows.

Subject, according to Mr. BECKWITH, is a practising lawyer, together with another University of Michigan alumnus, and is devoting his time assiduously to his profession. Mr. BECKWITH added that Gerald Rudolph FORD, SR., is in the paint business in Grand Rapids, Michigan and is a substantial man of excellent personal attributes.

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DEDUCTIONS:

Nothing was revealed by the investigation that reflects unfavorably upon the subject

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B. O. WELLS, CMDR. U.S.N.

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

Subject: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr. (Applicant I-V(S), USNR, 9ND).
1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Report Made at: 3ND, New York, N.Y. Date: February 3, 19 42.

Report Made by: Warrant Machinist F. R. Fleming, USNR.

Period Covered: Jan. 3, 14, 1942. Status of Case: Closed-3ND.

Origin of Case: 9ND card, same subject, dated Dec. 17, 1941,
requesting investigation in 3ND.

Character of Investigation:

To determine subject's background, character, education, ability, associates, activities, loyalty, etc.

Enclosures:

None.

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Source File No.:

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SYNOPSIS:

Subject attended Yale University from 1938 to 1941; received LLB degree; was average student and his record was satisfactory. Director of Athletics, Yale University, stated that subject is excellent person in every respect; has an attractive personality; is a gentleman and is absolutely loyal to the United States. Police Dept. and FBI, New Haven, Conn. no record.



DEDUCTIONS:

3ND investigation reveals nothing derogatory concerning subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: 1ND and 4ND see last paragraph.

Approved: W.B. Howe

W.B. HOWE,
Commander, U.S.N. (Ret.),
Asst. District Intelligence Officer.

FORD, Gerald Rudolph Jr.



1. This investigation is predicated upon 9ND card, same subject, dated December 17, 1941, requesting investigation regarding subject's background, character, education, ability, associates, activities, loyalty, etc.

2. Investigation on January 8, 1942, by Ensign H.G. Hemming, USNR, at the Registrar's Office of Yale University revealed that subject attended there from 1938 to 1941, at which time he was graduated with an LLB degree, having an average of 74.5, and ranking 56 in a class of 127.

3. The Yale Alumni Office was contacted by Ensign Hemming on January 12, 1942, and information was given that subject is a legal partner in the firm of Ford & Bucher, Michigan Trust Building, Grand Rapids, Mich. On June 2, 1941, it was noted that subject was "not yet drafted but expect to be within 6 weeks". He was formerly a member of Yale Coaching Staff, 1935-40. A notation follows as of February 7, 1938 - "Mr. Ford is Asst. Coach of football; he is admitted to the Law School, at the beginning of the second term, upon the special request of the Yale Athletic Assn., extended through Mr. Farmer; his work of the first year is to be extended over a period of two years" - signed by Arlene B. Hadley, Registrar of the Yale Law School. Residences were recorded on January 21, 1938 as 2183 Lake Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich., (3 years), and 749 Union Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich., (12 years). Birth is shown as July 14, 1913, at Omaha, Nebraska. Subject prepared at South High School, Grand Rapids, Mich., and attended the University of Michigan from 1931 to 1935, and received a B.A. degree there, and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Religious denomination is given as Episcopalian. The father is Gerald Rudolph Ford, born in Grand Rapids, Mich., and is President and General Manager of the Ford Paint and Varnish Co. The mother is Dorothy Gardner, born in Harvard, Ill. Subject has three brothers, Thomas G., Richard A., and James F.

4. Ogden Miller, Director of Athletics, Yale University, and Ass't. Secretary of Yale, was interviewed by Ensign Hemming on January 15, 1942. Contact stated that subject is an excellent person in every respect, has an attractive personality, and is a gentleman of considerable bearing and poise. Mr. Miller went on to say that subject is not conceited in the slightest, and is very handsome, and that he believed him to be of fine character. Contact said subject was employed from August 1, 1935 to March 1, 1941, in Yale AA as Asst. Football and Boxing Coach. He was their principal football scout, and coach of jayvee football. Mr. Miller further stated that FORD is absolutely loyal to the United States, and subject is doing exactly what Mr. Miller would expect him to do in applying for duty with the service, and is not the least surprised about it. Mr. Miller concluded that he would be very sorry to lose subject as an assistant, as he was outstanding in his work.

FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.

5. Contacts, Malcolm Farmer and Raymond Pond, set forth in 9ND card, same subject, dated December 17, 1941, are no longer connected with Yale University.

6. Investigation with the police and FBI, New Haven, Connecticut, revealed no record for the subject.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

7. 1ND will interview Raymond W. Pond, formerly of Yale University, c/o Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, regarding subject's background, character, associates, etc.

8. 4ND will interview Malcolm Farmer, formerly of Yale University, c/o Phoenix Iron Company, Phoenixville, Pa., regarding subject's background, character, associates, etc.



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INVESTIGATION REPORT

SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Applicant for Commission, (I-V(S), USNR.) in 9-ND.

Report made at: Sub Zone B Office, 1-ND, Bath, Maine Date: February 25, 1942

Report made by: David L. Graham Report forwarded by: John P. Thomas

David L. Graham
Lieut. (jg), USNR.

John P. Thomas
Lieut-Comdr., USNR.

Period covered: February 23, 1942. Status of Case: Closed in 1-ND.

Origin of case:
Ref. (a) 3-ND report, same SUBJECT, dated February 3, 1942, requesting interview with Raymond W. POND, Bates College, Lewiston, to determine SUBJECT'S background, character, associates and loyalty.

Character of Investigation:
Check of SUBJECT by personal interview with Raymond W. POND.

Enclosures: None Copy to: ONI (2) File (1)
1-ND (2)
3-ND (2)

Synopsis:
1. On February 23, 1942, Investigator interviewed Raymond W. POND, Bates College Football Coach and Athletic Director, in the latter's home at 15 Ware Street, Lewiston, Maine. POND could be quoted substantially as follows:

"I have just written a letter of recommendation for Gerald FORD, having been informed by him that he is an applicant for a commission in the Navy. I believe he took his stepfather's surname of FORD, the latter being a prominent furniture manufacturer in Grand Rapids. He (SUBJECT) graduated from the University of Michigan, where he was an outstanding athlete. In 1935 he came to Yale to work under me, he being coach of the Junior varsity football team and assistant line coach of the varsity. He took hold well and fulfilled his responsibilities, financial and otherwise, without criticism. I found him a reliable, trustworthy, intelligent assistant. I am also convinced that he is thoroughly patriotic. He is also very energetic and ambitious, although not a brilliant scholar, for he took his law degree at Yale while coaching the junior varsity. Furthermore, he has no bad habits, does not drink to excess and is no philanderer. Knowing him as well as I do, because he worked under me at Yale from 1935 to 1940, I can honestly recommend him for a commission in the Navy. He is a fine fellow."



Deductions:
None.

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APPROVED: Steel Lindsay, Lieut. (jg)
E.M. MAJOR, Commander, USNR.
Per D.I.O.

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SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Report made at: DIO-4ND, Philadelphia, Pa. Date Mar. 13, 19 42.
 Report made by: G. L. Hull, Agent.
 Period covered: March 5, 1942. Status of Case: Closed.
 Origin of Case:

3ND Investigation Report dated February 3, 1942, requesting investigation of subject, an applicant for commission, I-V(S), USNR.



Character of Investigation:

To interview reference Malcolm Farmer and determine subject's background, character, reputation, and loyalty.

Enclosures:

None.

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- 3ND-2

Source File No.: L-0-672.

ONI File No.:

SYNOPSIS:

Reference Malcolm Farmer, Executive Vice President, Phoenix Iron Company, qualifies subject as person of good character and reputation, aggressive and with no question as to his loyalty.

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Deductions: Investigation in 4ND revealed nothing derogatory to subject.

SUBJECT: FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr., 1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich.

DETAILS

This investigation is predicated upon 3ND Investigation Report dated February 3, 1942, requesting investigation of subject, an applicant for commission, I-V(3), USNR.

At Phoenixville, Pa.

Malcolm Farmer, Houston Road, Radnor, Pa., Executive Vice President, Phoenix Iron Company, advised that as former chairman of athletics, Board of Control, Yale University, it was his duty to employ an assistant football coach; that subject's name was submitted to him; that after a careful investigation at the University of Michigan he found him to be of good character, trustworthy, and a fine student; that he employed him as assistant football coach of the Junior Varsity Squad in 1938, and a year later promoted him to head coach of the Varsity Squad; that he was admired by students and superiors for his courage, aggressiveness, and honesty; that he had great initiative, in that he pursued a post graduate course in law at Yale University; that he was employed as a forest ranger in Wyoming National Park between coaching periods, 1938-40; that he displayed courage in assuming the position of assistant boxing coach, whereas he was not a finished boxer and consequently received a fairly good beating every so often; that he never complained of hardships encountered in performing his duties as boxing instructor and football coach; that he never saw him smoke or drink; that his companions were of good reputation and character; that to the best of his knowledge he was not a member of any political or subversive organizations; that he was a Presbyterian and attended church regularly; that after he left Yale he understood he became a partner of a law firm in New York; that, while they touched on world affairs in their conversations, he never expressed any opinions that would lead him to suspect he was other than a loyal citizen; that he would recommend him very highly for a position of responsibility and trust with our government.

Undeveloped Lead

13ND will verify subject's employment, 1938-40, as Forest Ranger, Wyoming National Park, and conduct background and neighborhood investigation. 13ND will forward report directly to 9ND.

This case is closed in 4ND.



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FORD, Gerald Rudolph, Jr.
1011 Santa Cruz Drive
Grand Rapids, Michigan

9ND
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- References:
- (a) 9ND card dated Dec. 17, 1941.
 - (b) 9ND I.R. dated Dec. 30, 1941.
 - (c) 13ND I.R. dated Jan, 3, 1942.
 - (d) 9ND I.R. dated Jan. 15, 1942.
 - (e) 9ND I.R. dated Jan. 26, 1942.
 - (f) 3ND I.R. dated Feb. 3, 1942.
 - (g) 4ND I.R. dated Mar. 13, 1942.

It is requested that this investigation be cancelled inasmuch as subject is no longer being considered for a commission class I-V(S), USNR.

May 14, 1942

To: ONI (for info only) ✓

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

December 2, 1959

GERALD R. FORD
Born: July 14, 1913
Omaha, Nebraska

Reference is made to your request that you be furnished the results of any investigation conducted concerning the captioned person, wherein information of a subversive nature was developed. You are advised that an applicant-type investigation was conducted by the FBI in 1942 concerning the captioned individual. The aforementioned investigation revealed no pertinent derogatory information concerning Ford.



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OPNAV FORM 5510-397 (Rev. 7-58)

NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE RANK/RATE/GRADE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
FORD Gerald R/

ALIASES, MAIDEN NAME, VARIATION OF SPELLING

PRESENT ADDRESS - NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE
1624 Sherman St. S. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan

BIRTH - DATE PLACE
7/14/1913 Omaha, Neb.

SERVICE/FILE NO. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

ANNUAL GLOBAL STRATEGY
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TO SECRET INFO INVOLVED

REPORT REQUESTED FROM

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ORIGINATOR OF REQUEST

Op-921B (Global-60) ~~PTNO~~
DATE OF REQUEST: 14 October 1959

MARRIED YES NO DIVORCED SEX MALE FEMALE RACE DATE LAST SEPARATION FROM MIL. SERVICE BRANCH RESERVE STATUS

ALIEN REG. NO. CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE NO. - DATED NAME OF SPOUSE BIRTH - DATE PLACE

RESIDENCE (Last 10 years in inverse order excluding present address shown above) (Include military addresses)

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EMPLOYMENT (Last 10 years in inverse order including all military service)

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PRESENT House Office Building Washington 25, D.C.



EDUCATION (All after high school - if none then high school - OMIT SERVICE SCHOOLS)

FROM	TO	NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE
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RETURN TO: Navy Department, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-921D)

26 JAN 1970

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

IN REPLY REFER TO
Op-092D223/dts
23 January 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: FORD, Gerald R.

DPOB: 14 July 1913, Omaha, Nebr.
D# RM15533 (when available)
M#

1. Subject was approved for Global Strategy Discussions at the Naval War College in June 1969, with access to Secret information authorized. He was invited by the War College but unable to attend.
2. The Naval War College has again submitted his name for the Global Strategy Discussions in June 1970. Approval was granted by phone.

P. E. Kiley
P. E. KILEY
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SUBJECT: FORD, GERALD RUDOLPH (CONTROLLED FILE)

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MR. CARROLL/FBI	LL.	Captain Martin	10/15/73	10/16/73
MR. LYNCH	LL.	(Miss Parmen)	11/12/73	11/13/73
Capt. Martin	J		8/13/74	6/18/75

