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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: Investigations of Applicants and  
Personnel of Government Departments  
other than the Department of Justice;  
Alien Employees in Aircraft and  
Munitions Production.

Dear Sir:

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Previous Bureau instructions regarding investigations of applicants and personnel of Government Departments other than the Department of Justice should hereby be disregarded. In the future, the policy will be as follows:

The Attorney General has ruled that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not authorized to conduct investigations involving personnel of Government Departments other than the Department of Justice, except in those instances where there is an allegation of subversive activities or a violation of a Federal Statute over which this Bureau has primary jurisdiction.

You were instructed on January 29, 1941, to hold in abeyance investigations of applicants and personnel other than Departmental and Bureau, until further notice. In accordance with the ruling of the Attorney General, you will now place these cases in a closed status. These instructions, however, should not be taken to apply to those cases in which there has been an allegation of subversive activities or a violation of a Federal Statute over which this Bureau has primary jurisdiction.

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On January 31, 1941, you were instructed to discontinue all investigations being conducted regarding alien employees in aircraft and munitions production. Those cases which were closed in accordance with these instructions should continue to remain closed. In the future, however, you should be guided by the following instructions:

The Department has ruled that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has jurisdiction to conduct investigations of alien employees in aircraft and munitions production.

Specific requests will be submitted to the Field by the Bureau in individual cases where investigations of alien employees in aircraft and munitions production are desired. Investigations of this nature should never under any circumstances be initiated in the Field in the absence of specific Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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