

Gentry Book on Hoover

General Investigative Division resurrected on the eve of War in 39-40.

Footnote on page 230, Gentry describes the real purpose of the "Do Not File" system instituted by Hoover in April, 1940. Not for "Administrative Purposes" as the instructions said, but rather for intelligence that was too sensitive to be placed in the central filing system. Gentry states that the field offices recognized the value of these documents as well, and kept copies for themselves. "Thus the assistant directors, as well as the field offices themselves, amassed large secret files which Hoover believed had been destroyed. For example, the New York field office kept a near complete record of surreptitious entries committed by its agents from 1954 to 1973.