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FILE TITLE/NUMBER/VOLUME: McLENDON, GORDON
201-579764

INCLUSIVE DATES: _____

CUSTODIAL UNIT/LOCATION: _____

ROOM: _____

DELETIONS, IF ANY: _____

DATE RECEIVED	DATE RETURNED	REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME)	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL
16 MAY 78		LESLIE WIZELMAN	Leslie Wizelman

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6 Jan 1975
(date)

Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on McLENDON (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- should be closed.
- witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- potential witting collaborator; date opened _____
OI Code A2.
- former witting collaborator (relationship terminated).
OI Code A3.
- potential witting collaborator never contacted (security reasons, derogatory information). OI Code A4.
- counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- all others. OI Code A6.

Signed SAM H. GIRARDI IP/ANP
(name) (title) (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed JK 6 Jan 1975
(initials) (date)

This document is a permanent part of this file.

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3 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: John K. McLean

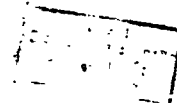
1. On 28 April the undersigned was introduced to Mr. John McLean by Mr. Wallace Lampshire, a staff officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. McLean's connection with Mr. Gordon Barton McLendon (201-79764) and Mr. McLendon's stated desire to help his government.

2. Mr. McLean is a former staff officer (DDI/OCI) who resigned to enter the field of finance. He has been a banker, a stock broker (Sade & Co.) and currently is Vice-President and Treasurer of International Ventures, Inc., 888 17th Street N.W., Washington 20006, as well as Vice-President of Riviere & Berens Securities Corp., stockbrokers located at 1832 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

3. Mr. McLendon was born in Paris, Texas 8 June 1921 and now lives in Dallas. According to Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Mr. McLendon is the owner of a number of radio stations and is listed as the president of numerous companies in radio, TV, and motion picture theatre fields. Mr. McLendon is reputedly a multi-millionaire.

4. Mr. McLean and Mr. McLendon have maintained a friendship since their years at Yale. Mr. McLean recently visited Mr. McLendon at his ranch some thirty miles from Dallas. During this visit Mr. McLendon expressed his fears of the future of the dollar and said that he has moved millions of his dollars to Europe where the money has been put into Swiss and French francs, plus German marks. Most of the money is apparently in savings instruments of one kind or another plus a night club that Mr. McLendon has bought in Stockholm. During these conversations, Mr. McLendon wondered if these foreign operations might not be of interest to the Government (read CIA as Mr. McLendon was an ONI officer during WW II and is aware of Mr. McLean's former employment with the Agency.) Mr. McLendon mentioned his night club as a possibility, as it is frequented by persons of many countries, including the USSR.

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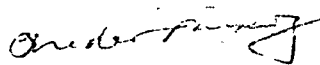


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5. Mr. McLean has business interests in Dallas and said that he is willing to explore this possibility with Mr. McLendon if we provide guidance.

6. Mr. McLean himself perhaps offers more potential via International Ventures, Inc. Mr. McLean is seeking venture capital opportunities abroad. For example, he and a Mr. Lincoln Epworth in New York City are working with a Japanese named Ikvo Kasai who is President of Nichimen Co. of Tokyo, a firm seeking to export to the States. Mr. McLean was frank to say that International Ventures is more a dream than a reality in terms of business but the concern is making progress. Mr. McLean offered to be of any assistance.

Comment: I have sent for Mr. McLean's file and upon its receipt I will seek a PCSA.


Frederick Larkin, Jr.
CCS/CFB

FL/ekw

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FROM:		41LCOXCN ELI COS/CFB EXT. 3543		GE-924 - ZICKEY 103E		NAME CHECK AND CONSOLIDATION REQUEST	
BRANCH		DATE		RID CONTROL NO.			
		19 April 1972					
TO		TURE	ROOM	DATE	INITIALS	CHECKING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTES	
RID/INDEX		DT-5	1B4003	11/10/72	ML	<p>ENTER NO. OF REFERENCES ORDERED _____</p> <p><i>Pending file</i></p>	
REQUESTER							
R.O./FILES		DT-8	GC92				
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RID/ANALYSIS		GT-7	GASO				
RID/INDEX		DT-5	1B4003				
SUBJECT TO BE CHECKED							
SURNAME				GIVEN NAMES			
✓ Mc LENDON, Gordon Barton							
SPELLING VARIATIONS TO BE CHECKED				201 NO. IF KNOWN			
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AKA, ALIASES				OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA (Occupation, CP membership, I. S. affiliations, etc.)			
				See "Who's Who in the South and Southwest", Eleventh Edition, P. 677			
SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	RESIDENCE			
M	8 June 1921	Paris, Texas	U.S.A.	9300 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas			
RESULTS OF RID/INDEX CHECK							
NO PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION				COMMENTS			
				<i>right cut in Stockholm</i>			
✓ CARD REFERENCES ATTACHED				FVV's			
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTERS							
TO ORDER DOCUMENTS				201 CONSOLIDATION (SEE CS: 70-20)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> REVIEW INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS. DRAW GREEN DIAGONAL LINE ACROSS ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT. FORWARD TO RID/FILES. 				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> IF SUBJECT HAS A 201 FILE, RETURN ONLY THIS FORM TO RID/AN WITH REPRODUCTIONS OF INDEX CARDS MARKED IN GREEN TO REFLECT THE CONSOLIDATION ACTION TAKEN. WHEN SUBJECT HAS NO 201 FILE, BUT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR OPENING A 201 FILE, RETURN THIS FORM TO RID/201 WITH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A COMPLETED FORM 831. ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS, EXTRACTS, AND PROPERLY EDITED INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE FILE BY RID/201. 			
TO EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS							
AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS, EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS ACCORDING TO CS: 70-19.							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> TO DESTROY CARDS: MARK THE CARD REPRODUCTION WITH A GREEN D, AND CITE THE REASON. TO MAKE CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: ENTER THE CHANGES ON THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS IN GREEN INK. FORWARD TO RID/AN, VIA YOUR RECORDS OFFICER. 							
CHECKLIST OF OTHER INDICES: REQUESTER SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER TRACING THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WHICH ARE NOT CHECKED BY RID/INDEX (SEE NAME TRACE HANDBOOK).							
SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED	SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED		
CS - AREA DESKS			CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE				
RID ARCHIVES			CIA LIBRARY				
COMINT NAME CHECK			OFFICE OF SECURITY				
SO BIOGRAPHICS BRANCH			OFFICE OF MEDICAL SERVICES				
CS TRAVEL (ZOMREX-FOD,AC)			DOMESTIC CONTACTS SERVICE				
NAME OF BEARER FILE							
CIA APPLICANTS FILE			DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE				
CURRENT ACTION STAFF (COST)			DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX				
FEDERAL COVER STAFF			FEDERAL REGISTRY - EUROPE				
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			STATE DEPARTMENT				
			SECRET SERVICE				
			STRUCTURE OF PERSONNEL OFFICE				

MCLENDON, GORDON BARTON

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BRIEF RECORD OF CASE ACTION			
ITEM	DATE	REMARKS	INITIALS
MINUTE SHEET		This MUST be the TOP, unserialized document in File Number 201-	

FORM NO. 78 REPLACES FORM 59-59
1 AUG 59 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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19 February 1966

Date

Memorandum For: DC/SEC (for Mr. Beers)

Reference : Request for traces and clearance

Project : WUENHKE

Subject : See below

NAME: McLendon, Gordon Barton
DPOB: 8 June 1921, Paris, Texas
CIT: USA
RES: 9300 Douglas St., Dallas, Texas
OCC: McLendon Broadcast System
ADD: 2104 Jackson St., Dallas, Texas

Trace Results:

No record in addition to 201-79764 which is attached herewith on permanent charge to DC/CO/Beers.

CI/CA file JG-9545 was reviewed and found to contain no information in addition to that contained in Subject's dossier. You will note that a request made by FE Division for a CSC on Subject was denied by the Office of Security on 29 July 1952.

Areas Checked:

RID Area Division Central Cover Staff Office of Security

OCR: Biographics Register Foreign Installations Branch Library

Other

Form 772 requesting PCSA/CSA was forwarded to (Security) ~~file~~

A copy of this memorandum has been sent to RID for classification into file _____

Bernard A. Smith
DO/CS

Attachment: 201-79764

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTION <small>(Always handcarry 1 copy of this form)</small> PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION AND APPROPRIATE BLANK		DATE
TO: CI/OPERATIONAL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT DIVISION		FROM: DO/00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHIEF, INVESTIGATION AND SUPPORT DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHIEF, PERSONNEL SECURITY DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY		
SUBJECT: <small>(True name)</small>	<u>McLendon / Gordon Barton</u>	PROJECT WUENTREE
CRYPTONYM, PSEUDONYM, AKA OR ALIASES		CI/DA FILE NO.
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		SO FILE NO.
1. TYPE ACTION REQUESTED		
<input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL PROPRIETARY APPROVAL	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> COVERT NAME CHECK	
<input type="checkbox"/> COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL INQUIRY (SO field investigation)	
<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT TYPE A	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACT TYPE B	
2. SPECIFIC AREA OF USE US		
3. FULL DETAILS OF USE Subject will be contacted and assessed on a witting basis in support of WUENTREE. Subject is President of McLendon Corporation of Dallas, Texas and is also owner of several radio stations. He was born in Paris, Texas on 8 June 1921. He resides at 9300 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas and has a ranch in Denton, Texas. During World War II, he served as a Japanese Language Officer in intelligence for the US Navy from 1943-45. He is the author of "The Old Scotsman's Scrapbook"		
4. INVESTIGATION AND COVER		
	YES	NO
A. U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?		X
B. CIA INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?		X
C. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN HIM?		X
D. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF CIA INTEREST IN HIM?		X
E. INDICATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON COVERAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.		
F. SUGGEST "COVER PRETEXT" TO BE USED IN CONDUCTING PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.		
G. DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE SUBJECT WITTING OF AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT INTEREST? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
IF NO INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE CIA, EXPLAIN FULLY		
5. PRO AND GREEN LIST STATUS		
<input type="checkbox"/> PRO I, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (2) COPIES ATTACHED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRO II WILL BE FORWARDED	
<input type="checkbox"/> PRO II, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (1) COPY ATTACHED	<input type="checkbox"/> GREEN LIST ATTACHED, NO	
6. RI TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/> NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/> WILL FORWARD	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-DEROGATORY
		<input type="checkbox"/> DEROGATORY ATTACHED
7. DIVISION TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/> NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/> WILL FORWARD	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-DEROGATORY
		<input type="checkbox"/> DEROGATORY ATTACHED
8. FIELD TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/> NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/> WILL FORWARD	
<input type="checkbox"/> NO DEROGATORY INFO.	<input type="checkbox"/> DEROGATORY ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> LIST SOURCES CHECKED	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ATTACHED	
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT INITIATED (Explain)		
SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER <u>Peter Boers</u>	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF <u>William A Royer</u>


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DOCUMENT TRANSFER AND CROSS REFERENCE

SUBJECT OF DOCUMENT		DOCUMENT IDENTIFICATION		
		RI FILE NO.		
		DISPATCH OR SOURCE DOC. SYMBOL NO.		DATE
		SOURCE COMPONENT	DATE OF INFO.	EVALUATION
ANALYST 67	DATE PROCESSED 13 Oct 64	DISSEMINATED IN	DATE	
DOCUMENT DISPOSITION				
CROSS REFERRED TO THIS FILE		TRANSFERRED TO RI FILE NO.		
PERTINENT INFORMATION				
<p>THIS IS A BILL COPY OF A FILE</p> <p>THIS COPY IS OF FILE NO. <u>28-9545</u></p>				
FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO.		 207 79764		

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24 May 1954

ATTN: HI
HI/C
Chief, FE

Disposition of Files

1. Forwarded herewith for your disposition are thirty-eight (38) files, considered non-restricted by FE, for the following listed ^{names} _{date of birth} ^{place of birth}

one Lendor, Gordon Barton *about 1922* *Atlanta / Texas / Delaware / Okla*

2. Subjects are no longer in use by this office.

Originated by: Ursula T. Sharp

FOR: CHIEF, FE
Chief, FE

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FE-1, CE (Lawlinson) - 1
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S&S CAMPBELL, Salvatore Bernard's file
Date of Birth: Oct 29, 1910; Place of Birth: N.Y.S.Y.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM

NO

FE/I

DATE

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across columns after each comment.)

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29 JUL 1952

Chief, Staff C
Attention: Staff C/SPB
Chief, Special Security Division

JO 925
#69488

McLendon, Gordon Barton

1. Reference is made to your request for a covert security clearance for the Subject, who is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization.

2. This is to advise that the covert security clearance, as requested, is hereby denied.

FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, CIA:

Robert H. Cunningham

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Security Information

17 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, I & S

VIA : FE/PT
SFC/SFB

SUBJECT : Gordon Barton McLendon

1. It is requested that the case on Gordon Barton McLendon be closed, since this office has no further interest in Subject.
2. The request for covert security clearance on Mr. McLendon was submitted on 11 February 1953.

LLOYD GEORGE
Chief, FI

FE/III/PC/NSC:ml
Dist: Addressee - Orig. & 1
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MEMORANDUM TO: OD/OP/Sec

11 February 1952

FROM: FE/III/PC

SUBJECT: Gordon Barton McLendon

1. Covert Clearance, for use as outlined below, it is requested for Subject, on whom available information is submitted separately.

 Op. Clearance X Security Clearance Op. Support Sp. Inquiry

2. Use of Subject: (State in detail the scope and nature of activities to be performed, their duration, the area involved, project involved, etc.)

Subject is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however, clearance is requested to so in form subject of the connection if the need may arise at a later date. Subject will know nothing of operations conducted by this agent, only that ~~he~~ he is connected with CIA.

3. "Cover" story suggested for investigation: Governmental X Commercial

Details: General Credit Other

4. Limits, if any, to investigation: None

5. Is Subject aware that an investigation is in process: Yes No X

6. Is Subject aware of CIA interest? Yes No X

7. Has Subject been briefed on "cover" story? Yes No X

8. Has Subject established "cover" for investigation with probable contacts? Yes No X

9. Is Prov. Operational Clearance necessary? Yes No X

10. Investigation to be X Routine Expedite
Must be completed by: 1 June 1952

11. REMARKS:

Case Officer - Lowell J. Christy

Security Officer

Branch Chief James G.L. Kelle

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TO: ASST. DEPUTY (INSPECTION & SECURITY)

Date: _____

FROM: CD/OP/OPS (Security)

J.G.: _____

SUBJECT:

1. Necessary covert investigation is requested on Subject on whom all available background data is submitted separately. Information and/or clearance is requested for case category as follows:

Operational Cl. Security Cl. Sp. Inquiry Operational Support

2. Name of Special Project (if applicable): DTMIKADO

3. Investigation to be completed as: Routine Expedite
by not later than 1 June 1952

4. Scope and nature of use or activity:

Subject is the president of a company which will provide ~~cover~~ accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however.

5. Suggested "cover" for investigation: Governmental Commercial
 Other
Specific:

6. Limitations, if any, on investigation:

7. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed that investigation is pending.

8. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed on "cover" story to be used in investigation.

9. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts investigation pending.

10. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts "cover" story to be used.

11. CIA indices checks required for provisional operational clearance by

(date)

12. REMARKS:

JOHN B. BREWER

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is this correct
or shld. it be "State"?*

Name- Gordon Barton McLendon
Address-9300 Douglas, Dallas Texas
Place of Birth-Atlanta Texas (~~Idabelle~~) Oklahoma-age 30
Military History-1942 Entered Navy Japanese Language School, Boulder, Colo.
1943- Graduated Navy Japanese Lang. School
1944-Commissioned US Navy Assigned as Intelligence Officer, ONI/
Discharged as Lt(JG)
Education-Graduated Yale University
1946-attended Harvard Law School
Wife's Name-Gay Noe (Daughter of James A. Noe former Gov. of Louisiana
Subject has four children.
Present Occupation- President of Liberty Broadcasting System.

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ABSTRACT OF DOCUMENT BEING CROSS FILED			CROSS FILED BY	
FILE NO. JG-9545	SOURCE STC/SPB	DATE OF DOCUMENT XXXX	ANALYST XXXX	
SUBJECT McLENDON, Gordon Barton Born: Atlanta, Texaco/Atlanta, Oklahoma, age 30 (in 1952)			DATE 26 Jan 55	
PERTINENT INFORMATION THERE IS A RESTRICTED STC/SPB FOLDER ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS 201 HELD IN RI/AR FILE, WASH-CIA-PERS-4.				
CROSS REFERENCE FORM			FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO.	
				201 79704