

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN SEA FRONTIER  
90 CHURCH STREET  
NEW YORK

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Starke	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

June 16, 1943

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

I do want you to know how much I appreciate your very thoughtful letter concerning my recent promotion.

All that I can tell you is that I'm certainly very happy and was, incidentally, thoroughly surprised. Perhaps it just goes to show that the day of miracles is not yet quite over.

Yours sincerely,

*Vincent Astor*  
VINCENT ASTOR  
Captain, USNR

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

February 15, 1943

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File #62-60925-27 ✓

Re UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO  
COMMANDER VINCENT ASTOR;  
EXTORTION.

Lab. #98247  
98248

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DATE 11/22/85 BY 9145 [signature]

Examination requested by: New York (No file No. given)

Reference: Letter dated 1-27-43

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Chemical

Specimens: (General Chemical)

- 62-60925-27 Q1 Envelope addressed to "Commander Vincent Astor, North Hills, Manhasset, New York, Henry Minton Estate" and postmarked Syosset, N. Y., January 4, 1943, 8 AM.
- Q2 Accompanying communication consisting of a newspaper clipping glued on a small piece of paper which bears the handwriting beginning, "Big shot eh l.....".

Result of Examination:

ENCLOSURE

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the appropriate section of the Anonymous Letter File with negative results. Appropriate photographic copies of the questioned writing will be added to this file for future reference and comparisons.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ It was concluded that the adhesive on specimen Q2 contains starch; Mr. E. A. Tammover, an insufficient quantity is present for further identification.

Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_ Specimen Q1 consists of a white bond envelope containing no water-  
Mr. Ladd mark and measures 3.69" in width, approximately 5.77" in length, and 0.0056"   
Mr. Nichols 0.0056" in thickness. It weighs 3.081 grams and has an opacity value of  
Mr. Rosen 0.95 to 0.97. Q2 bears a handwritten address in ink.

Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_ Specimen Q2 is a newspaper clipping glued to a small piece of paper  
Mr. Coffey which measures approximately 2.9" by 1.7". Red and white Christmas designs are  
Mr. Hendon found on the back of this paper.

- Mr. Kramer: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- Mr. McGuire: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
- Mr. Quinn Tamm: 205 New York (Enclosure)
- Mr. Nease: Laboratory
- Miss Gandy: 317

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Specimens Q1 and Q2 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report will be furnished on this phase of the examination.

Photographic copies of Q1 and Q2 are attached hereto.

The submitted evidence is being retained.

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LABORATORY  
62-60925-27 Q 1

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Commander Vincent Carter

North Hills

Manhasset

Henry Winter Estate  
New York

FBI  
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62-60925 Q 1

Commander Vincent Astor  
North Hills  
Manhasset

Henry Minton Estate New York

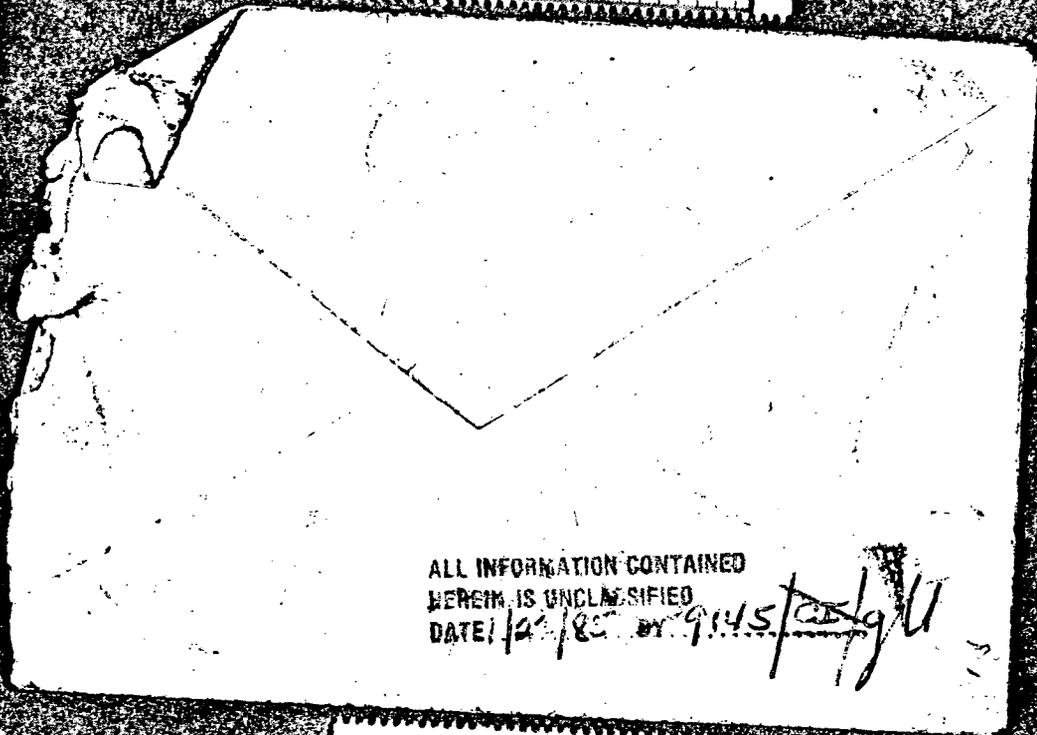
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62-60925-27 Q 2

*Big shot eh? We didnt*

**Astor Leases Minton Estate**  
Commander Vincent Astor has leased Mrs. Henry Minton's estate at North Hills, near Manhasset, L. I., through the country department of Douglas L. Elliman & Co., Inc., brokers.

*Get you last time - wait Big stuff*

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LABORATORY  
62-60925-27 Q 1



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**FBI**  
LABORATORY  
62-60925-27 Q 2



# Astor Heads U. S. Intelligence Here



**VINCENT ASTOR**  
*Heads Intelligence Service in New York Area*  
 Journal-American Photo.

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Ladd.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Mr. Carson.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Hendon.....
- Mr. Holloman.....
- Mr. McGuire.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Nease.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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*R. Kramer*

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THE NEW YORK JOURNAL AMERICAN  
 FEBRUARY 18, 1942

February 20, 1943

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SAC, New York

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
ADDRESSED TO COMMANDER  
VINCENT ASTOR; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 27, 1943, transmitting the following described specimens for examination in connection with the above-entitled case:

- Q 1 Envelope addressed "Commander Vincent Astor, North Hills, Manhasset, New York, Henry Minton Estate" and postmarked "Syosset, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1943"
- Q 2 Accompanying communication consisting of a newspaper clipping glued on a small piece of paper which bears handwriting beginning, "Big shot eh!....."

You are advised that the specimens were examined and one latent fingerprint of value for comparison purposes was developed on the outside of "Q 1".

You are being separately advised as to the result of the laboratory examination conducted.

Very truly yours,  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Kramer \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

24 FEB 25 1943

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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LATENT EXAMINATION

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED  
TO COMMANDER VINCENT ASTOR;  
EXTORTION.

File # 62-60925-27  
Lab. # 68247 Doc.  
98248 Chem.  
62-60925-27

Examination requested by: New York (No file # given)

Date of reference communication: let dated 1-27-43

Date received: 2-1-43

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Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Chemical (General Chemical)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Latona

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q 1 Env. adr. #, "Commander Vincent Astor, North Hills, Manhasset, New York, Henry Minton Estate" and pm Syosset, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1943, ~~XXXX~~
- Q 2 Asp. communication consisting of a newspaper clipping glued on a small piece of paper which bears ~~the~~ handwriting bgn, "Big shot eh!....."

LATENT EXAMINATION !

LATENT EXAMINATION !

Q1 & 2 to photo 2/16 R

Exam: 1 half fingerprint for comp devel Q1 2/19 R

Print 2/19  
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2-20-43  
SPL 1/1/43

62-60925-27

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Laboratory

Date 2-10 1942

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number 62-60925-27

No latent fingerprints developed none  
Iodine prints developed none  
Silver nitrate prints on yes Q1  
Identiscope negatives attached hereto

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2-10-43

E. P. Coffey, Room 7326

By DOROTHY KILGALLEN

Vincent Astor, financier and sportsman, has been appointed by the White House as controller of all government intelligence offices in this area, it was learned today.

Formerly associated with the Office of Naval Intelligence, Astor's new duties will make him co-ordinator of the FBI, the Army and Navy intelligence services.

Astor, a commander in the United States Naval Reserve before the war, will have as his first major undertaking, the task of directing the official investigation of the Normandie disaster.

AT SCENE OF SHIP FIRE.

Deeply interested in the fire that swept the former queen of the seas, Astor has been at the Hudson River pier, where the vessel overturned, for the past few days, taking an active part in operations looking toward possible salvage.

Unavailable for comment on his appointment, Astor has been on active duty with the Navy since long before Pearl Harbor.

He foresaw the need for Navy auxiliaries—of which the Normandie would have been the largest—last Summer, and responded by turning over to the Coast Guard his 2,000-ton yacht, Nourmahal.

DECLINED DUTY ON OWN SHIP.

Although the Nourmahal was his particular pride, and would cost more than \$2,500,000 to replace, the Commander presented her for use during the emergency with the specific request that he not be assigned to duty aboard the vessel.

It was on the Nourmahal that the financier played host to President Roosevelt, on more than one occasion.

The President was Astor's guest on the yacht during the America's Cup race off Newport in 1937, and has traveled from New York to Washington on the ship several times.

Astor, who was divorced from the

former Helen Dinsmore Huntington after 26 years of married life, is now the husband of Mary E. Cushing, daughter of Mrs. Harvey Cushing, widow of the world-famous brain surgeon. They were married in September, 1940.

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JEB:MCB

January 3, 1944

*Handwritten: JEB*  
Captain Vincent Aator, USNR  
23 West 26th Street  
New York City

Dear Vincent:

Upon my return to the city today my secretary told me of your telephone call to the office last Thursday to extend the Season's Greetings. It was indeed thoughtful of you to call, and I am only sorry that I wasn't here to talk with you personally.

I should like to take this occasion to reciprocate to you my own best wishes for a New Year filled with an abundance of the good things of life.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature: J. Edgar*

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- Tolson
- E. A. Tamm
- Clegg
- Coffey
- Glavin
- Ladd
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- Tracy
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- Carson
- Harbo
- Hendon
- Mumford
- Starke
- Quinn Tamm
- Nease
- Gandy

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 TIME 1:11 PM  
 DATE 1-4-44  
 BY *[Signature]*

*Handwritten: 275*  
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January 17, 1944

Captain Vincent Astor  
23 West Twenty-sixth Street  
New York, New York

Dear Vincent:

I wanted you to know how deeply I appreciated your attending the memorial services for Sam Saturday afternoon. How we have missed him during the past year! His work, however, is being carried on and the best proof of this is in the sentiments which were expressed on Saturday.

I was happy to see you and I had a most enjoyable visit with Mrs. Astor and you at your home. I do hope that whenever you are in Washington you will either drop by or give me a ring.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

cc - New York (mailed 1-18-44 by mail room)

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- Nichols
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- Hendon
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- Pennington
- Quinn Tamm
- Nease
- Gandy

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TIME 10:14 PM  
DATE 1-18-44  
BY [signature]

JAN 20 1944

VINCENT ASTOR  
NEWSWEEK BUILDING  
152 WEST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 18, N.Y.

January 21, 1944.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E.A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Acers	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Burke	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Secretary to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please make note of the new  
address of -

Captain Vincent Astor, U.S.N.R.  
Room 1030,  
Newsweek Building,  
152 West 42nd St.,  
New York 18, N. Y.,

as his offices have moved from 23 West 26th Street.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Charles F. Bremer*

*Astor's address change  
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90 CHURCH STREET  
NEW YORK

21 January, 1944

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Mr. Glavin	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Mumford	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Starke	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Quinn Tamm	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dear Edgar:

Ever so many thanks for your thoughtful letter. However, I consider it is I who should be grateful to you and your New York Office for giving me the opportunity to be present at the beautiful memorial services for Sam. He certainly is missed, but if anyone could replace him that is being accomplished by Ted Conroy. My association with him and Tom Donnegan I indeed enjoy and appreciate.

The next time that you are in New York and have nothing better to do, I do hope that you will again come and see Mary and me.

Sincerely,

VINCENT ASTOR

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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VINCENT ASTOR  
NEWSWEEK BUILDING  
152 WEST 42ND STREET  
NEW YORK 18, N.Y.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Mohr.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Mumford.....
Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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September 13, 1944

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A brown envelope arrived this morning measuring 10 x 7", addressed to Captain Vincent Astor, U.S.N.R.

This is to advise you that Captain Vincent Astor is at the moment on active sea duty with the United States Navy and we do not expect him back for some time.

Will you, therefore, please find out who sent this envelope and what they wish me to do with it.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles F. Bonner*

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~~CHARLES F. BONNER~~

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Mr. Charles F. Bower  
Newsweek Building  
152 West 42nd Street  
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Bower:

Your letter of September 13, 1944, has been received and it is suggested that you hold the envelope to which you refer until Captain Astor returns from his present tour of sea duty. The matter is not one which requires expedite attention.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
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- Miss Gandy

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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SEP 15 1944 P.M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

EAT:MMG

TO : The Director

FROM : E. A. Tamm

SUBJECT: VINCENT ASTOR

DATE: Jan. 23, 1945

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Call: 11:00

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Mumford
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

SAC Conroy telephonically advised that Vincent Astor was in the New York City Office on January 16th. Mr. Conroy talked to him over the telephone on January 17th on which day he left for Phoenix, Arizona, where he will be on three months sick leave. His address there is Jakaka Inn, which is located about eleven miles out of Phoenix. He asked Mr. Conroy to write a letter to SAC Duffey at Phoenix so that he could get in touch with him. Astor also knows Agent Jack Minor at Phoenix.

Mr. Conroy stated what Astor apparently tried to do was to secure a sort of suspended state for a period of three months while he could take care of the arthritis which has been bothering him for a long time past. The Navy advised him this could not be done legally, therefore he was placed on sick leave for ninety days. He has signed over his pay for this period to the Navy relief. After the expiration of this three-month period, he is to return for another physical examination which he hopes he can pass and remain in the Navy. However, Astor mentioned that if he doesn't pass this physical, he will be forced out. Mr. Conroy felt that Astor wanted very much to remain in the Navy and he believed that Astor wanted some convoy duty.

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*Vincent Astor*

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DATE 6-2-69 BY [signature]

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Article : "Astor Leases Minton Estate"