

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: July 13, 1946

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 28, 1946, instructing that active investigation in the above-entitled matter be immediately pursued, and that [REDACTED]

The files of the Washington Field Division reflect that the last known address (residence) of the subject was in Norwalk, Connecticut. The New Haven Field Division is requested to conduct an immediate investigation in an effort to determine the subject's present whereabouts and to set out appropriate undeveloped leads to insure a complete coverage of all of the subject's activities.

The Washington Field Division is the Office of Origin in this case at the present time and investigation is continuing in this Field Division.

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cc New Haven

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D. C.**

NH FILE NO. **100-10511**

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| REPORT MADE AT<br><b>NEW HAVEN, CONN.</b> | DATE WHEN MADE<br><b>8-5-46</b> | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br><b>6/10; 7/25/46</b> | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>[REDACTED]</b>             |
| TITLE<br><b>JOHN HAMILTON, was</b>        |                                 |   | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>INTERNAL SECURITY R</b> |

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



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Subject's former wife MADELINE CARROLL resided in Paris, France, 7/13/46.

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DATE 9-17-87 BY Sp1AB/SC**

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**REFERENCE:**

BUREAU FILE NO. 100-337117

Bureau letter to the Washington Field Division dated June 28, 1946.

Letter from Washington Field Division to Bureau and New Haven Field Division dated July 13, 1946.

**DETAILS:**

Reference letter from the Washington Field Division requested that investigation be conducted to determine the present whereabouts and activities of the subject.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>Roger F. Meason</i><br>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES<br><b>100-337117-36</b> | RECORDED & INDEXED<br><b>50</b> |
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The Stamford, Connecticut Advocate newspaper on January 24, 1946, contained an item reflecting that subject's wife MADELINE CARROLL had been elected to the French Legion of Honor, Order of Chevalier. This article reflects Miss Carroll was cited as a "great friend of France" for her work in cementing French-American relationships as a member of the American Red Cross.

Under date of January 29, 1946, the New Haven, Connecticut Register newspaper contained an item from Los Angeles, California, reflecting that STIRLING HAYDEN was in Reno, Nevada, to file suit for divorce from actress MADELINE CARROLL. This item stated that HAYDEN landed in Reno from New York and stated he would establish his residence preparatory to filing his suit although he had not yet consulted an attorney. This article reflected that subject and his wife had been married in 1942 and the subject had entered the Merchant Marine early in the war and that Miss Carroll was active in Red Cross work.

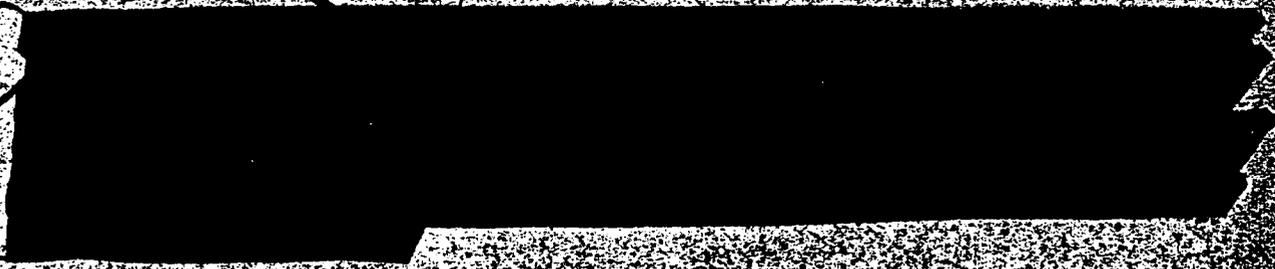
The Norwalk, Connecticut Hour newspaper on February 15, 1946, contained an article reflecting that STIRLING HAYDEN, formerly of Wilson Point, had been awarded the highest honor of Yugoslavia and had been presented with the Order of Merit through the Yugoslavia Embassy in Washington, D. C. This article reflected that HAYDEN had been a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and performed special services in Yugoslavia as a member of the OSS, assigned to cooperate with the guerillas of Yugoslavia. This article reflected that HAYDEN was at the present time out west and would soon resume his motion picture work having been recently discharged from the USMC, which he had joined in 1942.

The New Haven, Connecticut evening Register newspaper on March 15, 1946, contained an item reflecting that subject, who is now legally known as JOHN HAMILTON, had filed suit for divorce against MADELINE CARROLL, charging mental cruelty. Miss CARROLL's lawyers were stated to be PLATT & SINAI, who had filed a demurrer and said they would bring a cross complaint on Miss Carroll's behalf later. The article stated an out-of-court settlement of property rights and Miss Carroll's maintenance had been reached.

The New York Sunday Mirror newspaper on July 14, 1946, contained an item reflecting that MADELINE CARROLL, film star, had been married on July 13, 1946, to HENRI LAVOREL. It was stated that Miss Carroll was recently divorced from STIRLING HAYDEN.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

One copy of this report is being designated for the San Francisco office for information in view of the fact that this office is origin in the case entitled, "CONRAP".

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Washington, D. C.

FILE NO. 100-16900

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| REPORT MADE AT<br>WASHINGTON, D. C.  | DATE WHEN MADE<br>8-22-46 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>8-17-25<br>8-7-46 | REPORT MADE BY<br>[REDACTED]               |
| TITLE<br>MR. JOHN HAMILTON, was Sterling Hayden, Sterling Hayden, Sterling Walters, Sterling Hamilton<br>Capt. John Hamilton, Capt. Sterling Walter Hayden, Mountain Police, Walter, Sterling Police, Walter, [REDACTED] |                           |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>INTERNAL SECURITY - B |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 100-337177  
Letter from the Director to the Washington Field Office dated June 28, 1946  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 5, 1946, at New Haven, Connecticut.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*Ray Hottel*  
[Signature]

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Referenced report dated August 5, 1946, at New Haven, Connecticut, reflected that as of January 29, 1946, the subject, known as STIRLING HAYDEN, was in Reno, Nevada, in order to file suit for divorce from his wife, MADELINE CARROLL.

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No further information was available concerning this matter to Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT RENO, NEVADA:

Will attempt to discreetly ascertain all available information concerning the subject's alleged divorce from MADELINE CARROLL, which divorce probably occurred in the latter part of the year 1945, or the early part of the year 1946.

Will also attempt to discreetly ascertain the subject's location, activities and contacts while he resided in Reno, Nevada.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

Will attempt to ascertain the subject's present whereabouts and when located will conduct continuous and extensive investigation regarding his activities and his contacts. (The Bureau and the Washington Field Division should be immediately advised when the subject is located.)

THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION

One copy of this report is being designated for the New Haven Field Division for information purposes inasmuch as the subject's home and legal address and the residence of his mother are located at Wilson Point, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

One copy of this report is being designated for the San Francisco Field Division for information purposes due to the subject's past activities in the case entitled "COMRAP", San Francisco origin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

510 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles 13, California  
August 30, 1946

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Director, FBI

Re: JOHN HAMILTON, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau file 100-337177)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 22, 1946 at Washington, D.C., regarding the captioned individual.

[redacted]

Investigation of HAYDEN's Communist activities is being conducted by the Los Angeles Field Division.

Very truly yours,

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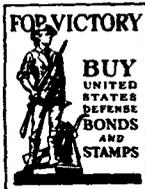
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cc - Washington (AIRMAIL)  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD  
SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, was  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R  
(Bureau File No. 100-337177)

DATE: September 9, 1946

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It is requested that the Bureau consider the advisability of changing the office of origin from the Washington Field Division to the Los Angeles Field Division.

cc - Los Angeles  
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Information is made to your letter to the Bureau  
and dated September 8, 1946.  
In the Department's files  
pertaining to your request, the Los Angeles Field  
office is hereby advised that the information  
is being furnished to your office.  
Copies of all pertinent office records  
of the Los Angeles office  
is forwarded to your office.

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October 1, 1946



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

R.B.R.  
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOHN HAMILTON, wa. Sterling Hayden  
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: September 4, 1946

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 22, 1946, at Washington, D.C. which sets out information that the Bureau by letter dated June 28, 1946, requested that HAMILTON's present location and activities be ascertained.

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September 13, 1946

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SAC, Los Angeles  
Director, FBI

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JOHN HAMILTON (alias Sterling Hayden)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - [REDACTED]

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau in the above case dated September 4, 1946.

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In view of the fact that Hamilton has apparently permanently returned to Los Angeles, you should consider yourself the Office of Origin in the further investigation of this case.

cc - Washington

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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
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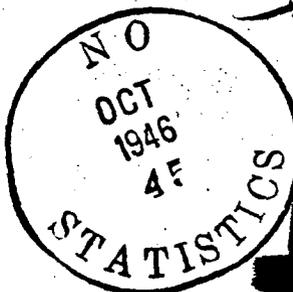
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| REPORT MADE AT<br>Salt Lake City, Utah | DATE WHEN MADE<br>9-30-46 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE<br>9/20,21/46 | REPORT MADE BY<br>[REDACTED] |
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| TITLE<br>JOHN HAMILTON, was: | CHARACTER OF CASE<br>INTERNAL SECURITY - R |
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 5/8/46 at Reno, Nevada, MADELEINE CARROLL HAMILTON, then residing in Paris, France, was granted a divorce from JOHN HAMILTON, residing Verdi, Washoe County, Nevada, on grounds of mental cruelty. File reflects HAMILTON and CARROLL were married at Peterboro, New Hampshire on 2/14/42.



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References:

Bureau File No. 100-337177  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
Washington, D. C., August 22, 1946.

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Details:

AT RENO, NEVADA

An examination of complaints on file in the office of the County Clerk, Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, reflects that under Action No. 98441, JOHN HAMILTON filed a divorce complaint on March 14, 1946, charging his wife, MADELEINE CARROLL HAMILTON with extreme mental cruelty.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED:<br><i>Jay @ Newton</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE             | DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES |                    |
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By depositions made before LEONARD R. MOREY, Vice Consul of the United States of America, United States Embassy, City of Paris, France, on March 19, 1946, MRS. HAMILTON answered the original complaints and also issued a cross-complaint, which was filed at Reno, Nevada, on March 26, 1946.

The complaints filed reflected that the parties were married at Peterboro, New Hampshire, on February 14, 1942, and that there were no children as a result of this marriage. Both parties had entered into a property settlement on September 7, 1945.

On May 8, 1946, MR. HAMILTON as the plaintiff in the original complaint answered the cross-complaint denying the charge of mental cruelty. On the same date the action was heard in the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, County of Washoe, and Judge EDGAR EATHER, ordered that a divorce be granted to the defendant, MADELEINE CARROLL HAMILTON and that she be restored the right to use her maiden name of MADELEINE CARROLL.

From the file it was ascertained that JOHN HAMILTON had resided at the Fugitt Ranch at Verdi, Nevada, from January 30, 1946 to March 22, 1946, when he returned to Los Angeles because of business. He then returned to Verdi where he resided until the divorce was granted on May 8, 1946.

His residence was established [REDACTED]

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Copies of this report have been designated to the San Francisco and Los Angeles Field Divisions for their information in view of their interest in instant case.

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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 11-21-46

TO : R. T. HARBO *RTH*

FROM : H. B. LONG  
Stirling Hayden, with aliases

SUBJECT: Comrap file 100-337177  
Bureau

There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

Attachment



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. 100-22949

REPORT MADE AT **LOS ANGELES** PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE **10, 11-** REPORT MADE BY

TITLE **JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  
**STERLING HAYDEN**  
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Investigation continuing.  
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REFERENCE: Bureau File No. 100-337177.  
Bureau letter to Los Angeles, dated 9-13-46.  
Bureau letter to Washington Field, dated 10-2-46.  
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Washington, D. C. dated 8-22-46, 272508

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
Reference report in this case reflected that **STERLING HAYDEN** was relieved of active duty as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps on December 24, 1945 and had reportedly returned to Hollywood, California.

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