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

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CUSTODIAL UNIT/LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

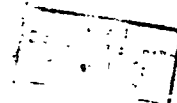
1. On 28 April the undersigned was introduced to Mr. John McLean by Mr. Wallace Lampshire, a staff officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. McLean's connection with Mr. Gordon Barton McLendon (201-79764) and Mr. McLendon's stated desire to help his government.

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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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 [redacted] is seeking venture capital opportunities abroad. For example, he and a [redacted] are working with [redacted] a firm seeking to export to the States. Mr. McLean was frank to say that [redacted] 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.

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FROM:		WILCOXON ELI COS/CFB EXT. 3543		GE-924 - TICKEY 103E		NAME CHECK AND CONSOLIDATION REQUEST	
BRANCH		DATE		RID CONTROL NO.			
TO	TURE	ROOM	DATE	INITIALS	CHECKING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTES		
RID/INDEX	DT-5	1B4003	11/18/72	MLL	ENTER NO. OF REFERENCES ORDERED _____  <i>Pending file</i>		
REQUESTER							
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REQUESTER							
RID/ANALYSIS	GT-7	GA50					
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	
✓ MACN							
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			
				right cut in Stockholm FULL			
CARD REFERENCES ATTACHED							
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTERS							
TO ORDER DOCUMENTS				201 CONSOLIDATION (SEE CS: 70-20)			
1. REVIEW INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS. 2. DRAW GREEN DIAGONAL LINE ACROSS ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT. 3. FORWARD TO RID/FILES.				1. 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. 2. WHEN SUBJECT HAS NO 201 FILE, BUT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR OPENING A 201 FILE, RETURN THIS FORM TO RID/201 B. H.			
TO EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS				A. A COMPLETED FORM 831. B. ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS, EXTRACTS, AND PROPERLY EDITED INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE FILE BY RID/201.			
AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS, EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS ACCORDING TO CS: 70-19. 1. TO DESTROY CARDS: MARK THE CARD REPRODUCTION WITH A GREEN D, AND CITE THE REASON. 2. TO MAKE CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: ENTER THE CHANGES ON THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS IN GREEN INK. 3. 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				
SD BIOGRAPHICS BRANCH			OFFICE OF MEDICAL SERVICES				
CS TRAVEL (DOMINEX-FOD,AC)			DOMESTIC CONTACTS SERVICE				
NAME OF BEARER FILE							
CIA APPLICANTS FILE			DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE				
LEGAT ALIEN STAFF (CP/CP)			OFFENSE CENTRAL INDEX				
CENTRAL COVER SPA			CENTRAL REGISTRY - EUROPE				
			ISI				
RESERVE OFFICERS FILE			U.S. NS				
INTERAGENCY SOURCE REG			STATE DEPARTMENT				
COPIED CORPUS DOCUMENTS			SECRET SERVICE				
STATE			STRUCTURE OF PERSONNEL OFFICE				
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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-	

17 February 1966

Date

Memorandum For: DC/SFC (for Mr. Beers)  
Reference : Request for traces and clearance  
Project : WUCONTREX  
Subject : See below

NAME: McLendon, Gordon Barton  
DPOB: 8 June 1921, Paris, Texas  
CIT: USA  
RES: 9300 Douglas St., Dallas, Texas  
ORG: 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) ~~(SI/SA)~~

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

*Bernice A. Smith*  
DO/CS

Attachment: 201-79764

Distribution:  
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTION <small>(Always accompany 1 copy of this form) PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION AND APPROPRIATE BLANK</small>		DATE
		30 December 1965
TO:	CI/OPERATIONAL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT DIVISION	FROM:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHIEF, INVESTIGATION AND SUPPORT DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY	DO/DO
	CHIEF, PERSONNEL SECURITY DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY	
SUBJECT: <small>(True name)</small>	McLendon / Gordon Barton	PROJECT
		WUENTREE
CRYPTONYM, PSEUDONYM, AKA OR ALIASES		CI/CA FILE NO.
		SI ZCI FILE NO.
		SO FILE NO.
1. TYPE ACTION REQUESTED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OPERATIONAL APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PROVISIONAL COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	CONTRACT TYPE A	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
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, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (1) COPY ATTACHED	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. RI TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/>
	BILL FORWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. DIVISION TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/>
	BILL FORWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. FIELD TRACES		
<input type="checkbox"/>	NO RECORD	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NO DEROGATORY INFO.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	LIST SOURCES CHECKED	<input type="checkbox"/>
	NOT INITIATED (Explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>
SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF
Peter Beers		William A Royer

FORM 772 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS


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DOCUMENT TRANSFER AND CROSS REFERENCE

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		DISPATCH OR SOURCE DOC. SYMBOL NO.			DATE
		SOURCE CRYPTONYM	DATE OF INFO.	EVALUATION	
ANALYST <i>67</i>	DATE PROCESSED <i>12/10/54</i>	DISSEMINATED		DATE	
DOCUMENT DISPOSITION					
CROSS REFERRED TO THIS FILE			TRANSFERRED TO RI FILE NO.		
PERTINENT INFORMATION					
<p>THIS IS A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT</p> <p>IN THIS COLLECTION FILE NO. <i>JG-9545</i></p>					
FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO.				 <i>207 79764</i>	

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24 May 1954

ATTN: HI  
HI/C  
Chief, FS

Disposition of Files

1. Forwarded herewith for your disposition are thirty-eight (38) files, considered non-restricted by ME, for the following listed:

Names: *Doc Lendon, Gordon Barton* Date of Birth: *about 1922* Place of Birth: *Atlanta / Texas / Delaware / Okla*

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

Originated by: URSA T. Sharp

FOR: GEORGE E. ARBELL  
Chief, FS

Dist: Addressee - Orig & 2; Subj - 1 ea;  
FE-1, CE (Rawlinson) - 1  
FE-1 (at Rome) - 1

SA CARINE, 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

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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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*McKENDON, Gordon [Signature]*

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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  
STC/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/Serial  
Dist: Addresses - Orig. & 1  
CFE - 1  
FE/PT - 1  
STC/SFB - 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. Kellie

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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):  DTMKADO

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 P. BREWER



*Low 11.  
Is this correct  
or shld. it be "11"?*

Name- Gordon Barton McLendon  
Address-9300 Douglas, Dallas Texas  
Place of Birth-Atlanta Texas (~~Adabelle~~) 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, Texas/Jalabille, 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