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REPORT MADE AT NEW HAVEN, CONN.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/21/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/15, 16, 17, 19/42	REPORT MADE BY RALPH P. LAWSON
TITLE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SA

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Mr. HOYT ^{recommended} ~~volunteered the further information that FORD would make~~ ~~an excellent Agent~~ both from the standpoint of his physical attributes and his mental qualifications.

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 In addition to the foregoing, Mr. LOEFFLER stated that he had occasion to meet applicant's family and was very favorably impressed with them. On January 17, 1942, the New Haven Field Division received a teletype from the Grand Rapids Field Division that information had been developed to the effect that applicant helped organize American First Committee at the Yale University Law School. Upon receipt of this teletype Mr. H. B. FISHER, Liaison Officer, Yale University, was requested to verify such information and reported that through his



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A teletype summary of this investigation was submitted to the Bureau on January 17, 1942.

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Report of: SA RALPH P. LAWSON
Date: 1-21-42

Office: New Haven

Field Office File #: 67-884

Bureau File #: 67-221008

Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.

Character:

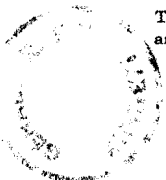
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TITLE 0 GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, Jr.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: District Court records, Omaha, indicate decree of divorce granted January 28, 1914, in favor of DOROTHY A. KING against LESLIE L. KING. No record of LESLIE L. KING in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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DETAILS:

This report is predicated upon a teletype received from the Grand Rapids Office on January 15, 1942, requesting the following investigation:

At Lincoln, Nebraska

Special Agent A. S. GORDON conducted the following investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska:

JOHN H. HEELON, Superintendent of Mails, Lincoln Post Office; Miss CLARA ARONSON, Nebraska Credit Company, National Bank of Commerce Building; and EVERETT RUDISIL, Identification Bureau, Lincoln Police Department, all advised that their records contained no information concerning LESLIE L. KING.

The Lincoln City Directory and the Lincoln Telephone Directory were examined with negative results.

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At Omaha, Nebraska

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The records of the Douglas County District Court indicate that a divorce action was instituted by LESLIE L. KING against DOROTHY A. KING, charging cruelty and desertion. Her answer and cross-petition alleged that LESLIE L. KING was guilty of vicious and cruel treatment. A decree of absolute divorce was entered on January 28, 1914, in favor of the Defendant and granted her custody of the child. Subsequent to that decree there were many motions made by both sides of the suit involving alimony to be paid by LESLIE L. KING to DOROTHY A. KING. This dispute was finally settled on June 3, 1939, when a stipulation was made between the parties settling the alimony claim for \$4,000.

The Omaha City Directory does not include the name of LESLIE L. KING.

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Title: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.

Character:

Synopsis: District Court records, Omaha, indicate decree of divorce granted January 28, 1914, in favor of DOROTHY A. KING against LESLIE L. KING. No record of LESLIE L. KING in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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DETAILS: AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Special Agent A. S. GORDON conducted the following investigation at Lincoln, Nebraska:

JOHN H. HEELON, Superintendent of Mails, Lincoln Post Office; Miss CLARA ARONSON, Nebraska Credit Company, National Bank of Commerce Building; and EVERETT RUDISIL, Identification Bureau, Lincoln Police Department, all advised that their records contained no information concerning LESLIE L. KING.

The Lincoln City Directory and the Lincoln Telephone Directory were examined with negative results.

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The records of the Douglas County District Court indicate that a divorce action was instituted by LESLIE L. KING against DOROTHY A. KING, charging cruelty and desertion. Her answer and cross-petition alleged that LESLIE L. KING was guilty of vicious and cruel treatment. A decree of absolute divorce was entered on January 28, 1914, in favor of the Defendant

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and granted her custody of the child. Subsequent to that decree there were many motions made by both sides of the suit involving alimony to be paid by LESLIE L. KING to DOROTHY A. KING. This dispute was finally settled when a stipulation was made between the parties settling the alimony claim for \$4,000.

The Omaha City Directory does not include the name of LESLIE L. KING.



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REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 1/15/42	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14/42	REPORT MADE BY WILLARD T. LINEHAN EMcN
TITLE GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR.			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employment with National Park Service, Yellowstone Park, as ranger from June 16, 1936, to September 3, 1936, verified. Records reveal rating as excellent to good, and Applicant recommended for reemployment. Last supervisor recommends highly and states Applicant conducted himself very well, showing poise and refinement as well as being an efficient worker.

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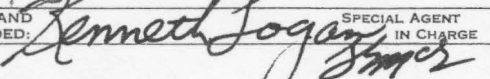
Bureau teletype to the Butte Field Division, January 13, 1942.
Butte teletype to Bureau, January 15, 1942.

Details:

Mr. EARL SEMINGSSEN, Acting District Ranger, Yellowstone Park Ranger Service, telephonically advised that their records revealed that Applicant had been employed as a ranger for the National Park Service at Yellowstone Park from June 16, 1936, to September 3, 1936, at a salary of \$1,680.00 per year.

Mr. SEMINGSSEN advised that the records revealed that Mr. FRANK ANDERSON, District Ranger, had been Applicant's supervisor, and

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advised that at the present time Ranger ANDERSON was at Canyon Range in Yellowstone Park and that he, Mr. SEMINGSEN, would call him relative to any information he might have in regard to the Applicant.

Later, Mr. SEMINGSEN telephonically advised this office that District Ranger FRANK ANDERSON recommended the Applicant highly, stating that Applicant during the time he had been employed had conducted himself very well showing poise and refinement. Mr. SEMINGSEN also related that Mr. ANDERSON had stated that the Applicant had been a very efficient worker.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

GRAND RAPIDS

SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., ONE NAUGHT ONE ONE SANTA CRUZ DRIVE, SA APPLICANT. REFERENCES PAUL GOEBEL, GOEBEL AND BROWN, ONE TWO MONROE N.E. OR TWO THREE ONE NAUGHT JEFFERSON S.E., THORNE BROWN, GOEBEL AND BROWN, ONE TWO MONROE AVE. N.E. OR NINE THREE SEVEN CHIPPENWA DR. S.E., FREDERICK STILES, SR., ONE FIVE FIVE FIVE EASTERN AVE. S.E. OR ONE THREE ONE NAUGHT FRANKLIN ST. S.E., G. HOWARD SOUTHWICK, FIVE FIVE SHELDON S.E. OR ONE NINE THREE FT SAN LO RAE DRIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTENDED SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE TO THIRTYONE. ASCERTAIN IF APPLICANT IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED SIX TWO ONE MICHIGAN TRUST BLDG., EVERYTHING GRAND RAPIDS. PARENTS DIVORCED, PROBABLY FOURTEEN, PROBABLY GRAND RAPIDS, FATHER, LESLIE KING, MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME, DOROTHY GARDNER. NAME WAS LEGALLY CHANGED TO GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., STEPFATHERS NAME, FROM LESLIE KING, JR., THIRTYFIVE, PROBATE COURT OF KENT COUNTY. ASCERTAIN PRESENT ADDRESS OF FATHER AND SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEAD. BORN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTEEN, SINGLE.

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SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., SA
APPLICANT. ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, NINETEEN THIRTYONE TO
THIRTYFIVE. MEMBER MICHIGAN BAR. BORN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN
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APPLICANT. EMPLOYED NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, YELLOWSTONE PARK, AS RANGER, JUNE TO
SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTYSIX, RECORDS AT HELENA. BORN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY
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SUBMIT TELETYPE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY GERALD RUDOLPH FORD, JR., SA APPLICANT. ATTENDED YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, NEW HAVEN, FEBRUARY NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT TO FEBRUARY FORTYONE, LL.B. DEGREE. EMPLOYED YALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, NEW HAVEN, AS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH, SEPTEMBER THIRTYFIVE TO FEBRUARY FORTYONE. ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING, NEW LONDON, JUNE THIRTYSEVEN, SPEEDING, NORTH BRANFORD, FEBRUARY THIRTYEIGHT, BOTH ASSESSED COSTS FIFTEEN DOLLARS. FORMERLY RESIDED POWELL BLDG., NEW HAVEN. BORN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, JULY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTEEN, SINGLE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Grand Rapids, Michigan
December 22, 1941

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD R. FORD;
APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letters of July 3 and December 16, 1941 concerning the above-named Applicant.

The Bureau's attention is specifically called to this Applicant inasmuch as it is believed he is one of the best Applicants who has ever appeared at the Grand Rapids Office, and it is recommended that consideration be given his application.

Very truly yours,

M. WILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Grand Rapids, Michigan
December 16, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD R. FORD;
APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter concerning the above-captioned Applicant of July 3, 1941.

Please be advised that this Applicant appeared at my office and requested further consideration concerning his application. He informed that due to the fact that he was to be inducted in the United States Army immediately subsequent to the interview and examination at this office he did not have filled out his medical questionnaire as he contemplated immediate induction in the Army; however, after a physical examination he was given a 1B classification by the Selective Service Board. This was due to the fact that while in college Applicant suffered an injury to his knees in football, which required an operation. That was approximately ten years ago.

He stated that he can pass an ordinary physical examination and that his personal physician has informed him that he is capable of performing arduous duties. The Applicant informed that he is able to continue his skiing, which results in very severe strains on his knees, without any trouble, and that he believes he would be able to successfully complete the physical examination which the Bureau will afford him.

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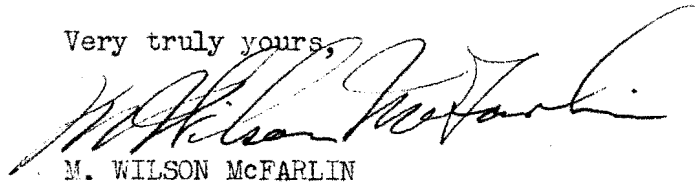
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(Letter to the Director dated December 16, 1941 from Special Agent in Charge, Grand Rapids, Michigan.)

Local Draft Board No. 4, Grand Rapids, Michigan, informed me that Applicant has been placed in a 1B classification and he probably never would be inducted into the armed service of the United States.

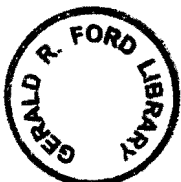
It is suggested that the Bureau reconsider this Applicant, as I believe that he is excellent Bureau material.

Very truly yours,



M. WILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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(Place) Grand Rapids, Michigan

(Date) December 9, 1941

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

Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby agree that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C., where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.
2. That said appointment will be on a probationary basis.
3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon the performance of satisfactory services, and if my services are deemed unsatisfactory it is understood that my employment may be discontinued at any time and that I will not receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.
4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require, that my headquarters may be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require; and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.
5. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and that the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me, in connection directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and that neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor at any other time will I violate this confidence, and I agree that I will not divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me, to persons not officially entitled thereto.

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I further agree that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed I will abide by the foregoing conditions, and I am fully cognizant that the provisions mentioned above are to be complied with and they are to be regarded as a part of my appointment if it is subsequently tendered to me and accepted.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

Very truly yours,

17th day of December, A.D. 1941

Gerald R. Ford Jr.

Steve H. Cieslukowski

Notary Public Kent County, Michigan
My commission expires Jan. 24, 1943



Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr.
PHYSICAL EXAM.

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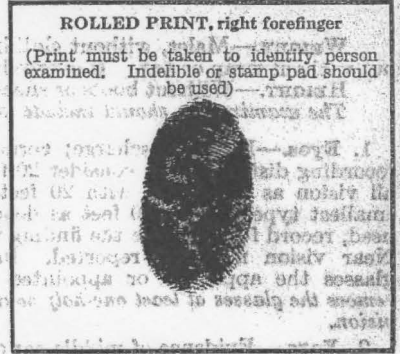
UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

(Authorized by Executive Order of September 4, 1924)

APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE

Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.
(Name)
1011 Santa Cruz Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan
(Post-office address)
Male July 14, 1913
(Sex) (Date of birth)

Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation
(Title of examination taken)
Unknown
(Department and bureau in which you are to be employed)
Unknown
(City or town in which you are to be employed)



1. Have you any physical defect or disease or disability whatsoever?
2. If answer is "yes" give details

PHYSICIAN SHOULD FILL IN THE FOLLOWING

5'11 1/2" inches. * 196 1/2 pounds. 191 pounds. (Males, with and without clothing; females, clothed, but without wrap or hat)

To be taken for males only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.
Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on reverse side, numbered to correspond with items below.)

1. Eyes: Distant vision: Without glasses: Right: 20 Left: 20 With glasses if worn: Right: 20 Left: 20
Near vision: Right: 20 Left: 20

What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the following specimens of Jaeger No. 1 and Jaeger No. 2 can be read by the applicant? If No. 1 is read with ease, No. 2 need not be given. Test each eye separately.

With the view of promoting health and efficiency and of minimizing accidents among Federal employees, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having a medical personnel are directed to make such physical examination of applicants for (Jaeger No. 1) and employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representative.
This order will supplement the Executive orders of May 27 and June 18, 1923 (Executive order, September 4, 1924) (Jaeger No. 2)

Without glasses:	With glasses, if used:
R. <u>4</u> in. to <u>30</u> in.	R. _____ in. to _____ in.
L. <u>4</u> in. to <u>26</u> in.	L. _____ in. to _____ in.
Without glasses:	With glasses, if used:
R. _____ in. to _____ in.	R. _____ in. to _____ in.
L. _____ in. to _____ in.	L. _____ in. to _____ in.

Evidence of disease or injury: Right no Left no
Color vision OK Method of testing color vision lights of 9 am

2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear 20 Left ear 20 Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear no Left ear no

3. Nose, sinus disease, etc. clear
4. Mouth and throat clear
5. Gastro-intestinal OK
6. Thyroid (especially in women) normal
7. Heart and blood vessels normal

Is organic heart disease present? no If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated?
8. Lungs: Right normal Left normal
History of tuberculosis? no If so, has the disease been arrested for at least 1 year?

9. Hernia no (If present, name variety: Inguinal, ventral, femoral, etc.; read definition on reverse before answering)
If present, is it supported by a well-fitting truss?

10. Varicose veins no (If present, state location and degree)
Varicocele (see note 10 on reverse side) none

11. Feet: Is flat-foot present? no Degree of impairment of function none (None, slight, moderate, severe)

12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above none

13. Scars of serious injury or disease Open decay from Sunkan Carbide on left hand

14. Nervous system (see note 14 on reverse side) OK

15. (a) Urinalysis (see reverse side) normal (b) Venereal disease no

16. Obtain from applicant statement of disabilities, past and present, give diagnosis and your comments under appropriate heading above or under "Remarks" on back of this sheet.

17. Does Veterans Administration recognize service-connected disability in this case? no If "yes," cover in your comments: (Yes or no)

This certificate is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination



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The aim of the Executive order September 4, 1924, under which this examination is made, is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

Notes for Examining Physician

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed, but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.
HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.
The examination should include the following observations:

1. **Eyes.**—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses. Near vision must be reported. In testing vision without glasses the applicant or appointee should be instructed to remove the glasses at least one-half hour before testing uncorrected vision.
2. **Ears.**—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.
3. **Nose.**—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.
4. **Mouth and throat.**—Missing teeth, pyorrhea; tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.
5. **Gastro-intestinal.**—Ulcers, inflammations, etc.
6. **Thyroid.**—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor; exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.
7. **Heart.**—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated. Arteriosclerosis.
8. **Lungs.**—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. If tuberculosis is present, state whether active or arrested; if arrested, state your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.
9. **Hernia.**—Give details as to size, location, etc., and whether well-fitting truss is worn. Inguinal hernia exists when ring is enlarged and on coughing visceral impulse is felt which follows the finger on withdrawal.
10. **Varicocele.**—If varicocele is present, state approximate size—e. g., size of walnut, lemon, etc.
11. **Flat foot** of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be alleged later to have been caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot," as used in this form, is meant a weak foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch," an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. An anatomically flat foot, but strong, is not disqualifying.
- 12 and 13. **Scars, deformities, atrophies, and paralyses** should be noted, but it is not important that small insignificant scars or blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.
14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.
15. **Urinalysis** to be made in case of persons over 40, and in all cases where arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record of urinalysis, if made: Sp. gr. 1.018 Albumen Nil Sugar Nil Casts Nil
 Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic 120 Mm. Hg. diastolic 78
 If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting 75 Immediately after exercise _____ Two minutes after exercise _____
 Cardiac reserve Good (Good, fair, or poor)

I have found this applicant abnormal under the following headings: Vision only
Corrected with Glasses
 In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving Arduous physical exertion.
 (Arduous, moderate, or light)
 REMARKS: _____

 (Signature of applicant)

 (Signature of examining physician)
 (This space to be filled in, as a matter of identification, by the applicant in own hand writing, and in ink, in the presence of the physician)

Grand Rapids, Mich.
 (Date of examination)
July 2/41

 (This, and branch of Federal medical service)

 Full time? Part time? Fee paid? Yes

The personnel officer should fill in the blanks below before sending this form to the Commission for action.
 To be appointed in _____ (Department) _____ (Bureau)
 Title of position _____
 Type of appointment (check): Original appointment Transfer Reinstatement Classification
 Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears (to be given in case of original appointment) _____



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DIRECTOR

GERALD R. FORD, SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT. FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION BEING MADE. SELECTIVE SERVICE ORDER NUMBER ONE THREE EIGHT FIVE. PROBABLY DATE OF INDUCTION JULY, NINETEEN FORTYONE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 3, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD;
SPECIAL AGENT APPLICANT.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Bureau teletype dated June 25, 1941 the above-named Applicant was interviewed by me at Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 26, 1941. Enclosed herewith please find the executed interview form, together with Applicant's examination.

It is to be noted that this Applicant's father LESLIE KING, who is a retired capitalist now living at Riverton, Wyoming or (Lincoln, Nebraska) has not been seen by the Applicant or Applicant's mother for many years. Applicant's mother and father were divorced when Applicant was but one year of age. Applicant was christened LESLIE KING, JR. His mother married GERALD R. FORD, SR. a year after her divorce. Applicant's step-father is the owner of the Ford Paint and Varnish Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

This Applicant used the name of JUNIOR FORD while attending grammar school; however, he had his name legally changed to GERALD R. FORD, JR. in the Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1935.

Applicant has the following step-brothers:

THOMAS FORD, who resides with Applicant, graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1941; presently taking U. S. Naval training at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

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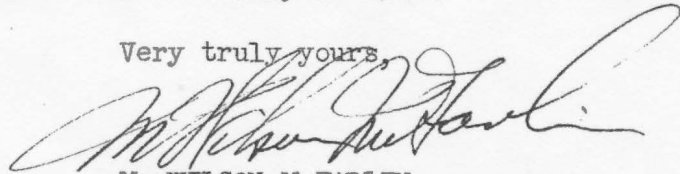
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RICHARD FORD, who resides with the Applicant and attends East Grand Rapids High School grammar school, as does JAMES FORD, who also resides with the Applicant.

The Bureau's attention is further called to the fact that this Applicant will probably be inducted under the Selective Service Act in July of 1941.

Very truly yours,



M. WILSON McFARLIN
Special Agent in Charge

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Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 3, 1941

To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States
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Interviewing Official: M. WILSON McFARLIN,
Special Agent in Charge

Interview date: 6/26/41

Name of Applicant: GERALD RUDOLPH FORD

Position: Special Agent

Exam. Re-Exam. Age: 27
Oral: *90* Marital status:
Written: *78 X* Single
Composite: *84 27-16-41*

Education and degrees:
Univ. of Michigan, 1935 - A.B.
Yale Law School, 1940 - L.L.B.

1. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

Applicant gives the impression of both physical and mental prowess. He is clean cut, of healthy appearance, and impressed me with his frankness, appearance of honesty, and reliability. Applicant has had considerable experience in athletics, coaching at Yale University while with the law school there. His diction was good, his choice of words was excellent, and he generally gave the impression of having an analytical and keen mind. It is obvious that his home life and breeding were exceptional and he generally appeared to be of a superior type of young man.

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2. Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than an average employee? Yes

3. SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION:

- A. Has applicant registered? Yes. If so, what is order number? 1385
- B. Approximate date of induction? July, 1941
- C. Does applicant intend to claim exemption? No
If so, what deferment classification?
- D. What is applicant's attitude toward military service?

In favor of it.

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- A. PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND APPROACH: Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.
- B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy.
- C. FEATURES: Refined. Ordinary. Coarse. Dissipated.
- D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any: None

5. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

- A. PERSONALITY: Excellent. Good. Fair. Average. Poor.
- B. POISE: Well-poised. Steady. Temperamental. Average.
- C. SPEECH: Average. Reticent. Talkative. Boastful.
- D. ASSURANCE: Self-confident. Fair. Over-confident. Lacking.
- E. NERVOUSNESS: None. Slight. Very nervous.
- F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.
- G. TACT: Tactful. Average. Lacking.

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6. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

- A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.
- B. Has applicant studied Federal Procedure? Yes
- C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe None
- D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? Yes
- E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? Yes
- F. Is he likely to develop? Yes

7. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. What is his ultimate goal in life, aside from his desire to be connected with the FBI? To practice law
- B. What are his recreations and tastes?
Skiing, golf, tennis

8. HEALTH RECORD:

Excellent

9. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSONS TO WHOM INDEBTED:

No debts

10. CITIZENSHIP OF APPLICANT, WIFE AND PARENTS: (IF NATURALIZED, DATE AND PLACE).

All native-born

11. ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, SOCIETIES, ETC: (INDICATE NATURE, PURPOSE AND LOCATION).

D.K.E. National Social Fraternity,
Phi Delta Phi, National Legal Fraternity
Michigamma, Honor Social Fraternity

12. ARREST RECORD (INDICATE CHARGE, DATE, PLACE, DISPOSITION) OF APPLICANT AND RELATIVES:

New London, Conn - 1937 - speeding - assessed costs \$15.00
North Branford, Conn - 2/1938 - speeding - assessed costs \$15.00

13. RESIDENCE ADDRESSES DURING PAST FIVE YEARS:

Yale Athletic Assn., New Haven, Conn.
Powell Bldg., New Haven, Conn.
1011 Santa Cruze Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan

14. TIME CONSUMED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW:

40 min.
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M. Wilson McFarlin

Interviewing Official

M. WILSON McFARLIN, Special Agent in Charge

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