

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 6, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Copy

Honorable James M. Landis  
Director  
Office of Civilian Defense  
Dupont Circle  
Washington, D. C.

RE: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS

Dear Dean Landis:

It has come to the attention of this Bureau that Lloyd J. Reynolds, 7423 S. E. 31st Street, Portland, Oregon, has been active in the Civilian Defense organization of that city. For your information, it was reported in 1939 that this person was a member of the Reed College branch of the Young Communist League. It was also reported that he was chairman of the committee for a May Day meeting in 1938 for Spanish Aid.

It has been ascertained that in 1938 and again in September of 1942 he signed the nominating petitions of James A. Murphy, local secretary of the Communist Party.

This matter is being submitted for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

NINTH CIVILIAN DEFENSE REGION

NORTHWEST SECTOR

WHITE-HENRY-STUART BLDG.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

March 9, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Jerrold Owen  
Oregon State Defense Council

FROM: Northwest Sector  
Ninth Civilian Defense Region

SUBJECT: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from John Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, addressed to Dean James Landis. The letter refers to the alleged subversive activities of Lloyd J. Reynolds, 7423 S.E. 31st Street, Portland, Oregon.

Please take the necessary action and advise me of your findings.

*H. P. Everest*  
H. P. Everest  
Assistant Director

Enc.

*Info sent  
Sub. kept  
3-15-43*

March 15th, 1943

PERSONAL  
and  
CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Larry Duhrkoop,  
Acting Coordinator  
Multnomah County Defense Council  
1101 S. W. Fifth  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Duhrkoop:

Enclosed is copy of a letter from John Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, addressed to Dean James  
Landis. The letter refers to the alleged subversive acti-  
vities of Lloyd J. Reynolds, 7423 S. E. 31st Street,  
Portland, Oregon.

Please take the necessary action and advise me of your  
findings.

Sincerely yours,

Jerrold Owen,  
State Defense Coordinator

JO:bb  
enc/

March 22, 1943

PERSONAL  
and  
CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Larry Dahrkoop, Acting Coordinator  
Multnomah County Defense Council  
1101 S. W. Fifth  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Dahrkoop:

I have your letter of March 19 relative to Lloyd J. Reynolds and the information that he "still may be acting in the capacity of chief warden on the Reed College Campus".

You conclude your letter with the hope that the information given will be of assistance to us in following through on the case. The responsibility for following through is that of the Multnomah County Defense Council not the State Defense Council.

I would suggest that you discuss this case with Mayor Earl Riley, Director of Civilian Defense, and then advise us of what decision has been reached so that I may report same to Mr. Hoover and the National Office of Civilian Defense which forwarded the report to us. If in the opinion of your defense council, the reported Communistic connections of Mr. Reynolds are not of sufficient gravity to bar him from civilian defense activities we should like to have this decision in writing. On the other hand, if you find he still is acting in a capacity of chief warden at Reed College and you feel he should be relieved of duty, please let us know of such action as may be taken so that same may be transmitted through channels.

I seem to recall that you told me verbally that Mr. Reynolds was quite a student of various types of incendiaries used in the present war and his interest in these and related matters might well be of some concern to the F.B.I.

Apparently the F.B.I. and OCD feel that this case is worthy of serious investigation and report.

I hope this will have your early attention.

Sincerely yours,

Jerrold Owen,  
State Defense Coordinator

JO: A  
enc.

Letter of 3/19 Rvd 3/22

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

NINTH CIVILIAN DEFENSE REGION

NORTHWEST SECTOR

WHITE-HENRY-STUART BLDG.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

March 27, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Jerrold Owen  
Oregon State Defense Council

FROM: Northwest Sector  
Ninth Civilian Defense Region

SUBJECT: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS

Have you been able to obtain any information  
concerning the case of Lloyd J. Reynolds  
about which we wrote you on March 9.



H. P. Everest  
Assistant Director

March 29th, 1943

**PERSONAL**  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

TO: H. P. Everest,  
Assistant Director

FROM: Oregon State Defense Council

SUBJECT: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS

I received the report last week concerning the case of Lloyd J. Reynolds but was not satisfied with it and asked for more information which will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

Mr. Reynolds is an instructor at Reed College in Portland and attended one of the War Department Civilian Protection Schools at the University of Washington.

I understand that at the present time he is not active in the civilian defense organization.

I asked for a thorough investigation and such action as might be indicated.

Jerrold Owen,  
Administrator

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OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

NINTH CIVILIAN DEFENSE REGION

NORTHWEST SECTOR

WHITE-HENRY-STUART BLDG.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

May 3, 1943

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Jerrold Owen  
Oregon State Defense Council

FROM: Northwest Sector  
Ninth Civilian Defense Region

SUBJECT: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS

Have you been able to get the final report on the Lloyd J. Reynolds case as per your letter of March 29th? We have had another request from Washington, D. C. on this case.

  
H. P. Everest  
Assistant Director

City of Portland, Oregon  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
Bureau of Police

## OFFICER'S REPORT

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_

Captain KeeganMar. 23, 1943

MEMO: RE: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS: Reports on file are to the effect that:  
Reynolds presided at a Communist sponsored meeting, held for the benefit of the Spanish Loyalists in the Civic Auditorium May 1, 1938. This meeting was broken up by a priest telling one of the speakers that he was a liar.

Reynolds was on the Oregon Committee of the Federal Arts Committee, 1938.  
Was reported as a member of the Reed College Branch of the Young Communist League, 1938.

He attended a general membership meeting of the Multnomah County Communist Party at Finn Hall, May 28, 1939.

He was a subscriber to the "Peoples Daily World", a Communist Publication, in 1939.

He attended a Communist Party Assembly at Viking Park, Sept. 4, 1938 and signed James A. Murphy's (COMMUNIST) nominating petition for the State Legislature. He attended a Communist Party Assembly at the Oaks Park Sept. 6, 1942 and signed Murphy's nominating petition for the Legislature.

W. B. Odale



ARTHUR L. FIELDS  
CHAIRMAN

MAYOR EARL RILEY  
DIRECTOR

CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON  
COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH  
CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL  
EDW. L. BOATRIGHT, COORDINATOR  
1101 S. W. 5TH AVENUE  
TELEPHONE ATWATER 9651

May 11, 1943

Jerrold Owen, Administrator  
State Defense Council  
Capitol Building  
Salem, Oregon

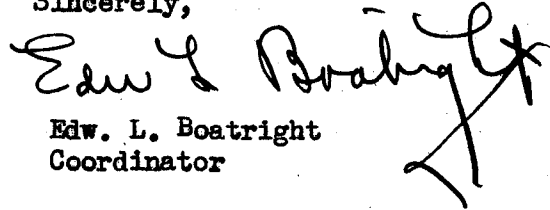
SUBJECT: Lloyd J. Reynolds

Dear Jerry:

Enclosed is a copy of the report made on the above subject by W. B. Odale of the Portland Police Department. The local FBI office and Army Intelligence Division in Portland also have copies of this report.

I wish to state that Mr. Reynolds still holds the position of Chief Air Raid Warden on the Reed College campus, although the Civilian Defense program has been dormant since the Army took over certain facilities of the college for specialized training.

Sincerely,

  
Edw. L. Boatright  
Coordinator

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ENC.

This report submitted in duplicate.

May 12th, 1943

PERSONAL  
and  
CONFIDENTIAL

TO: H. P. Everest, Assistant Director  
FROM: Oregon State Defense Council  
SUBJECT: LLOYD J. REYNOLDS.

We regret the delay in obtaining a report on the above person but that which was originally submitted by the Multnomah County Defense Council was not satisfactory and I requested further information.

I am this morning in receipt of a communication from Edward L. Boatright, Multnomah County Coordinator, wherein he states that Mr. Reynolds still holds the position of Chief Air Raid Warden on the Reed College campus, although the civilian defense program has been dormant since the army took over certain facilities of the college for specialized training.

I understand that Mr. Reynolds attended the War Department Civilian Protection School in Seattle and for a time, on his return, was utilized as an instructor in gas and incendiary defense in the city of Portland.

His activities now are confined to the Reed College campus and the county defense council of Multnomah County has disclosed no disposition to bring about his removal.

Mr. Boatright enclosed a copy of the report made on Mr. Reynolds by W. B. Odale of the Portland Police Department. This information also is in the possession of the Portland FBI office and the army intelligence division in Portland.

Jerrold Owen,  
Administrator

JO:BB

enc.



## MEMORANDUM

Date May 12th, 1943

To: Mr. Owen

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL REPORT TO EVEREST

I signed and sent the memo to Everest on Lloyd J. Reynolds and made two copies of Odale's report and enclosed with it, so we could keep a copy of his report here too.

Are you going to acknowledge Boatright's letter containing the information?

*No.*

Am leaving this on your desk as Mr. Olson didn't know if you would want it to be in the files.

*Confidential file*

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "S. B.", written over a horizontal dashed line.