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The New Orleans Field Office has furnished the following information regarding WILLIAM G. GAUDET who has been frequently mentioned as a contact of [REDACTED] X(U)

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[REDACTED] reflect that WILLIAM G. GAUDET presently lives at the address 2176 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Prior to this date he resided at 7735 Cohn Street, New Orleans.

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He is 42 years of age, white, and an American citizen. He is married and has two children. He is now employed by the David Lawrence Company, Washington, D. C., at a salary of \$6,200 per year. He lists no income from other sources than his employer. He is a graduate of Tulane University. His employment record consists of serving as professor of English at the

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University of Mexico City until 1929 at which time he resigned. After this date he worked in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a "free lance" journalist. He then returned to the city of New Orleans and was connected with the International News Service where he was an editor. In 1937 he was transferred by the International News Service to their Atlanta, Georgia, office and continued with the International News Service until 1942. In this year he was appointed correspondent in the Inter-American Affairs Department with the United States Government.

At the present time he is on leave from his employment with the United States Government and is employed as foreign correspondent by the David Lawrence Company editing what is known as "The World Reports." The record reflects that while employed with the United States Government Inter-American Affairs Department, he has served three and a half years abroad as correspondent.

He is the son of Mrs. COPA L. GAUDET of New Orleans and enjoys a satisfactory reputation. Mr. GAUDET has the unlisted telephone number Bywater 3221.

The files of the New Orleans Office reflect on July 13, 1940, Mr. GAUDET reported that he had received an anonymous telephone call while serving with the International News Service in New Orleans. The caller reported, "Do you have any information on an alleged plot to bomb the Administration Building at Camp Beauregard during the maneuvers which will be held in that vicinity in the near future?" This information was related to the proper sources; and the file reflected at the time he reported same Mr. GAUDET expressed a desire to cooperate with the Bureau in matters of this kind whenever possible stating he would not issue press releases on matters of this nature.

WILLIAM G. GAUDET has no criminal record in New Orleans.

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