

Philosophical Society Library. So, because I could find nothing more exciting, I started with his correspondence with Jack Kennedy. It surprised me that there was any such correspondence. But I immediately found a number of "bombshells."

Comments from Letters from Dr. Donald Howard Menzel to John F. Kennedy: "I am sending you a copy of a letter sent to me by Oswald Jacoby. He and I served in the Navy together, in what is now the National Security Agency. I have been associated with this activity for almost 30 years, and probably have the longest continuous record of association of any person in the country. I still keep my close association with them. Properly cleared to one another, I should be able to help in this sensitive area." August 13, 1960.

...To Senator John F. Kennedy: "but there is one deeper and more complex area in which I may be of assistance. I have been associated since 1930 with a small organization that has now grown to the great National Security Agency. I served with them as a naval officer during World War II. I have been a consultant to that activity, with Top Secret clearance, and have also had some association with C.I.A. Obviously, in an unclassified letter, I cannot go further into detail. But I wish to register that I have certain facts in my possession concerning actions by Eisenhower and his subordinates that have had a very adverse effect in these supersensitive areas. Matters were so bad that I wrote a Top Secret report, which eventually reached Eisenhower and had some beneficial effect, but the reaction was only temporary. This report can be made available to you and would serve to educate you on the shortcomings -- and successes -- in this area. Because of my length of service, I probably know more about what has gone on in this agency over the years than almost anyone now within it. I also know the people, many no longer associated with the agency, that can be relied on to contribute." copies to Prof. A. Cox, Prof. A. Chayes. November 3, 1960.

"Dear Jack:... Since my memorandum concerning the National Security Agency may have become misplaced during the campaign, let me repeat that I have been a consultant to this agency and its predecessor for 30 years. I served in it actively during World War II as a Commander in the Navy. I am one of the few people who has had continued service and contact with its varied activities." Dec. 8, 1960.

To Senator John F. Kennedy..."Dear Jack: (speaking of the space program) "May I suggest one word of caution, in strictest confidence. Many of the scientists have some concerns that the strong influence exerted by Dr. Bronk in the space area. As President of the National Academy of Sciences, he is a powerful man. Somehow he manages to get on almost every committee of importance. I have served on a number of these with him and have not been impressed either with his breadth of vision or his depth.