

**1943 DIVERSITY
ANTHROPOSOPHY IN WWII
CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION BY THE O.S.S.
(OFFICE OF SECRET SERVICE)**

One can see that the elements of Euro-centrism were naturally strong within some Society members. However, investigations over the years have shown that the Society was patriotic and American.

As the Second World War loomed, all organizations with foreign connections were subject to particular scrutiny. Because Americans were encouraged to “spy” on one another for the good of “national security” you can imagine that citizens would be suspicious of an Euro-centric organization with some German speaking members.

A January 2001 FOIA request to the Justice Department / Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) did result in a 134 page file about the Society. The file contained dozens of investigations about alleged anti-American activity, anti-Semitism and so forth dating back to the 1940’s which were all investigated. Here is one example:

“Attached are two copies each of the two concluding reports on the Anthroposophical Society which you requested. Our investigator is convinced that this is one of the many psychical organizations in the city and that there is nothing subversive so far as can be learned.

Personally, I was a bit suspicious because the organization was known by Mrs. VM of the Aloha Bookshop whose place is the hub of all subversive and anti- Semitic activity in this city. However, acting on the latest report, I checked with Dr. O, whom I know, and he advises that he has known M for a considerable time and he does not know him to be either un-American or anti-Semitic and does not believe he is such.” (O.S.S. “Confidential” file dated January 4, 1943)