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COMPRISING MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, WEST  
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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO  
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August 15, 1952

Office of the Director, Washington 25, D. C.

REGISTERED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas Francis Gorman  
2501 Calvert Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Gorman:

Reference is made to your application for the position of  
Writer Consultant.

During the course of an investigation of your suitability for appointment, information was received which the Commission believes you should be given an opportunity to clarify. Consequently, there are enclosed two interrogatories to be answered by you under affirmation or oath. One pertains to your suitability from the standpoint of loyalty only and the other to general suitability for Federal employment.

In this connection, you are advised of the provisions of Section 5.3 of Civil Service Rule V, concerning the furnishing of information by all officers and employees, and all applicants and eligibles for positions in the executive branch of the Federal service.

If you do not reply to such interrogatory, or if you fail to request a hearing with your reply to the interrogatory, the Regional Loyalty Board may decide your case on the basis of the record at hand, or may effect the cancellation of your applications or eligibilities for Federal service.

In order to expedite the handling of your case, it would be appreciated if you would answer the questions at the earliest possible date and return the originals to the Commission within the ten days allotted you. The copies are for your use.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Chairman, Loyalty Board  
Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region

Enclosures

Form 4LB-33  
April 1952

FOURTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

INTERROGATORY

**THOMAS FRANCIS GOEMAN**

Hearings are held by the Regional Loyalty Board in Washington, D. C. where the regional office of the U. S. Civil Service Commission is located. Exception may be made where it is requested that the hearing be held elsewhere and good and sufficient reasons supporting such request are set forth. Any travel expense connected with an appearance before the Regional Loyalty Board cannot be borne by the Government.

Unless a request for a hearing is made at the time you return the interrogatory, it will be assumed by the Board that you intend your answer to the interrogatory to be your full explanation of an answer to such question.

REGIONAL LOYALTY BOARD  
Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region  
Washington, D. C.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9835 ENTITLED  
"PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN EMPLOYEES LOYALTY PROGRAM IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT"

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, including the Civil Service Act of 1883 (22 Stat. 403) as amended, and section 9A of the act approved August 2, 1939 (5 U.S.C. 118j), and as President of the United States, it is ordered that paragraph 1 of Part V of Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 1947, entitled "Prescribing Procedures for the Administration of an Employees Loyalty Program in the Executive Branch of the Government," be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

- "1. The standard for the refusal of employment or the removal from employment in an executive department or agency on grounds relating to loyalty shall be that, on all the evidence, there is a reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of the person involved to the Government of the United States."

HARRY S. TRUMAN

THE WHITE HOUSE,

April 28, 1951.

I

What is your full name and present address?

II

Where and when were you born?

III

Have you ever been known or used any name other than the one that appears on the front of this interrogatory? If you answer is in the affirmative, please list such name or names and explain fully.

IV

State the name of your employer, the title and grade of your present position and your salary.

Thomas Francis Gorman

V

The Commission has received information to the effect that at various times from the early 1930's to the early 1940's you (1) took an active part in Anti-war rallies sponsored by the undergraduate Communist clique at New York University; (2) stated in substance "We now have in our morality a new frame of reference - that which advances the Communist cause is true and that which impeaches is fake"; (3) forbade your mother to read the New York Journal-American because it opposed Communism; and (4) expounded ideas that closely followed the Communist Party line and had all the earmarks of having been thoroughly indoctrinated with Communism.

Concerning the above, you are requested to furnish an answer to each of the allegations. Your answer to each allegation should be full and complete and contain sufficient detail to explain, clarify, or refute the information. If you have ever maintained a sympathetic association with the Communist Party; engaged in any activities in behalf of the Communist Party or the Communist cause; or associated with Communist Party members, Communists, or Communist sympathizers, please furnish an explanation regarding such sentiments, activities, and association.

VI

Attached hereto is the list of organizations which have been designated to date by the Attorney General of the United States as "totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

Are you now or have you ever been a member of, or in any manner affiliated with the Communist Party, U. S. A.? ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
YES OR NO

Are you now or have you ever been a member of or in any manner affiliated with any of the other organizations on the attached list? ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
YES OR NO

If either answer is "YES", give complete details of your membership in or affiliation with each organization including (1) the name and location of each such organization, (2) the nature and extent of your activities therein, (3) the approximate dates of your membership or affiliation, (4) the titles of any positions or offices held by you in each such organization and (5) such other information as you may consider necessary.

**VII**

Please note hereon any comments you desire to make regarding your loyalty to the United States which you believe should be considered in determining your suitability for Federal employment.



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THOMAS FRANCIS GORMAN

NOTE: THIS INSTRUMENT MUST BE NOTARIZED

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 195

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:  
  
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FOURTH UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

(SUITABILITY)  
INTERROGATORY

MR. THOMAS FRANCIS GORMAN

I

What is your full name and present address?

II

When and where were you born?

Thomas Francis Gorman

III

On your undated Form 60 executed in applying for a position as Writer Consultant with the National Security Resources Board you denied arrest subsequent to your sixteenth birthday. Investigation has revealed that you were arrested on November 27, 1948, and charged with drunkenness. You are requested to explain your reasons for failing to admit this arrest when executing your application.

Thomas Francis German

IV

During the investigation conducted by the Commission to determine your suitability for Federal employment information was revealed which indicates your use of intoxicating beverages habitually to excess. You are being given this opportunity to refute this charge.

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THOMAS FRANCIS GORMAN

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