

Dangerous Assignment ran on the NBC Radio Network between 1949-1954, and featured Brian Donleavy as international superspy Steve Mitchell. His assignment: Get into and out of danger. Fueled by the beginnings of the Cold War, Mitchell's assignments were given to him by a man known only as The Commissioner, voiced by Herb Butterfield. The missions took our hero to exotic locales, facing villains with equally exotic-sounding names.

Irish-born Brian Donleavy started as an actor on Broadway, then branched out as a film actor, getting his big break opposite Edward G. Robinson in *Barbary Coast*. He was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in *Beau Geste*, but lost to Thomas Mitchell for his role in *Stagecoach*. His most famous role was the title character in *The Great McGinty* in 1940, a role he reprised four years later in *The Miracle of Morgan's Creek*. He also brought the role to radio, along with several other radio features. His radio work in *Dangerous Assignment* crossed over to television, where he played the secret agent beginning in 1952.

Mr. Donleavy was married three times, most notably to Lillian Arch Lugosi, the former wife of Bela Lugosi. He succumbed to throat cancer on April 2, 1972 at the age of 71.