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REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 2/14/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/9/56	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] a
TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: KENNEDY received Hon. LL.D., Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, 6/1/41. Trustee of University from 1941 to 11/55 when resigned due to pressure of other activities. [REDACTED] advised KENNEDY anonymous benefactor of University and knows him to be a highly responsible individual, capable, of excellent character and reputation, no reason to question associates and a loyal American citizen. Would recommend highly for position of trust and responsibility with Government.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated 2/6/56.

DETAILS: AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

[REDACTED] of Public Information, Notre Dame University, advised on February 9, 1956 that their records indicate JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY received an Honorary LL.D. Degree from the University on June 1, 1941 and delivered the commencement address at the University of Notre Dame's 97th graduation exercises June 1, 1941. [REDACTED] stated KENNEDY was also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University from 1941 until November, 1955 when he resigned due to pressure of other activities as his trips to the University for trustee meetings became infrequent in recent years. [REDACTED] advised KENNEDY has a keen interest in Notre Dame and is an anonymous benefactor of the University. He added that [REDACTED] of the University, is a close friend of KENNEDY.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J.P.</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE RECEIVED IN THE SECTION COPIES OF THIS REPORT FOR: 2 03 PM '56 2 - Bureau 1 - Indianapolis (77-3358) RECEIVED FBI	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 77-70555-15 </div> NOTED 1 FEB 1956 <i>[Signature]</i>
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED], advised on February 9, 1956 that he has known KENNEDY personally since about 1947 but had seen him on occasions prior to this time. [REDACTED] stated that KENNEDY received an Honorary LL.D. from the University and was a trustee of the University until recently when he resigned due to pressure of other commitments. He also advised that KENNEDY is an anonymous benefactor of the University. He knows KENNEDY to be a highly responsible individual, capable, of excellent character and reputation and a loyal American citizen. He stated to his knowledge KENNEDY has always maintained good associates and would recommend him highly for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

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[REDACTED], clerk, Credit Bureau of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], advised on February 9, 1956 they had no information on JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY.

[REDACTED], clerk, Records Section, Police Department,
[REDACTED], advised on February 9, 1956 they had no record on JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY.

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REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-14-56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-8,9-56	REPORT MADE BY SE [REDACTED] (b)(7)(c)
TITLE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records FRC, GSA, SLMO indicate JOSEPH P. KENNEDY employed by SEC, New York, N. Y. Terminated by resignation. Employed by USMC, Wash., D. C. Terminated by resignation. Employed by Dept. of State, London, England. Terminated by resignation. Born 9-6-88 at Boston, Mass.

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REFERENCE: Bureau tel dated 2-6-56.

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On February 9, 1956, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, for JOSEPH P. KENNEDY indicates that he was employed on July 3, 1934 as a Commissioner with the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York, New York. This employment terminated on September 23, 1935 as Chairman by reason of resignation, no details being shown.

He was employed on April 16, 1937 as a Member with the United States Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C. This employment terminated on February 17, 1938 as Chairman by reason of resignation to accept other employment.

He was employed on February 18, 1938 as American Ambassador with the State Department, London, England. This

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employment was terminated on November 30, 1940 as an American ambassador by reason of resignation, no details being shown.

Personnel of the Federal Records Center advised that no record of employment with Foundation on Organization Executive Branches of United States Government could be located. The date and place of birth were shown as September 6, 1928 at Boston, Massachusetts.

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February 15, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to the request of Mr. J. William Barba on February 10, 1956, for a check of the files of this Bureau concerning Mr. Joseph Patrick Kennedy.

By letter dated February 28, 1955, you were furnished with the results of a check of the files of this Bureau concerning Mr. Kennedy. This letter was in response to a request for a name check on Mr. Kennedy by Mr. Stephen Benedict.

The files of this Bureau contain no additional pertinent identifiable information pertaining to Mr. Kennedy subsequent to that furnished in my letter of February 28, 1955.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: By letter 2/28/55 White House furnished results of their request for name check of Kennedy. Pursuant to memo Belmont to Boardman 2/26/55 they were advised that no investigation of Kennedy had been conducted and were furnished information from an article of 1/6/49 issue of "Foreign Observer" that Kennedy an "appeaser" while ambassador to England. Special Inquiry ordered 2/6/56 at request of White House. Request not acknowledged in accordance with memo Roach to Belmont 11/14/55 reflecting Barba wanted no acknowledgment in these cases. 2/10/56 Barba telephonically requested name ck.

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INC., NYC, ADVISED IT WOULD TAKE POSSIBLY SEVERAL DAYS TO LOCATE RECORDS
VERIFYING APPOINTEE-S ASSOCIATION WITH FILM BOOKING OFFICES OF AMERICA,
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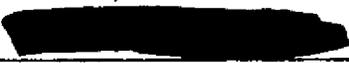
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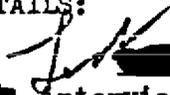
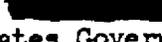
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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by 	Typed By: egh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE	

Synopsis:
Investigation Palm Beach, Fla. favorable, all persons contacted recommend highly. Credit and criminal, Palm Beach, Fla., including immediate family, negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, Miami, Indianapolis, Baltimore and Washington Field dated 2/6/56

DETAILS: AT PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

 interviewed February 9, 1956, advised that KENNEDY has been a winter resident of this resort town for the past fifteen to twenty years and currently resides at his estate at 1091 North Ocean Boulevard.  states that over the years he has had frequent contacts with the applicant, both in a business sense and in regard to civic matters. He considers the applicant to be an outstanding individual of excellent personal character and reputation in this community.  states that the applicant is entirely loyal to the United States Government in

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all respects and in his opinion fully qualified in all respects to handle a confidential position of trust in this government. ██████████ remarked that the applicant has always remained secluded from the general Palm Beach social activities and therefore does not have close associates here to his knowledge. He states that to the best of his knowledge any associates of the applicant in this area would be persons of impeccable character and reputation.

██████████ stated that all members of the applicant's immediate family are also of excellent character and reputation. He recommends the applicant highly for a confidential position of trust in the U. S. Government.

In conclusion, ██████████ remarked that he is unable to recall anything of an unfavorable nature concerning the applicant or any member of his immediate family.

Sub ██████████ interviewed February 9, 1956, advised that the applicant has been a winter resident of this area for over fifteen years. During this period, ██████████ states, he has had many contacts with the applicant. He states the applicant and his immediate family enjoy an excellent reputation and standing in this city. He recalls nothing whatsoever to the discredit of the applicant and considers applicant an outstanding citizen of this country in all respects and well qualified to hold a confidential position of trust in the U. S. Government. ██████████ considers the applicant and members of his immediate family entirely loyal to the United States and would recommend KENNEDY for any confidential position of trust in our government. He remarked that applicant and his family do not mingle to any degree with the other winter residents and usually remain at applicant's estate in a secluded fashion during their stay in Palm Beach.

Sub ██████████ of the Everglades Club, Worth Avenue, interviewed February 9, 1956, advised that applicant has been a member of this exclusive club for many years but has not been active socially. Due to this fact ██████████ has had only limited contacts with the applicant and stated further that the applicant's attendance here is usually with the members of his immediate family. He remarked that applicant comes to this city for seclusion and rest and therefore does not associate with the other members of the Palm Beach social group. ██████████ regards applicant as an excellent person of impeccable character and reputation and can recall nothing unfavorable concerning applicant. He considers applicant entirely loyal to the United States and will recommend him for a confidential position of trust in this government.

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[redacted] St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, 142 North County Road, interviewed February 9, 1956, advised that the applicant has been a member of this parish for many years and [redacted]. He considers the applicant and all members of his immediate family to be entirely loyal to the United States and persons of impeccable character and reputation. He states applicant comes to this city for rest and seclusion and remains apart from the other members of the Palm Beach winter residents and therefore he, [redacted] has no knowledge of the identities of associates of the applicant locally. [redacted] regards the applicant as an outstanding American in all respects and well qualified in all respects to fulfill a confidential position of trust in the U. S. Government, and will recommend the applicant for such an assignment. He recalls nothing to the discredit of any member of the applicant's immediate family, or the applicant.

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The records of the [redacted] Police Department, Credit Bureau of [redacted], examined February 9, 1956, fail to reflect any record identifiable with the applicant or any member of his immediate family.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR AIRTEL

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

There are enclosed herewith 2 copies rep SA [redacted], MM, 2/17/56, on which deadline missed by 2 days.

This case opened and assigned at MM 2/6/56. Investigation completed by SA [redacted] 2/9/56 and rough draft report received Miami, Friday, 2/10/56; the office deadline, 2/13/56, and Buded, 2/15/56, clearly marked on rough draft. Rough draft assigned to Steno [redacted] morning Mon., 2/13/56, for typing; however, she failed to type report until 2/17/56.

No administrative action recommended other than designating copy this communication for personnel folder of [redacted].

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cc: Mr. Mohr

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/20/56	Investigative Period 2/13-17, 20/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by 	Typed By mim
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Appointee's association with Film Booking Offices of America, Keith Albee Orpheum Theatres Corp., and Pathe Exchange Inc., verified. Appointee's office address and residence in New York City verified.

 highly recommends. No credit record located for appointee.

 No criminal record located for appointee or his daughter, JEAN. No credit or criminal record located for appointee's wife, ROSE.

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REFERENCES: Boston teletype to New York, 2/10/56.
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DETAILS:

Employment

Film Booking Offices of America
Keith Albee Orpheum Theatres Corporation
Pathe Exchange Incorporated

[REDACTED], Legal Department, RKO Tele-
radio Pictures, Incorporated, 1270 Avenue of the Americas,
New York City, pursuant to a request made on February 14,
1956, advised on February 17, 1956, that their records
indicate the appointee and others in 1927 purchased the
controlling interest of the Robertson Cole Picture
Corporation and the new name of the corporation was the Film
Booking Offices of America. On June 13, 1927, this
corporation became the FBO Picture Corporation, and in 1928
the appointee sold his interest to the Radio Corporation of
America (RCA). The records do not indicate what the appointee's
title or official capacity was. He advised the Pathe Exchange
Incorporated was purchased in December, 1930, by the Radio
Keith Orpheum Corporation, which was formed by joining the
FBO Picture Corporation, and Keith Orpheum Theatres Corporation.
He advised that the motion picture interests of these corporations
have since become RKO-Teledradio Pictures, Incorporated.

[REDACTED] advised he could not furnish any further
information concerning the appointee and the above information
was obtained from the answers RKO Radio Pictures, Incorporated
made in 1940 to Interrogatories in the case of the United
States vs. Paramount. He stated there was no one presently
with the company who would recall the appointee.

[REDACTED]
RKO Theatres Corporation, 1740 Broadway, New York City, advised
on February 17, 1956, that records indicate the appointee,
on May 5, 1928, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors
of the Keith Albee Orpheum Theatres Corporation for a period
of one year. He believed the appointee sold

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his interest in this corporation less than a year later to RCA. He stated the appointee was also on the Board of Directors of the Pathe Exchange Incorporated and sold his interest in this corporation in 1930 to the Radio Keith Orpheum Corporation. He advised in 1928 the appointee sold the idea to RCA of merging their radio interests with his, the appointee's, theatre and picture company interests. He could suggest no one presently with the company who would recall the appointee. He advised the theatre interests in the above companies have since become RKO Theatres Corporation.

Neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] were personally acquainted with the appointee.

Self-employment

230 Park Avenue
New York City

It is to be noted that [REDACTED], whose comments concerning the appointee are set out subsequently in this report, advised the appointee maintains an office at the above address for his personal use when he is in New York City, and he believed the office is used in the management of the appointee's oil and other business interests.

[REDACTED] of the New York Central Building, 230 Park Avenue, advised on February 17, 1956, the appointee has had an office in this building since 1949, Room 953. She stated the lease is in the name of the manager of the office, PAUL E. MURPHY. She advised they have been satisfactory tenants in all respects.

Neighborhood

277 Park Avenue
New York City

It is to be noted that [REDACTED], previously mentioned, advised the appointee maintains

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an apartment at this address.

[REDACTED] of 277 Park Avenue, advised on February 15, 1956, that the appointee has maintained an apartment at this address for the past seven or eight years for his use when he makes a visit to New York City. He advised the apartment is presently occupied by the appointee's daughter, JEAN. He stated the appointee and the members of his family are outstanding persons of excellent character, loyalty, and reputation, and are excellent tenants in all respects.

Miscellaneous

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[REDACTED] was contacted on February 15, 1956, at [REDACTED] New York City, and advised he has known the appointee closely for the past 10 years. The appointee received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Notre Dame, [REDACTED] and the appointee was also a Lay Trustee of the University for approximately 12 years until sometime last year when he resigned as he could not attend the trustee meetings due to his business duties. He considers the appointee and the members of his family to be one of the outstanding families in this country insofar as their character, loyalty, reputation, and associates are concerned. He advised the appointee is an exceptionally astute and charitable person and he would highly recommend the appointee for any position of trust with the Government. He stated the appointee's daughter, JEAN, is presently residing in New York City and the appointee maintains an apartment at 277 Park Avenue, and an office at 230 Park Avenue, for his use when he, the appointee, visits New York City.

Credit

SE [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the records of the Credit Bureau [REDACTED]

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On February 16, 1956, [REDACTED] advised she was unable to locate any record for the appointee or his wife, ROSE.

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Criminal

SA [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of the records of the [REDACTED] Police Department on February 17, 1956, by [REDACTED]; on February 16, 17, 1956, by [REDACTED]; on February 14, 17, 1956, by [REDACTED]; and on February 16, 17, 1956, by [REDACTED]. No record was located for JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY or JEAN KENNEDY or ROSE KENNEDY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] the apartments at 277 Park Avenue, New York City, advised that the appointee's son, JOHN F. KENNEDY, has also maintained an apartment at this address for the past four years. Inasmuch as JOHN F. KENNEDY is presently a member of the United States Senate, no further inquiry was made concerning him and credit and criminal checks concerning him were not made.

[REDACTED] Secretary to [REDACTED] of RCA, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, advised on February 20, 1956, that [REDACTED] is on vacation and will be unavailable for approximately the next month. She advised there would be no records available concerning the appointee's dealings with RCA and could suggest no one else with RCA personally acquainted with the appointee.

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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. REBUTEL FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST, APPOINTEE-S
SON, EDWARD, IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING HARVARD COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
AND RESIDES SUMMERS WITH HIS FATHER AT HYANNISPORT, MASS. HIS DAUGHTER
ROSEMARY, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] SUFFERED MENTAL ILLNESS FOR
MANY YEARS AND HE HAS NO IDEA WHERE SHE MAY BE RECEIVING TREATMENT.
HE ADVISED APPOINTEE-S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS INTERESTS SINCE NINETEEN FORTY
HAVE BEEN THE MERCHANDISE MART, CHICAGO, ILL., AND THE MANAGEMENT OF
EXTENSIVE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK. RUC.

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Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/21/56	Investigative Period 2/7,8,9,10,13,14,15/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By det
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Service Record Card, maintained at State Department, reflects appointee was U. S. Ambassador at London, England. No additional information in personnel files at the White House Office. Former associate at American Embassy in London, England, recommended appointee. No record in files of CSC, HCUA, Secret Service.

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype dated February 6, 1956.
Boston teletype dated February 10, 1956.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] Office of Personnel Records, Department of State, informed SE **[REDACTED]** on February 8, 1956, that the only record of the appointee, in the files of her Office, is a Service Record Card which lists his name as JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, which reflects he was appointed

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Ambassador to Great Britain on January 17, 1938. This Card lists his former employment as Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission. The Card reflects that his personnel file is located at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

[REDACTED], interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on February 10, 1956, informed that he knew the appointee professionally and socially during the entire period the appointee was United States Ambassador in London, England,

419 [REDACTED] He said, from that period until 1950, he had very little contact with the appointee and since 1950 has had no contact whatsoever. [REDACTED] stated that he has no doubts whatsoever regarding the appointee's character, loyalty, or integrity and would recommend him for a responsible government assignment. He said that nothing ever came to his attention which would reflect adversely upon the appointee's suitability for a government assignment.

It was determined from a search of State Department records that the following persons, now retired, held responsible positions under KENNEDY at the American Embassy in England:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The White House Office, interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on February 7, 1956, stated that the files of her Office contained no additional information regarding the appointee.

MISCELLANEOUS

SE [REDACTED] determined on February 9, 1956, that there is no record of the appointee in the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission.

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There is no record of the appointee in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, checked by SE [REDACTED] on February 8, 1956.

[REDACTED], Special Investigations Section, Secret Service, United States Treasury Department, interviewed by SA [REDACTED], on February 13, 1956, stated that there is no record of the appointee in the files of her office.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

There is no record of ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, checked by SE [REDACTED] on February 15, 1956; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records being out of file and not available for review.

SE [REDACTED] determined on February 14, 1956, that there is no record of ROBERT F. KENNEDY in the files of the United States Park Police.

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Credit and criminal checks were not made on JOHN F. KENNEDY in view of his position as U. S. Senator from Massachusetts.

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1. Will report results of the checks at the Central Intelligence Agency and the Passport Office when received.
 2. Will attempt to locate and interview when located associates of KENNEDY at Federal Maritime Administration and Securities and Exchange Administration where KENNEDY was formerly employed.
 3. Will verify KENNEDY's receipt of Honorary Degree at Catholic University in 1939.
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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SI. REBUTEL FEB. TWENTY LAST. INQUIRY
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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI. REBUTEL FEB SIX LAST. WHITE HOUSE REQUESTS INVESTIGATION OF KENNEDY WHO IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT. SEE CURRENT WHO'S WHO FOR BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION. PERSONS WHO KNEW KENNEDY WHEN HE WAS AT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IN NINETEEN THIRTIES ARE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] INTERVIEW AND EXPEDITE REPORT. BUDED WAS FEB FIFTEEN LAST. SUTEL RESULTS.

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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: RCS
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Personnel files for employments at Securities and Exchange Commission and U. S. Maritime Commission located at Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri. No fellow workers for these employments located in Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 21, 1956, at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] Personnel Office, Securities and Exchange Commission, informed on February 23, 1956, that there is no personnel file of KENNEDY in the records of his office and that any file for KENNEDY would be located at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri.

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[REDACTED] said that he was not employed by the Securities and Exchange Commission during the period of KENNEDY's employment and that the only people he could suggest who worked with KENNEDY and ^{would} be acquainted with him are:

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[REDACTED] Federal Maritime Board, General Accounting Office Building, informed on February 21, 1956, that KENNEDY's personnel file would be located at the Federal Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri. He said the publication relating to the history of the Federal Maritime Board states that KENNEDY was a Board Member of the United States Maritime Commission from April 16, 1937, to December 17, 1938. [REDACTED] related that he was employed by the United States Maritime Commission during that period but did not come in contact with KENNEDY. He informed KENNEDY's employment was approximately twenty years ago and the only associates he could think of are deceased. [REDACTED] stated that JOSEPH SHEEHAN was KENNEDY's "right-hand man" and that SHEEHAN is deceased.

MISCELLANEOUS

[REDACTED] Registrar's Office, Catholic University of America, interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on February 23, 1956, stated that the only record of KENNEDY in the files of her office is contained in the commencement program of November 13, 1939, which reflects that the Honorable JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Ambassador to Great Britain, received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from the University on November 13, 1939.

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Will report the results of ^{THE CHECKS} at the Central Intelligence Agency and Passport Office when received.

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TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By egh
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY WHITE HOUSE	

Synopsis:

Acquaintances at Palm Beach and West Palm Beach, Fla., report applicant has no known business enterprises in Fla. Applicant's son, EDWARD, according to acquaintance, now a student at Harvard U.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/17/56 at Miami (b)
Bureau teletype dated 2/20/56 to Miami (7)
Miami teletype to Bureau dated 2/23/56 (D)

DETAILS: AT PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

[REDACTED] interviewed February 21, 1956, advised he has been acquainted with the applicant since the middle 1940s. He considers the applicant very loyal to this country, of excellent character and reputation and well qualified in all respects for a confidential position of trust in the United States Government. [REDACTED] is unable to recall anything to the applicant's discredit and recommends him highly.

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[REDACTED] states that to his knowledge the applicant has no business enterprises in this area, and the applicant's holdings and interests are located in Boston, Massachusetts and New York City. [REDACTED] is not in possession of the identities of these interests.

[REDACTED], interviewed February 23, 1956, advised that the applicant's son, EDWARD KENNEDY, visited with his family here during the past Christmas holidays but is believed to be presently in attendance at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. [REDACTED] advised he believes all of the applicant's business interests are in Boston, Massachusetts and New York City, and none are known in this area.

AT WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

[REDACTED] was interviewed February 21, 1956. He states he has been acquainted with the applicant since 1932 and personally acquainted with him since 1946. [REDACTED] considers the applicant outstanding and well qualified for a confidential position of trust in the U. S. Government. He recommended the applicant without qualification, stating that he is very loyal to the United States and of excellent character and reputation. He states there is nothing to the discredit of the applicant known and that all comments will also apply to the applicant's entire family. [REDACTED] states the applicant and his family remain to themselves during their winter residence here and do not associate with the usual social groups in Palm Beach. He stated he has no knowledge of the applicant having any business enterprises in the State of Florida and recalls that the applicant has a variety of holdings and interests in New York City and Boston, identities of which are not known.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 2/27/56	Investigative Period 2/24/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed by ek
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] associated with appointee [REDACTED], unavail-
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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on February 24, 1956 that [REDACTED] is presently traveling on the West Coast and his present whereabouts are unknown. He is expected to return approximately March 12, 1956.

[REDACTED] related she has been acquainted with the appointee inasmuch as he and [REDACTED] were associated together during the mid-1930's with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). She advised she had the highest opinion of the appointee and the members of his family and recommended them as to character, loyalty, reputation and associates.

[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on February 24, 1956 that he has been acquainted with the appointee and the members of his family for approximately the past 25 years and recommended them as to their character, loyalty, reputation and associates.

[REDACTED], advised SA [REDACTED] on February 24, 1956 that he served with the appointee on [REDACTED]. They have maintained a friendly and cordial relationship since that time and he considers the appointee an outstanding United States citizen in that he had combined a brilliant and very successful business career with a very responsible sense of public and civic affairs. He recommended the appointee and the members of the appointee's family as to their character, loyalty, reputation and associates.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] recommended the appointee for a position of trust with the government.

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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, SPI.

Reference your pending reports of 2/21/56 and 2/24/56. Include in your final report a check of Security files, Department of State re appointees.

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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

In accordance with the request of Mr. J. William Barba dated February 3, 1956, an investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning Mr. Joseph Patrick Kennedy. A summary reflecting the results of this investigation is enclosed.

The records of two other governmental agencies* were temporarily unavailable for review. You will be advised as to the results when a review of these records has been made.

The investigation of Mr. Kennedy covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty and general standing, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: Request for investigation of Kennedy in letter from Barba dated 2/3/56. Summary being sent to Attorney General as Kennedy being considered for appointment to the Presidential Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the United States Government.

The White House requested a name check of Kennedy on 2/25/55. Pursuant to the recommendation in a memorandum of 2/26/55 from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman, the White House was advised by letter dated 2/28/55 that no investigation of Kennedy had been conducted by this Bureau.

In connection with the current inquiry the White House asked for a name check of Kennedy. By letter 2/15/56 they were referred to the previous letter of 2/28/55 and advised that no pertinent identifiable information subsequent to the letter of 2/28/55 was contained in the records of this Bureau.

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JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY - Summary

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

The records of the Division of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, reflect that Joseph Patrick Kennedy was born September 6, 1888, at Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Patrick Joseph and Mary A. (Hickey) Kennedy, both of whom were born in Boston, Massachusetts.

Education

Mr. Kennedy was admitted to Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in September, 1908. In June, 1912, he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Mr. Kennedy has been awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees by the following institutions of learning:

Colby College, Waterville, Maine, on June 17, 1946; Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, on June 1, 1941; Oglethorpe University, Oglethorpe University, Georgia, on May 30, 1937; and Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., on November 13, 1939.

Employment and Activities

Mr. Kennedy was employed from September 12, 1912, to November 14, 1913, as a bank examiner by the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Kennedy was employed from 1914 to 1917 as president of the Columbia Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts.

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From 1917 to 1919 Mr. Kennedy was employed as assistant to the general manager of the Quincy Yard, Shipbuilding Division, Bethlehem Steel Company, Quincy, Massachusetts.

Mr. Kennedy was employed by Hayden Stone and Company, Boston, Massachusetts, from July 1, 1919, to December 30, 1922. He was hired as a customer's broker and on July 1, 1920, was made manager of the Stock Exchange Department of the company, which position he held until his resignation.

In 1927 Mr. Kennedy, along with others, purchased the controlling interest of Film Booking Offices of America. In 1928 he reportedly sold his interest to the Radio Corporation of America.

On May 5, 1928, Mr. Kennedy was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Keith, Albee, Orpheum Theatres Corporation for a period of one year.

Mr. Kennedy was also on the Board of Directors of the Pathe Exchange, Incorporated, during the late 1930's.

On July 3, 1934, Mr. Kennedy was appointed as a Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission, New York City. This employment was terminated on September 23, 1935, by reason of resignation. At the time of his resignation, Mr. Kennedy was serving as chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Kennedy became a member of the United States Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C., on April 16, 1937. On February 17, 1938, he resigned and at the time of his resignation, he was serving as chairman of this Commission.

On February 13, 1938, Mr. Kennedy was appointed the American Ambassador to England. On November 30, 1940, he resigned from this position.

From 1940 to the present time Mr. Kennedy has been engaged in the management of his various business enterprises. He maintains an office at 230 Park Avenue,

New York City. He has a winter estate at 1091 North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida, and a summer estate at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts.

Marriage

During October, 1914, Mr. Kennedy married Rose Fitzgerald.

Relatives

In addition to his wife and parents, who have been previously identified in this summary, Mr. Kennedy has the following known, immediate, living relatives:

Son, John F. Kennedy, United States Senator from Massachusetts; son, Robert F. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.; daughter, Jean Kennedy, New York City; daughter, Mrs. Peter (Patricia) Lawford, Santa Monica, California; daughter, Mrs. Sargent (Eunice) Shriver, Chicago, Illinois; son, Edward Kennedy, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and daughter, Rosemary Kennedy, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

The associates, acquaintances and neighbors of Mr. Kennedy who were interviewed during the course of this investigation all furnished favorable information concerning his character, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States. Those who professed to be acquainted with the members of his immediate family furnished favorable information concerning them.

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He said that in 1922 Mr. Kennedy had been noted as a capable individual in the field of banking.

[REDACTED] He stated he has known Mr. Kennedy since 1917 and has been Mr. Kennedy's [REDACTED]

He characterized Mr. Kennedy as the finest man he has ever known. He is a financial genius and his success is based on his ability to study and analyze a situation and, thereafter, develop successfully all possibilities of the situation. He stated Mr. Kennedy is a very understanding and kind individual and that his personal contributions to deserving charities are fabulous.

[REDACTED] He described Mr. Kennedy as one of the most intellectually honest men he has ever known. He said his powers of perception are great and once he has thought out a problem, he thereafter acts decisively.

[REDACTED] He stated he has been Mr. Kennedy's [REDACTED] He said he has complete knowledge of practically all of Mr. Kennedy's business affairs and he has never known Mr. Kennedy to engage in a dishonest business practice. He said Mr. Kennedy's love for the United States is very deep and he could think of no finer choice to serve in a position of great responsibility than Mr. Kennedy.

[REDACTED]. He said he has known the Kennedy family for approximately 27 years.

[REDACTED] She identified herself as Mr. Kennedy's [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He described Mr. Kennedy as a wealthy, self-made man who is very generous and one of the outstanding citizens of the United States.

[REDACTED] He said Mr. Kennedy is a well-informed man who enjoys riding and swimming and the simple pleasures in life.

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[REDACTED] interviewed at the [REDACTED] He described Mr. Kennedy as an exceptionally astute and charitable individual.

[REDACTED] He said that Mr. Kennedy had been a member of the Board of Trustees of Notre Dame University until recently when it had been necessary for him to resign due to the pressure of other commitments.

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[REDACTED]. He described Mr. Kennedy as an outstanding American in all respects.

[REDACTED]. He said he was acquainted with Mr. Kennedy [REDACTED] during the time that Mr. Kennedy served as Ambassador to England. He described Mr. Kennedy as a very able man.

[REDACTED] He stated that he knew Mr. Kennedy during the time Mr. Kennedy served as Ambassador to England. [REDACTED] described Mr. Kennedy as a man with a very dynamic personality who was brilliant and of extraordinary ability. He said that he feels there is not a more patriotic man in the United States than Mr. Kennedy. He said that Mr. Kennedy is a man whose temperament is such that he easily becomes angry and that during the time he is angry, he does not care what he says. He stated, however, that he does not believe that, even during a period of anger, Mr. Kennedy is the type of man who would reveal any information which would be detrimental to the interests of the United States.

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He stated that he had been associated with Mr. Kennedy on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

[REDACTED] He advised that he had been associated with Mr. Kennedy on the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Unless otherwise indicated, a search of appropriate records has reflected no unfavorable credit information or arrests concerning Mr. Kennedy or the above-identified members of his immediate family.

[REDACTED]
The records of the following governmental agencies contained no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Kennedy:

G-2, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland; Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission; House Committee on Un-American Activities; United States Secret Service; and the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Attorney General

March 2, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPECIAL INQUIRY

In accordance with the request of Mr. J. William Barba, Assistant to the Special Counsel to the President, dated February 3, 1956, an investigation has been conducted by this Bureau concerning the above individual. A summary reflecting the results of this investigation is enclosed. A copy of this summary is being furnished to Honorable Sherman Adams.

The records of two other governmental*agencies were temporarily unavailable for review. You will be advised of the results when a review of these records has been made.

The investigation of Mr. Kennedy covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty and general standing, and no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

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NOTE: Summary being sent Attorney General as Kennedy being considered for appointment to the Presidential Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities of the U. S. Government.

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Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 3/28/56	Investigative Period 2/27,29;3/2,26,27,28/56
TITLE OF CASE JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: dek
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

Synopsis:

Passport file favorable. No record of KENNEDY in files of Security Office, U. S. Department of State. Files CIA contained no derogatory or additional pertinent information regarding KENNEDY.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated February 24, 1956, at Washington, D. C. Bureau airtel dated March 1, 1956.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed on February 27, and March 26, 1956, by SE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contained the following information regarding JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY:

He was issued Special Passport Number 33164 on June 16, 1954, for proposed two months travel to France, England, Italy, and Belgium, to conduct survey of business conditions. He was issued Special Passport Number 7784 on March 17, 1948, for proposed three months travel to

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England, France and Italy to observe general economic and living conditions in these countries,

On September 29, 1950, Special Passport Number 7784 was renewed to expire March 16, 1952, for proposed two months pleasure travel to France and Italy. His birth was listed as September 6, 1888, at Boston, Massachusetts. He stated he was last married October 7, 1914, to ROSE FITZGERALD, who was born at Boston, Massachusetts, on July 22, 1890. He stated his parents are deceased.

The file reflects that he was issued Diplomatic Passport Number 1751 on February 16, 1938, for travel to Great Britain as American Ambassador. He was issued Boston Special Series Passport Number 750 on September 21, 1933, for proposed two months special travel to British Isles, France, Italy and Switzerland. This passport was renewed for two years on September 17, 1935. He was issued Passport Number 623849 on August 7, 1928, for proposed twelve months travel to England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Japan, China and Hong Kong on business. His wife was included in this passport.

He was issued Passport Number 109324 on August 7, 1925, for proposed four months visit to England and France on business and for travel.

The passport file contained no additional pertinent information regarding him.

SA [REDACTED] determined on March 2, 1956, that there is no record of KENNEDY in the files of the Security Office, United States Department of State.

[REDACTED], Central Intelligence Agency, interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on March 27, 1956, informed that the files of the Central Intelligence Agency contained no derogatory information and no additional pertinent information regarding KENNEDY.

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The Attorney General

April 3, 1956

Director, FBI

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 2, 1956, which transmitted a summary reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning Mr. Joseph Patrick Kennedy.

The files of the Passport Office and the Security Office of the Department of State, as well as the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, have now been reviewed and no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Kennedy is contained therein. The Honorable Sherman Adams is being furnished with the above and no further investigation concerning Mr. Kennedy is contemplated.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1956

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Miss Gandy	_____

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will confirm a telephone request today from my office for a rush name check on Joseph Patrick Kennedy, 1095 North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida; born September 6, 1888, Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Kennedy has been appointed to the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities. Biographical information was sent to you with our request for a full-field investigation on February 3rd.

When the report is ready, it may be forwarded directly to the Honorable Sherman Adams with a notation in the cover letter that it was requested by the writer.

Sincerely,

J. William Barba
J. William Barba
Assistant to the

Special Counsel to the President

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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"An investigation by the FBI, concluded on 4-3-56 reveals no pertinent derogatory information. This is the result of a request for an FBI file check and is not to be considered as a clearance or recommendation of the individual involved." *ONI mls*
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April 3, 1956

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
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Honorable Sherman Adams
The Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Reference is made to my letter dated March 2, 1956, which transmitted a summary reflecting the results of an investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning Mr. Joseph Patrick Kennedy.

The files of the Passport Office and the Security Office of the Department of State, as well as the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, have now been reviewed and no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Kennedy is contained therein.

No further investigation concerning Mr. Kennedy is contemplated.

Sincerely yours,

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September 18, 1956

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
New England Baptist Hospital
91 Parker Hill Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

I was awfully pleased, as were your other friends here, to learn that you are making such a splendid recovery from your operation. I know the doctors are going to have a job keeping you inactive for the next week or so, but I do hope you will relax and take things easy for a while.

With the kindest of personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Kennedy's Recovery Reported 'Excellent'

BOSTON, Sept. 17 (AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, 69, former Ambassador to Great Britain, is making an "excellent recovery" after an operation at the New England Baptist Hospital, his office reported today. Kennedy, the father of Massachusetts' United States Sen. John F. Kennedy (D) underwent a prostate gland operation last Thursday. He is expected to remain in the hospital 10 days more.

*Let to Kennedy (incl. ref only)
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TO : ~~Mr. Belmont~~ *Callahan* DATE: 12/4/61

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING *C 6*

SA ~~_____~~, Night Supervisor, Chicago Office, called at 7:14 p. m., 12/3/61, and stated that around 7:00 p. m., Joseph P. Kennedy, the President's father, had called the Chicago Office from the Ambassador East Hotel. Mr. Kennedy, who had just checked in at the hotel (room 1542), said he thought his room was "bugged" and he wanted the FBI to check it out. His reason for believing it "bugged" was because five minutes after he checked in, all kinds of people arrived at his room.

ACTION TAKEN:

The Chicago Office was instructed to comply with Mr. Kennedy's request. (5)
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SAC James Gale advised at 11:55 p. m. that Mr. Kennedy's room had been thoroughly checked out by sound trained SA's ~~_____~~ and ~~_____~~ but no hidden microphones or other technical equipment was located.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that he was quite pleased at the way his request was handled by the Agents. He said that he intended to call Mr. Hoover on the morning of 12/4/61 to express his appreciation to him personally.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
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Mr. Ingram	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

URGENT 12-3-61 11-44 PM JEC

TO DIRECTOR FBI
FROM SAC CHICAGO

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, INFO CONCERNING. RE MY TELCALL THIS DATE. PURSUANT TO TELEPHONE CALL TO THIS OFFICE BY JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, THIS DATE, REQUESTING A SECURITY CHECK TO BE MADE OF HIS ROOM, ONE FIVE FOUR TWO, IN THE AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL, CHICAGO, SOUND AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CONTACTED MR. KENNEDY. AGENTS CONDUCTED (57) COMPLETE SECURITY CHECK OF THE TWO ROOM SUITE OCCUPIED BY MR. KENNEDY AND NO EVIDENCE OF TELEPHONE TAPS, MICROPHONES, OR RADIO TRANSMITTERS WAS LOCATED. AT TIME OF AGENTS CONTACT WITH MR. KENNEDY, THE LATTER WAS IN CONFERENCE WITH HIS CHICAGO GENERAL MANAGER WALLACE O. OLLMAN. SEVERAL TIMES WHILE AGENTS WERE PRESENT MR. KENNEDY SPOKE WITH HIGH REGARD CONCERNING MR. HOOVER AND THE FBI AND ON ONE OCCASION STATED THAT QUOTE "I AM THE NUMBER ONE SUPPORTER OF THE FBI" ENCQUOTE. MR. KENNEDY STATED HE WOULD CONTACT MR. HOOVER MONDAY MORNING AND EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION AND ASKED THE AGENTS TO LEAVE THEIR NAMES WITH HIM.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Joseph P. Kennedy, the President's father, called the Chicago Office evening of 12/3/61 to request that his room be checked as he thought it was "bugged." Mr. Kennedy believed room was "bugged" because five minutes after he checked in, all sorts of people arrived at his room. The Chicago Office was instructed to make appropriate search of Mr. Kennedy's room.

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Mr. Casper	
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Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, INFO CONCERNING.

MISS ANN GARGAN, SECRETARY TO FORMER AMBASSADOR KENNEDY ADVISED AT EIGHT TWENTY-FIVE P.M. TODAY THAT MR. KENNEDY IS RESTING AND PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY FOLLOWING A RATHER SEVERE HEART BLOCKAGE AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY A.M. TODAY. HE WILL NOT BE HOSPITALIZED AND WILL REMAIN AT HIS HOME IN PALM BEACH. NO ADDITIONAL PARALYSIS AND ALL VERY HOPEFUL.

MIAMI WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW AND ADVISE BUREAU OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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MR. DELCASH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

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Isolationist Kennedy Opposed As Chief of Shipping Program

Special to The Post

Washington, Apr. 21—New Dealers here are putting up a vigorous fight against the boom for appointment of Joseph P. Kennedy, former chairman of the Maritime Commission, as director of the nation's merchant ship building program.

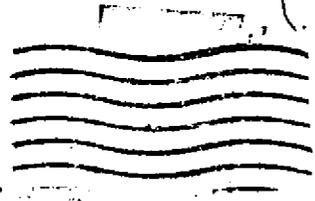
Their opposition to Kennedy is based upon two factors. First, Kennedy when Ambassador to Great Britain and after he was recalled was openly defeatist and isolationist, predicting invasion and defeat of England. Second, even earlier he was considered by the New Dealers too conservative and too much a representative of big business.

Criticism of Land

Backers of Kennedy for director of the crucial drive to speed up shipbuilding point to his record as Maritime Commission chairman in 1937, when he pronounced the U. S. merchant marine "a very sick industry" and directed the beginning of the effort to rebuild it.

The Kennedy boom grows out of recent criticism of the policies of Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the War Shipping Administration, but Land's supporters assert that this criticism has emanated from the same shipbuilding interests that are supporting Kennedy.

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President F. D. Roosevelt - 1 Cent

To Sect. Early
White House
Washington D.C.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
100 Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts

September 7, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

Dear Sir:

Special Agent [redacted] of this office is a personal friend of JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, former Ambassador to London, and the latter has indicated that he would be glad to assist the Bureau in any way possible should his services be needed.

Mr. KENNEDY speaks very highly of the Bureau and the Director, and has indicated that if he were ever in a position to make any official recommendations there would be one Federal investigative unit and that would be headed by J. Edgar Hoover. He considers the Naval and Army Intelligence Services "amateurs" in comparison to the Bureau and regrets that they have often meddled in investigations coming within the jurisdiction of the Bureau.

However, no attempt will be made to develop Mr. Kennedy as a Special Service contact unless the Bureau so instructs.

Very truly yours,

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E. J. Conroy
EDWARD A. SOUDY
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October 18, 1943

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SAC, Boston

Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
POSSIBLE SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1943, in which you advise that Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to London, has indicated he would be glad to assist the Bureau in any way possible, and that you would make no further effort to develop him as a Special Service Contact unless the Bureau so instructs.

In the event you feel that Mr. Kennedy is in a position to offer active assistance to the Bureau such as is expected of Special Service Contacts, there is no objection to utilizing him in this capacity. If he can be made use of as a Special Service Contact, the Bureau should be advised as to the nature of the information he is able to provide, or the facilities he can offer for the Bureau's use. Every effort should be made to provide him with investigative assignments in keeping with his particular ability and the Bureau should be advised as to the nature of these assignments, together with the results obtained. When this latter information is furnished to the Bureau, if available, the Bureau file number should be set forth; otherwise the title of the case concerning which he renders assistance should be set forth.

You should also, in the event he is to be made a Special Service Contact, provide the Bureau with the desired background information set forth in Section 13-M of the National Defense Manual.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Acers _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Mumford _____
- Mr. Starke _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
 United States Department of Justice
 100 Milk Street
 Boston 9, Massachusetts
 May 8, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 27, 1943, relative to the captioned matter.

In view of the fact that Mr. KENNEDY is expected to resume his residence at Hyannisport, Massachusetts soon, I would appreciate any information relative to the use that may have been made of this contact by the Bureau or the Miami Field Division.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Conroy
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June 3, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Reference is made to your letter of May 8, 1944, in which you requested advice as to any services rendered the Bureau by the above captioned Special Service Contact.

You are advised that to date Mr. Kennedy has not been requested to perform any services by the Bureau.

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUN 3 1944

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Miami

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

DATE: July 1, 1944

Reference is made to letter dated May 8, 1944, from the Boston Field Division to the Bureau in the above captioned matter, copies of which were forwarded to the Miami Field Division.

This is to advise that an effort was made by this office to contact Mr. KENNEDY during the latter part of December, 1943, while he was spending a short vacation in Palm Beach, Florida. However, he was not available for interview at the time and left suddenly on business matters, to return to the north. As a consequence, this office was unable to contact Mr. KENNEDY during his brief stay at Palm Beach during the past winter season, and it was impossible to utilize his services as a special service contact.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Please be advised that the following individuals are carried as Special Service Contacts in the Boston Field Division Office at the present time:

[redacted] business address, [redacted]
[redacted]
residence, [redacted]

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, residence, North Ocean Blvd.
Palm Beach, Florida, and
Hyannisport, Mass.

Since the submission of the last quarterly report in connection with Special Service Contacts, the assistance of Mr. KENNEDY has been enlisted by this office in the case entitled, [redacted]

[redacted] Because of Mr. KENNEDY's previous experience in the shipbuilding industry, he is in a position to make valuable inquiries in connection with the above-quoted case. He has already made such inquiries and furnished the Boston Field Division Office with the results of same.

The services of Mr. KENNEDY have not been utilized since December, 1944, inasmuch as he left for his winter home, North Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, Florida.

The services of [redacted] have also been utilized by this office in the same case and [redacted] made many productive inquiries in connection with identifying some of [redacted] in Boston. [redacted] has also been personally contacted by me on many occasions since the submission of the last quarterly report. He is also presently making inquiries concerning [redacted]

cc Miami
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Boston 9, Massachusetts
December 27, 1943

Director, FBI

Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
Possible Special Service Contact
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 18, 1943, Bureau File 67-380854, to the Boston Office relative to the offer by former Ambassador to London Joseph P. Kennedy to assist the Bureau in any possible manner. In connection with the background of Mr. Kennedy, the following information is contained in Who's Who in America:

He was born September 6, 1888, at Boston, Mass. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1908, receiving an AB degree from Harvard in 1912. He holds an honorary LL.D degree from the National University of Dublin, Ireland, received in 1938; and honorary degrees from the University of Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, and Cambridge, received in 1939. He also holds an honorary LL.D degree from Catholic University in Washington, D. C., Oglethorpe University, and from the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Kennedy married ROSE FITZGERALD of Boston, Mass., on October 7, 1914, and they have nine children.

He was bank examiner for the State of Massachusetts from 1912 to 1914; President of the Columbia Trust Company, Boston, from 1914 to 1917; Assistant General Manager at the Fall River, Mass., plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation from 1917 to 1919; Manager of the Hayden-Stone Company, investment bankers, Boston, from 1919 to 1924; President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Film Booking Offices of America from 1926 to 1929; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Keith Albee Orpheum Theaters Corporation, 1928-1929; President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pathe Exchange, Inc., from 1929 to 1930. He was engaged in corporation finance from 1930 to 1934; appointed to the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 1934; and elected Chairman of the SEC in 1934 and reelected in 1935. He resigned that position in 1935. He was appointed Chairman of the United States Maritime Commission in 1937 and was United States Ambassador to Great

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Britain from 1937 to 1940 and resigned from that post in November 1940.

Mr. Kennedy is a Democrat, a Catholic, and has an estate on North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Springs, Florida, and a summer home in Hyannisport, Massachusetts. He also spends considerable time in New York City.

Special Agent [redacted] of the Boston Field Division, resident Agent at Hyannis, Mass., has had many productive investigative and social contacts with former Ambassador Kennedy at Hyannisport.

In the course of discussing the Bureau's project with Mr. Kennedy, Agent [redacted] was informed by the former Ambassador that he, Kennedy, is still actively engaged in the liquor business in New York City and owns several moving picture houses there. He stated that he maintains very close connections, financial and otherwise, with the moving picture industry in California and presently fears that the Communists and their fellow travelers have succeeded in obtaining for themselves many key positions in the moving picture industry. Mr. Kennedy also stated that he has some very good connections in South America in the moving picture business and he added that most of the foreign managers of the moving picture industry are indebted to him in one way or another; also, that he could easily secure assistance from any of these individuals in the event this assistance would benefit the Bureau in any way.

Mr. Kennedy is a devout Catholic and is very well versed on Communism and what it might possibly mean to the United States. He has said that he has many Jewish friends in the moving picture industry who would furnish him, upon request, with any information in their possession pertaining to Communist infiltration in the moving picture industry. He feels also that he is in a position to secure any information the Bureau may desire from his contacts in the industry with reference to any individuals who have Communistic sympathies.

The Bureau is also reminded that, because of his diplomatic background, Mr. Kennedy also has innumerable contacts in the international diplomatic set and he is willing to use his entree into those circles for any advantage the Bureau might desire in this field.

To Director

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From his contacts with former Ambassador Kennedy, Special Agent Carpenter is able to state that Mr. Kennedy thinks very highly of the Bureau. He has also had several contacts with Special Agent in Charge Richard Danner of the Miami Field Division Office and has entertained both the Director and Mr. Clyde Tolson of the Bureau at his estate in Palm Beach.

Very truly yours

EDWARD A. SOUNCY
S. A. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
100 MILK STREET
BOSTON 9, MASSACHUSETTS

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January 29, 1944

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DIRECTOR, FBI
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Please be advised that the following individuals are carried as Special Service Contacts in the Boston Field Division Office:

[REDACTED] - Business Address, [REDACTED]

Residence - [REDACTED]

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - Residences, North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Springs, Florida; Hyannisport, Massachusetts.

It is not been found possible to enlist the services of either of the above contacts during the period from October 15, 1943 to January 15, 1944.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD A. SOUCY
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: Oct. 6, 1944

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE PATTERS

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 22, 1944 in connection with the compilation at the Bureau of a list of Special Service Contacts, who have been most frequently utilized, have been very cooperative and who have been of the greatest value to the various Field Offices since the United States entered World War II.

It is not believed that the name of Special Service Contact JOSEPH P. KENNEDY should be included in this list at the present time due to his recent inclusion in the list of Special Service Contacts in this office.

It is my belief that the name of Special Service Contact [REDACTED] should be included in this list. [REDACTED] in my opinion, has been the most outstanding and most frequently utilized Special Service Contact in this office. In addition to assisting this office, he has been of inestimable value to the Bureau in its SIS program. The Bureau is referred to Special Agent [REDACTED] for information with reference to [REDACTED] value to the Bureau in this connection.

[REDACTED] who has a place of business at [REDACTED] and who resides at [REDACTED] and has conducted an investigation for the Boston Field Division in connection with one [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 3, 1945

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Please be advised that the following individuals are carried as Special Service Contacts in the Boston Field Division Office at the present time:

[Redacted] business address, [Redacted] (b)(7)(c)
[Redacted] residence, [Redacted] 74-37808-1x3

JOSEPH J. KENNEDY, residence, North Ocean Blvd.,
Palm Beach, Florida, and
Hyannisport, Mass.

This office has not had occasion in the past three months to utilize the services of either of these special service contacts in assisting in investigative matters. However, personal contact has been maintained by this office with both of these contacts.

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SAC Boston
D. J. [unclear]

August 24, 1945

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
National Defense Matters

Reference is made to your letter dated July 3, 1945, which is your quarterly report regarding special service contacts.

It is noted that you have had no occasion during the past three months to utilize the services of either of your special service contacts in assisting in investigative matters but that you have maintained personal contact with them.

You are advised that it is not necessary for you to restrict requests of these individuals to matters relating to cases under investigation by the Bureau. There is no objection to asking these individuals to secure information regarding any matters which you feel would be of interest to your office either currently or for reference purposes in the future. It is believed that a close review of the files in your office will produce many matters concerning which these individuals could be of great assistance.

During the next period it is expected that this program will receive close attention and that your next quarterly report will reflect substantial activities on the part of your two special service contacts.

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Mr. Clegg	
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: September 26, 1945

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
NATIONAL DEFENSE MATTERS
QUARTERLY REPORT

Please be advised that the following individuals are carried as Special Service Contacts in the Boston Field Division Office at the present time:

[Redacted] Business address, [Redacted]
Residence, [Redacted]

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY Residence, North Ocean Blvd.,
Palm Beach, Florida and
Hyannisport, Mass.

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In connection with recent investigation conducted by this office into the [Redacted], I have had several conferences with [Redacted] has advised me that, to his knowledge, [Redacted] He also stated that immediately upon becoming aware of any such a situation, he will notify me.

This office has been in contact with JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, and it might be stated, in general, that Mr. KENNEDY at the present time has expressed his fear of the impending threat of Communism to our democratic institutions. Mr. KENNEDY has again advised this office that he is willing at any time to cooperate in any way possible with the Bureau, and has suggested that in the event any of his contacts in the industrial field or moving picture industry in the United States or South America can be of use to the Bureau in this connection, he will be glad to establish necessary contact.

This office is aware of the use to which either of these Special Service Contacts may be put, and will continue to bear in mind the assistance they may give to this office in securing information regarding matters which will be of interest to the office, either currently or for reference purposes in the future.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : E. A. Tamm

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
BOSTON FIELD OFFICE

DATE: October 16, 1945

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Mr. Tolson and Mr. Tamm recommend that the meritorious service award not be awarded to Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy for the reason that he has not affirmatively actually done anything of special value to the Bureau despite his willingness to perform such service.

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October 11, 1945

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
BOSTON FIELD OFFICE

Joseph P. Kennedy has been designated as a Special Service Contact since September 7, 1943. He is the former United States Ambassador to Great Britain, from which post he resigned in November, 1940. Because of his diplomatic background and his innumerable contacts in the international diplomatic set, he has entree to those circles and is willing to use his entree into these circles on behalf of the Bureau.

He is still actively engaged in the liquor business in New York City and owns several moving picture houses there. He maintains close connections financial and otherwise with the moving picture industry in California and has some very good connections in South America in this industry. In the moving picture industry he has many Jewish friends who he believes would furnish him, upon request, with any information in their possession pertaining to Communist infiltration into the industry. He feels that he is in a position to secure any information the Bureau may desire from his contacts in the industry with reference to any individuals who have Communistic sympathies.

In a letter dated December 27, 1943, the Boston Office advised that the Resident Agent in Hyannis, Massachusetts, had had many productive investigative and social contacts with Mr. Kennedy.

In a report for the quarter ending October, 1944, the SAC stated that the assistance of Mr. Kennedy had been enlisted in the case entitled [REDACTED] Because of his (S) (7) (2) previous experience in the shipbuilding industry he was in a position to make valuable inquiries regarding the case and did so and furnished the field office with the results.

Although additional reports were received regarding Mr. Kennedy, they contained no information indicating any further activity on behalf of the office on the part of Mr. Kennedy.

In the event a certificate is to be awarded, it should be made out to Joseph P. Kennedy.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. CLEGG
FROM : L. R. KIRVAN
SUBJECT: JOSEPH KENNEDY
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN

DATE: 5/14/47

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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While attending the Conference on Citizenship at Boston, [redacted], who was chairman of one of the sections of the group whose meetings I attended, was introduced to me by [redacted] of [redacted]. [redacted] attended a considerable number of the meetings of the conference on juvenile delinquency, and numerous times spoke very favorably of the Bureau and the work that the Bureau is doing. He introduced [redacted], seemingly because of his interest in the Bureau, and made the effort to point out to [redacted] that I was a Special Agent of the Bureau. [redacted] instantly and quite enthusiastically expressed his admiration for the Director and the work that the Bureau has been doing.

At this time, Miss Eunice Kennedy, who is presently employed by the Department of Justice as Executive Assistant to the Attorney General in charge of juvenile matters, interrupted to state that recently her father, Joseph Kennedy, had met with the Director and that he was very much impressed by the Director. She went on to considerable length to state that her father had indicated that the efficiency of the Bureau had always impressed him, that he was very much impressed with the administrative organization and the operation of the Bureau. Apparently, Mr. Kennedy was granted an interview by the Director and had spoken quite loudly in praise of him to Miss Kennedy and his son, who is presently a Congressman.

Subsequently, Miss Kennedy advised me that her father had enjoyed very much a tour he had made of the Bureau, and continued with other complimentary remarks regarding the Director and the FBI.

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April 28, 1947

THE DIRECTOR

D. M. Ladd

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

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"Who's Who" reflects that Joseph Patrick Kennedy was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 6, 1883. He graduated from the Boston Latin School in 1903, got an A.B. from Harvard in 1912, and has received numerous honorary degrees from universities and colleges both in the United States and Abroad.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

DATE: April 28, 1947

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August 3, 1949

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have been advised of the address that you made at the law enforcement officers' meeting at Hyannis last week and of the many kindly references you made to the FBI and my administration of it. I did want you to know how deeply I appreciated your thoughtful observations.

Your interest in the Bureau and its problems has been a real source of encouragement over the years, and I do hope that your activities will continue to merit your approbation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: SAC Soucy advised that Kennedy made a grand speech at the Chiefs of Police meeting in Hyannis. He pointed out it was hard to get men in public life because of unjust criticism; that when the Bureau and the Director were criticized recently he had called the Director on the phone to reassure him of his support; that he was glad he was invited to speak at a law enforcement officers' meeting as it gave him an opportunity to publicly express his approval of the Bureau and his commendation of its Director, whom he regarded as one of the most competent of all public servants.

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BOSTON, MASS.

BOS No. 66-1036

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

[REDACTED]
SAC Letter #50-7/31/50, Series 1950. What has been accomplished on this. What remains for attention. How many have been so developed to date.

SAC, THORNTON:

[REDACTED] and Joseph P. Kennedy are considered as the outstanding men who could be used as Special Service contacts. See Boston Letter to Bureau dated 8/4/50 (66-1036). This will be followed by me personally.

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Asst. Dir. Connelley
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : SAC, BOSTON
SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

DATE: AUGUST 4, 1950

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Reference is made to SAC Letter No. 50, dated July 31, 1950, requesting the names of individuals who could be used as Special Service Contacts be furnished to the Bureau in view of the Bureau's reinstatement of the Special Service Contact Program.

When this program was terminated in January, 1946, the Boston Office was utilizing the services of two Special Service Contacts; namely, [redacted] and JOSEPH P. KENNEDY.

[redacted] is [redacted]
He resides at [redacted]

[redacted]

He has long been an enthusiastic booster of the Bureau and cooperated in a most excellent manner in connection with the Bureau's Special Service Contact Program.

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At the present time, the Boston Office has under investigation a case entitled "[redacted]"

An examination of various directories fails to reflect that [redacted] has any association with [redacted]

[redacted]

It is not known at the present time if [redacted] is related to either of the aforementioned, and it is not contemplated that [redacted] will be considered as a Special Service Contact pending clarification of this point.

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY is former United States Ambassador to England. He has extensive interests in real estate, the motion picture and liquor industries, and in the general field of corporation finance. Because of KENNEDY'S diplomatic background, he has innumerable contacts

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in the international diplomatic set and he has expressed a willingness to use his entree into those circles for any advantage the Bureau might desire in this field. Special Agent ██████████ of the Boston Division has had many productive investigative and social contacts with Mr. KENNEDY. (S)(C)

Mr. KENNEDY has an estate on North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Springs, Florida, and a home on Marchant Street, Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, telephone Hyannis 980. He is at the latter place approximately eight months of the year.

It is believed that Mr. KENNEDY will make an excellent Special Service Contact, and his name is being submitted at this time for Bureau approval to be used as such.

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JAC BOSTON

DIRECTOR, FBI

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August 30, 1950

OSCAR R. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

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Reference is made to your letter of August 4, 1950, under the caption Special Service Contacts.

As a result of your recommendation and the information you have furnished to the Bureau, Mr. Kennedy may be designated as a Special Service Contact of your office. It is requested that you furnish to the Bureau in blind memorandum form, under the caption of Mr. Kennedy's name and his SSC symbol number, background information desired in SAC Letter #50. For your information, this memorandum will be included in Mr. Kennedy's individual file.

For your further information, a check of the Bureau files reveals no derogatory data concerning Mr. Kennedy.

With reference to [redacted], your recommendation should be forwarded to the Bureau when the facts which you have outlined have been clarified. (b)(6)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: September 26, 1950

FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

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Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1950 captioned as above.

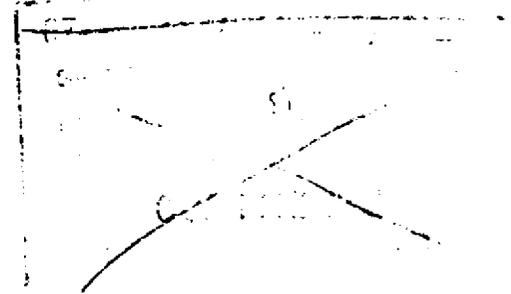
There is attached hereto a memorandum wherein is set out such information as you requested concerning MR. KENNEDY.

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Re: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
BOSTON #1

Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY's present residence address is Marchant Avenue, Hyannisport, Massachusetts, where his telephone number is Hyannis 980. He resides at this address during the months of May through November each year and during the remaining months, resides at his estate on North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Springs, Florida.

Mr. KENNEDY is former United States Ambassador to England. He has extensive interests in real estate, the motion picture and liquor industries, and in the general field of corporation finance. Mr. KENNEDY has innumerable contacts in the business world as well as in the international diplomatic set.

Mr. KENNEDY was born September 6, 1888, at Boston, Massachusetts. He was educated in Boston public schools and received an A.B. degree from Harvard in 1912. He holds several honorary degrees from other Universities. He was married to the former ROSE FITZGERAID of Boston, Massachusetts on October 7, 1914.

On September 22, 1950, Mr. KENNEDY was contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] who has had many productive investigative and social contacts with him and Mr. KENNEDY stated he is entirely willing to avail his services for any advantage the Bureau might desire. (b)(7)(c)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Boston, Massachusetts

December 11, 1950

Director, FBI

RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

DEC 17 1950

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Boston letter to Bureau dated August 4, 1950, wherein the Bureau was advised in the future this office intends to utilize the services of [redacted] and MR. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY.

Reference letter also indicated the Boston Office would not completely reactivate [redacted] as a Special Service Contact pending further investigation in connection with the case entitled "[redacted]"

[redacted] inasmuch as this office was desirous of ascertaining the degree of relationship between [redacted] and former Special Service Contact, [redacted]. It has since been ascertained Special Service Contact [redacted] is not closely related to [redacted], and therefore this office intends at this time to completely reactivate [redacted] as a Special Service Contact.

MR. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY during the past several months has for the most part been absent from this district and therefore his services have not been utilized.

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It is the intention of this office in the future where the need arises to make assignments to and utilize the services of both the Special Service Contacts mentioned herein, and a report concerning their activities will be submitted semi-annually on April and October 1, beginning as of April, 1951, in compliance with instructions set forth in SAC Letter No. 74 dated 10/16/50.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Thornton
J. E. THORNTON
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : SAC, BOSTON
SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

DATE: October 1, 1951

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In compliance with SAC Letter #74 dated October 16, 1950, there is being submitted herein the semi-annual report concerning Special Service Contacts.

At present, Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY (SSC BOS 1) and [redacted] (SSC BOS 2) are carried as Special Service Contacts in this Office. Since the submission of the last semi-annual report, there has been no occasion to utilize the services of these contacts. However, since the submission of the last report, contact has been had with both Mr. KENNEDY and [redacted] and they have reiterated their willingness to be of assistance to the Bureau when the need for their services arises.

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Prior to the submission of the next report in this matter, every effort will be made to develop additional contacts who are prominent locally in their various fields of endeavor with a view towards making good use of their services in connection with the Special Service Contacts program.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/5/51

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
PERSONAL SERVICE CONTACT

J. Donohue

Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Personal Service Contact left for Palm Beach, Florida on November 28, 1951 where he will remain until April, 1952.

This information is being furnished for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (67-045)

DATE: 11/3/52

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

ReBulet October 23, 1952, captioned as above.

The Boston Office has two Special Service Contacts, Mr. JOSEPH F. KENNEDY (SSC Bos 1) and [REDACTED] (SSC Bos 2). Both of these men have been contacted on a personal basis during the past six months. However, there has been no opportunity to assign these individuals any work of an official nature. (b)(7)(c)

It is contemplated Mr. KENNEDY will be leaving his summer residence at Hyannisport, Massachusetts, in the near future to establish residence at Palm Beach, Florida. When he does this, the Bureau and the Miami Office will be advised.

Efforts will be made to develop additional Special Service Contacts for the Boston Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
FROM : SAC, Miami
SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 1-7-53

ATTENTION: MR. L. B. NICHOLS

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In connection with the investigation of [redacted], it was necessary for Special Agents of the West Palm Beach Resident Agency to interview Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY at his Palm Beach home on December 24, 1952.

The Agents have advised me that Mr. KENNEDY was very profuse in his admiration for the Director and for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that without the guidance of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the government of this country would fall into an unprecedented state of corruption. He was extremely cooperative in furnishing information to the Agents in connection with the investigation as he always is when interviewed by Agents in this area, and it is suggested that the Bureau might desire to direct a letter to Mr. KENNEDY, if deemed appropriate, expressing the Director's appreciation for his kind remarks.

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Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
North Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Florida

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My dear Mr. Kennedy:

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My associates in Florida have informed me of the kind comments you expressed concerning the FBI and me during a recent interview with Special Agents of this Bureau, and I could not let the opportunity pass without telling you how grateful I am.

It is the constant endeavor of all of us to discharge our responsibilities in such manner as to inspire public confidence, and remarks such as yours are extremely reassuring. I only hope that our efforts always will meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar

cc-Miami

ATTENTION SAC: Reurlet 1-7-53. Relet failed to identify Kennedy as the former Ambassador to Britain and to list his current address. It was necessary, therefore, for appropriate checks to be made at the Bureau to definitely identify him and secure his address. In the future, you are instructed to be more thorough in suggesting letters of this type.

NOTE: Address of correspondent secured from current "Who's Who" which also reflected him to be former Ambassador to Britain. Directories did not indicate a more thorough address.

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- Holloman _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI.

DATE: February 18, 1953

FROM : SAC, BOSTON

SUBJECT: SA [REDACTED]
SPECIAL AGENT

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SA [REDACTED] is assigned as Senior Resident Agent at the Hyannis, Massachusetts Resident Agency, and as such has been in contact with Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, former Ambassador to Great Britain and former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, who is a special service contact of the Boston Division.

In addition, Agent [REDACTED] is known to and a close personal friend of United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, of Massachusetts, (b) (7) (c)

Agent [REDACTED] father has been ill for sometime and on Monday of this week, February 16, 1953 suffered another heart attack. He is presently confined to the Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts, where he is undergoing treatment and is showing some improvement.

This information is provided the Bureau for informative purposes because of Agent [REDACTED] close association with the KENNEDY family.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
North Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Joe:

I was sorry that I missed your call this morning, but upon my return to the office Clyde Tolson advised me of the situation which you discussed with him.

I wanted you to know that I am sending an Inspector from Washington today to see [redacted] Upon receipt of the facts concerning the matter I shall be in touch with you again.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (67-045)

DATE: 4/2/53

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Reference is made to SAC Letter 74 dated 10/16/50 captioned as above wherein each office has been requested to advise the Bureau semi-annually, on April 1 and October 1 of each year of the assignments given each Special Service Contact.

For the information of the Bureau, the Boston Office has three Special Service Contacts:

- 1. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. [REDACTED]

No assignments have been given to the above named Special Service Contacts. I have not met the above persons since Mr. Kennedy is presently in Florida, [REDACTED] has been away for the past 4 weeks and [REDACTED] resides in New Hampshire and I have not been able to get up to New Hampshire to see him. However, the Bureau can be sure these individuals will be contacted as soon as possible and if the opportunity presents itself to assign matters consistent with their positions it will be done.

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Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
North Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Joe:

G. I. R-3

I have received the very kind invitation to attend the wedding on May 23 of your daughter, Eunice, and Mr. Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., and the reception immediately afterwards.

As much as I would like to indicate an acceptance, I regret that I already have a commitment scheduled for that date which I simply cannot break.

At any rate, I do hope you will convey to both the bride and the groom my very best wishes for every happiness.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: Address and salutation per Reading Room.

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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Patrick Kennedy
request the honour of the presence of
Mr. Hoover

at the marriage of their daughter
Eunice

to
Mr. Robert Sargent Shriver, Junr.
at St. Patrick's Cathedral

New York

on Saturday, May 23rd 1953

at 11 o'clock

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At home
after July 1st
220 East Walton Place
Chicago 11, Illinois

Please present this card
at St. Patrick's Cathedral
on Saturday, May 23rd

Reception
immediately following the ceremony
at The Waldorf-Astoria
50th Street Tower entrance

R. L. V. P.
300 Park Avenue
New York

ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

100 Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts
August 28, 1953

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Belmont	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Winterrowd	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Mr. Holloman	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The writer had the opportunity today to visit with Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy at Hyannisport, Massachusetts. Mr. Kennedy was very very high in praise of you personally and the Bureau generally. He stated in unequivocal terms that if it were not for the FBI the country would go to Hell.

Mr. Kennedy mentioned [redacted] recent columns regarding Civil Rights investigations and stated it was difficult for him to understand why [redacted] would write such a thing because [redacted] has so often said to Mr. Kennedy, "The FBI is the only decent agency in the Government and the rest of them are not worth a good G.D."

Mr. Kennedy believes that [redacted] was angling his columns at the Jews, Negroes and the Communist element behind the Civil Liberties outfit, as well as the NAACP. Kennedy says he does not feel in his own heart that [redacted] has anything against the Bureau at all and, in fact, has great respect for the Bureau and for you personally.

Sincerely,

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J. J. Kelly
Special Agent in Charge

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September 2, 1953

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Mr. J. J. Kelly
Federal Bureau of Investigation
100 Milk Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thanks very much for informing me, by your letter of August 28, of your visit with the Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy and his comments regarding the Bureau and [redacted] recent remarks. (5)(7)(2)

I am writing Mr. Kennedy to express my appreciation directly to him, and I want you to know that I am most grateful for your thoughtfulness in bringing his comments to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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September 2, 1953

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Mr. J. J. Kelly, Special Agent in Charge of our Boston Office, has advised me that he recently had the pleasure of visiting with you in Hyannis Port, and I did want to let you know how grateful I am for your kind words regarding the FBI.

The knowledge of your friendship and support over the years has meant a great deal to all of us in this Bureau.

I was very pleased to learn of your comments regarding [redacted] recent remarks concerning Civil Rights investigations. I certainly do not understand how anyone can criticize us for merely discharging our duty. (b)(7)(D)

Sincerely,

Edgar J. Hoover

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NOTE: According to telephone directory ang 67-380854, Kennedy's residence address in Hyannis Port is Marchant Avenue. This file indicates that he resides at this address from May through November every year and, during the remaining months, at North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Springs, Florida. Salutation per mailing list. Hyannis Port, two words, per Postal Guide.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS
SEMIANNUAL REPORT

DATE: October 16,
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SYNOPSIS:

The semiannual report for Special Service Contacts reflects there are presently 174 Service Contacts as compared to 180 on May 1, 1953, and 170 on October 1, 1952. There is an average of 3.5 Special Service Contacts for each office. The statistics re Special Service Contacts by Field Offices are attached. The Special Service Contacts are rendering valuable services to the Bureau including the furnishing of information on Security Index subjects, the saving of money and time in connection with transportation costs and installation of equipment, and the furthering of the good will toward the Bureau throughout the country.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. This is for your information. While the Special Agents in Charge have been instructed not to engage in active solicitation of individuals as Special Service Contacts, they will continue to be encouraged to be alert to consider as such contacts influential persons who volunteer assistance or express unusual interest in the Bureau's work.

DETAILS:

Semiannually by the Field Offices submitted to the Bureau reports setting forth the activities of the Special Service Contacts in their respective divisions. The reports for the period ending October 1, 1953, reflect there were 174 Special

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Memorandum to Mr. D. M. Ladd
RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Service Contacts throughout the field. Six months ago there was a total of 180 Special Service Contacts and a year ago there was a total of 170. At present there is an average of 3.5 Special Service Contacts per office. Set out below are a few examples of the services these contacts are providing for the Bureau:

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Memorandum to Mr. D. M. Ladd
RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

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A number of the Special Service Contacts in the publication field have published articles favorable to the Bureau during this period. Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, a Special Service Contact of the Boston Office, recently spoke to [REDACTED] about his articles concerning civil rights cases in which he criticized the Bureau. Mr. Kennedy thereafter spoke to the Director about it. Several of the Special Service Contacts communicated with [REDACTED] of Texas and others on behalf of the Bureau in connection with the recent challenge to the Bureau's investigative action in civil rights matters.

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