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September 29, 1983

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Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

In accordance with a request received from you on August 3, 1983, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Paul Harvey Aurandt. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

The results of an FBI records check* concerning Mr. Aurandt were previously provided to you in a communication dated April 1, 1982.

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Sincerely yours,

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Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

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NOTE: Since 1944, Mr. Aurandt has continued to be employed by the American Broadcasting Company (ABC), initially with an affiliate and finally with ABC Radio Network, Chicago, Illinois as a news broadcaster. [redacted] Investigation also revealed Mr. Aurandt was the subject of an Atomic Energy Act investigation. Mr. Aurandt in attempting to bring the lack of security at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), Lemont, Illinois, to the public's attention, scaled a wall at ANL. A Federal Grand Jury returned a no bill in this case. The above information was previously provided to the White House by Name Checks dated April 1, 1982, located in Bufile 117-997. The balance of the investigation is favorable and complete.

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PAUL HARVEY AURANDT Summary

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. AURANDT COVERED INQUIRIES IN THE UNITED STATES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

1035 Park Ave
River Forest, Il.

Birth

Mr. Aurandt was born on September 4, 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as Paul Harvey Aurandt; however, Mr. Aurandt has indicated that he discontinued using his last name, Aurandt, when he began his professional career in approximately 1950.

Education

Mr. Aurandt was graduated from Tulsa Central High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in May, 1936.

Mr. Aurandt attended the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1936, receiving no degree; however, the exact dates of attendance are unknown as the university has been unable to locate records to verify them.

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Employment

From the mid-1930's to the mid-1940's Mr. Aurandt was employed as an announcer by various radio stations in the following cities: Salina, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Saint Louis, Missouri; Honolulu, Hawaii; Missoula, Montana; Kalamazoo, Michigan; and Chicago, Illinois. Only two of these employments were able to be verified by associates, those being Saint Louis, Missouri, and Kalamazoo, Michigan; however, the exact dates were unknown. The others could not be verified as records have been destroyed and the current whereabouts of former supervisors and co-workers are unknown.

1944 to 1954	Radio Station WENR, an ABC affiliate, Chicago, Illinois, as a news broadcaster

Paul Harvey Aurandt

1954 to the present	ABC radio network, Chicago, Illinois, as a news broadcaster

These employments were verified by the Director, ABC Personnel. Exact dates are unknown as no personnel file exists for Mr. Aurandt.

Family Status

Mr. Aurandt is married to the former Evelyn Cooper, who he has indicated is a United States citizen. They reside at 1035 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

Mr. Aurandt's parents, Harry Harrison Aurandt and Anna Thrilbod Dagmar Christensen Aurandt, are deceased. In addition to his wife, Mr. Aurandt has listed the following living close relatives:

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Sister	Francis Aurandt Price Bartlesville, Oklahoma

Based on the background information furnished by Mr. Aurandt, he has no close relatives residing in communist-controlled countries.

Interviews

Thirty-one persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, present neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They advised Mr. Aurandt is a loyal American whose character, reputation, and associates are above reproach. He was described as honest, professional, personable, dedicated, intelligent, and hardworking. It was stated by many of Mr. Aurandt's associates that he is extremely patriotic and loyal to America. One individual stated he is a "self-made man," and many other associates stated he is the most respected news commentator in the country. It was also stated that Mr. Aurandt has a high moral outlook, is exceptionally mature, and mentally stable. All persons interviewed recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility.

Among those interviewed are the following:

William H. Shockey, Jr., Account Executive, Lowe-Runkle Advertising Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Robert D. Allen, Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Richard DeVos, President, Amway Corporation, Ada, Michigan

John Forsythe Bergstrom, President, Bergstrom Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Incorporated, Neenah, Wisconsin

Gaylord Freeman, Honorary Chairman of the Board, First National Bank, Chicago, Illinois

Kenneth T. Wessner, Chairman of the Board, Service Masters Industry, Incorporated, Downers Grove, Illinois

Paul Aglin, Partner, Accounting firm of Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells, Chicago, Illinois

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Aurandt.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Aurandt or his close relatives, except the following:

Records of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Hillsboro, Missouri, indicate that a complaint was received on or about January 5, 1983, from [redacted] caretaker for Mr. Aurandt's ranch in Imperial, Missouri. A large number of trees were being removed from Mr. Aurandt's property located at Chesley Island, Arnold, Missouri. An officer went to the scene with [redacted] and observed that all the large trees had been cut down. They also encountered two individuals in the process of removing some of the timber.

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Records of the Circuit Court of the County of Jefferson, State of Missouri, indicate a complaint was filed during August, 1983, on behalf of Paul Harvey Aurandt, plaintiff, by the law firm of Lashly, Caruthers, Baer and Hamel versus

Kenneth Grubbs, Elizabeth Mizerany, Florence Rimmey, and Donald Johnson, defendants. The plaintiff is seeking $13,475. in actual damages plus $300,000. punitive damages. It appears the outcome of this case will not be decided for some time.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Aurandt:

Office of Personnel Management,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Defense Central Index of Investigations,
United States Secret Service,
and the White House Office.

Central files at FBI Headquarters and in field divisions, files of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with Mr. Aurandt, except that previously provided to you on April 1, 1982.

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records of Security Office, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) negative re appointee.

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REFERENCE: WFO Report of SA [redacted] dated 8/31/83, and Bureau telcall to WFO, ~~dated~~ 9/19/83.

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