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TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: December 15, 1960

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRIES
KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION

Lawrence O'Brien of the staff of the President-elect asked that Special Inquiry investigations be conducted on the following individuals:

Andrew Hatcher
Assistant Press Secretary

Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense
ROBERT S. STRANGE

Chester Bowles
Under Secretary of State

O'Brien said he recognized that these should have been requested long ago, but that there had just been a slip up because things had been moving at such a fast rate. He noted that these appointments had already been announced publicly, but nevertheless he felt that the investigations were essential. These investigations are being ordered today for immediate attention.

O'Brien also asked that we conduct a Special Inquiry investigation of [redacted] who was most active in the campaign and who is presently employed in the Democratic National Committee. This investigation is also being ordered today.

In connection with O'Brien's request of yesterday for investigation of Herbert W. Klotz, advice was received that Klotz is to be appointed as liaison man with the White House for Governor Hodges, the new Secretary of Commerce.

O'Brien said that some consideration was presently being given to the appointment of [redacted] as Under Secretary of Commerce, but that he did not

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feel that this was sufficiently "firmed up" to request any investigation. O'Brien said that he talked with the President-elect and had convinced him that it would be unwise to request any wholesale investigations, but that such investigations should be requested only when there was a reasonable possibility the person being investigated was going to be appointed to a position in the Government. He said once an investigation is started, if the person is at all prominent, there were immediate inquiries. He illustrated by the number of press inquiries that had been received by him concerning a possible appointment of Newton Minow, a member of Adlai Stevenson's law firm. The investigation on Minow was requested on December 8, 1960. O'Brien's principal interest is the political clearance of appointees, and he noted if investigations are requested and then no appointment is made, there is an unfavorable political reaction from the person being considered and from his political supporters.

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KENNEDY ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF THE 44-YEAR-OLD MCNAMARA AS DEFENSE SECRETARY FROM THE DOORSTEP OF HIS HOME TO A CROWD OF NEWSMEN.

MCNAMARA, WHO SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN WORLD WAR II AND HAS BOBBED UP ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE POLITICAL FENCE ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, WAS AT KENNEDY'S SIDE. NEITHER WORE A HAT OR COAT DESPITE THE COLD.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT NOW HAS FILLED FIVE OF THE 10 CABINET POSTS. INFORMED SOURCES SAID HE HOPES TO COMPLETE THE CABINET BY FRIDAY WHEN HE FLIES BACK TO HIS PARENTS' HOME AT PALM BEACH, FLA.

IN SELECTING MCNAMARA TO HEAD THE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT ONE-HALF OF ALL FEDERAL SPENDING, KENNEDY FOLLOWED THE LEAD OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WHO ALSO CHOSE A TOP AUTO OFFICIAL AS HIS FIRST DEFENSE SECRETARY IN 1952.

EISENHOWER'S MAN WAS CHARLES E. WILSON, THEN HEAD OF GENERAL MOTORS CORP., FORD'S MAIN COMPETITOR. ALSO LIKE WILSON, MCNAMARA IS REPORTED TO HAVE LARGE STOCKHOLDINGS IN HIS COMPANY, OF WHICH HE WAS NAMED PRESIDENT ONLY FIVE WEEKS AGO.

MCNAMARA, WHO SUPPORTED KENNEDY IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION, IS EXPECTED TO FOLLOW WILSON'S LEAD IN DISPOSING OF THESE HOLDINGS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CHARGE OF A "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" IN HANDLING HIS GOVERNMENTAL DUTIES.

MCNAMARA, ONE-TIME PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT HARVARD, ALSO HAS SERVED AS A FORD VICE PRESIDENT AND AS GENERAL MANAGER. HE ONCE WAS ONE OF FORD'Z "QUIZZ KIDS" SPECIALIZING IN FUTURE PRODUCTION PLANNING.

MCNAMARA WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE $25,000-A-YEAR DEFENSE POST BY KENNEDY AT A SECRET MEETING HERE THURSDAY NIGHT. HE WAS SOUNDED OUT EARLIER BY A KENNEDY AIDE AT DETROIT ON TWO POSSIBLE POSTS -- DEFENSE OR SECRETARY OF TREASURY.

MCNAMARA WAS DRIVEN TO KENNEDY'S HOME IN ONE OF THE FORD MOTOR CO.'S MOST EXPENSIVE CARS -- A FOUR-DOOR LINCOLN CONTINENTAL OF THE LIMOUSINE-EXECUTIVE TYPE. THE AUTOMOBILE REMAINED PARKED OUTSIDE THE KENNEDY HOME.

WAITING IN THE FRONT SEAT BESIDE THE CHAUFFEUR WAS R. H. MARKLEY, MANAGER OF THE FORD CO.'S WASHINGTON OFFICE, WHO HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO RELAY THE WORD OF MCNAMARA'S APPOINTMENT TO HIS WIFE IN DETROIT AS SOON AS IT WAS ANNOUNCED.

MARKLEY WAS IN TOUCH WITH HIS WASHINGTON OFFICE BY TELEPHONE -- A SPECIAL TELEPHONE INSTALLED IN THE LIMOUSINE. THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE FIRM THEN WAS TO RELAY THE WORD TO MRS. MCNAMARA.

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IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENT, KENNEDY SAID HE AND MCNAMARA AGREED "THIS COUNTRY MUST HAVE A DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT SECOND TO NONE." BUT HE SAID IT ALSO MUST BE EFFICIENT "SO THAT THE WIDEST POSSIBLE USE CAN BE MADE OF PUBLIC FUNDS."

"IT MUST BE STRONG," SEN. KENNEDY ADDED, "NOT ONLY TO DEFEND THE NATION, BUT SO STRONG THAT THIS COUNTRY CAN MAINTAIN PEACE. PEACE IS THE OBJECT OF OUR DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT."

MCNAMARA SAID LEAVING FORD WAS "ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT DECISIONS OF MY LIFE." BUT "AFTER MUCH THOUGHT," HE SAID, "I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS MUST BE SUBORDINATED."

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ADD 9 KENNEDY

IN ACCEPTING THE $25,000-A-YEAR POST, THE 44-YEAR-OLD MCNAMARA SAID HE WOULD DISPOSE OF ALL HIS STOCK HOLDINGS, FOREGOING PROFITS OF $3 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS. HE NOW HOLDS 24,200 SHARES OF FORD STOCK WITH AN OPTION TO BUY ANOTHER 30,000.

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KENNEDY SAID ANYONE ACCEPTING A POST IN HIS ADMINISTRATION "MUST BE WILLING TO SERVE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME." THAT WAS ESPECIALLY SO IN THE INSTANCE OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

THE PRESIDENT-ELECT SAID HE HAD NOT MET MCNAMARA PRIOR TO LAST THURSDAY AND LEFT SOMEWHAT VAGUE THE ORIGINS OF THAT MEETING. HE SAID THAT MCNAMARA'S NAME CAME TO HIS ATTENTION DURING HIS EFFORTS TO FIND THE BEST PEOPLE HE COULD TO TAKE POWER IN JANUARY.

KENNEDY EMPHASIZED THE POINT REPEATEDLY MADE IN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE A "DEFENSE SECOND TO NONE." HE FELL SHORT, HOWEVER, OF ENDORSING THE REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS MADE RECENTLY TO HIM BY SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT HOW MUCH THE PENTAGON IS OVERHAULED WILL LIE LARGELY WITH MCNAMARA.

MCNAMARA SAID HE ACCEPTED THE POST WITH A "TREMENDOUS SENSE OF CONFIDENCE" IN PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY'S LEADERSHIP.

MCNAMARA TOLD NEWSMEN THAT ACCEPTING THE DEFENSE POST WOULD COST HIM AN ESTIMATED $3 MILLION IN "PROFITS FOREGONE" OVER THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

THAT, HE SAID, WAS HIS ESTIMATE OF THE RISE IN HIS NET WORTH HAD HE REMAINED AT THE HEAD OF THE FORD CO. OF WHICH HE BECAME PRESIDENT NOV. 9.

HE SAID HE WOULD DIVEST HIMSELF OF 24,250 SHARES OF FORD STOCK NOW SELLING, HE SAID, AT $65 A SHARE AND ALSO WOULD GIVE UP OPTIONS ON AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 SHARES.

THE STOCK, HE SAID, WAS DOWN $750,000 OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND "OBVIOUSLY" IS GOING TO RISE IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. MCNAMARA SAID HE WOULD REMAIN AS THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AS LONG AS HE FULFILLED HIS RESPONSIBILITIES TO KENNEDY'S SATISFACTION.

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FROM- SAC, ST. LOUIS 161-31 2P

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPI. REBUTEL THIS DATE. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF MC NAMARA RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. BORN JUNE NINE, ONE NINE ONE SIX, SAN FRANCISCO AND RESIDES FOUR ONE ZERO HIGHLAND ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. IS PRESIDENT, FORD MOTOR COMPANY. DUE TO PROMINENCE OF MC NAMARA, NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AND NO INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EMPLOYMENTS UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO ARISES AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOUR REPORTS ARE ACCURATE. YOU SHOULD INTERVIEW A REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER OF ASSOCIATES AND MEMBERS OF ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH HE IS AFFILIATED. COMPLETE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE CONCERNING EACH. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE.

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BALTIMORE	BUREAU	12/16/60	12/15 - 16/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA	SA [redacted]	mgl
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REFERENCE

Bureau teletype dated 12/15/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Appointee's G-2 file X6-108766 was made available by Colonel RICHARD H. MERRICK, CO, Central Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland, and reviewed by IC [redacted] [redacted]

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] b6 b7C Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Date: 12/16/60

File Number: 161-15

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Files of G-2 reviewed without locating any derogatory information concerning the captioned individual.

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Details: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, Central Records Facility, Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on 12/16/60. These files reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a ( ) National Agency check, (X) partial background investigation, ( ) complete background investigation completed on 9/29/42&10/1/58, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation, or loyalty of this individual.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS DETROIT AND MIAMI

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (116-101960)

ROBERT STRANGE MCNAMARA, SPI. REBUTEL TO SACS DETROIT, ETC, DECEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTY, NO CC MIAMI. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF MCNAMARA RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. BORN JUNE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTEEN, SAN FRANCISCO, AND RESIDES FOUR ONE ZERO HIGHLAND ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN. IS PRESIDENT FORD MOTOR COMPANY. BUREAU DEADLINE OF DECEMBER TWO ZERO NEXT MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. SENATOR PATRICK V. MCNAMARA OF MICHIGAN CAN BE REACHED NOW AT THE DEPONT PLAZA HOTEL, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AND IF NOT THERE WILL BE BACK IN HIS OFFICE AT ROOM ONE ZERO THREE NINE FEDERAL BUILDING, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. MIAMI ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW, IF UNSUCCESSFUL NOTIFY DETROIT.

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FROM SAC, DETROIT /161-12/ 3P

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPI. RE BUREAU TELETYPE DEC. FIFTEEN, LAST. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF MC NAMARA RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. BORN JUNE NINE, ONE NINE ONE SIX, SAN FRANCISCO, RESIDES ANN ARBOR, MICH. IS PRESIDENT FORD MOTOR CO. NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AND NO INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, AND EMPLOYMENTS, UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO ARISES AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND MAKE CERTAIN YOUR REPORTS ARE ACCURATE. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE. COMPLETE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE CONCERNING EACH. ASSIGN TO SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO MAKE CERTAIN BUREAU DEADLINE DEC. TWENTY, NEXT IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. BACKGROUND INFO IN WHO-S WHO.

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MRS. MC NAMARA-S PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. THOMAS CRAIG, RESIDE ONE EIGHT ZERO ONE CAMBRIDGE, ALEMEDA, CALIFORNIA.

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MC NAMARA REPORTEDLY ONE OF A GROUP OF WORLD WAR TWO ARMY AIR FORCE VETERANS REFERRED TO AS QUOTE WHIZ KIDS UNQUOTE. HIRED BY FORD AT END OF WAR. MC NAMARA ASSOCIATES IN THIS GROUP, OTHER THAN THOSE REMAINING AT FORD, ARE CHARLES B. THORNTON, PRESIDENT OF LITTON INDUSTRIES, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., AND GEORGE MOORE, LINCOLN MERCURY DEALER AT WASHINGTON, D. C. OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION. SUREP.

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FROM SAC, BOSTON 161-NEW 1 P

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DENVER	BUREAU	12/17/60	12/16/60

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Report made by: IC [redacted] b6 b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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XXXXXX REFERENCE: St. Louis teletype to Bureau dated December 15, 1960.

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Copy to:

Report of: IC [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Denver
Date: December 17, 1960

Field Office File No.: Denver File 161-6 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records, ARRC, Denver, Colorado, reviewed. McNAMARA's service file reflects he was commissioned as temporary Captain in the Army of the United States on 3/12/43. He went on active duty same date. He was honorably released from active duty on 4/3/46, whereupon he reverted to an inactive status. He received Legion of Merit, World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. He received letters of commendation from WILEY D. GANEY, Colonel, Air Corps, dated 1/31/44, letter from H. J. KNERR, Major General, U.S. A., dated 8/7/45, and a letter from L. P. ORDWAY, Colonel, Air Corps, dated 8/25/45. McNAMARA's military occupational specialty was Stat. Services Staff Officer. His character and efficiency rating as a soldier were quoted as superior.

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DETAILS:

At Denver, Colorado

The Master Service File of ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA, serial number AO 885931, was reviewed on December 16, 1960, at the Records Service Division, Air Reserve Records Center,

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Denver, Colorado. This file reflects McNAMARA was born June 9, 1916, at San Francisco, California. He was commissioned a temporary Captain in the Army of the United States on March 12, 1943. He entered on active duty the same date. He was promoted to Major on April 10, 1944. He was again promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on August 11, 1944. On April 3, 1946, he was tendered an appointment in the Officers Reserve Corps, Army of the United States. He was honorably released from active duty on April 3, 1946, whereupon he reverted to an inactive status.

McNAMARA's character and efficiency rating as a soldier were quoted as superior.

On July 27, 1951, McNAMARA was promoted to the grade of Colonel in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. On December 22, 1952, he acknowledged his acceptance of the appointment as Reserve Officer in the U. S. Air Force for an indefinite term.

He served outside the continental limits of the United States during the period of March 12, 1943, to September 23, 1943 (European Theater of Operations) and from April 9, 1944, to October 2, 1944 (China-Burma-India Theater).

He received the Legion of Merit, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal with a Bronze Service Star and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. He received letters of commendation from WILEY D. GANEY, Colonel, U. S. Air Corps, dated January 31, 1944, from H. J. KNERR, Major General, U. S. Army, dated August 7, 1945, and from L. P. ORDWAY, Colonel, U. S. Air Corps, dated August 25, 1945. The letter of commendation from WILEY D. GANEY, Colonel, U. S. Air Corps, was given to McNAMARA for the outstanding assistance he rendered in the evaluation and development of training programs. It further stated that he had demonstrated an unusual ability to grasp the essentials of a problem and present a brief, clear, correct analysis that forms a sound basis for command decisions. This letter further states that McNAMARA is very capable, and a highly intelligent officer who is well balanced, capable, extremely industrious and punctual. The letter of commendation

signed by H. J. KNERR, Major General, U. S. Army, commended McNAMARA for the outstanding fashion in which he completed the Pacific Air Logistic Project. The letter of commendation from L. P. ORDWAY, Colonel, U. S. Air Corps, reflected how much ORDWAY appreciated working with McNAMARA and that McNAMARA's work had been far above the average.

McNAMARA's military occupational specialty was Stat. Services Staff Officer. McNAMARA's most recent reserve assignment is with Headquarters, Continental Air Command (Inactive Status List Reserve Section), Air Reserve Records Center, Denver, Colorado, and he is presently designated a standby reservist.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
MIAMI	BUREAU	12/17/60	12/17/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA	[redacted] (A) b6 b7C	mgw

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Report of: [redacted] (A) b6 b7C Office: Miami, Florida
Date: 12/17/60

Field Office File No.: Miami 161-10 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Senator PATRICK V. MC NAMARA states has never met ROBERT MC NAMARA personally but on basis of what he has heard, in addition to a brief telephone conversation with him several days ago, he feels he could recommend him. Senator MC NAMARA states he knows of nothing that would reflect upon his character, reputation or loyalty.

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DETAILS

At Miami, Florida:

On December 17, 1960, Senator PATRICK V. MC NAMARA of Michigan was contacted at the Dupont Plaza Hotel, Miami, Florida. Senator MC NAMARA advised that he has never met ROBERT MC NAMARA in person but has, of course, heard of him. He related that he is aware of the fact that ROBERT MC NAMARA has been President of Ford Motor Company for the past four or five weeks and that he was formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force. (He said that he has been told that ROBERT MC NAMARA had a California background and has in the past been employed as an instructor.) Senator MC NAMARA stated that what he has heard concerning ROBERT MC NAMARA has always been favorable.

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Senator MC NAMARA said that several days ago he received a telephone call from President-elect ROBERT F. KENNEDY, at which time KENNEDY introduced ROBERT MC NAMARA to him. He said he had a brief conversation with ROBERT MC NAMARA at that time, adding that on the basis of this conversation, in addition to what he had heard concerning him, he feels he is 100% American and knows of nothing that would reflect upon his general character or reputation. Senator MC NAMARA stated that he feels that ROBERT MC NAMARA is entirely capable of handling a position of responsibility with the United States Government.

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
NEW HAVEN	BUREAU	12/17/60	12/17/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA	SA FRANK B. WATTS	bss
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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
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Report of: SA [redacted] / VJS Office: Los Angeles, California
Date: 12/1/60 b6 b7C

Field Office File #: Los Angeles 161-18 Bureau File #:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

CHARLES B. THORNTON, President, Litton Industries, Beverly Hills, California, advised he has known appointee 19 years and described him as outstanding and an excellent administrator. Appointee considered of good character, associates, and loyalty.

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DETAILS

On December 16, 1960, CHARLES B. THORNTON, President, Litton Industries, Beverly Hills, California, advised that he has known MC NAMARA for 19 years and during this time has considered him to be of excellent character, associates, and loyalty. He stated that MC NAMARA worked as his assistant at Ford Motor Company as assistant director of planning and he had found him to be an outstanding individual and executive. He considered appointee to be an excellent administrator and organizer, a very brilliant individual, well balanced, excellent at analysis of situations, a patient and decisive individual when all facts were available to him, and a person who would shoulder any responsibility. THORNTON stated that MC NAMARA had an uncanny knack of selecting the proper people for the proper job. THORNTON also stated that MC NAMARA is most intollerant with people who have been misled by subversive or pseudo-subversive groups or ideologies. THORNTON stated he would highly recommend MC NAMARA for any position of trust or responsibility.

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Date: 12/17/60

Field Office File No.: 161-4 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree conferred upon ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA by University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 5/29/55. Mr. HAYSE TUCKER, owner, Tucker Motor Company, and University of Alabama officials, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, all speak highly of Mr. McNamara, describing him as individual of fine character and high principles, active in his religious faith, extremely competent and one who inspires confidence. Nothing unfavorable known concerning Mr. McNamara, or his family, by those contacted. No arrest record located Tuscaloosa, Alabama, PD for Mc. McNamara or any member of family.

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DETAILS: AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

On December 16, 1960, Mr. J. JEFFERSON BENNETT, Administrative Assistant to the President, University of Alabama, advised that he recalled Mr. ROBERT S. McNAMARA coming to the University of Alabama in May, 1955. He advised that Mr. McNamara delivered the commencement address at the graduation exercises of the 1955 graduating class of the university. He stated it was his recollection that Mr. McNamara had come to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, by private plane and had left shortly after making the commencement address. He stated he met Mr. McNAMARA and was tremendously impressed with his competency, energy and inspiring personality. He advised that Mr. HAYSE TUCKER, owner of the Tucker Motor Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had been instrumental in bringing Mr. McNAMARA to the University to make this address and would be able to furnish additional information concerning him. He advised he had never heard anything unfavorable concerning Mr. McNAMARA, and that he considered him to be one of the most qualified persons he had ever met to assume a position of government leadership.

On December 16, 1960, Mr. JAMES H. NEWMAN, Executive Vice President, University of Alabama, advised that during the administration of Dr. OLIVER C. CARMICHAEL, former President of the University of Alabama, an honorary Doctor of Laws degree had been conferred by the University on Mr. ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA. He stated this degree was conferred on May 29, 1955, and that Mr. McNAMARA had delivered the commencement address at this time.

Mr. NEWMAN advised that he first met Mr. McNAMARA at the home of Mr. HAYSE TUCKER, 15 Country Club, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and added that Mr. TUCKER had been instrumental in brining Mr. McNAMARA to the University to deliver the commencement address to the 1955 graduating class. Mr. NEWMAN advised that he had been impressed by the vigor of Mr. McNAMARA, adding that he considered him an extremely competent person and one who inspired confidence as he spoke. He stated also that in the small reception held at the home of Mr. TUCKER after the graduating exercises and during his contact with him throughout

his visit here he found him to have a delightful personality. He advised that he had never heard anything unfavorable concerning Mr. McNAMARA and believed his selection to serve the United States Government a wise one. Mr. NEWMAN advised that Dr. OLIVER C. CARMICHAEL, former President of the University of Alabama, now resides at 27 Biltmore Forest, Ashville, North Carolina, but that Dr. CARMICHAEL had not previously met Mr. McNAMARA, to his knowledge, prior to Mr. McNAMARA coming to the University.

Mr. HAYSE TUCKER, owner of the Tucker Motor Company, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, leading Ford dealer of West Alabama, advised on December 16, 1960, that he had been instrumental in getting Mr. ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA, President of Ford Motor Company, to come to Tuscaloosa to deliver the commencement address to the 1955 graduating class of the University of Alabama. He advised he had known Mr. McNAMARA intimately since 1953, that he had never heard anything unfavorable concerning him or any member of his family, and would give him an unqualified recommendation for any position for which he might be considered.

Mr. TUCKER advised that at the time Mr. McNAMARA came to Tuscaloosa to deliver the commencement address in 1955 he was accompanied by his wife, MARGARET, and that they spent three days in his home. He advised they had come to Tuscaloosa by Ford plane and after their short visit had left by plane. He stated he had talked at length with Mr. McNAMARA during his visit, that he considered him a man of fine character and high principle, a man active in his religious faith, and gave freely of his time in his work for the Lord. He advised that Mrs. TUCKER had visited on two occasions in the McNAMARA home and had spoken of the pleasant atmosphere that existed in the McNamara home during her visits there.

Mr. TUCKER advised further that he had been in a number of pressure sessions with Mr. McNAMARA and knew him to be very competent. He advised that at the time of Mr. McNAMARA's address to the 1955 graduating class an honorary Doctor of Laws degree had been conferred upon him.

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Records of the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Police Department checked on December 16, 1960, by SA [redacted] failed to reflect any arrest record for Mr. McNAMARA or any member of his family. b6 b7C

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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
SAN FRANCISCO	BUREAU	12/17/60	12/15/60 - 12/16/50

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA	[redacted] b6 b7C	mw

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype dated 12/15/60.
Detroit teletype dated 12/16/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The Bureau's attention is directed to San Francisco report of SA LAWRENCE L. LARMORE, dated 5/4/53, entitled ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA - AB-94, AEA-A, SF file 116-40969. It is noted that there is no indication the Appointee has resided in the San Francisco area since the date of that report. San Francisco indices contained no information identifiable with Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS J. CRAIG, Alameda, California, parents of Appointee's wife.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: SAN FRANCISCO
Date: December 17, 1960

Field Office File No.: San Francisco 161-15 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [redacted] Appointee's mother resides Oakland, California and father is deceased. Credit favorable where located, no police record, pertinent agencies.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

NEWSPAPER FILES

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on December 16, 1960:

Library files of the "San Francisco Chronicle", the "San Francisco News Call Bulletin" and the "San Francisco Examiner" were reviewed and contained no information of an unfavorable nature identifiable with the Appointee or any members of his family. These files indicated that MC NAMARA married MARGARET CRAIG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. CRAIG, now residing in Alameda, California; that [redacted] and that Mrs. "NELL" MC NAMARA, Appointee's mother resides at 491 Staten Avenue, Oakland, California. No further information of pertinence to current investigation was noted in files.

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AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

RESIDENCE OF APPOINTEE'S MOTHER

Mrs. INEZ PENARA, Manager of the Apartments at 491 Staten Avenue, advised on December 16, 1960, that the Appointee's mother, Mrs. ROBERT JAMES "NELL" MC NAMARA, a widow, has resided at this address alone for over five years. [redacted] Mrs. MC NAMARA is an excellent tenant whose character, loyalty, and associates are above question.

VOTERS REGISTRATION RECORDS

Voters registration records, reviewed on December 16, 1960, indicated that the Appointee's mother has registered her intention to affiliate with one of the two major political parties in the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] b6 b7C

CREDIT AND POLICE RECORDS

Records of the Credit Bureau of the Greater East Bay, reviewed on December 16, 1960, indicated that CLARANEL MC NAMARA, also known as NELL MC NAMARA, the widow of ROBERT J. MC NAMARA who died November 4, 1938, has been known to the Credit Bureau since 1924. Last credit report was dated May 11, 1950, and all credit information was favorable. This file indicated that prior to his death, ROBERT J. MC NAMARA had been West Coast Sales Manager of Buckingham and Hecht, a wholesale shoe firm for 30 years. [redacted]

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The files of the Oakland Police Department, reviewed on December 16, 1960, contained no record identifiable with the Appointee's mother.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on December 16, 1960:

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA:

RESIDENCE AND STUDENT STATUS
OF APPOINTEE'S DAUGHTER

[redacted] Registrar's Office, Stanford University, advised from record that [redacted] is currently registered as a second year student at the University and resides in Union Hall, a Stanford girls residence hall.

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The files of the Palo Alto Police Department, as reviewed by [redacted] the files of the Santa Clara Sheriff's Office, as reviewed by [redacted] and the files of the Palo Alto Credit Bureau contained no information identifiable with [redacted]

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FROM SAC, MIAMI /161-10/ 1P

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPI. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL TO BUREAU, TWELVE SIXTEEN LAST. SENATOR PATRICK V. MC NAMARA CONTACTED AT DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL, MIAMI, TODAY. STATES HAS NEVER MET ROBERT MC NAMARA IN PERSON BUT HAS HEARD OF HIM AND WHAT HE HAS HEARD HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. HE STATES PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY CALLED HIM SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND INTRODUCED ROBERT MC NAMARA ON THE PHONE. SENATOR MC NAMARA STATES THAT ON THE BASIS OF CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT MC NAMARA, IN ADDITION TO WHAT HE HAS HEARD OF HIM, HE FEELS HE WILL BE ENTIRELY SATIFACTORY. SENATOR MC NAMARA FEELS HE IS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICAN AND KNOWS NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE AS TO HIS CHARACTER OR REPUTATION. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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BOSTON	BUREAU	12/19/60	12/19/60

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Report made by: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

Typed By: cjm

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Detroit 12/15/60.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] b6 b7C Office: BOSTON
Date: December 19, 1960

Field Office File No.: BS 161-27 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee has been member of Visiting Committee to the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University since October, 1958, and currently holds that position.

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DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT

On December 19, 1960, Miss SOPHIE HILLS, Administrative Assistant, Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised the appointee was named to the Visiting Committee to the Graduate School of Business Administration in October, 1958, and that he currently holds this position on a one year appointment from October 1, 1960, to October, 1961. She advised members of the Committee visit the school semi annually.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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PHILADELPHIA	BUREAU	12/19/60	12/19/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA	[redacted] b6 b7C	JP

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Date: 12/19/60

Field Office File No.: Philadelphia 161-13 Bureau File No.:

Title:

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [redacted]

Scott Paper Company, Chester, Pa., advised 12/19/60 that appointee became a member of the Board of Directors of that company as of 6/19/59. [redacted] stated his contacts with appointee have been limited to Board meetings and Executive meetings of the Scott Paper Company. He stated he has been tremendously impressed by the manner in which the appointee conducts himself, by his integrity, and by his clear, crisp thinking. [redacted] stated appointee is undoubtedly going to Washington out of dedication and loyalty to the U.S. Government. [redacted] Scott Paper Company, advised 12/19/60 he first became acquainted with appointee when MC NAMARA became a member of the Board of Directors in 6/59. He stated his contacts with appointee have been limited to meetings of the Board of Directors and to Executive meetings. [redacted] stated MC NAMARA gives every evidence of being an upstanding, upright person, who possesses a straightforward character. He stated MC NAMARA seems to be the type of person that "we would like on our team."

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Details: At Chester, Pa.

[redacted]

Scott Paper Company advised December 19, 1960, that ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA became a member of the Board of Directors of that company as of June 19, 1959. [redacted] stated that [redacted] Scott Paper Company, had contacted Mr. HENRY FORD about having some official from the Ford Motor Company on the Scott Company Board of Directors and that FORD recommended MC NAMARA, who subsequently accepted an invitation from [redacted] to be a Board member.

[redacted] stated he was not acquainted with Mr. MC NAMARA prior to the above time and added that his contacts with him have been limited to those occasions where they were together at Board meetings and Executive meetings of the Scott Paper Company. He advised he is not acquainted with members of MC NAMARA's family.

[redacted] stated that in his contacts with MC NAMARA he has been tremendously impressed by the manner in which he conducts himself, by his integrity, and by his clear, crisp thinking. He possesses a brilliant mind and is undoubtedly going to Washington to accept a Cabinet position with the Kennedy Administration out of dedication and loyalty to the United States Government.

[redacted]

Scott Paper Company, advised December 19, 1960, that he first became acquainted with ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA when this individual became a member of the Board of Directors in June 1959. He stated that the Board of Directors meets once each month, however, MC NAMARA has not attended all of these meetings, and their contacts have been limited to those occasions and to Executive meetings.

[redacted] stated that MC NAMARA is a very capable individual who gives every evidence of being an upstanding, upright person who possesses a straightforward character. He stated that MC NAMARA seems to be the type of person that "we would like on our team." He stated he is not acquainted with members of MC NAMARA's family.

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DETROIT	BUREAU	12/19/60	12/15 - 19/60

TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By:
ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA	[redacted] b6 b7C	BAJ
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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Detroit dated 12/15/60.

Detroit teletype to Bureau dated 12/16/60.

Washington Field teletype to Bureau dated 12/16/60.

Miami teletype to Bureau dated 12/17/60.

Report of SA [redacted] at Detroit, dated 5/1/53. b6 b7C

Report of SA [redacted] at Detroit, dated 5/25/53.

(The above reports captioned "ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, AB - 94; AEAA".)

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An Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation was conducted regarding MC NAMARA in 1953. No unfavorable information regarding the appointee was developed by Detroit during that investigation.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Detroit, Michigan
Date: December 19, 1960

Field Office File No.: Detroit 161-12 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Acquaintances and associates describe MC NAMARA as intelligent and able. They report him to be a person of unquestionable character, reputation, loyalty and associates. Credit records satisfactory or negative and arrest records negative concerning MC NAMARA and family.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on December 16, 1960:

Background Information

Miss VIRGINIA MARSHALL, Personal Secretary of ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, advised that Mr. MC NAMARA has been employed by the Ford Motor Company since January 31, 1946. He presently resides 410 Highland Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is married to MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA and has 3 children. [redacted] His mother, Mrs. R. J. MC NAMARA resides at 491 Staten, Oakland, California. His father, ROBERT JAMES MC NAMARA, is deceased. [redacted]

Until recently, Mr. MC NAMARA served on the Board of Directors of Scott Paper Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was on the Visiting Committee of Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and the Advisory Council of the Stanford University Graduate School. He has until recently worked closely with GEORGE ROMNEY on the Citizens for Michigan Committee, a nonpartisan political group.

His only social memberships are with the Barton Hills Country Club, Ann Arbor, and the Otsego Ski Club, Gaylord, Michigan.

Miss MARSHALL said that she has been Mr. MC NAMARA's personal secretary for the past 9 years. She describes him as a brilliant individual whose character, reputation, morals, habits and associations are of the highest. She stated that she is convinced he would serve faithfully in any position in which he might be placed.

Associates

[redacted] Ford Motor Company, advised that he has known

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MC NAMARA closely since 1946. The appointee's character, morals and reputation are above reproach. His associations, both with individuals and organizations, are of the highest. He is energetic, capable, intelligent and in good health. He is an able administrator and has the ability to get the most from his associates and employees. [redacted] highly recommends the appointee for the position for which he is being considered.

[redacted] Ford Motor Company, stated that he first met the appointee in 1942 when both were in the United States Army Air Force. They were assigned to the same group and were closely associated. Both came to Ford Motor Company in 1946 and have worked closely since that time. [redacted] commented favorably regarding MC NAMARA's character, morals, reputation and habits. He has known both the appointee and Mrs. MC NAMARA on a social basis and stated that the appointee is temperate in his drinking habits. [redacted] recommends the appointee for a Cabinet position with the United States Government without reservation.

Mr. JOHN BUGAS, Vice President - International Operations, Ford Motor Company, reported that he has known MC NAMARA since 1946. He has worked closely with him in company operations and has met with the appointee and his wife at social functions. It is Mr. BUGAS' opinion that the appointee is extremely well qualified for a Cabinet position in that he is energetic, intelligent, capable and that his integrity is above reproach. He has no reason to question the appointee's morals, habits or associates and states that MC NAMARA is entirely loyal to the United States.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on December 19, 1960, except where otherwise indicated; b6 b7C

Associates and Acquaintances

HENRY FORD II, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Company, advised that he has known the appointee since 1946. In that year, he hired MC NAMARA as an executive of Ford Motor Company. MC NAMARA has proven himself to be an excellent administrator and a person capable of making correct and appropriate decisions. His character, reputation, and morals have never been questioned and MC NAMARA's health is believed to be good. His wife and family enjoy excellent reputations and are highly regarded in their community. MC NAMARA is extremely devoted and patriotic to his country and would be sacrificing a great deal of wealth to accept a Cabinet post. Mr. FORD stated that based upon his close and extended association with the appointee, he would not hesitate to highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

Mr. GEORGE ROMNEY, President, American Motors Corporation, advised that he has known MC NAMARA since about 1942. His association with the appointee has been on a personal, social and business basis. He has worked closely with MC NAMARA during the past two or three years in connection with a group known as Citizens for Michigan which Mr. ROMNEY describes as a nonpartisan group of business executives striving for the betterment of the State of Michigan and the United States. Mr. ROMNEY commented favorably regarding MC NAMARA's ability commenting that the appointee is an intelligent and able administrator. MC NAMARA's character, reputation, habits and morals are above reproach and he has never, to ROMNEY's knowledge, allied himself with any questionable person or organization. The appointee is completely loyal and dedicated to the United States. Mr. ROMNEY highly recommends him for a Cabinet post with the United States Government.

Mr. LOUIS C. MIRIANI, Mayor of the City of Detroit, advised SA CHRISTOPHER H. KOKOLAKIS on December 19, 1960, that he has known MC NAMARA for about 5 years. He has attended

social functions with the appointee and has worked with him on civic affairs. He described the appointee as capable, intelligent and dependable and stated that he enjoyed an excellent reputation with regard to his character, associates and loyalty. MIRIANI said that the appointee is thorough in his work and is highly regarded as a capable administrator. MIRIANI highly recommends the appointee for a Cabinet post with the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Ann Arbor, Michigan:

Acquaintances

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[redacted] has known Mr. MC NAMARA since 1945 (and the) when they were both [redacted] officers, United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington, D. C. A close association continued when they were both employed by Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. [redacted] They are close personal friends, (as are the two families. The families attend football games together and the families exchange visits on a "drop-in basis").

Mrs. MC NAMARA before her marriage was MARGARET CRAIG, 1801 Cambridge, Alameda, California. [redacted] is acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. TOM CRAIG, Mrs. MC NAMARA's parents, as well as Mrs. R. J. MC NAMARA, Mr. MC NAMARA's mother, 491 Staten Avenue, Oakland 10, California.

Mr. and Mrs. MC NAMARA have three children.

[redacted]

[redacted] advises Mr. MC NAMARA and he are both members of Barton Hills Country Club, a golf club in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and have been since about 1949. Mr. MC NAMARA and his family are active in the First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Mr. MC NAMARA, a few years ago, was an Elder of the Church. [redacted] described Mr. MC NAMARA as an exceptionally hard worker and not a "joiner" of organizations. He believes Mr. MC NAMARA is occasionally active as an alumnus of Harvard University and a member of an advisory group of Stanford Business School. He believes Mr. MC NAMARA to be a Director of Scott Paper Company,

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Philadelphia Pennsylvania. He may be a member of the Economics Club of Detroit but, if so, does not attend their noon luncheon meetings. Mr. MC NAMARA was a member of Orchard Lake Country Club but has dropped out or is not active as he gave up playing golf.

[redacted] says that all members of Mr. MC NAMARA's family named by him are of high reputation, associates, character and all are patriotic and loyal Americans.

[redacted] says he has no hesitation in describing Mr. MC NAMARA as a person of the highest character and reputation; extremely loyal and patriotic to the United States Government and who is sacrificing much for his government because he feels he can serve a need in Washington. Mr. [redacted] says there is no man higher in dedication and purpose and he has never known anyone Mr. MC NAMARA's equal in ability and capacity.

[redacted]

[redacted] advises Mr. MC NAMARA was one of several young men hired personally by Mr. HENRY FORD II for Ford Motor Company. This group of men had all been Statistical Control officers in Washington, D. C., for the United States Air Force. Because of the group's phenomenal success at Ford Motor Company and their exceptional ability, this group of men became affectionately known as "the whiz kids". [redacted] is acquainted with this group of men and says

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Mr. MC NAMARA has the most brilliant mind of this group. He describes Mr. MC NAMARA as "the smartest man I have ever known". [redacted] says not only is Mr. MC NAMARA possessed of a brilliant mind and is a good thinker, but he is also a man of good judgment and a man who has not been adversely affected by unusual ability and success. Family life is important to Mr. MC NAMARA who with his family are active church members.

[redacted] has known Mr. MC NAMARA as a member of Barton Hills Country Club, but Mr. MC NAMARA does not play golf. [redacted] has never known anyone in life who has a higher moral character. His associates are above question, as is his loyalty to the United States Government. Mrs. MC NAMARA, who has actively headed some Ann Arbor polio drives, is also of the highest character, reputation, patriotism and associates. [redacted] recommends Mr. MC NAMARA and his family without reservation and with enthusiasm.

[redacted] Ann Arbor, Michigan, was interviewed on December 16, 1960. [redacted] has known Mr. MC NAMARA for about six years. [redacted] said he and Mr. MC NAMARA are members of a small informal group who meet once a month at members' homes to discuss current questions. The group consists of leaders in business, industry, education and the professions. He said they represent the broadest possible viewpoint of business and politics. [redacted] has also known Mr. MC NAMARA in connection with community affairs. [redacted] and Mr. MC NAMARA have recently been members of a committee reviewing the working of and efficiency of a new Ann Arbor City Charter. [redacted] does not know Mr. MC NAMARA socially.

[redacted] has great admiration for the breadth and soundness of Mr. MC NAMARA's thinking. He has an exploratory and inquisitive type of mind. As to the qualities of character, reputation, associates and patriotism, [redacted] describes Mr. MC NAMARA as having these in as high and strong measure as anyone could have. His loyalty and patriotism to our form of government is as strong as anyone could have. He recommends Mr. MC NAMARA and also Mrs. MC NAMARA whom he has known through social and civic affairs.

Dr. HARLAN HATCHER, President, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, was interviewed on December 16, 1960.

Dr. HATCHER has known Mr. MC NAMARA well since the former came to Ann Arbor 10 years ago. The acquaintanceship has been through school, university, civic, social life and an informal discussion group.

Dr. HATCHER, in response to questions of character, reputation, patriotism, associates and ability, describes Mr. MC NAMARA as a most distinguished young man of the finest kind, genuine, modest, keen, patriotic -- the best we have in the United States. Dr. HATCHER said Mr. MC NAMARA has none of the generally adverse qualities which the public sometimes associates with the brilliant young man. Dr. HATCHER recommends Mr. MC NAMARA without reservation.

Credit and Arrest

On December 16, 1960, JAY BARRETT, owner, Ann Arbor Credit Bureau, was interviewed. Mr. BARRETT advised ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA and his wife, MARGARET, came to Ann Arbor, Michigan, from Dearborn, Michigan, and became known to the Ann Arbor Credit Bureau files in June, 1949. Mr. BARRETT said their credit record is of the best.

On December 16, 1960, GRACE COOK, Record Clerk, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, and ANN TAPP, Ann Arbor Police Department, advised the files of their respective departments contain no arrest record for ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA or [redacted] [redacted] b6 b7C

Miscellaneous

On December 16, 1960, the Reference Files of "The Detroit Free Press" were reviewed by SA(A) [redacted]. This file contains newspaper articles from the above paper as well as the other major Detroit newspapers. The file contained nothing of a derogatory nature regarding the appointee. b6 b7C

Credit and Arrest

On December 16, 1960, Miss KATHERINE TRACY, Supervisor, Merchants Credit Bureau; WILLIAM RECKNAGEL, Manager, Credit Data Corporation; and PETER SHONTZ, Manager, Dearborn Credit Bureau, reported that their respective files contain no reference to MC NAMARA and his family.

On December 16, 1960, Inspector ALBERT PICARD, Dearborn Police Department, reported his files are negative regarding MC NAMARA and his family. (The above checks were conducted by IC [redacted]

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On December 16, 1960, the following persons advised SE [redacted] that their files contained no record of MC NAMARA or his family:

ISABELL CANAAN, Clerk,
Detroit Police Department;

JOYCE MURRAY, Stenographer,
Wayne County Sheriff's Office;

ROSE BANACKY, Clerk,
Detroit Traffic Court.

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FROM SAC, BOSTON /161- NEW/ 1 P G

ROBET STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPI. RE DETROIT TELETYPE TO BUREAU, TWELVE SIXTEEN FIFTY. RECORDS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY SHOW APPOINTEE HAS BEEN MEMBER OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SINCE OCTOBER NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AND CURRENTLY HOLDS THIS POSITION. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Report made by [redacted] b6 b7C

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CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

REFERENCES

Bureau teletype to Detroit, Boston, San Francisco, Birmingham, St. Louis, Baltimore and WFO, dated 12/15/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Washington, D. C.
Date: 12/20/60

Field Office File No.: 116-101960 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

U. S. Senator PHILIP A. HART and GEORGE E. MOORE recommend. No record credit or police agencies. No additional pertinent information OSI.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES

United States Senator PHILIP A. HART of Michigan advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER on December 16, 1960, he has known the appointee for approximately fifteen years and has known him very well personally and socially over the past four years. Senator HART stated that he has never had the least question in his mind concerning the appointee's character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He stated the appointee is an extremely able man in his field and possesses every qualification needed to handle the position to which he has been appointed. He described the appointee as a very friendly, yet firm, individual whose advice to him has always been sound. Senator HART advised he would recommend the appointee enthusiastically for a position of high trust and responsibility.

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On December 19, 1960, Mr. GEORGE E. MOORE, President, Moore-Grear Motors, Incorporated, advised he first met the appointee in 1941 when the latter was a professor at the Harvard Business College. Mr. MOORE advised he was attending the Air Force Officer Candidate School at Harvard and the appointee was an instructor of a six weeks' course in which Mr. MOORE was a student. Mr. MOORE stated he next met the appointee in 1944 when they were both stationed in the Air Force in India and continued their acquaintanceship when they were both transferred to Washington, D. C., in 1945. He stated that after World War II they both were employed by the Ford Motor Company and were closely associated with one another during 1946 and 1947. Mr. MOORE stated that he left the Ford Motor Company in 1947 and has maintained close contact with the appointee since that time. He stated that he has known the appointee both socially and professionally and that their families have visited in each other's homes. Mr. MOORE described the appointee as brilliant with a fast mind who never fears making a decision and has a tremendous capacity for work. Mr. MOORE described the appointee's social friends as practical intellectuals. Mr. MOORE stated that the appointee's family is well regarded as having an excellent reputation and are loyal American citizens. He advised that he has never had occasion to doubt the appointee's character, associates or reputation and would highly recommend him for any position.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

The files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on December 19, 1960, failed to reflect any record for the appointee or his wife, MARGARET CRAIG McNAMARA.

The files of the United States Park Police, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on December 19, 1960, failed to reflect any record for the appointee or his wife.

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The files of the Metropolitan Police Department, as checked by IC [redacted] on December 19, 1960, failed to reflect a record for the appointee or his wife; at all times an indefinite number of records are out of file and not available for review.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Office of Special Investigations, United States Air Force, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on December 19, 1960, reflected no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

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Re WFO report of SA [redacted], 12/20/60.

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The files of the Arlington, Virginia Police Department as caused to be checked by SE [redacted] on 12/21/60, failed to reflect a record for the appointee or his wife MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA.

The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on 12/20/60, failed to reflect a record for the appointee.

On 12/21/60, a review of the appointee's Merchant Marine file by IC [redacted] showed his birth as 6/9/16 at San Francisco, Calif., and indicated he was issued a Temporary Identification Z-24450 on 4/16/37, at San Francisco, Calif. He had no recorded voyages. No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

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The files of the Coast Guard Intelligence Division and Maritime Service as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] on 12/21/60, failed to reflect a record for the appointee.

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Mrs. CAROL KIDWELL, Secretary, Office of Special Investigations, 4th District, U.S. Air Force, advised SA [redacted] Jr., 12/21/60, her files reflect a National Agency Check conducted 9/27/51. She advised her records contain no additional pertinent or derogatory information concerning the appointee.

The files of the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, reviewed by SA [redacted] on 12/20/60, disclose the following additional information:

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA was last issued Passport 1044133 at Washington, D.C., on 5/19/58 for proposed 2 weeks' pleasure travel to Belgium and Switzerland. This passport was renewed at Washington, D.C., on 6/1/60, to expire on 5/19/62, in connection with the appointee's plans to travel to England and Germany for one week on company business. The file reflects that this latter travel was on behalf of the Ford Motor Company.

These files reflect that the appointee had been issued Passport 346194 at Washington, D.C., on 4/23/54, for proposed travel of 4 weeks' duration to Italy, Greece, Turkey and France.

He had previously been issued Special Passport 26161 on 2/3/43, and Passport 611 219 issued on 4/13/39. His birth certificate as seen by passport authorities in the past reflected the appointee's birth as 6/9/16, at San Francisco, Calif.

CIA check still outstanding.

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On 12/22/60, Mrs. ~~AMELIA SCHNEIDER~~, Clerk, Personnel Section, U.S. Treasury Department, U.S. Secret Service, advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR., the files of her office contain no record for the appointee.

CIA record check still outstanding.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12/29/60

FROM : C. H. Stanley

SUBJECT: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
SPECIAL INQUIRY

BACKGROUND

Special inquiry ordered 12-15-60 at request of Kennedy Administration. McNamara has been designated as the choice of President-elect Kennedy for the position of Secretary of Defense. We conducted a previous Atomic Energy Act - Applicant investigation of McNamara in 1953, when McNamara, as Controller of the Ford Motor Company, was listed as an individual requiring access to restricted data prior to contract negotiations with that firm. Reports in that case were disseminated to the Atomic Energy Commission in 1953 and to the Army in 1958.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Investigation indicates McNamara is considered an extremely competent administrator. He joined the Ford Motor Company in 1946, served in various administrative capacities, and in the Fall of 1960 was designated president of the firm. All persons interviewed considered McNamara to be of excellent character and associates, to be an outstanding individual and executive and a loyal American whose integrity is above reproach.

Bureau files contain nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him.

Investigation complete except for agency checks at Secret Service and CIA.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached cover letter and summary memorandum be delivered by Mr. Evans.

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Pursuant to your request for an investigation concerning Robert Strange McNamara, there is enclosed a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Due to the prominence of Mr. McNamara, no neighborhood investigations were conducted and no investigation was conducted concerning his educational background or his employments.

*Information has been received from two governmental agencies indicating that checks of their files concerning Mr. McNamara have not been completed. When those checks have been completed, you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. McNamara covered inquiries regarding his character, loyalty, general standing, and ability, but no inquiries were made concerning the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover

*Secret Service and CIA

Enclosure

NOTE: See cover memo Stanley to Rosen dated 12/29/60.

Personally delivered by Mr. Evans
Date 12-30-60.

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ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA SUMMARY

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. McNamara in 1953. This summary memorandum contains the results of that investigation, as well as the results of current inquiries concerning him.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth, Education and Employment

Robert Strange McNamara was born on June 9, 1916, in San Francisco, California.

Mr. McNamara attended the University of California at Berkeley, California, from August, 1933, to May, 1937, when he was awarded a B.A. degree with a major in economics. He attended the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, from September, 1937, to June, 1939, when he received a Master of Business Administration degree. An honorary Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Mr. McNamara by the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in May, 1955.

Mr. McNamara was employed as a junior accountant with Price Waterhouse and Company in San Francisco, California from October, 1939, to July, 1940. From September, 1940, to July, 1942, Mr. McNamara was an instructor in accounting at Harvard University. In July, 1942, he was appointed an assistant professor in business administration at Harvard University and served in that capacity until December, 1945. He was on leave of absence from the latter position from March, 1943, to July, 1945, during which time he served in the armed forces of the United States. Mr. McNamara began employment with the Ford Motor Company at Dearborn, Michigan, in January, 1946. He served in various administrative

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capacities with that firm and in the Fall of 1960 was designated president of the Ford Motor Company. Since October, 1958, he has been a member of the Visiting Committee to the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University. Since June, 1949, Mr. McNamara has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Scott Paper Company, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Military Service

Mr. McNamara was appointed a captain in the Army of the United States on March 12, 1943, and ordered to active duty the same date. He was honorably released from active duty on April 3, 1946, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. On that date he was tendered an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps, Army of the United States. In July, 1951, Mr. McNamara was promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. It is noted that his record is clear and that he received several service awards, including the Legion of Merit.

Marital Status

Mr. McNamara is married to the former Margaret Craig.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

Interviews

Patrick V. McNamara, United States Senator from Michigan, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he is aware of the fact that Robert McNamara has been President of the Ford Motor Company for the past four or five weeks. Senator McNamara stated that what he has heard concerning Robert McNamara has always been favorable. Senator McNamara said he feels Robert McNamara is a loyal American and that he knows of nothing which would reflect on the character or reputation of Robert McNamara. Senator McNamara stated that he feels Robert McNamara is capable of handling a position of responsibility with the United States Government.

Philip A. Hart, United States Senator from Michigan, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara for about fifteen years. He said he has never had any question whatsoever in his mind concerning Mr. McNamara's character, reputation, associates nor loyalty. Senator Hart stated that Mr. McNamara is an extremely able man in his field and possesses every qualification needed to handle the position for which he is being considered. Senator Hart recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of high trust and responsibility.

Charles B. Thornton, President, Litton Industries, Incorporated, Beverly Hills, California, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara for nineteen years and during this time has considered him to be of excellent character and associates and of unquestionable loyalty. He said he considers Mr. McNamara to be an excellent administrator and organizer and a very brilliant, patient and decisive individual. Mr. Thornton also stated that Mr. McNamara is not tolerant of people who have been misled by subversive groups or ideologies. Mr. Thornton recommended Mr. McNamara very highly for a position of trust and responsibility.

Henry Ford, II, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara since 1946. In that year he hired Mr. McNamara as an executive of the Ford Motor Company. He said Mr. McNamara has proven himself to be an excellent administrator and a person capable of making correct and appropriate decisions. His character, reputation and morals have never been questioned by Mr. Ford, and Mr. Ford considers Mr. McNamara's health to be very good. Mr. Ford stated that Mr. McNamara's family enjoys an excellent reputation and is highly regarded in the community. Mr. Ford said he considers Mr. McNamara to be extremely devoted and patriotic to his country and pointed out that Mr. McNamara would be sacrificing a great deal of wealth by accepting a Government position. Mr. Ford recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of trust and confidence.

George Romney, President, American Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan, who was interviewed during the current

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inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara since 1942. His association with Mr. McNamara has been on a personal, social and business basis during that period. Mr. Romney commented favorably regarding Mr. McNamara's ability and pointed out that Mr. McNamara is an intelligent and able administrator. He said Mr. McNamara's character, reputation, habits and morals are above reproach. In Mr. Romney's opinion, Mr. McNamara is completely loyal and dedicated to the United States. Mr. Romney recommended Mr. McNamara very highly for a post with the United States Government.

Louis C. Miriani, Mayor of Detroit, Michigan, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara for about five years. He has attended social functions with Mr. McNamara and has worked with him on civic problems. He described Mr. McNamara as capable, intelligent and dependable and stated that Mr. McNamara enjoyed an excellent reputation. Mr. Miriani considers Mr. McNamara to be a loyal American and recommended him for a position with the United States Government.

John Bugas, Vice President, Ford Motor Company, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that he has known Mr. McNamara since 1946. Mr. Bugas said it is his opinion that Mr. McNamara is extremely well qualified for the position for which he is being considered. He said Mr. McNamara is energetic, intelligent and capable and that his integrity is above reproach. He said he had no reason to question Mr. McNamara's morals, habits or associates and stated that Mr. McNamara is completely loyal to the United States.

[redacted] Scott Paper Company, Chester, Pennsylvania, who was interviewed during the current inquiry, advised that Mr. McNamara became a member of the Board of Directors of the Scott Paper Company in June, 1959, after [redacted] had contacted Henry Ford concerning the possibility of having some official from the Ford Motor Company serve on the Board of Directors of the Scott Paper Company. [redacted] pointed out that Mr. Ford recommended Mr. McNamara for such a position. [redacted] pointed out that in his contacts with Mr. McNamara since June, 1959, he has been tremendously impressed by the manner in which Mr. McNamara conducts himself, by his integrity and by his

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clear thinking. [redacted] indicated that Mr. McNamara possesses a brilliant mind and undoubtedly is going to Washington, D. C., to accept a position because of his dedication and loyalty to the United States Government.

Nineteen other persons, including professional associates, social acquaintances and former neighbors, were interviewed regarding Mr. McNamara. Those acquainted with his professional reputation described him as an outstanding individual and as an extremely capable administrator whose integrity was above reproach. All persons regarded Mr. McNamara highly and said that he possesses good morals, habits, and associates. They regarded him as a loyal American and recommended him for a position of high trust and confidence in the Government.

Close Relatives

Mr. McNamara's mother, Mrs. Clara Nell McNamara (Mrs. Robert James McNamara), resides in Oakland, California. Mr. McNamara's father died in 1938. [redacted] Mr. McNamara and his wife, Margaret, reside with [redacted]

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara or any of his close relatives.

Robert Strange McNamara

Passport Record

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reveal that Mr. McNamara was issued a passport in May of 1958 for proposed pleasure travel to Belgium and Switzerland. This passport was renewed in June, 1960, in connection with his plans to travel to England and Germany for business purposes for the Ford Motor Company. The records reveal he was also issued a passport in April, 1954, for proposed travel to Europe. He had been issued passports previously in February, 1943, and June, 1939. The files contain no additional pertinent information.

Agency Checks

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

Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force;

G-2, Central Records Facility, Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland;

Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara.

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Re WFO report of SA [redacted], 12/20/60.

The files of the Central Intelligence Agency as caused to be checked by SA [redacted] on 12/29/60, reflected no pertinent identifiable information for the appointee [redacted]

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

By letter dated December 29, 1960, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of an investigation conducted concerning Mr. Robert Strange McNamara.

Information has now been received from the Central Intelligence Agency and the Secret Service. The files of those agencies contain no pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara.

The above concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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(MCNAMARA)

WASHINGTON--DEFENSE SECRETARY ROBERT S. MCNAMARA SAID TONIGHT IN A PRE-RECORDED INTERVIEW THAT THERE ARE SIGNS THE RUSSIANS ARE SLIGHTLY MODIFYING THEIR OBJECTIVE OF WORLD DOMINATION.

MCNAMARA SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD "MAINTAIN AND INCREASE OUR MILITARY STRENGTH AND KEEP OUR POWDER DRY," BUT SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID TO NEGOTIATE BEYOND THE TEST BAN TREATY WITH THE SOVIETS.

THE PENTAGON CHIEF, NOW IN SOUTH VIET NAME TO REVIEW THE MILITARY SITUATION, ALSO SAID IN THE RECORDED INTERVIEW THAT "INSTABILITY HAS BEEN ACCENTUATED IN THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS BY THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT" IN THAT COUNTRY.

"IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THEY HAVE ALIENATED IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION," HE SAID, APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS.

IN THE "CBS REPORTS" PROGRAM, HE SAID "UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POPULATION CAN WORK TOGETHER IN A UNIFIED EFFORT TO DEEAT THE (COMMUNIST) VIET CONG, THEY WON'T BE DEFEATED."

CONCERNING THE SOVIET POLICY SHIFT, MCNAMARA EMPHASIZED THAT "I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR THEY WILL GO."

BUT HE SAID "INTERESTING EVENTS" INCLUDING EVIDENCE OF A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING AND GREATER PERSONAL FREEDOM APPEAR TO BE FORCING SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EXTENDING COMMUNISM AND THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE.

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"THERE ARE SOME SIGNS OF CHANGE, AND I SUSPECT THAT WE CAN EXPECT SOME FURTHER CHANGES," HE CONTINUED. "I SUSPECT THAT A RISING STANDARD OF LIVING AND THESE HINTS THAT THERE ARE SOME LOOSENING OF THE FETTERS OF PERSONAL LIBERTY WILL IN THEMSELVES PUSH THE SOVIET LEADERS SOMEWHAT FROM WORLD DOMINATION TOWARD A COURSE OF ACTION THAT HAS THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OF HE SOVIET PEOPLE AS ITS FOUNDATION."

ON OTHER SUBJECTS MCNAMARA SAID:

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--THAT THE TEST BAN TREATY WILL HELP PREVENT ACCIDENTAL WAR BY DISCOURAGING THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN COUNTRIES THAT CAN'T AFFORD ALL THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS OBSERVED BY THE PRESENT NUCLEAR POWERS.

--THAT REPORTS THE RUSSIANS MIGHT BE ABLE TO "FREEZE" THE ELECTRONIC CONTROL OF U.S. MISSILES WITH A NUCLEAR BLAST ARE "PURE FICTION--FANTASIES."

--IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSIBILITY OF POLITICS IN THE TFX PLANE DECISION THAT "I HAVE BEEN A REPUBLICAN FOR MANY, MANY YEARS." ALTHOUGH THIS WAS WELL KNOWN, MCNAMARA SINCE JOINING THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION HAS FREQUENTLY AVOIDED A BLUNT STATEMENT OF HIS REPUBLICAN AFFILIATION.

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--THAT FRICTION WITH FRANCE CONTINUES, BUT "I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD EVER FORGET THAT AT THE TIME OF THE CUBAN CRISIS, FRANCE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST POWERS TO INDICATE UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION.

--THAT THERE IS "NO BASIS" FOR STATEMENTS THAT ADM. GEORGE W. ANDERSON, FORMER CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, WAS NOT REAPPOINTED BECAUSE HE DISAGREED WITH MCNAMARA ON THE TFX.

--THAT AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR PROBABLY WOULD RESULT IN A HUNDRED MILLION CASUALTIES EACH IN THE SOVIET UNION AND WESTERN EUROPE, AND PERHAPS 50 MILLION OR MORE IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WAS REFERRING TO THE FIRST EXCHANGES IN SUCH A WAR.

--THAT IF OTHER NATIONS SUCH AS CHINA DEVELOP NUCLEAR FORCES THAT ENDANGER THE UNITED STATES, "WE HAVE A CLEAR RIGHT UNDER THE TREATY TO RESUME NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

MCNAMARA SAID HE HAS VERY LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ACCIDENTAL OR INAPPROPRIATE USE OF U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT PRESENT.

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Focus on Controversy

McNamara: An Assessment Of Abilities and Lacks

By Roscoe Drummond

WASHINGTON

Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara will have his critics and his detractors as long as he runs the Pentagon; and my hope is that he can continue on the job. He is needed.

No Secretary of Defense can discharge his vast responsibility with as much competence, decisiveness, confidence, and—at times—overconfidence, as Mr. McNamara without criticism, some of it quite justified.

Nobody can make most of the decisions involved in spending nearly $55 billion a year without making some doubtful decisions. Mr. McNamara is good, but not infallible. He is able, outstandingly able, but he is not automatically right all the time.

My objective in this column is to try to put the McNamara controversy into focus.

What is right about Secretary McNamara's operation? These things—and they are central:

Mr. McNamara is in effective control of the vast, sprawling Defense Department, as no Secretary has been before him. This is good; this is essential.

He is not exceeding his authority under the Defense Unification Act. He is simply exercising that authority more effectively than any of his predecessors. He may not have made a wise decision to award the $6.5 billion contract for the TFX plane (tactical fighter, experimental) to General Dynamics, but it is legally and properly his decision to make.

For years leading members of Congress and others have been demanding a better co-ordination of the armed services, including the preparation of the budget. Most of the time in the past the White House and the Budget Bureau have given the Pentagon a budget ceiling and the services have cut up the pie with little reference to any integrated strategic concept or to balanced military strength. It was each service for itself, depending upon which could curry the most favor with Congress.

It is vital that there be a co-ordinated civilian command under the President. Mr. McNamara is exercising that command today and, in this era of complex, costly modern weapons systems it must be exercised. If Mr. McNamara weren't doing it, we would have to find another. If he didn't exist, we would have to invent him.

What hasn't gone well?

No one in the military questions the principle of civilian control. But Secretary McNamara has seriously hurt military morale in the Pentagon and lacerated his relations with some members of Congress, less because of the substance of his decisions than their manner.

Whether Mr. MacNamara knows it or not, his bright, young civilian "Indians"—the civilian researchers and civilian strategists who do a lot of preliminary digging and assessing for their chief—have, in the judgment of the officer corps, treated their counterparts in the military so assertively, so aggressively, at times so arrogantly that at the colonel and even major-general level of the Pentagon morale is today grievously impaired.

Mr. McNamara has not handled his side of the presentation of the TFX decision to the Senate Investigating Committee wisely or persuasively. This may reflect his impatience with criticism. He has called the investigation "harmful" and the committee itself is becoming convinced that the "facts" thus far offered do not prove the merit of the McNamara decision.

Perhaps the officer corps and the political corps in Congress feel more "pushed around" by Mr. McNamara and his men than they should. But the manner in which the Secretary does his job, while not as important as its substance, is still important. I suspect that Mr. McNamara needs to be more attentive to the shortcomings of manner which other honest and able men feel are so visible.

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McNamara: A Portrait Of Power!

The most hotly debated personality in Washington today is defense secretary McNamara. One of the most widely respected reporters in Washington today is Warren Rogers. The N. Y. Journal-American Washington Bureau now brings these two men together in a series of articles that takes you behind the scenes of a classic Capitol confrontation. Skybolt, the RS-70, TFX, National Guard reorganization—those are the issues that have brought McNamara into the spotlight. Now read what the shouting's all about.

By WARREN ROGERS
Chief, Washington Correspondent,
N. Y. Journal-American and Hearst Headline Service

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Robert Strange McNamara came to town like Alice stepping through the looking-glass, and he can be forgiven if along about now he finds the Washington wonderland growing "curiouser and curiouser."

McNamara, a Republican, obeyed a summons from a Democratic President to become the eighth Secretary of Defense on Jan. 21, 1961. In the bargain, he gave up the security of a job he knew: president of Ford Motor Co. at a half-million dollars a year, for a $25,000 post which had baffled and broken others before him.

ROBERT S. MacNAMARA

Like Alice, McNamara brought his own guidelines with him—a way of looking at things so much in conflict with local mores that in no time at all the cry of "off with his head" arose in almost every quarter. Also like Alice, it has been not so much what he has done but how he has done it that has evoked all this wrath.

McNamara's immediate predecessor, Thomas S. Gates, Jr., a very competent man who saw the

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country's defense needs clearly, was affable and good-humored, even in stress. He could cajole and smile his way through steamy sessions with the admirals and generals and, even more importantly, with the Congress and the press.

A Tough-Minded Man

The "soft" technique is foreign to McNamara. he prefers—so far, at any rate—to make his tough decisions first, let the hue and cry against them build to a crescendo, and roar back with a pennant-flourishing counter-attacks which almost invariably devastates his foes. He seems not to care that this technique litters the arena with dead and wounded feelings.

Yet, inconsistent as it may appear, this tough-minded man does care. He is, like a good, tough club fighter who loves to mix it, but who, despite himself, cuts easily.

This thin-skinned toughness was clearly evident when he told Senate investigators looking into the TFX jetplane contract award that his 12-year-old son Craig had asked when he would be "cleared." There is some reason to believe he knew the humanizing effect this would have on his public "image" but there is no reason to think that he was anything but utterly sincere in his concern for what his family thinks of him.

His interest in how he appears to be doing shows up also in the careful check that is made of incoming mail at the Pentagon. The general impression in Washington, particularly on Capitol Hill and among the press, is that he is a Peck's bad boy who may soon get into one fight too many and be expelled. But his mail, it can be revealed here, indicates quite the opposite, as far as the American people are concerned.

As of April 2, for example, he had received 626 letters and telegrams since the controversy began over his award of the TFX contract to General Dynamics instead of Boeing. of these 626, a total of 601 favored his policies and 25 opposed them.

This correspondent poured over the mail, stacked in a cutaway corrugated box. It was an interesting commentary on McNamara's way of doing things that he had replied in some way to all 601 favorable messages but did not bother to acknowledge any of the 25 unfavorable.

The pro-McNamara mail praised his "strong leadership" and his "honest, integrity, intelligence and judgement." One short letter said in full: "Keep up the good work! You are doing a damn fine job! Congress has been in the saddle too long."

A man from Cayucos, Calif., sent a shamrock which he said had been in his family for 60 years. McNamara sent it back with thanks, but he referred to it as a "four-leaf clover"—a small but revealing example of how this complex man, with so nimble a mathematical mind, goes muscle-bound with words.

Influential Figure in Cabinet

The anti-McNamara mail was bluntly critical. One letter posed the question: "If you had operated Ford's in the way you gave the contract to General Dynamics, how long do you (think) you and Ford would last?" Another advised: "You are a brilliant man but you still have a lot to learn and a hell of a long way to go."

At 46, Robert McNamara is physically, mentally and influentially a very strong man. Tall, lean, dressed as unobtrusively as a department store floorwalker, with his metal-rimmed glasses and his hair parted almost in the middle like a John Held Jr. character, he would not attract much notice in a crowd.

But when he starts talking in his dry, rather cracked

vice, and the statistics and the percentages roll out, it is impossible not to be impressed. And it is then that one notices he cares for his physical health as well as his mental, through mountain-climbing and badmington.

As to influence, only the President's brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, outweighs him in the cabinet—and not always, particularly in the national security area.

The daring he has displayed here recently is not new. A native of San Francisco, he grew up as the only child of doting parents. At 15, tired of living with books while other boys played baseball, he went to sea, working his way to Latin America and the Orient. With that out of his system, he went back to books and, between studies at Harvard and service with the Army Air Corps in World War II, he became enamored of the laws of probability. It was his mastery of this esoteric discipline which led him to the top at Ford and which governs his thinking as he reshapes the Pentagon.

Where he goes from here may well depend upon whether he can reshape his public image—a cold fish. As his letter-writing critic said, he still has "a lot to learn and a hell of a long way to go."

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA
Makes His Tough Decisions First

PRESIDENT KENNEDY CONFERRING WITH PENTAGON BOSS
Only the Attorney General Outweighs Him in Cabinet

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His Mail Is Favorable

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Memo: McNamara for President

By Drew Pearson

President Kennedy doesn't know it, but one of his top cabinet members has been sounded out by two influential Republican publishers about running for President—against the Democrats—in 1968.

Pearson

An interesting memo giving this inside news is now being circulated right under Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara's nose by his own military leaders. He does not know about the memo.

The memo claims that "feeler antennae were extended to him by two prominent publishers high up in Republican policy councils when he visited New York City in late November.

"Already the buildup of Bob McNamara is under way," the memo continues. "He's gotten the humanizing treatment in the Luce (Fortune) and Curtis (Saturday Evening Post) publications, the twin organs of Republican respectability.

"Like Eisenhower's, McNamara's ordinariness is being played into a sterling virtue . . . McNamara has a few of the qualities that the ordinary man finds annoying, but several that he might find quite appealing.

"Bob McNamara is not unaware of the growing political figure he is cutting on the national scene. Having already established one side of his archetypal Americanism—the competitive, hard, pragmatic, individualistic and success-striving—he must cultivate the other—the religious-idealistic, friendly, cooperative side.

"In 1968 . . . the Consitution will bar a third term, legally removing the distaste of any Secretary of Defense for the prospect of politically challenging his boss.

"GOP strategists who are hopeful that Bob McNamara will take the political plunge have one thing going for them which was not present in 1948 when nobody, not even Mamie, knew whether her husband was a Republican or a Democrat. Peggy McNamara knows that, up to 1952, Bob was true-blue to the party of Abraham Lincoln."

Red Peru?

You can take the headlines of a Communist plot in Peru with a large grain of salt. Real fact is that the military junta which seized control of Peru last July has been looking for an excuse to get more aid from the Kennedy Administration, and the best way of getting it is to wave the flag of communism.

So many governments have yelled wolf over communism, however, that Washington is getting a bit blase about it.

Furthermore the record of the Peruvian military is extremely interesting.

First, they kicked out the only democratically elected president in years, Manuel Prado, and used Sherman tanks given them earlier by the United States to do it.

Second, they did this in order to thwart a strong anti-Communist liberal, Victor Raul Haya de la Torre, from taking office. Haya de la Torre, who represented a left-of-center faction similar to that of Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani, had just won a hard-fought election in which he was vigorously opposed by both the Communists and the military.

Third, the military leaders who kicked out Prado and thwarted the election of Haya had been schooled by the U. S. military.

They were flabbergasted, therefore, when President Kennedy broke off diplomatic relations. Finally, against the advice of the State Department Mr. Kennedy resumed relations.

But the Peruvian military, though getting some aid from the United States, haven't got enough. The Communist disturbance has come just at the right time to be fanned up into an awesome menace so they can get more.

JFK's 'Friend'

All last year the secret voting in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was 8-8

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7 for Kennedy policies. He squeaked through by a margin of one vote. At the current session it looks as if this one-vote margin would be reversed —largely through JFK's one-time good friend and former usher at his wedding—Sen. George Smathers, the dapper Florida Dixiecrat.

Smathers has asked for a place on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and despite his consistent opposition to Mr. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and Democrat leader Mike Mansfield expect to give it to him.

The myth that Smathers is still a friend of the President's is not merely a myth. The handsome Senator from Florida still claims to be a friend but the White House doesn't reciprocate that friendship. Mr. Kennedy respects the civil amenities, entertains Smathers at breakfast with other Senators, but grits his teeth in private over Smathers' continual opposition. No Senator except Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) was more critical of Mr. Kennedy's original Cuban policy of watchful waiting than JFK's former usher. And last October, Smathers even kept Congress in session one week extra to prevent his "friend" in the White House from exercising a pocket veto of a bill to permit doctors and the self-employed to get tax concessions for special pensions.

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McNamara Qualifies for Cosmos Club

By the Associated Press

Secretary of Defense McNamara has been elected to membership in the Cosmos Club—from which several Government officials resigned recently because a Negro was refused membership.

The election of Mr. McNamara was confirmed yesterday by Paul H. Oehser, club secretary. Mr. Oehser is director of the editorial and publications division of the Smithsonian Institution.

Asked whether Mr. McNamara, who is now in Asia, has accepted club membership, Mr. Oehser said: "I am not free to make any further comment."

The club is made up of persons prominent in art, science, literature, public service and professions. There was a stir in January when it became known that the Membership Committee had blocked the name of Carl Rowan, Negro Assistant Secretary of State. In addition to the resignation of several members, President Kennedy's name was withdrawn from the list of those proposed for membership.

The club membership subsequently voted for an anti-discrimination resolution, but it takes only two votes of the 12-man Membership Committee to reject an application.

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McNamara Gives Chief Headaches

By Drew Pearson

Robert McNamara, former president of Ford Motor Company, has all the earmarks of making an excellent Secretary of Defense, but he certainly caused his new chief in the White House some political headaches. The headaches run deep and could be permanent.

Pearson

Headache No. 1 came when McNamara vetoed veteran labor leader Joe Keenan as assistant Secretary of Defense in charge of manpower. This is still causing Labor resentment. Furthermore, the Defense Department is sure to have labor troubles, such as the strike which tied up missile base construction, and McNamara will be wishing he had a man like Keenan to straighten things out.

Headache No. 2 came when McNamara vetoed Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., for Secretary of the Navy and accepted John B. Connally, Texas oil attorney, instead.

The Roosevelt appointment as Secretary of the Navy was to have been a cornerstone in Mr. Kennedy's political strategy. FDR, Jr., had fought hard for him, long before the bandwagon rush developed. His appointment would have followed an old tradition, set by Teddy Roosevelt, of a Roosevelt serving in the Navy Department. Finally, the Navy post was to be a build up for FDR to run for Governor of New York against Nelson Rockefeller.

However, Mr. Kennedy had given McNamara the right to veto his assistants in the Defence Department and McNamara turned thumbs down.

Since then, Kennedy has frequently been up in New York conferring with Democratic leaders regarding the best man to replace FDR, Jr., as Democratic candidate against Rockefeller. Mr. Kennedy regards Rockefeller as the Republican candidate for President in 1964, not Nixon, and he wants a potent, popular Democrat to try to polish Nelson off in his gubernatorial reelection race in 1962. FDR, Jr., with a Navy build-up, would have been ideal.

This has caused Kennedy advisers to do a little speculating as to why the new Secretary of Defense should veto Roosevelt for the Navy, yet take an oilman like Connally.

Connally could have been appointed to various other jobs, such as Secretary of the Army—which long remained open—and there would have been no argument. He's an able, intelligent attorney. But Vice President Johnson very much wanted him to be Secretary of the Navy.

Some Kennedy advisers note that McNamara is taking advice from the New York attorneys for the Ford Motor Company, headed by Eddie Weisl, close friend and counsel to Johnson. Weisl's law partner, Cyrus R. Vance, will now become McNamara's counsel in the Defense Department. They wonder if it wasn't one of these New York advisers who put the kibosh on Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., to be Secretary of the Navy. If so, he did a great favor to Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, also made an opening for Johnson's campaign manager, John Connally.

Navy Contract

Vice President Johnson is famous on Capitol Hill for phoning publishers, editors, and TV executives to try to kill or modify news stories he doesn't like. One story he was not able to kill was published in Fortune magazine last month regarding three of Johnson's Texas supporters, plus his brother Sam, and the amazing Navy contract awarded them, practically without competitive bidding.

Johnson's former assistant, John Connally, when he becomes Secretary of the Navy, will administer this contract. It was awarded the Transport Company of Texas in which his late boss, Sid Richardson, was third largest stockholder, at a time when Connally was attorney for Richardson.

Second largest stockholder in Texas Transport is ex-Congressman John E. Lyle of

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Corpus Christi, a faithful contributor and money-raiser for Vice President Johnson.

At the time the contract was signed, in April, 1959, Sam Johnson, younger brother of the Vice President, held a $16,000 Senate clerkship under the aegis of his elder brother. Sam conferred with Edgar Linkenhoger, president of TCT, while the Navy negotiations were going on. Afterward, Sam went to work for the company.

The contract was for operating the Navy's housekeeping facilities at Kwajalein in the mid-Pacific, and Fortune describes in well-documented detail how the admirals made sure that the Texas Company was placed in a favored position to get this profitable cost-plus-fee deal.

"The $5,200,000 estimate for the first 15 months was followed by a $13,300,000 estimate when the contract was extended for another 15 months," reported Fortune. "The $18,500,000 total includes $1,000,000 in fees for TCT."

John Connally, the attorney for the third largest owner of the company, hereafter will administer the Navy end of this same contract.

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Drew Pearson, over WTOP Radio at 6:45 p.m. Saturday will reveal what President Kennedy thought of Mr. Eisenhower's State of the Union message.

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Robert McNamara

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By STAN OPOTOWSKY
New York Post Correspondent

Washington, April 17—Robert McNamara has his own definition of President Kennedy's greatest value. "He showed grace under stress," McNamara has often said.

And to illustrate his point he is especially fond of one anecdote. During one of the more tense moments amid the Cuban missile crisis McNamara and Kennedy stepped momentarily into the dusk outside the President's office. Along came little Caroline, surreptitiously stuffing something into her mouth.

"Caroline!" called the President, "are you eating just before dinner?"

The little girl said nothing and quickened her pace away from the direction of authority. The President smiled, but called out sternly: "Well, what's the answer to my question? Yes? 'No'? Or 'Maybe'?"

McNamara was much impressed that Kennedy the man should show humor and concern about a tots insignificent transgression at the very moment that Kennedy the President was engrossed by one of the touchiest moments since World War II. That, McNamara likes to say, was truly "grace under stress."

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BUT THERE IS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE TO the anecdote. For one thing, this is the way McNamara likes to be himself—a cool, methodical and decisive operator who nevertheless will not desert the human touch with his family under the pressure or the volume of his work. And, for another thing, McNamara says emphatically that the Cuban crisis was the finest hour of this Administration.

Sitting in his huge office in the Pentagon, shorn of his jacket, with a leg propped over the arm of his chair, a proud smile flickers over his face as he says:

"It was a perfect case of applying power in the national interest. This government has never operated more smoothly. The end result was favorable, of course, and every day makes it appear more favorable.

But it was not only effective in that sense. Internally, we showed what we could do. This government has never operated as smoothly. The performance of individuals was never more effective."

The true value of the Cuban experience, McNamara feels, was complete vindication of the current Administration policies of flexible response militarily and of strong central control administratively. The system of delayed action convinced the Soviets we were serious, yet did not force them past the point of no return, where nuclear war becomes inevitable.

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However McNamara is well aware that avoiding global nuclear war—that which Premier Khrushchev has described as "the first class war"—is just part of the distance to peace and security. There is also, to continue Khrushchev's terminology, "the second class war" which is locally confined as in the case of Korea, and "the third class war," which is war by domestic insurgents.

It is this "third class war" that worries us most. We can use missiles in the global war and we can send troops in the local war of aggression. But what do we do to save a nation when the invaders are really not invaders at all, but native sons, trained and financed by the Communists?

The importance of Vietname to McNamara and his military and civilian aides is that it is a real testing ground. It is laboratory for the Communist Chinese to see how far they can go and in the same sense it is a laboratory for us as we develop ways to stop them.

From this viewpoint, there are no final conclusions yet. The Communists and the West are still experimenting. How much can the North Vietamese pour into this? And will this amount force us to escalate our efforts? These are the things they must determine, and we have comparable decisions to make.

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McNAMARA TALKS IN SWIFT, CONCISE SEN-tences. There is the element of good humor in his demeanor as well as confidence and no nonsense in his tone.

Are there no frustrations? "Oh," scoffs McNamara. "I don't think there is much difference in the administrative problems here, or in a large university or in a large corporation or any other large organization. You work to a common end, and people are the same in or out of government. Of course, the life of death of a nation as well as people is involved here, and that does imply extra pressures.

"You operate in a fishbowl here, but when you reach the point where you're running any large administration you find you're never a completely free agent—there are stockholders or trustees of some type."

There are old-line generals, especially in the Air Force, who wait eagerly for the happy moment when McNamara will be gone and everyone can return to the good old days in which the civilians forked over the money and the military spent it as it damn well saw fit. McNamara does not think this era will be repeated.

It is his view that the system of management he has introduced is firmly established and can be operated by any competent Defense Secretary.

He is convinced that even a deliberate attempt to change it would run into opposition, especially from Congress.

This is quite true. Even when Congressman Hebert criticizes McNamara, he is apt to get most agitated when he points out that many of McNamara's efficiencies were "stolen" from the House Armed Services Committee—that is, adopted after years of urging by the committee but presented as Defense Dept. innovations.

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MUCH OF THE CONGRESS ADMIRES McNA-mara. Even when he ordered the shutdown of obsolete and wasteful bases, true Congressional protest was slim. The great majority of Representatives telephoned the Defense Secretary to say, "Look, I'll state a mild beef for the record but if you feel this is right, then by all means go ahead."

McNamara himself goes for little fakery. When Chicago's Rep. O'Hara pleaded to get off the political hook by suggesting in a committee hearing that "you didn't know they'd close our base and I'm sure you'll look into it," McNamara replied coolly that of course he knew that the base would be closed and there was no need to look into it because he was certain it was the right decision.

It is the fear of over-centralization that most disturbs Congressmen examining the McNamara regime, and the Secretary must defend himself against it in almost every interview. Some fear that he is leading the Defense Dept. toward a single chief of staff and even a single force in a single uniform, blotting out the individuality of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"I don't think we're anywhere near that point," McNamara says. "I'm only for unification of effort and unification of planning. We insist that elements of one plan be related to elements of the other. They are not independent of each other.

"The number and function of the Navy Polaris is directly related to the number and function of the Air Force Minuteman. The number of Army divisions is directly related to the number of tactical fighters."

There is no doubt that this requires centralization. But is it over-centralization? McNamara thinks not. He thinks the law establishing the Defense Secretary makes these decisions clearly his responsibility. "All progress is based on controversy," McNamara says, and he insists that he permits complete freedom of argument on any issue. "But once a decision is made, that's it unless new facts are developed," he says, and then he expects loyalty from all in support of that policy.

He doesn't always get it! Like other Defense Secretaries before him, he has been outraged by the manner in which disappointed generals and admirals will continue the fight in Congress and through press "leaks." Even the FBI has been called into the Pentagon to investigate the source of these leaks, but the fact remains that neither McNamara nor any one else can shut off the flow of rebuttal.

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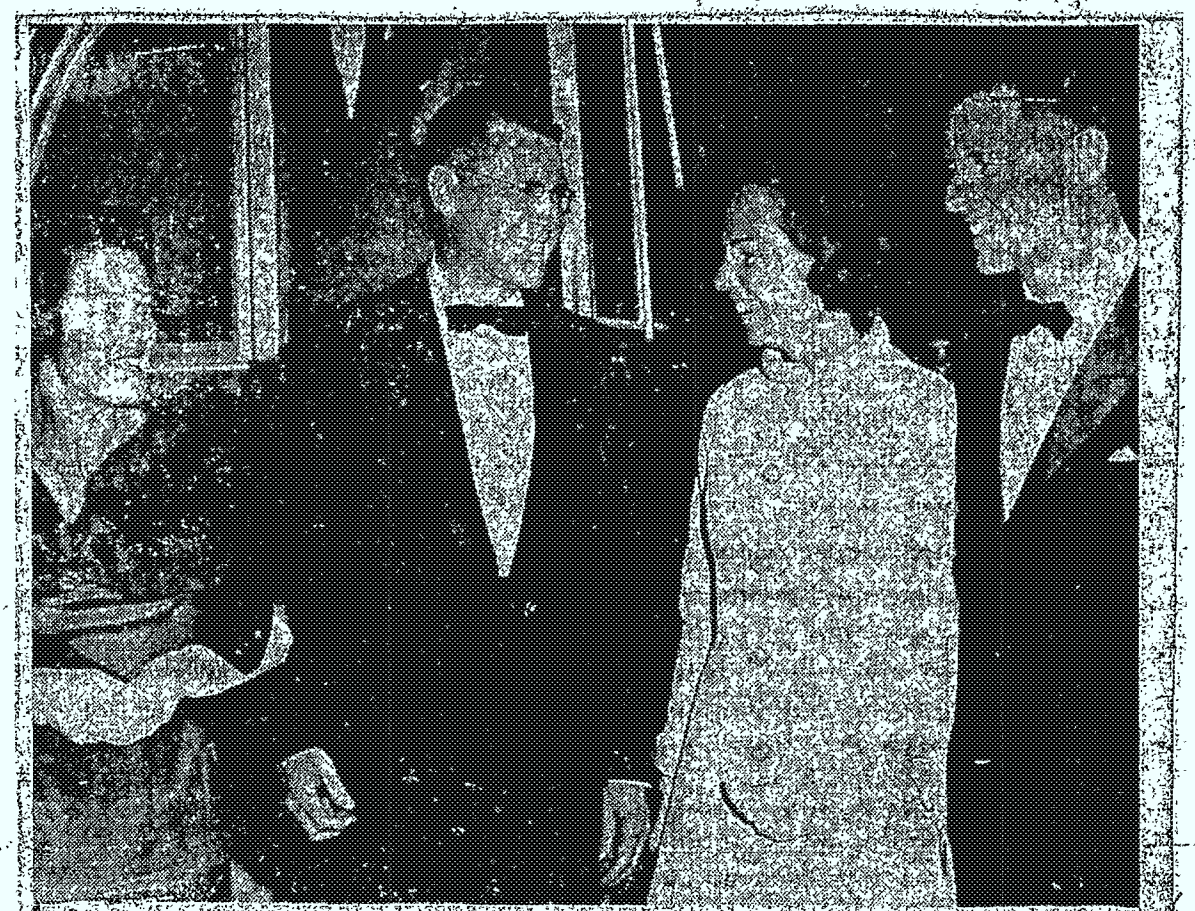
McNAMARA SHOWS SPECIAL PRIDE IN THE team he has organized at the Pentagon, such men as Roswell Gilpatric (now departed), Paul Nitze, Harold Brown and Cyrus Vance (the deputy Defense Secretary and heir apparent to the top job). "We just couldn't function without them," he says. "I doubt if there's ever been a more able group collected in the government. We also have some extraordinary military leaders. I think Gen. Maxwell Taylor is one of our greatest officers in decades."

McNamara seldom talks of his own future. A close associate says: "I'm certain he'll never go back to industry. He shows no interest in the money and he'll never again be satisfied with simply building a better Ford. I'm sure he'll stay in public service or go into a foundation or a university."

Washington gossip has McNamara on the brink of every major job in government: Vice President and Secretary of State to name two. But there's no indication he takes this seriously.

Right now, he remains the most self-sufficient member of the Cabinet. He's running the biggest business in the world and he relishes every moment.



Secretary and Mrs. McNamara and Attorney General and Mrs. Kennedy at a movie premiere last fall.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 4, 1964

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Attached is a letter from Secretary of Defense McNamara to the Director which was received via Liaison, 12/4/64, requesting Special Inquiry Investigations on Mr. McNamara; Deputy Secretary Vance; Mr. Joseph A. Califano, Special Assistant to the Secretary; and 21 other Presidential appointees in the Department of Defense. It is noted that three of the Presidential appointees listed are presently under investigation based on an earlier request from Mr. Califano.

Mr. McNamara, in his letter, states that the request to have investigations of Presidential appointees and the results thereof are to be handled only by his office.

This request is in accordance with memorandum Brennan to Sullivan, 11/30/64, advising that upon receipt of the letter, necessary cases would be opened to bring the investigations up-to-date. The Director noted "o.k. H." The necessary investigations are being ordered by the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section.

This letter is in confirmation of the conversation with Mr. Califano set out in referenced memorandum and Mr. Califano advised no written acknowledgement is necessary.

ACTION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Liaison
1 - Mr. Haynes

Robert S. McNamara
Robert Strange McNamara

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

3 DEC 1964

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is requested that full field background investigations (Special Inquiries) be conducted or brought up-to-date, as appropriate, on the Department of Defense personnel named on the attached list. It is also requested that your Special Inquiry report specifically cover the income tax returns, and morals and character of the individuals concerned.

The results of your investigation of me should be sent to the President. The results of the investigations of Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance and Joseph A. Califano, Jr., my Special Assistant, should be delivered personally to me. The results of the other investigations should be delivered to Mr. Califano who will receive them on my behalf.

In the future, all investigations of Presidential appointees in the Department of Defense should be delivered only either to me, Deputy Secretary Vance or Mr. Califano. No other officials of the Department of Defense are authorized to request investigations or to receive the results of investigations of Presidential appointees in the Department.

Sincerely,

Robert S. McNamara

Attach.

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PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES
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Liason checked with Califano. No action necessary on Horwitz; McNaughton; Paul; Fuenano; or Morse. 11/8/64 DF

Honorable Robert S. McNamara
Secretary of Defense

Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Honorable Harold Brown
Director of Defense Research & Engineering

Honorable Eugene G. Fubini
Assistant Secretary of Defense
and Deputy Director Research & Engineering

no Honorable Solis Horwitz
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration)

Honorable Charles J. Hitch
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

Honorable Thomas D. Morris
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations & Logistics)

no Honorable John T. McNaughton
Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)

no Honorable Norman S. Paul
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower)

Honorable Arthur Sylvester
Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs)

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.*
The Special Assistant to the Secretary and
the Deputy Secretary of Defense

*Not Presidential Appointee

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Honorable Stephen Ailes
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Honorable Paul R. Ignatius - (Assistant Secretary of Defense -
Under Secretary of the Army Installations & Logistics -- Designate)

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Honorable Daniel M. Luevano
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations & Logistics)

Honorable Willis M. Hawkins
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research & Development)

Honorable Paul H. Nitze
Secretary of the Navy

Honorable Kenneth E. BeLieu
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations & Logistics)

Honorable Victor M. Longstreet
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management)

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Honorable Robert W. Morse
Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research & Development)

Honorable Eugene M. Zuckert
Secretary of the Air Force

Honorable Brockway McMillan
Under Secretary of the Air Force

Honorable Alexander H. Flax
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Research & Development)

Honorable Robert H. Charles
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Installations & Logistics)

Honorable Leonard Marks, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management)

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December 28, 1964

Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. McNamara:

I was indeed very sorry to learn of the passing of your mother and want to send you this note expressing my deepest sympathy. The thoughts of all of us in the FBI are with you at this time.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Secretary McNamara's Mother Is Dead at 78

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MENLO PARK, Calif., Dec. 27 (UPI)—Mrs. Robert J. McNamara, mother of the Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, died today at a convalescent hospital here. She was 78.

Mrs. McNamara had been a patient at Sharon Heights Convalescent Hospital since February. She previously lived at The Sequoias, a community for elderly persons at nearby Portola Valley, Calif.

A hospital spokesman said Mrs. McNamara had been failing steadily in recent months. She died during the night. Funeral arrangements are being made in Palo Alto.

Born in Yuba City, Calif., her maiden name was Clara Nell Strange. Besides her son, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Slaymaker of Stamford, Conn.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 8, 1964

The attached thank-you note was sent to the Director by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of
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Washington, D.C.

Robert S. McNamara

Your kind expression of sympathy
is gratefully acknowledged
and deeply appreciated

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To: SAC, Washington Field (116-101960)

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Authority granted to interview U. S. Senators from Michigan and Senator Barry Goldwater concerning McNamara.

Authority also granted to interview representative number of following members of the Senate Armed Forces Committee: Senators Russell, Georgia; Stennis, Mississippi; Byrd, Virginia; Symington, Missouri; Jackson, Washington; Ervin, North Carolina; Thurmond, South Carolina; Cannon, Nevada; Byrd, West Virginia; Inouye, Hawaii; Saltonstall, Massachusetts; and Beall, Maryland. Also Senator Case, New Jersey.

All of the above interviews should be conducted by experienced personnel.

Senators Stephen M. Young of Ohio and Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, should not be contacted during this investigation.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960) (P)

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
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~~With the~~ Permission requested, ~~Vo~~ all interview United States Senators from Michigan, Senator BARRY GOLDWATER and representative number of United States Senators of Armed Forces Committee, United States Senate.

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Attached airtel requests authority to interview Senators from Michigan, Senator Barry Goldwater and representative number of senators on the Senate Armed Forces Committee in connection with current SPI investigation of Secretary of Defense McNamara. This involves: Russell, Ga.; Stennis, Miss.; Byrd, Va.; Symington, Mo.; Jackson, Wash.; Ervin, N.C.; Thurmond, S.C.; Cannon, Nev.; Byrd, W.Va.; Inouye, Hawaii.; Saltonstall, Mass.; Beall, Md.; Goldwater, Ariz.; and Case, N. J.

If approved, this will be done.

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U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

December 11, 1964

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Name: Robert Strange McNamara

Address: [redacted]
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Our records show that income tax returns were timely filed. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, audit examinations, or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

This completes our report.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Detroit, Michigan
Date: 12/15/64

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Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Police records, Ann Arbor, Mich., make no reference to ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, [redacted] or MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA. Credit records favorable.

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DETAILS:

At Ann Arbor, Michigan

CREDIT AND ARREST

On December 14, 1964, Mrs. DORA MAYER, Secretary, Record Bureau, Police Department, and Mrs. GRACE COOK, Clerk, Record Bureau, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, advised the records of their respective offices made no reference to ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA or [redacted]

On December 14, 1964, Mr. JAY BARRETT, Manager, Credit Bureau, advised his records reveal ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA has been known to his files since July, 1949, when he resided at 410 Highland Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He stated MC NAMARA's wife is listed as MARGARET CRAIG MC NAMARA. He advised there has been no credit information reported in his file since August, 1960, when MC NAMARA left Ann Arbor to take up residence in Washington, D. C. Mr. BARRETT stated ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA has an excellent credit rating with his bureau.

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DENVER	BUREAU	12/15/64	12/9/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: IC [redacted]

TYPED BY: jkr

CHARACTER OF CASE

SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Denver, December 8, 1964.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

IC [redacted] This report supplements information in report of Denver, dated December 17, 1960.

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Copy to:

Report of: IC [redacted] Office: DENVER b6 b7C
Date: December 15, 1964

Field Office File No.: 161-7 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records, ARRC, Denver, Colorado, disclose appointee is Colonel in Air Force Reserve, assigned Headquarters, Continental Air Command (Inactive Status List Reserve Section), and presently designated a Standby Reservist.

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Details:

The Master Service File of ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA, Serial Number AO 885931, was reviewed on December 9, 1964, at the Records Service Division, Air Reserve Records Center, Denver, Colorado. This file shows appointee was born on June 9, 1916, at San Francisco, California.

His file shows that subsequent to his release from extended active duty on April 3, 1946, appointee was assigned as a member of the Air Force Reserve to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron (VRS), Headquarters, First Air Force, Mitchell Air Force Base, New York. On March 21, 1950, he was reassigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, United States Air Force (Mobilization Assignment Reserve Section), Washington, D. C., for duty with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Assistant Secretary of Management). On August 13, 1956, Colonel McNAMARA was assigned to Headquarters, Continental Air Command (Non-Affiliated Reserve Section), Air Reserve Records Center, Denver, Colorado. He was designated

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a Standby Reservist on September 12, 1956, with rank of Colonel, and was assigned to Headquarters, Continental Air Command (Inactive Status List Reserve Section), Air Reserve Records Center, on October 1, 1956. He has remained in this status to the present time.

On March 29, 1963, appointee's primary Air Force specialty code was changed to Data Systems and Statistics Officer.

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APPOINTEE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ASPEN INDUSTRIES, ASPEN, COLORADO.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MC NAMARA HAS REQUESTED THAT INVESTIGATION OF HIMSELF CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY, BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

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ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPI.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE DECEMBER SIXTEEN, LAST.

COMMENTS OF FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY SHOULD BE SECURED CONCERNING MC NAMARA. INTERVIEW SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY EXPERIENCED AGENT. COPY MAILED WASHINGTON FIELD.

NOTE: McNamara is Secretary of Defense and at his request his SPI investigation is being brought up to date. Re WFO teletype 12/16/64, indicates Kennedy, was one of McNamara's associates, did not instruct New York to interview Kennedy. This should be done.
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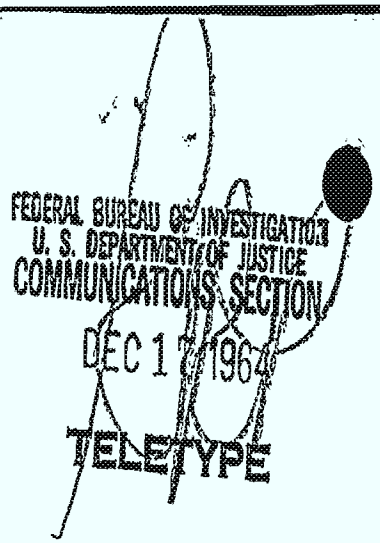

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960) (P)

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ASSOCIATES ROSWELL GILPATRIC, TWO SEVEN ZERO PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, CHASE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING AND ROBERT KENNEDY, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL. NEW YORK INTERVIEW GILPATRIC.

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BALTIMORE	BUREAU	12/16/64	12/11 - 15/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: IC [redacted]

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REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to WFO, dated 12/8/64.

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Report of: IC [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Baltimore, Maryland
Date: December 16, 1964

Field Office File No.: BA 161-15 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: No record G-2.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, were checked on 12-15-64 through the Commanding Officer, Colonel RICHARD H. MERRICK, without locating any record of the captioned individual.

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DENVER	BUREAU	12/16/64	12/16/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

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Report of: [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Denver, Colorado

Date: 12/16/64

Field Office File No.: 161-7 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies at Aspen, Colo., for the past two years. He visits Aspen for board meetings and a holiday once or twice each year. He is not known to have a permanent residence at Aspen. He enjoys an excellent reputation at Aspen. There is no credit reporting bureau at Aspen. Appointee has no arrest record at Aspen PD or SO. Efforts to identify "Aspen Industries" unsuccessful.

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DETAILS:

MISCELLANEOUS

Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies
Aspen, Colorado

Mr. HARALD PABST, Mayor of Aspen, Colorado, and Executive Vice President of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, advised on December 16, 1964, that for approximately the past two years appointee has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies. Mr. PABST stated that appointee comes to Aspen each winter for a week or ten days and possibly for a weekend during the summer months, for the purpose of attending board meetings and for a holiday. Mr. PABST advised he has had official contacts with

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appointee with reference to the Institute activities, and also social contacts with him on each of his visits to Aspen.

Mr. PABST stated that, to his knowledge, appointee has no permanent residence at Aspen. He stated that appointee enjoys an excellent reputation at Aspen and stated he, PABST, has never had any reason to question appointee's loyalty, character, or associates. He stated that appointee is highly respected by all persons with whom he comes in contact at Aspen.

CREDIT AND ARREST

There is no credit reporting bureau at Aspen, Colorado, or vicinity.

Sheriff LORAIN HERWICK, Aspen Sheriff's Office, and Chief of Police LOUIS G. HENNIG, Aspen Police Department, advised on December 16, 1964, that the files of their respective agencies contain no arrest record for appointee. These officers stated they have been aware of appointee's occasional visits to Aspen and have never heard any derogatory information concerning his loyalty, character, associates or reputation.

Mr. PABST and Sheriff HERWICK, who are both long-time residents of Aspen, stated upon interview they had no knowledge of "Aspen Industries" and believed this was probably a mis-identification of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies.

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SAN FRANCISCO	BUREAU	12/16/64	12/8/64 - 12/16/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY: sab

CHARACTER OF CASE:

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REFERENCE: Bureau teletype to San Francisco dated 12/8/64.

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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 12/16/64

Office: San Francisco, California

Field Office File #: 161-15

Bureau File #:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Acquaintance considers of good character and reputation. Newspaper files reviewed. No credit or police records located on mother confined in convalescent hospital, Menlo Park, California.

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DETAILS

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

ACQUAINTANCE

[redacted] was interviewed on December 10, 1964. He related that he had been one of the closest friends of ROBERT MC NAMARA during the four year period that both attended the University of California at Berkeley together. He related that they both held managerial positions with the boat crew and took trips together. He related also that he had a very close social acquaintanceship with Mr. MC NAMARA's wife, MARGARET CRAIG, before their marriage.

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[redacted] stated that he has had no personal acquaintanceship with Mr. MC NAMARA or his wife since 1947. He stated, however, that during the period of their friendship, he found Mr. MC NAMARA and MARGARET CRAIG to be people of excellent character and reputation.

NEWSPAPER FILES

On December 9, 1964, the library files of the "News-Call Bulletin," "The Chronicle," and "The Examiner," all San Francisco daily newspapers covering the San Francisco - Oakland Bay area, were examined for information regarding ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA.

No information reflecting unfavorably on his character, loyalty or reputation was found.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

Mrs. ESTHER JENKINS, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Sharon Heights Convalescent Hospital, 1185 Monte Rosa Drive, on December 10, 1964, advised that Mrs. CLARANEL MC NAMARA, mother of ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, is ~~said~~ a patient in that hospital.

The records of the Menlo Park Police Department were searched on December 10, 1964, by Mrs. JULIA PEDRO, and no information identifiable with Mrs. MC NAMARA was found.

AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Palo Alto Credit Bureau, which agency reports credit information for Menlo Park, were searched on December 10, 1964, by Miss NORMA MARTINEZ, and no information identifiable with Mrs. MC NAMARA was located.

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NEW YORK	BUREAU	12/17/64	12/16 - 10/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] b6 b7C

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REFERENCE

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Report of: [redacted] b6 b7C Office: New York, New York

Date: 12/17/64

Field Office File No.: 161-1536 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Acquaintances CHARLES B. THORNTON and ROSWELL GILPATRIC highly recommend appointee.

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Acquaintances

CHARLES BATES THORNTON, 130 Ashdale Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Chairman of the Board of Litton Industries, Beverley Hills, California, advised on December 16, 1964, that he has known the appointee for 25 years and has been closely associated with him for many years. He stated that when he was Director of Planning for the Ford Motor Company, 1946 - 1948, he was instrumental in bringing the appointee into the organization. The appointee was initially an executive of the company and he rose successively to the position of Comptroller, Assistant General Manager, Vice President, General Manager, and finally President of the company in 1960 and 1961. He stated that the appointee is an outstanding American, an excellent executive, and a dynamic leader. He advised that the appointee is of the highest moral character and integrity and is a dedicated loyal American. He stated that the only reason that he left the Ford Motor Company was his tremendous interest and dedication to the United States Government. He advised that he would recommend the appointee without reservation for any position of trust with the United States Government.

ROSWELL GILPATRIC, 1 Chase Manhattan Plaza, New York City, and Partner in the law firm of Cravath, Swaine, and Moore, advised on December 17, 1964, that he has known the appointee intimately since December, 1960. He stated that it was at this time, shortly after President KENNEDY appointed the appointee to the office of Secretary of Defense, that the appointee appointed him Deputy Secretary of Defense. He stated that he has been very close

personally with the appointee and members of his family, and in fact, spent the last weekend with the appointee. He stated that the appointee is a man of the highest standards, and associates with men of the highest character and ability. He stated that the appointee is one of the outstanding Americans of today and that because of his high moral character, integrity, and loyalty he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Secretary of Defense MC NAMARA, Associate of Secretary of the Treasurer, DOUGLAS DILLON, Bureau requested to secure comments of Secretary DILLON through Bureau liaison.

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[redacted] SCOTT PAPER COMPANY, ADVISED DEC. EIGHTEEN HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE SINCE HE BECAME SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. STATED RECORDS REFLECT MC NAMARA BY LETTER DEC. FIFTEEN SIXTY RESIGNED AS MEMBER OF SCOTT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SINCE HE HAD ACCEPTED A CABINET POST. HIS RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET BY THE BOARD JAN. SEVENTEEN, SIXTYONE. SCOTT ADVISED HE HAS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE COURAGE OF APPOINTEE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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[redacted] FORD MOTOR CO., DEARBORN, MICH., RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA ON THE BASIS OF EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF MC NAMARA AS AN EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATOR AND LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZEN. [redacted] FORD MOTOR CO., RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA UNQUALIFIEDLY ON BASIS THAT MC NAMARA FORMERLY WORKS UNDER YNTEMA'S DIRECTION AND YNTEMA IS SOCIALLY ACQUAINTED WITH MC NAMARA FAMILY. [redacted] RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA WITHOUT QUALIFICATION ON BASIS OF ACQUAINTANCE SINCE NINETEEN FORTY-TWO. [redacted] WORKED UNDER MC NAMARA AT FORD'S.

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DOCTOR HARLAN HATCHER, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA ON THE BASIS OF SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACQUAINTANCE.

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YEARS OF SOCAIL AND PROFESSIONAL ACQUAINTANCE.

[redacted] RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA ON BASIS OF TWELVE YEARS ACQUAINTANCE AND STATES MC NAMARA STILL RETAINS HOME IN ANN ARBOR, MICH., BUT HAS NOT RESIDED IN IT SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY.

[redacted] RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA ON BASIS OF TEN YEARS CONTACT PRIMARILY OF SOCIAL NATURE.

[redacted] UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, RECOMMENDS MC NAMARA ON BASIS OF FIFTEEN YEARS ACQUAINTANCE PRIMARILY ON A PROFESSIONAL BASIS.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FILE OF "ANN ARBOR NEWS", A DAILY NEWSPAPER, CONTAINS NO INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL OR BACKGROUND NATURE ON MC NAMARA. CLIPPINGS REVEAL ASSOCIATED PRESS TO BE PRINCIPLE SOURCE OF CLIPPINGS.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DECEMBER ONE EIGHT, SIX FOUR.

ADMINISTRATOR FRED A. IRVIN, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA PRESBYTERIAN HOME, FIVE ZERO ONE PORTOLA ROAD, PORTOLA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED DECEMBER ONE EIGHT, SIX FOUR THAT HE ADMINISTORS THE SHARON HEIGHTS CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, MENLO PARK. HE ADVISED FROM HIS RECORDS THAT THE APPOINTEE'S MOTHER HAS BEEN A RESIDENT THERE SINCE JUNE ONE TWO, SIX ONE.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
Date: 12/18/64

Field Office File No.: 161-13 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee resigned as member Board of Directors, Scott Paper Co., 12/15/60 and accepted by Board 1/17/61. Officers Scott Paper Co. have had no contact with MC NAMARA since his appointment as Secretary of Defense.

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DETAILS: At Philadelphia, Pa.

On December 18, 1964, [redacted] Scott Paper Co., Chester, Pa., advised he has had no personal contact with the appointee since he became the Secretary of Defense. He stated their only contact of any kind has been limited to the exchange of greeting cards at Christmas. [redacted] stated McNAMARA has demonstrated he is an individual of outstanding ability and probably the greatest Secretary of Defense this nation has ever had.

[redacted] Scott Paper Co., advised December 18, 1964, he has had no contact with the appointee since he became Secretary of Defense. He stated records reflect McNAMARA by letter dated December 15, 1960, resigned as member of Scott Board of Directors, since he had accepted a Cabinet position. His resignation was accepted with regret by the Board January 17, 1961. [redacted] stated he has a great admiration for the courage of appointee.

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Investigation by the Denver Office disclosed McNamara presently a Colonel, United States Air Force Reserve. Review OSI records.

Page 10 rerep indicates local newspaper article 4/18/62, indicates Representative Gerald R. Ford, Jr., of Michigan, accused McNamara of an "evasion of the law" in awarding a steel contract to the Lukens Steel Company. Same page rerep further indicates that another local newspaper article, September 3, 1964, indicated Representative (FNU) Wilson of California, accused McNamara of using government tax funds to propagandize the Johnson administration to American servicemen.

Copies of the above-mentioned newspaper articles should be secured in form suitable for dissemination to the White House. Conduct appropriate interview with Representative Ford concerning McNamara.

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Representative (FNU) Wilson of California above-mentioned might be either Representative Charles H. Wilson or Representative Bob Wilson. Attempt to identify representative involved and conduct appropriate interview with that individual concerning McNamara.

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NOTE: McNamara, Secretary of Defense, special inquiry investigation conducted of him in 1960, was favorable. At his request we are bringing that investigation up to date. A check made with the Crime Records Division indicates our relations with all of the above-mentioned congressmen are cordial.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. 1) Will report results of outstanding check of records at Passport Office and Secret Service.

2) Will report results of interviews of United States Senators from Michigan, Senator GOLDWATER, and members of the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

WFO file contains references to appointee in files captioned [redacted] Secretary of Defense, ROBERT S. MC NAMARA-Victum Extortion," Bureau file 9-42073. b6 b7C

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Also investigation captioned [redacted] General JOE W. KELLY; ROBERT S. MC NAMARA; General MAXWELL D. TAYLOR-Victum Extortion;" WFO file 9-1510. b6 b7C

A review of the above reveals no information pertinent to instant inquiry.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Washington, D.C.
Date: 12/17/64

Field Office File No.: 116-101960 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's personnel file reviewed. Professional associates highly recommend. Satisfactory credit record. No record police agencies or HCUA. AEC security file reviewed. No pertinent identifiable information CIA. No additional pertinent information CSC. Libraries of the Washington Daily News and The Evening Star reviewed. No additional pertinent information Merchant Marine records. No record Coast Guard Headquarters.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Employment

On December 14, 1964, Mrs. MARTHA D. SULLIVAN, Chief of the Employment Branch, Personnel Division, OASD, (Administrative) Department of Defense, made available to SA [redacted] the personnel file for ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense, who resides 2412 Tracy Place, N.W.

A certificate of clearance dated March 1, 1961, disclosed a National Agency check made by OSD, dated December 20, 1960. Background investigation by United States Army dated October 1, 1958, and background investigation by FBI, dated May 5, 1953. Based on these investigations a classification of "Top Secret" was granted as of January 20, 1961.

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Mr. MC NAMARA was appointed Secretary of Defense January 21, 1961.

On December 14, 1964, Mr. MARION BEASLEY-Chief of Personnel Security, OSD, made available to SA [redacted] [redacted] the file for ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense, who resides at 2412 Tracy Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. b6 b7C

Instant file contains a report dated October 16, 1958, reflecting results of investigation conducted by the Headquarters, Fifth United States Army, Chicago 15, Illinois. Mr. MC NAMARA was at that time employed by the Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. As a result of this investigation he was granted a classification of "Top Secret" in connection with Department of Defense classified contracts being handled by the Ford Motor Company. A review of this report fails to reflect any derogatory information.

Instant file contains a letter dated December 19, 1960, from Mr. GEORGE J. GOULD, Director, Security Services, Office of the Secretary of Defense, to Mr. EARL F. LANE, Assistant Director, Washington Area Security Operations, United States Atomic Energy Commission, requesting that Mr. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense Designee, be authorized access to Atomic Energy Commission Restricted Data. As of January 5, 1961, the United States Atomic Energy Commission granted the above mentioned request. Mr. MC NAMARA's "Q" number is WA 113509. Instant file fails to reflect any information of a derogatory nature.

Associates

On December 14, 1964, the Honorable PAUL HENRY NITZE, Secretary of Navy, advised SA [redacted] he has a social and business association with MC NAMARA. Their respective families exchange home visits. It is necessary during normal course of business for NITZE to confer frequently with him. b6 b7C

NITZE stated both he and MC NAMARA are skiing enthu enthusiasts and ski each year at Aspen, Colorado. As reported by NITZE, MC NAMARA was "brought up in California, studied at University of California, Berkley Campus, where he met Mrs. MC NAMARA. While attending school, during summer employment, MC NAMARA worked "as a sailor,"---one of GUS HALL's boys."

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He became interested in accounting, subsequently taught at Harvard Business School. After a tour in the service during World War II, he became affiliated with the Ford Motor Company.

NITZE was not able to give dates or further specific information regarding above.

NITZE stated he could vouch for MC NAMARA's loyalty, discretion, patriotism. He recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

On December 15, 1964, Doctor HAROLD BROWN, Director of Defense, Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] he has known the HONORABLE ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense since February of 1961. Doctor BROWN said at that time Mr. MC NAMARA offered him the position he now holds. After accepting this position Doctor BROWN said he has had very close professional contact with Mr. MC NAMARA and a limited amount of social contact with him. Doctor BROWN considered Mr. MC NAMARA to be of very strong character, great loyalty and possessing an outstanding sense of right and wrong. He said Mr. MC NAMARA has never been associated with organizations or individuals of questionable character and is the most capable individual in the position which he now holds in the United States Government.

On December 14, 1964, Honorable CHARLES J. HITCH, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Department of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he is acquainted with ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense, having met him in January, 1961, at which time both he and MC NAMARA were employed at Department of Defense, Pentagon. HITCH further advised that he places MC NAMARA "very near the top in all respects" never having known a person of greater honesty and integrity. HITCH stated that MC NAMARA can not perceive of disloyalty to the United States, and has no sympathy for anyone so inclined. HITCH further stated that he would say that MC NAMARA is "very much a puritan," socializes only when officially necessary and to HITCH's knowledge has limited social engagements to the minimum, devoting his time to the fulfillment of his duties as Secretary of Defense.

HITCH said that his relationship with MC NAMARA was of a business nature, including official social functions, and therefore could not give any comment as to MC NAMARA's friends and association affiliations other than that he knows that MC NAMARA is associated with the Aspen Institute, Aspen, Colorado.

On December 15, 1964, the Honorable EUGENE G. FUBINI, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Deputy Director Research and Engineering) Department of Defense, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he has known ROBERT S. MC NAMARA for four years, and has known him well for two years. FUBINI further advised that in his opinion MC NAMARA has done more than anyone to prevent and counter enemy threats against the United States, and therefore is of unquestionable loyalty. FUBINI stated that he has the utmost respect for MC NAMARA and has found him to be an extremely honest individual in their associations. FUBINI further stated that he has not socialized with MC NAMARA other than mutual official obligations and is of the opinion that MC NAMARA does not have much time for social activities.

On December 16, 1964, the Honorable ALEXANDER HENRY FLAX, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, (Research and Development), Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, advised SA [redacted] he has known MC NAMARA since May, 1963, solely in a business capacity. Since that time he has conferred with him at the most, once per week.

MC NAMARA is considered to be a remarkable fellow, wholly loyal and dedicated.

Nothing of a derogatory nature has ever been brought to his attention and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence based on his limited association.

On December 16, 1964, the Honorable PAUL R. IGNATIUS, Assistant Secretary of Defense, advised SA [redacted] he came to Washington, D.C., in April, 1961, and prior to that time was connected with Hanbridge House, Incorporated, in Massachusetts.

He stated he knew the Honorable ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense only by reputation prior to 1961.

He said during the past three years he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature regarding MC NAMARA and believes he is doing an outstanding job for his country. He said he has no reason to doubt MC NAMARA's character, loyalty or associates, and is looking forward to his dynamic leadership as Secretary of Defense in the years to come.

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The Honorable CYRUS R. VANCE, Deputy Secretary of Defense, was contacted on December 15, 1964, by SA [redacted] regarding ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense. VANCE stated that he first met MC NAMARA on January 4, 1961, the day MC NAMARA came to work in the Defense Department. VANCE stated that he has worked very, very closely on a day to day basis with MC NAMARA since this time, and has worked especially close for approximately the last year, during which time he served as MC NAMARA's Deputy. He stated that he and MC NAMARA have socialized in each others homes and have become very close personal friends. VANCE said that in regard to MC NAMARA's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, he had no reservations whatsoever, and in recommending him he stated, "He is the finest public servant I have ever met."

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The Honorable KENNETH E. BE LIEU, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Logistics), was contacted on December 15, 1964, by SA [redacted] regarding ROBERT S. MC NAMARA and stated that he first met MC NAMARA approximately four years ago when MC NAMARA came to assume his position as Secretary of Defense. BE LIEU stated that he has worked closely at times with MC NAMARA on problems involving national defense. BE LIEU stated that he has met MC NAMARA occasionally socially but this was infrequent. He stated that with regard to MC NAMARA's character, associates, reputation and loyalty he would, of course, have no question. He stated that he would, of course, recommend MC NAMARA for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

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The Honorable WILLIAM STEPHEN AILES, Secretary of the Army was contacted on December 16, 1964, by SA [redacted] regarding ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, and advised that he has known MC NAMARA since February 1, 1961, when he, AILES, came to Washington, and was awaiting his swearing in as Under Secretary of the Army. During the time he was Under Secretary of the Army AILES stated he worked very closely with MC NAMARA, seeing him at least twice weekly regarding business problems, and socializing with him frequently. AILES stated that he has worked even more closely with MC NAMARA since becoming Secretary of the Army, and still maintains his social contacts with him. AILES stated that he has no reason to question MC NAMARA's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty, and in recommending him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government stated "I have absolute unlimited admiration and respect for him."

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Credit and Police Agencies

[redacted] caused a search to be made of the files the The Credit Bureau Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on December 10, 1964, that the files contained a satisfactory credit record for the appointee and his wife, MARGARET.

On December 10, 1964, IC [redacted] searched the files of the United States Park Police, and no record was found concerning the appointee and his wife.

On December 10, 1964, SE [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee and his wife. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Arlington Country, Virginia, Police Department, and was advised on December 10, 1964, that no record was located concerning the appointee and his wife.

Miscellaneous

The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on December 10, 1964, by IC [redacted] and no identifiable record was found for the appointee.

On December 16, 1964, Mrs. LOUISE D. ROUSE, Secretary to Assistant Director for Administration, Division of Security, Atomic Energy Commiccion, Germantown, Maryland, made available appointee's security file number WA-113509, which revealed the following:

June 2, 1953	"Q" Clearance granted as Prospective Operating Contractor, Ford Motor Company.
January 18, 1954	"Q" Clearance terminated by Atomic Energy Commission Operations Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
January 5, 1960	Approved by the General Manager under Section 145 B of the Atomic Energy Commission Act of 1954, to have access to such Restricted Data as may be necessary in the performance of his official duties as Secretary of Defense as clearly consistent with the National Interest.

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The above file contained no additional pertinent information.

SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR. caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency, and was advised on December 14, 1964, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning the appointee.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on December 16, 1964, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

On December 16, 1964, IC [redacted] reviewed the newspaper clippings maintained in the libraries of The Washington Daily News and The Evening Star, and except for the following no derogatory information was obtained:

The library of The Washington Daily News contained an article from The Washington Evening Star dated April 18, 1962, entitled "MC NAMARA Scored on Contract." Representative GERALD R. FORD, JR., of Michigan accused MC NAMARA of an "evasion of the law" in awarding a steel contract to the Lukens Steel Company. Representative LAIRD, Wisconsin, said this action violated the laws covering competitive bidding in the procurement of defense materials.

Also at the Washington Daily News, an article from The Daily News dated September 3, 1964, reflected that Representative WILSON, California, accused MC NAMARA of using Unites States tax funds to propagandize to American servicemen about the JOHNSON Administration. He cited a telegram MC NAMARA sent to military base information offices describing the President's anti-poverty law.

On December 14, 1964, IC [redacted] reviewed the Merchant Marine record of ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, born June 2, 1916, at San Francisco, California.

No additional information since December, 1960.

On December 11, 1964, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made at Coast Guard Headquarters, Intelligence Branch, and was advised by personnel, no record could be found for appointee.

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Date: December 19, 1964

Field Office File No.: 161-12 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Social and professional acquaintances at Dearborn and Ann Arbor, Mich., recommend MC NAMARA without reservation. Newspaper clipping filed Ann Arbor, Mich., contained no personal or background information.

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The following investigation was conducted at Dearborn, Michigan, by SA RICHARD H. SENTER:

On December 18, 1964, [redacted] Ford Motor Company, advised that on the basis of his extensive and detailed knowledge of Mr. MC NAMARA as an executive, administrator and loyal American citizen that he would recommend him in all respects without reservation.

[redacted] Ford Motor Company, advised that Mr. MC NAMARA formerly worked under his direction and further he, [redacted] is personally acquainted with the MC NAMARA family. On this basis, [redacted] recommends Mr. MC NAMARA unqualifiedly.

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[redacted] Ford Motor Company, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted] on December 18, 1964.

He has been acquainted with Secretary of Defense ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA since 1942 [redacted] MC NAMARA an instructor at Harvard Business School. He became personally acquainted with MC NAMARA at that time and has been closely associated with him ever since. In 1948 MC NAMARA obtained a position for [redacted] with the Ford Motor Company and from that date until the time when MC NAMARA accepted the appointment as Secretary of Defense, they were closely associated, both socially and in business.

[redacted] said that he would recommend MC NAMARA without qualification as to character, loyalty and associates.

[redacted] concluded by stating he could think of no one who was more intelligent, capable or trustworthy than MC NAMARA.

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ACQUAINTANCES

At Ann Arbor, Michigan

On December 18, 1964, Dr. HARLAN HATCHER, President of the University of Michigan, 2522 Administration Building, advised that he has known ROBERT MC NAMARA for a number of years as a social and professional acquaintance. He stated that he has found Mr. MC NAMARA to be a person of excellent character and reputation and there is no reason to question his integrity or loyalty to the United States. Dr. HATCHER stated that while president of the Ford Motor Company, Mr. MC NAMARA was an outstanding industrialist and at the time he was appointed as the Secretary of Defense, was president of the Ford Motor Company. He stated that he would highly recommend Mr. MC NAMARA for a position of trust and confidence without hesitation. He stated he knows of no questionable associates or activity on the part of Mr. MC NAMARA which would reflect unfavorably on him.

On December 17, 1964, [redacted] (residence), advised that he has known ROBERT MC NAMARA for the past 12 years. He stated that he has been closely associated on a social and professional basis and he thinks very highly of Mr. MC NAMARA. He stated that he knows of no questionable associates or activity on the part of Mr. MC NAMARA which would reflect unfavorably on his integrity and loyalty to the United States. He stated that he would highly recommend Mr. MC NAMARA without reservation.

On December 18, 1964, [redacted] advised that he has known ROBERT MC NAMARA for the past 12 years. He stated that he was previously interviewed regarding Mr. MC NAMARA for his position as Secretary of Defense. He stated that he thinks very highly of Mr. MC NAMARA and has no hesitation in recommending him for a position of trust and confidence. He stated that Mr. MC NAMARA has no political affiliations and describes him as independent in politics. He stated that Mr. MC NAMARA still is owner of his home in Ann Arbor but has not resided in Ann Arbor since 1960. He stated that in his contacts, both socially and professionally with Mr. MC NAMARA he has found him to be a person of the highest integrity. He stated he would not hesitate to recommend him.

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On December 18, 1964, [redacted] (residence), advised he has known Mr. MC NAMARA for more than 10 years. He stated he has been socially acquainted with him as well as acquainted with him professionally. He stated he has found Mr. MC NAMARA to be a person of the highest caliber as to character and reputation. He stated that he knows of no questionable associates or activities on the part of Mr. MC NAMARA which would jeopardize his position as an employee of the government. He stated he would highly recommend him as a loyal and conscientious citizen.

[redacted] University of Michigan, [redacted] advised he has known Mr. MC NAMARA for over 15 years. He stated that he has worked with Mr. MC NAMARA on a professional basis and has also been socially acquainted with him. He stated that Mr. MC NAMARA is a man of the highest character and reputation and there is absolutely no question regarding his loyalty to the United States. He stated that he will highly recommend Mr. MC NAMARA for a position of trust and confidence. He further advised that he knows of no activity or associates which would jeopardize Mr. MC NAMARA's position with the government.

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On December 18, 1964, Mrs. MEREDITH MONTGOMERY, Librarian, "Ann Arbor News", a local daily newspaper, advised that the newspaper clipping file regarding ROBERT S. MC NAMARA contains no information of a personal or background nature. She stated all information comes from the Associated Press News Wire.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960)

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED PAST.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MC NAMARA HAS REQUESTED THAT PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION OF HIM CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE. BORN JUNE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTEEN, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. INTERVIEW FOLLOWING U. S. SENATORS: HARRY BYRD, WINCHESTER STAR BUILDING, WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA. HENRY M. JACKSON, ROOM EIGHT ZERO TWO U. S. COURT HOUSE BUILDING, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. SAM J. ERVIN, JR., ERVING BUILDING, MORGANTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, ONE SEVEN ZERO THREE FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS. J. GLENN BEALL, POST OFFICE BUILDING, CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND OR BEALL INSURACE CO., FROSTBURG, MARYLAND. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, WINDER, GEORGIA. JOHN STENNIS, DE KALB, MISSISSIPPI. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT SENATOR CLIFFORD P. CASE IS OUT OF COUNTRY AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL JANUARY, SIXTY FIVE.

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ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED PAST.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MC NAMARA HAS REQUESTED THAT PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION OF HIM CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE. BORN JUNE NINE, NINETEEN SIXTEEN, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. HONOLULU INTERVIEW SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUYE, ROOM SIX ZERO TWO, CAPITAL INVESTMENT BUILDING.

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Report of: SA [redacted] b6 b7C Office: BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Date: December 22, 1964

Field Office File No.: 161-15 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: J. GLENN BEALL, United States Senator, Frostburg, Md., highly recommends Mr. McNAMARA as a loyal American of excellent character and reputation.

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DETAILS: AT FROSTBURG, MARYLAND

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On December 22, 1964, the Honorable J. GLENN BEALL, United States Senator from Maryland, Beall Insurance and Realty Company, 9 West Main Street, advised Mr. McNAMARA has been known to him since his appointment as Secretary of Defense. He said he highly recommends Mr. McNAMARA as a loyal American of excellent character and reputation. Senator BEALL advised he was a member of the United States Senate at the time the employee's appointment was confirmed and, although he has disagreed on issues with Mr. McNAMARA, he has never questioned the confirmation. He described Mr. McNAMARA as a loyal and devoted public servant of the utmost integrity.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960)

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
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ReWFOreport dated 12/18/64.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 12/21/64:

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EDNA A. COERVER, Executive Secretary to Senator BARRY GOLDWATER of Arizona, advised that they were closing the Senator's Office on Capitol Hill and that the Senator did not plan to do any work from that office. She stated that she did not know how to contact the Senator except through the Republican National Committee. She suggested calling DEAN BIRCH, National Chairman of the GOP, who would be able to furnish us with the location of Senator GOLDWATER.

A call was placed to the Republican National Committee and the Office of Mr. DEAN BIRCH, and his Secretary Mrs. BOWEN took the message and stated that Mr. BIRCH was tied up in conference but would later in the day arrange an appointment for us to interview Senator GOLDWATER.

At 5:00 p.m. a call was placed to Mrs. BOWEN who stated she was unable to contact Mr. BIRCH. She, at that time, furnished Senator GOLDWATER's telephone number and stated

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that it would be permissive for us to call him directly to set up an appointment.

This telephone call was made and an answering service took our number at WFO and stated that Senator GOLDWATER would return our call when he became available. A few minutes later Senator GOLDWATER did return our call at which time he was asked for an appointment. He was told we were conducting a special inquiry investigation concerning the Secretary of Defense, ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA.

Senator GOLDWATER stated that because of the pressure of business he would prefer to be interviewed on the phone. He stated that he did not know MC NAMARA well nor has he had much personal contact with him. He stated that he would be unable to give any specific comments concerning MC NAMARA other than to state that he considered him very alert, brilliant and obviously a good organizer. He stated that he had no question whatsoever concerning MC NAMARA's loyalty to the United States. He stated that MC NAMARA enjoyed an excellent personal and professional reputation.

He stated that the only reservation he had concerning MC NAMARA was that he did not consider MC NAMARA to be "completely honest." At this point Senator GOLDWATER was requested to set up an appointment with us at his convenience so that we might interview him personally. Senator GOLDWATER stated that he did not feel that this was necessary, explaining his former remark of MC NAMARA not being "completely honest" in the following way:

He stated that he, GOLDWATER, has had access to top secret information and is aware that MC NAMARA is not telling the American people the complete story in reference to the missile gap. He stated that perhaps this was not MC NAMARA's fault inasmuch as he might be under orders to make the various public announcements concerning our military preparedness. GOLDWATER stated that it appeared that MC NAMARA was bent on disarming this country. Senator GOLDWATER stated that he could not be more specific concerning his criticism of MC NAMARA but that it was just an impression on his part not having heard MC NAMARA testify and from reading his various public announcements.

Senator GOLDWATER stated that he did not want to appear adamant in reference to arranging an appointment for a personal interview but stated that he really was not well acquainted with Mr. MC NAMARA and could furnish no further information concerning him.

He suggested as a possible source of information concerning Mr. MC NAMARA Representative JERALD R. FORD, JR. of Michigan. He stated that he believed that FORD had caught MC NAMARA in some discrepancy concerning his testimony at the House of Representatives.

WFO will interview Congressman FORD.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached airtel sets forth interview of Senator Goldwater concerning Secretary of Defense McNamara, who is subject of current special inquiry. Goldwater preferred to be interviewed telephonically and was favorable in his comments concerning McNamara, but feels McNamara not telling American people the complete story concerning the missile gap and might be under orders not to do so. Goldwater's comments will be included in the supplemental summary memorandum on McNamara to be sent to the White House.

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ROBERT STRANGE MCNAMARA, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE WFO TELETYPE DATED DECENBER TWENTY FIRST, LAST.

SENATOR J. GLENN BEALL, FROSTBURG, MARYLAND CONTACTED DECEMBER TWENTY SECOND, PRESENT AND RECOMMENDS EMPLOYEE HIGHLY CONCERNING CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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SUBJECT: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA
SPECIAL INQUIRY

On December 21, 1964, Liaison Agent [redacted] interviewed Secretary of the Treasury C. Douglas Dillon, an associate of McNamara's. Mr. Dillon advised that he has nothing but the finest things to say regarding Secretary McNamara. There is no question in his mind whatever concerning the very high quality of Secretary McNamara's moral character, loyalty to this country, and his reputation.

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On 12/17/64, Mrs. JEAN ROBB, Personnel Officer, White House Office, advised SA [redacted] their files contained no record for the appointee.

On 12/17/64, Mr. THOMAS M. JONES, Assistant Chief of Records, White House Office, advised SA [redacted] that his files contained information only concerning MC NAMARA's appointment as Secretary of Defense. He stated his files contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

On 12/16/64, the Honorable VICTOR M. LONGSTREET, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management), Dept. of the Navy, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] that he has been an associate of ROBERT S. MC NAMARA since May, 1962, at which time he, LONGSTREET, started in his position at the Pentagon. LONGSTREET further advised that he has not had social contact with MC NAMARA other than at official social functions. LONGSTREET stated that he considers MC NAMARA to be of the highest character; "a very straight-forward person;" and that he has never had any reason to doubt his loyalty to the U.S. Government.

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U.S. Senator PHILIP A. HART of Michigan advised SA [redacted] on 12/21/64, that he has known the appointee for many years by reputation and has known him personally since 1957. He stated he has had infrequent personal contact with the appointee and knows his wife casually. He stated that the appointee possesses all good habits, good associates, and has an excellent personal reputation. He stated the appointee has done an outstanding job as the Secretary of Defense.

U.S. Senator HOWARD W. CANNON of Nevada advised SA [redacted] on 12/21/64, that he considers the appointee to be a fine man who has done a great job as Secretary of Defense. He stated he did not always agree with MC NAMARA's policies, but these were honest sincere differences of opinion. He stated he has known the appointee since MC NAMARA has been in office, and recommended him highly. Senator CANNON stated that the only social contact he has had with MC NAMARA has been at official affairs.

U.S. Senator STUART SYMINGTON of Missouri advised SA [redacted] on 12/21/64, that he has known the appointee for four years socially and professionally. He described the appointee as an outstanding man and a very fine public servant who has done a good job in a tough position.

U.S. Senator ROBERT C. BYRD of West Virginia advised SA [redacted] on 12/21/64, he has known the appointee for four years. He stated the appointee testified before their committee and he was very much impressed with his ability. He stated that the appointee has done a good job. He commented favorably concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation and loyalty, adding that he has had no social contact with the appointee.

U.S. Senator PAT MC NAMARA of Michigan advised SA [redacted] on 12/21/64, that he has known the appointee since he has been in office. He stated that he has the highest professional regard for the appointee as a fine man and an outstanding public servant. He recommended MC NAMARA without reservation. He added that he has known MC NAMARA socially at large official functions only.

On 12/17/64, the Honorable BROOKWAY MC MILLAN, Under-Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee since 1961 when MC NAMARA became Secretary of Defense. MC MILLAN stated he has known MC NAMARA in a business capacity only. He

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stated that from his observations he considers MC NAMARA to be above reproach in relation to his loyalty, character, and associates. [redacted] stated that he had no information coming to his attention of a derogatory nature concerning the appointee.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised on 12/18/64, that no record was located concerning the appointee.

On 12/18/64, IC [redacted] reviewed the file for the appointee at the Passport Office, Department of State, which listed his birth as 6/9/16, at San Francisco, California.

His passport file is being brought up to date since last reviewed on 12/20/60 by [redacted] FBI.

He was issued Diplomatic Passport #X-003050 on 7/19/61 for approximately one week's travel to France, Germany, and Italy on official business for the Department of Defense.

He gave his permanent residence as 80 Kalorama Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. He listed his parents as ROBERT JAMES MC NAMARA, born approximately 1865 at Massachusetts, and CLARANELL STRANGE, born approximately 1885 at Yuba City, California. He indicated he was last married on 8/13/40 to MARGARET CRAIG, born 8/22/15 at Seattle, Washington.

On 12/21/64, Mr. ORVILLE L. FREEMAN, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, advised SA [redacted] he has known MC NAMARA and his family both socially and professionally since 1960 and considered the family the highest type of persons. He stated he had no reservations regarding MC NAMARA whatsoever and vouched for his character, associates, reputation, conduct, and loyalty. He recommended him highly.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM RICHMOND (161/356) 2P

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA. SPI.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, BALTIMORE, BOSTON, CHARLOTTE, JACKSON, RICHMOND AND SEATTLE, DEC. TWENTYONE, LAST.

TODAY, U.S. SENATOR HARRY F. BYRD, SR., BERRYVILLE, VA., ADVISED HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MR. MC NAMARA SINCE MR. MC NAMARA'S ENTRANCE INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE DURING THE LAST PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION. MR. BYRD STATED HE IS MEMBER OF ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE AND AS A RESULT OF BEING A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE, HE HAD HAD CLOSE DEALINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MC NAMARA.

STATED MR. MC NAMARA IS A VERY INTELLIGENT AND VERY ABLE

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MR. MC NAMARA, HE KNOWS HIM TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF VERY EXCELLENT REPUTATION, HIGH MORAL CHARACTER AND THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY REASON TO QUESTION HIS LOYALTY TO THE U.S.

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Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

U. S. Senator LEVERETT SALTONSTALL advised on 12/22/64 that he has known Secretary of Defense MC NAMARA approximately 4 years and considers him to be a person of excellent character and reputation, whose judgment and courage are unquestioned in his mind. Senator SALTONSTALL said he has never observed or heard anything of a derogatory nature in regard to Secretary of Defense MC NAMARA's associates, attention to duty or loyalty to the U. S.

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ASSOCIATES

On December 22, 1964, United States Senator from Massachusetts LEVERETT SALTONSTALL advised that he had known Secretary of Defense ROBERT S. MC NAMARA for four years and during that time has observed that Mr. MC NAMARA is courageous in his judgments and conscientious to the enormous duties of his office. Senator SALTONSTALL said he regards Mr. MC NAMARA as a person of excellent character, reputation and associates, whose loyalty to the United States is, in his mind, unquestioned. Senator SALTONSTALL stated that his association with Mr. MC NAMARA has been limited to the conduct of Government business; however, he has never observed or heard of anything that could be considered detrimental to Mr. MC NAMARA or his position as Secretary of Defense.

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TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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Report of: SA [redacted] b6 b7C Office: Seattle, Washington
Date: December 22, 1964

Field Office File No.: 161-215 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON recommends highly.

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DETAILS:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

On December 22, 1964, Senator HENRY M. JACKSON, Room 802, U.S. Court House Building, Seattle, advised that he continues to have close official and social contact with Secretary of Defense ROBERT S. McNAMARA. He stated that he feels that nothing has ever come to his attention that would reflect unfavorably as to the character of Secretary McNAMARA. He stated that he is an outstanding individual who conducts himself in an exemplary manner at all times and is not known to associate with anyone with questionable reputation. He stated that nothing has ever come to his attention which would cause him to question the loyalty of Secretary McNAMARA in any way whatsoever. He further advised that he highly recommends McNAMARA for continued employment with the United States Government in a position of great trust.

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Report of: WILLIAM H. THOMAS Office: Richmond, Virginia
Date: 12/23/64

Field Office File No.: 161-356 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: U. S. Senator HARRY F. BYRD, SR., Berryville, Va., advised has been acquainted with appointee since his entrance into Government service during the KENNEDY Administration. BYRD advised he has had close dealings with appointee and from his association with him considers him to be individual of excellent reputation, high moral character and loyal to the United States.

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DETAILS:

AT BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA

On December 22, 1964, United States Senator HARRY F. BYRD, SR., Berryville, Virginia, advised he has been acquainted with ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA since Mr. McNAMARA's entrance into Government service during the late President KENNEDY's Administration. Mr. BYRD stated he is a member of the Armed Services Committee of the U. S. Senate and as a result, has had close dealings and conversations with Mr. McNAMARA.

Mr. BYRD stated McNAMARA is a very intelligent and very able individual and is doing an excellent job in his capacity as Secretary of Defense. He further stated he highly approves in all respects in regard to McNAMARA's policies and he would highly recommend him to continue as Secretary of Defense.

Mr. BYRD stated from his observation and association with McNAMARA, he knows him to be an individual of very excellent reputation, high moral character and there has never been any reason to question his loyalty to the United States.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960)

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
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Senator Thurmond
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ReWFOreport dated 12/18/64 and WFOairtel dated 12/22/64.

Congressman JERALD R. FORD, JR. of Michigan, advised SA [redacted] that he has been acquainted with the appointee by reputation for many years. He stated that he has worked closely with the appointee during the past four years since the appointee has been Secretary of Defense. He stated that he, FORD, has been the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for the Department of Defense budget. He stated that in this function, he has worked closely with the appointee in the past four years.

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He stated that he considered the appointee an outstanding man from a leadership standpoint, his ability, his integrity and his honesty. He stated that he has not agreed with the appointee on some policy decisions but that these are honest disagreements and do not reflect anything but a difference of opinion.

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Congressman FORD stated that he realizes that there has been a bitter feud between Senator BARRY GOLDWATER and MC NAMARA. He stated that GOLDWATER has spoken to him about his differences with MC NAMARA. Mr. FORD stated that he considered it a personality clash between GOLDWATER and MC NAMARA. He stated that both men, whom he admires greatly, are very categorical in what they say, and when the other party interprets what they say, they sometimes put the wrong connotation on what has been said or "read into it" what they want to from their point of view.

Congressman FORD stated that he realized that Senator GOLDWATER does not believe that the appointee has been completely honest with some of his testimony before various committees on Capitol Hill and in public announcements he has made. Congressman FORD stated that he did not agree with this and felt that the appointee was within his legitimate right, protecting the public interest and the administration in the manner in which he has testified or made public announcements. Congressman FORD stated emphatically that he has never caught the appointee in anything which he would consider would reflect on his honesty or integrity.

He mentioned that during the last campaign, he was one of seven members of a Republican Task Force, which had been appointed by Senator GOLDWATER, whose job it was during the campaign to attack the Department of Defense. He stated that they would attack the Department of Defense on numerous particular points. He stated that it was brought to his attention that Mr. MC NAMARA was unhappy with him feeling that possibly some of their criticism was not fair. He stated, that on the other hand, he knows that Senator GOLDWATER was unhappy with their task force, inasmuch as he did not think they hit at the Department of Defense hard enough. He stated that here was where it became a matter of opinion. GOLDWATER has his opinions, MC NAMARA has his opinions and he, Congressman FORD, has his opinions.

He mentioned that after he, FORD, won his re-election to the House of Representatives, he received a telegram from the appointee which stated something to the effect, Congratulations on your re-election. No hard feelings. All is forgotten.

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Mr. FORD stated that he considered the appointee an outstanding public servant of tremendous ability. He stated that he was a fine man, both professionally and personally, and that he would recommend him without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

Senator STROM THURMOND of South Carolina advised SA [redacted] on 12/22/64, that he has known the appointee professionally since the appointee has been Secretary of Defense. Senator THURMOND stated that he did not wish to make any further comments concerning the appointee.

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ReWFO report 12/18/64.

On 12/23/64, SA [redacted] reinterviewed PAUL HENRY NITZE, Secretary of the Navy, who advised that his comment concerning MC NAMARA as "one of Gus Hall's boys" was said strictly in jest. He stated there was no direct or implied personal association between MC NAMARA and GUS HALL.

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ReNYtel 12/21/64.

Miss CAROL ASHE, secretary to Senator-Elect ROBERT F. KENNEDY, advised 12/23/64 that Mr. KENNEDY will be unavailable for interview until after 1/3/65, when he will return from Aspen, Colorado.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and was advised on 12/16/64, that the files contain no additional pertinent information.

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ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE WFO TEL, DECEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

U. S. SENATOR SAM J. ERVIN, JR., MORGANTON, N.C., ADVISES MC NAMARA POSSESSES EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, OF UNDOUBTED LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO THIS COUNTRY AND HAS NO KNOWN PERSONAL TRAITS OR CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WOULD BE OF UNFAVORABLE NATURE. HE SEES NO REASON WHY MC NAMARA SHOULD NOT CONTINUE IN HIS POSITION AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: JACKSON /161-9/

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA, SPECIAL INQUIRY.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

SENATOR JOHN STENNIS, DEKALB, MISSISSIPPI, NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL TODAY, DESCRIBED SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT S. MC NAMARA AS A MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY CAPABILITIES WHOSE GRASP OF HIS POSITION IS UNQUESTIONED AND THE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED BY MC NAMARA DENOTED A MAN OF STRONG CHARACTER.

STENNIS' CONTACT WITH MC NAMARA IS ON A DAILY BASIS, IN THAT STENNIS IS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE. STENNIS DESCRIBES MC NAMARA AS A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED INTEGRITY AND WHOSE JUDGMENT AND CHARACTER MAKE HIM THE STRONGEST MAN FOR THE BIGGEST NON ELECTIVE JOB IN THE COUNTRY.

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TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: SA CHARLES S. HARDING

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Office: ATLANTA
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Field Office File No.: 161-196
Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Senator RICHARD B. RUSSELL recommends as to loyalty and patriotism, and considers applicant dedicated public servant.

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DETAILS:

On December 23, 1964, Senator RICHARD B. RUSSELL, Winder, Georgia, advised that he has worked closely with Secretary of Defense McNAMARA, and feels that Mr. Mc NAMARA is a dedicated and patriotic American citizen. He stated he felt that Mr. Mc NAMARA would serve his country to the limit of his ability. Senator RUSSELL stated he would recommend Mr. Mc NAMARA very highly as concerns his loyalty and patriotism.

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CHARLOTTE	BUREAU	12/23/64	12/22/64

TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] b6 b7C

TYPED BY: mmk

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Date: 12/23/64

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Title: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

U. S. Senator SAM J. ERVIN, Morganton, N. C., describes MC NAMARA as person of excellent character and reputation and loyal American.

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DETAILS:

On December 22, 1964, U. S. Senator SAM J. ERVIN, Morganton, North Carolina, advised that ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA possesses excellent character and reputation and had undoubted loyalty and devotion to this country. He feels that MC NAMARA has no known personal traits or characteristics which would be of an unfavorable nature.

Mr. ERVIN stated he sees no reason why MC NAMARA should not continue in his position as Secretary of Defense.

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Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE was interviewed telephonically at his request.

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Date: December 23, 1964

Field Office File No.: HN 161-84 Bureau File No.:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE, Hawaii, personally acquainted with Secretary McNAMARA since 1960, recommends in all respects.

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DETAILS: At Honolulu, Hawaii

On December 22, 1964, Senator DANIEL K. INOUYE, State of Hawaii, with residence at #1825 Liikai Apartments, advised as follows:

INOUYE is a member of the Senate Armed Forces Committee and has been personally acquainted with Secretary McNAMARA since 1960. He has frequent contacts with McNAMARA when the Secretary testifies before the committee, and has also had social contact with him during McNAMARA's residence in Washington, D. C.

Senator INOUYE stated that he would rate McNAMARA "A" as far as loyalty, morals, associates and ability are concerned. He has never heard anything that would lead him to doubt the man's loyalty or character. He described him as being "as clean morally as is possible for a human."

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Senator INOUYE thought McNAMARA was an extremely loyal, able and dedicated government servant. He explained the only criticism of McNAMARA he had heard was that the man was "tough," and INOUYE stated that in McNAMARA's present position, he considered that a virtue. He concluded by recommending McNAMARA in all respects.

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Date: 12/23/64

Field Office File #: JACKSON 161-9 Bureau File #:

Title: ROBERT STRANGE McNAMARA

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Senator JOHN STENNIS, DeKalb, Mississippi, member of Senate Armed Services Committee, describes Secretary of Defense McNAMARA as a man of extraordinary capabilities whose integrity is unquestioned and whose associates, loyalty and judgment indicate a strong and capable individual who maintains the most difficult non-elective job in the country.

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DETAILS:

On December 22, 1964 MILDRED WARD, DeKalb, Mississippi, advised that she was the secretary for Senator JOHN STENNIS who is out of the city and would not return until December 23, 1964.

Senator JOHN STENNIS, DeKalb, Mississippi, related on December 23, 1964 that he has known Secretary of Defense ROBERT S. McNAMARA on a close personal basis since McNAMARA's appointment as Secretary, in that STENNIS is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and of this Committee's preparedness Subcommittee which each deal on a daily basis with McNAMARA.

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STENNIS described McNAMARA as a man of extraordinary capability whose grasp of his position, described by STENNIS as the most difficult outside of the job of President of the United States, is unquestioned, and the leadership displayed, both through the assimilation of facts and ability to evaluate and direct based upon his knowledge of the facts, make McNAMARA a strong and capable man of whom STENNIS thinks most favorably.

STENNIS related that from his day-to-day working contact coupled with an occasional social meeting, he has concluded that McNAMARA is a man of unquestionable and unshakable integrity, whose associates and loyalty are beyond question, and his judgment and character make him the strongest man for the most difficult non-elective job in the country.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of an investigation conducted concerning Mr. Robert Strange McNamara, which was requested by Mr. McNamara in a letter dated December 3, 1964. He requested that the results of the investigation be furnished to you.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Mr. McNamara in 1953 and 1960, the results of which were summarized in a memorandum dated December 29, 1960. A copy of that memorandum has been furnished to the White House. The attached memorandum sets forth Mr. McNamara's activities since December, 1960.

Several individuals acquainted with Mr. McNamara have not been available for interview. When these persons are interviewed, you will be advised. The checks of the records of several governmental agencies have not been completed. When the results of these checks are received, they will be furnished to you.

The Internal Revenue Service has advised that income tax returns were timely filed by Mr. McNamara for the years 1961, 1962 and 1963. There is no record of unpaid taxes, liens, audit examinations or intelligence investigations concerning these returns.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTE: See cover memo Cleveland to Gale 12/22/64.

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Summary

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

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Washington, D.C.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Mr. McNamara in 1953 and 1960, the results of which were summarized in a memorandum dated December 29, 1960. This summary memorandum sets forth Mr. McNamara's activities since December, 1960.

Mr. McNamara was appointed Secretary of Defense on January 21, 1961, and has continued to serve in that capacity until the present time.

Military Service

He has continued to be a member of the United States Air Force Reserve and is presently a colonel assigned to Headquarters, Continental Air Command.

Interviews

Harlan H. Hatcher, President, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, advised he has known Mr. McNamara socially and professionally for a number of years. He stated that while Mr. McNamara was President of the Ford Motor Company, he was an outstanding industrialist. He said he considers Mr. McNamara to be an individual of excellent character and reputation. He said Mr. McNamara's loyalty to the United States is above question. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of trust.

Charles B. Thornton, Chairman, Board of Directors, Litton Industries, Beverly Hills, California, advised in New York, New York, he has known Mr. McNamara for 25 years and has been closely associated with him for many years. He said when he, Mr. Thornton, was Director of Planning for the Ford Motor Company, he was instrumental in bringing Mr. McNamara into the organization. He described Mr. McNamara as an outstanding American, an excellent executive and a dynamic leader. He said Mr. McNamara's character and integrity are

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above question. He stated that the only reason why Mr. McNamara left the Ford Motor Company was his tremendous interest in and dedication to the United States Government. He said he would recommend Mr. McNamara without reservation for any position of trust in the United States Government.

Paul Henry Nitze, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C., advised he is socially and professionally acquainted with Mr. McNamara and during the normal course of governmental business, he has conferred frequently with Mr. McNamara. He said he will vouch for Mr. McNamara's discretion and loyalty to the United States. He recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Stephen Ailes, Secretary of the Army, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. McNamara since February, 1961, at which time he, Mr. Ailes, came to Washington, D. C., to assume the position of Under Secretary of the Army. He said since that time he has worked very closely with Mr. McNamara and has also had social contact with him. He stated he has no reason to question Mr. McNamara's character, associates, reputation or loyalty to the United States. He said, "I have absolute unlimited admiration and respect for him." He recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Cyrus R. Vance, Deputy Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. McNamara since January, 1961, and has worked very closely with him on a day-to-day basis since that time. He said they are also very close personal friends. He said Mr. McNamara's character, associates, reputation and loyalty to the United States are above question. He also stated, "He is the finest public servant I have ever met." He highly recommended Mr. McNamara for a position of trust.

Harry F. Byrd, United States Senator from Virginia, advised in Berryville, Virginia, he has been acquainted with Mr. McNamara since Mr. McNamara became Secretary of Defense. Senator Byrd stated that as a member of the Armed Services Committee of the United States Senate, he has had close dealings with Mr. McNamara. He stated Mr. McNamara is

a very intelligent and capable individual who is doing a fine job as Secretary of Defense. Senator Byrd also advised he highly approves in all respects Mr. McNamara's policies. He stated he considers Mr. McNamara to be an individual of excellent character and reputation and a loyal citizen of the United States. He said he would highly recommend that Mr. McNamara continue to serve as Secretary of Defense.

Douglas Dillon, Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C., stated he has "nothing but the finest things" to say concerning Mr. McNamara. He said he considers Mr. McNamara's character, reputation and loyalty to this country to be above question.

Eighteen other persons, including professional associates and social acquaintances, were interviewed regarding Mr. McNamara. They described him as an outstanding individual and as a very capable administrator. They stated they consider Mr. McNamara's character, reputation and associates to be above question. They also stated they consider his loyalty to the United States to be above question and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

Close Relatives

Mother, Clara Nell McNamara, Menlo Park, California:

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara or his close relatives.

Robert Strange McNamara

Clearances

Mr. McNamara was granted a top secret clearance by the Department of Defense in January, 1961.

He was granted a "Q" clearance by the United States Atomic Energy Commission in June, 1953. This clearance terminated in January, 1954.

In January, 1961, Mr. McNamara was authorized by the United States Atomic Energy Commission to have access to such restricted data as might be necessary in the performance of his official duties as Secretary of Defense.

Agency Checks

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G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee on Un-American Activities; Central Intelligence Agency and the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission.

Residence

Mr. McNamara, his wife and [redacted] reside at [redacted] Washington, D. C. b6 b7C

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (161-15)

SUBJECT: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA,
SPI

Re San Francisco tel, 12/18/64.

For information of the Bureau, San Francisco "Chronicle" for 12/28/64 reported death of Mrs. ROBERT J. MC NAMARA, mother of Appointee, on 12/27/64 at Sharon Heights Convalescent Hospital, Menlo Park, California.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (116-101960) (P)

ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
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Re WFO airtel 12/24/64; and Bureau airtel 12/22/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of newspaper items appearing in the Washington Evening Star and Daily News as requested in reference Bureau airtel.

WFO attempting to contact Representative FORD and Representative BOB WILSON concerning comments in above newspaper items. Results of interviews will be submitted to the Bureau as soon as conducted.

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GOP Congressman Hits at McNamara

Associated Press

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Congressman GERALD R. FORD, JR., of Michigan, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 12/29/64. b6 b7C

Congressman FORD read a copy of the news article appearing in the 'Washington Evening Star' Newspaper of 4/18/62 which contained an article that Congressman FORD had accused the appointee, Secretary of Defense, of an "evasion of the law" in awarding a steel contract to the Lukens Steel Company.

Congressman FORD stated, after reading the news article, that he recalled the above incident well. He stated that this was at the time that United States Steel (USS) had proposed an increase in the price of steel and then President KENNEDY made a vigorous appeal that these prices not be raised.

Congressman FORD stated that USS had pioneered the development of a special type of steel used in the hulls of submarines and were the principal suppliers for this steel. He stated that several of the companies, including the Lukens Steel Company also became involved in this type of business.

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He stated that it was his attitude that it was an evasion of the law for the Defense Department to award any contracts without having competitive bidding.

He stated that the Department of the Navy and the Office of the Secretary of Defense justified their actions because the Lukens Steel Company had not increased their prices. He stated that they also cited provisions under the procurement law which gives them flexibility in awarding contracts, citing the exigency provisions of these laws. Congressman FORD explained that under these provisions, it is necessary for them to obtain competitive bids. He stated they also took the attitude that inasmuch as the Lukens Steel Company had not raised their prices, they were cheaper than the proposed price scheduled published by USS; therefore, if they had gone through the formality of competitive bidding, it would have been only a formality.

Congressman FORD stated that there is an area there where a person can take a different view than the one he did. He stated that he still feels that Mr. MC NAMARA was wrong in his decision. He stated he did not feel that it was the spirit of the law or the way that Congress wanted the Executive Department to use these laws.

Congressman FORD emphasized that he still considers Mr. MC NAMARA a very able, talented and devoted public servant and that the above is just one of those many difficult decisions a person in his position must make which are naturally open to constructive criticism. Congressman FORD stated that he would recommend the appointee without reservation for a position of trust and confidence.

On 1/5/65 Representative BOB WILSON, Republican of California, advised SA [redacted] in response to inquiry concerning news article that appeared in the "Washington Daily News" 9/3/64 that the accusation was made in the heat of political battle inasmuch as he felt the Democratic Party was doing something only for political gain and were using Government funds to promote their political party. b6 b7C

He stated that he did not feel his comments were pertinent at this time. He added that he feels that MC NAMARA is certainly an honest man and a man of integrity. Representative WILSON did not comment further concerning the above matter.

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On 1/5/65 SA [redacted] interviewed U. S. Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY of New York at which time he advised he has known the appointee well both professionally and socially since 1960. He stated he considers MC NAMARA to be an outstanding individual and the Government is very fortunate to have a man of his stature in the Cabinet. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 1/13/65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
(Secretary of Defense)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

My memorandum 12/23/64, attached, advised a supplemental special inquiry investigation of McNamara conducted at his request had been favorable. A number of individuals, including United States Senators, were unavailable for interview, and several agency checks had not been completed. Investigation is now complete.

The additional inquiries have also been highly favorable including favorable comments by Democratic Senators Russell, Ga.; Ervin, N.C.; Inouye, Hawaii; Stennis, Miss.; Kennedy, N.Y.; Jackson, Wash.; Hart and McNamara, Mich.; Cannon, Nev.; Symington, Mo.; Byrd, W.Va.; as well as Republicans Saltonstall, Mass.; and former Senator Beall, Md. Senator Thurmond (D - S.C.) did not desire to comment concerning McNamara.

Former Senator Goldwater (R - Ariz.) was favorable in his comments but feels McNamara is not completely honest in telling American people about the gap in guided missiles. He suggested; however, McNamara might be under orders in this respect. He recommended Representative Gerald Ford (R - Mich.) be interviewed and indicated Ford had caught McNamara in a discrepancy while testifying before Congress. Representative Ford stated he has never detected McNamara doing anything dishonest and recommended him without reservation.

In April, 1962, the local press quoted Ford as stating McNamara had evaded the law in awarding a steel contract without competitive bidding. Ford currently indicated the prices of the firm concerned were the lowest and although the spirit of the law was not followed, his criticism might be considered a difference of opinion.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gale
Re: Robert Strange McNamara

Representative Bob Wilson (R - Calif.) was quoted by the local press in September, 1964, as accusing McNamara of using Government funds to propagandize the Johnson Administration. The incident involved a telegram sent by McNamara to military bases describing the President's anti-poverty law. Wilson currently advised his accusation was made in the heat of political "battle" and said he considers McNamara to be an honest man.

Information Not Included in Summary Memorandum

Don B. Reynolds in December, 1964, while testifying before the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration in Executive Session, alleged that a Mr. Evans of the Gruman Aircraft Corporation delivered $100,000 to Bobby Baker's office on an unknown date in connection with the awarding of the TFX plane contract to General Dynamics Corporation.

McNamara, among others was interviewed in connection with that allegation. He advised there was no influence from the White House or the Capitol on his decision to award the contract to the General Dynamics Corporation. His decision was based upon the results of an extensive study by a staff of 250 men of the merits of the General Dynamics plane and other planes. This information is not included in the summary memorandum since the results of that inquiry have been previously furnished to the White House and there was no allegation against McNamara.

ACTION:

McNamara specifically requested the results of the investigation of him be delivered to the President. The previous summary memorandum was delivered personally to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House since the President was out of town at the time. It is recommended that a representative of Mr. DeLoach's office also deliver the attached letter and summary memorandum to Mrs. Stegall at the White House.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 12/23/64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA
(Secretary of Defense)
SPECIAL INQUIRY

By letter dated 12/3/64, received 12/7/64, McNamara requested a Special Inquiry investigation be conducted concerning him and the results furnished to the President.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning McNamara in 1953 and 1960, the results of which have been previously furnished to the White House. The previous investigations have been brought up to date. Our inquiries are complete with the exception of interviews with a number of individuals, including U.S. Senators who are members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who have been unavailable to date, and the checks of the files of the Passport Office, Secret Service and Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force.

Previous and current investigations, which included interviews with high business and Government officials, were highly favorable.

INFORMATION NOT BEING DISSEMINATED:

During an interview with Paul Henry Nitze, Secretary of the Navy, he advised that when McNamara was attending the University of California in the 1930's he worked one summer "as a sailor - one of Gus Hall's boys." When Agents pinned him down as to what he meant by this he backed away and stated the statement was made [illegible] in jest and that actually he had no specific information in this regard. He indicated he would vouch for McNamara's loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust. Gus Hall is General Secretary of the Communist Party (CP), U.S.A., and has been affiliated with the CP for many years,

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having joined the Party in 1927. The previous investigation of McNamara disclosed he was issued a seaman's certificate in April, 1937, at San Francisco, California, but had no recorded voyages. (McNamara attended the University of California from August, 1933, to May, 1937, and Harvard University from September, 1937, to June, 1939.)

The results of the interview with Nitze are included in the summary memorandum, however, his statement that McNamara was a "sailor - one of Gus Hall's boys" is not being disseminated since neither the prior nor the current investigations disclosed any indication that McNamara has been sympathetic to or affiliated with communism and since Nitze backed away when pinned down on this.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 23, 1964, which enclosed a summary memorandum pertaining to an investigation of Mr. Robert Strange McNamara, Secretary of Defense.

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of the additional inquiries concerning Mr. McNamara.

This concludes the investigation in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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ROBERT STRANGE MC NAMARA

The information contained in this summary memorandum supplements that contained in a summary memorandum dated December 23, 1964.

Interviews

Barry M. Goldwater, former United States Senator from Arizona, advised at Washington, D. C., he is not well acquainted with Mr. McNamara and has had little personal contact with him. He stated he cannot make any specific comments concerning Mr. McNamara except to say he considers Mr. McNamara to be a very alert and brilliant individual who obviously is a good organizer. He said Mr. McNamara enjoys an excellent personal and professional reputation. He also stated he has no question concerning Mr. McNamara's loyalty to the United States.

Mr. Goldwater said his only reservation concerning Mr. McNamara is that he does not consider Mr. McNamara to be "completely honest." In explanation of this statement, Mr. Goldwater said he has had access to top secret information and he is aware Mr. McNamara is not telling the American people the complete story in reference to the "missile gap." Mr. Goldwater stated that perhaps this is not Mr. McNamara's fault because he might be under orders to make various public announcements concerning our military preparedness. He also stated it appears that Mr. McNamara is bent on disarming this country. Mr. Goldwater said he cannot be more specific concerning his criticism of Mr. McNamara because it is an impression he has received after reading various public announcements made by Mr. McNamara.

Strom Thurmond, United States Senator from South Carolina, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara professionally since Mr. McNamara became Secretary of Defense. Senator Thurmond stated he does not wish to make any further comment concerning Mr. McNamara.

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Richard B. Russell, United States Senator from Georgia, advised at Winder, Georgia, he has worked closely with Mr. McNamara and he feels that Mr. McNamara is a dedicated and patriotic American citizen. He said he also feels that Mr. McNamara will serve his country to the limit of his ability. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara as to his loyalty to the United States.

James Glenn Beall, former United States Senator, from Maryland, advised at Frostburg, Maryland, he has been acquainted with Mr. McNamara since Mr. McNamara was appointed Secretary of Defense. He stated he was a member of the United States Senate at the time Mr. McNamara's appointment was confirmed and although he and Mr. McNamara have disagreed on issues, he has never questioned the confirmation of Mr. McNamara's appointment. He described Mr. McNamara as an individual of the highest integrity as well as a devoted public servant. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara as an individual of excellent character and reputation and a loyal American.

Leverett Saltonstall, United States Senator from Massachusetts, advised at Boston, Massachusetts, he has known Mr. McNamara for four years. He stated that his association with Mr. McNamara has been limited to the conduct of Government business. He also stated he has never observed nor heard of anything that could be considered detrimental to Mr. McNamara as an individual or as Secretary of Defense. He said that during the period he has known Mr. McNamara he has noted that Mr. McNamara is courageous in his judgments and conscientious in connection with the enormous duties of his office. He also stated he considers Mr. McNamara to be an individual of excellent character, reputation and associates. He further stated that in his opinion Mr. McNamara's loyalty to the United States is above question.

Sam J. Ervin, Jr., United States Senator from North Carolina, advised at Morganton, North Carolina, that Mr. McNamara is an individual of excellent character and reputation. He said he feels that Mr. McNamara has no unfavorable personal characteristics. He stated Mr. McNamara is devoted to his country and his loyalty to the United States is above question. He said he sees no reason why Mr. McNamara should not continue in his position as Secretary of Defense.

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Daniel K. Inouye, United States Senator from Hawaii, advised at Honolulu, Hawaii, he is a member of the Armed Services Committee of the United States Senate and has been personally acquainted with Mr. McNamara since 1960. He said he has had frequent contacts with Mr. McNamara, both social and in connection with his testimonies before the Armed Services Committee. He stated he would rate Mr. McNamara "A" in connection with his morals, associates, ability and loyalty to the United States. He said he has never heard anything which would cause him to question Mr. McNamara's character or loyalty to this country. He described Mr. McNamara "as clean morally as is possible for a human."

Senator Inouye said Mr. McNamara is a dedicated servant of the United States Government. He said the only criticism of Mr. McNamara he has ever heard was that Mr. McNamara was "tough." He stated that he considers such a characteristic of an individual occupying the position of Secretary of Defense to be a virtue. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara.

John C. Stennis, United States Senator from Mississippi, advised at De Kalb, Mississippi, he has known Mr. McNamara on a close personal basis since Mr. McNamara became Secretary of Defense. Senator Stennis said he is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee as well as the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. He stated that the committee and the subcommittee deal with Mr. McNamara on a daily basis. He described Mr. McNamara as an individual of extraordinary capability and unquestionable and "unshakable" integrity. He said he has had occasional social contact with Mr. McNamara and, in his opinion, Mr. McNamara's associates and loyalty to the United States are above question.

Senator Stennis stated that, in his opinion, the position of Secretary of Defense is the most difficult with the exception of the Presidency. He said he regards Mr. McNamara most favorably as a capable individual who has displayed leadership through his knowledge as well as his ability to direct and to assimilate and evaluate facts. He described Mr. McNamara as the "strongest" individual in the most difficult nonelective position in the country.

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Henry M. Jackson, United States Senator from Washington, advised at Seattle, Washington, he has had close official and social contact with Mr. McNamara. He said he has never received any information which would cause him to question Mr. McNamara's character. He described Mr. McNamara as an outstanding individual who conducts himself in an exemplary manner at all times and who is not known to associate with any individual of questionable reputation. He said he has never had any reason to question Mr. McNamara's loyalty to the United States. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara for continued employment in a position of "great trust" with the United States Government.

Philip A. Hart, United States Senator from Michigan, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara for many years by reputation and personally since 1957. He stated Mr. McNamara is an individual of good character, who has reputable associates and an exemplary reputation. He said Mr. McNamara has done an outstanding job as Secretary of Defense.

Howard W. Cannon, United States Senator from Nevada, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara since Mr. McNamara became Secretary of Defense. He stated that although he has not always agreed with Mr. McNamara's policies, these were "honest" differences of opinion. He said he considers Mr. McNamara to be a fine man who has done a "great" job as Secretary of Defense. He highly recommended Mr. McNamara.

Stuart Symington, United States Senator from Missouri, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara socially and professionally for four years. He described Mr. McNamara as an outstanding individual and a very fine public servant who has done a good job in a "tough position."

Robert F. Kennedy, United States Senator from New York, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara socially and professionally since 1960. He said he considers Mr. McNamara to be an outstanding individual. He said the Government is very fortunate to have a man of Mr. McNamara's stature in its service.

Robert C. Byrd, United States Senator from West Virginia, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara for four years. Senator Byrd, who is a member of the Armed Services

Committee of the United States Senate, stated Mr. McNamara has testified before this committee and he has been very much impressed with Mr. McNamara's ability. He said Mr. McNamara has done a good job. He commented favorably concerning Mr. McNamara's character, associates, reputation and loyalty to the United States. He pointed out he has had no social contact with Mr. McNamara.

Patrick McNamara, United States Senator from Michigan, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara since Mr. McNamara became Secretary of Defense. He said he has had limited social contact with Mr. McNamara. He stated he has the highest "professional" regard for Mr. McNamara, whom he considers to be a fine individual and an outstanding public servant. He said he would recommend Mr. McNamara without reservation.

Brockway McMillan, Under Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. McNamara in an official capacity since 1961. He stated that as a result of his observations of Mr. McNamara, he feels that Mr. McNamara's character, associates and loyalty to the United States are above question.

Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. McNamara and his family socially and professionally since 1960. He said he considers Mr. McNamara and the members of his family to be individuals of the highest type. He said he has no reservations whatsoever concerning Mr. McNamara and highly recommended him.

Gerald R. Ford, United States Representative from Michigan, advised at Washington, D. C., he has known Mr. McNamara by reputation for many years. He stated as the ranking minority member of the Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for the budget of the Department of Defense, he has worked closely with Mr. McNamara during the past four years.

Representative Ford said that in connection with leadership, ability and integrity, he considers Mr. McNamara to be an outstanding individual. He said he has not agreed with Mr. McNamara regarding some policy decisions. He stated these were "honest" disagreements which resulted from differences of opinion.

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Representative Ford stated he is aware there has been a bitter feud between Mr. Barry Goldwater and Mr. McNamara. He said he considers the feud to be a "personality clash" between the two. He stated that both individuals are very categorical in their statements and sometimes they place the wrong connotation on remarks made by each other or "read into it" whatever they desire from their points of view.

Representative Ford said he is also aware Mr. Goldwater does not believe that Mr. McNamara has been completely honest in some of his testimonies before various congressional committees and in public announcements made by him. He said he does not agree with Mr. Goldwater in this connection. He stated he feels that Mr. McNamara was within his "legitimate right" in protecting the public interest and the administration through the manner in which he has testified or made public announcements. During the interview with former Senator Goldwater, whose comments are set forth hereinbefore, he suggested Gerald R. Ford, United States Representative from Michigan, as a possible source of information concerning Mr. McNamara. He said he believes that Representative Ford had "caught" Mr. McNamara in some discrepancy in connection with his testimony at the House of Representatives. Representative Ford emphatically stated he has never detected Mr. McNamara doing anything which would cause him to question Mr. McNamara's honesty or integrity.

Representative Ford further advised that during the recent election campaign he was one of seven members of a Republican task force which had been appointed by then Senator Goldwater to attack the Department of Defense. He said he has been advised that Mr. McNamara was "unhappy with him," Representative Ford, because Mr. McNamara felt that some of the criticisms made by the task force were unfair. He pointed out that on the other hand, then Senator Goldwater was "unhappy" with the task force because he felt the task force had not hit the Department of Defense hard enough.

The April 18, 1962, issue of "The Evening Star," newspaper, Washington, D. C., contained an article entitled "McNamara Scored on Contract." This article indicates that Gerald R. Ford, United States Representative from Michigan, had accused Mr. McNamara of an "evasion of the law" in awarding a steel contract to the Lukens Steel Company. A copy of this article is enclosed.

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Representative Ford stated he recalls the above-mentioned article. He said the incident occurred during the time the United States Steel Corporation had proposed increasing the price of steel and the late President John F. Kennedy had made a vigorous appeal not to raise the price. He said the United States Steel Corporation has been a pioneer in the development of a special type of steel used in the construction of submarines and was the principal supplier of this steel. He added that several other companies including the Lukens Steel Company later engaged in such manufacturing. He indicated the above-mentioned contract was awarded to the Lukens Steel Company without competitive bidding and therefore it was his attitude that the action was an evasion of the law.

Representative Ford said that the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Navy justified their actions because the Lukens Steel Company had not increased its prices. He said they also indicated that inasmuch as the Lukens Steel Company had not raised its prices, its prices were lower than the proposed prices of the United States Steel Corporation and therefore the procedure of having competitive bidding for the contract would have been nothing but a formality. He said the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Navy also relied upon provisions of the law which gave them "flexibility" in awarding contracts. Representative Ford stated that although someone else could have a different attitude toward the matter, he still feels that Mr. McNamara was wrong in his decision. He said that he does not feel that the action was in the "spirit of the law" or carried out in the manner in which the Congress desired the executive branch to utilize the law.

Representative Ford emphasized he considers Mr. McNamara to be a very capable, talented and devoted public servant. He said the matter involving the Lukens Steel Company is just one of the many difficult decisions an individual in Mr. McNamara's position must make and which naturally are subject to constructive criticism. Representative Ford said he would recommend Mr. McNamara without reservation for a position of trust.

The September 3, 1964, issue of "The Washington Daily News," newspaper, Washington, D. C., contained an article entitled "GOP Congressman Hits at McNamara." This article indicated that

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Bob Wilson, United States Representative from California, had accused Mr. McNamara of using United States tax funds to "propagandize to American servicemen about the Johnson Administration." He indicated a telegram had been sent by Mr. McNamara to military bases describing the President's "anti-poverty law." A copy of this article is enclosed.

Bob Wilson, United States Representative from California, advised at Washington, D. C., that the accusation contained in the afore-mentioned newspaper article was made in the "heat of political battle" because he felt the Democratic Party was doing something for political gains and was using Government funds to promote the party. He said he does not feel that his comments are pertinent at this time. He stated he also feels that Mr. McNamara is undoubtedly an honest man and an individual of integrity.

Passport Record

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, disclose Mr. McNamara was issued a diplomatic passport in 1961 for travel to Europe on official business for the Department of Defense. Those records contain no additional pertinent information concerning him.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the United States Secret Service and the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. McNamara.

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