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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

THEODORE C. SORENSEN  
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PER F.O.I.A. REQUEST

REQUEST FOR RUSH INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH WHITE HOUSE

FOR INVESTIGATION OF SORENSEN, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT DASH

ELECT KENNEDY. ~~DO NOT REVEAL POSITION INVOLVED TO PERSONS~~

~~RECENTLY RELEASED~~. BORN MAY EIGHT, ONE NINE TWO EIGHT, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA. RESIDES ONE TWO FOUR DOGWOOD LANE, MC LEAN, VIRGINIA, RESIDED LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, ONE NINE TWO EIGHT DASH FIVE ONE. ATTENDED U. OF NEBRASKA, ONE NINE FOUR FIVE DASH FOUR NINE, B. L. S. DEGREE. ATTENDED U. OF NEBRASKA LAW COLLEGE, ONE NINE FIVE ONE, LL. B. DEGREE. WAS EDITOR OF NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW. EMPLOYED ONE NINE FIVE ONE DASH FIVE TWO AS ATTORNEY, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, DHEW. ONE NINE FIVE TWO TO ONE NINE FIVE THREE, PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD RETIREMENT. SINCE ONE NINE FIVE THREE, ASSISTANT TO SENATOR KENNEDY. MEMBER OF NEBRASKA STATE BAR

ASSOCIATION. CHICAGO CHECK ABA. FATHER, CHRISTIAN A. SORENSEN, AND

MOTHER, ANNIS SORENSEN. MARRIED CAMILLA RUTH PALMER SEPTEMBER EIGHT,

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Note: Request received telephonically from Major General Wilton B. Persons at White House who advised request was from President-elect Kennedy.

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RE: THEODORE C. SORESEN

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Subject Theodore C. Joranson  
 Birthdate & Place 5-8-28 Lincoln Neb  
 Address 124 Dogwood Lane  
MacLean, Ia.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 12, 1960

FROM : M. A. Jones

Theodore C. Sorenson

SUBJECT: THEODORE C. SORENSON

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## PURPOSE:

To set forth, in response to a request from the Director's office, information concerning Theodore C. Sorenson, who will be special counsel to President-elect Kennedy.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

According to an article in the November 11, 1960, issue of the "New York Herald Tribune," Sorenson is 32, a native of Lincoln, Nebraska, and of Danish and Russian ancestry. He was at one time attorney general of Nebraska. Sorenson further was active in Republican politics and worked with the insurgent wing of the party led by the late Senator George Norris. Sorenson is a Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Nebraska and led his law class at the same university. He served as attorney with the Federal Security Agency and then worked with Senator Douglas of Illinois on the Senate subcommittee studying railroad retirement systems. Subsequently, Sorenson joined Senator Kennedy's staff as a legislative research assistant. He helped in speech writing and assisted in researching historical sections of Senator Kennedy's prize-winning book, "Profiles in Courage." Sorenson is a Unitarian, is married, has three sons, and lives in a Washington suburb.

## INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

The only pertinent information in Bureau files concerning Sorenson is contained in the Departmental Applicant Investigation pertaining to his seeking a position as an attorney in the Criminal Division of the Department. This investigation was conducted in 1951.

State Senator O. H. Leibers described Sorenson as a "liberal" and wants to be certain this Government will give the average fellow a break." He further described Sorenson as a "champion of the laborer."

[redacted] described Sorenson as a "liberal who is very interested in social action for underprivileged groups and a strong advocate for equal opportunities for Negroes." Each of the above described him as being of good character and a loyal American.

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Parsons  
 1 - Mr. Ingram

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Jones to DeLoach

Re: Theodore C. Sorenson - November 12, 1960

Two of Sorenson's references, Dean E. O. Belsheim and Homer L. Kyle described him as idealistic in matters of civil rights and a loyal American.

[redacted] of Nebraska Law School stated that Sorenson was "a militant liberal" and was active in local chapters of Americans for Democratic Action and Committee for Fair Employment Practices.

[redacted] of Nebraska Law School stated Sorenson was idealistic and interested largely in civil liberties aspect of law, particularly, with reference to protecting the rights of minorities and the oppressed. [redacted] stated that Sorenson had indicated to him his feeling that the Federal Loyalty Bill was unwise legislation and that the Supreme Court did not know the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment. Sorenson further told [redacted] that he thought the National Lawyers Guild did some good with respect to protecting rights of minorities. [redacted] stated Sorenson was cooperative with the faculty but not liked by upper classmen. [redacted] considered Sorenson loyal.

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Other professors interviewed, as well as neighbors, described Sorenson as of good character and reputation, but liberal in his political philosophy.

On his Selective Service questionnaire, Sorenson claimed exemption from combatant military service as a conscientious objector based on religious beliefs. He stated he was willing to accept noncombatant service. (77-49931-12)

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: December 16, 1960

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Washington Field Office (WFO) by airtel 12-15-60 under the  
Communist Infiltration of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear  
Policy caption advised of information concerning  
Herbert Jehle

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Jehle, a WCSNP Executive Board member, knew Ted Sorensen while at the University of Nebraska and that sometime ago he had been asked by Sorensen to recommend someone for the incoming Kennedy Administration to name to the appropriate White House committee having to do with the subject of disarmament. Jehle stated that the name of Dean Rusk had been given to him by another individual, who was not further identified, and he gave Rusk's name to Sorensen. Jehle described Rusk as a pacifist and feels he will be a good man in the State Department and will work hard toward the end that the WCSNP would like him to. It is noted that WCSNP is a pacifist organization which advocates the cessation of nuclear weapons testing with adequate inspection; international control of the manufacture, use and production of nuclear weapons and guided missiles; and general disarmament. We are currently conducting an investigation concerning communist infiltration of the WCSNP.

Jehle had been a professor at the University of Nebraska and is currently associated with the Physics Department of George Washington University, Washington, D. C. Jehle

has in the past prepared a paper on disarmament for Sorensen.

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
- 1 - 100-429998 (WCSNP)
- 1 - 77-84006 (Dean Rusk)
- 1 - 100-386125 (Herbert Jehle)

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Memo for Mr. Belmont  
Re: Theodore Chaikin Sorensen  
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Bufile 100-386125 discloses that Jehle was born in Stuttgart, Germany, on 3-5-07 and applied for admission to the United States as a political refugee in 2-41. He is a graduate of the University of Berlin and prior to coming to the United States he was engaged in scientific research in Germany, England and Belgium. He reportedly was refused a position with the German Government because of his pacifist beliefs and his refusal to swear to a loyalty oath to Hitler. He was associated with the University of Nebraska from 1949 to 1959 and has been associated with George Washington University since 9-59. He has been interviewed by Bureau agents in the past and has stated that he has never been a member of the Communist Party. In 1957 he contacted [redacted] of the Soviet Embassy, and advised the agents upon interview that he made these contacts because he thought it was necessary to talk to him as he thought it might bring about a better understanding between the people of the USSR and the United States in promoting world peace.

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ACTION:

This memorandum should be referred to the Investigative Division for its information concerning the special inquiries it has been handling concerning Rusk and Sorensen. A copy of the above WFO airtel has previously been furnished to the Special Inquiries Section of the Investigative Division.

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*Yes*  
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## Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 17, 1960

FROM : R. O. L'ALLIER *L'*

SUBJECT: THEODORE SORENSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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On 11/17/60 Mr. Bartlett of the Liaison Section received a telephone call from Major General Wilton B. Persons, the Assistant to the President. General Persons advised that Senator Kennedy had publicly announced that Theodore Sorenson has been designated as his Special Counsel; Senator Kennedy through Mr. Clark M. Clifford, his White House Liaison Representative, has asked General Persons to request an FBI investigation of Mr. Sorenson in order to save time. General Persons advised that he had no further background on Mr. Sorenson. General Persons was advised that this request would be passed on to the Director.

General Persons further stated that Mr. Clifford has indicated to him that within the next few days either Mr. Clifford or some other person designated by Senator Kennedy would call on the Director in order to seek FBI assistance in conducting investigations of Presidential appointees for the new Administration. Mr. Bartlett made no comment.

RECOMMENDATION:

If you approve, the Investigative Division will institute an expedite Special Inquiry of Theodore Sorenson.

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1-Mr. Ingram  
1-Mr. Parsons  
1-Mr. Belmont  
1-Mr. Rosen  
1-Liaison  
1-Mr. Bartlett

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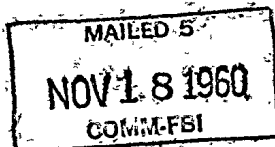
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To: SAC, WFO  
From: Director, FBI  
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See urfiles 77-35632 and 123-10608. Carefully review previous reports and make certain all information contained therein is developed and reported in accordance with present day SPI standards.



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THREE DASH SIX NINE THREE. CAREFULLY REVIEW PREVIOUS REPORTS AND  
MAKE CERTAIN ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS DEVELOPED AND  
REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT DAY SPI STANDARDS. NOTE  
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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, OMAHA

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS 211601

THEODORE C. SORESENSEN, SPI. RE BUREAU TEL NOVEMBER 17, 1960.  
ST. LOUIS VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT JULY 24, 1951 TO MAY 30, 1952,  
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY. FOLLOWING FORMER EMPLOYMENTS INDICATED:  
JUNE 1949 AND JUNE 1950, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.  
BOONE, IOWA AS FACULTY MEMBER, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JUNE 1950 TO SEPTEMBER 1950, LINCOLN YMCA, LINCOLN,  
NEBRASKA AS BOYS WORKER, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FEBRUARY 1950 TO FEBRUARY, 1951, UNIVERSITY OF  
NEBRASKA, COLLEGE OF LAW AS LAW REVIEW EDITOR, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JANUARY 1951 TO JUNE 1951, NEBRASKA STATE SENATOR, O. H.  
LIEBERS, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AS LEGISLATION ENLISTMENT AND JUNE 1951  
TO JULY 1951, PATRONS PROTEST COMMITTEE OF FAIRS, LINCOLN,  
NEBRASKA AS COUNSEL. OMAHA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC WFO AND NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON AND  
SAC ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO NY AND WFO VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM SAC, OMAHA 2P

CHANGED. THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN. SPI. TITLE CHANGED TO  
REFLECT SORESEN-S FULL NAME. PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS THEODORE  
C. SORESEN. RE BUREAU TEL NOV. SEVENTEEN LAST. INVESTIGATION,  
LINCOLN, NEBR., DISCLOSES FOLLOWING NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES  
FOR MEMBERS OF SORESEN-S IMMEDIATE FAMILY. BROTHERS. THOMAS  
CHAIKIN SORESEN, [REDACTED] NEE [REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED U. S. I. A., STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

WIFE [REDACTED]

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RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] QUOTE

THIS WEEK UNQUOTE, SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT, FOUR EIGHT FIVE  
LEXINGTON AVE., NEW YORK. [REDACTED] WIFE

NEE [REDACTED]

RESIDING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] LINCOLN.

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MOTHER, ANNIS CHAIKEN SORESEN, TWO FOUR FIVE ONE PARK AVE.,  
LINCOLN. FATHER CHRISTIAN A. SORESEN, DECEASED, SINCE  
AUGUST, FIFTYNINE. FOR INFO OF NEW YORK, BUREAU BY RE  
TEL ADVISED REQUEST FOR RUSH INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED  
THROUGH WHITE HOUSE FOR INVESTIGATION OF SORESEN, SPECIAL  
COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT DASH ELECT KENNEDY. BUREAU INSTRUCTS  
CASE BE ASSIGNED IMMEDIATELY TO MATURE EXPERIENCED AGENT.  
SET OUT ALL LEADS BY TELETYPE AND AFFORD CASE CONTINUOUS  
ATTENTION TO MAKE CERTAIN BUREAU DEADLINE OF NOV. TWENTY  
EIGHT NEXT IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. OFFICES RECEIVING MAKE  
APPROPRIATE CHECKS REGARDING MEMBERS OF SORESEN-S FAMILY  
AS SET OUT.

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FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-2)

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NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY. ST. LOUIS VERIFYING EMPLOYMENT  
JULY TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYONE TO MAY THIRTY, FIFTYTWO, FEDERAL  
SECURITY AGENCY. FOLLOWING FORMER EMPLOYMENTS INDICATED:  
JUNE FORTYNINE AND JUNE FIFTY, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE  
COMMITTEE, BOONE, IOWA AS FACULTY MEMBER, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] JUNE NINETEEN FIFTY TO SEPT. FIFTY,  
LINCOLN YMCA, LINCOLN, NEB., AS BOYS WORKER, SUPERVISOR

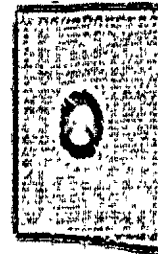
[REDACTED] FEB. FIFTY TO FEB. FIFTYONE,  
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, COLLEGE OF LAW AS LAW REVIEW  
EDITOR, SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] JAN. FIFTYONE TO JUNE  
FIFTYONE, NEBRASKA STATE SENATOR, O.H. LIEDERS, LINCOLN,  
NEB., AS LEGISLATION ENLISTMENT AND JUNE FIFTYONE TO JULY  
FIFTYONE, PATRONS' PROTEST COMMITTEE OF FAIRS, LINCOLN,  
NEBRASKA AS COUNCIL. OMAHA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC-S, WFO , NEW YORK, ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO

FROM SAC, OMAHA 161-1 1P

CHANGED, THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN. SPI. RE OMAHA TEL NOV. TWENTYONE, SIXTY, AND BUTEL NOV. TWENTYTWO INSTANT. TITLE CHANGED TO SHOW CORRECT SPELLING OF NAME CHAIKIN AS VERIFIED THROUGH BIRTH RECORDS, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, LINCOLN, NEBR. THIS WAS MAIDEN NAME OF THEODORE SORESENSEN-S MOTHER, AND SPELLING SHOULD BE CORRECTED WHEREVER IT APPEARS IN REOMTEL IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS, NEW ORLEANS AND WFO /77-35652/  
FROM SAC RICHMOND /161-3/ 2P

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN. SPI. RE WFO TEL THIS DATE. *474*  
INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED APPOINTEE RESIDED ELEVEN ZERO

FIVE FIFTYSEVENTH AVENUE, HILLSIDE, MARYLAND, NINETEEN

FIFTYONE TO FIFTYFIVE AND ONE TWENTYFOUR DOGWOOD DRIVE,

MC LEAN, VA., NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO PRESENT WITH WIFE, CAMILLA

RUTH SORESEN. APPOINTEE BORN MAY EIGHT, TWENTYEIGHT, LINCOLN,

NEBRASKA AND EMPLOYED BY SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY NINETEEN

FIFTYTHREE TO PRESENT. NEW ORLEANS SEE YOUR FILE ONE HUNDRED

DASH SEVEN FIVE NINE, LETTER TO BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER TWELVE,

FIFTYEIGHT, CAPTIONED SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, *100-10355*

INC., IS DASH C AND ISA, NINETEEN FIFTY. *2 486*

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SE, WASHINGTON, TEN, D. C. END QUOTE MARKED THROUGH. NEW  
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FURNISH INFORMATION TO BUREAU. RICHMOND WILL REPORT INFORMATION  
ABOVE LETTER CHARACTERIZING SCEF [REDACTED] AS  
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[REDACTED] ARE PLACES WHERE APPOINTEE HAS RESIDED. FOR INFORMATION  
NEW ORLEANS, BUREAU HAS ADVISED REQUEST FOR RUSH INVESTIGATION  
HAS BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH WHITE HOUSE FOR INVESTIGATION OF  
SORENSEN, SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT ELECT KENNEDY. BUREAU  
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IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE SPELLING OF NAME CHAIKEN, SPELLED VARIOUSLY

AS CHAIKEN AND CHAIKIN. SUTEL.

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AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (77-35652)

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN. SPI. REBUREAU TELETYPE NOVEMBER  
SEVENTEEN LAST AND OMAHA TELETYPE NOVEMBER TWENTYONE LAST.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA FROM OFFICE OF SENATOR KENNEDY LISTS BROTHER,

[REDACTED] RESIDING [REDACTED]

AND SISTER, [REDACTED] IN CARE OF AMERICAN  
EMBASSY, SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA. APPOINTEES IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR  
AT FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, JULY FIFTYONE TO MAY FIFTYTWO,

[REDACTED] NOW [REDACTED] DEPT. OF HEALTH,

EDUCATION AND WELFARE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. INVESTIGATION REVEALED  
APPOINTEE RESIDED ONE ONE ZERO FIVE FIFTYSEVENTH AVENUE, HILLSIDE,  
MARYLAND, NINETEEN FIFTYONE TO FIFTYFIVE AND ONE TWO FOUR DOGWOOD  
DRIVE, MCLEAN, VA., NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE TO PRESENT WITH WIFE,  
CAMILLA RUTH SORENSSEN. APPOINTEE BORN MAY EIGHT NINETEEN  
TWENTYEIGHT, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AND EMPLOYED BY SENATOR JOHN F.  
KENNEDY NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE TO PRESENT. FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE

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Special Agent in Charge

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 22, 1960

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you please conduct a rush full-  
field investigation of Theodore C.  
Sorensen who is the Special Counsel  
to the President designee? Bio-  
graphical information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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Henry Roemer McPhee  
Associate Special Counsel  
to the President

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

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This is confirmation  
of telephonic request from  
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BIOGRAPHY OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Mr. Sorensen was born May 8, 1928, in Lincoln, Nebraska

Father: C. A. Sorensen (deceased), former Attorney General of Nebraska.  
Mother: Annis S. Chaikin.

He was educated in the Lincoln, Nebraska, public schools, the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska Law School. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1949, with a B.A. degree, and from the University of Nebraska Law School in 1951, with an LL. B. degree (he completed his last year at the University while attending the Law School). While in school he received the following honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif, Editor of the Law Review.

✓ After graduating from Law School he obtained a position with the Federal Security Agency, as an attorney.

Soon thereafter he was employed by Senator Paul Douglas, who was then chairman of a temporary Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement, in connection with the work of that committee. The committee concluded its work in 1952, and Mr. Sorensen was recommended by Senator Douglas to Senator John F. Kennedy. He began working for Senator Kennedy in 1952 and has been associated with him since that date.

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Mr. Sorensen has one sister and three brothers. His sister is

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by the ICA. His brothers are:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

and Thomas C. Sorensen, employed by the USIA, presently stationed in Washington, D. C., residing at 6631 31st Place, N. W.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>11/22/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/22/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN</b>  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 03-09-2011 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/lsg		Report made by <b>JOSEPH P. FINNEGAN</b>	Typed By: <b>imp</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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New York file 128-1647 reflects investigation

conducted on [redacted]  
" [redacted] INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM".

Form DSP-34 executed in connection with this  
matter by [redacted] lists under Item 8a that his wife  
was [redacted] which spelling differs from that  
in referenced teletype as [redacted]

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Report of: JOSEPH P. FINNÉGAN Office: New York, New York  
Date: 11/22/60  
Field Office File No.: 161-3 Bureau File No.:  
Title: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Synopsis: Residence of [redacted]  
[redacted] verified. No credit, arrest, or BSS, NYCPD  
record located.

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DETAILS:Neighborhood[redacted]  
New York, New York

On November 22, 1960, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she has resided here for approximately  
five years and for the past year [redacted] his wife,  
and their two children have been neighbors at [redacted]  
She stated that the [redacted] come from Lincoln, Nebraska and  
are pleasant neighbors and appear to be people of good character,  
conduct, and background. She stated that she did not know them  
well enough to comment further.

Credit

[redacted] Credit Bureau of  
Greater New York, advised IC [redacted] on November 22, 1960,  
that her files contained no information on [redacted] or  
[redacted]

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Arrest

On November 22, 1960, SA DAVID G. JENKINS caused the records of the New York City Police Department to be checked by [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification; Lieutenant [redacted] Information Unit; Lieutenant [redacted] Old Record Room (all of the above are of the New York City Police Department); [redacted] Fingerprint Bureau, Magistrate's Court, City of New York. No record was located under the names of the appointee's brother or sister-in-law as listed above.

Miscellaneous

Inspector [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised SA JENKINS his files contained no information identifiable with [redacted] [redacted] when checked on November 22,

The files of the Information Bureau of "The New York Times" as furnished by [redacted] reflected no information pertinent to this investigation concerning the appointee or his brother [redacted] when reviewed on November 22, 1960.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: November 22, 1960

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*SUBJECT: PIERRE EMIL GEORGE SALINGER  
SPECIAL INQUIRYTHEODORE C. SORESENSEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRYPHILIP KENNETH O'DONNELL  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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The above-captioned persons constitute the only requests for investigation we have received thus far for persons to be appointed to President-elect Kennedy's staff. Salinger will reportedly be Mr. Kennedy's Press Secretary, Sorensen will be Special Counsel to the President and O'Donnell will be an Assistant to the President.

The request on Salinger was received telephonically from [redacted] at the White House on 11/14/60, and, after double checking with General Persons at the White House and receiving go ahead, case was opened on 11/16/60, by teletype, deadline 11/23/60. This case has mushroomed considerably, partly due to subversive derogatory information pertaining to Salinger's mother which has been covered in a previous memorandum 11/22/60. At present, ten offices have outstanding leads in this case.

The request on Sorensen was received telephonically from General Persons at the White House on 11/17/60, and was opened by teletype that same date, deadline 11/28/60. At present there are five offices outstanding in this investigation.

The request concerning O'Donnell was received in the Investigative Division on 11/22/60, based on a telephone call from [redacted] at the White House. That case has been ordered to the field by teletype today, 11/22/60, deadline 12/2/60. There are three offices involved in the O'Donnell case.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

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Reporting Office <b>RICHMOND</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>11/23/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/22/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN</b>  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 03-09-2011 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/lsg		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By: <b>bjs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Washington Field teletype to Bureau, Chicago, New York, Baltimore, and Richmond, dated 11/22/60. Richmond teletype to New Orleans, Washington Field, and Bureau, dated 11/22/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

BUAP  See Bureau file 67-520719, re  (RH 67-9511).

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On basis of information available to Richmond, unable to determine if this individual is related to the appointee.

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INFORMANTS:

Informants mentioned in this report as having knowledge of some Communist Party activities in the State of Virginia were contacted on November 22, 1960, by SA [redacted] and are identified as follows:

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RH 146-S\*  
RH 155-S\*

Other informants are identified as follows:

RH T-1 - [redacted]

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RH T-2 - [redacted]

Careful consideration has been given to sources concealed by T symbols and such action has been taken only where deemed necessary.

RH T-1 and RH T-2 have specifically requested that their identity not be revealed.

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Date:

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Office: Richmond, Virginia

Field Office File No.:

Richmond 161-3

Bureau File No.:

Title:

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

## Synopsis:

In 1958, informant who has some knowledge of the activities of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF),

[redacted] literature of SCEF had been mailed. The name "THEODORE C. SORESENSEN, Box 181, Rt. 3, McLean, Va." [redacted]

[redacted] Characterization of SCEF set forth. Appointee unknown to confidential informants aware of some Communist Party activities as well as the identities of some Communist Party members in the State of Virginia.

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DETAILS:

Between the dates of [redacted]  
1958: RH T-1 [redacted]

[redacted] literature of the SCEF had been mailed. The

The name "THEODORE C. SORESENSEN, Box 181, Rt. 3, McLean, Va." [redacted] The address

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"1105 57th Ave., S.E., Washington 10. D.C.." [REDACTED]  
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An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front, changed the name of the organization to the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

Confidential Informant T-2, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 29, 1956, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party members were members of and worked actively in the SCHW. However, since the formation of the SCEF, Inc., rank and file Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. Informant stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a Communist Party front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years certain Communist Party members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further Communist Party principles.

Informant considers JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, as a Communist Party member because he follows communist principles, but he is not under Communist Party discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means communists.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on May 22, 1958, that the status of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., remains unchanged.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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INFORMANTS

Confidential informants who are aware of some of the activities of the Communist Party in the State of Virginia as well as the identities of some of its members advised on November 22, 1960, that THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN is unknown to them and that they have no information concerning him.

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Re: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

Confidential informants mentioned in the report  
of SA [redacted] dated November 23, 1960, at Richmond,  
Virginia, regarding the captioned individual, have furnished  
reliable information in the past.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

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Bureau File No.:

Title:

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records FRC, GSA, St. Louis, Mo., indicated THEODORE C. SORENSEN employed by Federal Security Agency Washington, D.C. Terminated by reason of resignation. Former employments set forth.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On November 21, 1960, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for THEODORE C. SORENSEN indicated that he was employed on July 24, 1951 as an Attorney-Adviser (General) with the Federal Security Agency, Office of the General Counsel, Welfare and Education Division, at Washington, D.C. This employment was terminated on May 30, 1952 as an Attorney-Adviser (General), by reason of resignation, "To accept a position at Capitol Hill."

The records indicated that he had the following former employments: June, 1949 to June, 1950 American Friends Service Committee, Boone, Iowa, as a Faculty Member, supervisor - WILMER TJOSSEM, Director; June, 1950 to September, 1950, Lincoln YMCA, Lincoln, Nebraska as a Boys Worker, supervisor - J. B. KNIFFEN, General Secretary; February, 1950 to February, 1951, University of Nebraska College of Law, as Law Review Editor, supervisor - JAMES A. LAKE; January, 1951 to June, 1951, Nebraska State Senator, O. H. LIEBERS, Lincoln, Nebraska, as a Legislative Analyst; and June, 1951 to July, 1951, Patrons' Protest Committee on Fares, Lincoln, Nebraska as Counsel.

The date and place of birth were shown as May 8, 1928 at Lincoln, Nebraska.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	Typed By: <b>sam</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Richmond teletype to Bureau, New Orleans, and Washington Field dated 11/22/60.

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INFORMANT:

RH T-1 is [REDACTED] by SA ERNEST  
C. WALL, JR., and SA [REDACTED] Identity  
protected at his request.

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Date: November 23, 1960

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File Number: New Orleans 161-1

Title: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SORESEN unknown to RH T-1.

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## Details:

Confidential Informant RH T-1 advised on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that SORESEN was unknown to him. The informant  
said that his opinion that the individuals concerning whom he  
furnished information contributed to the Southern Conference  
Educational Fund, Inc., [REDACTED]  
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN  
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Agent [redacted] dated November 23, 1960, at New  
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The confidential informant mentioned in this  
report is a businessman who is in a position to furnish  
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FROM: SAC, OMAHA (161-1)

RE: THEODORE CHAIKEN SORESENSEN, SPI. BUDED NOVEMBER

PHILADELPHIA  
TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. SORESENSEN WAS RECREATION LEADER DURING ONE  
WEEK ENCAMPMENT AT BOONE, IOWA, DURING SUMMERS OF FORTYNINE  
AND FIFTY, SPONSORED BY FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE. GEORGE  
WILLOUGHBY, CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS,  
TWO ZERO ZERO SIX WALNUT, PHILADELPHIA, WAS DIRECTOR AT DES  
MOINES, IOWA, DURING THE TIME SORESENSEN WAS CONNECTED WITH CAMP.  
OMAHA INDICES SHOW WILLOUGHBY WAS EMPLOYED AT BUSINESS OFFICE  
AT IOWA UNIVERSITY IN FORTYONE AND WAS A LEADER OF GROUP KNOWN  
AS THE STUDENT SELF UNION, AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN STUDENT  
UNION, CITED BY THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE.  
PHILADELPHIA INTERVIEW WILLOUGHBY RE EMPLOYMENT OF SORESENSEN,  
OMAHA SUBMITTING DOCUMENTATION RE STUDENT SELF UNION. AM  
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN. SPI. RE OMAHA TEL NOV. TWENTY-ONE LAST.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED DISCLOSES SORENSSEN [REDACTED]

RESIDES CARE OF AMERICAN EMBASSY, COSTA RICA.

EMPLOYED WITH U. S. OVERSEAS MISSION, AMERICAN

EMBASSY, COSTA RICA. MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECKS REGARDING [REDACTED]

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Reporting Office <b>OMAHA</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>11-25-60</b>	Investigative Period <b>11-18--23-60</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN</b>		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: <b>CJW</b>
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Synopsis:

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Re previous investigation conducted re SORESENSEN and set forth in reports of SA S. DONALD DUFFEE 6-14-51 and 6-28-51 at Omaha entitled "THEODORE C. SORESENSEN; DAPLI, ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIV." Attention is also directed to the investigation of SORESENSEN's brother, entitled "THOMAS CHAIKIN SORESENSEN; SPI -STATE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS (VOA)," as set forth in OMrep of SA  -22-51.

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On 8-13-41 [redacted] University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, advised GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Director of Peace Education, Friends Service Committee, was employed in the Business Office of the University; that WILLOUGHBY was a leader in a group known as the Student Self Union, an affiliate of the American Student Union. The American Student Union was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, 1-3-39 page 80; also cited in reports 1-3-40 page 9, 6-25-42 page 16, and 3-29-44 page 159. "The result of a united front gathering of young socialists and Communists in 1937. The Young Communist League took credit for the creation of (The American Student Union) and the Union offered free trips to Russia. The above claims to have led as many as 50,000 students out in annual April 22 strikes in the U. S."

This is set forth since Mr. WILLOUGHBY was director of the camp where applicant was employed in 1949-50; however, it does not appear pertinent to the details of this report.

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Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: Omaha, Nebraska

Date: 11-25-60

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Title: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: SORENSEN's employment as Counsel for Patrons-Protest of Fares, Lincoln, Nebr., during summer, 1951, verified. Acquaintances and former college classmates described SORENSEN as against racial prejudice and segregation, for equal opportunities of people irrespective of race and color, and one who follows a political philosophy of a strong central Government dedicated to the welfare of the masses. They stated SORENSEN is brilliant, a person of high integrity, honest, and sincere, whose moral character, reputation, choice of associates, and loyalty are unquestioned. They further stated SORENSEN's family are people of good moral character and reputation, liberal in their political philosophies, but loyal Americans. SORENSEN presently an in-active member of the Nebraska Bar Association in good standing. He is presently classified as III-A with LDB #57, Lincoln, Nebr. SORENSEN's mother, ANNIS CHAIKIN SORENSEN, in the mid-1940's, was reported to [REDACTED] since late-1940's has handled own affairs and carried on normal activities. SORENSEN and family have good credit rating and no criminal record, Lincoln, Nebr. Employment, at Friends Camp, Boone, Ia., during encampments in 1949 and 1950, of SORENSEN verified. No credit or criminal record, Boone, Ia., for SORENSEN.

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## DETAILS:

EMPLOYMENT: [REDACTED]Nebraska  
State Railway Commission, State Capitol Building, Lincoln,  
Nebraska, advised November 23, 1960, a review of her files.

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of the proceedings before the Commission regarding a protest of revenue increase by the City Bus Lines, Inc., of Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1951, disclosed that THEODORE SORENSEN, as of June 7, 1951, was acting as the attorney for this group. She advised the group was listed as 247 patrons of the bus company and they were against an increase in fares as proposed by the company. She stated her files fail to list by name any of the participants involved; however, [redacted]

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[redacted] with offices at 1502 Sharp Building, Lincoln, was acting as counsel on behalf of the bus company at that time.

[redacted] advised that she is not acquainted with THEODORE SORENSEN or any member of his family.

On November 23, 1960 [redacted] 1502 Sharp Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised he had acted as counsel for the Lincoln City Bus Lines during 1951. He stated during this time the bus company had petitioned for an increase in fares and that a group of the bus patrons had protested this increase and THEODORE SORENSEN, in June, 1951, acted as counsel for this group of patrons. [redacted] stated it was his recollection that SORENSEN had acted in the capacity of counsel for this group for possibly two months, during the time the protests were most pronounced. He advised SORENSEN had just graduated from the University of Nebraska Law College at that time, and from all appearances, he had conducted himself in a very capable manner, and handled his part of the proceedings in behalf of the patrons group as would any other lawyer under the circumstances. [redacted] stated to his knowledge there was no organized committee on the part of the bus customers and they were merely a group of bus riders who objected to an increase in rates.

[redacted] stated that he had not been acquainted with SORENSEN prior to this occasion with regard to the aforementioned protest proceedings; however, based on his limited acquaintance with SORENSEN, he had no reason to question the latter's integrity, honesty, moral character, reputation, or loyalty.

ACQUAINTANCES:

ROBERT VAN PELT, U. S. District Judge, Room 333, Post Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised on November 21, 1960, he has known the SORENSEN family since the mid-1920's. He said



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the father, CHRISTIAN A. SORESENSEN, who passed away in August, 1959, served as the Nebraska State Attorney General from 1928 to 1932 and for many years thereafter, was active in politics, and a leading attorney in Lincoln. He said the family consists of the mother, ANNIS CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, who continues to reside at 2451 Park Avenue, Lincoln, and there were four sons and one daughter in the family; namely, THOMAS, [REDACTED] THEODORE, [REDACTED] all of whom have [REDACTED] which was the mother's [REDACTED]

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He advised throughout the years, he has observed the SORESENSEN children as they went through their period of education; that he has been in close contact with the family. He stated the youngest brother, [REDACTED] served as [REDACTED] for one year following his graduation from the University of Nebraska in the spring of 1959. He stated [REDACTED] is now practicing law in Lincoln and recently married [REDACTED] and they presently reside at 3718 Puritan, in Lincoln. He advised from his close contact throughout the years and his association with the youngest brother, during the time he was in his office, he has been well posted on the activities and whereabouts of the other members of the family.

He advised THOMAS SORESENSEN married [REDACTED] and they presently reside at [REDACTED] D. C., and he is employed with an Agency of the State Department in Washington, D. C., known as the U. S. I. A.; that [REDACTED] and his wife, the former [REDACTED] now reside at [REDACTED] New York, and he is a [REDACTED] with the "This Week", a Sunday supplement that appears in the Sunday paper, located at 485 Lexington Avenue, New York City, New York. He advised that [REDACTED] married approximately five years ago and had moved away from Lincoln; however, he was not aware of her married name nor any information concerning her present address, at this time.

VanPELT stated the SORESENSEN family were active members of the Unitarian Church; in his opinion are considered the intellectual type and the children were all very good scholars in high school and college. He said the family has always been, what he considered, liberal bent. He said he had reference to the fact that their political philosophy has been more of a liberal nature in that they tend to favor liberal liberties for minority groups and the furtherance of the interests of labor. He stated although the SORESENSENs were strong in their beliefs along these lines, one could never

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say they were disloyal citizens. He stated the family are people of the highest moral character, who enjoy a good reputation and associate with people of good standing.

He advised that Mrs. ANNIS SORENSEN had, in the mid-1940's,

[REDACTED]  
present time, as has been the case since the late 1940's, she has handled her own affairs and carried on normal activities.

[REDACTED]  
advised she has been well acquainted with the SORENSEN family since 1935, through the association of her children with the SORENSEN children, together with the fact the SORENSENS are members of the same church, the Unitarian Church, as her family. She stated the SORENSENS, in her estimation, would be considered liberal in their thinking, in that they were very much interested in equal opportunities for all groups, particularly minority groups. She stated their political philosophies, she felt, favored the underprivileged and down-trodden, and they were strong in their feelings toward labor and were constantly interested in ways and means of bettering the laboring class's standard of living. He stated that in all probability, one would consider them idealistic in their thinking; that in her mind, there was no indication that any one of the SORENSENS were anything but loyal, patriotic citizens.

She stated the entire family were definitely intellectuals and that TED SORENSEN had been a very brilliant student in high school and college, as were other members of the family. She stated he had graduated from Law College at the University of Nebraska with honors and from all comments that have come to her attention, he has handled himself very capably in his assignment in Washington, D. C.

She advised the SORENSENS are people of good moral character, whose reputation and associations have never been questioned to her knowledge.

She stated the elder SORENSEN, Mr. C. A. SORENSEN, passed away a little over a year ago and Mrs. SORENSEN continues to reside at the family home on Park Street in Lincoln. She advised around 1945, Mrs. SORENSEN had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] since about 1948, she has experienced no

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She stated Mrs. SORENSEN has, as indicated, for some time, lived a normal life, and is quite capable of handling her own affairs.

[REDACTED] YMCA, 210 North 13th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised on November 22, 1960, he was acquainted with THEODORE SORENSEN for a period of about 7 years, from 1944, until the time he graduated from the University Law School in June, 1951. He stated he had been closely associated with SORENSEN during a portion of this time, particularly during the summer of 1950 while the latter was working with boys groups under his supervision in the YMCA. He added SORENSEN, for some five years prior to 1950, had done supervisory and counseling work with boys groups, as well as handling administrative assignments as program director with the "Y" on a part-time basis.

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[REDACTED] stated SORENSEN was a particularly brilliant student, a very deep thinker, and one who possessed a definite philosophy about the equality for all irrespective of their race or color. [REDACTED] stated this was brought out in the way he handled boys groups and he had handled his duties in this capacity very effectively.

He stated based on his associations with SORENSEN, he had not, at any time, had reason to question the latter's moral character, integrity, honesty, reputation, choice of associates, or loyalty toward the U. S. Government.

ROLAND A. LUEDTKE, Attorney, 539 Stuart Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised November 22, 1960, he had been a classmate and a law partner of THEODORE SORENSEN in their moot court training at the University of Nebraska Law College and during this time had been closely associated. LUEDTKE stated SORENSEN was a very brilliant student who has a very good knowledge of law, and will, without a question, become a very capable attorney. He stated in his opinion SORENSEN was a very honest, sincere person, and one who was definitely for the "down trodden" and a "champion of the masses." He stated SORENSEN was, what he would describe, as an individualist, one who was not inclined to socialize, and one who is more interested in study and research of social problems.

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LUEDTKE advised SORENSEN, and other members of his family, were very active members of the Unitarian Church. He stated SORENSEN had, during the late 1940's, and during his senior year in Law School, done considerable youth work in the YMCA.

LUEDTKE stated, without hesitation, he would say SORENSEN was a person of the highest moral character, whose reputation, choice of associates, and loyalty to the Government were beyond question.

[redacted] Assistant U. S. Attorney, Post Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised on November 22, 1960, that SORENSEN was an upper classman in Law School at the University of Nebraska at the time he was attending the University. He advised SORENSEN was a very brilliant law student and had graduated with honors in the spring of 1951. He stated SORENSEN had been Editor-In-Chief of the Nebraska Law Review during the school year 1950-51 and during this time, he had been on the staff of the Law Review with SORENSEN. He stated SORENSEN is a very sincere, honest, person, who in his opinion, beyond any doubt, is a conscientiously loyal American citizen. He stated, however, SORENSEN has very definite and strong feelings against racial prejudice and is firmly and openly opposed to practices or conduct based on racial segregation. He stated fundamentally, in his opinion, SORENSEN's political philosophy is that of a strong central Government, yet is dedicated to the welfare of the large mass of citizens.

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[redacted] stated SORENSEN and his family are known to be people of good moral character and reputation, whose associations have never been questioned.

On November 23, 1960, [redacted] 821 Trust Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, and formerly Chief Deputy of the Lancaster County Attorney's Office, Lincoln, advised TED SORENSEN had been one year ahead of him at the University of Nebraska Law School. He stated he has known the SORENSEN family for a number of years, and they are the intellectual type and each and every one of the children in the family were brilliant scholars. He stated also it was true of the whole family that they were strongly interested in the welfare of minority groups and have been very pronounced in their feelings in favor of the side of the oppressed, or under privileged. He stated the entire family, who are well known in Lincoln, are people of high moral character, who enjoy a good reputation, and have always associated with others of good reputation. He stated to his knowledge, there has never been a question raised with regard to any member of the family's loyalty to the U. S. Government.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

[redacted] Nebraska Supreme Court, Secretary of the Nebraska Bar Association, Nebraska Capitol Building, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised November 22, 1960, that THEODORE SORENSEN was admitted to the Nebraska Bar Association on June 23, 1951, and is presently maintained as an in-active member in good standing. He stated there have been no grievances brought before the Bar Association with regard to SORENSEN. ✓

On November 22, 1960, Mrs. LENA CHRISTNER, Clerk, Local Draft Board #58, 208 North 11th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised THEODORE SORENSEN's Selective Service file disclosed the latter, following his registration with Local Draft Board #57, on September 13, 1948, was classified III-A. She stated he had been held in this classification until November 20, 1951, because of a dependency hardship; however, he had been re-classified I-A-0 on January 8, 1952, the hardship had been removed due to a miscarriage his wife had on January 3, 1952. She stated SORENSEN, as a result of a pre-induction physical, taken on February 4, 1952, had been classified IV-F, as physically disqualified for service due to a mixed parotid tumor, which had been removed on December 28, 1951, and this classification was to remain in effect for six months. She stated on expiration of this six months period, SORENSEN was reclassified III-A on April 13, 1954, because of a dependency hardship, resulting from the birth of two additional children in the family. She stated he continues to be classified III-A at the present time.

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Lincoln, 126 North 16th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, advised on November 18, 1960, that THEODORE C. SORENSEN, and his wife, the former [redacted] maintained a satisfactory rating. She stated in the fall of 1951 the SORENSENS had moved to Washington, D. C. She stated her files did not disclose a forwarding address. [redacted] advised the bureau's files disclosed other members of the SORENSEN family, namely [redacted] and Mrs. ANNIS CHAIKIN SORENSEN, the widow of CHRISTIAN A. SORENSEN, have a good credit rating.

On November 23, 1960, [redacted] mentioned above, on recontact, advised information previously overlooked in her

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files disclosed [redacted] had married [redacted] in July, 1954, and the [redacted] are reportedly residing c/o the American Embassy, Costa Rica. She stated [redacted] has been reported as employed in Costa Rica with the U. S. Overseas' Mission.

CRIMINAL:

[redacted] Police Department; and [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, both Lincoln, Nebraska, advised November 18, 1960, their respective files contain no information pertaining to THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN or any other member of the SORENSEN family.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA MAURICE E. MURPHY:

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[redacted] of Peace Education, Friends Service Committee, 4211 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, advised on November 22, 1960, he had heard Mr. SORENSEN had been associated with their summer camp at Boone, Iowa, but it was before he had come to Des Moines. GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, 2006 Walnut, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had been the Director at Des Moines during the time Mr. SORENSEN attended the Boone, Iowa, camp.

[redacted] Friends Service Committee, 4211 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, advised November 22, 1960, he had been associated with Mr. SORENSEN at the Friends Camp at Boone, Iowa, during the encampments in 1949 and 1950. Mr. SORENSEN worked as recreation leader at the camp which lasted for one week each year. [redacted] said he felt privileged to have worked and associated with Mr. SORENSEN; that he was a person of the finest character, congenial and helpful. He also had been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. SORENSEN on a few occasions during the time he was attending the University of Nebraska and about two years ago had been a guest at the SORENSEN house in Washington, D. C., and had met his children. He said he would recommend SORENSEN for a position with the U. S. Government on the basis of his belief that Mr. SORENSEN was a capable, dedicated man, and entirely loyal to the United States.

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[redacted] Credit Bureau of Boone County, Boone, Iowa, advised November 22, 1960, there was no record of SORENSEN in their files.

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CRIMINAL:

EDWARD L. PETERSON, Chief, Boone Police Department, Boone, Iowa, and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Boone County, Boone, Iowa, both advised SA MAURICE E. MURPHY their files contain no record of arrest identifiable with SORENSEN.

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Reporting Office <b>CHICAGO.</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>11/25/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/21 - 25/60</b>
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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype to Washington Field dated 11/17/60.  
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Omaha teletype to Director dated 11/22/60.  
Washington Field teletype to Director dated 11/22/60.

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Title:

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee's former Federal Security Agency supervisor comments favorably and recommends. American Bar Association (ABA) membership and grievance files located at Chicago, Illinois, did not reveal a record identifiable with THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN. ABA Executive Director advised he is not acquainted with the appointee.

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DETAILS:

Employment

Federal Security Agency  
Washington, D.C.

On November 23, 1960, [redacted]  
[redacted] Department of Health, Education and Welfare,  
Room 719A, New Post Office Building, 433 West Van Buren  
Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised he was THEODORE C.  
SORENSEN's immediate supervisor when SORENSEN was employed  
as an attorney by the Federal Security Agency at  
Washington, D.C. from July, 1951, to May, 1952. SORENSEN  
had recently graduated from law school prior to his full time  
employment by the Federal Agency. SORENSEN was afforded a  
legal examination and interview by representatives of the  
Federal Agency and, aside from the favorable impression the  
appointee made upon the interviewers, SORENSEN was deter-  
mined to have had the highest grade in the legal examination  
of anyone who had taken the same examination prior to 1951.  
Thereafter, SORENSEN was appointed to the Federal position  
and was considered to be a thorough, competent, young  
attorney who showed good promise; however, he did lack  
experience. SORENSEN was described as "having a questioning  
mind" and an attorney who "wrote carefully and well".  
SORENSEN received inquiries and complaints rendered to the  
agency, and thereafter SORENSEN would conduct appropriate  
legal research to resolve the question. In addition,  
SORENSEN conducted appropriate legal research in the preparation  
of various legal documents pertaining to the administrative  
phase of the Federal Agency's interest in the Federal statutes.  
SORENSEN was continuously punctual and did not possess any  
questionable traits or habits. SORENSEN did not use alcohol  
or tobacco and never used any profanity in his conversation.

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[redacted] further stated SORENSEN is the type of  
individual who shows poise and decorum when dealing  
with prominent individuals and is capable of expressing  
himself in adequate terms.

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[ ] advised SORENSEN resigned from his position with the Agency in order to accept a position on "The Hill". [ ] defined his term to mean the appointee had an opportunity to work for a senator whose offices were located on or near the hill on which the Capitol and legislative offices are located. [ ] further stated the appointee accepted this position for two reasons. The appointee is an exceedingly ambitious individual who is willing to sacrifice employment security for the experience of a more challenging position, regardless of whether he is capable of fulfilling the qualifications of a new position. The second reason was the appointee found his employment with the captioned Agency adequate; however, the appointee found the "supervision aggravating." [ ] defined his term to mean the appointee was, although an inexperienced attorney, quite capable of working independently without the normal supervision any employer would direct to a recent law graduate.

[ ] stated he knows of no unfavorable information concerning the appointee, who is considered to be of good morals, character, and a loyal American citizen. The appointee is considered to be in good mental and physical health and is believed to be dependent upon his employment for his livelihood.

[ ] recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

[ ] stated he has corresponded with the appointee since 1952; however, neither has visited the other since 1952. SORENSEN has passed through Chicago because of his association with President Elect KENNEDY. However, SORENSEN has never resided or visited for any length of time in or near the City of Chicago.

#### Affiliation

On November 21, 1960, [ ] American Bar Association (ABA), 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised a review of ABA membership and grievance files did not reveal a record identifiable with THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN.

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On November 22, 1960, JOSEPH D. STECHER, Executive Director, ABA, advised he is not acquainted with nor could he furnish any information concerning the appointee.

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FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (161-3)

SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN  
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ReButel to Philadelphia dated 11/23/60, Philadelphia letter to Director dated 8/14/56 captioned "GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Executive Secretary, Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, SSA, 1948; CO," (Philadelphia 100-41843) and letter of the Director to Mr. GEORGE WILLOUGHBY dated 8/20/56.

Retel instructs investigation of SORESENSEN who was recreation leader at camp in Boone, Iowa, 1949 and 1950 with GEORGE WILLOUGHBY as director.

Re Philadelphia letter reflects difficulties this office has had in the past with WILLOUGHBY. As a footnote to the Director's letter to Mr. WILLOUGHBY all agents of this office were instructed to contact Mr. WILLOUGHBY only in matters of absolute necessity and then only with SAC approval.

It was felt that this case is of upmost importance and that WILLOUGHBY might react properly to an inquiry of a person of SORESENSEN's stature.

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SAC authority was obtained and WILLOUGHBY was contacted by telephone on 11/25/60 to set up an interview.

WILLOUGHBY at this time insisted that he would only respond to written inquiries.

A short letter was prepared for WILLOUGHBY incorporating basic questions relative to the investigation. This letter was delivered the same day to WILLOUGHBY by SA THOMAS W. SHERMAN.

WILLOUGHBY advised he would consider the matter and advise this office whether he would answer the inquiry. He mentioned that he was not in favor of such investigations and that they were the works of a totalitarian society.

SA SHERMAN declined to be provoked by statements made by WILLOUGHBY and requested a prompt reply. WILLOUGHBY promised he would send a reply soon.

WILLOUGHBY has recently been described by  an established source, as an "Obstreperous Pacifist" and his basic principle in life is to do "what he pleases, when he pleases and how he pleases."

The Bureau will be advised without delay of WILLOUGHBY's response.

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THEODORE CHAIKEN SORENSEN  
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Bureau file contains clipping from page 1  
(Ten Star Edition), "Washington Times Herald," dated  
7-27-50 indicating Municipal Court Judge. Thomas D.  
Quinn on that date found [redacted]

[redacted] when  
the cafeteria refused service to the Negro members of the  
mixed party. The sentence given was \$25 fine or ten  
days in jail. [redacted]

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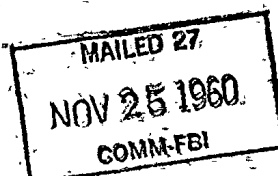
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Bureau files also contain bulletin of the 1950  
Summer Interracial Workshop, 1834 Kalorama Road, Northwest,  
Washington 9, D. C., which pertains to the above incident.  
Among the members listed was [redacted]

Conduct necessary investigation.

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## REFERENCES

Bureau airtels dated 11/17, 18, and 25/60.  
Omaha teletypes dated 11/21, 22, and 23/60.  
Richmond teletype dated 11/22/60.  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

HCUA records were not checked because of their unavailability at this time.

On 11/21/60 [redacted] Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice, advised SA [redacted] that all applicant papers on departmental attorneys who are not hired are destroyed. She stated that according to her indices the FBI conducted an investigation on Mr. THEODORE C. SORESEN in 1951. She stated that the records of her office contain no additional information.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Will report results of record checks at CSC, CIA, and Passport Office, Department of State, when received.
2. Will conduct additional interviews with members of Senator KENNEDY's staff when available.
3. Will establish where appointee maintained an apartment in Washington, D.C., and conduct additional neighborhood investigation.
4. Will ascertain disposition of [redacted] by the Metropolitan Police Department.

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Title: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSON

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employments verified. Supervisors, co-workers, and associates recommend. Legislative Assistant to Senator KENNEDY presently drawing up separation papers for appointee and his wife who are separated due to incompatibility brought on by appointee's frequent absence from his home. Associate advised rumors have persisted that appointee has been "running around", but he had no personal knowledge of this and believed rumors due to appointee working long hours and maintaining an apartment in Washington, D.C. Neighborhood investigation favorable. Satisfactory credit rating regarding THEODORE C. SORENSON and no credit record regarding [redacted] Police agencies negative regarding the appointee, [redacted] and brother. THOMAS. MPD records reflected that [redacted]

[redacted]  
Committee on Admissions and Grievances and Lawyer's Register negative regarding the appointee. Residence of [redacted] and [redacted] verified. Security files of Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and Secret Service files negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

EMPLOYMENT

Federal Security Agency

On November 21, 1960, SA CONRAD L. TRAHERN reviewed the service record card at the Personnel Office, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), regarding THEODORE C. SORENSEN which revealed that he received an excepted appointment - indefinite on July 24, 1951 as an Attorney - Advisor in the Office of the General Council, Office of Secretary, Federal Security Agency. He resigned from this position on May 30, 1952. The card revealed that he was born on May 8, 1928, at Lincoln, Nebraska. No additional pertinent information was contained on the card.

On November 21, 1960 [redacted] of Social Security, HEW, advised SA TRAHERN that he supervised the appointee's work during the period that he was employed at the Federal Security Agency from July, 1951 until May, 1952. He described SORENSEN as a very capable employee who, to his knowledge, was a person of good character, reputation, and associates. He stated he had no reason to question his loyalty and he highly recommended him for a position of trust. [redacted] stated that the only other person presently employed with HEW who would know the appointee is [redacted].

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On November 21, 1960 [redacted] Counsel, Office of the General Council, HEW, advised SA TRAHERN that he was acquainted with the appointee as a fellow worker during 1951 and 1952. He stated the appointee was a very capable attorney and a good worker. He commented favorably regarding his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust.

Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement and  
Staff of United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] payroll records, United States Senate Disbursing Office, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER that his records revealed that

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THEODORE C. SORENSEN entered on duty on June 2, 1952 as a Staff Assistant with the Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement and terminated this employment on January 2, 1953. On January 8, 1953 he entered on duty as a Clerk in the Office of United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY and is presently so employed.

[redacted] advised that the appointee's address from 1952 to 1955 was shown as 1105 57th Avenue, S.E., and his address from 1955 until the present time was shown as Box 181 Route 3, McLean, Virginia (124 Dogwood Drive).

On November 20, 1960, [redacted] to United States Senator PAUL H. DOUGLAS advised SA ERTZINGER that she was formerly [redacted] Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement and for approximately six months in 1952 was the appointee's [redacted]. She stated that his work was very satisfactory and he proved to be most competent and capable. She advised that she has continued to have contact with the appointee until the present time and she considers his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to be above question. She highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust.

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On November 23, 1960, United States Senator PAUL H. DOUGLAS, Illinois, advised SA ERTZINGER that he was the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement and SORENSEN worked on his staff for approximately six months in 1952. He said SORENSEN was "superb" in every respect and his character, associates, reputation, and loyalty were above reproach. He stated SORENSEN is a very discreet person and possesses great powers of organization and the gift of precise thinking. He stated the appointee is extremely competent and "brilliant almost above comparison." Senator DOUGLAS added that the country would be most fortunate to obtain the appointee's services in any capacity.

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] Administrative Assistant to United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, Massachusetts, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has known the

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appointee well as a co-worker on Senator KENNEDY's staff and also on a social basis since 1953. He stated that he has the highest regard for SORENSEN's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and he considers him to be a most competent and capable man. [redacted] advised that the appointee's middle name is "CHAIKIN." In conclusion he highly recommended him for a position of trust.

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*an Ombudsman-Elmer [redacted]*  
On November 22, 1960, [redacted] to United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has known the appointee very well during the past six years and has worked in the same office with him for the past three years. He stated that he knows him well both socially and professionally and considers him to be his best friend. He stated he has the highest regard for SORENSEN's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty as well as his personal habits, morals, and general ability. He stated that SORENSEN does not drink or smoke and is a high-type individual in every way. He highly recommended him for a position of trust. [redacted] advised that it was not known to other members of Senator KENNEDY's staff, but he is presently preparing separation papers for the appointee and his wife who are separating due to incompatibility which has resulted from SORENSEN being absent so much from his home during the past year or two. He said there was nothing what ever in the separation that would reflect unfavorably on SORENSEN's morals. He pointed out that they have no intention of being divorced since they are hoping for a reconciliation after a short separation. He stated that the appointee and his wife have been separated since approximately July 1, 1960. He pointed out that the appointee has been traveling almost constantly since that date in connection with the election campaign and has not been at home with [redacted]

*See [redacted]*  
On November 22, 1960, [redacted] to United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has known the appointee for approximately one year having worked and traveled with him during that period. He stated that he has also had social contact with the appointee. He described his character, associates, and reputation as being exemplary and stated that he is a loyal American. He stated SORENSEN is a man of outstanding ability and is a person of good personal habits and morals. He highly recommended him for a position of trust.

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On November 23, 1960, [redacted] Staff of United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has been acquainted with the appointee as a member of Senator KENNEDY's staff and has had business contact with him. He advised that he was aware that the appointee and his wife were having difficulties over his frequent absences from the Washington, D.C. area. He stated that the appointee on the brief occasions that he has been in Washington, D.C. during the past six months has stayed at various hotels with other members of the staff rather than staying at his residence in McLean, Virginia. He pointed out that SORENSEN has been away from Washington, D.C., in connection with the election campaign almost continuously during the past six months. [redacted] stated that he had no knowledge of the appointee renting or maintaining an apartment in Washington, D.C.

#### ASSOCIATES

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] to United States Representative JOHN F. SHELLEY, California, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has known the appointee through official contacts with Senator KENNEDY's Office since 1958. He stated that he does not have the slightest reason to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation, or loyalty. He added that from his contacts with the appointee he would describe him as a most competent and capable individual. He favorably recommended the appointee for a position of trust.

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] to United States Representative TORBERT H. MACDONALD, Massachusetts, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has known the appointee since 1940 and added that he was well acquainted with the appointee's father, CHRISTIAN A. SORENSEN, in Nebraska. He stated that he has had frequent contact with the appointee in Senator KENNEDY's Office since his wife, [redacted] to United States Senator KENNEDY. He stated he has found the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty to be above question and he highly recommended him for a position of trust.

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*confrontation*

On November 23, 1960 [redacted] Wash-  
ington correspondent for the "Boston Herald and Traveler,"  
National Press Building, advised SA ERTZINGER that he has  
been closely acquainted with the appointee primarily through  
his daily contacts with him as Assistant to Senator KENNEDY.  
He stated that he is also socially acquainted with him and he  
pointed out that his family and the appointee's family have  
spent several summer vacations together. He added that his  
wife and the appointee's wife are very close friends. [redacted]  
[redacted] explained that a more or less strained feeling has  
arisen between the appointee and himself during the past year  
and he has not seen too much of SORESENSEN in recent months.  
He explained that the strained feeling arose from his  
official contacts with SORESENSEN and SORESENSEN's insisting  
that their professional relationships and personal relation-  
ships be maintained separately which he said he has found to  
be impossible. [redacted] stated, however, that he still  
has the highest regard for SORESENSEN's character, associates,  
reputation, loyalty, and ability. He described him as an  
extremely intelligent and brilliant individual. He added  
that the appointee is a "tough and hard-minded" man who is  
very intent in achieving the goals he has set for himself,  
even though this may mean great personal sacrifices to him-  
self. He said that this quality some times made it difficult  
for SORESENSEN to retain his friends since the sacrifices would  
sometimes affect them. He stated that SORESENSEN is a very  
creative thinker who was capable of writing as many as four  
speeches for Senator KENNEDY in one day. He highly recom-  
mended the appointee for a position of trust.

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[redacted] further advised that the appointee has  
been having some domestic difficulties and is about to be  
legally separated from his wife. He stated that the papers  
are being prepared by [redacted] a close personal  
friend and associate of the appointee. He stated that  
friends of the SORESENSENs, including his, [redacted] wife,  
have been trying hard to keep them together and are hoping  
for a reconciliation after a formal separation. [redacted]  
stated that [redacted] has never been accused of "running  
around" but that there have been rumors that the appointee  
has been "running around." He stated that he personally  
had no proof or even an indication of this being true but  
said that the rumors have persisted. He stated that he  
personally knows of nothing morally against the appointee

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and thinks these rumors have been caused by SORENSEN's working long hours every day and residing by himself in an apartment in Washington, D.C. He emphasized that he had no knowledge whatever that the appointee has been involved with any other women. He stated, after conferring with his wife, that the appointee had not rented an apartment but reportedly had sublet an apartment from someone in Washington, D. C. He stated that he was unable to ascertain where this apartment was located or from whom the appointee sublet the apartment. [redacted] advised that on the brief occasions the appointee has been in Washington, D.C., during the past month, he has stayed at the home of his brother, THOMAS, who resides in Washington, D.C.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Vicinity of 124 Dogwood Drive  
McLean, Virginia

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] Virginia, advised SA [redacted] that she has known the appointee and his family as social friends and neighbors for the past two years. She stated that the appointee and his wife, [redacted] reside at the above captioned address with their three young [redacted]. [redacted] described the appointee and his wife as very fine people whose character, associates, reputation, and loyalty is above question. She highly recommended SORENSEN for a position of trust.

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] who has been acquainted with the appointee and his family as neighbors since the early fall of 1955, furnished substantially the same comments to SA [redacted] as did [redacted].

On November 21, 1960, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that she has been acquainted with the appointee and his family as neighbors and social friends for the past four years. She vouched for the appointee's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty and recommended him for a position of trust.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

On November 21, 1960, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau,



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Incorporated, Washington, D.C., which contained a satisfactory credit rating regarding THEODORE C. and CAMILLA SORENSEN, whose address was shown as 124 Dogwood Drive, McLean, Virginia. Their former residence was shown as 1105 57th Avenue, S.E. (Hillside, Maryland). The files contained a 1956 credit report regarding THOMAS C. [redacted] whose address was shown as [redacted]. His employment was shown as Foreign Service Institute, Department of State. The report contained no credit rating regarding him.

On November 25, 1960, the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, as caused to be searched by IC [redacted] [redacted] contained no record regarding the appointee's [redacted]  
[redacted]

On November 25, 1960, IC [redacted] determined from the files of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., that [redacted]

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name was shown as CHRISTIAN A. SORENSEN.

On November 21, 1960, IC [redacted] determined that the files of the MPD contained no record regarding the appointee, his wife, CAMILLA, RUTH SORENSEN, and his brother, THOMAS C. SORENSEN; at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On November 21, 1960 and November 25, 1960, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the United States Park Police and no record regarding the appointee, his wife, his brother, THOMAS, or his [redacted] [redacted] was disclosed.

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On November 22, 1960, SE [ ] caused a search to be made of the files of the Fairfax County, Virginia, Police Department and Prince Georges County, Maryland, Police Department and no record regarding the appointee or his wife was disclosed.

MISCELLANEOUS

On November 23, 1960, [ ] Committee on Admissions and Grievances, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, advised that his files contained no record regarding the appointee. ✓

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On November 23, 1960, [ ] United States District Court for the District of Columbia, advised that the Lawyer's Register failed to reflect that the appointee has been admitted to practice before the District of Columbia Bar. ✓

On November 24, 1960, [ ] advised that she has been acquainted with the appointee's brother, THOMAS C. SORESEN, and his [ ] for the past twenty months as neighbors residing next door at [ ]. She stated that the appointee's brother and his wife enjoy an excellent reputation in the neighborhood and are very fine people in all respects. [ ] stated that she has met the appointee on several occasions when he has been at his brother's home.

Referral/Consult

On November 22, 1960, SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER reviewed the official personnel file for [ ]

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On November 21, 1960, [REDACTED] ✓  
Office of Internal Security, Department of HEW, advised SA  
TRAHERN that she could locate no record regarding the appointee.

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On November 25, 1960, [REDACTED] ✓  
Personnel Section, United States Secret Service, United  
States Treasury Department, advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR.,  
that her files contained no record regarding the appointee.

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Reporting Office <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	Office of Origin <b>BUREAU</b>	Date <b>11/29/60</b>	Investigative Period <b>11/23 - 11/29/60</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN</b>  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 03-09-2011 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/lsg		Report made by <b>THOMAS W. SHERMAN</b>	Typed By: <b>BMF</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SPECIAL INQUIRY</b>	

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## References

Omaha teletype to Philadelphia, dated 11/23/60.

Philadelphia airtel to Director, 11/25/60.

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## Administrative Data

Reference airtel indicates difficulty encountered by this office in arranging for interview with GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Executive Secretary, Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors.

By letter dated 11/25/60, WILLOUGHBY replied to our written inquiry in instant case. With the exception of the first paragraph in this letter, which refers to our letter to WILLOUGHBY, the contents are being set forth in

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the details of this report.

This office is in possession of considerable information concerning some of the activities of WILLOUGHBY in his position as a member of various pacifist organizations in Philadelphia. They shall be set forth below. They are not being set forth in the details of this report, inasmuch as these activities have taken place many years subsequent to his association with SORENSEN and there is no reason to believe that he is or has ever been a close associate of SORENSEN.

The 2/11/57 edition of the "Daily Worker," page 1, column 2, contained an article entitled "Impartial Observers At Communist Party Convention Listed." The article lists a number of "impartial observers" who attended the National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, held 2/9/57 through 2/12/57 at Chateau Gardens, New York City. Included as one of the individuals who attended the Convention was GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Director, Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. The circumstances under which these men attended the Convention were explained in an article by Reverend A. J. MUSTE, Secretary Emeritus, Fellowship of Reconciliation, also from Philadelphia.

"The idea that it would be in the public interest and that the CP would be well advised to invite a number of non-Communist observers to its National Convention originated in conversations in which NORMAN THOMAS and I, among others, participated. The suggestion was communicated to CP people and we were notified soon afterwards that it was acceptable.

"The understanding was that we were free to ask any persons in civil liberties, peace and church circles, who were well known as non-Communists, and as people in basic disagreement at significant points with Communist philosophy and program and severely critical, for example, of recent Russian policy in Hungary; but who were also defenders of civil liberties for Communists, as well as others.

"It was understood that observers would not act as reporters during the Convention; but that they were

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completely free thereafter to speak and write individually, or as a group, about the proceedings of the Convention and, of course, about Communist theory and practice in general.

"It should be noted also that all observers are acting as individuals and were invited as individuals and in no sense as some sort of fraternal delegates from organizations with which they may be connected.

"The actual composition of the group is partly due to the accidental factor that at comparatively short notice, some people could be reached and were free from other imperative engagements at this time, whereas other deeply concerned people were not. I found a considerable number of cases also where individuals felt they should not undertake the risk of attack on their organizations which might follow from their presence as observers at a CP Convention. That this situation exists in this country seems to me utterly deplorable, contrary to the best American tradition, and an indication that many people have a mistaken idea of what democracy means and how to combat what is fallacious and evil in Communism."

On 11/26/57, Philadelphia Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that there was a meeting of the Philadelphia Third Camp Forum at 252 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, on 11/24/57. At this meeting there were 50 to 70 people in attendance.

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On 5/23/57, [redacted] advised that the Third Camp in Philadelphia was a mass organization in which several socialist and pacifist organizations could work and use as a sounding board for their political theories. It was not a membership organization, but rather a movement toward a third way between capitalism and communism. Among the speakers at the above forum were TOM NABRIED, DAVE DAVIS, JOE ROBERTS, and GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

On 11/21/57, [redacted] advised that TOM NABRIED, DAVE DAVIS and JOE ROBERTS were members of the National

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Committee of the Communist Party, USA, and members of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. In his speech at the above forum, GEORGE WILLOUGHBY maintained that the Soviet Union was making no real strides toward peace.

On 12/5/58, WF 1119-S\* advised that [redacted] had been in contact with GEORGE WILLOUGHBY of the Central Committee of Conscientious Objectors.

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On 7/1/58, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was an officer of the National Committee to Secure Justice for [redacted] and on different occasions during the previous two years had acted as an [redacted]

The Committee to Secure Justice for [redacted] which was also known as the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case, was described by [redacted] on 6/7/54 as an organization that was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and fight for the release of [redacted]. The informant stated that the Communist Party was taking an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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[redacted] indicated after her meeting with GEORGE WILLOUGHBY that the latter was sympathetic, but that his committee could not take up the case for [redacted]

On 11/25/60 [redacted] described GEORGE WILLOUGHBY as a "spoiled brat" type who is selfish and uncooperative. The informant, who is very well acquainted with WILLOUGHBY, also described him as an "obstreperous pacifist," whose basic principle in life is to do what he pleases, when he pleases, and how he pleases. The informant mentioned that he is a difficult person to deal with and is the type who would delight in withholding information from a government agency just to be ornery. The informant advised that WILLOUGHBY definitely is not disloyal to the United States.

It is to be noted that Willoughby's letter was received by this office on 11/29/60 and that he forwarded a copy to THEODORE SORENSEN.

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Title: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, contacted at Philadelphia, verifies appointee's association with the staff of the Boone Conference in Iowa. Considers SORESENSEN a person of good character, honest and trustworthy.

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DETAILS: Employment

At Philadelphia, Pa.

Boone Conference

By letter dated November 25, 1960, Mr. GEORGE WILLOUGHBY, Executive Secretary, Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., advised as follows:

"Mr. SORESENSEN was on the staff of the Boone Conference two successive times, about 1949, and 1950. I do not have detailed records available, but would readily accept his statements as correct. These weeklong conferences were held under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service Committee, the Des Moines Regional office, of which I was executive secretary at the time. THEODORE SORESENSEN performed his assignments most satisfactorily and in all his relationships with the staff of the Committee demonstrated himself to be a man of good



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character, honest, and trustworthy. I have only the highest personal regard for Mr. SORENSEN.

"It is not my policy to furnish the FBI with any comments about any of my past or present associates relative to his character, loyalty, associates and background which would reflect on his qualifications for a position with the government."

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED], dated 11/28/60  
at Washington, D. C.

The following additional interviews with co-workers  
and associates were conducted by SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER on  
11/28/60:

*sent* Mr. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Campaign Manager for U. S.  
Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised that he first met SORESENSEN  
when SORESENSEN joined Senator KENNEDY's staff in January,  
1953. *Present. elect* 7

He stated that since that time, he has had  
continual contacts with him on a professional basis. He  
advised that he has had no social acquaintance with him. He  
remarked that he would give SORESENSEN's character, associates,  
reputation, and loyalty the highest rating and considers him  
to be a very competent and capable individual. He highly  
recommended him for a position of trust. *w*

[REDACTED] on U. S.  
Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff, advised that he has known  
SORESENSEN since 1954 through political contacts with him, in  
Massachusetts and later after June, 1957, when he [REDACTED]  
was on the Senate Rackets Committee and had frequent *8*

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professional contacts with him in Senator KENNEDY's office. He stated that he was not acquainted with the appointee's family and has had no social acquaintance with him. He commented favorably regarding the appointee's character, associates, reputation, loyalty, and ability and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

*Secretary*  
Mr. PIERRE SALINGER, Press Representative, U. S. Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised that he has known SORESENSEN since 1957. He stated that he had served on the Senate Rackets Committee from 1957 to 1959 and had contacts with the appointee as an Assistant to Senator KENNEDY during that period. He stated that since 1959, he has been acquainted with the appointee as a co-worker on Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff for President. He remarked that he has had no social acquaintance with SORESENSEN. He described SORESENSEN as an extremely competent and capable individual of excellent character, reputation, and associates. He stated he is a loyal American, and he highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. *fast to find out go*

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Mr. LAWRENCE F. O'BRIEN, Director of Organization, Democratic National Committee, advised that he has known the appointee since 1953. He stated that from 1956 until 1958, he had considerable contact with the appointee in the political campaign in Massachusetts. He stated that since April, 1960, he has been closely associated with SORESENSEN in the organizational end of the recent campaign. He described SORESENSEN's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty as being above question and he added that his ability is outstanding. He favorably recommended him for a position of trust.

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[redacted] of Organization, Democratic National Committee, advised that he has known SORESENSEN well since 1954 through his numerous contacts with the Senator's office. He stated that he, [redacted] was active in politics in Massachusetts and often contacted SORESENSEN in that respect. He said he has had only very limited social contact with the appointee. He stated that the appointee's character, associates, and reputation are excellent and his loyalty

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is above question. He stated SORESEN is a man of outstanding ability and he recommended him highly for a position of trust.

POLICE AGENCY

On 11/28/60, I [redacted] reviewed the [redacted]  
by Officer [redacted] at the MPD regarding [redacted]

[redacted] revealed that the officer entered [redacted]

[redacted] At that time he found a group of 13 colored and white persons lined up against the steam table blocking the line of patrons who were trying to be served.

[redacted] of the Cafeteria, informed [redacted] that she would be served if she ordered her food but she refused to order food unless all of the members of the group were served. She was then asked to step out of the line to allow other patrons to pass, but she refused to do this. [redacted]

On 11/28/60, Private [redacted] First Precinct, MPD, advised SA [redacted] that the precinct records revealed that [redacted] whose date of birth was shown as [redacted]

On 11/28/60, [redacted] Criminal Division, Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, advised SA [redacted] that the Court records revealed that [redacted]

NEIGHBORHOOD

On 11/28/60, [redacted] to U.S. Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER that he had ascertained that the appointee resided in apartment [redacted] from approximately 7/15/60 until 9/1/60.

On 11/28/60, [redacted] advised that the appointee resided in the apartment of [redacted] from approximately the middle of July, 1960 until the end of August, 1960, while [redacted] was away from the Washington, D. C. area on vacation. He stated the appointee resided in the apartment by himself and was a very quiet tenant who kept to himself and did not associate with the other tenants. He stated that [redacted] who resides in [redacted] in the building, sublet the apartment to the appointee during the period his mother was away. [redacted] stated that nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty had come to his attention. b6 b7C

On 11/28/60 [redacted] furnished substantially the same comments as did [redacted]

On 11/28/60, [redacted] advised that during the period that [redacted] was away from Washington, D. C., during July and August, 1960, the appointee resided in her apartment. She stated that he resided there by himself and did not become acquainted with the other tenants in the building. She stated that during the brief period that he resided in the building nothing of an unfavorable nature concerning him had come to her attention. She advised that she never saw the appointee with any other individuals and was certain that he resided by himself.

On 11/29/60, [redacted] Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratory, Department of the Army, who resides in apartment [redacted] N.W., advised SA [redacted] that he rented his mother's apartment, number [redacted] to the appointee from approximately July 15, 1960 until September 1, 1960. He stated that the appointee had answered a newspaper advertisement to secure the apartment and he [redacted] was not acquainted with him prior to July, 1960. He stated that he had seen the appointee approximately 6 or 7 times during the brief period that he resided in the building. He stated SORENSEN lived alone and that occasionally his three young sons, approximately [redacted] years of age, visited him. He stated that SORENSEN had advised him that he was separated from his wife and he added that he never saw the appointee with any woman who might have been his wife. He stated that the appointee actually traveled quite a bit around the time of the Democratic Convention.

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[redacted] recalled that the appointee actually sublet the apartment before the Democratic Convention, but did not move into the apartment until after the Convention was over. [redacted] stated that the appointee was apparently a hard-working individual and worked long hours. He recalled that on several occasions the appointee had his children over to the apartment and they played ball together near the building. [redacted] stated that he never saw the appointee with any women and had not met his wife. He stated that he did not feel that he has had sufficient opportunity to evaluate or judge the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, but he added that he had no reason to question them.

CSC, CIA and Passport Office record checks still outstanding.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN

Character:

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Synopsis:

[redacted] to Congress-  
man TORBERT H. MACDONALD, commented favorably and  
stated that the appointee enjoys the unqualified  
confidence of Congressman MACDONALD.

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## DETAILS:

On December 1, 1960 [redacted]

[redacted] to Congressman TORBERT H. MACDONALD, Eighth  
Congressional District of Massachusetts, advised that

[redacted] However, [redacted] stated  
that he has been casually acquainted with Mr. SORESENSEN  
for approximately ten years, having met him from time  
to time both socially and in connection with official  
duties. He stated that Mr. SORESENSEN has always impressed  
him as a man of high standards of character and reputa-  
tion, as well as a loyal American of outstanding ability.  
He stated that he had full confidence in Mr. SORESENSEN's  
suitability for a position of trust in Government service.  
He added that Congressman MACDONALD has been closely  
associated with Mr. SORESENSEN for an extended period and  
he was certain that Mr. SORESENSEN enjoyed the unqualified  
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NOTE: Info in retel indicates that Representative McDonald  
is not available for interview until further notice due to a  
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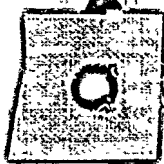
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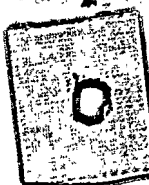
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[REDACTED] TO CONGRESSMAN

TORBERT H. MAC DONALD, EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MASS., ADVISED, IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CONGRESSMAN WHO WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH SORENSEN CASUALLY FOR APROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE STATED THAT SORENSEN HAS ALWAYS IMPRESSED HIM AS A MAN OF HIGH STANDARDS OF CHARACTER, INTEGRITY AND ABILITY, AS WELL AS A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT SORENSEN-S SUITABILITY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE ALSO SAID THAT CONGRESSMAN MAC DONALD IS CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH SORENSEN AND THAT HE FELT CERTAIN THAT SORENSEN ENJOYED THE CONGRESSMAN-S UNQUALIFIED CONFIDENCE.

REPORT FOLLOWS.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 1, 1960

FROM : Mr. Stanley

SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Special Inquiry opened 11/17/60, concerning Sorensen at request of White House, which advised request was actually made by President-elect Kennedy for whom Sorensen is Special Counsel. Request is now completed with exception of checks of Passport Office records, Civil Service Commission and Central Intelligence Agency. Summary memorandum is attached.

INFORMATION CONCERNING SORENSEN:

Sorensen is a 32-year-old former Nebraskan who graduated magna cum laude from the University of Nebraska Law School in 1951. He has been employed in the Federal Government since 1951 and joined the staff of President-elect John F. Kennedy in 1953. His professional acquaintances describe him as an extremely capable, intelligent and industrious person whose honesty and integrity are above question. Persons acquainted with his family in Nebraska state they are liberal in the sense they have a particular interest in protecting the rights of the minorities and the oppressed. All persons interviewed stated that the Sorensens are loyal citizens.

In 1958, Mr. Sorensen's name and address was on the mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, a progressive liberal organization which succeeded the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The latter organization has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities.

Sorensen and his wife have been living apart since 7/1/60, and papers are being prepared to effect their legal separation on the grounds of incompatibility. No moral issue involved.

In 1948 Sorensen claimed exemption from military service as a member of the Unitarian Church, and, due to his belief in God, he was opposed to combat military service, but was willing to accept noncombatant service.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen  
RE: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN

A professor at University of Nebraska stated Sorensen was a member of the Lincoln, Nebraska, chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action and the Fair Employment Practices Committee.

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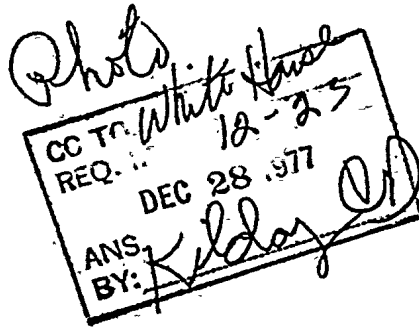
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached cover letter and summary be furnished to Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien by

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December 1, 1960  
BY COURIER SERVICE

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

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BY LETTER. *3/19/76*  
PER F.O.I.A. REQUEST  
*PAU/rk 3/20/76*

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In accordance with the request of  
[redacted] of the White House, an  
investigation has been conducted concerning  
Theodore Chaikin Sorenson. An applicant-type  
investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Sorenson  
in 1951. Enclosed herewith is a memorandum which  
summarizes the results of that investigation as  
well as the results of the current inquiries conducted  
concerning him.

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Information has been received from three  
governmental agencies\* indicating that the reviews  
of their files concerning Mr. Sorenson have not  
been completed. When this has been done, you will  
be appropriately advised.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Miscellaneous.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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December 1, 1960

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning Mr. Sorensen in 1951. This memorandum summarizes the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries conducted concerning him.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Sorensen was born on May 8, 1928, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Education

Mr. Sorensen attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, from September, 1945, to June, 1951, receiving a B.S. degree on June 6, 1949, and an LL.B. degree, magna cum laude, on June 4, 1951.

From February, 1950, to February, 1951, he was the editor of the "Law Review" at the University of Nebraska.

Employment

During the Summer of 1950, Mr. Sorensen was employed as a boys' worker at the Young Men's Christian Association Camp at Lincoln, Nebraska.

For one week each in the Summers of 1949 and 1950 he was employed as a recreation leader by the American Friends Service Committee at Boone, Nebraska.

From January, 1951, to May, 1951, Mr. Sorensen was employed as a legislative analyst by Mr. O. H. Leibers, former Senator, Nebraska State Legislature, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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He was employed as an attorney for a local civic group, Patrons Protest of Fares, at Lincoln, Nebraska, during June and July, 1951.

From July, 1951, to May, 1952, Mr. Sorensen was employed as an attorney for the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C.

He was employed as a professional staff assistant for the Joint Congressional Committee on Railroad Retirement, Washington, D. C., from June, 1952, to January, 1953.

On January 8, 1953, Mr. Sorensen became employed as an aide to President-elect John F. Kennedy in Washington, D. C. He is presently serving in the capacity of Special Counsel to President-elect Kennedy.

### Marital Status

Mr. Sorensen married the former Camilla Ruth Palmer at Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 8, 1949. They have three minor children, [redacted] who reside with Mrs. Sorensen at 124 Dogwood Lane, McLean, Virginia. Since July, 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen have been living apart. Mr. Sorensen's attorney is presently preparing papers to effect their legal separation on the grounds of incompatibility. Mr. Sorensen is presently residing with his brother, Thomas, at 6631 31st Place, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

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## II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

### Interviews

[redacted] Professor, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, was interviewed during the 1951 investigation. He said he had been acquainted with Mr. Sorensen and his family for several years. He noted that during the

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scholastic year 1950-51 Mr. Sorensen was editor of the "Law Review" of the University of Nebraska. He described Mr. Sorensen as a man of integrity who was completely honest. He considered Mr. Sorensen and the members of his family as persons of excellent moral character and reputation.

[redacted] said, in his opinion, Mr. Sorensen was a militant liberal and was active in the Lincoln, Nebraska, chapter of the Americans for Democratic Action and the Fair Employment Practices Committee. He stated further that, in his opinion, Mr. Sorensen was idealistic and in some respects perhaps impractical. His reason for this observation was that Mr. Sorensen, prior to his graduation from the University of Nebraska, had written several law firms throughout the United States indicating an interest in employment but stating in his letters that he would not be interested in employment unless the law firm followed the principles as expressed by the Americans for Democratic Action. He stated it was his belief that Mr. Sorensen would outgrow that expression of immaturity and develop into an excellent lawyer. He stated he had no question whatever concerning the loyalty of any member of the Sorensen family.

Honorable Robert Van Pelt, Judge, United States District Court, Lincoln, Nebraska, was interviewed during the current inquiries. He said he has known the members of the Sorensen family since the mid-1920's. He stated Mr. Sorensen's father, Christian A. Sorensen, who died in August, 1951, had served as the Nebraska State Attorney General from 1928 to 1932 and for many years thereafter was a leading attorney at Lincoln, Nebraska, and was active in politics. He stated, in his opinion, that all members of the Sorensen family are of the intellectual type and all the children were very good scholars in high school and college. He always considered the members of the Sorensen family to be liberal. In that respect, he said he had reference to the fact that their political philosophies generally favor

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increased privileges and benefits for minority groups and laboring classes. He said that Mr. Sorensen and the members of his family are loyal Americans of the highest moral character who enjoy an excellent reputation and associate with people of good standing. He recommended Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust.

He advised that Mr. Sorensen's mother, Mrs. Annis Sorensen, had, in the mid-1940's, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] handles her own affairs and carries on normal activities.

[REDACTED] Assistant Professor of Law, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, was interviewed during the 1951 investigation. He said he was acquainted with Mr. Sorensen during his, Mr. Sorensen's, attendance at the University of Nebraska. [REDACTED] stated he was the faculty adviser of the "Law Review" of the University of Nebraska during the scholastic year 1950-51 and Mr. Sorensen was the editor. He described Mr. Sorensen as very industrious, completely honest and a person of good moral character. He stated that Mr. Sorensen was very idealistic, being vitally interested in the civil liberties aspect of law, particularly with respect to protecting the rights of minorities and the oppressed. He stated Mr. Sorensen's interest did not lie in the field of torts or contracts but in constitutional law, being particularly interested in that field of law with respect to its application to minority groups. He stated he was advised by Mr. Sorensen that he, Mr. Sorensen, felt that Federal and state loyalty oath bills were unwise legislation. Mr. Sorensen also advised [REDACTED] that the Supreme Court of the United States did not know the meaning of the 14th Amendment. He stated he always found Mr. Sorensen to be very cooperative with him and the other members of the faculty, but he was not

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liked by underclassmen who were selected to work on the "Law Review." He advised that he was informed by several underclassmen that they considered Mr. Sorensen egotistical, overbearing and obstinate. He was further advised by the underclassmen that Mr. Sorensen would never listen to any of their reasons as to why they wanted an article published in the "Law Review" unless the article dealt with civil liberties. [redacted] pointed out that Mr. Sorensen did a good job as editor of the "Law Review" and he considered him a loyal American citizen.

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Mr. Paul H. Douglas, United States Senator from Illinois, was interviewed during current inquiries in Washington, D. C. He said he was the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement for approximately six months in 1952 and Mr. Sorensen worked on his staff. He said Mr. Sorensen was "superb" in every respect and his character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. He stated Mr. Sorensen is a very discreet person and possesses great powers of organization and has the gift of precise thinking. Mr. Sorensen, he said, is extremely competent and "brilliant almost above comparison." He said the United States will be most fortunate to obtain Mr. Sorensen's services in any capacity.

Mr. Meyer Feldman, Legislative Assistant in President-elect John F. Kennedy's Senate Office, Washington, D. C., was interviewed during the current inquiries. He said he has known Mr. Sorensen very well on both a social and professional basis for the past six years. He stated he has the highest regard for Mr. Sorensen's character, associates, reputation and loyalty. He also has a high respect for Mr. Sorensen's habits, morals and general ability. Mr. Sorensen, he said, does not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages. He is a high-type individual in every way. Mr. Feldman said he is presently preparing papers to effect a legal separation of Mr. and Mrs. Sorensen due to incompatibility which has resulted from Mr. Sorensen being absent so much from his home

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during the past year or two. He said there is nothing whatever in the separation which would reflect unfavorably on Mr. Sorensen's morals. He pointed out that the Sorensens have no intention of being divorced since they are hoping for a reconciliation after a short separation. They have not resided together, he said, since approximately July 1, 1960.

Mr. Thomas W. Gerber, Washington, D. C., Correspondent for the Boston-Traveler Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts, was interviewed during the current inquiries. He stated he has known Mr. Sorensen on a professional and social basis for several years, noting that Mr. Sorensen and the Gerbers have spent several summer vacations together. He added that his wife and Mr. Sorensen's wife are very close friends. He said that there has been a strained feeling between himself and Mr. Sorensen in the last month, which was the result of Mr. Sorensen insisting that their professional and personal relationships be maintained separately, which he has found to be impossible. He said, however, he has the highest regard for Mr. Sorensen's character, loyalty, reputation, associates and ability. He further described Mr. Sorensen as an extremely intelligent and brilliant individual. Mr. Sorensen, he said, is a "tough and hard-minded" man who is very intent in achieving the goals he has set for himself, even though this may mean great personal sacrifices for himself. He stated Mr. Sorensen is a very creative thinker and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

[redacted] Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed during the current inquiries. He said he has known Mr. Sorensen since July, 1951. He described Mr. Sorensen as a thorough, competent attorney who showed good promise. He stated Mr. Sorensen has a questioning mind and writes very well. He said Mr. Sorensen is the type of individual who shows poise and decorum when dealing with prominent persons and is capable of expressing himself in adequate terms. He considers him a loyal citizen of excellent character and reputation and recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Campaign Manager for President-elect John F. Kennedy, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., during current inquiries. He said he has known Mr. Sorensen on a professional basis since 1953. He has had no social acquaintance with him. Mr. Kennedy remarked that he would give Mr. Sorensen's character, associates and loyalty the highest rating. He considers him a very competent and capable person and highly recommended him for a position of trust.

Mr. Pierre Emil George Salinger, Press Secretary for President-elect John F. Kennedy, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., during current inquiries. He said he has known Mr. Sorensen as a co-worker on President-elect Kennedy's staff since 1957. He said he has had no social contact with Mr. Sorensen. He described Mr. Sorensen as an extremely competent and capable person of excellent character, reputation and associates. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American and highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien, Assistant to President-elect John F. Kennedy, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., during current inquiries. He said he has known Mr. Sorensen since 1953; and from 1956 until 1958 he had considerable contact with Mr. Sorensen in Massachusetts. He said since April, 1960, he has been closely associated with Mr. Sorensen in the organizational end of President-elect John F. Kennedy's campaign. He said Mr. Sorensen is a person of outstanding ability whose character, associates, reputation and loyalty are above reproach. He recommended Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust.

Forty additional persons consisting of present and former co-workers, college professors, social and professional acquaintances and neighbors were interviewed. Those who knew Mr. Sorensen well said he is an extremely intelligent and capable person. They stated he is industrious, is of high integrity and is completely honest. It was also stated

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he is interested in protecting the rights of minorities and the oppressed. All persons interviewed furnished favorable comments concerning Mr. Sorensen's character, reputation, associates and loyalty, and recommended him for a position of trust.

Close Relatives

In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Sorensen has the following relatives:

Mother, Annis Chaikin Sorensen, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Brother, [redacted] residing in [redacted] Nebraska.

Brother, Thomas Sorensen, employed by the United States Information Agency, residing Washington, D. C.

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Brother, [redacted] for "This Week" magazine, residing New York, New York.

Sister, [redacted] She is married to an official of the International Cooperation Administration and resides in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Mr. Sorensen's father, Christian A. Sorensen, is deceased.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Records of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., show that [redacted]

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result of the management of [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D.C. refusing to serve a group of  
thirteen individuals composed of Negro and white persons on  
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ing took place outside the cafeteria.

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The incident at the [redacted], according to  
a bulletin circulated by the Interracial Workshop, 1834  
Kalorama Road, Northwest, Washington, D. C., was part of the  
program of that workshop. Among the members of the workshop,  
according to the bulletin, was [redacted]  
[redacted] Nebraska.

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

Affiliations

Mr. Sorensen was admitted to practice law in the  
State of Nebraska on June 23, 1951. He became a member of  
the Nebraska Bar Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 23,  
1951, and is presently an inactive member in good standing.  
No grievances have been brought before the Nebraska Bar  
Association with regard to him.

Files of the American Bar Association, Chicago,  
Illinois, do not contain a record of membership for  
Mr. Sorensen.

The records of the Committee on Admissions and  
Grievances, United States District Court for the District  
of Columbia, contain no information concerning Mr. Sorensen.

Agency Checks

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A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has requested anonymity, advised that the Southern Educational Fund, Incorporated, was originally an adjunct of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare prior to its demise in 1948. This informant stated that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, continued as a separate and independent organization stressing the fact that it was nonpolitical in nature. The informant stated it has devoted its efforts primarily to race relations, campaigning against discrimination and segregation. The informant said that the principal leaders of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, were the same as those of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. According to the informant, the Communist Party was interested in infiltrating and controlling the Southern Conference for Human Welfare but gave little indication of interest in the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated.

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist-front organization.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no pertinent information in addition to that set out elsewhere in this summary memorandum.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (77-35652)

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN  
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SA [redacted] caused a search to be made of  
the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and on 12/2/60

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Major General Wilton B. Persons  
The Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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BY LETTER. *3/19/76*  
PER F.O.I. P.A. REQUEST  
*PAU/7K 3/26/76*

Dear General Persons:

With reference to your requests for investigations concerning Pierre Emil George Salinger and Theodore Chaikin Sorensen, there are enclosed summaries containing the results of the investigations conducted concerning the above-mentioned individuals.

A copy of each of the above summaries has been furnished to Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien.

These investigations covered inquiries as to the character, loyalty, and general standing of Messrs. Salinger and Sorensen, but no inquiries were made concerning their sources of income.

Sincerely yours,

OUTLIGATE YELLOW

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429998)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35631)

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FOR A BARE NUCLEAR POLICY (WSCNP)  
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[REDACTED] HERBERT JULE, a  
WSCNP Executive Board member advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that he knew TED SORENSEN while at the  
University of Nebraska and that some time ago, he had been  
asked by SORENSEN to recommend someone for the incoming  
KENNEDY Administration to name to the appropriate White House  
committee or office having to do with the subject of disarmament.

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(1-THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN) (SPI)

(1-DEAN RUCK) (SPI)

(1-HERBERT JULE)

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(1-116-104462) (DEAN RUCK)

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JENLE said that the name of DEAN RUCK had been given to him by another individual, not identified.

JENLE described RUCK as a pacifist and feels he will be a good man in the State Department and will work toward the end that the Committee for A Sane Nuclear Policy would like to have him to. b7D

[redacted]  
[redacted] JENLE has been a professor at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, and is currently associated with the Physics Department at the George Washington University, WDC. JENLE [redacted]

[redacted] TED SORENSEN and has, in the past, prepared a paper on disarmament for SORENSEN.

WFO file 105-23127 concerns unknown subject communications between Los Angeles and the Bureau in the Fall of 1957. Those unknown subjects had the aliases HERBERT JENLE and [redacted]  
[redacted]

Review of this material shows that physical surveillance of [redacted] Soviet Embassy, WDC, on 5/30/57, reflected a visit by him to the residence of [redacted] Executive Secretary of the American-Russian Institute, Los Angeles. Also present at [redacted] residence during the time [redacted] was there was [redacted] b6 b7C  
HERBERT JENLE.

The above is supplied for the information of the Bureau. It is pointed out that this information was obtained by [redacted]  
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and in order to protect the identity of the source, it should be appropriately paraphrased before any dissemination is made. b7D

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-429993)

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35631)

COMMTEL WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR  
A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY (WCCNP)

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(00:WFO)

*Theodore C. Sorensen*

Re: airtel 12/15/60 captioned as above setting forth  
information received from [redacted] regarding DEAN RUSK,  
THEODORE CONDUCH and HERBERT JEHLE and telephone call to WFO  
by Bureau Supervisor PAUL J. BACHMANN 12/16/60.

Informant was recontacted 12/16/60 by SA P.B. GRIFFITH,  
JR., and questioned thoroughly on the information he had fur-  
nished regarding CONDUCH requesting JEHLE to furnish him the  
name of an individual to serve on the appropriate White House  
committee or office having to do with disarmament. According  
to the informant JEHLE stated he had turned the name of DEAN  
RUSK in to SORENSON for this position. [redacted] said the above  
was the extent of JEHLE's remarks re RUSK.

Informant has been instructed to be on the alert for  
any additional information regarding the above or any other  
situation indicating liaison between WCCNP and representatives  
of the government.

In view of the possibility the individuals mentioned  
in this airtel eventually having access to the information it  
is requested that the identity of the source be protected.

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① - Theodore Chaikin Sorensen (SPI)

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen ✓

DATE: December 20, 1960

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CH*

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SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN;  
DEAN RUSK  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

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Memorandum Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Belmont dated December 16, 1960, copy attached, refers to Washington Field airtel dated December 15, 1960, indicating [redacted] Herbert Jehle, Executive Board Member of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy (WCSNP), that he, Jehle, was asked by Sorensen to recommend someone to the President-elect Kennedy Administration as an appointee to a White House committee dealing with disarmament. He recommended Dean Rusk, whom he described as a pacifist, who he believes will work toward the same end the WCSNP would.

(S) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] communist front groups.

Bufiles show Herbert Jehle was born in Germany and is a political refugee. He reportedly was refused a position with the German Government because of his pacifist beliefs and his refusal to swear to a loyalty oath to Hitler. He was associated with the University of Nebraska from 1949 to 1959 and has since been associated with George Washington University. He has been interviewed by Bureau Agents in the past and has stated that he has never been a member of the Communist Party. In 1957 he contacted an employee of the Press Department of the Soviet Embassy and advised Bureau Agents upon interview he made this contact because he thought it was necessary to talk to the Soviet employee as he thought it might bring about a better understanding between the people of the USSR and the United States in promoting world peace.

According to Bureau sources the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy is a pacifist organization which advocates the cessation of nuclear weapons testing and international control of the manufacture, use and production of nuclear weapons and guided missiles. One source stated that a Communist Party member described the WCSNP as being composed of individuals "some far to the left, some

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN;  
DEAN RUSK

neutral, and some socialist"; that the only active people in the organization in March, 1960, were "the militant left and the socialists" plus a few individuals attracted by the question of fallout. As of May, 1960, the Executive Board of the WCSNP included [redacted] and [redacted]. Source said [redacted] has identified himself as a member of the Socialist Party, and [redacted] as an individual who supported Communist Party policies at that time. According to our sources, membership in the WCSNP does not in itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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It is felt that this information should be made available to the Kennedy-elect Administration. The information received from the informant has been appropriately paraphrased in a letter to Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be delivered by Mr. Evans.

ADDENDUM:

In connection with the referenced memorandum, Mr. Baumgardner to Mr. Belmont, dated December 16, 1960, the Director instructs that the investigation regarding the WCSNP be expedited and that a discreet investigation be made of Herbert Jehle. These two items will be handled in the Domestic Intelligence Division. They are on the Director's Special list.

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December 21, 1960

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

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 1, 1960, which furnished you a memorandum concerning Theodore Chaikin Sorensen. It is also noted that a summary memorandum dated July 20, 1960, concerning David Dean Rusk has been furnished to you.

The following information was furnished to this Bureau by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and who have requested anonymity.

A source\* advised he was recently told that Herbert J. Jolley, an Executive Board Member of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, made a statement that he had been asked by Mr. Sorensen to recommend someone to President-elect Kennedy's Administration as an appointee to a White House Commission dealing with disarmament. Mr. Jolley furnished the name of Dean Rusk to Mr. Sorensen and described Mr. Rusk as a pacifist who would be a good man in the Department of State because he felt Mr. Rusk would work toward the same end as the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy.

In describing the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, another source\* advised that the Washington Committee was organized in February, 1958, and that it continues to function in Washington, D. C. According to this source, the aims and purposes of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy are the cessation of nuclear weapons testing with adequate inspection; international control of the manufacture, use and production of nuclear weapons and guided missiles; and general disarmament. This source also advised that as of May, 1960, the Executive Board of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy included

He also said that [redacted] has identified himself as a member of the Socialist Party.

(S) [redacted] 100-429998) (S)

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Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien

An additional source in referring to the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy said that an individual who has identified himself in the past as a Communist Party member described the Executive Board of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy as being composed of individuals "some far to the left, some neutral, and some socialist." The source said that the only active people in the organization as of March, 1960, were "the militant left and the socialists," plus a few individuals attracted by the question of fallout.

With reference to [redacted] previously mentioned as being on the Executive Board of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, an individual\*acquainted with him advised that [redacted] although not known to him as a member of the Communist Party, supported Communist Party policies as of 1955. This source pointed out that membership in the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy does not in itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party.

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The above is furnished for your confidential information.

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Sincerely yours,

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February 2, 1961

THEODORE C. SORENSON  
Born: May 8, 1923  
Lincoln, Nebraska

An applicant-type investigation was conducted by this Bureau in November, 1960, concerning Theodore Chaikin Sorenson. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President. (161-29-36)

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NOTE: Investigation re Sorenson generally favorable. Another Government agency furnished info. that he claimed exemption from military service because he was a member of the Unitarian Church which was opposed to military service; he was willing to accept non-combat service. His name appeared on mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. A. Evans

DATE: August 22, 1962

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

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PER F.O.I.P.A. REQUEST

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

SPECIAL TOUR OF THE BUREAU

Arrangements were made at the request of the White House for the three young sons of the Honorable Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President, to tour the FBI. The Sorensen [REDACTED], and their [REDACTED]

were met in the Attorney General's Office this date and conducted on a special tour of the Bureau's facilities and the Indoor Firearms Range by Special Agent [REDACTED] the eldest who is [REDACTED] years of age, advised that he had previously taken the FBI tour in 1960 with his grammar school class and was glad to be taking the tour again with his younger brothers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] expressed her personal appreciation for the opportunity of taking this tour and stated that she wished to express Mr. Sorensen's personal thanks for the courtesies shown his sons. [REDACTED] made the observation that the crowds of tourists in Washington appear to be ever increasing and stated that she was amazed at the ease with which the FBI handled its tours, and as an aside stated that she has not as yet taken the White House tour.

[REDACTED] was most complimentary of the Director and throughout the tour made many favorable remarks concerning the FBI and its work in the field of law enforcement.

[REDACTED] and the Sorensen boys were escorted to the 10th Street and Constitution Avenue entrance to the Justice Building as their automobile was parked nearby. REC-10 161-29-43

Appropriate expressions were made of our delight of having the opportunity to conduct [REDACTED] and the Sorensen boys on this tour of the Bureau's facilities. 13 AUG 29 1962

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Submitted as a matter of information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. O.H. Bartlett
- 1 - Mr. W.H. Stapleton

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

Aug. 20, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages 15896-15898. Senator Goldwater, (R) Arizona, spoke concerning the recent meeting of the Western States Democratic Conference held in Seattle. He stated "First they were harangued by Mr. W. H. 'Ping' Ferry, vice president of the Fund for the Republic, who amused the audience with irresponsible and slanderous statements concerning the career of that distinguished American, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Other peculiar individuals then mounted the rostrum and contributed equally preposterous comments concerning American affairs. The high point in sheer schizophrenia was ultimately reached by Mr. Theodore C. Sorensen, who holds the title as Special Counsel to the President of the United States." Mr. Goldwater included Mr. Sorensen's speech.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Aug. 17, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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## Sorensen Draft Record Backed by State Chief

LINCOLN, Sept. 29 (AP).—Nebraska's selective service director says he's reviewed the draft record of presidential aide Theodore C. Sorensen and found it "very regular."

"I noticed where some member of Congress said he (Mr. Sorensen) avoided military service by claiming to be a conscientious objector," said Guy N. Henninger, yesterday.

Senator Goldwater, Republican of Arizona, recently read to the Senate a Chicago newspaper story which said Mr. Sorensen, 33, had escaped military service after World War II as a conscientious objector and Korean war service as a father. The story said Mr.

Sorensen was classified as "1-AO" between 1948 and 1954.

"This 1-AO classification does not avoid military service," said Mr. Henninger, a retired Army major general. "A person with that qualification goes into uniform the same as any one else and serves in a branch such as the Medical Corps."

There is another classification, "1-O," for men who refuse to serve in uniform and are sent to work camps, Mr. Henninger added.

His review of Mr. Sorensen's record said Mr. Henninger showed:

"It was a very regular case—an instance where the registrant had done everything the

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law and the regulations required of him.

"He was very prompt in notifying of any change in his address or family status. We only wish that all the others did as well."

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# TED SORIENSEN

## Administration

## Mystery Man

Although Robert Kennedy seems to be  
No. 2 on the team, there are those  
who consider this 33-year-old the  
real man behind the rocking chair

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By MARIANNE MEANS

The young Senator from Massachusetts was on his way to make a speech at the University of Nebraska. He had just been defeated for the Democratic vice-presidential nomination, and he was not yet a nationally known figure. As he relaxed in the back seat of the auto, he fingered his tie, chewed gum absently and poured over his notes.

By his side sat his assistant, a young man not too long out of the University of Nebraska himself. As the car drew near the university, the assistant jabbed the Senator heartily in the ribs. "Presidential candidates do not chew gum," he muttered in mock horror.

The Senator grinned, and got rid of the gum.

That was nearly five years ago. But the relationship even then between John F. Kennedy and Theodore Chaikin Sorensen was already an intimate, easy-going one based on mutual confidence, friendship and respect.

Sorensen, though only 33, has been at the President's elbow for eight years, ever since Kennedy's elevation to the Senate. And until January, 1960, the Kennedy-for-President campaign consisted of Kennedy and Sorensen. Period.

Next to brother Bobby, Sorensen is probably the most important—and influential—man in the President's "kitchen cabinet." As a coordinator, speech writer and trusted general assistant with the purposely ambiguous title of "Special Counsel," he has a finger in nearly every Presidential pie. Yet Sorensen is so little-known that most news stories even spell his name with the more familiar Swedish

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"son," though he is of Danish-Russian extraction and it should be spelled with the Danish "sen."

Sorensen, more than any other White House advisor, is the "mystery man" of the administration. A great number of high officials and miscellaneous experts have direct and frequent access to the President, plus a lot of White House "special assistants." But since some of these were found wanting in the Cuban fiasco, Kennedy has been turning increasingly inward to the men who helped him in other times of great personal challenge. Prominent in this tight little clump of trusted allies is Sorensen.

Shortly after the Cuban affair, President Kennedy described Sorensen to me as "one of my very key men. He gets the work done, he is extremely bright and I have confidence in him. As my own responsibilities grow, so do his."

Kennedy added that although Sorensen may branch out into foreign affairs occasionally, his major concern is in domestic matters.

In the first months of the New Frontier, Sorensen directed the formulation of some 20 messages and draft bills which outlined the President's program on everything from housing to education. He had a hand in drafting the inaugural address, coordinated budget problems with Kennedy ideas, advised on top-level job appointments, wrote speeches and press conference statements.

Sorensen's operations are strictly in the "Ivory Tower" realm of ideas and policy. He does not get into the machinery of carrying out a project once it is decided upon in the White House. His success in voicing—and helping form—Presidential policy is largely due to the fact that, through long associa-

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tion, he and the President have come to think very much alike. "It's almost spooky," one associate has commented.

Both Kennedy and Sorensen have an immense mental capacity—an intellectualism balanced by good, hard, practical political sense—and large reservoirs of energy. They both are calm, cool operators with a talent for concentration. And they have the same quick, dry wit. Sorensen has provided the President with some of his best quips. Both often talk with a finger poking the air, or an upturned palm gesturing wildly. And Sorensen even likes touch football.

Kennedy has made it clear, however, Sorensen is not his alter ego, though he admits Sorensen, McGeorge Bundy (in charge of national security matters) and Kenneth O'Donnell (appointments secretary) probably know more about what's cooking in White House pots than any other aides.

Sorensen is the link between President Kennedy's thoughts and their appearance on paper. His thorough research was the basis for the Pulitzer prize-winning book, *Profiles in Courage*. He drafted about two-thirds of all Kennedy's speeches during the Presidential campaign. By now a brief conversation between the two is enough to transfuse a Kennedy thought into a Sorensen speech.

It is not surprising that Sorensen, a man who is more at home with words than with people, should derive his chief amusement from words. He is a big fan of word-guessing games, and he writes poetry. "It's bad poetry," he insists. Actually, it's

pretty good doggerel. Here's a sample, written on five minutes' notice, at a Cabinet breakfast:

*All hail the men of new frontiers  
The hardy Kennedy pioneers—  
The Georgia cracker known as Rusk;  
The courtly Hodges, never brusque;  
Orville Freeman, farmers' friend;  
To Stu Udall, a sleeping bag lend;  
Send racy books to Edward Day;  
Send lazy crooks to Bobby K;  
Take health needs to Abe Ribicoff;  
It's Dillon's fault if your check book's off;  
McNamara's Ford is in his past;  
Art Goldberg's not least, 'tho mentioned last.*

Another Sorensen talent is piano-playing; he plays by ear, mostly slow, sentimental, old classics.

Like the President's brother, Sorensen is a lawyer who reached his present eminence without bothering to get the experience of practicing law. His title of "Counsel" is misleading. Legal chores do come under his thumb, but they are hardly his chief preoccupation.

Sorensen would rather play down his role as a writer of speeches and messages. "More important," he says, "is the decision-making which must go into every speech and message." In the process of that decision-making, sometimes as many as 12 agencies or departments must be consulted and coordinated before a major program can be presented. Sorensen goes about this in the same methodical, well-ordered fashion he does everything else. Here, briefly, is how one Kennedy bill was created:

Sorensen called a meeting of about 40 top-level

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representatives, including Cabinet members, of departments involved. They reviewed working papers, hassled over major inter-department conflicts, brought up budget and other problems. Next came departmental meetings on specific problems, then talks with the President to check policy.

When the message was in nearly final form, Kennedy and Sorensen went over the whole package with the top department officials. The President raised two questions and called for more information. Sorensen held more meetings to iron out these questions, wrote a "final" memo for the President, then met again with the President and department heads to put the bill in final form.

Sorensen began writing the bill on a Thursday night. Copies of the first draft were ready for heads of all departments involved by 6 p. m. Friday. Each department head jotted down his last suggestions and returned his copy Monday morning.

Sorensen screened these and made up a memo for the President on two basic disagreements.

Monday afternoon the President went over the whole message carefully, reworked it in several places, resolved the disagreements. Finally Sorensen took it back to his office and began turning it out in final form. It went out to the press, page by page, Monday evening. It was sent up to Congress Tuesday noon. The bill had been written in two and a half weeks.

Sorensen, however, says that a bill often takes longer than that. "The last little corner to be buttoned down by the President sometimes causes

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a delay and we have to start all over," he says. "Basic decisions are all made by the President."

Sorensen will try to give the impression that he is not a politician. "I have devoted years to serving the President, including politics at times. But I am not regarded as a practicing politician and I don't expect I ever will be," he says.

This, to say the least, is being over-modest. Sorensen, for all his bookish bent, is one of the best political operators in the business. Before and during the campaign, he traveled with Kennedy into nearly every state; he recruited allies, he plotted strategy, he debated policy.

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson noted wryly: "He's certainly talented. I would not hesitate to trust any political or intellectual operation to him."

Said Senator Stuart Symington, similarly disappointed in Presidential ambitions: "Sorensen is a brilliant organizational genius."

Sorensen's father, C. A. Sorensen, was a leader of the midwestern progressive Republican wing, headed by the late Senator George Norris of Nebraska. From 1928 to 1932, he was Nebraska's attorney general, a fighting liberal who battled conservatives to set up a unicameral legislature and drafted a law to set up rural electrification districts. Sorensen says his idols are his father, President Kennedy and Norris. All three, he feels, dedicated themselves to the national interest and had the courage to fight for what they believed, regardless of odds, pressures or popularity.

In politics, as in business, there is a fine line between crisp efficiency and ruthless arrogance. This, perhaps, is the point on which Sorensen ad-

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mire's and Sorensen critics part ways. For the serious-minded, self-disciplined and work-oriented Sorensen does not always have time for the social pleasantries most people expect. One longtime acquaintance remarked, "Ted doesn't seem to need other people around him. I have lunch with him once every month or so, and I guess I'm as close to him as anybody."

Another, a former university classmate of Sorensen's, says that Sorensen always kept to himself and didn't socialize much during his college years. "It was almost as though he hated to waste time."

Sorensen's office is typical of the man—clean, uncluttered, businesslike, unassuming. It is a simple room, bare of obvious prestige symbols such as extra-thick carpets and wood paneling. It is in the corner of the White House west wing, several doors from the President's office. It does not even boast a specially autographed portrait of the President, as most offices in the White House do, although hung over the fireplace is a Karsh color portrait of President and Mrs. Kennedy, one of the reproductions from the popular American Weekly cover.

Sorensen's modest tastes extend to his personal life as well. True, his long hours and dedication to the job do not give him much free time for that personal life. In fact, there is a considerable group which doubts that Sorensen ever does relax.

One associate put it this way: "Ted relaxes in ways most of us would never think of—he creates new approaches to old problems."

Sorensen does not dance. He drinks only mod-

erately. His chief physical exercise these busy days comes from a fast game of ping-pong or from weekend softball games with his three boys, Eric, eight; Stephen, seven, and Phillip, six.

Eric is already showing signs of the same liking for words which has served his father so well. One day Sorensen brought his three boys to the White House to peek into the President's office (the boss wasn't in). The boys were so impressed that they tiptoed around the room and talked in whispers. Afterward, Eric sat in pop's office and pecked out a letter on his typewriter.

It went: "Dear Mr. President: I like the White House. It is a neat place. You have nice people there. I would like to live in it some day."

The next day Sorensen couldn't resist showing this to Kennedy. The President chuckled, and where Eric had written "I like the White House," he added, "So do I." Where Eric said "I would like to live in it some day," the President scrawled, "Sorry, Eric, you'll have to wait your turn."

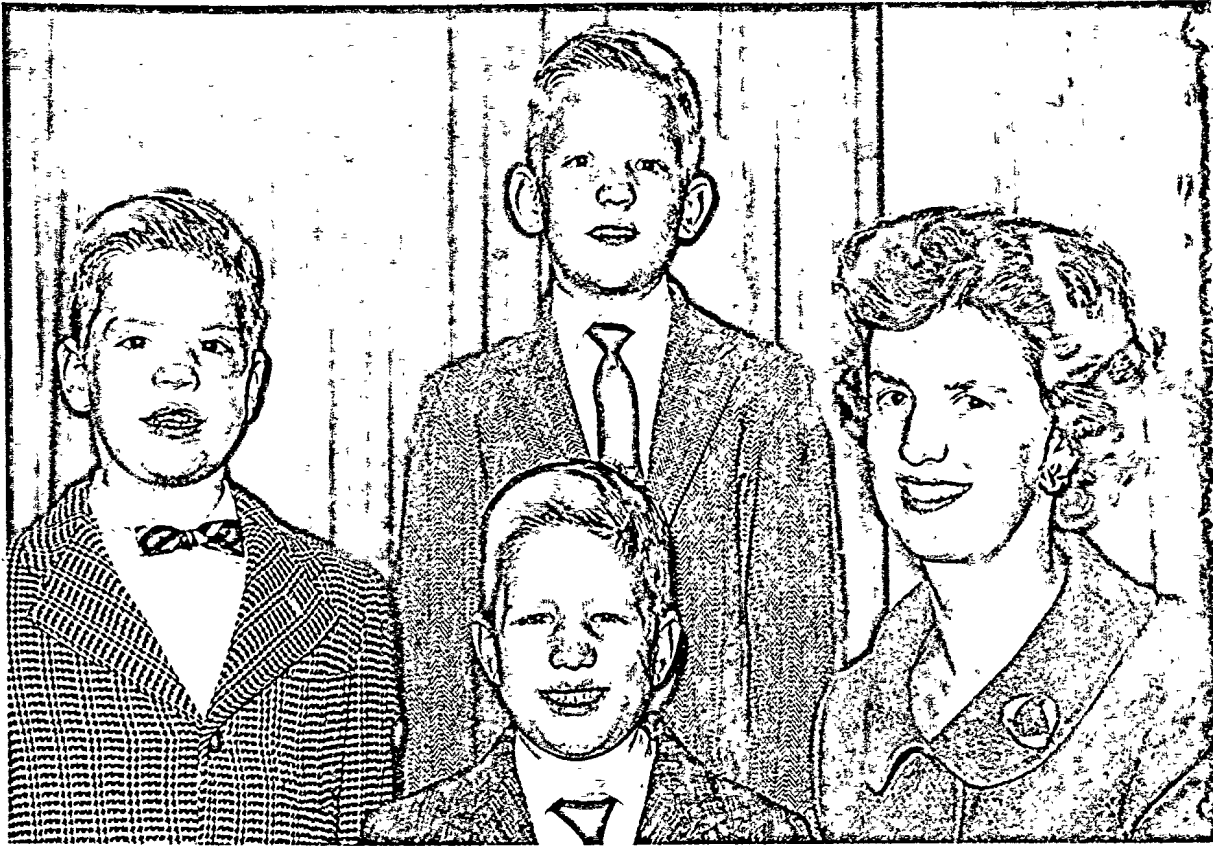
Sorensen grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, and was graduated from the University of Nebraska law school in 1951. He copped all the scholastic honors on the way: Phi Beta Kappa, Law Review editorship and top class grades.

After graduation he became an attorney for the Federal Security Agency, later joined the staff of the joint committee on railroad retirement, headed by Senator Paul Douglas.

When the committee disbanded, Sorensen landed a job, on Douglas's strong recommendation, with the newly elected Senator from Massachusetts, and by a chance quirk of fate stepped into history.

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SORENSEN resembles Kennedy in so many ways it's "spooky." Both are brilliant, tireless, witty, and like touch football. But Ted and his wife Camilla (below) are one up on the President in children.

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Honorable Theodore C. Sorensen  
Special Counsel to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sorensen: *Ted C.*

Special Agent [redacted] has

brought your letter of August 24th to my attention. On  
his behalf, I want to express our appreciation for your  
very kind remarks. We are glad to know the party enjoyed  
its visit to FBI Headquarters.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate we have had no previous correspondence  
with Mr. Sorensen. In 1948, he was exempted from military service.  
He indicated he would take a noncombatant job. He has been described  
as "very liberal." In 1958, he was on the mailing list of the Southern  
Conference Educational Fund, Inc., which was the successor of the  
Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The latter organization was  
cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. SA [redacted]

[redacted] who is assigned to the Special Investigative Division, conducted  
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WASHINGTON

August 24, 1962

Dear

The reports I have received,  
as a result of the tour you gave my boys the  
other day, indicate that you brought a great  
deal of enjoyment to them and provided much  
useful information. Thank you so much -- I  
am most appreciative.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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*Theodore C. Sorensen*

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Theodore C. Sorensen  
Special Counsel to the President

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-23-63

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Pursuant to instructions, there is attached a letterhead memorandum relating to Theodore C. Sorensen, Special Counsel to the President.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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THEODORE CHAIKIN ~~SORENSEN~~

*Summary*

Biographical Data:

Mr. Sorensen was born on May 8, 1928, at Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Christian Abraham and Annis Chaikin Sorensen. He attended the University of Nebraska from September, 1945, to June, 1951, receiving a B.S. degree on June 6, 1949, and an LL.B. degree, cum laude, on June 4, 1951. He married the former Camilla Ruth Palmer on September 8, 1949, and they have three children. He currently resides at 3000 Spout Run Parkway, Arlington, Virginia.

Following his admission to the Nebraska Bar in 1951, Mr. Sorensen was employed as an attorney for the Federal Security Agency, Washington, D. C., from July, 1951, to May, 1952. Subsequently, he served as a professional staff assistant for the Joint Congressional Committee on Railroad Retirement, from June, 1952, to January, 1953. In 1961, he became Special Counsel to President John F. Kennedy, having served as his aide since January 8, 1953, when Mr. Kennedy was in the United States Senate.

Results of FBI Investigations:

The FBI conducted an applicant-type investigation of Mr. Sorensen in 1951 in connection with his application for a position as an attorney with the Department of Justice. In 1960, an investigation was also conducted as a result of his appointment as Special Counsel to President-elect Kennedy.

These investigations disclosed that Mr. Sorensen was considered to be of excellent moral character and reputation. Faculty members and close associates at the University of Nebraska described him as a "liberal" who was concerned with increasing privileges and benefits for minority groups and the laboring classes. His interest in

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**Theodore Chaikin Sorensen**

law was focused on constitutional law, particularly in its application to minority groups. In this respect, one law faculty member reported in 1960 that during his attendance at the University of Nebraska, Mr. Sorensen advised him that he felt Federal and state loyalty oath bills were unwise legislation. He also expressed his personal belief that the Supreme Court failed to grasp the meaning of the 14th Amendment. This professor also stated that while Mr. Sorensen was serving as editor of the "Law Review," from February, 1950, to February, 1951, he was disliked by a number of underclassmen who worked with him. They considered him egotistical, overbearing and obstinate. This feeling, according to the faculty member, was partially based on Mr. Sorensen's refusal to accept articles for the "Law Review" unless they dealt with civil liberties.

All persons interviewed during these investigations commented favorably on Mr. Sorensen's character, reputation, associates and loyalty, and all recommended him for a position of trust.

**Close Relatives of Mr. Sorensen:**

Mr. Sorensen's father, who is deceased, served as the Nebraska State Attorney General from 1928 to 1932 and for many years thereafter was a leading attorney at Lincoln, Nebraska. Other close relatives include a sister and three brothers, one of whom, Thomas C. Sorensen, is currently employed by the United States Information Agency, Washington, D. C.

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**Records of the Metropolitan Police Department.**

Washington, D. C. indicate [redacted]

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[redacted] the refusal of the management of [redacted] Washington, D. C., to serve a group of thirteen Negro and white individuals on July 17th. On July 19th, when the management again refused to serve mixed groups, the cafeteria was picketed.

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Theodore Chaikin Sorensen

Information from other appropriate law enforcement agencies and credit reporting agencies indicated either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. Sorensen or his relatives.

Miscellaneous:

Information received from another Government agency disclosed that in 1948 Mr. Sorensen claimed exemption from combatant military service on the basis of his membership in the Unitarian Church and his belief in God. He indicated his willingness to accept noncombatant service. (Local Draft Board Number 57, Lincoln, Nebraska (77-49931-11))

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has requested anonymity, advised that the name "Theodore C. Sorensen, Box 181, Rt. 3, McLean, Virginia," [redacted] the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. The informant pointed out that [redacted]

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A confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who has requested anonymity, advised that the Southern Educational Fund, Incorporated, was originally an adjunct of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare prior to the demise of this latter organization in 1948. This informant stated that the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated, continued as a separate and independent organization, stressing the fact that it was nonpolitical in nature. This source said the organization has devoted its efforts primarily to race relations, campaigning against discrimination and segregation, and its principal leaders were the same as those for the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. According to the informant, the Communist Party was interested in infiltrating and controlling the original group but gave little indication of interest in the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. [redacted]

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The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist-front organization.

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The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The following information was furnished to the FBI by sources who have furnished reliable information in the past and who have requested anonymity.

(S) A source advised in 1960 he was told that Herbert Jehle, an Executive Board Member of the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, made a statement that he had been asked by Mr. Sorensen to recommend someone to President-elect Kennedy's Administration as an appointee to a White House Committee dealing with disarmament. Mr. Jehle furnished the name of Dean Rusk to Mr. Sorensen and described Mr. Rusk as a pacifist who would be a good man in the Department of State because he felt he would work toward the same end as the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. [redacted] 00-429998) b1

In describing the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, another source advised it was organized in February, 1958, and has as its aims and purposes the cessation of nuclear weapons testing with adequate inspection; international control of the manufacture, use and production of nuclear weapons and guided missiles; and general disarmament. This source also stated that as of May, 1960, the

(S) [redacted] and [redacted] He said [redacted] had identified himself as a member of the Socialist Party. [redacted]

An individual acquainted with [redacted] stated that [redacted] although not known to him as a member of the Communist Party, [redacted] supported Party policies as of 1955. This source pointed out that membership in the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy did not of itself connote membership in or sympathy with the Communist Party. [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

Referring to the Washington Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, an additional source stated an individual who had

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identified himself in the past as a member of the Communist Party, described the Washington Committee's Executive Board as being composed of individuals "some far to the left, some neutral, and some socialist." The source said the only active people in the organization as of March, 1960, were "the militant left and the socialists." plus a few individuals attracted by the question of fallout.

During the 1951 investigation of Mr. Sorensen, a member of the law faculty of the University of Nebraska stated that prior to his graduation, Mr. Sorensen had written several law firms throughout the United States indicating an interest in employment but only if these firms followed the principles as expressed by the Americans for Democratic Action. An article which appeared on page 22 of the May 4, 1961, issue of the "New York Journal-American" identified Theodore C. Sorensen as one of the members of the Americans for Democratic Action holding a high position in the Federal Government.

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The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent information in addition to that set out in this summary memorandum.

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Mr. DeLoach

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M. A. Jones

THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Pursuant to instructions, there is attached a  
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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

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December 23, 1963

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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I am enclosing herewith a summary on Theodore C. Sorensen and also one on Roy Richard Rubottom, Jr., present American Ambassador to the Argentine.

Likewise, I am enclosing a report upon the difficulty which the President had with his telephone on last Friday. He called me and told me that he had been talking with the Majority Leader of the House and found out during the call that it was an open line and an operator in the Health, Education and Welfare Department had come in and stated that she could hear the conversation. He asked that I have an immediate investigation made, which I did, and the report is enclosed together with the steps which are being taken by the telephone company to prevent a repetition of this situation. As indicated, we will, of course, follow the completion of the remaining telephone company work until it is entirely completed.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Born: May 8, 1928

Lincoln, Nebraska

An applicant-type investigation was conducted by this Bureau in November, 1960, concerning Theodore Claikin Sorensen. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins, Special Assistant to the President. (161-29)

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**NOTE:** Investigation re Sorensen generally favorable. Another Government agency furnished information that he claimed exemption from military service because he was a member of the Unitarian Church, which was opposed to military service; he was willing to accept non-combat service. His name appeared on mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT : **"KENNEDY"**  
**BOOK BY THEODORE SORENSSEN**  
**FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

DATE: August 27, 1965

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PER F.O.I.A. REQUEST *DATE 3/26/76*

At 4:25 p.m. today, the Boston Office telephoned, stating that SA Carpenter had contacted Sorensen this morning at the latter's request, at which time Sorensen told him that the plates would not be changed for the first edition inasmuch as the book is already printed and contains the version that Bobby Kennedy had nothing whatsoever to do with the night interviews by the FBI.

Mr. Sorensen did state that on any future printings he will revise the matter so as to show the true picture from the FBI standpoint as to what occurred.

Upon publication of the incident in either "Look" magazine, where the book "Kennedy" is running in serialized form, or in the book itself, we will set out publicly the true facts in refutation. A memorandum at the time will be sent through suggesting approval of a statement to adequately refute whatever the published version states. No other action should be taken at this time.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

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FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: **"KENNEDY"**  
**BOOK BY THEODORE SORESENSEN**  
**FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY**

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 8/27/65 in captioned matter. This memorandum pointed out a refutation would be prepared to the charge that Attorney General Kennedy did not ask the FBI to have a report in the steel matter completed the next morning. The Director requested that the refutation be prepared for his approval.

Dependent upon the exact terminology used in the book to describe the sequence of events leading to the interview of reporters by FBI Agents the night of April 11, 1962, we will issue a statement as follows:

"The FBI was instructed at 8:00 p.m., April 11, 1962, to conduct the interviews in question and furnish the results to the Department of Justice by 7:00 a.m., April 12, 1962. The FBI conducted the requested interviews and furnished the results as requested by 7:00 a.m., April 12, 1962. The above facts were brought to the attention of Theodore Sorensen prior to publication of his book, 'Kennedy.' "

Since we do not know precisely how Sorensen will relate the circumstances leading to the night interviews by the FBI, it may be necessary to expand the above statement to adequately refute Bobby Kennedy's denial of the chain of events.

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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TO : MR. DE LOACH

DATE: 8/18/65

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: "KENNEDY"

Book By Theodore Sorensen

SA William H. Carpenter, Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, had previously told me that Sorensen was staying at Hyannis and was writing a book on Kennedy. He said from time to time he ran into Sorensen and I told him it would be a good idea if he maintained contact with him to see if there were any developments in the book which might be of interest to the Bureau.

Carpenter has written to me under date 8/16/65 as follows:

(Theodore) "Ted Sorensen told me his book, "Kennedy," due out October, will explain the night interviews by the FBI in the U. S. Steel controversy were strictly decisions made by the FBI. When I tried to dissuade him by stating the President wanted the complete report on his desk the next morning at 7, he said that was not the truth. He also said Bobby Kennedy, as AG, had not asked the FBI to have the report completed the next morning for the President nor did he indicate that interviews should be conducted at night. Ted checked with Bobby on what he was writing and Bobby agreed that Ted's version was true and correct."

Carpenter also went on to remark that he did not think that Sorensen would change the story as he plans to tell it.

In discussing this with Mr. Tolson he thought we ought to assemble the facts as they actually happened and consider what, if any, action the Bureau should take with respect to Sorensen's story. I told him that the Crime Records Division would give this matter further consideration and we would advise him whether we should do anything with respect to Sorensen.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Gale
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A memorandum from Mr. Mohr to Mr. DeLoach dated 8-18-65, pointed out that Mr. Mohr had received a letter from SA William H. Carpenter, Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, to the effect that he had been told by Theodore Sorensen that his book, "Kennedy," is due out in October, 1965, (Excerpts from this book are being serialized in "Look" Magazine currently) and will explain that the night interviews by the FBI in the steel controversy in 1962 were strictly decisions made by the FBI. Carpenter tried to dissuade Sorensen by stating that the President wanted the complete report on his desk the next morning at seven. Sorensen stated this was not the truth, that Bobby Kennedy had not asked to have the FBI report completed the next morning. Sorensen has apparently checked with Robert Kennedy and Kennedy has agreed that Sorensen's version is correct. Carpenter also indicated that he did not think Sorensen would change the story as he plans to tell it.

This is entirely erroneous as Bob Kennedy did request the results of the interviews in question be furnished to him the next morning so he could furnish them to the President.

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The facts in this matter are that at 5:30 p.m. on the afternoon of 4-11-62, then Attorney General Kennedy contacted former Assistant Director Evans and requested the Bureau to interview the President of Bethlehem Steel and certain reporters to whom he had talked the previous day as soon as it was possible to do so. Subsequent to the initial request, at 8 p.m., then Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach recontacted Evans, and stated that he and the Attorney General had been discussing this matter. He advised Evans that he and the Attorney General had an appointment to meet with the President at 8:50 a.m. the following morning and he would like the results of the investigation before that meeting. It was agreed between Katzenbach and Evans that Evans would call him at his home about 7 o'clock in the morning in order to furnish him the desired information. This was done.

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To show that the Attorney General was fully cognizant of the request that the information be made available early in the morning of 4-12-62, it is noted that Kennedy called Evans from the White House shortly after 9 o'clock on the morning of 4-12-62, stating he would like a memorandum as to the results of the interviews conducted the previous night. This memorandum was prepared and delivered to the Attorney General that morning.

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RE: "KENNEDY"  
BOOK BY THEODORE SORENSEN

In a discussion with Attorney General Kennedy on 4-13-62, he advised Evans that any criticism arising out of this matter was his responsibility and he was perfectly willing to accept it. In addition, on the same date Kennedy telephonically contacted the Director to express thanks for the manner in which the Bureau attacked the steel problem and stated that the Bureau had done a good job. He advised that he did not think there was any question but that the efforts made by everyone in the Bureau had played a major role in the rescinding of contemplated steel price increases.

In view of the foregoing it is difficult to understand how Kennedy can now deny that he had requested that this matter receive expeditious attention and that he be furnished the results early on the next morning. It is to be noted, of course, that the serialized portions of Sorensen's book as they are published in Look Magazine have caused several prominent individuals mentioned therein to challenge the accuracy of statements made against them.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that SA William Carpenter, Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, recontact Sorensen and give him the full details concerning the requested investigation and the facts which point out that the Attorney General did in fact order such an investigation and did request the results early on the following morning. At this time Sorensen can be advised that he may wish to further check the accuracy of the statements with Kennedy. It might also be pointed out to Sorensen that should this incident be published in its inaccurate form the Bureau will have no hesitancy in issuing a public statement pointing out its fallaciousness.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 26, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

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Theodore Reference is made to Jones to DeLoach memo, 8-20-65, which relates to Sorensen's book, "Kennedy," which is due to be published next October, 1965. In its present form the book claims that the night interviews by the FBI in the 1962 steel controversy were the sole responsibility of the Bureau. Sorensen told SA Carpenter of Hyannis, Massachusetts, that he had gotten his version of the steel controversy from Bobby Kennedy.

It was recommended and approved that SA Carpenter recontact Sorensen and give him the complete details concerning the requested steel investigation on the night of 4-11-62 and that should the steel incident be published in its present erroneous form the FBI would have no recourse but to make a public statement pointing out the true facts.

SAC Handley of Boston advised that Carpenter has recontacted Sorensen and very carefully pointed out the exact sequence of events concerning the steel interviews. Sorensen said that he appreciated having these facts and that he wished he had checked personally with the FBI. Sorensen said obviously these facts did not mesh with the facts he had learned from Bobby Kennedy and Sorensen immediately contacted his Publishers, Harper and Row, to see if changes could still be made in the copy. Sorensen said he had written this portion of the book last June and it was possible that it is now too late to make a change. Sorensen told Carpenter that his Publishers had promised to make a "sincere effort" to make the change, that they have to contact the firm that is actually doing the printing and they will let him know in the immediate future what can be done about the problem.

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The above is for information. You will be promptly advised when we learn further information from Boston as to whether or not it is possible for Sorensen's Publishers to change the manuscript at this time.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

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FROM : M. A. Jones

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The 9-28-65 issue of the Washington "Evening Star," which is carrying a serialization of Sorensen's book about President Kennedy, contains Sorensen's version of the situation in 1962 regarding the steel price matter. In this regard, Sorensen referred to the FBI's role in interviewing certain reporters during the late evening and early morning hours. He pointed out that, "Unfortunately, two overzealous agents, misunderstanding either their role or their instructions, called and visited one of the reporters in the middle of the night to check his story..."

Sorensen mentions the press attitude and states, "As always, neither of the Kennedys (Robert or Jack) would publicly blame the career men responsible, but one of Robert Kennedy's deputies had in fact specified to the FBI that all those to be interviewed should be telephoned at their place of business, not their homes, for an appointment in the usual hours. No orders were ever given to awaken anyone or to obtain the information by 7 a. m., and neither Kennedy knew about the calls until the next day." The Director has noted with regard to this observation, "I never heard of this angle before. H."

As pointed out in my memorandum to you (Mr. DeLoach), dated 8-20-65, Sorensen's defense of Bob Kennedy is entirely erroneous as Bob Kennedy did request the results of the interviews in question be furnished to him the next morning so he could furnish them to the President. It will be recalled that the facts are that at 5:30 p. m. on the afternoon of 4-11-62 Attorney General Kennedy contacted former Assistant Director Evans requesting the Bureau to interview the president of Bethlehem Steel and certain reporters. Subsequent to initial request, at 8 p. m., the Deputy Attorney General Katzenbach recontacted Evans, stated he and the Attorney General had been discussing the matter and they had an appointment to meet with the President at 8:50 a. m. the following morning.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
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Katzenbach wanted the results of the interviews before that meeting and it was arranged that Evans would call Katzenbach at his home about 7 the following morning and furnish him the desired information. This was done. As further evidence that Kennedy was fully cognizant of the request for the information to be made available on the morning of 4-12-62, Kennedy called Evans from the White House shortly after 9 a. m. on 4-12-62 requesting a memorandum as to the results of the interviews conducted the previous evening. Further, Attorney General Kennedy advised Evans on 4-13-62 that any criticism arising out of the matter was his responsibility and he was perfectly willing to accept it. Later on the same day he contacted the Director to express thanks for the manner in which the Bureau attacked the steel problem and stated that the Bureau had done a good job.

The fact that Sorensen was going to handle the matter in his book the way he did came to our attention in August. The Director approved having our Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, contact Sorensen and give him the full details concerning the requested interviews and the facts, pointing out that the Attorney General did, in fact, order such an interview and requested the results early the following morning. As a result of the contact with Sorensen, he promised he would correct the record in the next edition of his book. The first edition was apparently in the hands of the printers.

In regard to this matter, the Attorney General discussed Sorensen's book with you on 9-29-65, along with other matters and stated he exceedingly regretted the fact that Sorensen was completely erroneous in referring to the FBI's role in the steel controversy. He stated Sorensen's point that the FBI had been instructed to conduct interviews with reporters during business hours and not thereafter was absolutely false, as well as Sorensen's reference to "two overzealous agents." Katzenbach stated he wanted it clearly understood that the FBI's handling of this matter was strictly his responsibility and that he had called Evans after business hours and had told Evans to obtain information from reporters and get it back to him at an early hour the following morning so that he could brief the Attorney General and the President. You (Mr. DeLoach) pointed out to him that the record certainly needed to be straightened out. Katzenbach indicated he intends discussing the matter with Sorensen and concluded by stating that he hoped that any answers to inquiries the FBI might give in this matter would be coordinated with him so that there would be no conflicting statements between the Department and the FBI. You told him, of course, that we would do this as the record did badly need straightening out.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. V. [Signature] P



# KENNEDY—by Sorensen



By THEODORE C. SORENSEN

The most direct and dangerous challenge by a powerful private interest group to President Kennedy's anti-inflation efforts—and to the President's office and trust—came from the steel industry in 1962.

His immediate concern in 1961 was an automatic increase in steel wages scheduled to take place on Oct. 1. An analysis by the Council of Economic Advisers showed that the Oct. 1 step was within the range of rising productivity and could be absorbed without a price increase.

On Sept. 6 the President wrote an open letter to the presidents of the 12 largest steel companies, urging that prices not be increased on Oct. 1 or thereafter.

Some of the replies were thoughtful, some were rude, none made any promises—but prices were not raised.

A week later the President wrote an old friend, President David McDonald of the steelworkers, emphasizing the need in 1962 for a steel-labor settlement "within the limits of advances in productivity and price stability . . . in the interests of all of the American people."

On Jan. 23, 1962, Kennedy met privately with Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Steel Chairman Roger Blough and McDonald at the White House, having also met with Blough the previous September.

In all these talks both the President and Goldberg emphasized their interest in a settlement which would make a price rise unnecessary. More specifically, President Kennedy's considerable influence with the union and the good offices of the secretary of labor were offered as a means of helping achieve such a settlement if both sides were agreeable.

No formal pledge from the industry to hold prices steady, if the President succeeded, was requested, and none was forthcoming.

While Roger Blough would later claim that all kinds of public hints about a pending price rise had been made—hints which no one else in either industry or the press seemed to have grasped—he and other industry officials in direct contact with the administration made no use of those opportunities to inform the President of such an action.

On the contrary, the industry voluntarily made itself party to what was in effect a tripartite transaction clearly

based on the President's premise that steel price increases were undesirable and, unless necessitated by a wage increase exceeding productivity increases, not to be attempted.

## Goldberg Got Dealings Started in February

Nor was it a passive acceptance of minimal help. Goldberg did not even talk to McDonald until R. Conrad Cooper (the industry's chief negotiator) had advised him, after talking with his colleagues in the industry, that they were agreeable.

A series of wires, calls and visits from the secretary on behalf of the President helped to get the negotiations started several months early in February and helped persuade McDonald to accept the industry's most modest settlement in postwar history.

"They did it in part," concluded the President later, "because I said that we could not afford another inflationary spiral, that it would affect our competitive position abroad—so they signed up."

The agreement provided for no general increase in wage rates at all, and fringe benefit improvements costing about 10 cents an hour, or 2.5 percent.

On Tuesday, April 10, the last major contract having been signed, the President was surprised to note that his appointment calendar included a 5:45 p.m. appointment for Roger Blough. Ken O'Donnell said Blough had requested it that afternoon. Goldberg said he had no idea what Blough might have in mind but agreed to stand by in his office.

What Blough had in mind was soon clear. Seated on the sofa next to the President's rocking chair, he handed him U.S. Steel's mimeographed press release announcing a \$6-a-ton price increase, four times the cost of the new labor settlement.

The President was stunned. He felt that his whole fight against inflation, his whole effort to protect our gold, was being reduced to tatters.

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If the industry in which he had made his greatest effort for stability, an industry plagued by foreign competition and under-utilization, could make a mockery of his plea for self-restraint in the national interest, then every industry and every union in the country would thereafter feel free to defy him.

Above all, he felt duped. The man sitting across from him had personally, knowingly accepted his help in securing from the workers a contract that would not lead to an increase in prices. The prestige and powers of the presidency had been used to help persuade the steelworkers to accept less from the companies in the interest of price stability, and now the contract had no sooner been signed than the industry was announcing a large, across-the-board price increase for all products.

### Question of 'Good Faith' Involved, President Said

"The question of good faith was involved," as the President said later. "The unions could have rightfully felt that they had been misled"—and no other union would ever listen to his plea for self-discipline again.

"I think you're making a mistake," he coldly told Blough, who would not learn until later the enormity of his mistake.

The President's next scheduled appointment was a review of questions for the next day's press conference—an extra session, before the usual breakfast, which Assistant Press Secretary Andrew Hatcher had scheduled in Pierre Salinger's absence.

Hatcher, Walter Heller, McGeorge Bundy and I were waiting for this meeting in Ken O'Donnell's office outside the President's door. When Blough left, the President asked us to come in and told us the news. His own anger was rising.

"My father always told me," he said, recalling the ambassador's brief service in the steel industry and his fight with its leaders while on the maritime board, "that steel men were sons-of-bitches, but I never realized till now how right he was."

A widely repeated story from Newsweek and the New York Times said that the President, in our first conference after the Blough visit, had quoted his father as saying "all businessmen" were sons-of-bitches. Having been one of those whom the President addressed, I could not be clearer in my recollection that he was talking only about the steel industry. But the erroneous story became a cause celebre in the business community.

Little time was spent on recriminations. A price rise at that time and in that context was not only an economic setback—it was an affront to the office of the presidency and to the man who held it.

"If I had failed to get a rescission," he said later, "that would have been an awful setback to the office of the presidency."

No president should have accepted it without a fight; no one could have thought that John Kennedy would.

"U.S. Steel," one of those present would remark later, "picked the wrong President to double-cross."

The first question the President asked us was: "What can we do about it?"

Our primary hope was to create a climate that would discourage other companies from joining in the increase and encourage U.S. Steel to rescind. We recognized that market pressures would force the price leaders to back down if only one or two important companies refused to go along with the increase.

Our primary obligation was to ascertain whether the ability of a powerful company to announce an unjustifiable price increase, with confidence that it could be sustained despite all the obvious economic pressures against it, reflected a violation of the laws against monopoly.

### Justice Department Initiated an Inquiry

The Defense Department sought to meet its obligation to the taxpayers to purchase steel at the lowest available price. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara directed that the use of alternative materials would be studied; and "where possible, procurement of steel for defense production shall be shifted to those companies which have not increased prices."

The Justice Department sought to meet its obligation to law enforcement by initiating an inquiry as to whether a series of simultaneous and identical price increases, justified neither by cost nor by demand, and undertaken by companies in totally different financial positions, reflected normal free market behavior, coincidence, collusion or monopoly.

One of the items that particularly interested the trust-busters in April 1962 was the statement by Bethlehem President Edmund Martin, made shortly before the Blough announcement, that this was no time to raise prices. Bethlehem was the first to join U.S. Steel in the increase.

Was this evidence of conspiracy, monopoly power, deliberate deceit or, as claimed, a misquotation? The anti-trust division had an obligation to find out.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, in their normal role as investigators and fact-finders for all divisions of the department, interviewed not only all company officials (U. S. Steel's general counsel told them he and his associates were "too busy" to talk to them then) but also the three reporters who had covered the Bethlehem meeting (all of whom stood by their stories).

Unfortunately, two overzealous agents, misunderstanding either their role or their instructions, called and visited one of the reporters in the middle of the night to check his story and telephoned another who put them off. The latter, as well as the third reporter, were interviewed at their offices, although subsequent reports talked of "state security police" swooping down unannounced to grill all three in their beds.

### Neither of Kennedys Would Blame Career Men

As always, neither of the Kennedys would publicly blame the career men responsible, but one of Robert Kennedy's deputies had in fact specified to the FBI that all those to be interviewed should be telephoned at their place of business, not their homes, for an appointment in the usual hours. No orders were ever given to awaken anyone or to obtain the information by 7 a.m., and neither Kennedy knew about the calls until the next day.

But while the public barrage continued, the President was exploring private avenues of persuasion as well.

He had early in the fight asked all those in his administration with business ties—including Luther Hodges, Edward Gudemán, Heller, McNamara, Roswell Gilpatric, Henry Fowler, Douglas Dillon, Goldberg, Robert Roosa and others—to place calls to any contacts they had among steel companies still holding the price line, among steel companies who might consider rescinding, among steel bankers and steel buyers and steel lawyers.

No threats were made, no inducements were offered, but the nation's interest in price stability and a better balance of payments was made clear, and reliable channels of communication between the government and the steel companies were established.

There was little time, very little time. When steel prices had last been

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increased in 1958, all the major companies had been in line two days after the first company's announcement.

The rush of other companies to join U.S. Steel on Wednesday cast gloom over the possibility we had discussed the previous night of bringing U.S. Steel back by persuading the others to hold fast.

Many of the hopes for this divide-and-conquer strategy focused on the Inland Steel Company of Chicago. Inland's president, Joseph Block, was regarded as an "industry statesman" and served on the President's Labor-Management Advisory Committee. Block was in Japan, but a series of administration calls reached other Inland officials.

Recognizing the national interest in preventing a worsening in balance of payments and inflation, and recognizing the administration's role in helping obtain a noninflationary labor settlement, Inland agreed that April 1962 was no time to be raising prices, and announced Friday morning that it would not.

Promptly the President called another friend, Edgar Kaiser of Kaiser Steel, and that much smaller company made a similar announcement. Still another company, Colorado Fuel & Iron, announced that it would consider at most only selective price increases on some items in the future.

A note of optimism entered our Friday meeting in the Cabinet room. The companies announcing no price raise, along with an as yet uncertain holdout, Armco, probably had more than 15 percent of the industry's capacity and could, by holding out, increase it to no more than 25 percent. "But," said Robert McNamara, on the basis of his days with Ford, "none of the others will be willing to give up any part of that additional 10 percent, and they'll all have to come down."

By lunch time on Friday, the holdouts in the industry had prevailed. Bethlehem Steel, the nation's second largest producer, a rival of Inland's in Midwest markets and of Kaiser's on the West Coast, and a major Defense Department contractor, had rescinded its increase.

Late that Friday afternoon a secretary from the press office placed a scrap torn from the wire service ticker in front of me:

Bulletin—New York (AP)—United

States Steel Corporation rescinded today the steel price increase it initiated Tuesday.

Roughly 72 hours had passed since Roger Blough's visit to the White House—72 hours in which nearly every waking moment of the President, regardless of whether he was toasting the visiting Shah and Empress of Iran, preparing for his press conference and a trip, hosting the congressional reception or fulfilling a dozen other duties, had been spent in either meditation or action on how best to preserve his purpose and policies in this struggle.

While steel 1962 was the key battle in John Kennedy's war on inflation, his victory was less a victory against Big Steel than a victory for the American presidency.

Magnanimous in victory, always, the President promptly turned his attention to the problems of reconciliation. He permitted no gloating by any administration spokesman and no talk of retribution.

He made a special effort to be gracious to Roger Blough, toward whom he had no trace of bitterness. He invited him to the White House a few days later, and frequently thereafter, to confer on business confidence, and he also asked Blough to head a business council presidential advisory committee on balance of payments problems.

Tomorrow—The Berlin Crisis.

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Blough Defends Price Rise



*An Angry President Denounces Steel Price Hike*

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THEODORE C. SORENSON  
Born: May 8, 1928  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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An applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1960 concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House.

For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to [redacted] at the White House.  
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Original and 1 - CIA  
Request received - July 3, 1967

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NOTE: Investigation re Sorensen generally favorable. Another Government agency furnished information that he claimed exemption from military service because he was a member of the Unitarian Church, which was opposed to military service; he was willing to accept non-combat service. His name appeared on mailing list of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprint necessary for positive check.

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1 - Mr. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan  
1 - Mr. E. C. Peterson

July 16, 1968

BY LIAISON

[Redacted]  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

On July 10, 1968, a confidential source who has  
furnished reliable information in the past advised that  
Theodore C. Sorensen from New York, New York, requested an  
appointment with [Redacted]

[Redacted] not further identified, in  
order to discuss [Redacted]

Theodore C. Sorensen, a member of the New York  
firm of Paul Weiss, Rindkind, Wharton and Garrison, was  
formerly Special Counsel to the President from 1961 through  
1964.

This information is being furnished as of possible  
interest to the President. It has been made available to  
the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

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*Re: Theodore C. Sorensen*

August 29, 1968

BY LIAISON

The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

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Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals: [redacted] who was formerly [redacted] to Attorney General Kennedy; [redacted] former [redacted] to the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy; and Theodore C. Sorensen, who was former Special Counsel to President Kennedy from 1961-1964.

I thought the President would be interested in having a current check of FBI files conducted concerning these individuals.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (4)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale - Enclosures (sent direct)

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NOTE: Per request of [redacted] White House staff.

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THEODORE C. SORENSEN - Summary

Theodore Chaikin Sorensen, who was born on May 8, 1928, at Lincoln, Nebraska, was the subject of background-type inquiries conducted by the FBI in 1951 and 1960. Attached is a summary memorandum dated December 1, 1960, setting forth the results of those inquiries. *Ny*

Sorensen is the author of the book about President Kennedy which was released in the late Summer of 1965, entitled "Kennedy."

In an article appearing in the October 16, 1967, issue of "Saturday Review," Sorensen, editor-at-large of the publication, called for an indefinite and unconditional suspension of U. S. air raids on North Vietnam "to test Hanoi's sincerity and see how it will reciprocate." Sorensen said the incessant raids on North Vietnam were "increasing an embittered militancy in the North and thus prolonging the war" and costing more American lives. The bombing must be halted, Sorensen said, since "it can no longer be regarded as an indispensable means of securing our forces and objectives in the South."

In June, 1968, following the assassination of Senator Kennedy, Sorensen, who had been a key aide to the late Senator, predicted that most of the Presidential delegates who had backed Kennedy would remain uncommitted until the Democratic convention. He indicated that the Kennedy organization would not support either Vice President Humphrey or Senator Eugene McCarthy unless they moved in the direction of these Kennedy positions: "a more intensive and genuine search for a negotiated settlement in Vietnam"; a commitment to a policy of "no more Vietnams" and recognition that the U. S. was not the world's policeman; commitments to an end of racial bias and violence; an emphasis on "jobs instead of handouts."

In the New York Democratic primary on June 18, 1968, while the Kennedy group won 26 delegates pledged to support his ideals, Kennedy aide, Sorensen, running for a delegate position from Manhattan's East Side, lost to a McCarthy delegate.

NOTE: Per request of [redacted] White House Staff.

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Theodore C. Sorensen

FBI files reveal that in the recent past Sorensen has been in touch with certain Soviet officials in Washington, D. C., with respect to East-West trade matters. He reportedly authored an article in the April, 1968, issue of "Foreign Affairs" entitled "Why We Should Trade With The Soviets."

Sorensen reportedly was one of the speakers at a convention held at the Shoreham Hotel on May 21 - 22, 1968, attended by some 200 people which was sponsored by Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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Date: February 27, 1976 BY COURIER SERVICE  
To: [Redacted]  
National Security Council  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.  
From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS  
(FOIPA) REQUEST OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN

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Enclosed is a copy of captioned FOIPA request, together with a copy of one classified document from our files which originated with the White House. The enclosed information is being referred to you for a decision concerning its releasability, and for direct response to the requester. Please furnish this Bureau with a copy of your response to the requester.

Enclosures (2)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: [Redacted]

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NOTE: Sorensen is the subject of Bufiles 77-49931 and 161-29. One document with enclosures contained in FBI files which originated with the White House is being referred to the White House for review. Requester is being so advised. Copies attached for Bufiles.

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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

This is to acknowledge your recently received  
Freedom of Information Act request.

Due to the increased interest generated by the  
amendments to the Freedom of Information Act, it is neces-  
sary to advise you that an extension of time is needed to  
process your request.

You may be assured that every feasible effort  
will be made to comply with your request within  
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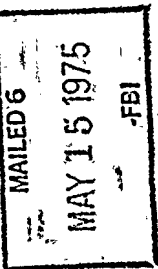
Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure  
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Subject Theodore C. Sorensen  
Birthdate & Place 5/8/28 Lincoln, Neb.  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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April 25, 1975

*Theodore C. Sorensen*

Deputy Attorney General  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Sir,

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Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act amendments effective February 19, 1975 (5 U.S.C. §§552 and 552(a)) and the Department of Justice regulations promulgated thereunder (40 FR 7261), I hereby request a copy (or, where equally useful and appropriate, an itemized description) of all such (i) records, papers or other documentary materials, (not including published articles or books by or about me), (ii) photographs or other illustrated materials, or (iii) tape recordings or other audio materials, principally concerning me or any of my activities during the period 1951 to date, as may be contained in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the "FBI").

For part of this period, I was an employee of the federal government. In the hope that information about that employment may be useful in locating the requested information, I am providing below the dates of my employment and the positions which I held.

- EX-103 REC-85 101-29-58
- (a) 1951-52 Attorney, Federal Security Agency
  - (b) 1952 Staff Member, U.S. Congress Joint Committee on Railroad Retirement
  - (c) 1953-61 Assistant to U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy
  - (d) 1961-64 Special Counsel to the President of the United States.

Since early 1966, I have been engaged in the practice of law with the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City.

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Deputy Attorney General

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April 25, 1975

In making the foregoing request, I am prepared to pay the clerical, reproduction and paper costs incurred thereby, provided that an itemization of such costs is given, up to an amount of \$50.00, which should be more than ample for the routine compilation I am requesting.

I shall appreciate your prompt and careful attention to this request and shall expect a reply, conforming with the Freedom of Information Act and your regulations thereunder, within ten business days of your receipt of this request.

Sincerely,

*Theodore C. Sorensen*

Theodore C. Sorensen



July 28, 1975

Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton,  
and Garrison  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Reference is made to my letter of May 15th to you  
regarding your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

Please be advised that due to the excessive number  
of requests received prior to yours, and the procedure of  
processing requests in the order in which they are received,  
it is not possible for us to comply with the time limit  
indicated in my referenced letter. This unanticipated volume  
of work has caused us to reorganize and increase our staff  
assigned to handle FOIA requests so that we can be more  
responsive to requests received in accordance with the intent  
and spirit of the Act.

I trust you can appreciate this is a time-consuming  
procedure; however, every effort will be made to comply  
with your request as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence M. Kelley  
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
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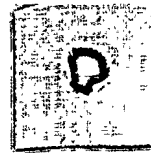
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October 6, 1975

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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton,  
and Garrison  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Reference is made to my letter of July 28th to you regarding your Freedom of Information Act request.

This is to advise you that your request will be processed under the Privacy Act, and all documents which can be released will be made available to you at the earliest possible date. b6  
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I trust you can appreciate we are beginning to implement new procedures to process records under the Privacy Act, but every effort will be made to comply with your request as soon as possible.

Your patience and cooperation is appreciated.

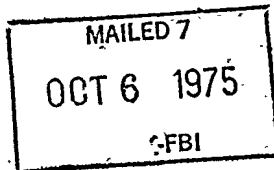
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General, Enclosure  
Attention:

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He has numerous see references.

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## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE:

FROM : Mr. McDermott *McDermott*SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)  
REQUEST RE: THEODORE C. SORENSEN

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Attached is a copy of the FOIPA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

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Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIPA Section within (5) working days.

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[REDACTED] on this matter should be discussed with Room 6248 JEH, extension 4537.

RECOMMENDATIONS (S): (only items check apply)

1. That the EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Division(s) review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposes for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted.

( ) 2. That the \_\_\_\_\_ Division(s):  
 ( ) a. Review the classification of serial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.

( ) b. Review the balance of the file, particularly serial(s) \_\_\_\_\_, to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any new serials.

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
 Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

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ADDENDUM External Affairs Division, 12-12-75, WEW:kmh *kmh*

The Freedom of Information Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request concerning Theodore C. Sorensen was reviewed by this Division.

Serial 94-8-341-156, letter to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, dated 12-10-61, eighth line from the bottom of page one, has the name of the editor of the Post's editorial page deleted; however, his position is still shown, thereby leaving him identifiable. This should be deleted.

A second serial 94-3-4-317-491, letter to Mr. Hoover, dated 7-20-65, has the publisher's name in the letterhead. Although this does not say he wrote the letter, it is an indication and should be deleted.

Thirty-five minutes of Agent's time was expended.

*Corrections  
made per  
This addendum  
MK/PAH  
12/16/75*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. CLEVELAND  
FROM : Mr. McDermott McDermott

DATE: 12/9/75

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)

REQUEST RE: THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Admin. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is a copy of the FOIPA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure.

Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please made every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIPA Section within (10) working days.

[Redacted] this matter should be discussed with Room 6248 JEH, extension 4537.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS (S): (only items check apply)

(1) 1. That the SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE Division(s) 77-49931; 161-29; 123-11516-4; 62-48771-175 review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposes for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted. mb

(1) 2. That the SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE Division(s):  
 a. Review the classification of serial(s) 161-29-55 to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file REO 85/161-29-55 which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials. 62

( ) b. Review the balance of the file, particularly serial(s) 51 MAR 30 1976 to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.

1 - Mr. CLEVELAND  
 Attention: Mr. [Redacted]

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WCC

ADDENDUM OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 12-15-75 WCE:pln.

The following analysis of the below listed files and serials concerning requester, Theodore C. Sorensen, is furnished for the information of the Privacy Unit:

*for review  
interfiled  
with  
to be reviewed*

Bufile 164-3930-24, 77-49931, and 123-11516-4 need no corrections or amendments. It should be noted, however, that 123-11516-4 contains the requester's name, because it was indexed from the synopsis. There appears no justification whatever for that indexing. Concerning Bufile 62-48771-175, the last two sentences of this memorandum should be excised as they do not pertain to the requester, but only furnish an opinion of the author of the memorandum. *OK*

The following comments concern Bufile 161-29:

- OK*
1. In serial 26, page 1, the synopsis, information concerning the credit checks and security file reviews, has been omitted. This information is included in the details of this report where it is being furnished to the requester. This needs to be made consistent. On page 6 of this report concerning the interview of Thomas Gerber, the 2nd paragraph of his interview with proper excising should be included because it contains the information about requester "running around" which has been left in the synopsis. It is believed that this can be properly excised.
- OK*
2. Page 10 of serial 36, The White House summary includes the names of the agencies from whom no information was obtained. Since the names of these agencies were reported in other serials which are being furnished to the requester, they should be left in The White House summary. Also on page 10, the 1st paragraph under miscellaneous concerns the military service records of the requester, which has also been already furnished to the requester. It should be included.
- OK*
3. Serial 43 should not be furnished to the requester as it deals only with his children and their babysitter and is, therefore, not within the scope of the request.
- no  
process  
here*
4. The letter dated 12-23-63, which is an unrecorded serial just before serial 45 should have included Mr. Sorensen's last name in paragraph 1. *OK*
- disag*

*WCE*

ADDENDUM OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 12-15-75 WCE:pln.

5. Serial 48 should have the last paragraph omitted and the handwritten comments at the bottom of "D" "H" as these comments have nothing whatever to do with the requester and are not within the scope of his request. These comments only deal with action to be taken on a book that the requester is having published. *Disagree*

6. Serial 49 should be omitted in its entirety since it has nothing whatever to do with the requester, but only discusses our reaction to a book being published by him and to a proposed news release. *Disagree*

*no*  
7. Serial 50 should be omitted entirely pursuant to K-5 since the information contained in this serial is a summary of the contents of a personal letter written by an agent of the FBI to the author of the memorandum and would clearly reveal his identity even if his name was excised. *no*

*no privacy issue here*  
8. Serial 51 should be excised entirely for the same reasons as noted above concerning the FBI agent's personal contacts with the requester and comments thereafter; it should also be excised because it does not pertain to the requester, but to conversation held with the Attorney General concerning an issue appearing in the requester's book.

9. Serial 52 should have furnished to the requester only paragraph 3 which retains an interview with the requester and the SAC of the Boston Office who is now deceased. The other material in this serial is not within the scope of the request. *Disagree*

*no K5 for SA's*  
*no privacy for others*  
10. Serial 53 should be excised entirely because it contains K-5 information from the FBI agent in Hyannis, Massachusetts, and because the rest of the discussion in this serial concerns what to do about information appearing in requester's book, and a discussion of what actually transpired between the persons mentioned in the book, which did not include the requester.

11. Serial 55 is properly classified and should retain its classification.

*W.C.*  
ADDENDUM OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION 12-15-75 WCE:pln.

*of* 12. Serial 56 should have excised from it the sentence beginning "I thought" as that is not within the scope of the request and only reflects the intentions of the author of the serial.

Agent time utilized in this file review was six hours.

*Corrections made  
where Privacy agreed.  
12/19/75  
MK/PAU*



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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE: 12/9/75

FROM : Mr. McDermott

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)

REQUEST RE: THEODORE C. SORENSEN

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

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Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review.

Please make every effort to insure that this memorandum, with its attached documents, is returned to the FOIPA Section within (10) working days.

[REDACTED] in this matter should be discussed with [REDACTED], Room 6248 JEH, extension 4537.

RECOMMENDATIONS (S): (only items check apply)

(S) 65-74060-4199, 4198 [REDACTED] Division(s) [REDACTED]  
review the excised document(s) to insure sufficient deletions have been made. Please explain briefly the reason for any additional deletions requested. If the materials proposed for disclosure are from a classified serial, insure that all portions which justified the classification have been deleted.

( ) 2. That the Intelligence Division(s):  
(V) a. Review the classification of serial(s) See Attach. m

to insure documents should remain classified, indicating on the file copies which paragraphs are classified; which paragraphs, if any, are unclassified; and those which have been declassified in their entirety. Addendum should note any newly declassified serials.

( ) b. Review the balance of the file, particularly serial(s) [REDACTED] to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification. Newly classified serials should also have indicated on the file copies the classified and unclassified paragraphs. Addendum should note any newly classified serials.

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Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

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PAGE THREE

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]  
Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

SEE ADDENDUM, INTD, CI-3,  
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Attention: Mr. [REDACTED]

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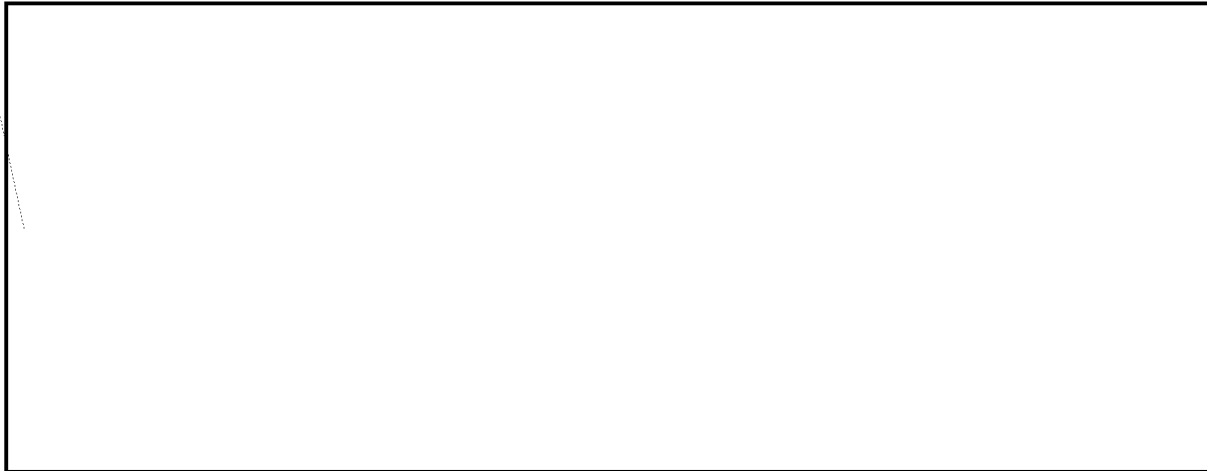
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*not class, released with deletions*

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ADDENDUM INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, CI-2 12/22/75 BKK:kjg

Per request contained in memorandum dated 12/9/75, from Mr. McDermott to [redacted] review of excised documents [redacted] and 105-144424-79 insures that sufficient deletions have (S) been made and no additional deletions are necessary. (S) [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] A review of classification of serials [redacted] reveals these documents are properly classified per request or a confidential source abroad and, they are considered exempt from further dissemination.

Serial 105-43812-490 dated 9/11/69 was upgraded to "Secret" due to [redacted] and the attached LHM remains classified "Secret." Serial 484 remains classified "Secret" for same reason.

Serial 100-372507-437, dated 9/20/74, classified "Confidential." due to [redacted]

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Serial 105-129821-115, dated 1/30/69, was upgraded to "Secret" due to [redacted]

Total agent time expended for handling of foregoing review is 120 minutes. Further analysis is required from CI-1 and CI-3 regarding remaining serials to be reviewed.

*gmr/lnw*

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ADDENDUM

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

*BNE*  
RME:ddc

12/23/75 (C-3)

(S) Per request contained in memorandum dated 12/9/75 from Mr. McDermott to [redacted] review of excised documents 65-74060-4197 and 4198 and [redacted] indicates that sufficient deletions have been made concerning these serials and no additional deletions are required.

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A review of the classification of serial 105-190553-3 indicates this serial is properly classified "~~Confidential~~" since [redacted]

(S) [redacted] A review of serial 109-29-213 indicates this serial is properly classified "~~Confidential~~" since it reveals our [redacted]

[redacted] ~~Confidential~~ since it [redacted]

[redacted] Total Agent time expended in this review was 60 minutes.

*SSM/vnn*

*This has released*

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ADDENDUM: INTD, CI-1 SECTION ESO: 1/27/76

In response to a request of the FOIA Section, CI-1 reviewed certain material in FBIHQ files concerning  
*Theodore C. Sorenson*

Attached are comments concerning the classification of national security information in accordance with Executive Order 11652 and recommendations regarding any matter which if disseminated, would jeopardize ongoing investigations or compromise assets.

Total time spent in a review of this matter was 180 minutes.

ESO JPL

*W/KW  
W/KW  
BQ*

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CLASSIFICATION

Serial	Description	Paragraphs	Classification	Reason	Action
105-166419-17	NV LHM 2/26/68 [redacted]	P. 1, para 3 and list of seven names P. 2, para 2 P. 3, all Remainder Unclassified	<del>Confidential</del> 3676 XGDS 1	[redacted]	5-166 to NY, WFO 1/27/76
61-9743-191	NV let 3/29/61 [redacted]		<del>Secret</del>	b6 b7C b7D	None
105-119381-172	Bulet to White House [redacted]	all	<del>Secret</del>	[redacted]	one
(S) [redacted]	WFO lhm 2/7/66 [redacted]	all	<del>Confidential</del>		b1 None
105-82555-2463	WFO report 3/11/64 [redacted]	all	<del>Confidential</del>		one

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RECOMMENDED DELETIONS

Serial	Description	Material to be Deleted	Reason
105-166419-17	NY ltr 2/26/68 [redacted]	p. 2 para 2	[redacted]
61-9743-191	NY ltr 3/29/61 [redacted]	all	Not relevant to FOIA inquiry b6 b7C b7D
105-119381	Bulet to Whitehouse 9/7/67 [redacted]	all	[redacted]
105-82535-2463	MEMO 3/11/64 [redacted]	all	not relevant to FOIA inquiry
62-109060-448	4508 <del>unavailable</del> Refers to Assassination of President Kennedy		

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DATE 03-09-2011 BY 60324 uc baw/sab/lsg

March 19, 1976

1 - Mr. Walsh - Enclosure  
Attn: Mr. Groover

EX 103 REC-85 161-29-64  
Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton  
and Garrison  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Receipt of your payment of fees as previously  
requested is acknowledged.

As you were advised in my letter of October 6, 1975,  
your request was processed in compliance with the provisions  
of the Privacy Act of 1974, which went into effect on  
September 27, 1975.

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files..  
Excisions have been made from substantive information con-  
tained in these documents and other documents have been  
withheld in their entirety in order to protect materials  
which are exempt from disclosure by the following subsections  
of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a:

(k) (1) information which is currently and properly  
classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652  
in the interest of the national defense or  
foreign policy;

(k) (5) investigatory material compiled solely for  
the purpose of determining suitability,  
eligibility, or qualifications for Federal  
civilian employment or for access to classi-  
fied information, the disclosure of which  
would reveal the identity of an individual  
who furnished information pursuant to a  
promise that his identity would be held in  
confidence.

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ENCLOSURE  
BEHIND FILE

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)  
Attention: [Redacted]

1 - SAC, New York (FOIPA Info)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.

Other nonsubstantive data has been excised as it does not pertain to you personally and, therefore, is considered to be outside the scope of your request.

Documents that are contained in our files which originated with other Government agencies are being referred to those agencies for appropriate review and direct response to you.

In addition, you were listed as a personal reference by an individual applying for Federal employment in 1967; however, no investigation of you was conducted in connection with this.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal in writing to the Deputy Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. 20530, (Attention: Privacy Appeal - Denial of Access).

Sincerely yours,

CLM Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

Enclosures (63)

NOTE: Correspondent is the subject of Bufiles 77-49931 and 161-29. It is considered that 136 pages may be released to Sorensen. Special Investigative Division did not recommend release of the following correspondence: 161-29-43- Memo dated 8/22/62; 48- memo dated 8/27/65, last paragraph and handwritten comments; 161-29-49- memo dated 8/30/65, (withhold in entirety); 50- memo dated 8/18/65, (withhold in entirety); 51- memo dated 8/20/65, (withhold in its entirety); 52- memo dated 8/26/65, (should only release paragraph 3); 53- memo dated 9/30/65, (withhold in entirety). Privacy Act Unit did not agree with the above recommendations; therefore, they are being released to Mr. Sorensen.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 27, 1976

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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton  
and Garrison  
345 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Reference is made to my letter of October 6, 1975.  
The records which you requested have been processed, and  
documents available for release consist of 136 pages.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations,  
Sections 16.9 and 16.46, there is a fee of ten cents per page  
for duplication. Upon receipt of your check or money order  
payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount  
of \$13.60, these documents will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

*MB*

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~~161-29-58~~

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*OK*  
1- ENCLOSURE  
det. + sent to Hoover  
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