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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

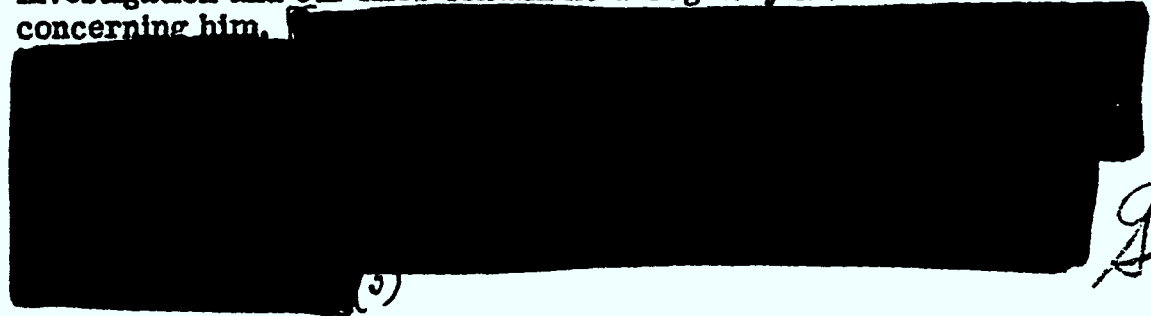
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Dear Mr. Watson:

This will confirm an oral report given to you on  
July 17, 1965, in response to your request for a name check on  
John W. Chancellor, who was born on July 14, 1927, at Chicago,  
Illinois.

Mr. Chancellor was never the subject of an FBI  
investigation and our files contain no derogatory information  
concerning him.



Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI  
Identification Division which may be identical with those of Mr. Chancellor.  
These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the  
Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

Sincerely yours, 105-137047-2  
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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *JG*

FROM : *J* W. V. Cleveland *WV*

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Request received today from the White House for an investigation of captioned individual, who is being considered for Presidential appointment, position not stated.

A current issue of Who's Who indicates that Chancellor is a former newspaper reporter of the "Chicago Sun-Times" and since 1950 has been employed as a news commentator by the National Broadcasting Company.

A check of Bureau files does not indicate that we have had any contact with Chancellor. There is a reference which indicates that in December, 1964, he was one of six National Broadcasting Company correspondents which that company desired to send to Cuba to film a documentary on that country. In February, 1965, information was received that the Cuban Government denied them visas and there is no indication they actually went to Cuba.

ACTION:

~~Approved~~, The case will be ordered to the field and the field will be instructed to assign the investigation to mature, experienced Agents.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Young

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# Names Fortas to High Court

**D.C. Lawyer Is Praised as 'First Choice'**  
**John Chancellor Chosen to Head Voice of America**

Abe Fortas, prominent Washington lawyer and longtime friend and adviser of President Johnson, today was nominated by the President to be an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

Describing the 55-year-old attorney as his "first choice," President Johnson sent the nomination to the Senate today to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of Justice Arthur J. Goldberg to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Johnson also announced that he is naming NBC White House Correspondent John W. Chancellor to be head of the Voice of America, the government's overseas radio.

Both nominations came as something of a surprise at Johnson's nationally televised news conference in the East Room of the White House.

**"My First Choice"**  
 In the past, Fortas had consistently refused to accept appointment to any government position "from president on down." It had been rumored that Johnson asked Fortas to take the Goldberg seat as soon as it became vacant but that Fortas refused.

Johnson told the press conference that Fortas was "my first choice."

"For many years I've regarded Fortas as a most able, respected and scholarly lawyer of superior ability, a champion," Johnson said.

"This opinion is shared by the legal profession, the bar, members of Congress and leaders of business and labor.

**"Job Sought Man"**

"He has told me in past months he would never accept any public appointment.

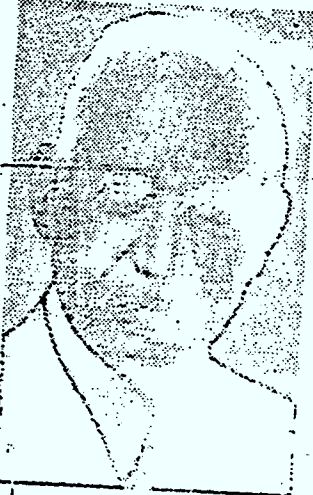
"This was a case where the job has sought the man."

Fortas has been a Johnson friend and adviser for many years as a member of the law firm of Arnold, Fortas and Porter with offices at 1229 19th St. NW. President Johnson has consulted Fortas on many problems—both governmental and private—over the years.

Despite his apparent aversion to public office, Fortas has been a government official in many capacities in the past. In the 1930s he was assistant director of a reorganization study of the Securities and Exchange Commission and consultant in the Public Administration.

He was director of the Division of Power of the Interior Department from 1941 to 1942 and undersecretary of the interior from 1942 to 1946. In addition he has been acting general counsel of the National Power Policy Commission; a member of the board of legal examiners of the Civil Service Commission from 1941 to 1943; a member of the presidential committee studying changes in the law of Puerto Rico, and adviser to the U.S. delegation when the United Nations was

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# Washington Lawyer Named to High Court

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founded in San Francisco in 1945.

## Yale Law Graduate

Fortas was born in Memphis, Tenn., June 19, 1910, the son of William and Ray Berson, a Jewish family. He received his bachelor of arts degree at Southwestern College, Memphis, Tenn., in 1930 and his law degree at Yale University in 1933. He was the editor-in-chief of the Yale Law Journal.

Two years after graduation he was married to the former Carolyn Eugenia Agger.

For four years until 1937 he was assistant professor of law at Yale and also was assistant chief of the legal division of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Fortas also has been a visiting lecturer on law at Yale and is a member of the federal, American and Federal Communications Commission bar associations and Phi Beta Kappa.

He is a director of a number of corporations and is a trustee of Carnegie Hall Corp., the Washington Gallery of Modern Art and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

## Chancellor Praised

Chancellor also came in for accolades from Johnson, who said of him:

"He is a man whose voice and whose face and whose mind is well known to this country and to most of the entire world."

Chancellor, 38, a native of Chicago, has been with the news department of NBC for the past 15 years. He has had assignments in Vienna, London, Moscow, New York, Brussels and Berlin. He has been covering the White House since 1964.

Perhaps his best known assignment was a tour as conductor of the "Today" show, an early morning pot pourri of interviews and news he took over from Dave Garroway and later relinquished to Hugh Downs.

"This, I think," Johnson said, "is the first time in the history of the voice of America that a working newspaperman, a respected commentator, an experienced, independent reporter has been given the responsibility of leadership and direction in this vital enterprise. I think he

understands the challenges that are present and the achievements that are possible."

## Succeeds Loomis

Chancellor succeeds Henry Loomis, who recently resigned the Voice of America job.

It was Johnson's second appointment for the United States Information Agency, of which the Voice of America is a branch. The President has named Washington lawyer Leonard H. Marks as director of the USIA, succeeding Carl T. Rowan.

Johnson said he was satisfied that the Voice of America under Chancellor would be in "imaginative, competent, reliable and always truthful hands."

Johnson said the Voice of America assignment is in the front rank of importance to the freedom of the world — an important national asset, telling the truth to this world, telling an exciting story, is the Voice of America.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 8-12-65

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

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In accordance with memorandum from C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated August 11, 1965 (attached), supervisors in the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section of this Division have been questioned and it was determined that [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] on August 6, 1965, inasmuch as SA [redacted] is supervisor in charge of the Case Review - Civil Service Commission Unit, which unit handles investigations of United States Information Agency (USIA) employees. He stated the White House had informed him that they had requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of Chancellor and that he had to issue a clearance for him under Public Law 298. (Personnel Clearance Law pertaining to USIA personnel.) SA [redacted] who had no knowledge of the case, checked with the writer and thereafter told [redacted] that as he knew, when investigations are requested by the White House, the FBI furnishes the results directly to the White House and consequently his request would have to be made through official channels.

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It would appear from the attached memorandum that the President, Marvin Watson and John Macy are under the impression that the FBI is the only one who has knowledge of Chancellor's arrest record. In this connection, the following items are of interest:

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Memorandum to Mr. Gale  
RE: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

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(2) [REDACTED] has in the past obtained the results of investigations conducted for the White House through official channels during the Johnson Administration on a number of occasions. He knows that to do this, a letter must be addressed to the White House requesting the information, which letter is forwarded by [REDACTED] to the Bureau, and the results of our investigation are returned with the letter to [REDACTED] by Liaison. He knows that since he has been refused the results of the Chancellor investigation, there must be something wrong. As pointed out in Mr. DeLoach's memorandum (attached), there have been a number of cases where derogatory information was developed wherein the White House would refuse to furnish the employing agency copies of our summaries. A further example of this would be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The facts regarding his false statement were presented to the United States Attorney, District of Columbia, who withheld prosecutive opinion until written reports were received. The White House has never permitted the furnishing of these reports to the United States Attorney, and as a matter of fact, they have also refused to authorize furnishing statements in this case to the Department of Defense.

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(3) Information regarding Chancellor's arrests was in the newspapers and continues to be available to anyone who bothers to check the newspaper morgues.

(4) During our investigation of Chancellor, 68 people were interviewed, 17 of whom volunteered information regarding one or more of Chancellor's arrests. Ten of these 17 persons are present or former employees of the news media. Undoubtedly many others that we talked to had knowledge of these arrests but withheld it during our interview. For example, [REDACTED]

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Memorandum to Mr. Gale  
RE: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

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[REDACTED] Washington, D. C., who was [REDACTED] and Chancellor's [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois, at the time of his arrests, frankly told interviewing Agents that he would not have admitted he knew of Chancellor's arrests had he not been pinned down and asked about them point blank.

(5) The [REDACTED] at the time of Chancellor's arrest on the fire escape in May, 1951, is [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois. He claimed he had "heard stories" from sources, the identities of which he does not now recall, which indicate that Mr. Chancellor "may have" homosexual tendencies.

(6) Two established informants of the Chicago Office, one a homosexual, reported that Chancellor is known in homosexual circles in Chicago as "one of us and friendly to us."

(7) After Chancellor's nomination was announced in the newspapers, an unidentified Chicago policeman called our Chicago Office and furnished information regarding Chancellor's arrests.

ACTION:

For information.

From the above, it is clear that there is widespread knowledge concerning Chancellor's arrests in the files of other Government agencies, in the Identification Records of the Chicago Police Department, in newspaper morgues, in homosexual circles and throughout the news media. From the above, it is clear that the FBI is not the only agency having knowledge concerning Chancellor's arrest record and as pointed out in Mr. DeLoach's memorandum (attached) the fact that the results of our investigation have been withheld from the employing agency, after having been informed by the White House that they had requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of Chancellor, immediately arouses suspicion.

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I am the [REDACTED] the Civil Service Commission Unit of the Employees Security and Special Inquiry Section of the Special Investigative Division. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are persons applying for positions with the United States Information Agency. These cases are handled under Public Law 298 - Civil Service Commission initiates the investigation and if they develop subversive ~~and~~ derogatory information they refer the case to the Bureau for completion.

In ~~an~~ connection with USIA cases [REDACTED] receive calls from [REDACTED] of the USIA as to the status of the case and when he will receive the results, particularly on expedite cases, [REDACTED] to give clearances to those persons under Public Law 298

On August 6, 1965, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] the White House had informed him they had requested the Bureau to conduct an investigation of John Chancellor. [REDACTED] to issue a clearance for Chancellor under Public Law 298. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not handling the case and as he knew when the White House requests an investigation we furnish the results directly to the White House and any information he wanted regarding ~~the~~ the progress of the investigation would have to be made through official channels.

At the time [REDACTED] I personally did not know the Bureau was conducting an investigation of Chancellor and knew nothing of the facts in the case.

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Mr. Mohr

August 11, 1965

C. D. DeLoach

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
DIRECTOR, VOICE OF AMERICA  
U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY

Bureau files reflect we previously did a name check on captioned individual. Shortly thereafter, Marvin Watson called me and stated the President desired a full field investigation conducted immediately. He added that the President planned to go ahead and name Chancellor as Director of the Voice of America without waiting for the full field investigation to be completed. Watson told me that the President was satisfied on the basis of the name check and that the President had personally known Chancellor for years, consequently there was no need to wait for completion of the full field investigation.

I told Watson that the President was needlessly going out on a limb and that it was dangerous business to announce an appointment without having the benefit of a full field investigation. Watson stated that the President was adamant in his views and that he would not wait. A memorandum is in the file reflecting this conversation.

The Director transmitted to Watson by letter dated August 6, 1965, delivered the same date, the results of the full field investigation on Chancellor. (Copy attached.) Our investigation reflects 4 arrests in Chicago, Illinois. Two of the arrests, 3/27/49 and 3/18/49, reflect charges of drunkenness. Of these arrests, one disposition indicated "discharged" and the second disposition indicated "bond forfeiture." The third and fourth arrests, 2/11/51 and 5/10/51, reflect charges of "disorderly conduct." Chancellor was found on the roof of a local hotel in one of these arrests and the disposition was "discharged." In the fourth and final arrest, Chancellor was found on a fire escape of an apartment building. There was no additional information concerning this latter arrest. While there was no substantive information to indicate homosexuality, it would appear that Chancellor could have been a "peeping tom." One homosexual indicated to the Agents that, "Mr. Chancellor is known in homosexual circles as one of us and friendly to us."

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Re: John William Chancellor

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On 8/6/65, I told Watson of the above-mentioned facts and handed him the report. I mentioned that while there was no substantive evidence to indicate Chancellor was a homosexual, his file nevertheless clearly indicated sufficient evidence to reflect on his character.

b7c [redacted] called me 8/10/65 and stated that the President had reviewed Chancellor's file and had forwarded it to her for filing in a closed envelope. She stated the President had made no comment regarding the matter. She added, however, that Leonard Marks, Director, *Voice of America*, had confided to her that his [redacted], was insisting that he see the results of the FBI investigation on Chancellor. U S I A

Watson called me at 12:30 p. m., 8/11/65, and asked that I join him and John Macy, Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, in his office at 2:30 p. m. He stated it was a matter of some importance.

Upon joining Watson and Macy in Watson's office, Watson told me that Leonard Marks had seen the President on 3 separate occasions within the past 2 days. Watson indicated that Marks had greatly upset the President concerning the Chancellor case. He added that Marks had told the President that the Security Officer at U. S. Information Agency had advised him that contacts in the FBI with whom he was in daily communication had told him that the Chancellor investigation had been completed and that there was some question as to Chancellor's morals. The President told Watson to tell me that FBI personnel had no right or authority to "tip off" employees of other Federal agencies regarding matters affecting Presidential appointees. Watson stated the President wanted me to find out if the allegations concerning an FBI employee were correct and that, while the President did not want anything to be submitted to him in writing, he wanted to know the outcome of our inquiry into this matter. I told Watson that I would, of course, immediately check into it and that I would verbally, in accordance with instructions, let him know the results.

Watson stated that the President had also instructed him to tell me that I was to sit down and prepare an analysis of the Chancellor file indicating that there was nothing wrong with Chancellor and there appeared to be no reason why he should not be continued in his job. I told Watson that while I of course wanted to abide by the President's instructions, that it certainly appeared to be a little out of the ordinary for me to "clear" anyone, particularly in the Chancellor case. I reminded Watson that it was the President's decision to go ahead and appoint Chancellor without waiting for the full field investigation to be completed. Watson stated that this was true, however, nevertheless the President wanted a statement from the FBI to put in Chancellor's file.

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Re: John William Chancellor

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I suggested to Watson that John Macy, who was present, and I sit down and review this file and draw up an analysis for the President. Watson agreed and stated this would be sufficient. He asked that we have this analysis prepared by 5:15 p. m. that day, 8/11/65. Macy and I retired to Macy's office and there prepared a brief 4-paragraph memorandum reflecting that we had thoroughly reviewed Chancellor's file and that while there had been 4 different arrests of Chancellor there appeared to be nothing of a subversive nature in the file and there was no substantial proof of homosexuality; however, there had been 2 arrests involving possible immorality. Macy stated that in his opinion there was no reason to question Chancellor's background as a result of the investigation.

Watson indicated satisfaction with the above-mentioned analysis and placed the Chancellor file on the President's desk. Watson then reminded me that the President desired to know as expeditiously as possible the results of the inquiry regarding the alleged "tip off" made to the Security Officer at U. S. Information Agency by FBI personnel. I told Watson this would be handled today, 8/11/65.

When the Director inquired telephonically as to the reasons for my being called to the White House, I furnished him the above facts. He instructed that this inquiry be conducted on an expeditious basis and that he should be advised as to the results of the inquiry.

The [redacted] at U. S. Information Agency is [redacted]. He entered on duty [redacted] and resigned as of [redacted]. His services were satisfactory and his file shows that as of 9/23/64 he is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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Upon leaving the White House, Watson asked Macy upon what authority the [redacted] at U. S. Information Agency would have to demand the Chancellor file. Macy told Watson that it would be Leonard Marks prerogative to tell the [redacted] that he, Marks, the Director of U. S. Information Agency, was perfectly satisfied with Chancellor's background investigation and there should be no doubt as to his clearance. Watson stated he intended to advise Marks of this fact so that there would be no further interference from [redacted], the [redacted].

Watson also inquired of Macy and me as to the action that would be taken when Chancellor submitted his Form 85 in connection with the Federal Employees Security Program. I told Watson that the Form, upon receipt at the FBI, would be stamped "No subversive derogatory information." I told him with respect to the criminal type information on Chancellor that this would not be released unless the White House gave its permission. Watson stated that this file was being sealed and that the White House would not give permission for the file to be transferred to the



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Re: John William Chancellor

[redacted] at the U. S. Information Agency. I told him that under those circumstances we would indicate on Chancellor's form that there was no subversive information and that the U. S. Information Agency would have to contact the White House for further information concerning his file. Watson stated that this matter would of course clean up the entire case inasmuch as Marks, the Director, would tell the [redacted] that he was not going to need this file.

**OBSERVATIONS:** It is commonplace for the White House to withhold files from Federal agencies, particularly when there are derogatory facts contained in such files. The Kennedy administration did this in many instances, [redacted] Adlai Stevenson file [redacted] and others. Usually when such files are withheld, immediately suspicion is aroused by the very fact that the employing agency is not allowed to peruse the file. This may have happened in this particular instance. However, the Director, Marks, claims that [redacted] specifically told him that FBI contacts had tipped him off that the Chancellor investigation had been completed and that a morals problem was involved. Consequently, we must interview anyone that is in contact with [redacted] relative to FBI matters. Supervisors in the Liaison Section, Domestic Intelligence Division, as well as Supervisors in the Special Inquiry Section, Special Investigative Division, are in contact with [redacted]. Interviews with the appropriate Agent Supervisors will be conducted tonight, 8/11/65, and memoranda prepared accordingly. The Director then will be advised as to the results and permission will be requested to advise the White House regarding our inquiries.

**ACTION:**

As indicated above.

# John Chancellor of N.B.C. Named Director of the Voice of America

## Johnson Selects White House Reporter as First Working Newsmen in the Post

By LLOYD GARRISON

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 28—

John W. Chancellor, White House correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company, was named by President Johnson today to head the Voice of America.

The 38-year-old reporter and broadcaster succeeds Henry Loomis, the long-time director of the Government's overseas radio, who resigned last March with a charge that the Voice was losing credibility because of an overdose of propaganda.

This controversy, was discussed in connection with Mr. Chancellor's appointment. Reliable sources said that he and President Johnson had talked at length on the role of the Voice and that Mr. Chancellor would be free to emphasize the "good as well as the bad" in the treatment of United States affairs.

In a farewell address to Voice employees, Mr. Loomis contended that the Voice's reputation for objectivity was being undercut because the United States Information Agency, which has overall responsibility for overseas broadcasts, was insisting



John W. Chancellor

that news commentaries reflect and reinforce Administration policies and de-emphasize dissenting opinion.

Carl T. Rowan, the head of U.S.I.A., countered that news reports of the Voice had the same "judicial balance" of the favorable and unfavorable "that a responsible newspaper gives."

Mr. Rowan later resigned as U.S.I.A. director and on July 13 Mr. Johnson named Leonard Marks, a Washington communications lawyer, to succeed him.

In announcing Mr. Chancellor's appointment, President Johnson said: "I have confidence that the Voice of America is going to be in imaginative, competent, reliable and always truthful hands."

Reaching at his Cleveland Park home after the announcement, Mr. Chancellor talked of propaganda as being "a two-way word."

"Of course we want to project American policy," he said. "But we also have to admit our own problems. If we try to brush something under the rug and Radio Moscow is covering it in their broadcasts then we lose our audience."

"Our main weapon is our own mistakes and solve our own problems out in the open. We can't be Buddha-like."

### Admired by Johnson

Mr. Chancellor first came to the President's attention as the White House correspondent for N.B.C., an assignment he has held for the last year.

Newsmen who have worked with Mr. Chancellor both here and abroad have long rated him as an outstanding, enterprising reporter. The President is known to share this judgment.

Those close to the White House recount one occasion when President Johnson took time out during a vacation outing just to catch a Chancellor broadcast on television and while watching explained to intimates: "Now there's an intelligent young man. I can't think of anyone I enjoy talking to more than John Chancellor."

Being director of the Voice is a \$24,500 a year job of overseeing the writing and broadcasting of news, commentaries and features 800 hours a week in 37 languages over a worldwide network. In leaving N. B. C., Mr. Chancellor conceded he was taking "a substantial" salary cut.

In announcing Mr. Chancellor's appointment, Mr. Johnson said that the new director would be the first working newsman to head the Voice agency.

A native of Chicago, Mr. Chancellor quit the University of Illinois in his junior year to work as a copy boy for The Chicago Sun-Times.

He joined N.B.C.'s Chicago news bureau in 1950 and later won a Sigma Delta Chi journalism award for a taped broadcast describing the capture of a man who killed a policeman. Mr. Chancellor made the report lying on his back in the street while policemen and the cornered man shot it out over his head.

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FOR INFO AND ASSISTANCE, CHANCELLOR ARRESTED FEBRUARY ELEVEN, ONE NINE FIVE ONE, AND MAY TEN, ONE NINE FIVE ONE, IN CHICAGO FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT. MENTIONED MAY ARREST WAS AT AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL, CHICAGO, WHERE CHANCELLOR WAS LOCATED ON FIRE ESCAPE AND COULD NOT EXPLAIN HIS PRESENCE.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: August 11, 1965

FROM : *JF* [REDACTED] *WCS*

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

The following account of my activities in connection with captioned matter is submitted in response to your request:

In my capacity as [REDACTED] the United States Information Agency, I was in discussion with [REDACTED] at 5:00 p.m., 8/11/65. While so engaged, [REDACTED] mentioned instant case stating that he had requested the results of FBI investigation in instant matter from the White House and in this connection showed me a memorandum Mr. Marvin Watson, White House, to Mr. Marks (newly appointed Director of the U. S. Information Agency) stating that it is the policy of the White House to retain the reports where the President has named a person to an official position.

[REDACTED] pointed out that this position is not subject to Senate confirmation and that [REDACTED] to grant a clearance for access to classified information, had nothing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had in his possession FBI summaries received from the White House in similar cases and indicated his intention of recontacting Mr. Watson with these to resolve the matter of clearance. As he always received relevant summaries before, he thought it strange the White House was making an exception in the Chancellor case. His remarks were very brief, taking about two to three minutes. [REDACTED] was in the room at the same time and heard and witnessed the conversation. Absolutely no references were made to moral issues or any other aspects of the case.

At no time have I had access to, or knowledge of, the results of our investigation in the Chancellor case. I knew nothing about the case and, therefore, was incapable of discussing it even if the matter had been raised, which it was not.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: August 12, 1965

FROM : W. M. FELT

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
DIRECTOR, VOICE OF AMERICA  
U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY

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Re memorandum Felt to Tolson this date. Referenced memorandum pointed out the results of my interview with [redacted] of the U. S. Information Agency today. Subsequent to preparing referenced memorandum, [redacted] contacted me telephonically to furnish the following information.

[redacted] said that after my departure he contacted Leonard Marks, Director of the U. S. Information Agency, concerning allegations made by Marvin Watson at the White House. Marks told [redacted] emphatically that he had made no such statements to Watson. Marks telephonically contacted Watson and so stated and then placed [redacted] on the phone. Watson told [redacted] that he had no information that [redacted] had raised any question concerning the suitability of Chancellor and said he was only concerned about the pressure being applied to get copies of the FBI report.

[redacted] advised that he again raised the question of clearance for Chancellor and the need for reviewing the FBI report prior to issuing same. Watson advised that the report was not being furnished to the U. S. Information Agency and told [redacted] he could quote him, Watson, that Chancellor was being given the necessary clearance.

### OBSERVATION

It appears that this matter has been resolved so far as the Bureau is concerned. For this reason there is no need for interview of Marks as recommended in my previous memorandum.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That no further action be taken in this matter.

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SENT DIRECTOR  
8-12-65

1 - Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Belmont

1 - [redacted]

1 - Mr. Gale

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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(See Crime Records ADDENDUM NEXT PAGE)

Felt to Mr. Tolson memo  
RE: John William Chancellor

ADDENDUM: Crime Records Division, (CDD:bpk)

[redacted] advised me in strict confidence at 3:20 p. m., 8-12 65, that she had discussed this matter telephonically with Leonard Marks for approximately twenty minutes last night, 8-11-65. She stated that Marks had told her that his [redacted] was a "regular cop"-- that he had been snooping around the FBI and was now insisting that [redacted] Chancellor's file be furnished to him.

Marvin Watson advised DeLoach at approximately 2:20 p. m. today, 8-12-65, that the USIA Director, Marks, had called him a few minutes earlier. The [redacted] was in Marks' office at the time of the call to Watson. Marks put [redacted] on the phone. According to Watson, [redacted] told him that he, [redacted] was completely satisfied regarding the Chancellor matter and that he no longer desired to raise any issue. Watson stated that [redacted] bent over backwards to be courteous and that he had apologized for being "pushy." Marks then came on the phone. He reputedly told Watson that the FBI had paid [redacted] a visit this morning. Marks stated that in conversation with the President and Watson he had not meant to infer that the FBI had "leaked" any information. Marks told Watson that the entire matter was settled--that Chancellor was now cleared and there would be no further difficulty.

Watson told me that under the circumstances we should not make any further inquiries. He stated that both he and the President were satisfied, that the FBI had handled this matter in good fashion and there had been no "leaks." I told Watson that we had checked very carefully and had determined that none of our people had given [redacted] any information relative to Chancellor's morals. I further told him that following his approval we had pinned down [redacted] this morning and that [redacted] had unequivocally denied that he had received any information from the FBI. I told Watson that [redacted] had further denied that he had told Marks that he had received information from the FBI. I mentioned that under the circumstances it definitely and conclusively was proven that the FBI was not responsible for any so-called "leaks."

Watson stated that he agreed and would so advise the President. He told me that Marks, although a close personal friend of long standing to the President, [redacted] Watson stated that with respect to the above matter the President had called Marks last night and flatly told him that "if [redacted] [redacted] The President also told Marks he would give him [redacted]"

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RE: John William Chancellor

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ADDENDUM: Crime Records Division, (CDD:bpk) (continued)

ACTION:

That the Director or I review this matter with the President at the next opportunity. Although Watson claims that the President is aware of the fact that the FBI is not responsible for any "leaks," the President should be strongly impressed with this fact on a personal basis. It appears that



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**A Reporter's Report: President Johnson's selection of John Chancellor to head the Voice of America came so quickly that the FBI had no chance to do its usual security check prior to the announcement. FBI agents are checking Chancellor now, after the appointment. . . .**

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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CHICAGO SUNDAY  
SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 9/1/65  
Edition: FOUR STAR FINAL  
Author: IRV KUPCINET  
Editor: JOHN G. TREZEVANT  
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~~THE APPOINTMENT~~ of Chicagoan John Chancellor, a former Sun-Times reporter, to head the Voice of America marks the second time John has taken a pay cut. Not too long ago he quit as host of NBC-TV's Today show at \$125,000 a year to return to his first love, news reporting, at an estimated \$50,000 a year. His present post in government will pay him half that sum. . . . One of the lasting TV impressions of Chancellor came during the 1964 Republican convention in San Francisco, when he was placed under arrest and hustled off the floor by gendarmes at the command of the sergeant-at-arms to "clear the aisles."

A ~~FEW~~ DAYS AGO CHANCELLOR got wind of the fact that something was in the air when he told an intimate: "I can't quite figure out why, but the President seems to have taken a new liking to me." . . .

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date: 7-29-65  
Edition: FOUR STAR FINAL  
Author: IRV KUPCINET  
Editor: JOHN G. TREZEVANT  
Title: JOHN W. CHANCELLO

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United Press International  
**New VOA Chief**  
 John Chancellor, former White House correspondent for the National Broadcasting Co., was sworn in yesterday as Director of the Voice of America. The oath was administered by Leonard Marks, who himself was sworn in as Director of the U.S. Information Agency Tuesday.

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# 'Voice of America'— A Working Newsman

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John Chancellor, newly named director of the Voice of America, is the "first working newspaperman to head the agency," according to President Johnson, who made the appointment. (E&P, July 31.)

As director, Mr. Chancellor will oversee the writing and broadcasting of news, commentaries and features 800 hours a week in 37 languages over a world-wide network.

He brings to this job his 15 years of experience as a news correspondent for National Broadcasting Company and a brief stint prior to that as reporter, rewrite man and feature writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

A colleague recalled that John had "gotten the ax" with several others in a retrenchment move at Easter, 1950. He went to work as a leg man for NBC commentators in Chicago.

Before he was assigned to the White House in September, 1964, Mr. Chancellor scored many firsts as a national convention reporter.

### Arrested at Convention

His most famous, broadcasting his own arrest, took place during the Republican convention. He refused to move when an assistant sergeant-at-arms ordered the aisles cleared.

This is what happened:

"I'm not moving," Mr. Chancellor said. "Are you going to carry me out?"

"We have been instructed to remove you," said a policeman.

Mr. Chancellor looked up at the cameras and said, "The next move in this drama is up to the cops.

"Badge number 38 now has his heavy hand on my elbow. Here we go.

"It's awfully hard to remain dignified at a time like this," Mr. Chancellor said as he was ushered out.

### Retained Sense of Humor

As he approached the exit, he laughingly reported to the viewers, "Don't worry, NBC has plenty of other reporters here to continue coverage."

Then he disappeared from the screen his voice came out of

"This is John Chancellor—somewhere in custody."

Within a few minutes the dis-

pute was settled and he was back at his post on the convention floor.

Mr. Chancellor has also served overseas in NBC News bureaus in Vienna, London, Moscow and Brussels. His reporting has won him a Sigma Delta Chi award and a Robert E. Sherwood award.

Newsmen who have worked with him both here and abroad rate him as an outstanding, enterprising reporter. The President is known to share this judgment.

### Admired by President

Those close to the White House recount one occasion when President Johnson took time out during a vacation outing just to catch a Chancellor broadcast on television. While watching he commented: "Now there's an intelligent young man. I can't think of anyone I enjoy talking to more than John Chancellor."

In announcing Mr. Chancellor's appointment at his news conference July 28, the President said:

"I am satisfied that the Voice of America will be in imaginative, competent, reliable and always truthful hands."



John Chancellor

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (151-258)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

RE BUTEL JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

NO RECORD OF APPOINTEE AS FORMER STUDENT, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, URBANA CAMPUS. STUDENT ROSTERS FOR CHICAGO UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION SHOW JOHN W. CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ONE FIVE NINE TWO, ENROLLED THERE BOTH SEMESTERS NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN - FORTYEIGHT, AND FIRST SEMESTER NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT - FORTYNINE.

CHICAGO HANDLE.

NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED SPRINGFIELD OFFICE AND NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3222) (P)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
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WFO will contact U.S. Senators from New York and Representative number of correspondents at the White House concerning the appointee UACE.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3222)

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST EIGHT NEXT.

REBUTEL, JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST. SEE URCOPY.

APPOINTEE'S PERSONNEL FILE AT WASHINGTON, D.C., INCOMPLETE.

NEW YORK CONTACT [REDACTED] PERSONNEL, NBC, THIRTY ROCKEFELLER PLAZA.

ALSO INTERVIEW CHET HUNTLEY, NBC.

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**TO: SAC, BALTIMORE**  
**FROM: SAC, WFO (161-3222) (P)**  
**JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR**  
**EPI**  
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ReButel dated 7/28/65, no cc BA, and NYtel dated 7/30/65, no cc BA.

This will confirm WFO telephone call to Supervisor [redacted] 7/30/65. White House has requested expedite investigation of CHANCELLOR who has been named Director, Broadcasting Service, Voice of America, U. S. Information Agency. Appointee born 8/14/27 Chicago, Illinois. Presently News Commentator, NBC. Served in U. S. Army May, 1944, to July, 1947. No service number obtained to date.

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BA requested to check G-2 files concerning the appointee. BA be alert for any information regarding homosexual tendencies on the part of the appointee.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: AUGUST  
SIX NEXT.

FOR INFO ST. LOUIS AND BALTIMORE WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED  
EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF CHANCELLOR WHO HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR,  
VOICE OF AMERICA, U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY. BORN JULY FOURTEEN  
NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED  
BY NBC IN WDC AND NEW YORK CITY AS CORRESPONDENT. FORMERLY  
EMPLOYED AS REPORTER BY "CHICAGO SUN-TIMES."

RECORDS IDENTIFICATION DIVISION INDICATE PERSON APPARENTLY  
IDENTICAL WITH CHANCELLOR FINGERPRINTED MARCH NINETEEN FORTYFIVE  
BY CSC FOR POSITION OF CLERK WITH WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION, U.S.  
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, CHICAGO. PREVIOUS ADDRESSES GIVEN AS TEN  
TWENTY N. LASALLE; EIGHT ONE SEVEN N. DEARBORN; ONE THREE ZERO ZERO  
N. STATE; AND ELEVEN ONE SEVEN N. DEARBORN, FROM NINETEEN THIRTYTWO  
TO FORTYFOUR, ALL CHICAGO. ADDRESS AT TIME WAS SEVEN TWO ZERO S.  
MICHIGAN, CHICAGO.

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT  
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- Tahr \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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TELETYPE TO WFO  
RE: JOHN-WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

ALSO FINGERPRINTED JULY NINETEEN FORTYTHREE BY CSC FOR  
POSITION OF MESSENGER, CHICAGO ORDNANCE DISTRICT, WAR DEPARTMENT,  
CHICAGO.

AGAIN FINGERPRINTED AUGUST NINETEEN FORTYFOUR FOR POSITION  
OF CLERK WITH CHICAGO ORDNANCE DISTRICT, WAR DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO.

FOR FURTHER INFO, INVESTIGATION CHICAGO HAS DEVELOPED  
ALLEGATIONS OF POSSIBLE HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES ON PART OF  
CHANCELLOR.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (151-3222)(P)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM CHANCELLOR

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BA requested to check G-2 files concerning the appointee. BA be alert for any information regarding homosexual tendencies on the part of the appointee.

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Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR -2-, BOSTON, CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, AND WASHINGTON FIELD

/WFO VIA WASHINGTON/

FROM NEW YORK /161-NEW/ 4 PGS

MR. C. E. RYAN  
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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR. SPI. BUDED AUGUST EIGHT NEXT.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF CHANCELLOR, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR, BROADCASTING SERVICE, VOICE OF AMERICA /VOA/, U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY /USIA/.

BORN JULY FOURTEEN TWENTY SEVEN, CHICAGO, ILL., AND IS PRESENTLY NEWS COMMENTATOR, NBC. NEWS REPORTS ALSO DESCRIBE HIM AS WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT.

INVESTIGATION NYC REFLECTS APPOINTEE ATTENDED DE PAUL ACADEMY CHICAGO, ILL., NINETEEN FORTY ONE TO FORTY THREE, SERVED IN U. S. ARMY MAY FORTY FOUR TO JULY FORTY SEVEN AND ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION SCHOOL, CHICAGO UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION, FROM FORTY SEVEN TO

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FORTY NINE.

PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS HIGH SCHOOL "DROP-OUT" BUT RECEIVED EQUIVILENT EDUCATION ON G. I. BILL.

APPOINTEE EMPLOYED AS COPY BOY AND REPORTER CHICAGO SUN-TIMES FEBRUARY FORTY EIGHT - APRIL FIFTY AND IS MEMBER OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPER GUILD, CHICAGO. APPOINTEE EMPLOYED NBC, CHICAGO FROM MAY FIFTY UNTIL TRANSFER TO VIENNA SOMETIME IN NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT.

APPOINTEE-S ADDRESS IN FIFTY WAS ONE THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ASTOR ST., CHICAGO.

APPOINTEE-S FATHER DECEASED AND HIS MOTHER, MOLLY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, ALLEGEDLY MENTALLY ILL AND CONFINED TO UNKNOWN CATHOLIC NURSING HOME, CHICAGO. APPOINTEE MARRIED CONSTANCE HERBERT IN NINETEEN FIFTY AND DIVORCED CHICAGO, DATE UNKNOWN. APPOINTEE-S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE CURRENTLY MARRIED TO BARBARA UPSHAW CHANCELLOR [REDACTED] APPOINTEE MARRIED UPSHAW IN FIFTY EIGHT AT CHICAGO. APPOINTEE-S PRESENT [REDACTED] b7c

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~~CORR L 10-11 APPOINTEE-S FATHER DECEASED AND HIS MOTHER, MOLLY BARRETT CHANCELLOR, ALLEGEDLY MENTALLY ILL . . .~~

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INVESTIGATION REFLECTS FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AS ACQUAINTANCES FOR  
MANY YEARS..

[REDACTED] NBC CORRESPONDENT, NBC NEWS BUREAU, CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] PRESENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, BUT RESIDING ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NBC CORRESPONDENT

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE AND MAY HAVE AD-  
DITIONAL BACKGROUND INFO.

[REDACTED] NBC NEWS BUREAU

[REDACTED] WASH DC

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APPOINTEE RETURNED FROM BRUSSELS, BELGIUM TO NYC MAY SIXTY FOUR,  
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FOUR /NY 161-CHANCELLOR/

AND TRANSFERRED TO WASH., D. C SEPTEMBER SIXTY FOUR. APPOINTEE CURRENTLY  
RESIDES THREE ONE TWO SIX WOODLEY ROAD, NORTH WEST WASHINGTON, D. C.

NYO HAS NO INFO TO DATE OF ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS.

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OF REQUEST, BUDED MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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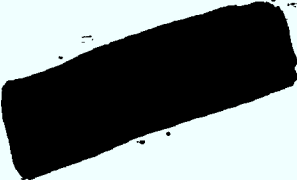
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Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Gale *[initials]*

DATE: July 30, 1965

FROM : W. V. Cleveland



SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

In connection with the current investigation being conducted concerning Chancellor, Chicago has determined that he has been close friends with Secretary of Labor Willard W. Wirtz in connection with their mutual activities in Democratic political campaigns in the past.

Chancellor was named head of the Voice of America by President Johnson on 7-28-65. He is a National Broadcasting Company correspondent who was formerly a reporter for the "Chicago Sun Times."

ACTION:

Secretary of Labor Wirtz should be interviewed by liaison for his comments concerning Chancellor.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-3222)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (161-1357) (P)  
 SUBJ: JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR  
 SPECIAL INQUIRY  
 Buded: 8-3-65

Re WFO teletype to NY, 7-29-65.

Attached hereto for WFO to aid them in checking State Department files is a copy of an NBC Biography of CHANCELLOR dated 12/9/64 containing information pertaining to his activities in the U. S. and overseas during his assignment with NBC.

A copy of this biography is also attached hereto for information of the Bureau.

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 SPECIAL AGENT

December 9, 1964

JOHN CHANCELLOR  
NBC News White House Correspondent

John Chancellor brings to his assignment as NBC News' White House correspondent a broad background of experience in national affairs as well as in the international field.

During the Summer of 1964 he fulfilled major reporting roles at the Republican and Democratic national conventions and on Election Night he reported the projections and analysis of the election results as NBC News' Electronic Vote Analysis reporter.

In the latter role he contributed additional information from personal observation gathered from his cross-country travels and meetings with key local political personalities in advance of the conventions. Previously, Chancellor had covered every Presidential campaign and all but one important off-year election for NBC News since 1950.

Chancellor has also served overseas in NBC News bureaus in Vienna, London, Moscow and Brussels. His reporting has won him a national Sigma Delta Chi Award and a Robert E. Sherwood Award.

Chancellor joined NBC News in Chicago in 1950 as Midwestern correspondent. His beat not only covered that city but stretched from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. In 1956 he was a television floor reporter at the political conventions and also covered Adlai E. Stevenson in the Presidential campaign.

Early in 1958, following other domestic assignments, he was assigned to NBC News' Vienna Bureau. En route he covered stories in Rome, Tunis and Paris.

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FBI NEW YORK

439 PM URGENT 7-30-65 JAM.

TO DIRECTOR /10/ BOSTON AND WASHINGTON FIELD  
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FROM NEW YORK 3P

JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI  
BUDED AUGUST EIGHT NEXT.

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO NEW YORK, NO CC BOSTON.

FOR INFO BOSTON WHO RECEIVED LEADS BY NEW YORK TEL DATED  
JULY TWENTYNINE LAST, RE CHICAGO TEL REFLECTS AS FOLLOWS..

AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF ONLY AS POLICE OFFICER  
AND GOOD DEMOCRAT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CHICAGO OFFICE  
JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD KNOW THAT  
JOHN CHANCELLOR HAD BEEN LOCKED UP A NUMBER OF TIMES BY THE  
CHICAGO PD AND HAD A "BIG SHEET". HE WAS ARRESTED ABOUT SIX  
YEARS AGO ON MORALS CHARGES AND THE RECORDS ARE NOW AT ELEVENTH  
AND STATE, CHICAGO PD RECORD BUREAU. HE WAS ARRESTED BY THIRTY  
FIFTH AND THIRTY SIXTH DISTRICTS, ONCE ON ELM STREET AND ON ANOTHER  
OCCASION AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL. THE LATTER CHARGE WAS QUASHED.  
ON ONE OCCASION, HE WAS FOUND HIDING ON A ROOF WITH BINOCULARS.

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OFFICER WHO CALLED STATED THAT ALL OF THESE ARRESTS ARE  
MATTERS OF RECORD WITH CHICAGO PD AND COULD BE CHECKED.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CHICAGO CRIMINAL INFORMANT ADVISED JULY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT JOHN CHANCELLOR IS KNOWN IN THE HOMOSEXUAL CIRCLES AS "ONE OF US AND FRIENDLY TO US". INFORMANT STATED THAT ONLY YESTERDAY, JULY TWENTY EIGHT, HE HAD REMARKED TO A HOMOSEXUAL FRIEND THAT "ONE OF US", MEANING CHANCELLOR, IS GETTING UP IN THE WORLD, REFERRING TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF AMERICA. INFORMANT STATED HE WILL MAKE INQUIRIES IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN INDIVIDUALS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH CHANCELLOR IN REGARD TO HIS HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO INFORMANT, BUT HAD KNOWN OF HIM THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL ASSOCIATES BEFORE READING OF APPOINTMENT.

CHICAGO PD ARREST FILES DISCLOSE THAT JOHN CHANCELLOR OCCUPATION REPORTER FOR NBC, BORN JULY FOURTEEN, TWENTY SEVEN, ARRESTED MAY TEN, FIFTY ONE, FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT, "ARRESTED ON FIRE ESCAPE AT SEVENTY EIGHT EAST ELM STREET". DISPOSITION, DISCHARGED MAY TWENTY ONE, FIFTY ONE. CHANCELLOR ALSO ARRESTED FEBRUARY ELEVEN FIFTY ONE ON CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT, "FOUND ON ROOF OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL. DISPOSITION, DISCHARGED, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, FIFTY ONE. PD RECORDS ALSO SHOW ONE JOHN W. CHANCELLOR, ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN, FORTY NINE, ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT, DRUNK, DISPOSITION, DISCHARGED,

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MARCH TWENTYEIGHT, FORTY NINE. ALSO ARRESTED AUGUST THIRTEEN  
FORTY NINE FOR SPEEDING, BEING UNDER INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR  
AND NO DRIVERS LICENSE. DISPOSITION LISTED AS BOND FORFEITURE  
AND CAPIAS ISSUED SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. RECORDS DO  
NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS WARRANT WAS EVER SERVED.

HOMOCIDE AND SEX DIVISION AND VICE SECTION, CHICAGO  
PD, HAS NO INFO INDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE.

ALL OFFICES BE ALERT FOR ANY INFO REGARDING HOMOSEXUAL  
TENDENCIES ON PART OF APPOINTEE.

INVESTIGATION NYC REFLECTS CHANCELLOR KNOWN TO  
DOUGLAS KIKER /PHONETIC/, WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT FOR  
NY HERALD TRIBUNE AND [REDACTED] CBS CORRESPONDENT,  
CBS, WASHINGTON, DC, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CBS WHILE CHANCELLOR IN LONDON FOR NBC.

WFO INTERVIEW ABOVE.

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CS: [REDACTED]

*Dr. [REDACTED]*

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REMARKED TO A HOMOSEXUAL FRIEND THAT "ONE OF US", MEANING CHANCELLOR, IS GRITTING UP IN THE WORLD, REFERRING TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR OF VOICE OF AMERICA. INFORMANT STATED HE WILL MAKE INQUIRIES IN AN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN INDIVIDUALS PERSONALLY ACQUAINTED WITH CHANCELLOR IN REGARDS TO HIS HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY TO INFORMANT, BUT HAD KNOWN OF HIM THROUGH HOMOSEXUAL ASSOCIATES BEFORE READING OF APPOINTMENT.

① CHICAGO PD ARREST FILES DISCLOSE THAT JOHN CHANCELLOR, OCCPATION REPORTED FOR NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, BORN JULY FOURTEEN NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN, ARRESTED ON MAY TEN FIFTY ONE, FOR DISORDERLY CONDUCT "ARRESTED ON FIRE ESCAPE AT SEVENTY EIGHT EAST ELM STREET". DISPOSITION -DISCHARGED MAY TWENTY ONE FIFTY ONE. CHANCELLOR ALSO ARRESTED FEBRUARY ELEVEN FIFTY ONE ON CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT-"FOUND ON ROOF OF AMBASSADOR HOTEL". DISPOSITION-DISCHARGED, FEBRUARY THIRTEEN FIFTY ONE.

② IN MAY FIFTY ONE, CHANCELLOR DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE THIRTY, MARRIED, BORN JULY FOURTEEN TWENTY SEVEN, CHICAGO, EMPLOYED

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NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, AS REPORTER. IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS LISTED AS ONE THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ASTOR CHICAGO.

③ CHICAGO PD RECORDS SHOW ONE JOHN W. CHANCELLOR, ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN FORTY NINE, ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT- DRUNK, DISPOSITION- DISCHARGED, MARCH TWENTY EIGHT FORTY NINE. ALSO

④ ARRESTED ON AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE FOR SPEEDING, BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR AND NO DRIVERS LICENSE. DISPOSITION LISTED AS BOND FORFEITURE AND CAPIAS ISSUED SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTY NINE. RECORDS DO NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS WARRANT WAS EVER SERVED.

CHANCELLOR LISTED RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT AS SEVEN TWO ONE SOUTH MICHIGAN-REPORTER, ON MARCH TWENTY SEVEN FORTY NINE, AND STEVENS HOTEL AND CITY EDITOR ON AUGUST THIRTEEN FORTY NINE.

IT IS TO BE NOTED CHICAGO PD ADVISED THAT CHANCELLOR WAS FINGERPINTED CONCERNING ARREST IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, BUT THE FINGERPRINT CARDS WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE CASES WERE DISCHARGED.

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HOMOICIDE AND SEX DIVISION AND VICE SECTION, CHICAGO PD, HAS  
NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH APPOINTEE.

CHICAGO INDICES NEGATIVE CONCERNING CHANCELLOR.

NEW YORK AND WFO BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HOMOSEXUAL  
TENDENCIES ON PART OF APPOINTEE.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FBI CHICAGO

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DIRECTOR, SACS, WFO AND NEW YORK

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FROM CHICAGO

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, ISP.

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REBUTEL TO WFO JULY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFY HIMSELF ONLY AS A POLICE OFFICER AND  
 A GOOD DEMOCRAT, TELEPHONEICALLY ADVISED CHICAGO OFFICE JULY TWENTY  
 EIGHT LAST THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD KNOW THAT JOHN CHANCELLOR  
 HAD BEEN LOCKED UP A NUMBER OF TIMES BY THE CHICAGO PD AND HAD A  
 "BIG SHEET". HE WAS ARRESTED ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO ON MORALS CHARGES  
 AND THE RECORDS ARE NOW AT ELEVENTH AND STATE, CHICAGO PD RECORD  
 BUREAU. HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE THIRTY FIFTH AND THIRTY SIXTH DISTRICTS  
 ONCE ON ELM STREET AND ON ANOTHER OCCASION AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL.  
 THE LATTER CHARGE WAS QUASHED. ON ONE OCCASION, HE WAS FOUND HIDING  
 ON A ROOF WITH BINOCULARS.

THE OFFICER WHO CALLED STATED THAT ALL OF THESE <sup>NO RECORDS</sup> ARRESTS ARE MATTERS  
 OR RECORD WITH THE CHICAGO PD AND COULD BE CHECKED. <sup>3</sup> SEP 29 1965

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CHICAGO CRIMINAL INFORMANT ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT JOHN  
 CHANCELLOR IS KNOWN IN THE HOMOSEXUAL CIRCLES AS "ONE OF US AND  
 FRIENDLY TO US". INFORMANT STATED THAT ONLY YESTERDAY HE HAD

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Later that year he spent two-and-a-half months covering the Lebanese civil war. Assigned to the London Bureau, he ranged as far as the Khyber Pass, to Afghanistan and to the Mediterranean. In mid-1960 he was named chief of NBC News' Moscow Bureau, where he covered the trial of Francis Gary Powers and other important stories.

During his Moscow tour of duty, he returned to the United States to work on NBC News' coverage of the 1960 elections. He traveled with the candidates and interviewed them on "The Great Debates," in addition to handling the Midwest Desk on Election Night.

He went back to Moscow, and returned to the U. S. again in July, 1961, to become host of NBC-TV's "Today" program for one year, living in New York. He spent the balance of 1962 analyzing and reporting on political developments in the Far West during the election campaigns. In that role he traveled in six West Coast states, visiting the state capitals, gathering facts on election laws, election trends and the candidates themselves. He was also anchor man for "The Campaign and the Candidates" series of pre-election TV specials and reported developments from the Far West on Election Night.

Chancellor returned to Europe early in 1963 to study the Common Market, and reported on it in a widely acclaimed special, "A Country Called Europe." In July he was named head of the NBC News bureau covering the Common Market in Brussels. He returned to the U.S. early in 1964 to begin preparation for his floor reporter assignment at the conventions.

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3 - John Chancellor

Born in Chicago in 1927, Chancellor attended local schools and the University of Illinois. After service in the Army, he joined the Chicago Sun-Times in 1948 and for two years filled varied assignments as reporter, rewrite man and feature writer before starting his career in broadcasting. He is married to the former Barbara Upshaw. They have two children: Laura, four, and Barnaby, three.

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NBC-New York, 12/9/64

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 30, 1965

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JOHN CHANCELLOR  
DIRECTOR, VOICE OF AMERICA  
FORMER NBC COMMENTATOR

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Marvin Watson called from the White House on the morning of 7/27/65 and asked if we had any information on the captioned individual. I told him that ██████████ had called over on Monday, 7/26/65, with a request that a full field investigation be started on this same person. I told Watson that ██████████ had requested a name check on Chancellor on Saturday, 7/10/65, and that a memorandum had been furnished to her regarding this matter. I told Watson that while a check of files and a check of the Identification Division had shown no identifiable derogatory information, this, of course, did not mean that a full field investigation would not reflect derogatory information. Watson replied that the President was in a hurry and wanted to name Chancellor as Director of the Voice of America within the next several hours. He asked if I could determine if the full field investigation had reflected anything derogatory thus far. I told him it was too early to determine this, that our leads in this matter had just been sent out. Watson stated that he felt the President would go ahead and name Chancellor anyhow. I told him this, of course, was entirely up to the President; however, I thought it was a dangerous practice.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CHICAGO (161-1203)

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI.

MR. CLEVELAND  
RUMBLE

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYNINE LAST.

REFERENCE FILES, "CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE", REVIEWED THIS DATE REFLECT ARTICLE OF MAY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE CAPTIONED "CAN'T EXPLAIN PRESENCE OF FIRE ESCAPE, SEIZED", REPORTING ARREST OF JOHN CHANCELLOR, AGE TWENTYTHREE, THIRTY EAST DIVISION STREET, WHO STATED WAS NEWS REPORTER FOR RADIO NETWORK, EARLY YESTERDAY ON FIRE ESCAPE OF BUILDING AT SEVENTYSIX DASH SEVENTY EIGHT EAST ELM STREET. ARTICLE STATED CHANCELLOR COULD NOT EXPLAIN PRESENCE THERE AND WAS BOOKED ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGE. NO OTHER PERTINENT INFO REVEALED FROM THESE FILES.

COMBINED REFERENCE FILE OF "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" AND CHICAGO SUN TIMES" REVIEWED THIS DATE DISCLOSED NO PERTINENT NEWS ITEMS PUBLISHED BY EITHER OF THESE TWO NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER SEP 29 1965 FILES REFLECT ITEM FURNISHED BY CITY NEWS BUREAU, UNDATED BUT WITH PENCILED DATE MAY TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN FIFTYONE, REFLECTING JOHN CHANCELLOR, AGE TWENTYTHREE, THIRTY EAST DIVISION STREET, WAS SEIZED MAY TEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE ON FIRE ESCAPE OF APARTMENT BUILDING AT SEVENTYSIX DASH SEVENTYEIGHT EAST ELM

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STREET. ARTICLE INDICATES CHANCELLOR INSTRUCTED BY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE TO BRING SIX CHARACTER REFERENCES TO COURT AT HEARING SCHEDULED MAY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN FIFTYONE. CHANCELLOR CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT. ARTICLE INDICATES ARREST RESULTED FROM COMPLAINT BY CARL R. CHRISTOPHERSON OF SEVENTYEIGHT EAST ELM STREET. THIS ARTICLE INDICATED CHANCELLOR PLEADED FOR LENIENCY, TELLING COURT JOB AT STAKE AND WIFE EXPECTING BABY IN AUGUST. FURTHER, CHANCELLOR SAID HE HAD BEEN DRINKING AND HAD CUT THROUGH ALLEY ON WAY HOME WHEN HE HEARD FOOTSTEPS. HE CLIMBED FIRE ESCAPE BECAUSE HE FEARED TO BE SEEN. NEWS ITEM INDICATED TESTIMONY BY POLICEMAN MARTIN GRANNAN, WHO SEIZED CHANCELLOR, INDICATED CHANCELLOR HAD BEEN DRINKING.

INVESTIGATION THIS DATE DETERMINED [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ON VACATION, ITINERARY UNKNOWN, BUT SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO WORK AUGUST TWO NEXT.

[REDACTED] AND ADVISED UNABLE TO RECALL DETAILS OF ABOVE INDICATED ARREST REFERENCE FILES OF "CHICAGO AMERICAN" REVIEWED THIS

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DATE DISCLOSED NO PERTINENT INFO.

FURTHER REVIEW OF CHICAGO PD RECORDS THIS DATE REVEALED DISPOSITION OF FEBRUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE ARREST OF CHANCELLOR WAS "LEAVE TO FILE DENIED", INDICATION NO COURT RECORD OTHER THAN ENTRY SHOWING CHARGE AND ABOVE DISPOSITION. COURT DOCKET NUMBER FOR MAY TEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE ARREST DETERMINED, HOWEVER, FACILITY HAVEING RECORD IN PROCESS OF MOVING AND RECORD WILL NOT BE AVAILABEL UNTIL AUGUST TWO NEXT.

COMPLAINT BOOKS FOR THIRTYFIFTH AND THIRTYSIXTH POLICE DISTRICTS IN WHICH ABOVE INDICATED ARRESTS EFFECTED WERE DETERMINED TO BE DESTROYED.

CHICAGO PD RECORD INDICATED SIX ARRESTING OFFICERS RE MAY TEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE ARREST, INCLUDING [REDACTED]. OTHERS LISTED BY LAST NAME ONLY, WERE [REDACTED], BARCAL, [REDACTED], GAFFNEY AND [REDACTED]. INVESTIGATION THIS DATE REVEALED ARRESTING OFFICERS BARCAL (WILLIAM A.) AND GAFFNEY (HENRY P.) DECEASED. INQUIRIES, CHICAGO PD THIS DATE, INDICATE OFFICERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] CURRENTLY ON FURLOUGH. PD RECORDS INDICATE SEVERAL [REDACTED] ON FORCE AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WITHOUT FURTHER DATA. EFFORTS

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CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY.

RE FEBRUARY ELEVEN, NINETEEN FIFTYONE ARREST, DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AND STATED RECALLS ARRESTING CHANCELLOR SOMETIME IN NINETEEN FIFTYONE BUT BELIEVES ARREST WAS MADE ON FIRE ESCAPE AT SOME HOTEL, CHICAGO, NAME UNRECALLED. BELIEVED ARRESTED FOR BEING INTOXICATED AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF "PEEPING".

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED], CHICAGO, ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECALLS ANSWERING POSSIBLE BURGLARY CALL WITH OFFICER [REDACTED] AT THE AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL. STATED HE AND [REDACTED] PROCEEDED UP FIRE ESCAPE TO CHECK AND SEARCH REVEALED APPOINTEE HIDING BEHIND VENT. APPOINTEE, WHEN QUESTIONED, STATED THAT MANY YEARS AGO HE, APPOINTEE, HAD LIVED AT THIS HOTEL, WHERE HIS MOTHER WAS HOUSEKEEPER.

[REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE ADVISED HE USED TO PLAY ON THE ROOF AND FIRE ESCAPE AND HAD RETURNED THAT NIGHT ON A DESIRE TO VISIT HIS OLD PLAY SITE. [REDACTED] ADVISED THEY CONSIDERED THIS

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STORY VERY STRANGE SINCE IT WAS PAST MIDNIGHT. APPOINTEE  
TAKEN TO STATION WHILE STORY ABOUT FORMERLY RESIDING AT HOTEL  
WAS VERIFIED. HIS EMPLOYMENT AS REPORTER FOR NEW MEDIA  
ALSO VERIFIED AND APPOINTEE SHORTLY THEREAFTER RELEASED.

[REDACTED] STATED HE RECALLS APPOINTEE RATHER CLEARLY DUE TO HAVING  
OBSERVED HIM ON TELEVISION OVER THE YEARS. HE ADVISED THAT  
SHORTLY AFTER ARREST APPOINTEE WAS AGAIN ARRESTED ON A VERY  
SIMILAR INCIDENT. HE ADVISED HE NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ELSE  
REGARDING APPOINTEE BUT HAS ALWAYS FELT THERE WAS SOMETHING  
WRONG WITH THE STORY THE APPOINTEE GAVE THE NIGHT HE , [REDACTED]  
ARRESTED APPOINTEE.

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FORMER ASSOCIATES AT "CHICAGO SUN TIMES" RECALL APPOINTEE DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT THERE AS COPYBOY AND APPRENTICE REPORTER, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT TO NINETEEN FIFTY. ALL STATE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S MORAL CHARACTER ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] STATED AFTER APPOINTEE LEFT "CHICAGO SUN TIMES" HE "HEARD APPOINTEE HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY CHICAGO PD AS "PEEPING TOM". [REDACTED] STATES DOES NOT RECALL SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS HEARSAY IS TRUE.

ALL FURTHER STATED NOT ACQUAINTED WITH REASON FOR APPOINTEE'S FIRST DIVORCE BUT AT TIME APPOINTEE AND WIFE MARRIED WERE VERY YOUNG AND PERHAPS NOT EMOTIONALLY SUITED FOR MARRIAGE AT THAT TIME. STATED NO REASON TO QUESTION APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO US GOVERNMENT, ASSOCIATES OR ABILITY IN THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM AND REPORTING.

[REDACTED] AND FOLLOWING PERSONS FROM "CHICAGO SUN TIMES" WOULD RECOMMEND: [REDACTED]

INFO DEVELOPED THAT MOLLIE CHANCELLOR, APPOINTEE'S MOTHER, NOW RESIDING AT VILLA ST. CYRIL, ONE ONE ONE ONE

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ST. JOHN'S AVENUE, HIGHLAND PARK A REST HOME.

APPOINTEE'S [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR AT LEAST  
NEXT WEEK BUT COULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH US EMBASSY IN  
[REDACTED]. BUREAU MAY WISH TO HAVE LEGAT HANDLE.

RECORDS OF UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DISCLOSE APPOINTEE  
ENTERED UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, NAVY PIER, SEPTEMBER  
SIXTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN AND DROPPED FOR SCHOLASTIC  
FAILURE, JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN FORTYNINE, NO  
DEGREE EVER RECEIVED. NOTATION ON APPOINTEE'S EDUCATION  
RECORDS STATES "NO TRANSCRIPT. MAY NOT RE-REGISTER TIL  
CLEARS WITH LIBRARY." THIS NOTATION INDICATED APPOINTEE  
CHECKED OUT BOOK WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AT UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS AND NEVER RETURNED SAME.

NO RECORDS AVAILABELE AT "CHICAGO SUN TIMES" TO VERIFY  
APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT AS RECORDS FOR NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT  
DASH NINETEEN FIFTY DESTROYED.

[REDACTED] "CHICAGO SUN TIMES",  
STATES RECALLS APPOINTEE WORKING AT THIS NEWSPAPER DURING

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PERIOD NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT TO NINETEEN FIFTY, FIRST AS COPYBOY AND THEN AS APPRENTICE REPORTER. APPOINTEE RELEASED DUE TO REDUCTION INFORCE AND WENT TO WORK FOR NBC, CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] STATED RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE STRICTLY A BUSINESS ONE BUT PERSONALLY CONSIDERED APPOINTEE TO BE INDIVIDUAL OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND NO REASON TO QUESTION LOYALTY TO US.

APPOINTEE'S MARRIAGE TO CONSTANCE HERBERT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VERIFIED AS OCTOBER FOURTEEN , NINETEEN FIFTY AT CHICAGO. MARRIAGE TO BARBARA E. UPSHAW, BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VERIFIED AS JANUARY TWENTYFIVE, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AT CHICAGO.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE FILED OCTOBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN; PLAINTIFF, CONSTANCE L. CHANCELLOR VS. DEFENDANT, JOHN W. CHANCELLOR. PLAINTIFF CHARGED ON APRIL NINE, NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE, DEFENDENT WILFULLY DESERTED AND ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM PLAINTIFF WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE FOR SPACE OF ONE YEAR AND UPWARDS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
MARRIAGE. ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FILED OCTOBER THIRTY, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN IN WHICH DEFENDENT DENIED DESERTING PLAINTIFF. DECREE FOR DIVORCE FILED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN. DEFENDANT AGREED TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

RECORDS, CHICAGO CREDIT BUREAU, INC., REVIEWED JULY TWENTYNINE LAST, DISCLOSED NO CREDIT INFO FOR APPOINTEE, APPOINTEE'S PARENTS, [REDACTED]

CHICAGO PD RECORDS REVIEWED JULY TWENTYNINE LAST DISCLOSE NO ARREST INFO FOR APPOINTEE'S PARENTS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHICAGO NEWSPAPER GUILD, LOCAL SEVENTYONE, AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD, ADVISED THIS DATE RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN CHANCELLOR

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BECAME MEMBER BUT IT IS RECOLLECTION IT WAS IN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT OR NINETEEN FORTYNINE. CHANCELLOR HAD "HONORABLE WITHDRAWAL", MAY TWENTYFOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYONE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT TIME CHANCELLOR WAS MEMBER AND KNEW HIM [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAS KNOWN CHANCELLOR PROFESSIONALLY BUT NOT SOCIALLY. BELIEVED HIM TO BE PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATE COULD SUGGEST NO OTHER OFFICERS OF CHICAGO NEWSPAPER GUILD WHO WERE CLOSE TO APPOINTEE.

NO ONE LOCATED AT THIRTY EAST DIVISION STREET, CHICAGO, WHO RECALLS APPOINTEE'S RESIDENCE.

NO OCCUPANTS LOCATED AT HOME THIS DATE AT ONE THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ASTOR.

[REDACTED] NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY (NBC) MERCHANDISE MART, CHICAGO, ADVISED FROM RECORDS APPOINTEE EMPLOYED MAY EIGHT, NINETEEN FIFTY AS NEW WRITER IN "NEWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT" RESPONSIBILITIES LOCAL UNTIL NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN FIFTYSIX, WHEN PROMOTED TO NBC NETWORK. EXACT DATE NOT

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LISTED BUT ASSIGNED TO DUTY IN EUROPE, PROBABLY NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT. WORKED IN VIENNA, MOSCOW, LONDON AND BRUSSELS. EXACT DATES OF LATTER EMPLOYMENTS NOT LISTED. RETURNED TO US IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND EMPLOYED TO PRESENT TIME. RECORD SATISFACTORY. [REDACTED] HAS MET APPOINTEE ON ONLY ONE OCCASION BUT HAS HEARD ABOUT AND KNOWN HIM FOR SOME TIME. STATED APPOINTEE WELL REGARDED AT NBC.

[REDACTED]

NBC, ADVISED ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY. HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE WELL SINCE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX. KNOWS MOSTLY ON PROFESSIONAL BASIS BUT HAS SOCIALIZED WITH HIM TO EXTENT OF ATTENDING PARTIES AND HAVING DINNER WITH HIM. HAS NEVER VISITED IN APPOINTEE'S HOME. FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE APPOINTEE HAS EXCELLENT REPUTATION, IS HARD WORKER, RELIABLE, REFINED, FAIR AND OBJECTIVE REPORTER. REGARDS APPOINTEE AS MAN OF EXCELLENT MORALS, MODERATE DRINKER WHO HAS NEVER BELONGED TO ANY QUESTIONABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND WHO IS A LOYAL AMERICAN, HAS NEVER KNOWN APPOINTEE TO BE IN TROUBLE OF ANY KIND AND RECOMMENDS FOR POSITION OF TRUST.

[REDACTED] NBC NEWS BUREAU, ADVISED

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ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY. APPOINTEE ALWAYS HAD EXCELLENT REPUTATION AT NBC AS GOOD REPORTER AND HARD WORKER. RECOMMENDS FOR POSITION OF TRUST. REGARDS APPOINTEE AS COMPLETELY MASCULINE AND OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER. APPOINTEE HAS ALWAYS BEEN MODERATE DRINKER BUT [REDACTED] RECALLS IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTYONE APPOINTEE WAS ARRESTED ON FIRE ESCAPE AT AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL. DOES NOT RECALL EXACT CHARGE BUT BELIEVES APPOINTEE HAD BEEN DRINKING. [REDACTED] RECALLS APPOINTEE ARRESTED SHORT TIME LATER ON SIMILAR CHARGE. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED AT THAT TIME APPOINTEE AND FIRST WIFE WERE NOT GETTING ALONG AND BELIEVES THIS WAS CAUSE OF APPOINTEE'S DRINKING . STATED DID NOT BELIEVE APPOINTEE DRUNK ON THESE OCCASIONS AND NEVER KNEW HIM TO DRINK TO EXCESS. DOES NOT KNOW REASON FOR DIVORCE OF APPOINTEE. [REDACTED] DOES NOT REGARD ABOVE EVENTS AS TOO SERIOUS SINCE APPOINTEE CONTINUED TO BE EMPLOYED AT NBC AND HAS CONTINUED TO DO EXCELLENT JOB. [REDACTED] NBC NEWS, ADVISED HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE AT "CHICAGO SUN TIMES". RATES APPOINTEE AS FIRST RATE PROFESSIONALLY. REGARDS APPOINTEE AS OF MORALLY

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SOUND CHARACTER, REPUTABLE PERSON AND LOYAL AMERICAN. HAS NEVER KNOWN HIM TO BELONG TO ANY QUESTIONABLE ORGANIZATION. FROM HIS KNOWLEDGE WOULD RECOMMEND. HAS NEVER KNOWN APPOINTEE TO DRINK TO EXCESS OR TO DRINK ON JOB. RECALLS IN APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTYONE APPOINTEE ARRESTED ON FIRE ESCAPE AT AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL. DOES NOT KNOW EXACT CHARGE. BELIEVES APPOINTEE HAD BEEN DRINKING AND HEARD THERE HAD BEEN SOME CHARGE AGAINST HIM INDICATING HE WAS "PEEPING TOM". DOES NOT PUT ANY BELIEF IN THIS CHARGE AND EXPLAINED AMBASSADOR EAST AT ONE TIME HAD BEEN HOME TO APPOINTEE, WHERE MOTHER WAS FORMERLY HEAD HOUSEKEEPER. RECALLS APPOINTEE ARRESTED ON ANOTHER OCCASION SHORTLY AFTER FIRST ARREST AND BELIEVES WAS ALSO DRINKING AT THAT TIME. RELATED APPOINTEE AND FIRST WIFE WERE NOT GETTING ALONG AND BELIEVES THIS CAUSE OF APPOINTEE'S DRINKING. DOES NOT KNOW WHAT DIFFERENCES WERE BETWEEN THE APPOINTEE AND FIRST WIFE OTHER THAN PLAIN INCOMPATIBILITY. STATED NO SCANDAL ATTACHED TO DIVORCE BUT IN HIS MIND WAS SOMEWHAT OF A MYSTERY BECAUSE THEY SEEMED TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL AND THEN SUDDENLY WERE GETTING DIVORCED.

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██████████ WASHINGTON, D.C. APPOINTEE'S ██████████ AT TIME  
OF ARREST. ██████████ MADE DECISION TO RETAIN APPOINTEE AT NSC.  
██████████ ALSO ADVISED APPOINTEE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED  
WITH WIELARD WIRTZ, CURRENTLY SECRETARY OF LABOR, DURING  
ADLAI STEVENSON CAMPAING. (WFO FURNISH LEAD TELEPHONICALLY  
TODAY TO INTERVIEW ██████████ AND WIRTZ.)

██████████ STATED ALTHOUGH APPOINTEE HAS NO ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPERIENCE, HE FEELS APPOINTMENT TO VOICE OF AMERICA IS  
GOOD ONE, DESCRIBING APPOINTEE AS EXCELLENT REPORTER WHOSE  
PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY ABOVE REPROACH.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT REFERRED TO IN RETEL RECONTACTED  
THIS DATE. HAS NO NEW INFO. INFORMANT ENDEAVORING TO  
DETERMINE PERSON WITH PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE.

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FBI CHICAGO

8:10 PM CDST URGENT 7/31/65 DRS

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: CHICAGO (161-1203)

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JOHN WILLIAM CHANCELLOR, SPI

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE DATED JULY THIRTY, LAST.

PATROLMAN [REDACTED], CHICAGO PD, ADVISED HE DOES NOT RECALL ARREST OF CHANCELLOR IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, AND UNABLE TO ADD TO OFFICIAL POLICE RECORDS.

[REDACTED]

ILLINOIS, ADVISED WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DIVORCE AMICABLE, GROUNDS OF DESERTION USED TO SATISFY ILLINOIS STATUTES.

[REDACTED] HAS

KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR OVER TEN YEARS, BUT HAS HAD FEW CONTACTS WITH HIM IN RECENT YEARS. [REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE AND FIRST WIFE WERE YOUNG, AMBITIOUS, IMPATIENT, AND AND HAD NOT WORKED TO MAKE SUCCESS OF MARRIAGE. NO SCANDAL ATTACHED TO DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

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[REDACTED] STATES KNEW OF APPOINTEE'S ARREST ON FIRE ESCAPE OF HOTEL BUILDING. STATED APPOINTEE AND GROWN UP IN NEIGHBORHOOD AND HIS MOTHER HAD BEEN EXECUTIVE HOUSE

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KEEPER FOR AMBASSADOR EAST HOTEL. [REDACTED] BELIEVES APPOINTEE'S PRESENCE ON FIRE ESCAPE DUE TO "OVER INDULGENCE" OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. STATES IT WAS REASONABLE FOR APPOINTEE TO BE OUT DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS BECAUSE HIS WORK AT NBC OFTEN REQUIRED HIM TO WORK UNTIL MIDNIGHT OR LATER.

[REDACTED] COMMENTS FAVORABLY ABOUT APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES. HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF APPOINTEE BEING ARRESTED ON ANY OTHER OCCASION OR HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENT WHICH WOULD REFLECT ADVERSELY UPON HIM. CONSIDERS APPOINTEE TO BE EXPERIENCED NEWS REPORTER AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SAID APPOINTEE PLACED HIS MOTHER IN HOME-FOR AGED IN HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE IS OF ADVANCED AGE AND UNABLE TO PROPERLY CARE FOR HERSELF.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] THIS DATE UNSUCCESSFUL.

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[REDACTED] AT ONE THREE TWO ZERO NORTH ASTOR, CHICAGO, WHICH IS ADDRESS LISTED BY APPOINTEE WEN ARRESTED IN NINETEEN FIFTY ONE, REVEALED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL AUGUST TWO, NEXT.

CREDIT AND ARREST AGENCIES SERVING HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS, NEGATIVE FOR APPOINTEE'S MOTHER.

[REDACTED], CITIZENS [REDACTED] OF CHICAGO, ADVISED ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN [REDACTED]. DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO APPOINTEE AT FIRST AS APPOINTEE YOUNGER. BECAME FRIENDLY [REDACTED]. ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE'S FIRST WIFE, BUT NEVER KNEW REASON FOR DIVORCE. STATED NEVER ANY SCANDLE INVOLVED RE DIVORCE AND APPARENTLY WAS CASE WHERE COULD NOT GET ALONG. APPOINTEE KEEPS REGULAR HOURS, IS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, AND MODERATE DRINKER. NEVER KNEW APPOINTEE TO BE IN TROUBLE OR ARRESTED. RECOMMENDED FOR POSITION OF TRUST. ADVISED FRIENDSHIP FAIRLY CO BUT SOMEWHAT IRREGULAR BASIS OVER RECENT YEARS DUE TO

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