

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: RICHARD NIXON FBI APPLICATION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D.C.

Duke Law School, Durham, N. C.

April 23, 1937

SIR:

I hereby make application for appointment to the position indicated by check mark, in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and for your use in this connection submit the following information:

Special Agent ☒
Special Agent (Accountant) ☐
Stenographer ☐
Typist ☐
Messenger ☐
(Indicate by check)

(This application should be typewritten if possible)

1. Name in full (please print) Nixon Richard Milhouse
(Family name) (Given name) (Middle name)

(a) Female applicants must furnish maiden name

2. Legal residence 2706 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif.

3. Mail and telegraphic address Duke Law School, Durham, N. C.

4. Date of birth Jan. 9, 1913 Weight 160 Height 5' 11" Color White

5. Place of birth Yorba Linda, Calif.

6. (a) Father's name Francis A. Nixon (b) Father's birthplace Ohio

7. (a) Mother's maiden name Hannah Milhouse (b) Mother's birthplace Indiana

8. If you were not born in United States, how long have you lived here?

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

10. If naturalized, date and place of naturalization

11. Are you single, married, widowed, separated, or divorced? Single
(Specify)

12. If your husband (or wife) is employed, state where employed

13. Number of children, if any None

14. Are you entirely dependent on your salary? Yes

15. To what extent are you financially indebted to others and to whom? None

ENCLOSURE

16. Education: (Please print.)

	NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	FROM-	TO-	COURSES PURSUED, DIPLOMAS OR DEGREES RECEIVED
(a) Elementary	Yorba Linda School, Yorba Linda, Calif. <i>East Whittier School Whittier, Calif.</i>	1919	1923	
(b) High school equivalent	Fullerton High School, Fullerton, Calif.	1923	1926	
	Whittier High School, Whittier, Calif.	1926-1928		
(c) College or technical	Whittier College Whittier, Calif.	1928	1930	
	Duke University School of Law Durham, N. C.	1930	1934	A. B.
		1934	1937	To receive LL. B. in June, 1937
(d) Miscellaneous				

17. Give names of clubs, societies, and other similar organizations of which you are a member:

Pi Gamma Mu, Honorary Social Science Fraternity

18. Are you physically capable of discharging the duties of the position sought? (Any physical defects should be fully described) Yes

19. Health record for the past 3 years (give number of days of illness and nature of ailments):

No days of illness; two or three common, slight colds.

20. Experience: (Please print.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION	FROM-	TO-	ANNUAL SALARY
Individual enterprise 2000 E Whittier Blvd. Whittier, Calif.	Mer. of service station	1930, 1931	Summers	
F. A. Nixon, 2726 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif.	Clerk in grocery store	1926 1932-	1930 1934 Summers	
William R. Shalfe, & Duke Law School, Durham, N. C.	Library Assistant	1935	1936	\$420
H. C. Horack, Dean, Duke Law School, Durham, N. C. (NYA)	Research Assistant	1936-	1937	\$150

21. Have you ever been arrested? No

Specify:

22. Have you ever been a defendant in any court action? No

Specify:

23. Give five personal references (not relatives, former employers, fellow employees, or school teachers), more than 30 years of age, who are householders or property owners, business or professional men or women (including your family physician, if you have one) of good standing in the community, and who have known you well during the past 5 or more years. (Please print.)

NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS	NUMBER OF YEARS ACQUAINTED	BUSINESS ADDRESS
1. H. A. Schuyler	Leasingwell Rancho Whittier, Calif.	12	Same
2. A. M. Otis	1022 Second Ave., East Whittier, Cal.	12	Same
3. Esek Perry	537 N. Washington, Whittier, Calif.	12	Same
4. Guy Welch	442 S. Pickering, Whittier, Calif.	8	Whittier Police Dep't
5. Dr. H. C. Thompson	116 E. Bailey, Whittier, Calif.	8	Same

24. List the names of any relatives now in the Government service, with the degree of relationship, and where employed:

None

25. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? Standard for special agents

26. Are you in a position to accept probationary employment at any time, without previous notice, and, if notice is required, how much? Yes - no notice necessary

27. In the event of appointment will you be willing to proceed to Washington, D.C., upon 10 days' notice and at your own expense? Yes

28. If appointed are you willing and prepared to accept assignment or transfer to any part of the United States where services are required, for either temporary or permanent duration? Yes



photograph not larger than 3 by 4 inches. Write your name plainly graph to be taken not more than 30 days prior to date of application.

Respectfully,

Richard M. Nixon
(Signature of applicant as usually written)

Note.—If the applicant desires to make any further remarks or statements concerning his qualifications or in answer to any question contained in the application, the same should be made on a separate sheet of paper, numbering the remarks in accordance with the original questions.

It be subscribed to by all applicants for positions in the Federal Bureau of Investi-

to before me by the above-named applicant, this 29 day
of April, 1937, at city (or town) of Durham, county
of Durham, and State (or Territory or District) of North Carolina

Lina E. Wilson
(Signature of officer)
Notary Public
(Official title)



My comm. expires
Jan. 15, 1939.

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4-23-37

Richard M. Nixon,
Durham, NC

FORMAL APPLICATION.

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H. C. Horack
Duke Univ.
Durham, N.C.

Richard Nixon

Recommendation.

cc four of 5-5-37 jmh

24 abstracts

Re Nixon 67 file

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MISC.

Richard M. Nixon,
c/o Duke Univ.
Durham, N.C.

Let me see and apply and report

5-5-37 jmh

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Misc.

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Dean H. C. Harack,
School of Law,
Duke University,
Durham, N. C.

RE: Michael S. Harack
SA app

Ask lett of 6/5/37 in behalf of above. Ask Harack to
him to be called for interview and exam. Harack to have
recommendation and in event he is successful in exam, you
may be assured his case will not require further

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J. H. Hanson
Los Angeles, Cal.

Richard H. Simon
SA app

Int and exam. Favorable. 10912

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JUSTICE

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L. A. HINCH

MEMO FOR MR. CLEGG

While in Charlotte, NC, interviewing applicants for pos. of SA on June 30, 1937, a telegram was noted addressed to Richard M. Nixon - had been returned with information Nixon left forwarding address, 2706 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Cal. This info. has been fur. Chief Clerk's office orally, and Nixon is recommended be maintained on the interview list. This memo submitted for record purp.

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J. H. Hanson, SAC
Los Angeles, Calif.

Richard M. Nixon, Whittier,
Calif. Applicant - Special
Agent.

Above applicant desires to take California Bar examination on Sept. 7, 1937, and it is recommended that if the Bureau takes favorable action that same be held in abeyance until Sept. 15, 1937, to enable the applicant to take the examination.

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SECTION

WHL:HEW 7-23-67

SAC - Washington

Re: Richard M. Nixon
SA applicant

WFO: ORD.

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Mr. Richard M. Nixon
2706 East Whittier Blvd.
Whittier, Calif.

SA Appl.

Re: pgs 2 and 3 letter

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SAC - Los Angeles

WFO: ORD.

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WFO:TE

Medical Officer in Charge,
USPHS
Los Angeles, Calif.

RE: Richard M. Nixon

Re: pgs 2 and 3 letter

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J. M. LOPEZ, JR., SA RICHARD M. NIXON
CHARLOTTE N C APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT
Duke Univ. Law School records reflect Nixon born
1-9-13 Yorba Linda, Calif., entered Duke Law School
1934 with A.B. Degree and Phi Beta Kappa rating from
Whittier College, Whittier, Calif. Received L.L.B.
degree Duke University Law School June 1937. Employed
Duke Law School as Library Assistant and Research
Assistant 1936 & 1937. Good Reputation. No criminal
or credit record in Durham. RUC
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Richard M. Nixon,
Whittier, Calif.

Phy. rept.

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Memo. Mr. Keenan

Mr. Hendon

Submit memo for approval for [illegible]

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For: Recs. to the [illegible]

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JUSTICE

MRG:EAC

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W. R. Glavin
Div. 4Re: RICHARD M. NIXON
Special Agent

Summary of int and exam

cc 8-5-37 p c

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Justice

MRG:EAC 6-10-67

W R Glavin
Div 4Re: Richard M. Nixon
Special Agent

Brief of investigation

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Richard M. Nixon,
Whittier, Calif.

Signed cond. form

cc 8-2-37 p c

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G. J. ROSS, SA
LOS ANGELES, CAL.RICHARD M. NIXON
APPLICANT, SPECIAL AGENT

Applicant rated as student of highest scholarship and activity record in high school and at Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., being Student Body President in the latter and active in athletics, debating, and dramatics. References speak of applicant as young man of outstanding attainments and ambition, than whom they know of no one better. Neighborhood investigation favorable. No credit or criminal records.

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Form No. 2-7-37

RG:inf 3-18-54

RICHARD M. NIXON

Attached is file Mr. Nixon reflecting application investigation conducted. Adpt. cancelled 8-15-37. per instructions Mr. Tolson. No reason reflected - assumed in view of fact he was not immediately available and in view of our need.

SRB:siz 5-3-71

Adams to Callahan

INQUIRY REGARDING APPLICATION OF PRESIDENT D. M. WATSON

RICHARD M. NIXON

Purpose of memo is to recommend copy of transcript of Director's introduction of Nixon before 53rd Session FBI National Academy be sent to Congressman Rees.
REC: We answer this inquiry in the same fashion similar inquiries were answered by furnishing copy of transcript.
If you agree, appropriate letter to Congressman Rees attached for approval.

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4-27-71

THOMAS M. REES
HOUSE

M. WEBSTER

RICHARD M. NIXON

The attached communication is sent for your consideration.

DIRECTOR

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Honorable Thomas M. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

RICHARD M. NIXON

I appreciate your interest in forwarding [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] inquiry to the Bu and in response
I am enclosing a copy of the transcript of my
introduction of then Vice President Richard M.
Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI
National Academy.

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Duke University
DURHAM
NORTH CAROLINA

School of Law
Office of the Dean
H. Claude Horack

May 3, 1937

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Some time ago you suggested that I might refer to you any exceptional young man who has an interest in the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have such a man in mind who is to graduate this June. The one I desire to present for your consideration is Mr. Richard Nixon, one of the finest young men, both in character and ability, that I have ever had the opportunity of having in my classes. He is a very superior student, alert, aggressive, a fine speaker and one who can do an exceptionally good piece of research work when called on to do so. His position with his fellows is shown by the fact that he is this year the President of the Duke Bar Association. In this connection he has shown fine executive ability and extremely good judgment. I can recommend him for your consideration without reservation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

H. C. Horack
H. C. Horack.

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May 4, 1937.

Mr. Richard M. Nixon,
c/o Duke Law School,
Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

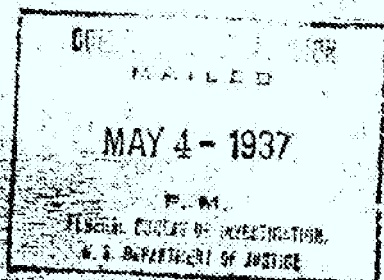
The receipt is acknowledged of your application for appointment to a position in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

You are advised that your application will receive consideration when a vacancy occurs to which one with your qualifications might be appointed.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

LAH:VG

July 2, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

While at Charlotte, North Carolina, on June 20, 1937, interviewing applicants for the position of Special Agent, I noticed that a telegram addressed to Mr. Richard M. Nixon had been returned with the information that Nixon had left a forwarding address, 2706 Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, California.

This information has been furnished to the Chief Clerk's office orally, and Nixon is recommended to be maintained on the interview list.

This memorandum is submitted for record purposes.

Respectfully,

L. A. Hince
L. A. Hince.

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*trans to Mr. Clegg
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ad*

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May 11, 1937.

Dean F. C. Horack,
School of Law,
Duke University,
Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Dean Horack:

I have your letter dated May 3, 1937, in behalf of Mr. Richard M. Nixon, an applicant for appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

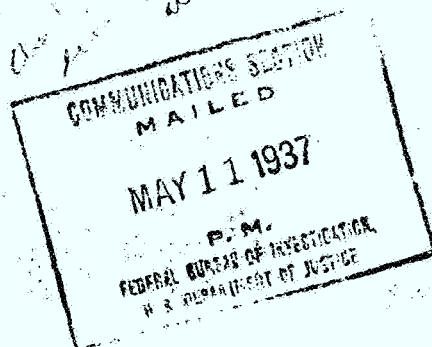
Please be advised that arrangements have been made for Mr. Nixon to be called for an interview and examination in connection with his application.

I am pleased to have your recommendation of Mr. Nixon and in the event he is successful in the examination, you may be assured his case will receive careful consideration when vacancies occur.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California.
 July 17th, 1937.

To: The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

From: Inspector Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson

Subject: Report of Interview with Applicant RICHARD M. NIXON
 for appointment as Special Agent 2706 E. Whittier, Blvd.,
 Whittier, Calif.

1. PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

- 5 A. PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND APPROACH: Excellent. Good. Fair. Poor.
 B. DRESS: Neat. Flashy. Poor. Untidy.
 C. FEATURES: Refined. Ordinary. Coarse. Dissipated.
 D. PHYSICAL DEFECTS, if any: None

2. CONDUCT DURING INTERVIEW:

- 8 A. PERSONALITY: Excellent. Good. Fair. Average. Poor.
 B. POISE: Well-poised. Steady. Temperamental. Average.
 C. SPEECH: Average. Reticent. Talkative. Boastful.
 10 D. ASSURANCE: Self-Confident. Fair. Over-Confident. Lacking.
 E. NERVOUSNESS: None. Slight. Very nervous.
 F. FOREIGN ACCENT: None. Slight. Noticeable.
 12 G. TACT: Tactful. Average. Lacking.

3. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

- 5 A. Answers general questions definitely. Quickly. Vaguely.
 0 B. Has Applicant studied Federal Procedure? No
 0 C. Any investigative experience? If so, describe - None
- 10 D. Does the Applicant appear to be resourceful? Yes
 5 E. Does the Applicant appear to have executive ability? Perhaps
 10 F. Is he likely to develop? Yes

4. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- A. What are the Applicant's plans for the future? Legal field if not appointed.
- B. What are his recreations and tastes? Handball, swimming, movies, bridge, poker, dancing, reading.

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5. HEALTH RECORD: Good

6. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF APPLICANT:

Applicant was born January 9, 1913 at Yorba Linda, California. He is single and resides with his parents. His father is a grocer. He has two brothers who are students. He has never been arrested or involved in any kind of trouble, nor have any members of his family. He takes an occasional social drink of liquor. He typewrites poorly with the touch system. He has had no training or experience with firearms. He drives an automobile. He has no relatives in the Government service.

Applicant attended public grammar school at Yorba Linda, California, and high school at Fullerton and Whittier, California, graduating from the latter school in 1930, thereafter entering the Whittier College where he was awarded an AB Degree in 1934, having majored in history. He then enrolled in the law school at Duke University, receiving an LL.B Degree in June, 1937. He plans to take the California Bar examination commencing on September 7, 1937.

Applicant's chief employment during his spare time from his studies and during his vacations has been with his father who operates a grocery store. He claims, however, that in the Summer of 1931 he worked part time for the Whittier College, interviewing prospective students. (This work was done under the supervision of the Acting President at that time, a Dr. Herbert Harris. He claims that in the Summers of 1932 and 1933 he rented from his father a gasoline filling station at 2706 East Whittier Blvd., which he operated on his own account, doing business with the Richfield Oil Products-Co. In the Summers of 1934 and 1935 he assisted his father in the latter's grocery store. During the school year of 1935 and Summer of 1936 he worked as assistant in the law library at Duke University. Also during the school year of 1936 and 1937 he did research work for the Dean of the Law School. He mentioned that at the time he was awarded his Degree at Duke he was elected to membership in the Order of Coif, Honorary Legal Fraternity. He also mentioned that he made the football squad at Whittier, playing on it for four years and did not receive a letter.

The applicant learned of this Bureau through a talk made by SAC J. A. Smith at Duke University. He is not acquainted with any Special Agents of the Bureau nor employees of the Department of Justice.

Result of dictation test: Good. Fair. Poor.
Bureau test rating %.

7. Do you consider the Applicant qualified for the appointment he seeks and, if appointed, do you believe he would develop into better than an average employee? YES

J. H. HANSON, Special Agent in Charge.
Inspected

Richard Nixon.

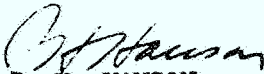
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The results of the fictitious interview given to Applicant are attached hereto. Special Agent J. G. Ross, who was used for this purpose, advised that applicant made a very good appearance, appeared to be confident and thorough, commensurate with his inexperience, adding that he reported the information obtained correctly. The applicant also dictated satisfactorily.

The applicant is being recommended. It is believed that he is above average in intelligence and mental alertness. He appears to be possessed of sufficient force and aggressiveness; also of good, common ordinary sense. He expresses his thoughts well and uses good English. He is manly appearing, possessing a good physique, and it is felt that he could successfully contact persons of all walks of life and that he would inspire confidence.

This is to certify that forty minutes were spent in the interview with this applicant and that the examination and interview were given to him personally by the interviewing official.


J. H. HANSON

Special Agent in Charge.

Los Angeles, California.
July 17th, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HANSON:

Re: Application of Mr. Earl Douglas for position in the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation as Special Agent.

The information was obtained from Mr. J. G. Ross.

Mr. Ross has known Mr. Douglas for the past six years. He first became acquainted with Mr. Douglas when they entered George Washington University Law School in 1931. While in George Washington Law School, Mr. Douglas was a reasonably good student. He evidently liked to have his good time, but he applied himself well enough to get his LL.B Degree in the required three years. While in law school, he also did work - working for the Federal Reserve Board. He evidently was satisfactory in his work with the Federal Reserve Board since he at the present time has a full-time job with that Board and has held it for the past three years. Mr. Ross did not know very much concerning Mr. Douglas' early education.

Douglas is a resident of Arkansas. His father was connected with a newspaper in Little Rock and Douglas apparently was a graduate of the University of Arkansas.

As to Douglas' habits, which might be of some bearing upon the consideration of his application, it is said, as stated before, that he liked to have a good time. He indulged in considerable drinking and was supposed to have played around somewhat with the women. I understand that he has not changed since going to work. He is married at the present time. As far as Mr. Ross knows, he has never been convicted of any crimes, except possibly for minor traffic violations.

As for characteristics which should prove particularly beneficial to a Special Agent, Mr. Douglas, according to Mr. Ross, has an extremely good physique. He has engaged considerably in athletics. He also makes a very good personal appearance. He is a smooth speaker and generally creates a very good first impression with people he meets, but evidently Mr. Douglas does like his good times and for that reason he may possibly not wish to apply himself to the extent that the work of the Department might require.

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Mr. Ross knew nothing further about Mr. Douglas' family background, his undergraduate and grade school education.

I believe that so far as Mr. Ross' estimation of Mr. Douglas is concerned that we can rely on his judgment since he seems to have been very well acquainted with him in law school, although he has not seen him for the past year. As far as Mr. Ross knows, Mr. Douglas' work with the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D. C., where he is now employed has been satisfactory, but I would suggest further inquiry along that line.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD NIXON.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Los Angeles, California.
July 17, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ⁰ RICHARD M. NIXON
2706 East Whittier Blvd.,
Whittier, California.
Applicant - Special Agent

The Bureau will note from the interviewing report attached hereto concerning the above-mentioned applicant that he contemplates taking the California Bar examination beginning September 7, 1937. The applicant indicated that he was very desirous of taking this examination and said that he would be through with it by September 11, 1937.

In the event the Bureau should have a vacancy and give favorable consideration to this applicant, it would be my recommendation that no such action be taken until on or about September 15, 1937, as I feel that the applicant is very desirous of taking this Bar examination and I believe that he would be a more satisfied employe if he had that opportunity.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an immediate investigation to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought:

Applicant: **Richard M. Nixon,** Position: **Special Agent**
Address: **2706 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, California.**

References and Personal History:

W. A. Sawyer, Loringwell Ranch, Whittier, Calif.

A. K. Otis, 1002 Second Ave., East Whittier, Calif.

Beck Perry, 857 North Washington, Whittier, Calif.

Guy Welch, Whittier Police Dept., 442 South Pickering, Whittier, Calif.

Dr. H. C. Thompson, 116 E. Bailey, Whittier, Calif.

Applicant attended Pullerton, Calif., High School from 1926 to 1928; Whittier High School from 1928 to 1930; Whittier College from 1930 to 1934, he received his A.B. Degree.

Applicant operated a Service Station at 2706 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, Calif., during the summers of 1930 and 1931, doing business with the Richfield Oil Products Company. He was employed by the Whittier College, under Dr. Herbert Harris, Acting President, interviewing prospective students during the summer of 1931.

Applicant is 34 years of age, single, and a legal resident of Whittier, Calif.; he was born January 9, 1913 at Yorba Linda, Calif. Applicant's father's name is Francis A. Nixon; his mother's maiden name was Hannah Milhouse.

It is requested that a report of this investigation be submitted to this Bureau not later than August 5, 1937.

Division of Origin:
Auxiliary Divisions:

Los Angeles
Charlotte

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I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made in the community in which the applicant has been a resident and has probably had business and social dealings. The investigation should not be confined to the references given as experience shows they are usually favorable, but you will be expected to check carefully the applicant's past life, standing and reputation in all previous business associations as listed above or such as your investigation.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED Your report covering this investigation should be forwarded to the Bureau at the 28th 1937st practicable date. P. M. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR FBI

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RECOMMENDING SA APPLICANTS RICHARD M NIXON ROBERT D LOUNDAGIN

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July 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Please institute an immediate investigation to determine the following named applicant's character, reputation, ability and qualifications for the position sought:

Applicant: Richard M. Wynn, Position: Special Agent
Address: 2706 East Whittier Boulevard, Whittier, California.
References and Personal History:

Applicant attended Duke University School of Law, Durham, N. C., from 1934 to 1937. He received his LL.B. Degree in June 1937.

Applicant was employed by William H. Hoelke, Duke Law School, as Library Assistant during 1935 and 1936; H. C. Horack, Dean, Duke Law School, as Research Assistant, during 1936 and 1937, (NYA).

Applicant is 34 years of age, single, and a legal resident of Whittier, Calif.; he was born January 9, 1913 at Yuba Linda, Calif.

It is requested that a report of this investigation be submitted to this Bureau not later than July 30, 1937.

I desire that you cause a very complete and thorough investigation to be made of this applicant. The inquiries made should not be confined to the references given above, as experience shows they are usually favorable. Anything that your investigation may disclose further than the above references should be reported.

The division of origin in this case is Los Angeles, and copies of your report should be forwarded to that division.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
this investigation should be forwarded to the Bureau at the earliest practicable date.

JUL 23 1937

Very truly yours,

F. M.
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

WRG:TW
67-102459-

July 24, 1937.

Medical Officer in Charge,
United States Public Health Service,
544 Wilcox Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Richard M. Nixon,
is a candidate for appointment to the service of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as
a Special Agent.

In accordance with arrangements previously made, it
is requested that a thorough physical examination be given to
determine the fitness of this candidate for the position in
question. The fingerprint of the right forefinger should be
included, and also a notation as to the applicant's near vision.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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July 24, 1937.

Mr. Richard M. Nixon,
2706 East Whittier Boulevard,
Whittier, California.

Dear Mr. Nixon:

With reference to your application on file for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, it is desired that you submit a report on your present physical condition. For this purpose the enclosed letter should be presented to the Medical Officer in Charge, United States Public Health Service, 544 Wilcox Building, Los Angeles, California.

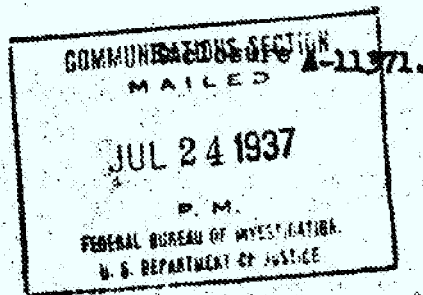
It is also desired that you read the enclosed letter carefully and closely and, if the conditions set forth therein are thoroughly understood by you, it is requested that you have same notarized, returning it to this office, together with your physical examination report, not later than August 2, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

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July 24, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is submitted herein the name of Mr. Richard M. Nixon of Whittier, California, for your consideration in connection with his appointment to the position of Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There are no political endorsements in this case.

If you approve this recommendation, the formal request for Mr. Nixon's appointment as a Special Agent in Grade Caf 9, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum, will be forwarded to the Department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Approved and returned:

Joseph B. Keenan,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Los Angeles, California**

FILE NO. **67-809**

REPORT MADE AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-29-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-26-37	REPORT MADE BY J. M. LOPEZ, JR. KC
TITLE RICHARD E. NIXON			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Duke University Law School records reflect Nixon born 1-9-13 Yorba Linda, California, entered Duke Law School 1934 with A.B. Degree and Phi Beta Kappa rating from Whittier College, Whittier, California. Received L.L.B. Degree with honors Duke University Law School June 1937. Nixon employed Duke Law School as Library Assistant during 1935 and 1936 and as Research Assistant during 1936 and 1937. Enjoys good reputation for character and ability. No criminal or credit record in Durham, N. C.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated July 23, 1937.

DETAILS: AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.

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[REDACTED] Law School Duke University produced the record of Nixon and stated that he entered Duke Law School in September 1934, having come from Whittier College, Whittier, California, where he received his A.B. Degree and attained Phi Beta Kappa rating; that he graduated from Duke Law School in June 1937, receiving his L.L.B. Degree and at the same time attaining the Order of the Coif, an honor which is similar to Phi Beta Kappa at Duke University. [REDACTED] Further advised that Nixon was president of the Duke Bar Association during his senior year, which was an honor in itself, and that he finished among the first three in his class of twenty-six; that he entered the University on a

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scholarship, and maintained it for three years; that there was no record of any disciplinary action against Nixon during his entire career at Duke, and he was considered one of the outstanding men in the Law School. She stated that in addition to being president of the Duke Bar Association, Nixon wrote several articles for the Duke Law Review which had received favorable comment from the faculty. Instant records also reflected that Nixon was born January 9, 1913 at Yorta Linda, California and his father is W. A. Nixon; that during his senior year Nixon resided at the residence of [REDACTED] in Duke Forest adjoining the University. b7D

[REDACTED] Duke University Law School stated that Nixon worked at the referenced desk in the Law Library as a Library Assistant during 1935 and 1936; that this job was part time work and from the opportunity that he had to observe Nixon he does not hesitate to recommend him in his present application; that he was well above average not only in his work, but in his character and personality, and that he was well liked by students and faculty alike. b7-D

[REDACTED] Administration Building stated that Nixon was employed under the N. Y. A. from September 1936 to April 1937 doing legal research work under Dean Morack and R. S. Bradley of the Law School; that this work netted him about \$16 per month, and as far as she knew he had performed it in a satisfactory manner. b7D

[REDACTED], and [REDACTED], stated that he taught Nixon in some of his classes, and frequently had contact with him as a staff writer of the above publications, that Nixon's articles in these magazines were some of the best that had ever appeared therein, and that he had a fine legal mind, and was a trustworthy and conscientious student; that the above referred editorial writing and the presidency of the Duke Bar Association occupied much of Nixon's time and required a great deal of outside work, and that Nixon performed this in a highly satisfactory manner. He stated that Nixon presents a fine appearance and is of the opinion that he will do well in any work, provided it interests him, and he thinks that he is in the right field. [REDACTED] further advised that personally he is not in favor of Nixon entering the Bureau because he feels that his legal mind should be applied strictly to legal work. b7D

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] is the studious type of man and from his conversation it was evident that his interest lies in the theory of law in the class room rather than its practical application. b7D

[REDACTED] Instructor Duke Law School stated that he taught Nixon for three years in various classes, and that in his opinion he was one of the best students in the Law School during the past several years; that in addition to having a good mind, Nixon has shown him that he can be practical; that as president of the Bar Association he has shown initiative in directing its activities and handling the students; that several times he had had to confer with the faculty regarding disciplinary action against some members of the Bar Association, and that on these occasions he has shown sound and mature judgment. [REDACTED] also stated that he had rather see Nixon pursue his legal career rather than enter the Federal Bureau of Investigation because he thinks that he would soon be a leader of any bar before which he practiced. b7D

[REDACTED] Duke Forest stated that Nixon lived at her home from June 1936 through June 1937, and that it had been her custom to provide a room for a deserving boy each year free of charge, and that Nixon had been selected as being one most worthy of this help. She stated that during his residence at her home he proved himself to be very likable and trustworthy and was a rather quiet serious minded boy. b7D

[REDACTED] in the Student Loan Department, Duke University, stated that Nixon went through Law School upon a scholarship, that he did not borrow any money from the University, and that all smaller bills that he incurred upon the campus had been promptly paid. b7D

Inquiry of the Merchants Association, Trust Building, Durham, North Carolina and the Durham Police Department revealed that Nixon has no credit or criminal record in that city.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name: **Mr. Richard M. Nixon**

Date: **July 30, 1937.**

Present Status

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|--------------|---|
| 1. Title: | 2. Grade: |
| 3. Salary: | 4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: () |
| 5. Division: | 6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |

Proposed Change

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|--|---|
| 7. Title: Special Agent | 8. Grade: CAF 9 |
| 9. Salary: \$3200 per annum and
\$5.00 per diem | 10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: (F) |
| 11. Division: | 12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation" |
| 13. Effective: With entry on duty | 14. Position: Additional: ()
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transferred.
Identical: |

15. Remarks: Recommended for appointment as a Special Agent in Grade Caf 9, with salary at the rate of \$3200 per annum and \$5.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and expenses of travel and operation when absent from official headquarters.

A memorandum which was forwarded to **Mr. Joseph E. Keenan, the** Assistant to the Attorney General, under date of **July 24, 1937,** recommending the above individual for appointment to a Special Agent position has been approved.

CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section

Respectfully submitted,

67-102459-12

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Requirements as to Classification Act:	Efficiency () _____	Date _____	Initial _____
Average provision () _____			

APPROVED:
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED

JUL 30 1937

approved:

P. M.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 24, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Approved and returned:

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Joseph B. Keenan
Joseph B. Keenan,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER, SEPT. 4, 1924

(APPLICANT MUST FILL IN DOTTED LINES BELOW TO HEAVY LINE)

Richard M. Nissen
(Name)
2704 E. Whittier Blvd. Whittier, Calif
(Post office address)
Male Jan. 9, 1913
(Sex) (Date of birth)
What examination did you take? Federal Bureau of Investigation
In what Department and Bureau are you to be employed? Dept. of Justice, F. B. I.
In what City or Town are you to be employed? Washington, D. C.

Roller print, right forefinger
(Print must be taken to identify person examined)

(Unless the examining physician can guarantee the identity of the person examined, the fingerprint must be furnished. Indelible or stamp pad should be used)

69 1/2 inches. * 167 pounds.
(Height, without shoes) (Weight, in clothing) (Weight, without clothing)

Males, without clothing; females, clothed but without wrap or hat.

Items checked (✓) were examined and found normal. Deviations from normal are noted. (See instructions on back of sheet)

1. Eyes: For distance: Without glasses: Right 20 Left 20 With glasses if worn: Right 20 Left 20
(Near vision must be reported in space provided)
Evidence of disease or injury: Right 20 Left 20
Color vision 20 Method of testing color vision 20
2. Ears: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. If used as numerators the actual distance heard.) Ordinary conversation: Right ear 20 Left ear 20
Evidence of disease or injury: Right ear 20 Left ear 20
3. Nose 20
4. Mouth 20
5. Throat 20
6. Thyroid (especially in women) 20
7. Heart 20 If organic heart disease is present, is it fully compensated? 20
8. Lungs: Right 20 Left 20 If history of tuberculosis, 20
9. Inguinal rings (men only): Right 20 Left 20 truss worn? 20
10. Varicose veins 20 Varicocoele 20
11. Flat foot 20 (If "Yes", state location and degree)
12. Deformities, atrophies, and other abnormalities, diseases, or defects not included above 20
13. Scars of serious injury or disease 20
14. Nervous system (give symptoms and history) 20
15. Urinalysis (see over) 20 Venereal disease 20
16. Has applicant ever received compensation, allowance, retired pay, or training because of disability received while in military or naval service? 20 If "Yes", describe disability and state whether present now 20
17. In my opinion, applicant is capable of performing duties involving 20 physical exertion.

141 Wilcox Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

7/29/37
(Date of examination)

The examining physician must be in the Federal service

A. S. Shapiro
(Name of examining physician)
Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service
(Title, and branch of Federal medical service)

*For males, to be taken only upon special written request of the official ordering examination.

This report is to be returned to the official of the U. S. Civil Service Commission requesting the examination

The aim of the Executive order of June 18, 1923, and of this examination thereunder is to obtain information as to the physical condition of appointees to the classified civil service with a view to promoting efficiency and minimizing accidents and claims under United States employees' compensation laws.

NOTES FOR EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

WEIGHT.—Males, without clothing, and also in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat (weigh twice); females, clothed but without wrap or hat. If overweight, state whether due to bone and muscle or to fat.

HEIGHT.—Without boots or shoes; observe that no appliances are used to increase.

The examination should include the following observations, as to—

1. **EYES.**—Ptosis; discharge; corneal scar; pterygium. In recording distant vision consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision as a fraction with 20 feet as numerator and the smallest type read at 20 feet as denominator. If glasses are used, record for each eye the finding with and without glasses.*

2. **EARS.**—Evidence of middle ear or mastoid disease; condition of drums; discharge. In recording hearing, record 20 feet as normal distance for conversational voice and record deviation from normal as fraction with 20 as denominator and actual distance as numerator.

3. **NOSE.**—Ability to blow through each nostril. If free, a speculum examination would not be indicated.

4. **MOUTH.**—Missing teeth, pyorrhea.

5. **THROAT.**—Tonsils, hypertrophy or disease.

6. **THYROID.**—Presence of tumor in neck and tremor, exophthalmos; nervous high-strung disposition, especially in women.

7. **HEART.**—Murmurs. State whether functional or organic. If valvular disease exists, state whether or not it is fully compensated.

8. **LUNGS.**—It is necessary that the auscultatory cough be used. Tuberculosis; if present, state whether active or arrested, and if arrested your opinion as to how long it has been quiescent. Sputum to be examined for tubercle bacilli in all suspected cases.

9. **INGUINAL RINGS.**—Hernia; no hernia, but impulse on coughing; no hernia or impulse, but abnormally large rings. Any other hernia should be noted, and if present describe fully and state whether it is retained by well-fitting truss.

10 to 13. Scars, deformities, atrophies, paralyses, or flat foot of such a nature as to incapacitate or become aggravated by work or be later alleged as caused by accident or occupation. By "flat foot", as used in this form, is meant a foot with impaired function, the term being equivalent to "fallen or misplaced arch", an abnormal condition. Impairment of function is the point to be noted. It is not intended that small, insignificant blemishes which might be referred to as marks of identification be recorded.

14. This entry should include symptoms and full history of any mental or nervous abnormality.

15. Urinalysis to be made and blood pressure to be taken when especially indicated, particularly in persons over 40 when arteriosclerosis, nephritis, or diabetes is suspected.

Record, if taken—Urinalysis—Sp. gr. _____ Albumen _____ Sugar _____

Blood pressure: Mm. Hg. systolic _____ Mm. Hg. diastolic _____

If tachycardia is present, give pulse rate: Sitting _____ Immediately after exercise _____ Two minutes after exercise _____

REMARKS: _____

W. H. Shapiro
(Name of examining physician)

Ag. Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service

*Near vision.

What is the longest and the shortest distance at which the paragraph below can be read by applicant: Test each eye separately.

Without glasses _____ With glasses, if used _____

With the view of promoting health and efficiency and of minimizing accidents among Federal employees, the heads of the several executive departments and independent establishments having a medical personnel are directed to make such physical examinations of applicants for and employees in the Federal classified service as may be requested by the Civil Service Commission or its authorized representatives.
This order will supplement the Executive orders of May 20 and June 18, 1923 (Executive order September 4, 1923).
Jaeger 1; Snellen 20; Duquesne 37 D.

Examined for position in—

Department _____

Bureau _____

Title of position _____

Number of certificate upon which applicant's name appears _____

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 24, 1937.

Medical Officer in Charge,
United States Public Health Service,
544 Wilcox Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Richard M. Nixon, is a candidate for appointment to the service of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as a Special Agent.

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Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

(Place) San Francisco, Calif

(Date) July 31, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Having filed an application for a position as Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I hereby certify that in the event of an appointment I will be governed by the following conditions:

1. Upon appointment and within ten days after receipt thereof, I shall be required to proceed at my own expense to Washington, D. C., where I will take the oath of office and enter on duty.
2. That said appointment will be on a probationary basis.
3. That my retention in the Bureau shall be dependent upon the performance of satisfactory services, and if my services are deemed unsatisfactory it is understood that my employment may be discontinued at any time and that I will not receive transportation to my home, or to any other point, at Government expense.
4. That if appointed I may be sent to any part of the continental or territorial United States that the exigencies of the Bureau's work may require; that my headquarters may be fixed in some jurisdiction other than that in which I have heretofore resided; that my headquarters may be changed as the work of the Bureau may require; and that no transfer will be made from one station to another for personal reasons.
5. That the confidential character of the relations of the employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with the public is fully understood by me, and that the strictly confidential character of any and all information secured by me, in connection directly or indirectly with my work as a Special Agent, or the work of other employees of which I may become cognizant, is fully understood by me, and that neither during my tenure of service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor at any other time will I violate this confidence, nor will I divulge any information of any kind or character whatsoever that may become known to me, to persons not officially entitled thereto.

I further certify that nothing connected with this certification is to be construed by me as an assurance that an appointment will be tendered me; that I fully understand all of the foregoing and that the conditions specified herein are agreeable to me; that if appointed my acceptance will be with a full knowledge of the conditions above set forth.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

31 day of July, A.D. 1937

Charles Black
Notary Public

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Dixon

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

WRS:BAC

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 2, 1937.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTOR'S INTERVIEW AND EXAMINATION

Re: RICHARD M. NIXON -
Special Agent Applicant.

Written rating:	60%	Age:	24	A.B. - Whittier College
Oral " :	65%	Single		LL.B. - Duke University School of Law
Composite " :	61%			

Examined at Los Angeles, California, July 17, 1937.

Recommendation: Favorable.

Interviewing Official Hanson reports that applicant has a good personal appearance, approach and personality; is neat in dress; has ordinary features; is well-poised; is average in speech; is self-confident and tactful; answers general questions quickly; appears resourceful; may possibly have executive ability; and is likely to develop; however, he has not studied Federal Procedure, and has had no investigative experience. Mr. Hanson states that applicant is above average in intelligence and mental alertness; he appears to be possessed of sufficient force and aggressiveness; he has good, common, ordinary sense; he expresses his thoughts well and uses good English. He is manly appearing; possesses a good physique; and it is felt that he could successfully contact persons of all walks of life and that he would inspire confidence.

Applicant was afforded a special interview test, interviewing Special Agent J. G. Ross, who advised that applicant made a very good appearance; he appeared to be confident and thorough, commensurate with his inexperience; he reported the information obtained correctly; and dictated satisfactorily.

Related experience: None.

Endorsers: None.

A character and fitness investigation is being conducted in this case; applicant has been recommended for appointment.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

L.A. FILE NO. 67-756 GMH

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/3/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/30/37	REPORT MADE BY G. J. ROSS
TITLE RICHARD M. NIXON			CHARACTER OF CASE APPLICANT - SPECIAL AGENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant rated as student of highest scholarship and activity record in high school and at Whittier College, Whittier, California, being Student Body President in the latter and active in athletics, debating, and dramatics. References speak of applicant as young man of outstanding attainments and ambition, than whom they know of no one better. Neighborhood investigation favorable. No credit or criminal records.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated July 23, 1937
(67-102459).

DETAILS:

AT FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Fullerton High School were checked by the writer, at which time it was indicated that this applicant was a student there from 1926 to June 1928. An examination of his scholarship record revealed that he

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Los Angeles	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 67-102459-16 <i>[Handwritten notes and stamps]</i>
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received unusually high marks in all of his subjects with a total average slightly under A. The records also indicated that this applicant had experienced no trouble whatever in contact with school authorities, but on the other hand, during the two years he attended there, his merit record was among the highest, averaging between 94 and 99 for the 2 years out of a possible 100 merit points.

AT WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA

The records of the Whittier High School were also checked by the writer, these also indicating this applicant to have been an outstanding student in that school. His scholarship was slightly under A for all subjects and he was considered one of the highest in the school. It was pointed out that this applicant was particularly outstanding in the activities of the Whittier High School and was chosen by the high school to represent it in oratorical contests and in speeches before service clubs at Whittier.

The records of the Whittier College were also checked, indicating applicant was a student there from September 1930 to June 1934, at which time he received an A.B. Degree with a major in History.

The records of all of these schools substantiated applicant's date of birth as being January 9, 1913.

[REDACTED] Whittier College, pointed out that for the first year applicant's average was B for all subjects; second year, B-Plus, and that in his final two years his average nearly equalled A. This would place him far above the average of students attending this college.

These records also indicated that this applicant was particularly outstanding in his courses in History and English; further, that he was active in football and track among the athletic activities of the college, and that his other extra-curricular activities included dramatics and debating.

[REDACTED] further stated that during the school year 1933-1934 NIXON was student body president and enjoyed an unprecedented popularity among the students as well as among the faculty members of the college.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Whittier College, who stated that he considered this applicant to have been an outstanding student. He recalled having had him in some of his classes and stated that he considered him one of the finest students he had ever taught. He characterized applicant as being a natural leader, an excellent mixer among students or adults, and an outstanding debater.

[REDACTED] stated that while applicant was student body president of Whittier College he was named as a delegate to the National Convention of College Student Body Officers, at which convention he also distinguished himself; further, that his nephew had been a close associate of this applicant, they having participated together on college debating teams. For this reason applicant frequently came to his home and he had an opportunity of observing him there as well. Upon this basis he states that applicant is a young man of good habits, very discreet in his conduct, and a fine young man in every respect. b7D

[REDACTED] Whittier College, [REDACTED] was also interviewed. He, too, stated that applicant is an outstanding leader and mixes excellently. He stated that he believes applicant may properly be rated as one of the best all-around students Whittier College ever had; that he is possessed of unusually great energy and his only concern is that applicant will overwork himself. He pointed out in this connection that applicant had an older brother who died of Tuberculosis, and he has, therefore, cautioned applicant repeatedly to not overwork lest he be afflicted with the same ailment. He informed that he knew applicant to be a young man of unquestioned habits and that he has a good physique, although he is not of the husky type.

[REDACTED] Whittier College, was also interviewed, and stated

that he was reluctant to comment on this young man because he could not say anything of him without being extravagant in his statements; that he has been connected with the training and development of young boys in college work and otherwise for the past 20 years, and he has known of no one who, in his opinion, would outrank this applicant.

██████████ was questioned as to the employment which this student did at the college under his supervision, and informed that this was temporary in its nature and was in itself an award for meritorious scholastic work by this applicant. The work consisted of visiting high schools and giving speeches before high school student bodies to acquaint them with the opportunities offered at Whittier College. In addition to this applicant was also employed in interviewing students during Summer months who were applicants for enrollment at the college. b7D

██████████ stated that applicant had this employment for two years, and that thereby he earned his tuition, which is \$250.00 per annum. He also stated that applicant is a young man of excellent character and good habits.

██████████, Whittier, California, was also interviewed. He stated that applicant has an excellent family background, his mother and father having been industrious people who have enjoyed an excellent reputation in that community; that applicant had worked temporarily at various times for him at ██████████ but that inasmuch as the work consisted mostly of odd jobs, no employment record had been kept.

██████████ stated that it was his understanding that applicant attended Duke University on a scholarship which had been awarded to him at Whittier; that he knows of no young man whom he could more unreservedly recommend for any position for which he might have the technical qualifications.

Applicant lives very close to the office occupied by ██████████, and he, therefore, knows him well from the standpoint of a neighbor, and in this regard spoke very highly

of applicant from the standpoint of his character and general conduct.

[REDACTED], who is engaged in [REDACTED] at Whittier, spoke of applicant as being "A-1" in every respect, stating that he has known him all of his life and has also known his parents, and considers all of them to be outstanding people; that he has been informed that applicant has been offered a position in one of the best law firms in Whittier, but that inasmuch as this offer of employment has not yet been accepted, no effort was made to contact the attorneys.

[REDACTED] was also interviewed, and stated that he has known the family well for the past eight or ten years and regards them very highly; that applicant has three brothers, all of whom are very fine young men. He characterized applicant as being trustworthy, fearless, and of unquestioned integrity. He stated that applicant has an unusual mental capacity and readily adapts himself to any kind of work. In his opinion, applicant has a brilliant mind. b7D

[REDACTED] also spoke of applicant as being an excellent extemporaneous speaker, and stated that his morals and habits are "A-1".

[REDACTED] was questioned as to applicant's physical condition, and stated that he is certain applicant could pass any physical test.

At police headquarters, it was ascertained that GUY C. WELCH, Chief of Police, listed as a reference, was in a hospital about to undergo a serious operation. In his absence, [REDACTED], was interviewed and stated that he is acquainted with applicant and regards him as one of the outstanding young men of the community, his character being beyond reproach.

An effort was made to contact MR. A. M. OTIS, listed as a reference, but it was ascertained that he is pres-

ently vacationing in the mountains and no one could be located who could give his present address. In view of the unusually favorable remarks made by other persons concerning this applicant, it was not considered that it would be necessary to set out an undeveloped lead to interview him at a later date.

At the Richfield Oil Company, no record could be found of the employment of this applicant. It was pointed out, however, that the service station at which he is stated to have worked is located at 2706 East Whittier Boulevard, this being the address of applicant's residence. It was ascertained that at that address applicant's father maintains his general merchandise store, and also has a service station which he leases from time to time. It was learned that the lessor of the service station in 1930 and 1931, the dates given by applicant as the time of his employment there, was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is presently operating a service station for the Richfield Oil Company on [REDACTED] in Whittier. Upon interview, he stated that applicant had never been regularly employed by him, but that during rush periods he may have done odd jobs from time to time; that applicant, during most of that time, was employed for his father in his father's general merchandise store. [REDACTED] stated, however, that applicant was an industrious young fellow and had never caused any trouble around the community at any time. b7D

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] a neighbor of this applicant, was also interviewed. She informed that although she has never been intimate with applicant's family, she has had occasion to observe applicant as one of the boys in the neighborhood for the past several years; that he has always been a fine young fellow and has never caused any trouble at any time. From her observation of applicant, he is also ~~man~~ of good habits and discreet in his conduct.

Another neighbor, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was interviewed and he was likewise of the foregoing opinion of applicant, praising him highly and stating that he has never known a finer young fellow.

A check of the records of the Police Department at Whittier and of the Sheriff's office for Los Angeles County at Los Angeles was made, but no record could be found of this applicant.

It was likewise ascertained that he has had no occasion to be listed for a credit rating in the community in which he lives.

- C L O S E D -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

WRG:AHJ

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 10, 1937.

BRIEF OF INVESTIGATION

Re: RICHARD M. NIXON - *cancel*
Special Agent Applicant *appt*

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Not Qualified
cfr Q

appt. cancel
8-13-37
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Written rating: 60%
Oral " 65%
Composite " 61%

Age: 24.
Single.

A.P. - Whittier College
LL.B. - Duke University Law School

EDUCATION

Fullerton High School,
Fullerton, Calif. 1920-1923.

Records show that applicant received unusually high marks in all subjects, with a total average slightly under A. His merit record was among the highest.

Whittier High School,
Whittier, Calif. 1923-1930.

Applicant was an outstanding student; his scholarship was slightly under A for all subjects and he was considered one of the highest in the school. Applicant

was chosen by the high school to represent it in oratorical contests and in speeches before service clubs at Whittier.

Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.
1930-1934, A.B. degree.

Applicant majored in History, and his scholastic average placed him far above the average of students attending this college. He was particularly out-

standing in his courses in History and English and he was active in football and track. [redacted] considered applicant an outstanding student, [redacted] characterized him as being a natural leader, an excellent mixer among students of all ages, and an outstanding debater. [redacted] stated that when applicant was student body president he was named as a delegate to the National Convention of College Student Body Officers, at which convention he also distinguished himself. [redacted] stated he believes applicant may properly be rated as one of the best all-around students the college ever had; that he is possessed of unusually great energy and his only concern is that applicant will overwork himself. He pointed out that applicant's older brother died of tuberculosis, and he has, therefore, cautioned applicant repeatedly to not overwork lest he be afflicted with the same ailment. [redacted] stated that applicant has a good physique, although he is not of the husky type.

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Duke University School of Law,
Durham, N.C. 1934-1937, LL.B.
degree.

Records show that applicant finished among the first three in his class of 26; that he entered on a scholarship and maintained it for three years, and he was considered one of the outstanding men in the Law

School. Applicant attained the Order of the Coif, and he was president of the Duke Bar Association during his senior year, which was an honor in itself. [redacted]

[redacted], and [redacted] stated applicant's articles in these magazines were some of the best that had ever appeared therein, that he had a fine legal mind; and he will do well in any work, provided it interests him, and he thinks that he is in the right field. [redacted] further advised that personally he is not in favor of applicant entering the Bureau because in fact that his legal mind should be applied strictly to legal work. It is to be noted that [redacted] is the studious type of man and from his conversation it was evident that his interest lies in the theory of law in the class room rather than in its practical application.

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EDUCATION (Continued)

[redacted] instructor, stated that in addition to having a good mind, applicant has shown him that he can be practical; and he would rather see applicant pursue his legal career rather than enter the Bureau because he thinks that he would soon be a leader of any bar before which he practiced.

EXPERIENCE

F. A. Nixon, Whittier, Calif.
Clerk in grocery store,
Summers 1928-1930, 1932-1934.

Mr. Nixon is applicant's father.

Individual Enterprise,
Manager, Summers 1930 and 1931

[redacted] Richfield Oil Co., stated applicant was never regularly employed by him, but during rush periods he may have done odd jobs from time to time; that he was an enthusiastic young fellow and was employed for his father in his general merchandise store. It is noted that applicant's father has a service station which he leases from time to time, and that [redacted] was the lessor in 1930 and 1931.

Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.
Interviewing prospective students
Summer 1931.

[redacted] stated that applicant visited high schools and gave speeches; and he also interviewed students during the summer months who were applicants for enrollment at the college. [redacted] stated applicant had this employment for two years. [redacted] was very high in his praise of applicant.

[redacted]
Duke Law School, Assistant Librarian,
1935-1936.

[redacted] stated that applicant's job was partly work; that he was well above average not only in his work, but in his character and personality. [redacted] does not hesitate to recommend applicant.

NYA, Duke Law School, under H. C.
Horack, Dean. Research Assistant,
1936-1937.

[redacted] N.Y.A. Clerk, stated applicant did legal research work under Dean Horack and R. S. Bradway. As far as [redacted] knew, applicant performed his work in a satisfactory manner. Dean Horack and Mr. Bradway were not interviewed, however applicant's personnel file contains a recommendation letter from Dean Horack.

REFERENCES

H. A. Schuyler, Mgr., Leffingwell
Rancho,
Essick Perry, Insurance Business,
Dr. H. C. Thompson,
Guy C. Welch, Chief of Police,
A. M. Otis, all Whittier, Calif.

All references interviewed spoke very highly of applicant. [redacted] stated that he has been informed that applicant has been offered a position in one of the best law firms in Whittier, but he has not yet accepted this offer. Chief of Police Welch was not available for interview; however [redacted] spoke very highly of applicant. [redacted] was not available for interview.

RELATIVES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Neighborhood investigation

Very favorable.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Born Jan. 9, 1913,
Yorba Linda, Calif.

Verified by school records.

Personal interview with
Interviewing Official Hanson.

Reports that applicant has a good personal appearance, approach and personality; is neat in dress; has ordinary features; is well-poised; average in speech; self-confident and tactful; answers general questions quickly; appears resourceful; may possibly have executive ability; and is likely to develop; however he has not studied Federal procedure, and has had no investigative experience. Mr. Hanson states that applicant is above average in intelligence and mental alertness; he appears to be possessed of sufficient force and aggressiveness; he has good, common, ordinary sense; he expresses his thoughts well and uses good English. He is manly appearing; possesses a good physique; and it is felt that he could successfully contact persons of all walks of life and that he would inspire confidence.

Special interview test with
Special Agent J. E. Ross

Reports that applicant made a very good appearance; he appeared to be confident and thorough, commensurate with his inexperience; he reported the information obtained correctly; and dictated satisfactorily.

OUTSTANDING ENDORSEMENTS

None.

Applicant has been recommended for appointment; and his physical report has been received which [REDACTED] b-6

It is noted in a letter from SAC Hanson that applicant contemplated taking the California Bar examination beginning September 7, 1937; and applicant indicated that he was very desirous of taking this examination and said that he would be through with it by September 11, 1937.

W R Glavin
W. R. Glavin.

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Form PR No. 1 revised

Bureau No. _____

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION SHEET

Name:

Mr. Richard E. Nixon

Date:

August 13, 1957

Present Status

1. Title:

2. Grade:

3. Salary:

4. Seat of Government: ()
Field: ()

5. Division:

6. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation"

Proposed Change

7. Title:

Special Agent

8. Grade:

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9. Salary:

\$1200 per annum
and \$5.00 per diem

10. Seat of Government: ()
Field: ()

11. Division:

12. Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses,
Federal Bureau of Investigation"

13. Effective:

14. Position: Additional: ()
Vice:

Identical:

15. Remarks:

Cancel appointment as Special Agent

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CC: Miss Waddle
Chief, Audit Section
Mr. Sornborger
General Agent

Respectfully submitted,

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Requirements as to Classification Act:	Efficiency ()	Date	Initial
	Average provision ()		

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION MAILED approved: AUG 13 1957 P. M. FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Furnish certification:

The Assistant
to the Attorney General.

Note: If more than one personnel change is proposed, schedule the same on a separate sheet under captions 1 to 15 above, and attach hereto.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: March 18, 1954

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN

SUBJECT: RICHARD M. NIXON

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There is attached hereto the applicant file of Mr. Nixon, which reflects he filed an application for appointment to the position of Special Agent while attending Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina, on April 23, 1937. He was referred for interview and examination under date of April 30, 1937, by former Assistant Director T. D. Quinn.

In June, 1937, it was ascertained by former Inspector Hince, while interviewing applicants at Charlotte, North Carolina, that Mr. Nixon had returned to his home in Whittier, California.

Mr. Nixon was interviewed at Whittier, California on July 17, 1937, by former Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, who recommended him favorably. He was graded 60 on written examination and 63 on oral examination. Mr. Hanson felt Mr. Nixon was resourceful, appeared to have executive ability, was likely to develop, could successfully contact persons in all walks of life, would inspire confidence, had sufficient force and aggressiveness, and was possessed with good common ordinary sense.

Mr. Hanson, by letter dated July 17, 1937, stated Mr. Nixon was very desirous of taking the bar examination in California, which would begin September 7, 1937, and that he would be through the examination by September 11, 1937. Mr. Hanson recommended no action be taken in connection with his application until on or about September 15, 1937, as he felt since Mr. Nixon was very desirous of taking the bar examination he would be a more satisfied employee if he had that opportunity.

A character fitness investigation was conducted and physical examination afforded Mr. Nixon. Physical examination form returned July 29, 1937, reflected [REDACTED] b6

Mr. Nixon properly executed the condition sheet in connection with the Special Agent position application and returned it to the Bureau, subscribed and sworn to, under date of July 31, 1937. This sheet points out the probationary basis of any such appointment, availability for assignment, and confidential nature of the work.

WRG:mfs

Attachment

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Memorandum to The Director

March 18, 1954

Re: Richard M. Nixon

Brief of investigation, prepared under date of August 10, 1937, is entirely satisfactory, only comment underlined being that of former Football Coach, who stated Mr. Nixon was apt to work too hard and had been cautioned, in view of fact Mr. Nixon's older brother had died of tuberculosis, that he should be careful not to overwork lest he become afflicted with the same illness.

The brief contains comments concerning [REDACTED] and Mr. Hanson's comment concerning Mr. Nixon's desire to take the California Bar Examination. b-6

The brief is marked, "Not qualified, C for Q", reflecting that Mr. Crowell, formerly assigned to the Administrative Division, marked the brief "not qualified" for Mr. Quinn, who at that time was passing on Agent appointments.

The brief contains a further ink notation, "Cancel appt., 8/11, T.", reflecting Mr. Tolson's instructions that the appointment which had been approved by the Department should be cancelled.

It will be recalled that in 1937, a request was made of the Department for approval to appoint and then the actual appointment request was forwarded to the Department, appointment letter being held until such time as the applicant was notified of his appointment.

In this instance, the appointment was cancelled under date of August 15, 1937.

There is nothing in the file to show that the appointment ever went forward to Mr. Nixon.

Also, the reason for the cancellation of the appointment is not reflected in the file. It may be assumed that in view of the fact that Mr. Nixon was not immediately available for appointment, and based on our needs in August of 1937, that the appointment was cancelled.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

April 27, 1971

Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Bldg.
9th & Penn. Avenue, N.W.

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

THOMAS M. REES, M. C.

TMR:mc

(D-CALIF.)

Recs: (1) No. 1000 Bu mail in line
(2) No. 1000 Bu mail in line
(3) Relationship w/ Rep: Liberal Dem.
upon whom we have had limited
contact on constitutional matters.

ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan	CD
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Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
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CORRESPONDENCE

THREE

Dear Congressman Rees

I recently heard on the TODAY show that President Nixon was rejected by the F.B.I. for a job during the 40's. I am curious to know why he was refused a position. Was it for security reasons or was he not capable of the job. I think it is important for the people of the United States to know why.

I look forward to a reply.

Sincerely

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I hope you will investigate this

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[Redacted signature]



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 4-15-69

FROM : J. B. ADAMS *JBA*

SUBJECT: *b-6*
[REDACTED]
Former Special Agent
EOD [REDACTED] Resigned [REDACTED]
INQUIRY REGARDING PRESIDENT
RICHARD M. NIXON

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Above individual, who is on the Special Correspondents' List, by letter to the Director dated 4-11-69, has requested information as to why President Nixon was not afforded an appointment to the Special Agent position. Purpose of this memorandum is to review the matter of President Nixon's application for the position of Special Agent and to recommend that the proposed attached communication to [REDACTED] be approved. *b-6*

In [REDACTED] letter he suggests that if there was an innocuous reason for Mr. Nixon's rejection for the Special Agent position we furnish it to the World Book Encyclopedia with a request that they in turn pass it on to the purchasers of all 1969 Yearbooks. He is obviously referring to a comment appearing in the 1969 World Book Yearbook Annual Supplement which among other things mentions that upon graduation from Duke University Law School Mr. Nixon tried unsuccessfully to join the FBI. *b-6*

Bureau files disclose that Mr. Nixon submitted an application for the Special Agent position under date of 4-23-37. He was recommended favorably. Shortly after receipt of the related papers dealing with Mr. Nixon's application, the Bureau submitted a letter to the Department recommending that Mr. Nixon be approved for an appointment to the position of Special Agent. This was approved by the Department and our letter returned to us. In the meantime, investigation had been instituted. A brief of the investigation of Mr. Nixon was prepared under date of 8-10-37 and a review of the investigation disclosed that it was entirely favorable. It was noted, however, that Mr. Nixon was not available for the Special Agent position for slightly over a month since he was desirous of taking the California Bar examinations beginning 9-7-37. A notation appears at the top of this brief "Not qualified" which apparently was a term used at that time indicating that an applicant was not being considered for one reason or another and in this instance was probably due to the fact that Mr. Nixon was not available. Accordingly, Mr. Tolson indicated that the appointment should be canceled which was done on 8-13-37. *b-6*

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Memorandum to Mr. Callahan
Re: Glade D. Helzer

Bureau files disclose that Mr. Nixon, then Vice President, was the featured speaker at the graduation exercises which were held before the 53rd session of the FBI National Academy on 6-11-54. Mr. Nixon was introduced by the Director. In this introduction the Director noted that "some years ago he was extended an appointment as a Special Agent of the FBI, but having already embarked upon the practice of law, the FBI's loss ultimately became the country's gain." At the request of Mr. Nixon a copy of the Director's introduction was made available to him, apparently on 6-15-54, with the penciled notation in the file by former Assistant to the Director L. B. Nichols, "Delivered. He was most appreciative."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) It is recommended that the attached letter to [REDACTED] be approved which transmits to him a copy of the transcript of the Director's introduction of Mr. Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy. The Director's comments in this introduction are consistent with the information which we have in our files as indicated by the foregoing.

(2) That we ignore correspondent's request that we send this information to World Book Encyclopedia since we can consider such action should we receive such a request at a subsequent date from an official of World Book Encyclopedia.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: June 9, 1969

FROM : J. B. Adams

SUBJECT:

██████████
Former Special Agent
EOD ██████████ Resigned ██████████
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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We are in receipt of a copy of a letter from ██████████ to the President dated 6/3/69. ██████████ points out to the President that the 5/29/69 press quotes him as having told the graduating class of the FBI National Academy on 5/28/69 that he "never heard anything" from his 1937 application to become an FBI Agent. Continuing, he states that if he, the President, were correctly quoted ██████████ believes that he will enjoy seeing the attached copies of his letter to the Director dated 4/11 and the Director's reply of 4/16 of this year. ██████████ states he did not send a copy of the Director's reply to the publishers of the World Book because he felt it could not possibly be the proper answer to the question. ██████████ concludes by stating that if the President has been quoted correctly, it obviously is not the proper answer and he leaves it to the President's good judgment as to whether or not he desires to correct the inference in the World Book of 1969. b-1

██████████ as noted above, wrote to the Director on 4/11/69 requesting information as to why President Nixon was not afforded an appointment to the Special Agent position. He suggested that if there was an innocuous reason for Mr. Nixon's rejection we furnish it to the World Book Encyclopedia with the request that they pass it on to the purchasers of all 1969 Yearbooks since a comment appeared in the World Book on page 557 that Mr. Nixon, after graduating third in a class of forty-four from Duke University School of Law in 1937 "tried unsuccessfully to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

In my memorandum of 4/15/69, you were advised that Mr. Nixon submitted an application for the Special Agent position on 4/23/37 and was favorably recommended. Shortly thereafter, the Bureau submitted a letter to the Department recommending Mr. Nixon be approved for an appointment to the position of Special Agent, which was approved by the Department. Investigation was instituted and the results were entirely favorable; however, it was noted that Mr. Nixon was not available for the Special Agent position for slightly over a month since he was desirous of taking the California Bar Examination. Since

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Miss Gandy
Mr. Casper
Mr. Jones

1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

1 - Applicant File of Richard M. Nixon

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Memo Adams to Callahan
Re: [REDACTED] b-6
Information Concerning

Mr. Nixon was not immediately available for employment his appointment was canceled.

Bureau files disclosed that Mr. Nixon, then Vice President, was the featured speaker at the graduation exercises which were held before the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy on 6/11/54, and was introduced by the Director. In this introduction the Director noted that "some years ago he was extended an appointment as a Special Agent of the FBI, but having already embarked upon the practice of law, the FBI's loss ultimately became the country's gain." At the request of Mr. Nixon a copy of the Director's introduction was made available to him and he was most appreciative. b-6

It was recommended and approved that [REDACTED] be furnished a copy of the transcript of the Director's introduction of Mr. Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy, which was done by Bulet dated 4/16/69.

A review of the transcript of Mr. Nixon's address to the 83rd National Academy graduating class disclosed that he did state that in 1937 when he was graduating from law school the Federal Bureau of Investigation then, as now, was doing some recruiting in the law schools and along with three or four other members of the class he submitted an application to become a member of the FBI and stated he "never heard anything from that application." Continuing, he stated years later after he became Vice President of the United States he asked the Director what happened to his application and quoted the Director as saying, "I'll check the files." The Director then informed him that he actually had been approved as an Agent of the FBI and would have been made a member of the FBI except for one fact, "Congress did not appropriate the necessary funds requested for the Bureau in the year 1937."

[REDACTED] is raising a question as to the veracity of the transcript of the statement made by the Director when he introduced Mr. Nixon in June, 1954, and what President Nixon said on 5/28/69. It is evident that he, [REDACTED], will never be satisfied. No acknowledgment is warranted as to his recent letter since it was directed to the President. [REDACTED] is currently on the Special Correspondents' List and has, in the past, exchanged Christmas greetings with the Director. b-6

RECOMMENDATION:

That [REDACTED] be removed from every mailing list.

April 16, 1969

[REDACTED]
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 11th,
and your kind comments are indeed appreciated.

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript of
my introduction of then Vice President Richard M.
Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National
Academy. Mr. Nixon was the featured speaker at
the graduation exercises which were held on June 11,
1954. I trust that the information appearing in the
enclosure will satisfactorily answer your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

Based on memorandum Adams to Callahan 4-15-69, HNB:crt.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77001

April 11, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The World Book 1969 Year Book states on page 557 that President Richard M. Nixon after graduating third in a class of forty-four from the Duke University School of Law in 1937 "tried unsuccessfully to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Knowing that a few years later, I joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation after also graduating third in my college class, our 13-year old junior high school daughter asked me: "How come you got in and the President did not?"

My answer that perhaps the entrance requirements were lower in 1941 does not satisfy her.

I am not asking for confidential information, but if President Nixon did make application and if there was an innocuous reason for his rejection, which I feel certain there must have been, I respectfully suggest that you furnish it to the Field Enterprises Educational Corporation, Chicago, Illinois, publishers of the World Book, with the request that they in turn pass it on to all purchasers of their 1969 Year Book.

In my opinion our daughter [redacted] and all the other kids in these United States who read the World Book and love and admire both you and President Nixon deserve this explanation.

Sincerely yours,

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Graduation Exercises
53rd Session, FBI National Academy
June 11, 1954
Introduction of Vice President Richard M. Nixon
By J. Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

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DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Crime Research Section

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SAC RADIO PROGRAMS
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CINCINNATI, OHIO

Remylet 2/13/64, showing tapes cut to be broadcast through April 17.

It will be of interest to the Director to know that former Vice President RICHARD M. NIXON, who is not a candidate for any office, cut two tapes with SAC, Cincinnati, during the late night hours of February 12 after NIXON had had a very strenuous day. We cut these tapes in his suite at the Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati, and they will be broadcast February 20 and 21. Consequently the Bureau should move all scheduled broadcasts commencing with the proposed February 20 broadcast two days into the future. Kindly record SAC speech credit for these two tapes.

Tapes are attached.

Mr. NIXON mentions FBI in tape one and comments on such matters as the need for greater respect for law enforcement.

In tape two, he is very commendatory of the Director and of FBI. The warmth of his feeling for FBI is apparent.

Attached hereto is a copy of my February 13 letter to former Vice President NIXON thanking him for cutting these tapes.

It is significant that Mr. NIXON held a press conference in Cincinnati, engaged in other business, and made a Lincoln Day speech before approximately 1,500 citizens.

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constituting an overflow crowd. He refused to participate in any local television or radio program which might indicate partiality toward one station.

He volunteered a willingness to participate in the FBI program because of his respect for the Director and because he believes the FBI program is an effective public service.

Suggest letter from the Director to Mr. NIXON.

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 5-3-71

FROM : J. B. Adams *JB*

SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING SPECIAL AGENT APPLICATION OF
PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON

Crit Congressman Thomas M. Rees (D-California) has forwarded a letter from [redacted] who has inquired regarding the reason for the President's rejection by the FBI. [redacted] states he recently heard on the "Today Show" that President Nixon was rejected by the FBI for a job during the 40's and that he is curious as to why he was refused a position and feels it is important to the people of the United States to know why. Congressman Rees has requested that the necessary information be furnished to him so that he can reply to the inquiry. Purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that a copy of the transcript of the Director's introduction of Mr. Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy be sent to Congressman Rees. *b6*

Bureau files disclose that Mr. Nixon submitted an application for the Special Agent position under date of 4-23-37 and was favorably recommended. Shortly after receipt of his papers, the Bureau submitted a letter to the Department recommending that Mr. Nixon be approved for an appointment to the Special Agent position. This was approved by the Department and investigation was entirely favorable. It was noted, however, that Mr. Nixon was not available for the Special Agent position for slightly over a month since he desired to take the bar examinations and a notation appears at the top of his brief "not qualified" which was apparently due to the fact that Mr. Nixon was not available. Accordingly, the appointment was cancelled on 8-13-37. The file does not disclose whether an appointment was actually sent but there is no question that he had been approved for appointment.

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Mr. Nixon, while Vice President, *102-159-21* was the speaker at the graduation exercises for the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy on 6-11-54 and was introduced by the Director. The Director in his introduction of Mr. Nixon noted that "some years ago he was extended an appointment as a Special Agent of the FBI, but having already embarked upon the practice of law, the FBI's loss ultimately became the country's gain." Mr. Nixon subsequently requested a copy of the Director's introduction, and it was made available to him. When Mr. Nixon addressed the National Academy graduating class (83rd Session) on 5-28-69, he stated that he "never heard anything" from his 1937 application to become an FBI Agent and after becoming Vice President

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he asked the Director what happened to his application to which the Director replied, "I'll check the files." According to the President, the Director then informed him that he actually had been approved as an Agent of the FBI and would have been made a member of the FBI except for one fact, "Congress did not appropriate the necessary funds requested by the Bureau in the year 1937." There is no record in the Bureau file of this inquiry or of information furnished to the President.

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATION:

In April, 1969, we answered a similar inquiry concerning Mr. Nixon's application for the Special Agent position by enclosing a copy of the transcript of the Director's introduction of Mr. Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National Academy. Accordingly, since we have no information in file to support the President's 1969 statement as to the reason why he was not appointed, it is recommended that in order to be consistent, we answer this inquiry in the same fashion as before by furnishing a copy of the transcript of the Director's 1954 introduction of Mr. Nixon. If you agree, an appropriate letter to Congressman Rees is attached for your approval. He is not on any Bureau mailing list, but we have had limited contact with Congressman Rees on constituent matters.

✓ JPM [signature] DEB
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May 4, 1971

Honorable Thomas M. Rees
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication was received on April 28, 1971,
together with the letter from [REDACTED] b-6

I appreciate your interest in forwarding [REDACTED]
inquiry to this Bureau and, in response thereto, I am enclosing
a copy of the transcript of my introduction of then Vice President
Richard M. Nixon before the 53rd Session of the FBI National
Academy. Mr. Nixon was the featured speaker at the graduation
exercises which were held on June 11, 1954. I trust that the infor-
mation appearing in the enclosure will assist you in satisfactorily
answering your inquiry.

Pursuant to your request, I am returning the letter from
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Based on Memorandum Adams to Callahan 5/4/71, SRB:alz.

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Graduation Exercises
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