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Agent, Office of Maval Intelligence, Fifth Maval District, Maval Base, Morfolk, Virginia, who stated that this information appeared in Fifth Maval District investigative report dated February 12, 1951, under RCEERT FRANCIS KENNEDY.

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS., AND BOSTON CITY HALL, DO NOT REFLECT
ANY ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY BORN IN BOSTON OR MASSACHUSETIS FROM
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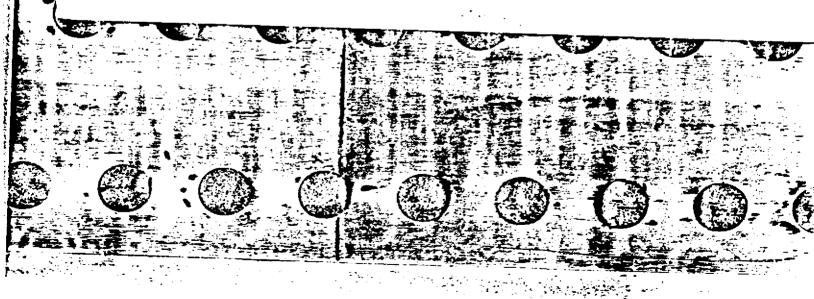
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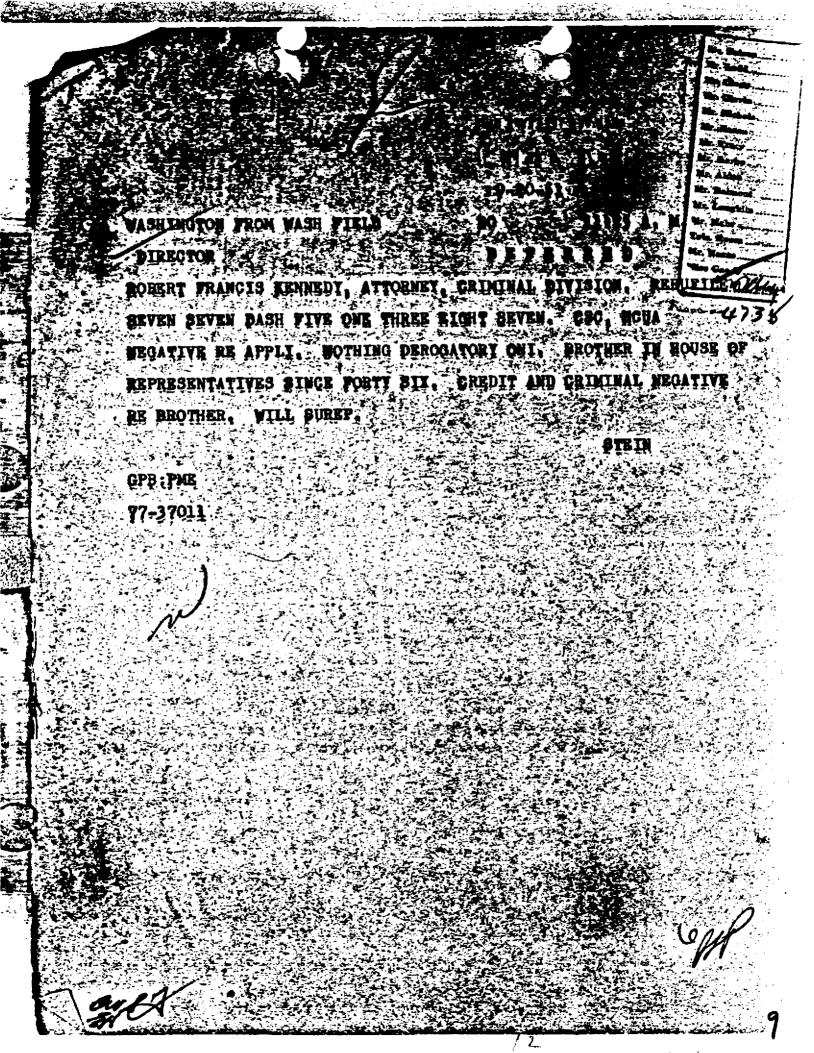
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BURRAU . **77-**4253 RICHMOND 9/17,18/51 JESSE C. HALL, JR. jch:pb ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, CRIMINAL DIVISION Applicant attended U. of Va., Dept. of Law, Charlottesville, Va., 9/16/48 to 6/11/51 when graduated and awarded LL.B degree. He ranked 56th in a class of 124, having earned slightly above average grades. Former professors and acquaintances recommend as to character, reputation and loyalty and describe as intelligent and mature, possesses average knowledge of Plaw, excellent poise and self confident. They recommend for position sought. No criminal record and credit rating satisfactory at Charlottesville, Va. No record of applicant having taken Va. Bar exam. - RUC -Bureau teletype dated 9-14-51. REFERENCE: AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA EDUCATION Registrar's Office. ent of Law, University of Virginia, advised her fords reflect the applicant was born November 20, 1925, at Boston, Massachusetts. He entered the Department of Law on September 16, 1948, attending until June 11, 1951, at which time he was graduated and conferred the LL.B. Degree. According to the record he earned a scholastic average of . DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES Bureau 16 ISEP\$ 21 1951 1-Richmond

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of 2.54 in a system utilizing 3.50 as the maximum earnable grade. Upon graduation he ranked 56th in a class of 124 620 which, according to would indicate him to be slightly above average. She advised there was nothing in his record reflecting against his character, reputation or loyalty to the United States.

University of Virginia, related he taught the applicant while he attended there but actually got to know the applicant best through the applicant's extra-curriculum job as head of the Student Legal Forum of which he, was the faculty advisor. He related that while the applicant's scholastic record does not reflect that of a mental genius, he would consider him to be an extremely well-rounded young man possessing an average knowledge of the legal profession coupled with an acute interest in social and international affairs which in his opinion would well equip him for the position sought. pointed out that the applicant is the son of former Ambassador JOSEPH P. KENNEDY and related that he was very pleased to note the applicant's interest in public service which he stated was indicative to him of the applicant's general makeup in that he suspected that the acceptance of such employment would be made at no small personal sacrifice. He concluded that he would recommend the applicant for the position sought without hesitation or reservation.

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mature young man whom they believed to possess excellent poise, a sense of self-confidence and average technical knowledge of the law as well as excellent common sense. They all recommended him for the position sought.

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advised his records make no reference to the applicant.

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Bar Association, Richmond, Virginia, advised there was no record of ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY ever having taken the Bar Exam or having been admitted to the Virginia Bar in their files.

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The investigation at Richmond, Virginia, was conducted by Special Employee TUVAL V. FARQUHAR.

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BURKAU 77-37011 GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR. GPD: KM 9/21/51 9/17,19,20/51 WASHINGTON, D. C. DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY Attorney, Criminal Division YNOPSIS OF FACTS: CSC and HCUA negative re applicant. Nothing derogatory ONI. Applicant's brother verified as Congressman. Credit and criminal REO. negative re brother. REPT - RUC REFERENCES: Bureau file 77-51387. Bureau teletype dated September 14, 1951. DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Special Employee EDMUND J. EIDEN has advised there is no record of the applicant in the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission. Special Employee FRED T. GHEEN has advised that the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were checked against the name of the applicant with negative results. Special Employee ROBERT S. MUGAVIN advised that the files of the Office of Naval Intelligence reflect a request for a back-ground investigation of the applicant was made in June, 1949, in connection with his application for a commission. Reports of the Sixth Naval District at Miami, Florida, and the Fifth Naval District at Norfolk, Virginia, were received and disclosed no derogatory information concerning the applicant. SO NOT WRITE IN THEME SPACES

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Information in the Congressional Directory reflects that the applicant's brother, JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, has been a member of the United States House of Representatives since his election November 5, 1946, from the Eleventh District of Massachusetts.

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Special Employee WALTER JAMES TOLSON advised that the files of the District of Columbia Credit Bureau were negative concerning the name of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

Special Employee NICHOLAS R. MANFREDA advised that the files of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., were negative concerning the name of JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

The Bureau has advised that a search of the Central Files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with the applicant was found.

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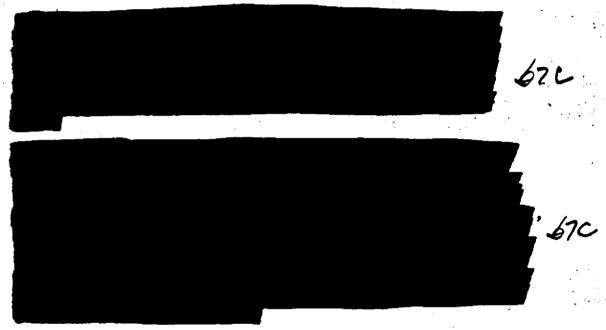
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ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY DAPLI Attorney, Criminal Division DATE: 9/21/51

There are being forwarded herewith three copies of the Report of SA LOUIS H. BEIGERDER dated 9/21/51 in the above-captioned case.



By reason of the apparent lack of pertinence of this incident to the investigation, it has not been included in the investigative report on the Applicant.

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DETAILS

Investigation at Harvard University was conducted by SA RICHARD W. ALLEN; at Lewiston, Maine, by SA JOHN T. PAGE; neighborhood investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM A. TANNER; interview of references, by SA DAVID A. LYNCH.

BIRTH

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, contained no reference to ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY's having been born in Massachusetts from the years 1920 to 1930.

The records at Boston City Hall for the years 1920 to 1930 contained no reference to ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY's having been born at Boston.

EDUCATION

The records of the Registrar, Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, as exhibited by showed the Applicant, born November 20, 1925 at Boston, Massachusetts, entered Harvard College in the spring of 1944, a member of the Navy V-12 Program. The Applicant attended until November, 1944, at which time he was transferred to Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. The Applicant returned to Harvard College in December of 1945 and remained until January 31, 1946, at which time he was transferred to sea duty. The Applicant returned as a civilian in the fall of 1946 and was awarded an A.B. Degree March 1, 1948 in the field of Government.

Harvard College, reviewed the Applicant's personal folder and stated the Applicant's record was clear. He stated further the records indicated the Applicant was the son of the Honorable JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY, former United States Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

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Applicant as a resident of Winthrop House. He stated the records at Winthrop House are clear relating to the Applicant.

said the Applicant associated with persons of normal American background. He stated he had complete confidence in the Applicant's loyalty to the United States and said he knew nothing in derogation of the Applicant's character.

University, stated she recalled the Applicant as a fine person of excellent reputation and character. She recommended the Applicant for employment with the Government of the United States as a loyal American citizen.

BatesCollege, Lewiston Maine, stated the records indicated the Applicant attended from November, 1944 to June, 1945 as a V-12 student. She stated the Applicant transferred to Harvard College in good standing. She stated further the records revealed the Applicant was born November 20, 1925 at Boston, Massachusetts. Miss BLOSSOM said there was no one presently at the college who recalled the Applicant.

REFERENCES

Boston, Massachusetts, stated he has known the Applicant since birth and recommended him highly for a position with the Government. He stated the Applicant and his family have a good reputation and that their loyalty to the United States is beyond question. He said the Applicant is intelligent and trustworthy.

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Boston, Massachusetts, stated he has known the Applicant during the entire period of the Applicantic life.

he stated he recommended the Applicant without

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reservation for a position of trust with the Government of the United States and that he based this recommendation on all phases of the Applicant's character. He stated he had complete confidence in the Applicant's loyalty to the form of government of the United States and that the Applicant at all times had exhibited himself to be a person of good moral character and reputation.

stated he has known the Applicant since birth and that, in observing the Applicant's development, he could say conclusively that the Applicant is a person of sound moral character and unquestionable loyalty to the United States and of good reputation and associates. He recommended the Applicant for a position of trust with the Government of the United States.

NEIGHBORHOOD

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122 Bowdoin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, stated the Applicant has resided at this address for approximately one and one-half years. He stated the Applicant appears to be a person of good character and reputation and that he knew of no statement or activity engaged in by the Applicant which would indicate that he was other than loyal to the United States.

122 Bowdoin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, who have known the Applicant for approximately one and one-half years, stated the Applicant cant appears to be of good character, loyalty and reputation.

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Boston, Massachusetts, contained records which indicated the Applicant and his family had a favorable credit rating.

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Lewiston, Maine, contained no informa-

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The records of Augusta, Maine, a central repository for all criminal arrest records in the State of Maine, contained no information pertaining to the Applicant.

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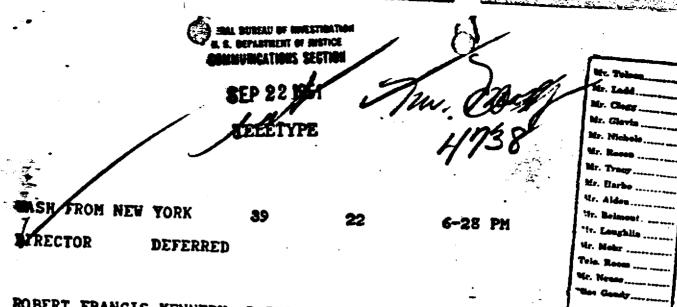
Court of Massachusetts, Suffolk County Court House, Boston, Massachusetts, stated there was no record of the Applicant's admission to the Bar of Massachusetts.

She further stated the Applicant filed a petition for admission to the Bar in July, 1951 and the successful applicants are presently being called for oral examination by the Board of Bar Examiners.

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Birth checks at the State House and City Hall, Boston, were made by SE MORMAN R. JOHNSON; credit and criminal checks at Boston were made by SE FRANCIS L. MANNIX.

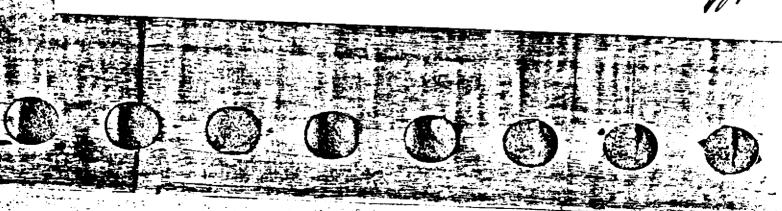


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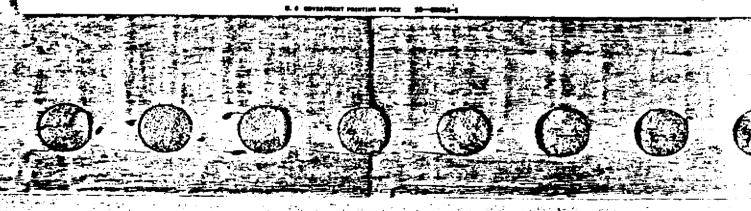
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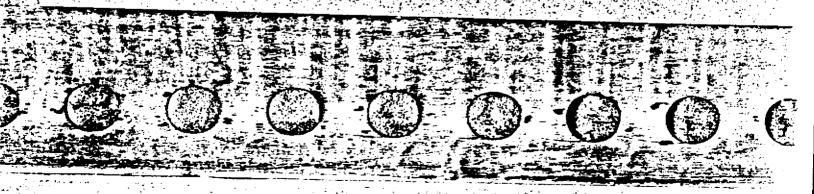
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MOBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT ATTORNEY CRIMINAL DIVISION

With reference to your memorandum dated September 12, 1951, requesting that an investigation be conducted concerning Robert Francis Kennedy, there are attached copies of the following reports.

Report of Special Agent Louis N. Beigheder, dated September 21, 1951, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Report of Special Agent George P. Baxtrum, Jr., dated September 21, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Jerry T. Batts, Jr., dated September 18, 1951, at Worfolk, Virginia.

Report of Special Agent Jesse C. Hall, Jr., dated September 20, 1951, at Richmond, Virginia.

It has been determined that the Navy Service record of Kennedy is presently en route from New York to Washington, D. C. As soon as it can be located and reviewed you will be furnished a copy of the report reflecting this information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (77-51387)

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BOBERT FRANCIS KEMNEDY Departmental Applicant Attorney, Criminal Division

Re New York teletype dated September 22, 1951.

Enclosed herewith is the report of SA GEORGE P. BAXTRIM, JR., dated October 31, 1951, captioned as above.

Upon receipt of retel setting forth information that the applicant's Navy record was charged out from NRMC, Garden City to Naval intelligence officer on liaison with the Bureau of Naval Personnel at Washington, D. C., a search was made for the record with negative results.

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A stop was placed in the files requesting FBI notification when the record was available. As set forth in enclosed report, applicant's record has not yet been located at the Naval Personnel Office here.

This stop will be continued at Naval Personnel and should the missing record be located, WFO will review the record and submit a supplemental report. QUC

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Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: January 28. 1954

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

SYNOPSIS:

On morning of January 28, 1954, Robert Francis Kennedy called Director's Office and stated he would like to talk over personal matters with Director. Arrangements made for Kennedy to see Director at 4:00 p.m. same day. Kennedy is son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to England, and brother of Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Yassachusetts. September 14, 1951, we opened Departmental applicant case on Kennedy who was applying for position of attorney in Criminal Investigation failed to reflect any derogatory informa-Division. tion and persons contacted recommended highly. Kennedy born Boston, Massachusetts, November 20, 1925. Attended Harvard University, Bates College, and received law degree from Virginia Law School in 1951. Served in U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. Mrs. George Skakel invited Director to attend marriage of her daughter, Ethel, to Kennedy in Greenwich, Connecticut, on June 17, Invitation declined. In May, 1953, Robert F. Kennedy as an assistant counsel of Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations gave considerable testimony regarding ships carrying cargo to Communist China. Senator McCarthy gave oredit to Kennedy and other members on his staff for agreement worked out with Greek shipowners to not carry goods to Communist China. In October, 1953, we received Security of Government Employees form for Kennedy when he was applying for position of Assistant to Commissioner on the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. We conducted no investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

cc - Mr. Nichols cc - Mr. Holloman

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

January 28, 1954

DETAILS:

On the morning of January 28, 1954, Robert Francis Kennedy called the Director's Office and advised that he would like to talk over some personal matters with the Director. Arrangements were made for Kennedy to come in to see the Director at 4:00 p.m. the same day.

Robert Francis Kennedy is the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to England and the brother of Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts.

On September 14, 1951, we opened a Departmental applicant case on Robert Francis-Kennedy, who was applying for a position of attorney in the Criminal Division. Background information furnished indicated he was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 20, 1925, and attended Harvard University, Bates College, and received his law degree from the Virginia Law School in 1951. He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946. Investigation in this case failed to reflect any derogatory information concerning Kennedy, and all persons interviewed recommended him very highly. (77-51387)

An invitation postmarked May 19, 1950, from Mr. and Mrs. George Skakel and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover requested the honor of the Director's presence at the marriage of their daughter Ethel to Robert Francis Kennedy on Saturday, June 17, in Greenwich, Connecticut. This invitation was declined. (62-12188-3444)

A transcript of the hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations in the United States held on May 4 and 20, 1953, reflects that Robert F. Kennedy, assistant counsel for that committee, gave considerable testimony regarding ships carrying cargo to Communist China in 1952. (62-98810-109)

A Vashington City News Service release dated March 30, 1953, goes into considerable detail about the agreement that Senator McCarthy had worked out with Greek shipowners not to transport goods to Communist China. The press release states that McCarthy gave full credit and high praise for his agreement to subcommittee general counsel, Francis D. Flanagan

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January 28, 1954

(former Agent), and assistant counsels, Robert F. Kennedy and William A. Leece (former Agent). (62-98810 aud A)

On October 14, 1953, we received a Security of Government Employees form for Robert Francis Kennedy. This form reflected that he was an applicant for the position of assistant to Commissioner Kennedy on the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. No investigation was conducted, but five reports were forwarded to the Commission taken from the Departmental applicant investigation we had conducted in 1951. (140-1-2062)

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REMARKS Mr. Kennedy said he would like to come down and see Mr. Hoover at the Director's convenience sometime this week.

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· Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: March 10, 1954

ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

The Director's Office has requested background information concerning captioned individual in view of his proposed pending visit with the Director. You will recall that a background memorandum was prepared under date of January 28, 1954, setting forth a brief summary of information in Bureau files concerning Kennedy. Indices reflect no references to Kennedy subsequent to December, 1953.

It is to be noted that the Director saw Kennedy, apparently on a personal matter, on January 28 and also on February 15, 1954.

RECOVEFN DATION:

The memorandum dated January 28, 1954, is attached.

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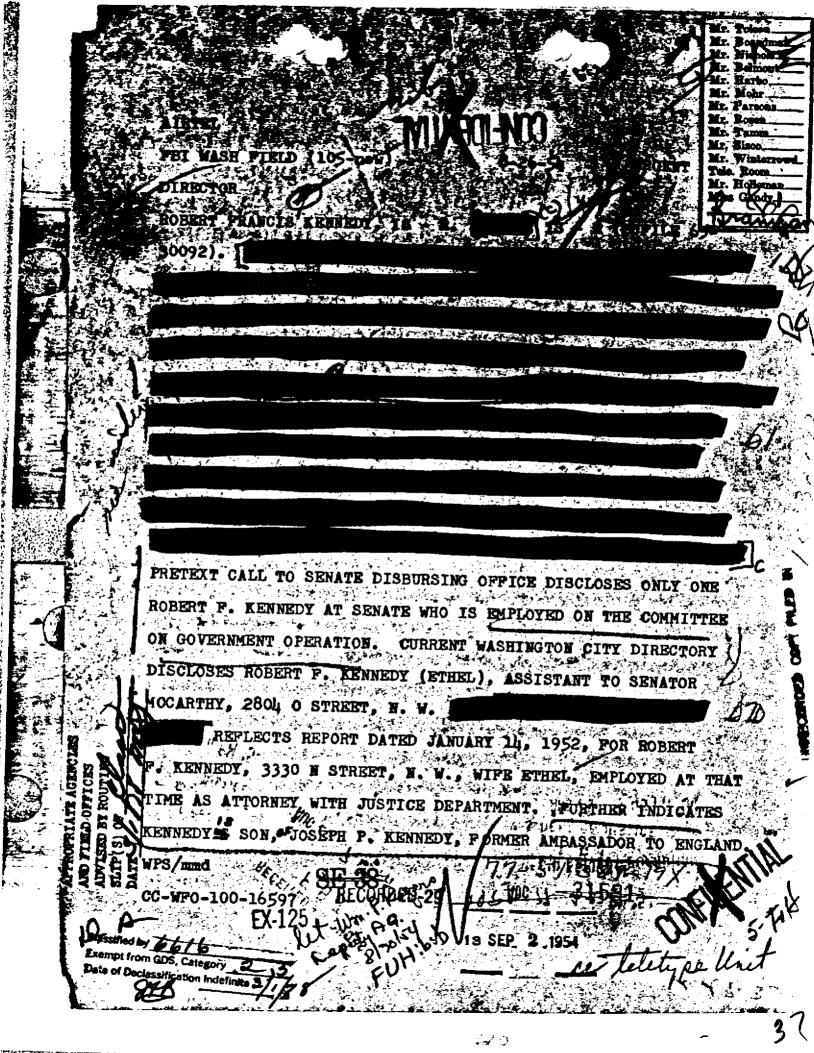
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Information received from the Senate Disbursing Office, Vashington, D. C., discloses only one Robert F. Kennedy at the United States Senate. These records reflect he is employed on the Committee on Government Operations. The Current Fashington city directory discloses that Robert F. Tennedy is an assistant to Senator Joseph F. McCHifthy of Wisconsin, and resides with his wife, Ethel, at 2804 0 Street, N. W., Vashington D.

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Information dated January, 1952, in the records

Washington, D. C., reflects
that Robert F. Kennedy, 3330 N Street, N. V., wife Ethel,
was employed at the time with the Justice Department. He
was described as the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former
Ambassador to England.

Robert F. Kennedy is the brother of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, United States Senutor from Massachusetts.

These data are being furnished for your information with the request that they not be further disseminated. No additional investigation is contemplated in the captioned matter by this Bureau.

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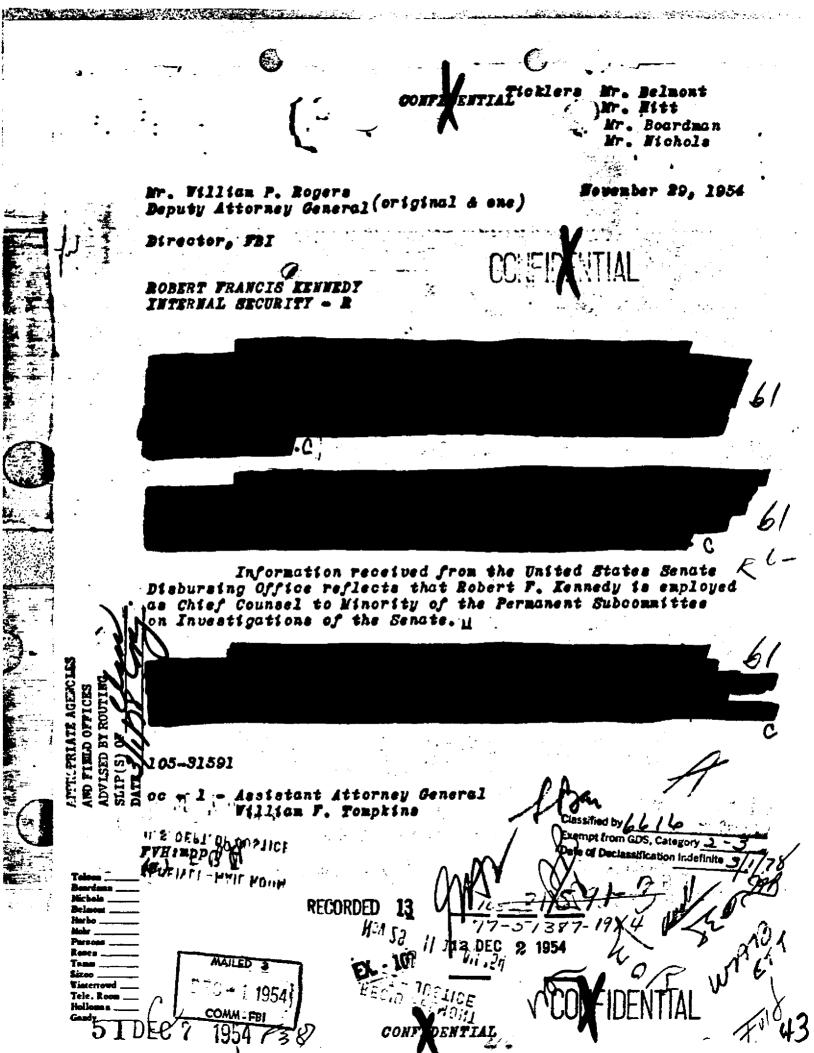


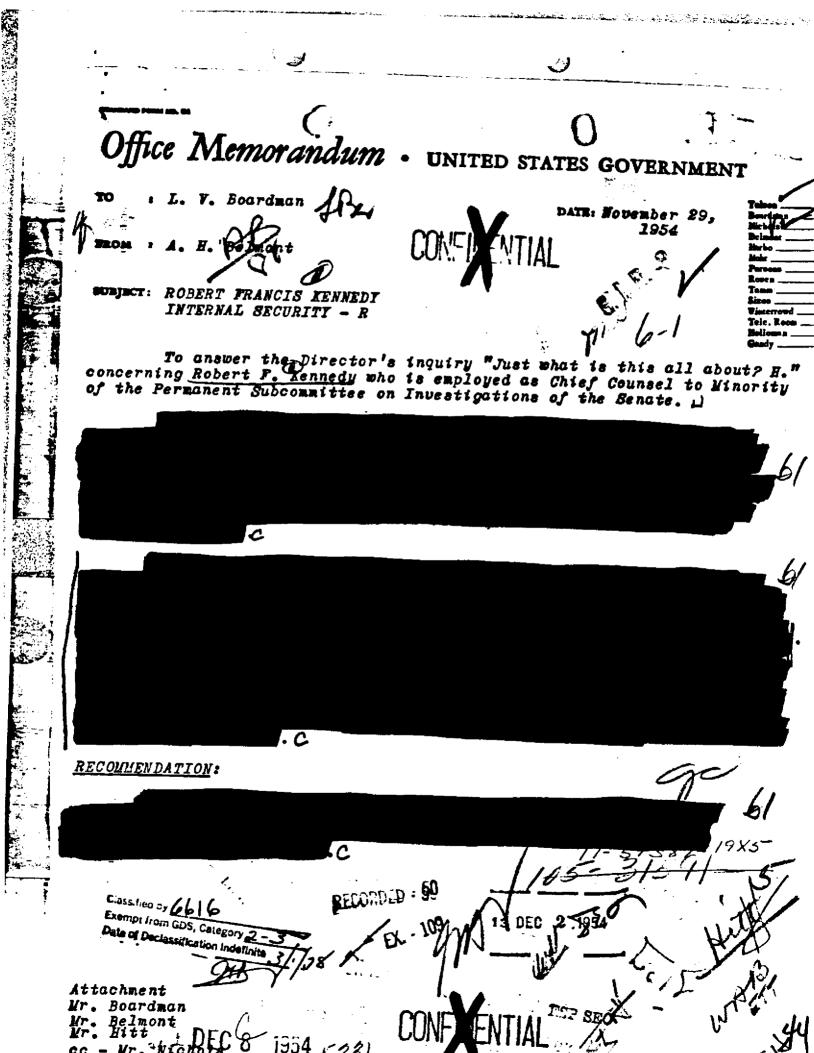
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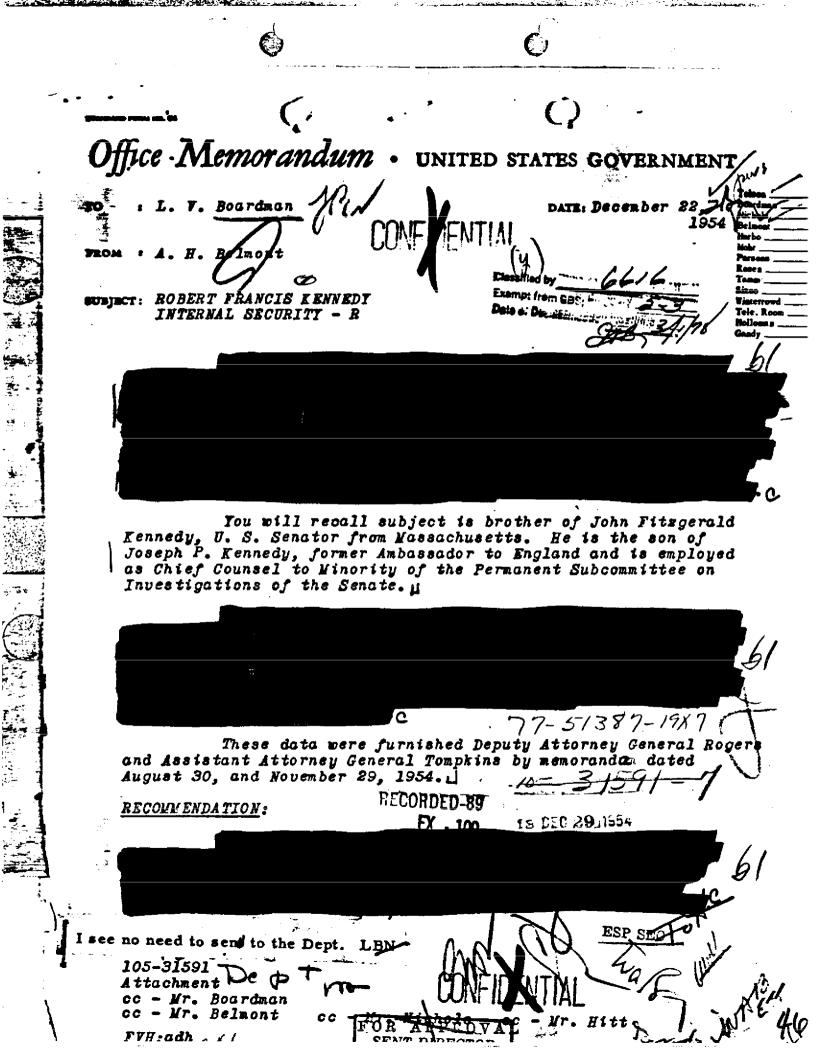


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ROBERT PRANCIS KENEEDY Born: November 20, 1925 Boston, Massachusetts

An applicant-type investigation was conducted in September and October, 1951, concerning Robert Kennedy. PBI reports of this investigation were furnished your agency on March 10, 1953. We subsequent investigation pertinent to your inquiry emperaing the eaptioned indi-Vidual has been conducted by this Bureau.

The foregoing information is furnished to you as a result of your request for an FSI file sheek and is not to be construed as a clearance or a monclearance of the individual involved. This information is furnished for your use and should not be disseminated outside of Your agency.

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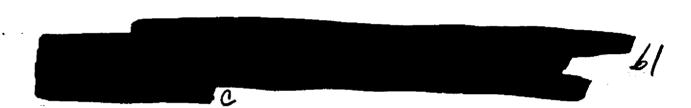
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Clessified by bbl 6 February 9, Ar. A. Rosen Exempt from GDS, Category 3 --Date of Declassification Indefinite L. M. Conroy ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY MANE CHECK REQUEST Hame check request from Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD) on Robert Francis Kennedy received 2-4-55. Kennedy, as Counsel to Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, U. S. Senate, on occasion may be granted access to top secret material of Defense Department. OSD requested any investigation subsequent to 9-18-51. Kennedy is son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to England, and brother of Senator John F. Kennedy, 105-31591-Democrat of Massachusetts. On 9-14-51, Bureau opened Departmental applicant case on Robert Kennedy, who was applying for position of attorney in Criminal Division. Investigation reflected no derogatory information, and persons contacted recommended highly. Reports of this investigation furnished to OSD 3-10-53. (77-51387) AND FIELD OFFE On 1-28 and 2-15-54, Robert Francis Kennedy saw the Director apparently on a personal matter. Belmost The above data were furnished Deputy Attorna General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Touckins Paraoss Rose s memoranda dated 0-30, 11-29 and 12-22-54. Tsmm Sizoo Attachment L <u> 77- 5138 7</u> 131-A. H. Belmont NOT RECORD**ED** 1-L. B. Nichols

Memo to Kr. A. Rosen from L. N. Conroy

RECORNINGATIONS:

(1) That the attached memorandum be furnished the Office of Secretary of Defense by Liaison Section.





Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. Michols

DATE: July 20, 1955

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COMPACT: ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

REQUEST TO MEET THE DIRECTOR

PURPOSE:

To furnish identifying data concerning Kennedy, Chief Counsel, Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, who, on July 20, 1955, requested to pay his respects to the Director before leaving on a trip to Southern Russia. The Director indicated he would see Kennedy at 10:15 a.m., July 21, 1955.

SUMMARY

Lennedy was born Wovember 20, 1925, at Boston, Massachusetts, attended Harvard College and the University of Virginia Law School. He is the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to England and brother of Senator John F. Kennedy (D- Mass.) /

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES

In September, 1951, the Bureau conducted a Departmental Applicant Investigation of Kennedy in connection with a position as attorney in the Criminal Division. Investigation was favorable and persons contacted recommended highly.

On January 28, and February 15, 1954, Kennedy saw the Director, apparently on personal matters. /

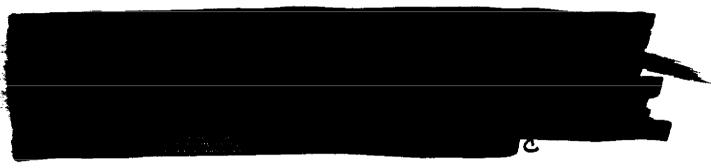
In February, 1954, Senator McCarthy requested an investigation of Kennedy on the basis of his reappointment to the staff of the Senate Subcommittee. No investigation was conducted since Kennedy had already been appointed and McCarthy and Deputy Attorney General Rogers were so advised by letter. (62-98810-310.309.) #

In March, 1954, you talked with Kennedy concerning the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. James Branca in the Annie Lee Moss case and the Director noted, "The attitude of Kennedy in this matter clearly shows need for absolute circumspection in any conversation with him. (121-2900-39.) u

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July 20, 1955

Memorandum to Mr. Michola



In December, 1954, information was received from the State Department indicating Justice William O. Douglas was planning to go to the Soviet Union in August, 1955, and to be accompanied by Robert Kennedy. Douglas indicated that the trip would be for one month and that they planned to go through Moscow and Leningrad. (65-30092-5264)

In January, 1955, Bureau/furnished information to the effect that Kennedy and his Subcommittee was conducting inquiries on wire tapping in the District of Columbia and that they had contacted officials of the telephone company in this connection. (62-12114-2866)

On May 13, 1955, Kennedy was a guest on the Dave Garroway Television Program and was questioned concerning the Dr. John Peters case. His comments concerning the FBI were favorable. (121-4200-167)

You will recall that Harry Lev testified recently before Kennedy's Subcommittee in connection with the manufacture of military hats and caps and was "contacted by Bureau Agents prior to Lev's testimony. Kennedy was uncooperative in that he advised the Agents he would prefer waiting until testimony of Lev had been completed, then he would be more than glad to turn over everything concerning this case to the FBI. In this connection the Director noted, in part, "Kennedy was completely uncooperative until after he had squeezed all the publicity out of the matter he could." (46-23395-107),

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.





OFFICE OF DIRECTOR July 19. 19 55 Time 5:28PM Mr. Robert Kennedy, Chief Counsel. Senate Sub-Committee on Investigations, tele locally. Phone No. The Capitol Extension 1247 THE THERE'S TO THE TOTAL When advised of the Director's absence from the office, Mr. Kennedy asked that the following message be given to the Director. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was leaving for Southern Russia a week from tomorrow, July 27th, and would like very much to come by the office to see the Director sometime before he leaves. He indicated that he merely wished to pay his respects to the Director. He was told that his message would be brought to the Director's attention immediately upon his return to the office. RECORDED - 64 JUL 27 1955

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIBATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 20, 1955

Miss Holmes __

Mr. Tolson..... Mr. Soardman...

Mr. Michols __

Mr. Belmont __

called and referred to the call that Mr. Bob Kennedy made yesterday, requesting to see you before Kennedy goes to Russia.

stated that he knew

Kennedy was very anxious to see you before he left and would appreciate it if your schedule would so permit.

I told that I was sure that you would want to see Mr. Kennedy if your schedule permitted, but I did know that your schedule was terribly tight right at this time.

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