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TO : Mr. Callahan *MS*

DATE: August 9, 1973

FROM : R. E. Gebhardt *MS*

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY
EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY,
MARYLAND;
SPIRO AGNEW, VICE-PRESIDENT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 9:55 a. m. today Director Kelley called me concerning the Baltimore teletype of 8/8/73 wherein it was stated that IRS has been conducting a tax investigation relative to captioned matter as a result of which some allegations of bribery and fraud were uncovered. This is the case in which Vice-President Spiro Agnew has been mentioned.

U. S. Attorney, Baltimore, does not believe it to be logical at this time for the FBI to become involved and pointed out the investigation is still basically a tax matter. The extensive investigation by IRS has been conducted for over six months. Mr. Kelley inquired as to whether the FBI was on "sound ground" in not becoming involved in the investigation with respect to the potential violations within our primary jurisdiction such as bribery. I explained to Mr. Kelley it has been basic FBI policy to permit another Governmental agency such as IRS to continue their tax investigation including the investigation of a violation within our primary jurisdiction if such allegation is an outgrowth of their original investigation. Normally, we accept such a situation without any consultation with the headquarters of the agency involved or the Department of Justice.

In view of the personalities involved in this matter, however, we did on 8/8/73, contact the Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. We were advised by the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, that Henry Petersen, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, had stated this is strictly an IRS matter; the IRS has been investigating this for months; and the bribery allegation evolving from this investigation should be handled by IRS. It was suggested that we establish close liaison with the U. S. Attorney and this has been done. Petersen stated he is not requesting any FBI

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached advises of contact with United States Attorney (USA) Beall, Baltimore, regarding the investigation being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) involving prominent political figures in the Baltimore area and in which Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew has been mentioned. USA Beall advised investigation is basically an IRS matter, however, other possible Federal violations have been developed including the Bribery statute. USA Beall does not believe it to be logical at this time for the FBI to become involved and pointed out that the investigation is still basically a tax matter.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Keeney of the Department advised 8/8/73, he conferred with Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, Criminal Division, and stated this is strictly an IRS matter, the IRS has been investigating this for months and the bribery evolving from this should be handled by IRS. Petersen suggested liaison should be established with USA Beall and this has been done. Keeney advised that Petersen stated he is not requesting any FBI investigation in this matter.

Baltimore is maintaining liaison with USA Beall.

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Gebhardt to Callahan Memo
RE: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND;
SPIRO AGNEW, VICE-PRESIDENT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

investigation at this time in this matter.

Mr. Kelley and I discussed this matter and I advised Mr. Kelley it was my belief that the FBI was definitely on sound ground at this point. Mr. Kelley suggested the possibility of a letter being directed to IRS in this regard. I advised Mr. Kelley it was my view that we should send a letter to the Attorney General with copies to Assistant Attorney General Petersen confirming the information we received from the U. S. Attorney's Office in Baltimore; the U. S. Attorney's opinion as to the conduct of this investigation; the contact on 8/8/73 with the Criminal Division and Mr. Petersen's opinion; and, finally, the fact that we were directing a letter to the Commissioner of IRS advising IRS of the opinion of Mr. Petersen but that the FBI stands ready and able to be of assistance to IRS in conducting any investigation relative to matters normally within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction which are uncovered as a result of the basic tax investigation.

Mr. Kelley agreed with this procedure and instructed the letters be prepared immediately. I told him this would be done.

ACTION: The necessary letters are being prepared pursuant to Mr. Kelley's instructions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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11:07 AM URGENT 8-7-73 HD

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR
FROM BALTIMORE (58-NEW)

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DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.;
SPIRO T. AGNEW, VICE PRESIDENT; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO BALTIMORE, 8-7-73.

ON THIS DATE, AUSA BARNET D. SKOLNIK, BALTIMORE, ADVISED
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, HAS BEEN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION
FOR SEVERAL MONTHS CONCERNING ALLEGED CORRUPTION, KICKBACKS, AND
INCOME TAX MATTERS BY BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICIALS. HE STATED THAT
THIS IS A CONTINUING INVESTIGATION BY IRS AND TOO EARLY AT THIS
STAGE TO DETERMINE IF ANYONE INCLUDING VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW WOULD
BE INDICATED.

AUSA SKOLNIK ALSO POINTED OUT THAT IT IS ALSO TOO EARLY
AT THIS POINT TO STATE WHETHER THE MATTER WILL BE PRESENTED
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AUSA SKOLNIK WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE MATTER IN
DETAIL, STATING THAT THE NEWSPAPERS HAD MORE INFORMATION
THAN HE COULD GIVE.

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VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW AS BALTIMORE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AT THE TIME
AGNEW BECAME GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND IN 1966.

BALTIMORE WILL FOLLOW WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY BUREAU INTEREST IN THIS MATTER
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P 4:16PM 8/8/73 URGENT DLS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, BALTIMORE (58-483) (P) 1P

DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.;
SPIRO AGNEW, VICE PRESIDENT; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BUREAU TEL TO BALTIMORE, 8/7/73; BUREAU TELEPHONE
CALL TO BALTIMORE, 8/8/73.

USA GEORGE BEALL, BALTIMORE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT IRS
HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER
FOR OVER SIX MONTHS. THE INVESTIGATION IS BASICALLY AN IRS
MATTER, HOWEVER, THE INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED OTHER POSSIBLE
FEDERAL VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING THE BRIBERY STATUTE. USA BEALL
STATED THAT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IRS HAS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION OVER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME, HE DID NOT
FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE LOGICAL OR WARRANTED FOR THE FBI TO ENTER
THE INVESTIGATION AT THIS TIME. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE
INVESTIGATION IS STILL BASICALLY A TAX MATTER AND PERHAPS
THE BEST VIOLATIONS, IF ANY, WOULD BE IRS VIOLATIONS.

BALTIMORE WILL MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH USA.

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Honorable Donald C. Alexander
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20224

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
~~1 - Mr. Long~~ *destroyed 8/28/73 WAF*
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~~1 - Mr. Cleveland~~ *destroyed 8/27/73 WAF*

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This is to advise that on August 8, 1973, a representative of this Bureau discussed the current investigation being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the United States Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, with Deputy Assistant Attorney General John C. Keeney, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. This investigation concerns various politically prominent individuals in the Baltimore, Maryland, area, as well as Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

As a result of this discussion, Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen has advised that the investigation is strictly a matter for IRS and that any bribery allegation evolving from the investigation will be handled by IRS. Mr. Petersen also stated he was not requesting any FBI investigation regarding this matter at this time. However, he suggested liaison be established with the United States Attorney's Office in Baltimore, Maryland, and this has been done.

The FBI stands ready and able to be of assistance to IRS in conducting any investigation relative to matters normally within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction which may be uncovered during the tax investigation being conducted by IRS.

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Sincerely yours,

Q. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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The Attorney General

August 9, 1973

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
~~1 - Mr. Long~~ *destroyed*
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~~1 - Mr. Cleveland~~ *7/27/73 WAF*

DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
SPIRO T. AGHEV, VICE PRESIDENT
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 8, 1973, Section Chief Richard E. Long, Accounting and Fraud Section of this Bureau, telephonically contacted Deputy Assistant Attorney General John C. Keeney, Criminal Division, regarding the current investigation being conducted in Baltimore, Maryland, regarding the above-captioned individuals.

Mr. Keeney, after conferring with Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Peterson, Criminal Division, advised that it was the opinion of Mr. Peterson that this investigation was strictly an investigation being handled by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and that IRS has been investigating the matter for a number of months.

Mr. Keeney further stated that it was the opinion of Mr. Peterson that any bribery allegations evolving from this investigation should be handled by IRS and that Mr. Peterson was not requesting any FBI investigation regarding this matter at this time. Mr. Keeney did, however, advise it was the opinion of Mr. Peterson that close liaison with the United States Attorney's Office, Baltimore, Maryland, be established, and this liaison has been established.

On August 9, 1973, representatives of this Bureau's Baltimore, Maryland, Office, conferred with United States Attorney George Beall who also was contacted regarding this investigation, and he advised that in his opinion, the investigation was basically an IRS violation and pointed out that although other Federal violations have been developed, the investigation was still basically a tax matter. Mr. Beall did not feel that it was logical at this time for the FBI to become involved.

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The Attorney General

While it is clear at this time that the Department does not desire that the FBI become involved, the FBI does, however, stand ready and able to be of assistance to IRS in conducting any investigation relative to matters normally within the FBI's investigative jurisdiction which may be uncovered during the tax investigation conducted by IRS.

A letter is being directed to the Commissioner of IRS advising him of the opinion of Mr. Peterson.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

The Attorney General

NOTE: The investigation involving prominent political figures in the Baltimore, Maryland, area, as well as Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew has been handled since its inception by the IRS. It started out as a basic tax investigation; however, during the ensuing months, information has been developed indicating there are possibly other Federal violations involved including the Federal Bribery statute. The 8-9-73, edition of "The Washington Post" on page A17, sets forth the text of USA George Beall's letter to the Vice-President's attorney, Judah Best. This letter clearly sets forth the statutes under which the investigation is being conducted, and they are Title 18, Section 371 (Conspiracy), Section 1951 (Extortion), and Section 1952 (Extortion and Bribery). Section 1951 is commonly known as the Hobbs Act, and Section 1952 is the statute covering Interstate Transportation in Aid of Racketeering. While this letter sets forth that the investigation is not limited to these statutes, Beall's letter did set forth these statutes as the main ones in addition to certain criminal provisions of tax laws. At the instructions of the Director, letters are being furnished to the Department and the Commissioner of IRS setting forth the opinions we have received regarding this matter.

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: August 10, 1973

FROM : R. E. Gebhardt

- ~~1 - Mr. Callahan~~
- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Long
- 1 - Mr. White

SUBJECT: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND;
SPIRO T. AGNEW, VICE-PRESIDENT INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 8:58 a. m. today ASAC Ed Foley, Baltimore Office, called. He advised he had been contacted by U. S. Attorney George Beall concerning captioned matter. (This is the tax case being handled by IRS involving prominent political figures in the Baltimore, Maryland, area including Vice-President Spiro Agnew. As an outgrowth of the tax case, several other potential federal violations within the FBI's jurisdiction have been uncovered. The U. S. Attorney (USA) and Assistant Attorney General Petersen have instructed IRS should continue the investigation in view of the complexity of the case and the length of time it has been under investigation.)

Foley advised USA Beall stated he had talked to Attorney General Richardson and Assistant Attorney General Petersen the night of 8/9/73, and requested the use of an FBI polygraph operator in interviewing at least two persons and possibly four persons on the morning of 8/10/73 in Baltimore. Attorney General Richardson and Assistant Attorney General Petersen, according to Beall, not only gave their authority, but Petersen specifically suggested SA Joe Pearce of our Philadelphia Office, a qualified polygraph operator. (Pearce was used in the Watergate investigation and apparently Petersen was impressed with the results in that instance.)

Since time was of the essence, I advised ASAC Foley at 9:25 a. m. to comply with the USA's request and that he, Foley, should make the necessary arrangements for the arrival of SA Pearce. In the event Pearce was unavailable, he should contact Assistant Director White of the Laboratory for the identity of an alternate Agent to administer a polygraph.

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Gebhardt to Callahan Memo
RE: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE,
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND;
SPIRO T. AGNEW, VICE-PRESIDENT;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 10:10 a. m. I contacted Director Kelley in Kansas City and briefed him on the above. He advised he was in total agreement with this action. He did request that he be furnished any results available on Monday, 8/13/73.

ASAC Foley, Baltimore, was advised of Mr. Kelley's instructions as of 10:35 a. m. He stated he did not know if the results would be available by Monday, 8/13/73, but will telephonically advise me if the results were not so available.

ACTION: For information.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached relates to the income tax investigation being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and United States Attorney George Beall, Baltimore, Maryland. Based on information supplied by Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, the FBI is conducting no investigation; however, Mr. Petersen, on 8/10/73, instructed the FBI to conduct polygraph examination of certain witnesses in this matter. Polygraph examination was approved by Director Kelly on 8/10/73, and attached contains the results of the polygraph examination; however, information contained in the attached is to be handled on a need to know basis. Further polygraph examinations will be made by Bureau Agent on 8/14/73.

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TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 8-14-73

FROM : R. E. Long

1 - Mr. Gebhardt
1 - [Redacted]

SUBJECT: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
SPIRO T. AGNEW, VICE PRESIDENT INFORMATION CONCERNING

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At 2:35 pm on 8-14-73, SA J. Robert Pearce, polygraph operator, our Philadelphia Division, telephonically contacted Section Chief Long to advise that the continuing polygraph interview of Jerome Benjamin Wolff at Baltimore was rescheduled for Thursday, 8-16-73, at Baltimore by United States Attorney (USA) George Beall. SA Pearce advised that this delay of continuing polygraph was brought about by the fact that the first polygraph examination afforded Wolff by SA Pearce at Baltimore on 8-11-73, stimulated the recollection of Wolff and he had further revelations to make before the USA, Baltimore. SA Pearce further advised that Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Henry E. Petersen, Criminal Division, was personally going to interview Wolff and he would possibly need the results of the first polygraph examination.

AAG Petersen was contacted by Section Chief Long and Mr. Petersen confirmed the fact that he would personally interview Wolff at Baltimore on 8-15-73, and would need the results of the first polygraph examination as conducted by SA Pearce. AAG Petersen requested that these results be afforded the top most security and be hand delivered to USA Beall at Baltimore this date.

SA Pearce was instructed to have these results hand delivered to the USA in Baltimore this afternoon and he stated he would handle this matter.

The investigation in this matter is being conducted by the Internal Revenue Service as this has been an ongoing tax matter for several months. The polygraph examination given by our Agent was at the specific request of AAG Petersen and approved by the Director.

ACTION: For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gebhardt

DATE: 8-14-73

FROM : R. E. Long

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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- 1 - Mr. Marshall

SUBJECT: DALE ANDERSON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, BALTIMORE COUNTY MARYLAND
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This is to advise that the file in captioned matter will be maintained in the Fraud and Bribery Unit of the Accounting and Fraud Section, Room 2252, for security purposes. The file will be maintained in this location until further advised.

All copies of teletypes received in this matter are also to be forwarded to the Accounting and Fraud Section and during other than regular working hours, they should be forwarded to Room 5710 to be furnished to the Accounting and Fraud Section during the next regular work day.

ACTION: For information.

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The prosecutor's staff upholds bold tradition

By THEODORE W. HENDRICKS

The bold young idealists who work under George Beall at the United States attorney's office here are part of a tradition of tackling political corruption head-on.

They have gone after senators, congressmen and top political figures with an almost revolutionary fervor and a singleness of purpose eliciting national attention.

Last week, the investigation of corruption in Maryland politics reached the second highest office in the nation and rattled a Republican administration already much shaken.

Young prosecutors might be expected to be zealous in seeking strict enforcement of political corruption laws, but few federal districts in the nation have been as successful in gaining convictions under these statutes as the U.S. attorney's office in Maryland.

In recent years, the office has success-

fully developed cases against A. Gordon Boone, a former Democratic speaker of the House of Delegates; Thomas F. Johnson, a former Eastern Shore Democratic congressman, and Daniel B. Brewster, former Democratic United States senator.

Some find an intriguing irony in the fact that Mr. Beall, a Republican, is in charge of the investigation. He is a member of a notable Maryland GOP family—brother J. Glenn Beall, Jr., is a senator and their late father, J. Glenn Beall also was a senator.

The key to the success which the U.S. attorney's office here has enjoyed appears to result from a clear recognition among those who work there that the federal statutes are strong in the area of political corruption and a strong sense of responsibility, indeed an eagerness, to prosecute violators. Consider the characteristics of this office:

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