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Ex-Aide of FBI Testified Agnew Was Probed in 1968

By Nicholas M. Horrock

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (NYT). —The former No. 3 man in the FBI testified under oath in 1973 that the bureau investigated Spiro Agnew, at the request of President Lyndon Johnson, shortly before the 1968 election.

In the heretofore unpublished testimony, Cartha DeLoach, formerly assistant to the director of the FBI, asserted that shortly before Agnew was elected vice-president, Mr. Johnson asked the bureau to investigate him on a matter of "the gravest national security" and that an investigation was conducted.

The testimony was taken by Sen. Howard Baker jr., R-Tenn., and Senate Watergate Committee staff investigators.

Of the investigation, Mr. DeLoach said: "The reason this was being done was because they felt the Republicans—and this was their [the White House's] statement—the Republicans were attempting to slow down the South Vietnamese from going to the Paris peace talks and they wanted to know whom either Nixon or Agnew had been in touch with from Albuquerque [N.M.] when they visited the city several days prior to that."

Mr. DeLoach said that the late J. Edgard Hoover, the FBI director, authorized an investigation and that the domestic intelligence division of the FBI had obtained the toll-call receipts of persons on Agnew's staff to discover if anyone had called Mrs. Anna Chennault.

Mrs. Chennault, widow of the commander of the Flying Tigers in World War II, was alleged to have been an intermediary between the South Vietnamese and the Republicans.

Sources who worked on the White House staff in 1968 dispute the origins of the investigation. They say it was the FBI that first suggested Republican links to the South Vietnamese.

Mr. DeLoach also said in his testimony that Mrs. Chennault had been the subject of "physical surveillance" by the FBI.

According to sources who were with the bureau in 1968, it was Mr. Johnson's concern over opponents of his Vietnam policy that resulted in a team of agents being assigned to prepare reports for the White House on any political figures who entered the Soviet Embassy.

Published reports have long noted that the bureau maintained a constant physical surveillance of the embassy and filmed all persons who entered or left.

Testimony Pending

The bureau has declined comment on a number of allegations that it entered into widespread political activity in the last decade for its own purposes or at the behest of Presidents Johnson and Richard Nixon, pending the upcoming congressional testimony of Clarence Kelley, the FBI director.

Mr. DeLoach has denied that he was a protégé of Mr. Johnson's but he has acknowledged that the former president asked him to assume liaison duties with the White House because Mr. Johnson had known him while a senator.

Mr. DeLoach has also acknowledged that Mr. Johnson ordered a direct telephone line to the White House installed in the bedroom of his home.

White House aides from the Johnson era said that an enormous amount of FBI intelligence flowed between 1964 and 1968 and was handled with the utmost secrecy.

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ON 1/25/74, MACK GODSEY, CHIEF OF POLICE BRISTOL, TENN., ADVISED THAT [redacted], WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 1/22/74 BY BRISTOL, TENNESSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR BREACH OF PEACE AND RESISTING ARREST, COMMITTED TO EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL (MENTAL), 1/23/74. [redacted] HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN ARRESTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT AS A MENTAL PATIENT, FOR PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS, AND RESISTING ARREST, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, AND CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. GODSEY ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAS BEEN IN EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL AS A MENTAL PATIENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THAT WHILE IN THE HOSPITAL HE IS PROVIDED WITH MEDICATION WHICH APPARENTLY BRINGS ABOUT HIS RELEASE. HOWEVER, AFTER BEING RELEASED, [redacted] REGULARLY FAILS TO TAKE HIS MEDICINE AND AS A RESULT BECOMES AGGRESSIVE AND A PROBLEM FOR HIS DEPARTMENT.

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