

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (105-NEW)

DATE: 4-1-65

FROM: SA [REDACTED] (#344)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFFIRE

(AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,

USSR, 1959)

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(OO:NY)

The above individual was a member of the captioned exhibition. Current instructions regarding these individuals require that an individual case be opened for the purpose of determining current residence and employment. Upon this determination, a recommendation is to be submitted to the Bureau regarding interview concerning the individual's participation in the captioned exhibition and the possibility of subsequent contact by the Soviets.

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When submitting a recommendation or the results of an interview to the Bureau, a copy of the communication should be designated for WFO (105-30038) (Visit of American National Exhibition Committee to USSR, 1959). WFO is origin in this case and must be advised regarding action taken regarding each participant in the exhibition.

A copy of all outgoing communications should also be designated for NY file 105-35467 (Visit of American National Exhibition Committee to USSR, 1959). Further instructions may be found in WFO letter to Bureau, 9/4/62, NY file 105-35467.

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OPEN (OR REOPEN) CASE 105-NEW
ORIGIN NY DATE 4-2-65
SUPV. GJS SECT 344

105-72869-1
[REDACTED]

Date _____

4-1-65

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Subject

William Lewis Safire

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Address

SS 1161 York Ave NYC

Birth Date

12/17/25

Birthplace

7/2/2

Race

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Sex	
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☒ Male☐ Female☐ Exact Spelling ✓☒ All References☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only

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File Review Symbols

I - Identical
NI - Not identical

? - Not identifiable
U - Unavailable reference

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Manhattan BOARD OF ELECTIONS

DATE 4/9/65

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SECTION 344

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FILE# 105-72869

TITLE William Lewis Safire YEARS TO BE CHECKED Latest

REQUEST ELECTION CHECK ON:
above

PRESENT ADDRESS 1161 YORK Ave. 34/8 YEARS AT ADDRESS ?

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BACKGROUND 34/8 1961 1161 York Ave. Apt. 8

NAME William L NYS 21+ NYC 21+ ED 3 AGE 3 DOB 12/17/

POB USA SEX M HGT 6' HAIR Bl EYES Br STATUS S

LAST VOTE 1958 ADDRESS 425 E 79th St.

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5/5/65

SAC, NEW YORK (105-72869) (P)

WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE aka
William Lewis Safir
AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,
USSR, 1959
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(OO: New York)

Captioned subject was a member of the captioned
exhibition. Background information furnished by WFO in-
dicated the following:

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Name	WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE aka William Lewis Safir
DOB	12/17/29
Address	New York City 1161 York Avenue, New York City
Employment	Tex McGary, Incorporated, New York City

The following investigation was conducted by the NYO
in an effort to conduct background information re subject.

The indices of the NYO reflect no pertinent iden-
tifiable information re subject.

On 4/29/65, the doorman at 1161 York Avenue, New
York City, advised SA [redacted], whose identity
was concealed, that captioned subject resided in Apt. 12A,
at the above-mentioned address.

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On 4/29/65, SA [redacted] personally observed
subject's office, the Safire Public Relations, Incorporated, Room
1706, 375 Park Avenue, NY, NY.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (105-30038) (CONTROL) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-35467) (CONTROL)
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On 4/14/65, IC [redacted] caused a check to be made at the Manhattan Board of Elections and the following information was obtained:

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Name	WILLIAM L. SAFFIRE
DOB	12/17/29
POB	USA
Sex	Male
Height	6 feet
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Marital Status	Single
Address	475 E. 79th Street New York City

On 4/20/65, IC [redacted] caused a check to be made at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and was furnished the following information by Miss [redacted]

Name	WILLIAM L. SAFFIRE
Residence	1161 York Avenue, New York City
Former Residence	425 E. 79th Street, New York City
Employment	Saffire Public Relations Company, 375 Park Avenue, New York, New York
Occupation	President of above firm
Former occupation	Vice-President, Tex McChery, Incorporated, 122 E. 42nd St., New York City, Publicity and Public Relations Firm

On 4/24/65, SA AUGUST J. MICEK caused checks to be made at the BCI and B53, NYCPD, and was advised there was no information available concerning captioned subject.

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In view of the fact that subject is most likely in complete charge of the Safire Public Relations Company, and since it is possible that this company maintains contact with organizations in the communications field, Bureau authority is requested to interview subject under captioned program.

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-24-2009 BY 60322 UC/LP/STP/JCF

TO : SAC, New York (105-72869)

DATE: 5/19/65

FROM : Director, FBI (105-77346)

SUBJECT: WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE
IS - R (AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION, USSR, 1959)

Reurlet 5/5/65.

Bureau authority denied to interview captioned individual as review of relet and Bufiles indicate such action is not warranted.

Review of Bufiles indicates that subject's former connection with Tex McCrary Incorporated, New York City, and its involvement in several Registration Act investigations should have been evaluated and your observations included in relet. Details of this association are set out in report of Special Agent Thomas J. Dowling dated 8/21/61 at New York and captioned "Inter-American Public Relations, Limited," your file 97-2261, Bufile 97-4605. Similar information appears in your files concerning [redacted] NYfile 97-2203, and [redacted] NYfile 97-2234.

For your information the 7/12/58 issue of "Editor and Publisher" alleges that subject a vice-president of the McCrary Office was involved in exposing the use of microphones in a Washington, D. C. hotel by reporter Jack Anderson, associate of [redacted] and others. This was a well publicized side issue to the appearance of Bernard Goldfine, Boston textile millionaire, before the Special House Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight. According to the article subject's assignment was to track down and catch committee investigators suspected of "bugging" the hotel rooms of Goldfine and McCrary.

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WILLIAM LEWIS SAFIRE
(AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,
USSR-1959)
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Re Bulet dated 5/19/65.

For information of WFO, Bureau denied authority
to interview captioned individual since Bureau is of the
opinion such action is not warranted.

In view of the above, the NYO is placing this
case in a closed status.

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- 1 - Washington Field (CONTROL) (RM) (105-30038)
- 1 - New York (105-33467) (CONTROL)
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