



**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**Freedom of Information / Privacy Acts**

**Release**

SUBJECT: Abe Fortas

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*The P.O. Dept  
advised former  
post take 3 or # 43  
ref to # 43  
Post office 304.  
JRP*

F. B. I.  
To J. Edgar Hoover Director

Phila, 43, Pa

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**9-48393-X**  
AUG 23 1966

*Recommendation not  
in view of name address  
furnished. Not known if  
reply may be sent to  
writer. B letter  
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8-22-66  
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SAC, Philadelphia

August 5, 1968

EX 110  
Director, FBI

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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- (Attention W. P. D...)
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[Redacted Box]

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EXTORTION**

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Enclosures (3)

2 - Washington Field (Enclosures - 3)

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*Handwritten initials/signatures*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D C. 20226

CO-2-39,700  
Document 572

Date: August 1, 1968

*Handwritten initials*

BY LIAISON G. M. McLeod

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation  
ATTN: Special Agent Rappner  
FROM : JAMES J. ROWLEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT:

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Attached is an original letter from   
 to U. S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas,  
Washington, D. C., postmarked Philadelphia, Pa.,  
July 15, 1968, containing an implied threat on  
Justice Fortas' life. Letter was received on  
July 29, 1968 from the Office of the U. S. Marshal,  
U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C.

Subject is not of record with this Service.

Please furnish this Service with any reports you  
might have as a result of an investigation into  
this matter.

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EX 110

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Aug 5 1968

*Handwritten notes and initials*

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Attachments  
Original letter dated Phila. Pa.

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Supreme Court

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Supreme Court  
Phila. Pa.

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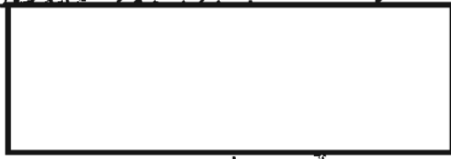
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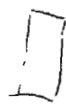
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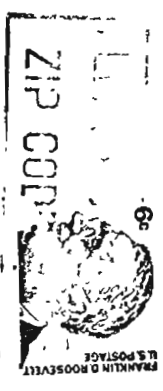
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The Greater States League  
 Justice Club Forum  
 Washington  
 D.C.

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 15 JUL 1968



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Date. 8/8/68

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Mr. DeLoach	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Bishop	.....
Mr. Casper	.....
Mr. Callahan	.....
Mr. Conrad	.....
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Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Sullivan	.....
Mr. Tavel	.....
Mr. Trotter	.....
Tele. Room	.....
Miss Holmes	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

VAG / AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (9-2123) (C)

[Redacted]  
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
(OO:PH)

ReBulet to Philadelphia, 8/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of LHM in form suitable for dissemination. One copy of same is being forwarded to Philadelphia Division.

U.S. Capitol Police, Washington, D.C. (WDC) and Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), WDC, was advised of the information contained in the enclosed and dissemination was made locally to them by WFO.

**4 ENCLOSURE**

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.4)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Enc.1)
- 1 - WFO

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AIRTEL

*1cc to [unclear] Justice  
To file [unclear]  
1cc to [unclear] 5/18  
BHC/la 8/9/68*

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25 AUG 9 1968

*[Handwritten signature]*

J. Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

August 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No

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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

United States Secret Service furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) a threatening-type letter addressed to Justice Abe Fortas, United States Supreme Court Justice. The Secret Service received this letter from the office of the United States Marshal, United States Supreme Court, Washington, D.C. (WDC). The envelope in which this letter was received was postmarked Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and dated July 15, 1968. The letter was handwritten and the contents of it is set forth as follows:

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Supreme Court

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The above information was furnished to Officer  
Fred Shafer, U.S. Capitol Police, WDC, and Detective Sergeant  
R. Ford, Intelligence Division, Metropolitan Police Department  
(MPD), WDC, on August 7, 1968.

This document contains neither  
recommendations nor conclusions of  
the FBI. It is the property of  
the FBI and is loaned to your agency;  
it and its contents are not to be  
distributed outside your agency.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To **FBI, Philadelphia**

Date **August 13, 1968**

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Re

**UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION**

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No

Lab No

**D-680806158 HS**

Examination requested by **Philadelphia**  
Reference **Letter 8/5/68**  
Examination requested **Document - Fingerprint**

Remarks

**Q1 through Q3 will be forwarded to the Philadelphia Office with the report disclosing the result of a fingerprint examination.**

**From information available, it appears that the number "43" in the return address of the letter sent to the Director is a Post Office Box number.**

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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WJF:JP (4)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To **FBI, Philadelphia**

Date

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Specimens received **8/6/68**

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA, PA. 5A PM 15 JUL 1968," and bearing handwritten address "The United States Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas Washington, D. C. "**
- Q2 First page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Dear Sir, In ref to your . . . " and ending " . . . is forminable . . . "**
- Q3 Second page of accompanying two-page letter beginning "[Redacted] therefore I predict" and signed [Redacted]**

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**Result of examination:**

It was concluded that the questioned writing on Q1 through Q3 was written by the same person who wrote the Director in August, 1966, and signed the letter [Redacted]

[Redacted] This letter was postmarked "Phila Pa. 4B 18, AUG 1966." The letter also had the return address of "Phil. 43 Pa."

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The paper comprising specimens Q2 and Q3 contained the watermark "Fifth Avenue" This paper is sold at the F. W. Woolworth Company.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: JOHN PATRICK CARROLL;  
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
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File # **9-48393-3**  
Lab. # D 680806158 HS

L A T E N T  
TO *Phil*

Examination requested by: Bureau

L. 8/5/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 8/6/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

*Q1 -> Q3 written by same person who  
sent wrote the Director in Aug 66, + signed  
the letter  This let  
was P.M. Phil PA. <sup>7:15</sup> Aug 15, 1966  
and letter -> "Phil 43 Pa"*

Specimens submitted for examination

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Searched RFD - Pa, N.Y., Del, N.J., D.C., Md, Ohio, N. Va. - H-MW-III -> no ident

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8/10/68  
WJF: JF*

PHOTOGRAPHED  
AUG 7 1968

*C. McKeown*

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

	Q1	Q2	Q3
LENGTH	6.5	9.1	Similar
WIDTH	2.64	5.91"	Similar
BREADTH	.004	.004	to
WATERMARK	None	YES	Q2
INDENTED WRITING	None	None	

STAMP ... 6 U.S. similar to one from booklet page

Q2 WATERMARK

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F. W. Woolworth, Co.  
Woolworth Bldg.  
New York, N.Y.

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SAC, Philadelphia

August 5, 1968

Director, FBI

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
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File # 9-48393-3  
Lab. # D 680806153 HS

Examination requested by: Bureau

L. 8/5/68

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 8/6/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [Redacted]

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*Return to Philadelphia*

Received by LFP  
8/8 [Signature]

*Exam # 5819 to RHP  
LFP*

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FILE# D-680806158

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EXAMINER

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NEGATIVES

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The United States Supreme Court  
Justice Abe Fortas  
Washington, D.C.



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Justice Abner Tooten  
Supreme Court  
Albany

Chlo. Pa,

In reply to your rather lengthy article on law appearing in the  
Bill. Inquirer. The White Racist Majority isn't buying  
what you are trying to sell them. You are a Jew, and a  
member of the Minority, therefore it is logical to assume  
your knowledge of law is one sided in favor of the  
Minority, which makes the rule of law govern against  
the White majority. This is quite obvious to every school boy  
Under the rights of the ballot box and laws passed by  
State Legislators of the South are null and void.  
The entire population of these States has learned their basic  
rights in our so called Free Society. Therefore the White  
Racist Society opposes your appointment of chief justice.

We consider you one of the most dangerous men ever  
to arrive on the American scene. You will be the first  
Jew, but also the first Communist to accept to the highest  
office in the Land. An appointment handed to you by a fellow  
traveler like President Johnson. The White Racist Society  
will leave no effort returned to remove you from the  
American scene. Being a Jew is very bad to hold such an  
office, but also a Communist is more than the White  
Racist Society can take and I predict your removal  
will be swift. The survival of the White Racist Majority  
is at stake. This threat for the Jews is not unique here  
in America, but also every country of the Globe. We  
consider Jews a Cancer in any free society and should  
be exterminated. The knowledge of Jews is formidable.

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Therefore I predict that constant racial out breaks will  
involve the White Racial Majority 180,000,000 strong will  
engage in a Civil War to overthrow the government by  
force and violence. The opposition of the Minority is  
the Negro race joining the White Racial Majority.

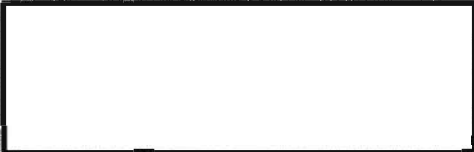
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in the South. Every White Man, Woman & Child will bear  
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it reaches Washington.

I predict the Federal forces will force numerous  
desertions of Whites and join their white brothers in a  
White Christian Crusade to eliminate the Jew and  
Negro from these shores.

This is our dedication, and a fight to the death.

We will never realize the promise of happiness in this  
land. There will be no racial integration of the races unless  
the ruling forces of the Minority are destroyed. There is no  
other choice. The law of the jungle will prevail and  
the survival of the fittest will become the ruling  
force in our Nation. The death and destruction of our  
Country is a small price to pay for the future generation  
of whites, to protect their rights of freedom and government  
of happiness.

As I see it it is the forces on the Left versus the forces  
on the Right. Only War can settle the issues.



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J. Edgar Hoover Director  
Dear Sir,

Phila, 43, Pa

I have very little education, but there are two questions that should be defined if our society is to survive. The first is "just what is an American?" and second, "What is an Un American?"

If there is such a thing as justice, it should be a penalty for being an Un American such as deportation to a country where they hate Americans. I guess this is drastic, but I have to make a point.

If I should shoot kill the President, come with the government, burn the flag, the American soldiers and sailors, throw myself in front of a troop train etc. I know you would say this is Un American, but to other so called Americans this is a freedom of speech and expression. If an ethnic group burn and loot a business district of a city, with total damage running into millions, this is not a crime, as we know it.

They collect frustration of this particular group — all police and young orders not to interfere — so crime to say is really not a crime.

The Un American is really an American.

Really confusing the matter

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537



## REPORT

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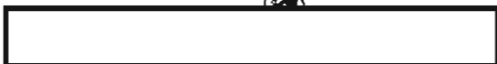
**95587**

**August 9, 1968**

TO

**SAC, Philadelphia**

RE



**UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABBOTT PORTAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION**

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REFERENCE **Bureau letter to Philadelphia dated 8-5-68**  
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY **Bureau**  
SPECIMENS **Envelope and two-page letter, Q1 through Q3**

*Handwritten signature*

**No latent impressions of value developed on enclosed specimens.**

**Laboratory report separate.**

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**53 AUG 20 1968**

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re

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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS-VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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L A T E N T

Examination requested by. Bureau

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Examination requested Document-Fingerprint

Date received. 8/6/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by

[Redacted]

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Named Subject:

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "PHILADELPHIA, PA. 5A PM 15 JUL 1968" and bearing handwritten address "The United States Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas Washington, D.C."
- Q2 First page of accompanying handwritten letter beginning "Dear Sir, In ref to your..." and ending "...is forminable..."
- Q3 Second page of accompanying two-page letter beginning "...therefore I predict " and signed [Redacted]

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Examination completed

3:15  
Time

8/8  
Date

Dictated

8/8/68  
Date



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SAC, Philadelphia

August 5, 1968

Director, FBI

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*[Handwritten signature]*  
Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
(Attention W. P. D...)  
1 - Mr. McKinnon

LETTER SENT BY SUBJECT TO VICTIM  
JUSTICE AND FOREIGN - VICTIMS  
EXHIBITION

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Enclosed are a Xerox copy and a true copy of a communication sent by subject to victim; a copy of the envelope used to mail this communication bearing postmark of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 7/15/68 is also enclosed. This communication was received from United States Secret Service by memorandum 8/1/68. United States Secret Service advised this letter was received from the Office of the United States Marshal, United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., and the subject is set on record with United States Secret Service.

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Inasmuch as this communication contains threats which may constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute, you should obtain an opinion in this regard from the appropriate United States Attorney.

The original communication is being examined by the Laboratory and you will be advised of the results.

Washington Field and Philadelphia alert appropriate local authorities of this threat and advise Bureau results in form suitable for dissemination.

Bureau files concerning subject reveal a person by the same name forwarded an undated letter to the Bureau which was received 3/13/65. The communication was mailed from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and concerns itself with the "Un-American" activities such as riots, burnings of American flags and so forth. The letter is somewhat rambling, does not make good sense and was not acknowledged.

Enclosures (3)  
2 - Washington Field (Enclosures - 3)

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By memorandum 8/1/63 USSS furnished a letter received Supreme Court which contains threats against victim's life. Letter, which is signed [redacted] [redacted] is a scurrilous opinion criticizing victim for his activities in the civil field and contains possible threats against him which may constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

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Date 8/8/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (9-3057) (P)

SUBJECT:   
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Re Bulet to Philadelphia, 8/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and three copies of an LHM setting forth the facts of this case.

Philadelphia PD and Secret Service advised locally.

*1cc H.H. ...  
8-7-68 RHC/imp*

ENCLOSURE

*Rec Lm to Secret Service  
8-8-68  
BHC/imp*

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- 3 - Bureau (Encs: 4)
- 1 - Philadelphia (9-3057)

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*W.C. Bishop*

53 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

August 8, 1968

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[REDACTED]  
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICE ABE FORTAS - VICTIM

The following letter was received at the office  
of the United States Marshal, United States Supreme Court,  
Washington, D.C.:

"Justice Abe Fortas  
Supreme Court

Phila., Pa.

"Dear Sir:

"In ref, to your rather lengthy article on law  
appearing in the Phila Inquirer the White Racist Majority  
isn't buying what you are trying to sell them. You are  
a Jew, and a member of Minority. Therefore it is logical  
to assume your knowledge of law is one sided in favor  
of the Minority, which makes the rule of law oppressive  
against the White majority. This is quite obvious to  
every school boy. When the rights of the ballot box  
and laws passed by State legislators of the South one  
ruled unConstitutional the entire population of these  
States has lossed their basic rights in our so called  
Free Society. Therefore the White Racist Society opposes  
your appointment as chief justice. We consider you one  
of the most dangerous men ever to arrive on the American  
scene. This will be the first Jew, but also the first  
Communist to aspire to the highest office in the Land.  
An appointment handed to you by a fellow traveler like  
President Johnson. The White Racist Society will leave  
no effort unturned to remove you from the American scene.  
Being a Jew is very bad to hold such an office, but also  
a Communist is more than the White Racist Society can  
take and I predict your removal will be swift. The  
survival of the White Racist Majority is at stake.

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"This hatred for the Jews is not unique here in America, but also every country of the Globe. We consider Jews a Cancer in any free society and should be exterminated. The knowledge of Jews is forminable. Therefore I predict that constant racial out breaks will increase. The White Racial Majority 180,000,000 strong will engage in a Civil War to overthrow this government by force and violence. The extermination of the Minorities is the No I issue facing the White Racist Majority.

"I predict that the Civil War will be organized and launched in the South. Every White Man, Woman, and child will bear arms. It will gain momentum from State to State until it reaches Washington.

"I predict the Federal forces will face massive desertions of Whites and join their white brothers in a White Christian Crusade to eliminate the Jews and Negroes from these shores.

"This is our dedication and a fight to the death. We will never realize the pursuit of happiness in this land. There will be no peace, integration of the races unless the ruling forces of the Minority are destroyed There is no other choice. The law of the jungle will prevail and the survival of the fittest will become the ruling force in our Nation. The death and destruction of our Country is a small price to pay for the future generation of whites, to protect their rights of freedom and pursuit of happiness.

"To sum up it is the forces on the Left versus the forces on the Right. Only War can settle the issues."

"/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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On August 6, 1968, Assistant United States Attorney John Galloway, Eastern District of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, advised an agent of the FBI that he would decline prosecution in this matter because there is no direct threat of bodily harm as required by the Federal Extortion Statute. Further the letter contains no directions to perform any certain act

or refrain from doing so under a threat.

The files of the Philadelphia Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no information identifiable with

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**SUBJECT: Abe Fortas**

# TREAT AS YELLOW

FBI

Date: 5-9-69

Transmit the message that follows by coded teletype:  IMMEDIATE  URGENT

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*16* To:  THE PRESIDENT

**FIELD DISSEMINATION**

WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM  
 ATT.: \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY OF STATE

DIRECTOR, CIA

DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

U. S. SECRET SERVICE (PID)  ENCODED  PLAINTEXT

ATTORNEY GENERAL (BY MESSENGER)

REC-10

5 MAY 1969

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification: *TOP SECRET (COMINT)*

Subject: THREAT TO JUSTICE ABE  
FORTAS

REC'D TELETYPE UNIT  
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(Text of message begins on next page.)

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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RICHMOND

~~NAME, JUSTICE AND PROSECUTOR ASSAULTING ON 5/10/54~~

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, RICHMOND, VA.

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ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE RICHMOND PUBLIC

FORUM, MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUSTICE FORTAS TO BE THE GUEST  
SPEAKER AT THE RICHMOND HOUSE ON THE EVENING OF MAY TEN NEXT.

MS. [REDACTED] ON THIS DATE ADVISED DETECTIVE [REDACTED] THAT AT SEVE-

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FORTYFIVE A. M. THIS DATE HER HUSBAND HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE

CALL AT HOME AT WHICH TIME A MALE VOICE MADE THE STATEMENT,

"THIS MAY BE JUSTICE FORTAS' LAST SPEECH". THEREAFTER THE CALL

IMMEDIATELY HUNG UP.

~~REDACTED~~; DETECTIVE [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAD ARRANGED FOR

[REDACTED] TO ADVISE JUSTICE FORTAS OF THE ABOVE AND HE HAD

ADVISED THE LOCAL OFFICE OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE.

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FBI, RICHMOND.

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY RICHMOND ~~HOWEVER, THE SUBJECT~~

~~ONLY WITH JUSTICE FORTAS' OFFICE THAT NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN~~

~~RECEIVED.~~

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WASHINGTON, D.C. BEING

ALERTED. JUSTICE FORTAS' OFFICE BEING

CONTACTED TO VERIFY NOTIFICATION.

FBI WASH DC\*

W.P.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 9 1969

TELETYPE

710-822-9200

FBI WASH DC

734PM PRIORITY 5-9-69 CKG

TO U S SECRET SERVICE PID

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNCLASSIFIED: THREAT TO JUSTICE ABE FORTAS

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, RICHMOND, VA.

PD. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE RICHMOND PUBLIC

FORUM, MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUSTICE FORTAS TO BE THE GUEST  
SPEAKER AT THE RICHMOND MOSQUE ON THE EVENING OF MAY TEN NEXT. b7C

[REDACTED] ON THIS DATE ADVISED DETECTIVE [REDACTED] THAT AT SEVEN  
FORTYFIVE A. M. THIS DATE HER HUSBAND HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE  
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END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY FBI RICHMOND. LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES WASHINGTON, D.C. BEING ALERTED. JUSTICE  
FORTAS' OFFICE BEING CONTACTED TO VERIFY NOTIFICATION.  
END

~~710-822-9200~~

FBI WASH DC\*

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FBI RICHMOND

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URGENT 5-9-69 LQC

TO BUREAU AND WFO

FROM RICHMOND

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

UNSUB; JUSTICE ABE FORTAS-VICTIM. ASSAULTING OR KILLING A FEDERAL OFFICER.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, RICHMOND, VA.

PD. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OF THE RICHMOND PUBLIC

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*LC-85*

*MAY 14 1969*

NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN BY RICHMOND HOWEVER, WFO SHOULD

VERIFY WITH JUSTICE FORTAS' OFFICE THAT NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

END.

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FBI WASH DC\* ICC-MR. ROSEN

TELETYPED TO:

59 MAY 19 1969

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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**SUBJECT: Abe Fortas**

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: APR 14 1969  
WW:MTE:ag  
95-100-483

FROM : Will Wilson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was recently convicted in two S.E.C. cases in New York. In one of these cases, certiorari has been denied by the U.S. Supreme Court. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Information has also been received that [REDACTED] claimed in 1966 that Mr. Fortas would make efforts on his behalf to block the S.E.C. prosecution. There is reliable information that during 1966 Mr. Fortas did go to Florida and spent one or more days with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please advise whether your Bureau has any information relating to this matter.

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Type of References Requested:

Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
 All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
 Subversive References Only  
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*See only after 12-1-65*

Type of Search Requested

Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
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Subject *Fortas, Abe*  
 Birthdate & Place *6-19-10*  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Arthur J.*  
 Localities \_\_\_\_\_

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Subj. Fortas, Abe

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

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Arthur J. Caha

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2. Men & Bas on by not listed



Mr. Will R. Wilson  
Assistant Attorney General  
Director, FBI

April 16, 1969

REC 43



~~63-247-15~~  
72-1882-1

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Reference is made to your letter of April 14, 1969, your reference WW:ME:ag, 95-100-483, requesting to be advised whether the files of this Bureau contain any information relating to certain financial transactions and associations between Justice Abe Fortas and

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A review of our files does not reveal any information relating to any of the matters mentioned in your referenced letter.

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, 4/15/69, GHS:clo, Name Check Matter."

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8/1/85 BY SP-3 TAP/BHF

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# Memorandum

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Holmes	_____
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TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE 4/15/69

FROM A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Name Check
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Gale

SUBJECT   
NAME CHECK MATTER

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By letter dated 4/14/69, Assistant Attorney General Will R. Wilson, Criminal Division, advised that  was recently convicted in two Securities and Exchange Commission cases in New York;

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1966  claimed Fortas would make efforts on his behalf to block the Securities and Exchange Commission prosecution; that during 1966, Fortas went to Florida and spent one or more days with  Assistant Attorney General Wilson requested to be advised if the Bureau has any information relating to this matter.

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All references in Bureau files concerning  and Fortas (who is now a Justice on the United States Supreme Court) since December 1, 1965, were thoroughly reviewed. None of these references indicated any association of any kind between  and Justice Fortas, and no information was located in our files concerning any of the matters mentioned by Assistant Attorney General Wilson.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to Assistant Attorney General Wilson, advising him that a review of our files does not reveal any information relating to items mentioned in his letter of April 14, 1969.

Enclosure *sent*

4-16-69

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Mr. Will R. Wilson  
Assistant Attorney General

April 18, 1969

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Scatterday
- 1 - Mr. Frankenfield

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 [redacted] 72-1882-3

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Reference is made to your letter of April 15, 1969, setting forth the sequence of events regarding the prosecution of [redacted]

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I have caused a check to be made of our files concerning [redacted]

[redacted] This review did not reveal any information relating to [redacted] reported efforts to block the Securities and Exchange Commission prosecutions.

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With respect to your request of April 16, 1969, to determine the names of subscribers to telephone numbers, this investigation is going forward and you will be advised of the results in the near future.

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 APR 18 1969  
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By letter dated 4/14/69, Assistant Attorney General Wilson advised that [redacted] recently convicted in two Securities and Exchange Commission cases in New York, had attempted to block these prosecutions through Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas. Wilson requested to be advised if the Bureau has any information relating to this matter. We responded by letter dated 4/16/69 that a review of our files disclosed no such information. By letter of 4/15/69 Wilson set forth the sequence of events that he discussed with the Director on 4/14/69 and identified [redacted]

[redacted] It appears that [redacted] is the source of the information that [redacted] has made repeated claims that Fortas was going to help him stop these prosecutions.

Our files have been checked on [redacted] however, they contain no information pertinent to Wilson's inquiry.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Mohr	_____
Bishop	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
Felt	_____
Gale	_____
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

*Rosen*

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*10/15/69*

TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 2, 1969

FROM A. Rosen *A. Rosen*

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

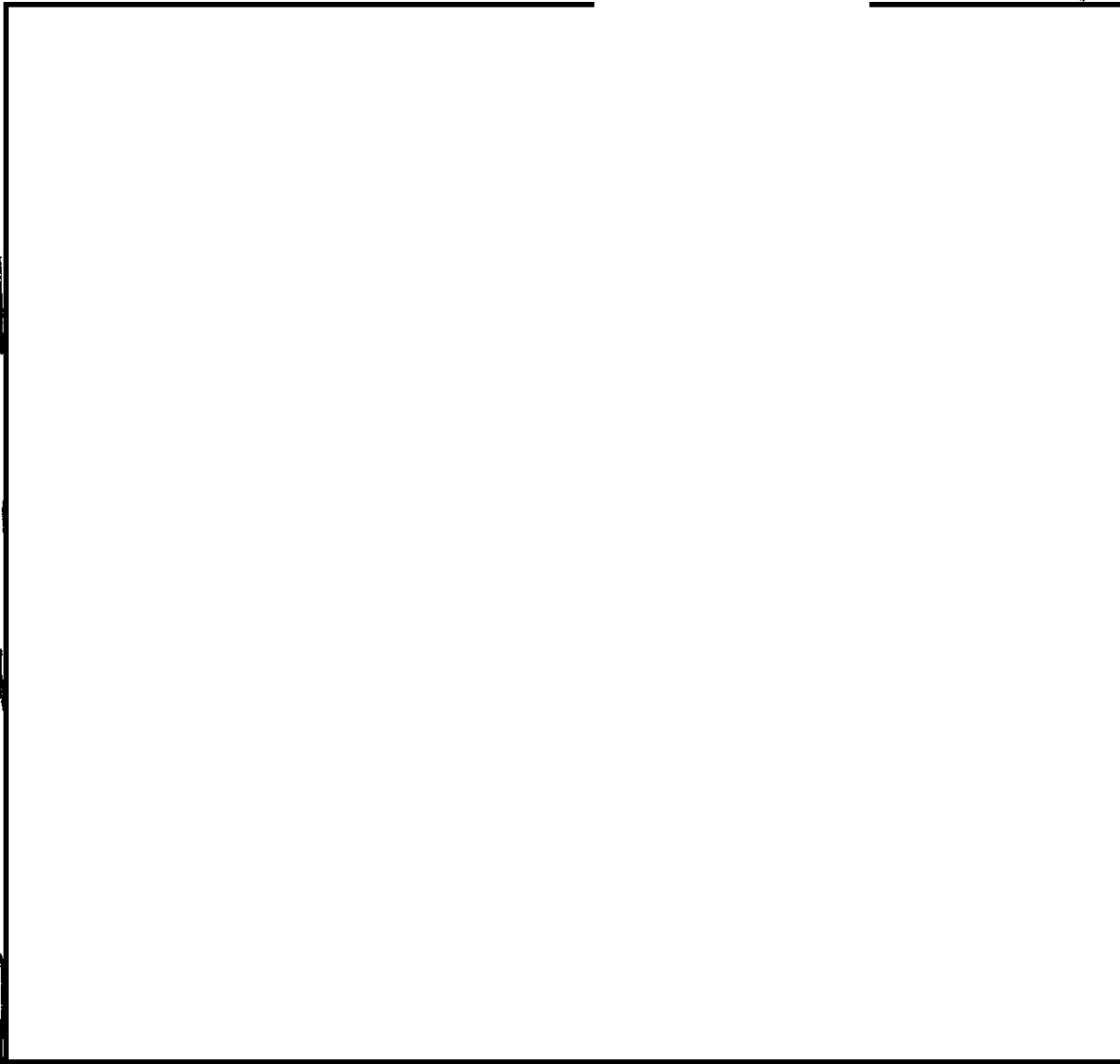
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1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT JUSTICE ABE FORTAS

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CONFIDENTIAL

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
RE: JUSTICE ABE FORTAS

Referral/Direct



The only thing pending which we have concerning the Fortas-  
[redacted] matter at this time is checking telephone calls which were made  
from [redacted]

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We have not developed any information of significance concerning the check  
of these calls. We are furnishing all of the information which we have  
developed to the Department. It is possible that they may attach some  
significance to these telephone calls in connection with [redacted] matter  
inasmuch as this was a Securities and Exchange Commission case upon  
which [redacted] and the others were indicted and convicted.

For information inasmuch as Mr. Wilson stated he had promised  
to keep the Director informed and intended to get in touch with him. He did  
not say when he would do this.

*Push: Select a particularly  
competent accountant*

5/6/69

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This relates to the [redacted]

Abe Fortas matter [redacted]

[redacted]

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The requested investigation will be expedited.

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*R. [unclear]*  
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*[unclear]*  
*D. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
REC: 72-1882-4/7  
Director, FBI

May 7, 1969

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Law
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

[Redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to your letter of May 6, 1969, wherein request was made that the Bureau check records of [Redacted] concerning certain flights made by Justice Abe Fortas from Washington, D. C., to Jacksonville, Florida, and return from Jacksonville, Florida, to Washington, D. C., as well as checking records of [Redacted] relative to certain flights.

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This will confirm conversation on May 7, 1969, with you by Inspector [Redacted] and Special Agent [Redacted] of the Washington Field Office relative to this matter, wherein you advised that no investigation whatever should be conducted by the FBI which would result in it becoming publicly known that the Bureau was conducting investigation concerning Justice Fortas.

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In accordance with your request, the matters mentioned in your letter of May 6, 1969, will be held in abeyance pending further instructions from you.

MAILED 10  
MAY 7 - 1969  
JRM:ige  
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NOTE: See cover memo Rosen to DeLoach 5/7/69 JRM:ige same caption.

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MAY 15 1969

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 7, 1969

FROM A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Bolz

SUBJECT

[Redacted]

1 - Mr. Law

1 - Mr. Bishop

INFORMATION CONCERNING

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In accordance with the Director's instructions, Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson was contacted today by Malley and [Redacted] Special Agent Accountant of the Washington Field Office who is handling the Fortas aspects of [Redacted] case in Washington Field Office.

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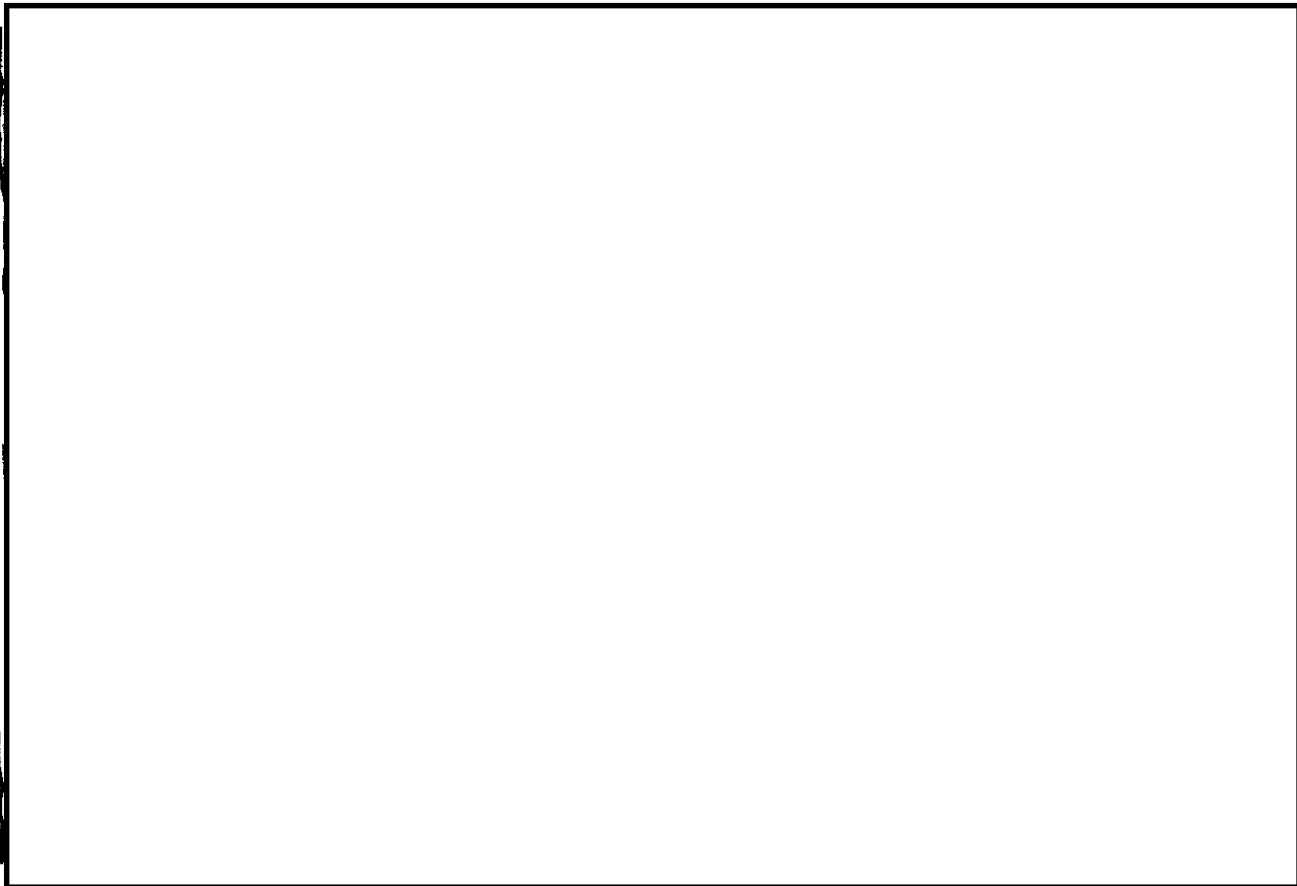


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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach

Re:

Referral/Direct



ACTION:

Attached is a letter to Mr. Wilson confirming the conversation had today and advising him that the request made in his letter of May 6, 1969, would be held in abeyance and that no inquiries that would result in public disclosure of Bureau activity in the Fortas matter will be conducted without specific instructions from the Department.

*R. G. [unclear]*

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*It is imperative  
we closely analyze  
all messages from  
Wilson before taking  
action so that  
interests are thoroughly  
protected.*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 8, 1969

FROM A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

1 - Mr. Bolz

1 - Mr. Law

1 - Mr. Bishop

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SUBJECT ABE FORTAS  
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW  
BRIBERY

SYNOPSIS:

Referral/Direct

DETAILS:

Referral/Direct

REF *FN* 72-1882-52

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

May 9, 1969

Director, FBI

REC # 72-1882-52

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Nuzum
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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**ABE FORTAS  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST  
UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW  
BRIBERY**

This will confirm the May 8, 1969 meeting of Special Agents [Redacted] and [Redacted] of this Bureau with you, [Redacted] and [Redacted] relative to the Agents' forthcoming interview with [Redacted] relative to captioned matter.

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MAY 9 1969  
COMM-FBI

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CB:DC See cover memorandum A, Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated (9) 5/9/69, captioned "Abe Fortas, Justice, Supreme Court, Obstruction of Justice; Unlawful Practice of Law; Bribery."

CB:DC

MAY 16 1969

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DeLoach	_____
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TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 8, 1969

FROM A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. Malley

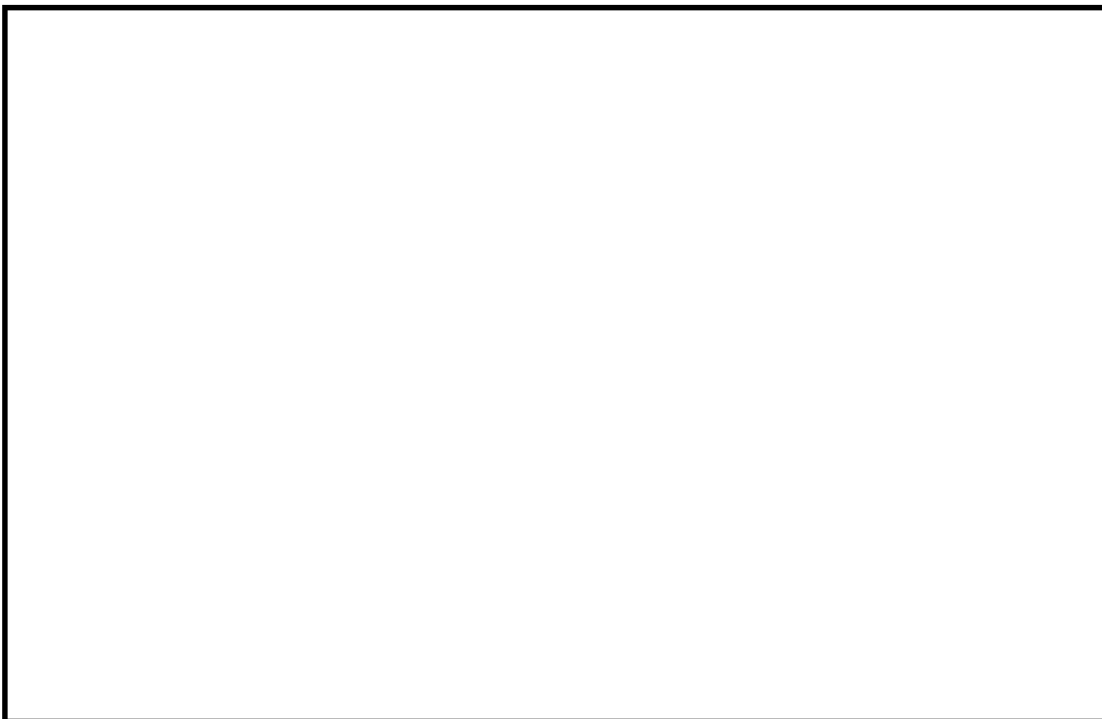
1 - Mr. Bolz

1 - Mr. Nuzum

1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT ABE FORTAS  
 JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT  
 OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
 UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW  
 BRIBERY

Reference is made to previous memorandum today in connection with captioned matter.



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ACTION: Referral/Direct

Submitted for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO

Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE **May 9, 1969**

FROM

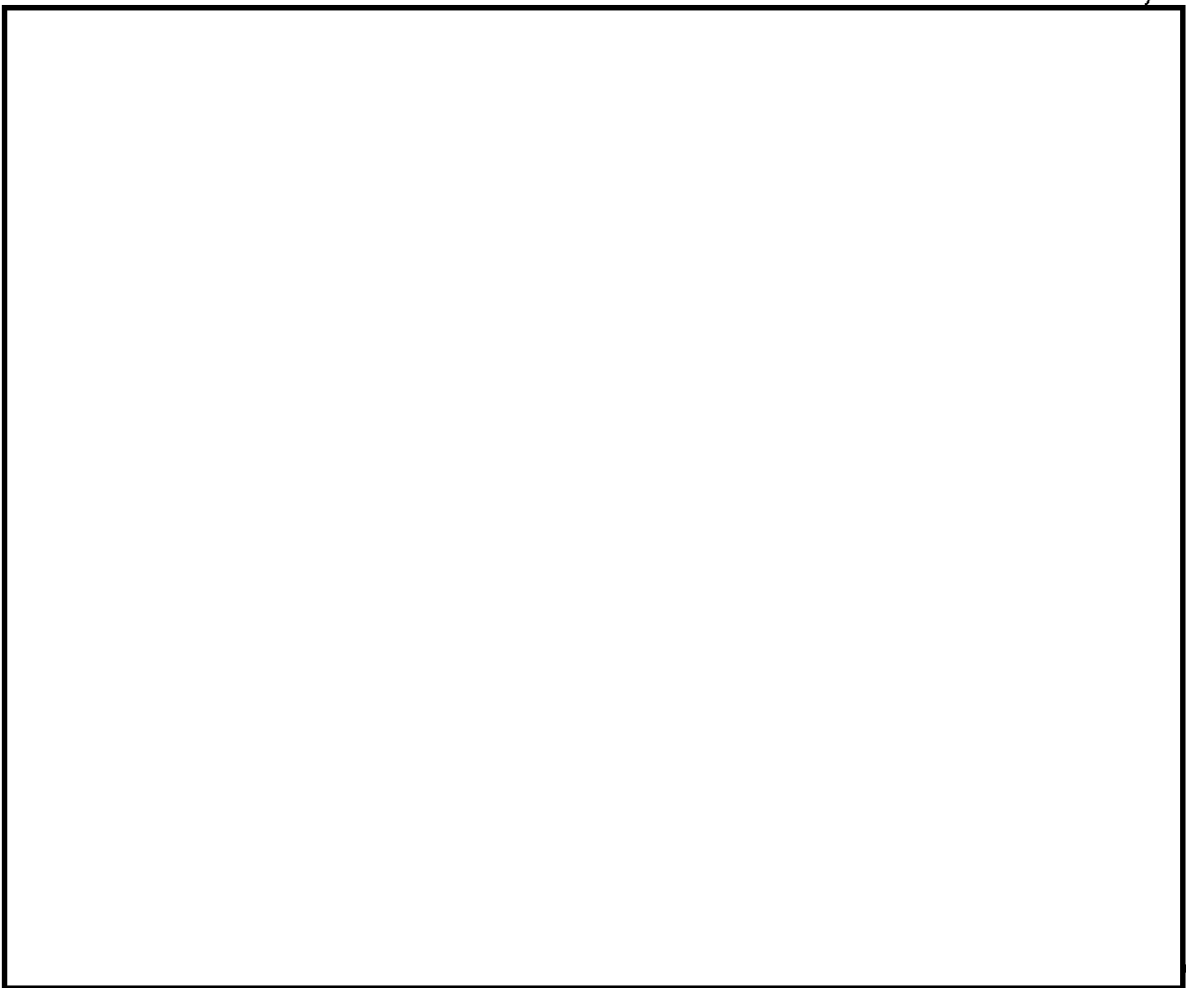
A. Rosen *AR*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Nuzum
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT

**ABE FORTAS**  
**JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT**  
**OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE**  
**UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW**  
**BRIBERY**

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Enclosure *sent 5-9-69*

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: ABE FORTAS

Referral/Direct

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ACTION:

Attached is

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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 Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
 Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
 Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen ✓  
 Sullivan ✓  
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TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE May 10, 1969

FROM A. Rosen *R*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Bezdek
- 1 - Mr. Henahan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT *D*  
**ABE FORTAS**  
**OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;**  
*bc* **UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW;**  
**BRIBERY**

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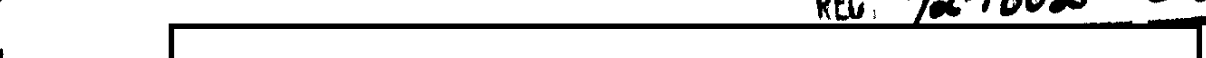
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\*Fortas was appointed as Supreme Court Justice in July, 1965, and was sworn in during October, 1965.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum  
Re: ABE FORTAS

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ACTION:

For information.

*Rosen*      *D*      *V. Fortas*  
*CB*      *7/13*      *ds*



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DeLoach	_____
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Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE 5/12/69

FROM T. E. Bishop *T. E. Bishop*

SUBJECT

[Redacted]

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**ABE FORTAS  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW  
BRIBERY**

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*Bishop*

At 5:05 p.m., 5/12/69, Bishop received a telephone call from [Redacted]

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[Redacted] a good friend of the Bureau, [Redacted] advised Bishop that he had been informed by a source, who was in an excellent position to know, that FBI Agents have already interviewed [Redacted] in connection with the Abe Fortas matter. [Redacted] wished to know if Bishop could confirm this for him.

[Redacted] was advised that the FBI would have "no comment" whatsoever to make in this matter.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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*✓* *T. E. Bishop* *J*

*PH* *REC'D* *Bar*

**72-1882-59**

15 MAY 15 1969

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to.

Report of  
Date

SA [redacted]  
5/12/69

Office: Washington, D.C.

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ABE FORTAS

Character:

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
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BRIBERY

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Synopsis:

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ENCLOSURES (30)

FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Various items of correspondence as well as an inventory of the documents transmitted.

DETAILS:

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

May 13, 1969

The attached copy of an anonymous  
letter addressed to the Attorney  
General was sent to the Director  
from Los Angeles, California.

- MR. TOLSON
- MR. DELOACH
- MR. MOHR
- MR. BISHOP
- MR. CASPER
- MR. CALLAHAN
- MR. CONRAD
- MR. FELT
- MR. GALE
- MR. ROSEN
- MR. SULLIVAN
- MR. TAVEL
- MR. TROTTER
- MR. JONES
- TELE ROOM
- MISS HOLMES
- MRS. METCALF
- MISS GANDY

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*Memo to  
AG, 5/15/69  
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summary  
8/1/69*

*S [initials]*

May 9, 1969

Attorney General  
Justice Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Attorney General Mitchell;

I suggest that you investigate a fee of one million dollars that was reportedly paid as the result of the attachment of a rider on a bill that passed in the Congress. This has been referred to as the Indian bill. I have heard that the fee was divided into four or five parts and two of the recipients were Abe Fortas and a prominent attorney from San Francisco.

Copies to:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Senator Strom Thurmond

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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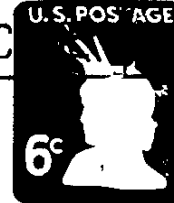
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Personal Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Bureau of Federal Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

May 16, 1969



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Justice of the Supreme Court A. Fortas  
% Supreme Court of U. S.A.  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

It was with supreme regret that I read that you'd resigned from the Supreme Court of these United States.

That you'd been subjected to the "hype and cry", the witch hunt and innuendo permitted to mushroom beyond conception must have been difficult for your family and you. Surely, you of the legal profession knew that the basic American conception of justice has long been it is better: that 100 guilty go free rather than one innocent man be misjudged guilty. Too, you no doubt knew as a youth that: sticks and stones may break my bones, but names can never hurt me.

If the previous paragraph seems calous, it is not so intended. Had hoped my letter could arrive in time to ask you, if possible for your family and perhaps your health: stand pat sir, defend yourself when properly and legally attacked, ignore the inuendo ( law may use more serious and specific words, I'm not sure about them).

Frankly I'm utterly confused about that which those who feel their financial affairs can not be aired else they'd be second rate citizens were shooting arrows into the air about. More, I'm not interested. My concern as an American and merely a Republican with no qualitative adjectives is: the first witch hunt has succeeded, now WHAT MORE!

My deepest sympathy. Please know I could never have been a party to that which you were subjected.

Very truly yours,

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MAY 21 1969

CC: J Edgar Hoover, FBI.



P.S. Mr. Hoover is the only person whom I think I might send a carbon.

56 MAY 28 1969

CORRESPONDENCE  
MAY 15 1969

The Attorney General

May 15, 1969

Director, FBI

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ABE FORTAS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION)

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Boiz
- 1 - Mr. Nuzum
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

Attached is a copy of an anonymous communication dated May 9, 1969, addressed to you. It was mailed May 11, 1969, at Los Angeles, California, and was received by this Bureau at Washington, D. C., on May 13, 1969.

According to the anonymous communication, a fee of one million dollars was reportedly paid as a result of the attachment of a rider on a bill passed in the Congress. No identifying information concerning the person or persons who allegedly made this payment, or the date thereof, is set forth. The alleged fee is stated to have been divided into four or five parts, with two of the recipients being Abe Fortas and an unnamed prominent attorney from San Francisco.

This is being submitted for your information, and no action with respect to the anonymous letter is being taken by the FBI.

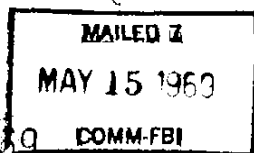
Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division (Enclosure) ✓

NOTE

Although no acknowledgment can be made to the sender of the copy of the anonymous letter, since it was directed to the Attorney General and indicates a copy was forwarded to the Director, it is believed we should acknowledge to the Attorney General receipt of a copy of the letter and that the Bureau is taking no action concerning it.

CAN:mlp  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE : 5-16-69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: REMARKS OF SENATOR TYDINGS (D - MARYLAND)  
MAY 15, 1969 ON WRC

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The Director noted that he would like to obtain a copy of an interview with Senator Tydings which appeared on Channel 4, May 15, 1969. A check with NBC here in Washington revealed that no interview with Senator Tydings appeared on the Huntley - Brinkley show; however, such an interview did appear on WRC News at 7:00 p. m. immediately following Huntley - Brinkley. This program was on TV tape and arrangements were made by my office to monitor the interview with Senator Tydings and the transcript is attached in response to the Director's request. It will be noted that this interview starts abruptly without a "lead-in." WRC officials said their TV tape starts with Senator Tydings' remarks as reflected in the attached transcript and that they do not have a tape or record of what preceded Senator Tydings' attached statement.

For the Director's information.

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- 1 - Mr. Tolson - Enclosure
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**COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON**

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7:00 P.M. News, May 15, 1969, WRC-TV

Senator Tydings: Well certainly, as you know, had there been any hint of this type of action or situation, not only would Justice Fortas not have received our support, he wouldn't have been nominated. I'm certain of that. We, those of us, and I think a majority of the Judiciary Committee, on the basis of the record before us... on his record as a lawyer and as a Justice, signed a report in which we felt that he was qualified to be Chief Justice and, of course, we didn't have this information.

Interviewer: You think it was withheld...that information?

Senator Tydings: Well, that's one way of putting it. Certainly...

Interviewer: Is that the only way to put it?

Senator Tydings: Well, I don't know what you want to call it... concealed, withheld.

Interviewer: By anyone other than Justice Fortas? Is it in the hands of the Justice Department?

Senator Tydings: Oh, I wouldn't think so. I couldn't conceive of it being in the hands of the Justice Department.

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Interviewer: Knowing the control over files that J. Edgar Hoover has?

Senator Tydings: Well that... you know that would be a very serious charge to make.

(The Interviewer is believed to be CBS Newscaster Roger Mudd; however, WRC-TV could not verify this fact.)

How could ~~possibly~~  
CBS Newscaster be  
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TO Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE 5/16/69

FROM T. E. Bishop *T. E. Bishop*

SUBJECT REMARKS OF SENATOR TYDINGS (D. - MARYLAND)  
MAY 15, 1969 ON WRC

Reference is made to my memorandum sent through earlier today in which it was stated that it was believed that CBS newscaster Roger Mudd was the individual who asked questions of Senator Tydings.

The Director inquired: "How could a CBS Newscaster be on an NBC network?"

My office has been advised that this was an open press conference held by Senator Tydings and that a number of newsmen and cameramen representing the various networks were present. The questioner, who we are informed was Roger Mudd, of CBS, was not shown. Frequently a network will utilize a question and answer from a news conference which they deem newsworthy, even though their own announcer covering the conference did not propound the query which their camera crew filmed. This would explain why NBC did not use the name of the announcer.

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For information. *JHW*

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# Letters to the Editor of The Times

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## Guilt of Rosenbergs

To the Editor:

On two successive Sundays, The Times reviewed a play entitled, "U.S. Against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" which had a short run in Cleveland. The first review appeared in the Arts and Leisure Section of April 20, under Julius Novick's by-line. The second was published in the news section of April 27, by Clive Barnes.

This generous allocation of space would evoke no comment from me except for two circumstances.

The play does not purport to be a fictionalized production based upon an historical event. It pretends to be a "documentary" presentation of the "truth."

The play presents the Rosenbergs as innocent of the crime of which they were convicted. Mr. Novick wrote that although he was "ready to believe that the Rosenbergs were innocent," he found the play "tendentious" Mr. Barnes, on whether the Rosenbergs were innocent, wrote, "Perhaps, I still believe so." Both thus become more than drama critics. They have ventured into the writing of history. If so, those of us who know something of the judicial process have a right to inquire what credentials either of these writers bears entitling him to express an opinion in a responsible journal on a subject of this importance.

The gravity of the accusation made by both writers has probably escaped their notice, but in fact they have declared that American justice is so treacherous a tool that despite the long and elaborate process of sifting and resifting which occurred in the Rosenberg case, despite the earnest efforts of the long array of judges known for their extraordinary devotion to human liberty, it has produced a wrong and wicked result in this case.

~~Such expressions can only~~ lead fuel to the fires of present day rebellion by violence which is afflicting our cities, our universities and other sensitive areas of our society. It constitutes another charge of vicious brutality leveled at a generation at which the present younger set has already learned to look with contempt.

The facts do not support the unwarranted aspersions by these critics on American justice as it was displayed in the Rosenberg case.

The Rosenbergs were convicted by the unanimous verdict of the jury at a trial in which counsel for the defense, on three occasions, before verdict, after verdict and at sentence, expressed to Judge Irving R. Kaufman, who presided, warm appreciation for the manner in which the trial was conducted. He said, "The Court conducted itself as an American Judge"

I should hate to believe Mr. Novick's statement that it is part of the received tradition of liberals that the Rosenbergs were innocent. It would not do credit to their intelligence or judgment. Memory fades as the years roll by, but I am prepared to challenge the assertion that liberals generally held so misguided a view.

The law is our last remaining anchor in this troubled era. If that goes, if faith in the processes of law is eroded, we shall have no shelter against the brutality and the violence which have become the instruments of the present day so-called reform. We shall then each hide in our own separate burrow, in a jungle where no one is free and no one is safe.

SIMON H. RIFKIND  
New York, May 2, 1969

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## Defense of Fortas

To the Editor:

Where were the law professors? Where were the civil libertarians? Where were the bar associations?

The absence of a spontaneous defense of the Supreme Court and one of its most brilliant jurists, Abe Fortas, can be attributed to the Kafkaesque miasma in which the issues have been enveloped. There were no clear-cut accusations that Mr. Justice Fortas had not met the standards of either law or morality. Instead, we were titillated with snide innuendoes by Attorney General Mitchell which suggested that the old Nixon of the Joe McCarthy days is not dead but lives on through Mitchell. (How many photostats do you have in your hand, Mr. Mitchell?)

There was no specification of charges. There was only guilt by association.

Mr. Justice Fortas, while sitting on the Supreme Court, accepted payment from a foundation to do work for that foundation. The foundation was controlled by a man who was subsequently indicted for a criminal offense. Sometime thereafter Mr. Fortas returned the payment to the foundation and advised that he would not perform the services for it.

Why the hue and cry? Under our system a man is presumed innocent until found guilty. This rule even applies to Louis Wolfson who, at the time the payment was made to Mr. Justice Fortas, was not even under indictment. Why is there a presumption of evil in Mr. Fortas's association with Wolfson?

On the record to date there is no evidence of any impropriety on Mr. Fortas's part. The scandalous attack upon him in my view was motivated by political opportunists capitalizing upon murky currents in the ~~mainstream~~ to overwhelm the critical standards of a bemused

~~nation already racked by internal~~ dissension over the war in Vietnam, the uprisings on the campus and the black revolution.

It is tragic that a great figure like Fortas is being offered as a sacrifice.

STANLEY D. HALPERIN  
New York, May 14, 1969

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TO MR. TOLSON

DATE May 19, 1969

FROM C. D. DE LOACH

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

SUBJECT REMARKS OF SENATOR TYDINGS (D.-MARYLAND) MAY 15, 1969, ON WRC

On Mr. Bishop's memorandum to me dated 5/16/69, in captioned matter, the Director noted "What is Wilson's (Assistant Attorney General Wilson) interest?"

Assistant Attorney General Wilson called me at home on Saturday morning to indicate that the comments of Senator Tydings had been heard over the radio. I told him that our investigation of Justice Fortas preceded Justice Fortas' commitments with [redacted]

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[redacted] I stated also that such investigations as a rule do not include interviews of clients of an attorney-applicant and furthermore there is no investigative activity with respect to sources of income unless something of an irregular nature shows up in the investigation. Wilson was satisfied.

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Enclosed are two copies of a memorandum dated 5/21/69, received from the Criminal Division. Also enclosed are two copies each of the chronology in the [redacted]-Fortas matter, telephone calls for the period 1/1/66 to 12/31/67, and attachments to the chronology described on pages 37 and 38 of the chronology.

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WFO immediately review the extensive material forwarded herewith and conduct the four interviews requested in the last paragraph of the Department's 5/21/69 memorandum. This case must receive immediate and continuous attention to insure that a closing report containing the results of completed investigation is submitted to reach the Bureau by close of business 5/27/69.

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**GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION**

The attached relates to a request by the Criminal Division that we interview former Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) chairman Manuel Cohen,

[redacted]  
to determine what contacts Abe Fortas may have had with SEC on behalf of [redacted] relative to the SEC cases in which [redacted] was prosecuted. Cohen had no recollection of any contacts by Fortas with SEC relative to its investigation of [redacted] and [redacted] deny such contacts. This completes investigation requested by the Department and a closing report is being submitted by Washington Field Office. The report will be carefully reviewed as soon as it is received and will be forwarded to the Criminal Division.

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MANUEL COHEN, FORMER CHAIRMAN, SEC, INTERVIEWED, WDC, THIS DATE AND FURNISHED SIGNED SWORN STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF ANY CONTACT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY ABE FORTAS WITH HIM, ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF SEC, RELATING TO THAT COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATIONS OF [REDACTED] HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO SPECIFIC RECOLLECTION AS TO THE REASONS FOR TELEPHONE CALLS TO JUSTICE FORTAS WHICH HIS OFFICE RECORDS REFLECT THAT

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REFERENCE:

WFO airtel to the Director <sup>*See 66*</sup> dated 5/23/69.

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Report of: [redacted]  
Date: 5/26/69

Office: New York, New York <sup>b7C</sup>

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Title: [redacted]  
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Character:

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BRIBERY

Synopsis:

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[redacted] stated he has no knowledge, directly or indirectly of any efforts or inquiries by FORTAS concerning [redacted] SEC investigations and prosecutions. [redacted] furnished signed sworn statement. [redacted]

[redacted]

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SYNOPSIS CONTINUED:

[redacted] was never  
contacted by FORTAS or [redacted] directly or  
indirectly or by anyone on their behalf [redacted]

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DETAILS:

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Title: [redacted]

ABE FORTAS  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
CONFLICT OF INTEREST;  
UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OF LAW;  
BRIBERY

Character:

Synopsis:

[redacted]

[redacted] advised under oath that he had no knowledge of any inquiry or intercession having been made directly or indirectly by FORTAS relating to SEC's investigations of [redacted] activities. MANUEL COHEN, former Chairman, SEC, furnished signed sworn statement in which he said he had no recollection of any contact directly or indirectly by ABE FORTAS with him, any member of the commission, or any employee of SEC, relating to SEC's investigations of [redacted]. He further advised he had no specific recollection as to the reasons for telephone calls to Justice FORTAS which his office records reflect that he initiated on 9/26/66 and 3/25/67.

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Date 5/27/69

MANUEL COHEN, after being placed under oath by Special Agent [redacted] advised that he was the former Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and served in that capacity throughout that agency's investigations of the activities of [redacted] relating to [redacted]

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Upon completion of the interview, MANUEL COHEN furnished the following signed sworn statement:

Washington, D. C.  
May 27, 1969

"I, MANUEL COHEN, being duly sworn make the following free and voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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"I served as Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission from approximately August 22, 1964 until February 22, 1969, and am presently associated with the law firm of Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, Washington, D. C.

"During my service as Chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission I do not recall any contact directly or indirectly by ~~ANY PERSONS~~ with me or to my knowledge any employee or member of the commission relating to [redacted] investigations.

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"While there is a record which I provided to the Department of Justice which reflects two outgoing telephone calls from me to the office of Justice FORTAS on September 26, 1966, and March 25, 1967, I have no recollection whether they were completed

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by SAs [redacted] and pab Date dictated 5/27/69

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er the purpose for which they were made.

"I have read this statement consisting of one page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ MANUEL COHEN

"Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of May, 1969, at Washington, D. C.

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Washington, D. C.

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"Witnessed:

"/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI, Washington, D. C."

In addition to the foregoing information, MANUEL COHEN advised that he recalls on one occasion during the course of the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) investigations of the previously identified activities of

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[redacted] called him specifically concerning these investigations and may have visited him at the Commission relating to these investigations. He stated that while he has no specific recollection of the ~~contents~~ of the conversation which he and [redacted] had, he is absolutely certain that [redacted] did not indicate to him that Justice FORTIAS had expressed any interest in the status of these SEC matters.

COHEN added that while he has no specific recollection as to the purposes of the calls apparently initiated by him to Justice FORTIAS' chamber, he is of the opinion that they may have related to one of two situations. He recounted that friends of his were interested in promoting efforts on his behalf to have him named a District Court Judge for the District of Columbia and that he recalled that he was encouraged

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to make this fact known to Justice FORTIAS. CONEN said if this were not the case it more than likely would have related to an effort on his part to make arrangements for Justice FORTIAS to speak before some out-of-town Jewish organization.

6/25/69

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[Redacted]

May 31 1969.

- Mr Tolson ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Bishop ✓
- Mr. Casper ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. Conrad ✓
- Mr. Felt ✓
- Mr. Gale ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Sullivan ✓
- Mr. Tavel ✓
- Mr. Trotter ✓
- Tele. Room ✓
- Miss Holmes ✓
- Miss Gandy ✓

The Federal Bureau of Investgn.  
Washington, D.C.

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[Redacted]

Gentlemen;

Re. A. Fortes Case.

Attn. Mr. J.E. Hoover.

Many of us are still perplexed as to who really did spy on Justice Fortas? was it the FBI or Life Mag. reporters?  
 If it was FBI that did the investigation, then may I ask why did Life Mag. claim credit for the exposé?  
 Was there any collusion or some reciprocal agreement between the FBI and Life, frankly why was Life so favored over other prominent Mags.  
 To date the trustworthiness of the FBI and its Personnel was never doubtable, to reinstill our faith in the honesty of the FBI and its agents an explanation in the above mentioned case is greatly desired.  
 Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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June 6, 1969

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[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of May 31st, this Bureau did not furnish any reports or documents or afford any interviews regarding Mr. Fortas to "Life" magazine. Information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (72-1882)

[Redacted]

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-9946) (C)

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BRIBERY  
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Rerep of SA [Redacted] at WFO dated 5/27/69.

Transmitted herewith is the original and three copies of a self-explanatory LHM, along with two enclosures described therein.

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55 JUN 23 1969 Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D C 20535

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In accordance with Departmental instructions there is enclosed herewith the original of a Federal Grand Jury subpoena duces tecum issued by the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., [Redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~157-2004~~)

DATE: 6/23/69

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-2004) (P)

SUBJECT: LET FREEDOM RING  
RM - WHITE-HATE GROUPS

RE Tampa letter to Bureau, 6/20/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Single copy of LHM being disseminated to MI, Secret Service, and USA, Tampa, Fla.; NISO, Orlando, Fla.; and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.

Tampa Division will continue to monitor telephone messages broadcast by captioned group.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Tampa, Florida  
June 23, 1969

LET FREEDOM RING

A recording of the message entitled, "Let Freedom Ring" was obtained on June 17, 1969 by dialing St. Petersburg, Florida telephone number 896-1373.

"Let Freedom Ring. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, like his good friend, Abe Fortas, has some interesting financial connections. In 1966, it developed that Douglas was receiving \$12,000.00 a year from the non-profit Parvin Foundation which has ties with Las Vegas gambling interests. This would appear to be a highly questionable source of income for a Supreme Court Justice who is well paid by the American people to interpret the law. Alfred Parvin, the donor and for whom the foundation was named that paid Douglas, was named as an alleged co-conspirator in a stock manipulation case with Lewis Wolfson. This is the same Wolfson in the famous \$20,000.00 a year payoff to former Justice Abe Fortas. When it leaked out that Douglas has interesting financial ties either directly or indirectly with Wolfson and Fortas, the secretary of the Parvin Foundation quickly announced that he would have an independent analyst demonstrate Douglas' benefactor, the Las Vegas connected Parvin Foundation, was beyond reproach and the so-called independent analyst turned out to be one Carolyn Agger. Carolyn Agger happens to be Mrs. Abe Fortas. Not suprisingly, Mrs. Abe Fortas found nothing wrong with Douglas' other employer, the Parvin Foundation. Douglas was renamed President until recently when for some reason, he decided to resign. Douglas is also mixed up with another shadey outfit called, The Fund for the Republic.

More on this and Douglas' pro-communist activities next week. Meantime, for more specific information on Justice Douglas and the nine-man dictatorship called the Supreme Court, send 35¢ in coin to Supreme Court, Box 1775, Sarasota, Florida, 33578. Let Freedom Ring."



LET FREEDOM RING

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United States Senate

Respectfully referred to

Federal Bureau of Investigation.....

for such consideration as the communication  
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report  
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of  
inclosure.

By direction of

cc. Edward M. Kennedy

gbn

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CORRESPONDENCE



May 23, 1969

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Senator Edward Kennedy  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

The enclosed clipping appeared in the Los Angeles Times, May 22, 1969.

We felt it raised some very serious questions regarding the ethics of the Justice Department and the F. B. I. Therefore we are forwarding it for your consideration.

Sincerely




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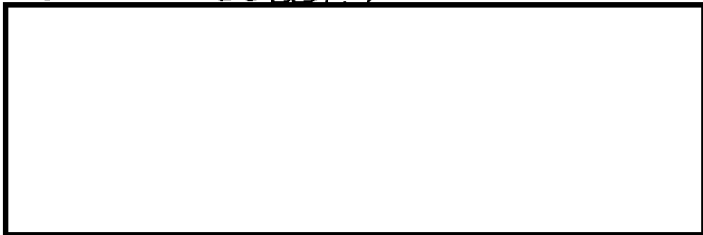
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LETTERS TO THE TIMES

*See an article  
May 23, 1967*

# Propriety of FBI Releasing Portas Material to Magazine Is Questioned

I have followed with interest The Times reports and editorials regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas' conflict of interest and subsequent resignation.

What puzzles me is that apparently not one person has questioned the propriety of a governmental agency such as the Justice Department, in this case the FBI, in giving out so-called secret FBI reports, documents, and interviews to Life magazine in order that Life could publish "exclusive" and sensational charges before any appropriate governmental legal action could be taken.

I have no special affinity for Fortas. In fact, I'm glad to see him forced to resign if he was guilty of wrong-doing, but I do have some questions:

1—As a former agent of the FBI, I have heard it said that the only purpose of an FBI investigation is to uncover a possible violation of federal law and for national security. If this is true, why was information obtained by the FBI, including the interviews of Wolfson by FBI agents released to Life magazine prior to bringing a criminal action against Fortas?

2—Why was Life so favored with the results of an FBI investigation? Why not some other national magazine?

3—Did Life have to pay the FBI for the exclusive information, and if so, how much?

4—If some readers question my proposition that Life was given the Fortas investigation material by the FBI voluntarily, then are the FBI files and the results of FBI investigations so easily obtainable that some Life magazine reporters can gain access to them for an "exclusive" expose?

The FBI-Life magazine approach seems to me to be rather selective—I'm sure there is plenty of embarrassing and sensational information about our leading politicians in the FBI files right now. Why should it be up to the FBI and Life magazine to determine what will be exposed as the result of an investigation?

5—The FBI files are secret and confidential and J. Edgar Hoover keeps saying they are.

6—Then it seems to me they should be withheld from national magazines in order to avoid a trial by publicity!

NORMAN T. OLLESTAD  
Los Angeles

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Mr. Venetis  
Senator Edward M. Kennedy  
U.S. Senate  
D. C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Venetis:

The communication enclosing the letter and the newspaper

[Redacted]

on July 10.

With respect to the article, Mr. Ollestad's statement is  
false. This Bureau did not furnish any reports, documents or  
services regarding Mr. Marina to "Life" magazine and the "Los Angeles  
Times". We have determined this before publishing his venetis

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The enclosures furnished are being returned as requested.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Based upon available information, [Redacted]  
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