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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 1001, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

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1. FULL NAME (*Initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable*)

MR	(First)	(Middle)	(Maiden, if any)	(Last)
~~MRS~~ ~~MISS~~	Benjamin	Crowninshield NR/FC	Bradlee	

BS

2. PLACE OF BIRTH: Boston, Massachusetts

DATE OF BIRTH: 8/26/21

3. CITIZEN: [X] YES [ ] NO

IF NATURALIZED: DATE OF NATURALIZATION

NUMBER: Bradlee, Benjamin C.

PLACE OF NATURALIZATION

4. EDUCATION (*Circle highest grade completed*): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 (12)

MARK (X) THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF: [ ] ELEMENTARY SCHOOL [ ] JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL [X] SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

(A) GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts

(B) SUBJECTS STUDIED IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH APPLY TO POSITION DESIRED: History, French, Government

(C) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	MAJOR AND SPECIALTY	DATES ATTENDED FROM	DATES ATTENDED TO	YEARS COMPLETED DAY	YEARS COMPLETED NIGHT	DEGREES CONFERRED TITLE	DEGREES CONFERRED DATE	SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT
BS Harvard College,	English	1939	1942	3½		BA	1944	

5. COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DATES	TITLE OF POSITION	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
WFO 12/1/48	Reporter	The Washington Post Company	1515 L st., nw., Washington, D.C.
BS 5/1/46	Reporter	The New Hampshire Sunday News	48 Hanover st., Manchester, N.H.

(For two months prior to joining the Post I wrote speeches for Prof. Herbert Hill of Dartmouth College, the unsucessful candidate for governor of New Hampshire.)

(For three months prior to going to New Hampshire to start that newspaper I worked as an office boy-librarian for Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, at Fifth ave., and 23rd st., New York City)

(During summers before college, I worked as a counselor in a camp run by St. Mark's School in Peterboro, N.H., and for the Beverly Times, Beverly, Mass.)

6. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR LAST 10 YEARS

DATE	STREET	CITY	STATE OR COUNTRY
BS 1941-42	56 Plympton st.,	Cambridge,	Mass.
NY 1942-46	USNavy and 151 East	83rd st., New York	N.Y.
BS 1946-48	Cor. South and Adams rds.,	Candia	N.H.
1948 to [redacted]			
WFO 7/49	2911 Dumbarton ave.,	Washington	D.C.
WFO 8/49	3 West Lenox, st.,	Chevy Chase 15	Md.

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7. REFERENCES: LIST FIVE PERSONS [illegible]ING IN THE UNITED STATES OR TERRITORIES [illegible] THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU AND WHO HAVE DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND FITNESS F[illegible] THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. DO NOT REPEAT NAMES OF SUPERVISORS.

	FULL NAME	PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS (Give complete current address, including street and number)	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION
WFO	Thomas Winship	3915 47th st., nw., Wash.	Reporter
WFO	W.M.Janney	5218 Manning pl., nw., "	Central Intelligence Agency
BS	L.B.Clark	80 Mason st., Boston, Mass	Editorial Writer
WFO	Walter Lippmann	3525 Woodley rd., nw., Wash	Columnist
WFO	Rep. Christian A.Herter	3108 P st., nw., Washington	Congressman

8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

	NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
BS	Mr. & Mrs. F.J.Bradlee jr.	Parents	280 Beacon st., Boston, Mas
NY	Mrs. F.C.Thayer	Sister	151 E. 83 st., New York City
NY	Frederick Bradlee	Brother	" " " " " "

9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS.

American Newspaper Guild

	YES	NO.
10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE?	X	
(B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION?	Hon.	
(C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?	X	

(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE	DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS
August 8, 1942	October 1945
BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.) U.S.Navy	SERIAL NO. (If none, give grade or rating at time of separation) 183735

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11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Date: April 23, 1951

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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

To: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson
Chief
Division of Security
Department of State
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

There are transmitted herewith three reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

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FILE NO. 123-2120 BP

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Boston, Mass.	4/14/51	3/14,15,17,20, 22,23,26,27/51	JOHN F. NOONAN, JR.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE	SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Birth verified as August 26, 1921, at Boston, Massachusetts. Graduated from St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts, in June, 1935. Received A.B. degree from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November, 1944. Employed as counselor at Brantwood Camp, Peterboro, New Hampshire, and as reporter for New Hampshire Sunday News. Verified and favorable. Neighbors at Candia, New Hampshire, recommend favorably. Unable to verify residence at 56 Plympton Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Unable to locate reference L.B. CLARK. No credit or criminal record located for applicant or family.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated March 6, 1951.

DETAILS: Investigation at New Hampshire conducted by Special Agent SAMUEL T. ROEDELL.
Investigation at Southboro, Massachusetts, by Special Agent JAMES MICHAEL KENNEDY.

BIRTH

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, reflect that the applicant was born at Boston, Massachusetts, on August 26, 1921.

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BS 123-2120

EDUCATION

Miss HAZEL WARREN, Secretary to Administrator, St. Mark's School, Southboro, Massachusetts, advised that applicant graduated from that school in June, 1935. No derogatory information is contained in the applicant's file.

Mr. E. C. LAWRENCE, Instructor, St. Mark's School, recalled the applicant as a former student of his and stated that both the applicant and his family are known by him to have excellent reputations and in his opinion, there is no question of their loyalty to this country. Mr. LAWRENCE advised that he recalled the applicant having been employed at the Brantwood Camp, Peterboro, New Hampshire, which camp is operated by St. Mark's School. He stated that the records concerning employees of that camp are not presently available at the school.

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Mr. KENNETH SERGEANT, Registrar, Harvard College, examined the applicant's file and stated that he found nothing in it that would reflect upon the applicant's character, loyalty, or reputation.

Mr. RICHARD M. GUMMERE, Chairman of the Admissions Board, and the applicant's student advisor, stated that he is well acquainted with the applicant and his family. He has not had contact with the applicant since 1944, but based on his knowledge of the applicant's family background, and his association with the applicant at Harvard College, he recommended him as to character, loyalty, and reputation.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. EDWARD T. HALL, 285 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the applicant had been employed under his supervision at the Brantwood Camp, Peterboro, New Hampshire, during summers before the applicant entered Harvard College. Mr. HALL stated that he could not give specific dates of employment and has no employment records,

but he recalled the applicant as a very satisfactory employee and a man of good character and reputation. He knows of no reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the United States.

Mrs. BERTHA MURPHY, 102 Grove Street, Peterboro, New Hampshire, recalled the applicant having been employed as a counselor at the Brantwood Camp during the summers of 1945 and 1946. Mrs. MURPHY was well acquainted with the applicant during those periods and recommended him as to character, loyalty and reputation.

Mr. EDGAR C. HENREY, Business Manager, Union Leather Corporation, Manchester, New Hampshire, stated that the applicant had been employed by the New Hampshire Sunday News from August, 1946, to September, 1948. Mr. HENREY stated that the applicant is unknown to him and his records contain no further information concerning him.

Mr. BERNARD J. McQUAID, Editor and Associate Publisher of the New Hampshire Sunday News, a subsidiary of the Union Leather Corporation, stated the applicant was one of the original stockholders and founders of this newspaper which began operations in August, 1946. Mr. McQUAID stated that the applicant worked under his supervision while on the newspaper and was employed as a reporter and desk editor. The applicant resigned voluntarily in August, 1948, when the paper was purchased by the Union Leather Corporation. Mr. McQUAID knew the applicant as a business associate and a neighbor, and he recommends him highly as to character, associates, and loyalty.

REFERENCES

Mr. L. B. CLARK listed by the applicant as a reference with address at 80 Mason Street, Boston, Massachusetts, with occupation of editorial writer is unknown at the Herald Traveller Publishing Company, located at that address.

ASSOCIATES

Attornies JOHN R. McLANE, JR., 40 Stark Street, and J. MURRAY DEVINE, 70 Market Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, have both known the applicant personally for approximately two and a half years and recommend him favorably with regards to his character, loyalty, and associates.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Mr. CARL J. PERSSON, South Road, Mrs. MURRAY MORRIS, Adams Road, and Mrs. VERNA ELLIOTT, all of South Deerfield, New Hampshire, recall applicant having lived at South and Adams Road, Candia, New Hampshire, from approximately June, 1946, to June, 1948. They knew him as a person of good character and reputation and know of no reason to question his loyalty.

No one could be located in the neighborhood of 56 Plympton Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who recalled the applicant as having lived at that address.

Investigation determined that KATHERINE POWELL, a former owner of this residence during the period applicant resided there, is deceased, and her niece, Mrs. JEANETTE CURTIS, now residing at 52 Plympton Street, and who resided at 56 Plympton Street during the period the applicant claims to have lived there, could not remember the applicant.

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Manchester, New Hampshire, reflect that the applicant has a satisfactory rating at that area.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, contain no record of the applicant.

CRIMINAL

The records of the Manchester, New Hampshire, Police Department reflected that the applicant paid $10 on August 28, 1946, for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

The records of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, which is a central repository for all criminal records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, contain no criminal record for the applicant or his parent.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	3/23/51	3/12,13,14,15,21/51	HUGH B. McGAHEY HBM:ih

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE	SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employment of applicant by Professor HERBERT HILL and the Washington Post verified and favorable. Supervisor and references recommend. Residents at 2911 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W. and 3 W. Lenox St., Chevy Chase, Md. verified. Applicant appointed Ensign, USNR, August 3, 1942 to rank from July 28, 1942. Released from active duty December 19, 1945 as Lieutenant. Files of CSC and HCUA negative. No additional information re applicant in files of ONI and Security Division, Department of State. No record for applicant or his wife at the Credit Bureau, Montgomery County Credit Bureau, Washington PD or the Montgomery County PD. Central files FBI contain no derogatory information re loyalty of applicant.

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WFO 123-8233

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

EMPLOYMENT

Professor HERBERT HILL, who is on leave of absence from Darthmouth University advised that he is presently employed as Consultant in the European Bureau at the Department of State and resides at 5906 Wilmett Road, Bethesda, Maryland. He met the applicant for the first time during the summer of 1948 in Manchester, New Hampshire, where the applicant worked for the New Hampshire Sunday News. At that time Professor HILL was campaigning for the Governorship for the State of New Hampshire and the applicant approached him asking for permission to write speeches for HILL. Professor HILL employed the applicant for approximately three months at this time until BRADLEE left to come to Washington, D.C. to work for the Washington Post. He did not have any knowledge of the applicant's background and had never met BRADLEE's family. He said the applicant possessed a great deal of energy and that his work was completely satisfactory. He was certain that the applicant did not entertain any un-American sympathies.

Special Agent RAMOS C. FEEHAN ascertained from Mrs. ARLENE VILKER, Personnel Clerk at the Washington Post that the applicant had been employed by this Newspaper as a reporter since December 1, 1948. She said his work has been satisfactory and his personnel record disclosed no derogatory information.

The reporting Agent interviewed Mr. BEN GILBERT, City Editor of the Washington Post, who advised he has supervised the applicant since BRADLEE entered on duty with this paper. He has also had some social contact with the applicant and his family. He said the applicant's work for the past six months has been in connection with the Anti-Gambling Grand Jury Proceedings in Washington, D.C. and that all of his stories have been very satisfactory. He knew that BRADLEE used intoxicants moderately but never to excess. He said that the applicant has developed into a very good reporter and is well liked by his associates. Mr. GILBERT had no reason to question the applicant's loyalty to the government. He said he would recommend the applicant for a position in the government.

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REFERENCES

Mr. THOMAS WINSHIP advised Special Agent RAMOS C. FEEHAN that he has known the applicant for the past ten years. He said they have worked together at the Washington Post and had also attended school together. He said that the applicant is a person of excellent character and is dependable, trustworthy and loyal to the United States. He advised Special Agent FEEHAN that he would recommend the applicant without hesitation for a position of trust in the government.

Mr. WALTER M. JANNEY, 5218 Manning Place, Northwest advised Special Agent L. RUSSELL WHARRY that he has known the applicant and his wife since the Fall of 1949. He said their relationship had been strictly social as he has never worked with the applicant. He described BRADLEE as a very able young man who has high ideals. Mr. JANNEY vouched for the applicant's character, reputation and loyalty to the United States.

Mr. WALTER LIPPMANN, 3525 Woodley Road, Northwest, advised the reporting Agent that he has known the applicant personally for the past five years and that he has known his family for many years longer. Mr. LIPPMANN, who is a Correspondent for the Washington Post said that the applicant has been employed as a Reporter by this paper for approximately three years but that they have never worked together. He said their acquaintance has been on a social basis. He said the applicant is married to JEAN SALTONSTALL who is a relative of Senator LEVERETT SALTONSTALL. He said he knew the applicant is a member of a family whose reputation is unblemished. He described the applicant as a moderate "liberal" young man who has no sympathies for Communism and is most distinctly not a "fellow traveller" in any sense of the word. By the term "liberal" Mr. LIPPMANN stated he meant one who has sympathy for the underdog, who may be getting a raw deal. As an example he stated he believed the applicant would be opposed to racial segregation in the District of Columbia. He advised he would recommend BRADLEE for a position in the Department of State as he knows him to be a faithful, loyal and conscientious American citizen.

Representative CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, was interviewed by Special Agent RAMOS C. FEEHAN and stated that he has known the applicant all of the applicant's life. He described BRADLEE as alert and intelligent and one who possesses a great deal of ability. He knew the applicant to be dependable and trustworthy and had no reason to question his loyalty to the government. He further advised that BRADLEE's family was an asset to any community in which they resided. Representative HERTER furnished no derogatory information regarding the applicant or any member of his family.

NEIGHBORHOODS

3 West Lenox Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland

The following investigation was conducted by JOSEPH L. GORMLEY: Mrs. WALTER CLEOPHANE, 6000 Connecticut Avenue, has been acquainted with the applicant and his wife since they moved into this neighborhood in the early Fall of 1949. She is only a casual acquaintance of the BRADLEE's and advised that she was not acquainted with any of their friends or associates. She said she knew that the applicant and his family enjoyed a good reputation in the community. She said she had no reason to question the loyalty of the applicant.

Mrs. BOYD CARPENTER, #4 West Milrose Street and Mrs. GODWIN MOORE, #5 West Lenox Street, have been acquainted with the applicant as neighbors and furnished substantially the same information as that of Mrs. CLEOPHANE.

2911 Dumbarton Avenue, Northwest

Miss ANN LA MOTTE, 3115 O Street, Northwest who is the present owner of the house located at 2911 Dumbarton Avenue, Northwest, advised the reporting Agent that she was not personally acquainted with the applicant. She ascertained from the Rental Agent of this property that the applicant and his wife had resided at the above address from January 8, 1949 to July 31, 1949.

Mrs. E. AUBEL, 2907 Dumbarton Avenue, Northwest recalled Mr. and Mrs. BRADLEE as having lived in the neighborhood and said she was not intimately acquainted with them but knew they were well regarded in the community. She furnished no derogatory information regarding the applicant or his wife.

Mrs. WILLIAM D. DOELLE, 2913 Dumbarton Avenue, Northwest, Mrs. DOUGLAS G. MODE, 2909 Dumbarton Avenue and Mrs. E.C. CHADBORNE, 2915 Dumbarton Avenue, could furnish no information regarding the applicant or his wife.

MILITARY RECORD

The files of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Officer Records Branch, reflected the applicant was appointed an Ensign, USNR, August 3, 1942 to rank from July 28, 1942. He was assigned Serial Number 183735. He reported for active duty September 30, 1942 and was detached from active duty on October 30, 1945 at New York, New York. On December 19, 1945 he was

released from all active duty at which time he held the rank of Lieutenant. The files disclosed he was born August 26, 1921 at Boston, Massachusetts. His efficiency ratings ranged from Above Average through Outstanding and there was no information of a derogatory nature in his file.

MISCELLANEOUS

The files of the Investigations Division of the Civil Service Commission and the House Committee on Un-American Activities disclosed no information regarding the applicant.

There was no additional information regarding the applicant in the files of the Security Division, Department of State or the Office of Naval Intelligence.

The April 1947 issue of Harper's Bazaar contained information furnished by BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE, who was a reporter for the New Hampshire Sunday News. In this article BRADLEE states that after four years of operating Radar on Navy Destroyers he came back, age twenty-five, and completely changed from the knew-it-all newlywed that he once was. He stated in the article that he worked for the American Civil Liberties Union until a chance came "to join with some other young liberals who were interested in breaking the newspaper monopoly in Manchester, New Hampshire." The article then stated that the BRADLEE's moved from New York to Candia, New Hampshire where Mrs. BRADLEE went to work in a Department Store. In his spare time according to the article BRADLEE was active in the Local Chapter of the American Veterans Committee. There was no additional information of value in this article.

The files of the Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C., Montgomery County Credit Bureau, Silver Spring, Maryland and the Criminal files, Washington Police Department and the Montgomery County Police Department, Rockville, Maryland contained no information regarding the applicant or his wife.

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

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WFO 123-8233

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

The agency checks were conducted by the following Special Employees, assigned to the Washington Field Office:

HCUA - LLOYD DEAN.
Credit Bureau, Washington, D.C. WALTER J. TOLSON.
Credit Bureau, Montgomery Co. Md. - HERBERT L. MONAHAN.
WPD - WAYNE S. CURTIS.
ONI - CHARLES C. WASKEY.
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE	SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402-80th Congress VOICE OF AMERICA

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 123-8887.
Bureau letter to Washington Field, 3/6/51.

DETAILS: Employment

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Mr. ROBERT BALDWIN, Director, American Civil Liberties Union, 170 Fifth Avenue, New York, residence 282 West 11th Street, New York, advised that Mr. BRADLEE was employed doing odd chores for a short period of a few months after his release from the Navy and before he took over his newspaper duties at Manchester, New Hampshire.

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stated that BRADLEE to his knowledge has never been connected with any political group. During their many conversations and discussions BRADLEE has never given any indication of any subversive sympathies.

Mr. BALDWIN stated that BRADLEE is happily married to a daughter of a very good friend of his. He has seen BRADLEE on many occasions both in Boston and New York. Mr. BALDWIN went on to say that the newspaper in Manchester, New Hampshire, had been sold about two years ago and BRADLEE went with the "Washington Post" in Washington, D. C. where he is employed at the present time and doing a very noble job.

Mr. BALDWIN stated that he knows BRADLEE'S father and mother slightly and has never heard anything unfavorable about them. He knows BRADLEE'S wife and her family well, who are very fine people, highly regarded and good American citizens. Mr. BALDWIN concluded by saying that he knows nothing of a derogatory nature about the families and highly recommends BRADLEE without hesitation for a position of trust and confidence in our government.

Navy Record

The records of the Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, Long Island, New York, failed to reflect any record for BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE.

Neighborhood

Mrs. ALLEN CHASE, 151 East 83rd Street, New York City, advised that the THAYERS are very nice quiet people and well regarded. They keep very much to themselves. Mrs. CHASE concluded by saying she knows nothing further about them and does not know Mrs. THAYER'S brother BRADLEE.

Mr. P. CLANCY also of 151 East 83rd Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. THAYER are very fine respectable people and no reason ever existed to question their loyalty to the United States. Mr. CLANCY stated that a brother of Mrs. THAYER'S visits her from time to time but does not live with her. He seems to be a very fine person and nothing unfavorable is known about them.

Mr. HENRY HEIDEN, also of 151 East 83rd Street, stated that Mr. and Mrs. THAYER are very respectable people and as far as known good Americans. Mr. HEIDEN stated that he recalled that a brother of Mrs. THAYER had stayed with her for a while about five years ago. He could not recall his name. Mr. HEIDEN went on to say that Mrs. THAYER'S brother had always conducted himself as a gentleman and nothing of an unfavorable nature is known about him.

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked by SA GORDON C. LUND and no credit record was found for BRADLEE or members of his family.

Criminal

The records of the New York City Police Department were searched by SA AUGUST J. MICEK and no arrest record was found for BRADLEE or his family.

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The records at the Naval Records Management Center, Garden City, New York, were checked by SE JOHN W. DOBBINS.

Mr. ROGER BALDWIN was telephonically contacted in order to arrange an appointment for interview. At his request the interview was conducted by telephone.

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BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE, VOA. REBULET MARCH SIX. ONE TWO THREE DASH EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT SEVEN. REPORT WILL BE DELAYED. REFERENCE WALTER LIPPMANN ON BUSINESS TRIP TO CALIF. AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL EVENING MARCH TWENTY. HOUSEKEEPER UNABLE FURNISH ADDRESS IN CALIF. AS LIPPMANN IN CONSTANT TRAVEL STATUS.

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Date: March 6, 1951

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: BENJAMIN CROWNINSHIELD BRADLEE
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by March 20, 1951.

Address: 3 West Lenox St., Chevy Chase 15, Maryland

Birth date: August 26, 1921
Birthplace: Boston, Massachusetts

Inquiries in connection with the investigation of applicant's employment by the Washington Post and interviews with references Walter Lippmann, Congressman Christian A. Herter and reporter Thomas Winship must be handled by mature, experienced and well-qualified Special Agents.

NEW YORK
Verification of applicant's past employment as office boy-librarian by Roger Baldwin, Director, American Civil Liberties Union, should be handled by a mature, experienced and well-qualified Special Agent.

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As pointed out in relet, it does not appear that subject would have any potential as a double agent. As to whether he could be utilized as a source under the DESECO Program, it should be noted that development of any such person must be on a highly selective basis and any such individual must be the type of person who can be successfully operated by the Bureau. In this particular case, because of certain aspects of subject's background, it is not felt interview with subject for possible development under the DESCCO Program is desirable, and authority to interview him for this purpose is denied.

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NOTE: Subject is a writer for "Newsweek" magazine in Washington, D. C. He has been with "Newsweek" since 1954, about six years of this time in Paris, France. Before that he was a press attache at American Embassy, Paris, a reporter for "The Washington Post" newspaper, Washington, D. C., and an office boy-librarian for Roger Baldwin, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, NYC. In his application in 1951 his references included Walter Lippman, described as a correspondent for "The Washington Post."

[redacted] but in view of subject's background, it is not felt any attempt should be made to develop subject. b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/7/61

FROM : SAC, [redacted]

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SUBJECT: BENJAMIN CROWINSHIELD BRADLEE
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Bureau authority is requested to interview subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. Care will be taken to protect the original source on this matter. No direct questions will be asked during the interview which will disclose to the subject the identity of the official with whom he was in contact, the method used in the contact or that we are aware of the contact. The interview will be conducted in such a manner that the subject will volunteer the details of the contact. If this subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau, setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to [redacted]

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I. Subject resides at 3321 N. St., N.W., WDC, and is a writer for Newsweek Magazine, Room 1229, National Press Building, 14th and F Sts., N.W., WDC. Subject was born 8/26/21, at Boston, Mass., and is a U.S. citizen [redacted]

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II. Subject is married to [redacted], born [redacted] She is unemployed according to the records of the D. C. Credit Bureau as checked on 5/16/61, by IC [redacted]

III. On 5/3/61, [redacted] advised that [redacted] was to meet with one BENJAMIN BRADLEE, Room 1229 (no further info given) at 10 a.m., Friday, 5/5/61. Investigation revealed that captioned subject of Newsweek Magazine is located in Room 1229, National Press Building and is apparently identical with the individual met by [redacted]

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IV. None known. Subject was an applicant for the State Dept. (VOA) in 1951 (Bufile 123-8887, WFO file 123-8233). This file reveals that as of 1951, subject had been employed as an office boy-librarian for ROGER BALDWIN, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, 5th Ave., and 23rd St., NYC, a speech writer for Professor HERBERT HILL, Dartmouth College, the unsuccessful candidate for governor of New Hampshire, and a reporter for the New Hampshire Sunday News, Manchester, N.H., and the Washington Post newspaper, WDC, where he was employed as of the time of his application. The records of the D. C. Credit Bureau reflect subject has been a correspondent for Newsweek since January, 1954, and was in Paris, France, for six years, working for the magazine. Among those who recommended subject for a position with State Dept. (VOA) in 1951 were Professor HERBERT HILL, mentioned above, WALTER LIPPMAN, Correspondent for the Washington Post and CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, then a Representative.

V. None known.

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It is noted that [redacted] in the past have expressed a great interest in newsmen, writers, reporters and analysts. b7D b7E

VII. Subject has been interviewed by Bureau agents in the past in other type cases and has been cooperative on these occasions. It is felt that the interview is necessary in order to ascertain the reason for [redacted] contact with subject, and to ascertain the depth of [redacted] current interest in the U.S. news field. b6 b7C b7E

VIII. The reason for [redacted]'s contact can be determined and it can be ascertained whether subject can be utilized under the [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

IX. Inasmuch as there is no subversive information available re subject and due to his position in the news field, an appointment will be arranged with subject telephonically and he will be interviewed in such a manner that he will volunteer information re his association with [redacted].

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Editorial Assignments Announced by The Post

New senior news and editorial assignments on The Washington Post were announced yesterday by J. R. Wiggins, Editor, and Alfred Friendly, Managing Editor.

Benjamin Bradlee, for four years head of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek Magazine, joins The Washington Post as Deputy Managing Editor with principal responsibilities in the areas of national and foreign news coverage. He will take up his new duties Sept. 1.

Bradlee, 43, began his news career as a reporter for The Washington Post in 1948. Two and a half years later, in 1951, he went to Paris as United States Embassy Press Attache, and in 1953 became Newsweek's correspondent there.

In 1957, he returned to Washington for Newsweek, becoming Bureau Chief in 1961 when The Washington Post Company acquired the news magazine. He is the author of "That Special Grace," a book about the late President Kennedy which appeared shortly after the assassination.

A Harvard graduate, Bradlee served in the Navy for four wartime years as a destroyer officer in the Pacific.

Ben W. Gilbert, Day Managing Editor since February, 1964, and reporter and City Editor on The Washington Post since 1941, was named Deputy Managing Editor with principal responsibilities for news coverage in the Washington region and general administration of the news department.

Robert H. Estabrook, who has been in Britain for four years, first as chief of the newspaper's London Bureau and subsequently as Chief Foreign Correspondent, returns to Washington as Associate Editor.

He will specialize in foreign affairs on the editorial page and in the news columns. He has been on the staff of The Washington Post since 1946.

The Washington Post
BENJAMIN BRADLEE

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What do we know of Bradlee?

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Benjamin Crowinshield Bradlee

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-8-65

FROM : M. A. Jones

Benjamin Crowinshield Bradlee

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
CHIEF, WASHINGTON BUREAU,
NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE

"The Washington Post and Times Herald" reported on 7-7-65 that Bradlee, who has been head of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek Magazine for four years, will join "The Washington Post" staff as Deputy Managing Editor on 9-1-65.

The Director inquired, "What do we know of Bradlee?"

INFORMATION IN BUFILES: Benjamin Crowinshield Bradlee - Summary

Bradlee was born 8-26-21 at Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1944. He has been with "Newsweek" since 1954, about six years of which time he spent in Paris, France, as a correspondent. Prior to this employment, he was a press attache at the American Embassy in Paris, a reporter for "The Washington Post" at Washington and an office boy-librarian for Roger Baldwin, Director of American Civil Liberties Union in New York City.

Bradlee was the subject of a Special Inquiry investigation by the Bureau in 1951 in connection with his application for employment with the Voice of America. This inquiry disclosed no unfavorable information. In 1961, Bradlee's name came up on several occasions in connection with an investigation we conducted regarding a leak of classified information in a "Newsweek" magazine article. There was some indication that the "Newsweek" story was an intentional leak of information by the Kennedy Administration. It was not shown that Bradlee was directly tied into the leak.

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Bradlee, who was former White House correspondent for "Newsweek", was a close personal friend of President Kennedy and they visited socially at each other's homes. Bradlee was considered the entree to the White House for "Newsweek" and "The Washington Post" during the Kennedy Administration. He was also a close friend of former Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Our relations with Bradlee were generally friendly prior to the critical article concerning the Director and the FBI which came out in the December 7, 1964, issue of "Newsweek." Bradlee was directly involved, as head of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek, in the preparation of this article. Files reflect that he wrote the Director on 11-10-64 advising that his magazine was starting a cover story on Mr. Hoover and requesting cooperation, including a cover picture in color to be taken of the Director at his convenience

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach
RE: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE

You contacted Mr. Bradlee concerning this request and he indicated that "Newsweek" did not want to do a hatchet job in the story and that it was their intention to present an honest and objective article which would honor the Director on his forthcoming birthday.

He has proven to be a colossal liar. H

The Director approved sitting for a color photograph and Bradlee brought a photographer to the Bureau on 11-23-64 at which time he met Mr. Hoover and the photograph was taken.

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In this regard, Mr. Bradlee asked to bring with him to the Director's Office Dwight Martin, a long-time "Newsweek" writer who was doing research on the article. Our files disclosed that [redacted] In view of this it was approved that the Director would not see Martin but only Bradlee and the photographer and that you were to advise Bradlee on an off-the-record basis of the background data concerning [redacted] This was done during Bradlee's visit to the Bureau on 11-23-64 and he stated he would keep the information strictly off-the-record and that we could trust him implicitly in this regard.

I would trust him as much as I would a rattle snake. H

You subsequently learned from Bill Moyers at the White House that word had gotten to President Johnson that Bradlee was telling all over town that the FBI had given him information concerning [redacted] and that the FBI had also told him Martin Luther King was a sexual degenerate. Mr. Moyers said Bradlee had told several people that, "If the FBI will do this to [redacted] and Martin Luther King, they will undoubtedly do it to anyone for personal reasons." Mr. Moyers said the President wished us to know that we should not trust Bradlee, that he felt that Bradlee lacked integrity and that he was certainly no friend of the Johnson Administration or the FBI.

In view of the above, it is obvious Bradlee is not a person of integrity and that we can expect no favorable consideration from him. We will continue to keep him at arms length.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

We should not answer any inquiries he may make.
J. Edgar Hoover
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MR. MARSHALL
MR. MILLER
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MR. WALSH
MR. WHITE
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MR. MALMFELDT

RE: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR
"THE WASHINGTON POST"

On July 30, 1973, I met with Mr. Bradlee and Inspector Herington. We discussed the position of the Bureau and the Post and generally, I think, we reached a meeting of minds. Mr. Bradlee said he felt that the division between us could be healed, and I told him that I was willing to start off on a clean slate and work from this day forward in a cooperative manner with them. I indicated there were, of course, some restrictions to which he readily agreed. I told him that if there were any problems that arise in the future, I might very well call on him personally in order to iron these out. He expressed the feeling I should do this and said he would like to talk with me in the event there are problems. I told him I would be avilable for such discussions.

Very truly yours,

(S) C M Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
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BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR
(202) 223-7510

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July 18, 1973

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your kind note, which I sent on to Philip Geyelin, editor of the editorial page and the man responsible for the editorials in this newspaper.

I hope that we might meet quietly and briefly some time.

Sincerely,

Benjamin C. Bradlee

Benjamin C. Bradlee

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 7/24/73

FROM : J. E. Herington

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR
"THE WASHINGTON POST"

Bradlee in his letter to you of July 18th indicated that he hoped you might meet with him quietly and briefly sometime.

BRADLEE'S BACKGROUND

SUMMARY

BENJAMIN C. Bradlee was born 8/26/21 in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1944. He joined the staff of "Newsweek" in 1954 and was its Paris, France, correspondent for about 6 years. Prior to that he was press attache in the American Embassy in Paris, a reporter for "The Washington Post," and was office boy-librarian for Roger Baldwin, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York City. He was appointed Deputy Managing Editor of "The Washington Post" in September, 1965, and became its Managing Editor in November, 1965.

Bradlee was the subject of a Special Inquiry investigation in 1951 in connection with his employment with the "Voice of America." No unfavorable information was developed. In 1961 we conducted an investigation concerning a leak of classified data which appeared in "Newsweek" Magazine. Bradlee's name was mentioned several times during the investigation but indications were that the "Newsweek" story was an intentional leak by the Kennedy Administration and Bradlee was not tied directly to the leak. It was known, however, that Bradlee was a close friend of President Kennedy, as well as Robert Kennedy, and was considered the entree into the White House for "Newsweek" and "The Washington Post" during the Kennedy Administration.

Our relations with Bradlee were generally friendly prior to a critical article concerning Mr. Hoover and the FBI published in the 12/7/64 issue of "Newsweek." Bradlee was directly involved with the article and had requested

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Mr. Hoover's cooperation in its publication. Bradlee had promised an honest and objective article which would honor Mr. Hoover on his forthcoming birthday and Mr. Hoover consented to have his photograph taken by a photographer provided by Bradlee. Bradlee also wanted to bring with him Dwight Martin, a "Newsweek" writer, to do research on the article but this request was refused because of information in our files indicating [redacted] The "Newsweek" article was highly unfavorable and we later learned that Bradlee was repeating around Washington information Mr. Hoover had furnished him in confidence regarding [redacted] and Martin Luther King. Mr. Hoover noted with regard to Bradlee, "We should not answer any inquiries he may make."

I have had one conversation with Bradlee during the early stages of a Bethesda, Maryland, kidnapping investigation. The news media were aware of the kidnapping but since the victim had not been located, they were sitting on this story. "The Washington Post" reporter began making open inquiries in the area and upon being alerted of this by the Baltimore Office, I called Bradlee. He apologized. He said that the "Washington Post" definitely would not break this story prior to determining the location of the victim. He said the reporter's activity had been a mistake, that it was an effort to develop background information on the victim and the victim's family and that as soon as "Post" officials had learned of it the reporter had been called off and there would be no further activity which might jeopardize the victim. Bradlee, in fact, kept his word on this.

During his conversation on this occasion he said that he hoped the FBI and "The Washington Post" could develop a more friendly attitude. He commented "I think we are paranoid about you and the FBI is paranoid about us."

He attributed their investigation in connection with the kidnapping to the fact Montgomery County Police would not even give them the barest details so that they would be ready to write a story when the victim was located. He admitted that the "Post" had strained relations with police in Montgomery County and Prince Georges County, Maryland, and commented that neither was run by a man like [redacted] who apparently has a more open relationship with the news media.

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Herington to The Director Memorandum
Re: Benjamin C. Bradlee

OBSERVATIONS

I have noillusions that we will be able to convert "The Washington Post" from its traditional stance which has been highly critical of law enforcement in general and the FBI in particular. On a straight news basis I have had a working relationship with "Washington Post" reporters and I feel they have treated us fairly during the last few months in news reporting on general Bureau cases. The "Post," of course, led the expose on Watergate and was opposed to Mr. Gray. b6 b7C

Bradlee does not seem to be seeking an interview and, indeed, a separate request for an interview from [redacted] a "Washington Post" reporter, is being processed separately.

I can see no harm in your meeting Bradlee. If he has a gripe about the FBI we should hear it. I think we have a right to honest reporting from even those papers critical of law enforcement and if we make no gesture to reconcile past differences, we have little basis for smoothing out prior unfavorable relationships.

RECOMMENDATION

That you indicate a time when it would be convenient for you to see Bradlee. Thereafter I will contact Bradlee and attempt to arrange an appointment in your office.

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TO : The Director

DATE: 7/25/73

FROM : J. E. Herington

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR
"THE WASHINGTON POST"

Pursuant to your indication that you would be available on the morning of 7/30/73 to meet Bradlee, I called him this morning. He said the best time for him would be at 9:30 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION

The meeting with Bradlee at 9:30 a.m., 7/30/73, is confirmed.

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Malmfeldt
1 - Telephone Room
1 - Mrs. Metcalf
1 - Mr. Herington

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 10-1-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN C. BRADLEE
VICE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR;
EUGENE C. PATTERSON
MANAGING EDITOR;
"THE WASHINGTON POST"

SYNOPSIS:

Recent newspaper articles have reported the appointments of Benjamin C. Bradlee as Vice President and Executive Editor of "The Washington Post" and Eugene C. Patterson as its Managing Editor. Information contained in our files regarding these individuals is set forth. Bradlee was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 8-26-21, and is a Harvard University graduate. He has formerly been with "Newsweek" and was a close friend of President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy. He has been Deputy Managing Editor of "The Washington Post" since 9-1-65. He demonstrated his lack of integrity and treacherous nature by his part in the publication of an unfavorable article regarding the Director in the 12-7-64 issue of "Newsweek" magazine. Mr. Patterson was born on 10-15-23, in Valdosta, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1943. His prior employments include, in the newspaper field, United Press International for which he was Bureau Manager of the London Office at the time of his resignation from that organization in 1956. He has been editor of "The Atlanta Constitution" since 1960. He was investigated at the request of the White House in 1964 when he was named as a member of the Civil Rights Commission. There is nothing unfavorable concerning him and he is on the Special Correspondents List.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

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to the Director's Office was refused because information in our files disclosed [redacted]

Bradlee demonstrated his marked lack of integrity and treacherous nature with the publication of the unfavorable article and the fact that we later learned that he was repeating the information around Washington which the Director had furnished him in confidence regarding [redacted] and degeneracy of Martin Luther King.

The Director has noted with regard to Bradlee, "We should not answer any inquiries he may make. H."

Eugene C. Patterson

Mr. Patterson was born on 10-15-23 in Valdosta, Georgia, and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Georgia in 1943. He entered on active duty as a private in the United States Army on 8-9-43 and was honorably released from active duty as a captain on 7-25-47.

From August, 1947, to March, 1948, he was employed as a reporter at different intervals by the "Temple Daily Telegram," Temple, Texas, and "The Macon Telegraph," Macon, Georgia. He was employed in various capacities from March, 1948, to August, 1956, by the United Press International in Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia, South Carolina; New York, New York; and London, England. At the time of his resignation he was Bureau Manager of the London Office.

In August, 1956, Mr. Patterson was employed by the Atlanta Newspaper, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, which publishes "The Journal" and "The Atlanta Constitution," both daily newspapers. He was editor of "The Journal" from August, 1958, to June, 1960, when he became editor of "The Atlanta Constitution."

Mr. Patterson was investigated by the FBI at the request of the White House in September, 1964, when he was named by President Johnson as a member of the Civil Rights Commission. No unfavorable information was developed concerning him.

Mr. Patterson is on the Special Correspondents List and we have enjoyed favorable relations with him. The Director has written to him in the past regarding favorable editorials in his newspaper and, on 7-10-68, sent him a letter of congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the "The Atlanta Constitution."

DETAILS:

Recent articles in newspapers have announced the appointments of Bradlee and Patterson to their current positions with "The Washington Post." There is set forth pertinent information in our files pertaining to these individuals and our relations with them.

Benjamin C. Bradlee

Bradlee was born on 8-26-21 in Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1944. He joined the staff of "Newsweek" in 1954, and was its Paris, France, correspondent for about 6 years. Prior to that employment he was press attache at the American Embassy in Paris, a reporter for "The Washington Post" and office boy-librarian for Roger Baldwin, Director of American Civil Liberties Union in New York City. He was appointed Deputy Managing Editor of "The Washington Post" on 9-1-65 and has been the Managing Editor since November, 1965.

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Bradlee, who was the former White House correspondent for "Newsweek" was a close friend of President Kennedy as well as Robert Kennedy. He was considered the entree to the White House for "Newsweek" and "The Washington Post" during the Kennedy Administration.

Our relations with Bradlee were generally friendly prior to the critical article concerning the Director and the FBI published in the 12-7-64 issue of "Newsweek." Bradlee was directly involved in the article and had requested the Director's cooperation in its publication. Bradlee had indicated that he intended to do an honest and objective article which would honor the Director and his forthcoming birthday, and the Director consented to have his photograph taken in color by a photographer provided by Bradlee. A request by Bradlee to bring Dwight Martin, a long-time "Newsweek" writer who was to do research on the article,

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BENJAMIN BRADLEE

Benjamin C. Bradlee, who was born on August 26, 1921, at Boston, Massachusetts, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI in 1951 in connection with his application for employment with the Voice of America. This inquiry disclosed no unfavorable information. In 1961 Bradlee's name came up on several occasions in connection with an investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding a leak of classified information which appeared in a "Newsweek" magazine article. It was not indicated that Bradlee was directly tied into the leak.

Bradlee was formerly the White House correspondent for "Newsweek." He was a close personal friend of former President Kennedy and they visited each other socially in their homes. Bradlee was considered the entree to the White House for "Newsweek" and "The Washington Post and Times Herald" newspaper during former President Kennedy's administration. Bradlee is also said to be a close friend of former Attorney General Robert Kennedy.

Bradlee was directly involved, as chief of the Washington Bureau of "Newsweek," in the preparation of an article in the December 7, 1964, issue of "Newsweek" which was critical of the FBI and me. In connection with his request to do the story, it is noted that he claimed he did not want to do a "hatchet" job but rather to present an honest and objective article. The opposite proved true.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 4, 1974

Re: Appointment for BENJAMIN BRADLEE, Editor of the Washington Post
10:30 AM, Monday, October 7

Above appointment has been confirmed and Mr. Bradlee will be here at that time.

Attached is background information pertaining to matter which it is thought Mr. Bradlee wants to discuss with the Director.

Mr. Gebhardt and SA [redacted] [redacted] case Agent, will be standing by in Mr. Gebhardt's office should the Director desire to call them in during the meeting with the Director.

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1 - Mr. Gebhardt
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Pls. submit memo re results of your conference with Bradlee

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October 3, 1974
4:52 PM

BENJAMIN BRADLEE, Editor of the Washington Post, called.

He advised that the Director was nice enough to tell him, when he saw the Director last, that if there was ever an occasion when he had to see the Director on an important urgency, to call him. Mr. Bradlee said he had such an occasion now and he was very anxious to see the Director and it would not take more than ten minutes.

I advised Mr. Bradlee that the Director was presently in Kansas City and would not be back until Monday. Mr. Bradlee said that in that case, it could wait until Monday. I told him that I would check and be back in touch with him. He may be reached at 223-7510.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (P)(CI-5)

BENJAMIN BRADLEE

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Bureau authority is requested to interview BEN BRADLEE, WASHINGTON POST, and HARRY ROSENTHAL, NEW YORK TIMES. Bureau is further requested to apprise New York Office of the decision regarding interview of ROSENTHAL.

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Upon receipt of Bureau authority, will interview ROSENTHAL regarding his contact with captioned subject.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Upon receipt of Bureau authority, will interview BRADLEE.

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Re: BENJAMIN BRADLEE
HARRY ROSENTHALL

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This advises WFO and NYO of the reasons for denial of authority to interview subjects who are editors of the Washington Post and The New York Times. It is not believed that the significance of any information to be derived from such interviews is commensurate with risks involved in such interviews. (S)

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