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RE: KNOWLEDGE OF USAGE OF LEASED LINE
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COURTNEY EVANS, JUNE 2, 1966, AT FBI HEADQUARTERS

organized crime investigations. We pointed out to Evans that in this same memorandum he requested permission from the Director to discuss with the Attorney General the utilization of microphones in organized crime cases.

We next pointed out to Mr. Evans his memorandum of July 7, 1961, written by him and which bore his initials in which he advised that he had briefed the Attorney General relative to the usage of microphone surveillances and the Attorney General had stated "he was pleased we had been using microphone surveillances where these objections do not apply, whenever possible in organized crime matters."

We next handed Mr. Evans a memorandum he had written August 17, 1961, wherein he reported to the Director that he had discussed with the Attorney General the obtaining of leased lines from the New York Telephone Company for usage in connection with microphone surveillances. We pointed out to Mr. Evans his phraseology in reference memorandum which stated the Attorney General approved the proposed procedure of utilizing leased lines in New York City and that the Attorney General personally signed a memorandum evidencing full approval. We then showed Mr. Evans a copy of the memorandum bearing the former Attorney General's signature dated August 17, 1961.

We next handed to Mr. Evans a letter to former

Attorney General Kennedy from

of the Internal Revenue Service, which was not dated.

This referenced memorandum attached a letter to Assistant

Commissioners, et al., of the Internal Revenue Service, wherein it was specifically stated on page 2 that the Internal Revenue Service "in conducting such investigations, full use will be made of available electronic equipment and other technical aids..."

Mr. Evans was given the opportunity to review the above-mentioned memoranda in detail. After his review we pointedly asked him if he considered the facts as contained in those memoranda, personally prepared by him, were as true today as they were at the time he prepared such memoranda to the Director. He stated without equivocation that the facts were entirely the same. He added "Facts are facts and cannot be changed."

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We asked Mr. Evans if, in his opinion, officials of the Department of Justice, including Bobby Kennedy and Katzenbach, could substantially or reliably adopt the position that while they had known of the FBI usage of microphones, they absolutely did not know that the FBI was involved in trespass in placing these microphones. Evans brightened and stated that this was jundoubtedly true. He then explained that he considered his liaison responsibilities, as an FBI official, were to keep Bobby Kennedy from "going wild" in connection with investigative matters. He stated for this reason he personally never advised . Kennedy, Katzenbach, or any other Departmental official of the fact that the FBI committed trespass in the placement of microphones. Evans stated he thought that this was the course of action the Director desired him to take. We asked him if he was certain of his position. He stated he was absolutely certain.

We then handed him a memorandum dated April 27, 1961, written by him and bearing his initials, in which he had reported to the Director the results of a meeting in the Department of Justice on April 27, 1961, in which the Deputy Attorney General, various Assistant Attorneys General, as well as several Departmental Attorneys attended. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate a position to be recommended to the Attorney General who, at that time, was scheduled to testify concerning wiretap legislation before the Congress. We pointed out to Evans that in his memorandum he recommended to the Director that while in the past the FBI may have sent to the Department its views on microphone surveillances, it might be well to reiterate this position in a current communication to the Deputy Attorney General since this type of coverage is important not only in security-type investigations but also in connection with FBI investigations of leading racketeers and hoodlums. Evans then recommended in referenced memorandum that a letter be sent to the Deputy Attorney General, fully setting forth our policies with respect to the usage of microphones not only in security but also in criminal and organized crime cases and the incidentals in such matters.

We then handed Mr. Evans a memorandum dated May 4, 1961, from the Director to Deputy Attorney General White, which was approved and initialed by Evans and which clearly stated "in the interests of national safety microphone surveillances are also utilized on a restricted basis, even though trespass is necessary, in uncovering major criminal activities. We are using such coverage in connection with our investigations of the clandestine

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Evans, in view of the above phraseology in the memorandum which he wrote and the letter which he supervised and approved, how could it be humanly possible for Departmental officials not to know of the FBI's commission of trespass in the placement of microphones. Evans hesitated for a moment and appeared to be visibly upset. He then slowly stated, "Facts are facts and cannot be changed." We asked him if there was any doubt whatsoever in his mind that the Department did not know of the commission of trespass in such matters. He stated the memorandum was good enough: for him and it was now crystal clear.

We next mentioned the Black case and told Evans that we, of course, knew that due to his close liaison with Bobby Kennedy he probably was keeping Kennedy advised constantly of activities in the Black case. Evans stated he often had gone over to the Attorney General's office and briefed him concerning this case. We told him that under the circumstances it was only reasonable to expect that Kennedy had personal knowledge of the fact that the FBI had a microphone on Black. Evans maintained that he did not know whether this was true or not. He stated on one occasion he furnished Kennedy information which only could have come from a microphone. He stated the Attorney General could well have inferred the usage of microphones as a result of receiving such information.

It will be noted that Evans, when interviewed by Mr. Gale in this regard last week denied that Kennedy had any possible knowledge that a microphone was in existence on Black. Evans, however, during the present interview, must have strongly suspected that we might have further memoranda to produce, consequently he wasn't taking any chances of being caught in another trap. (A search of files has failed to produce any memo which would prove that Evans did advise the former Attorney General of the usage of microphones in the Black case.)

At the conclusion of the interview, we asked Evans once more if therewas any doubt in his mind as to (1) the fact that Bobby Kennedy knew the FBI was utilizing microphones,

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and, (2) whether or not in his mind the Department could justifiably claim no knowledge with respect to the FBI committing trespass in the placement of microphones. Evans stated that Kennedy obviously knew that we were using microphones and that obviously the FBI was on record with the Department concerning the fact it was necessary to commit trespass. Evans quickly added that, of course, inference could be read into memoranda written four or five years ago which would place a different light on the situation as of this time. We asked him what he meant. He replied that four or five years ago no one knew the significance of the microphone situation like they do now.

We then asked him once again if the facts as set forth in his various memoranda and which he had had an opportunity to review were as truthful and complete today as they were at the time he wrote such memoranda. He stated there was no doubt in his mind as to the truth of such memoranda. He added that perhaps he should have advised the FBI three months ago regarding Kennedy's call. He stated he would have done so, however, he felt there was no significance attached to the call. He elaborated on this momentarily by stating Kennedy had told him that Katzenbach had advised Kennedy of the FBI's claims with respect to Kennedy having knowledge of the usage of microphones by the FBI.

Upon Evans' departure he was advised that we, of course, would be glad to refresh his memory; at any time its became necessary in the future. He got the hint quite well, and following some small talk he left.

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September 26, 1966 BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Pursuant to your request, an FRI name check was conducted concerning Mr. Courtney Allen wans, who was born og November 12, 1914, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Evans entered on duty with the FBI on December 9, 1940, and retired on December 30, 1964.

3 While with the FBI, Mr. Evans had numerous contacts of of an official and social nature with Senator Robert F. Kennedy wing at the time was the Attorney General of the United States. In this & regard, in June, 1966, Mr. Evans was confronted by representatives of this Bureau concerning information we had received indicating that Mr. Edward Bennett Williams, prominent Washington, D. C., attorney, had publicly made the statement that "Bobby Kennedy has an ace in the hole...this ace is Courtney Evans, the former Assistant Director of the FBI." This statement allegedly was made in connection with the fact that Senator Kennedy had disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of the FBI's usage of microphones during his tenure as Attorney General. There is, of course, written evidence in FBI files documenting ly sauthorization and insistence on the usage of microphones as an investigative At the present time, Mr. Evans is known to be a

close confidant of Senator Kennedy and is in constant contact with

- Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)

1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct)

1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct) JCF:jdm/slr, (8)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Wick memo dated 9-26-66, captioned Courtney Allen Evans, Former Assistant Director, Request for Name Check by White

Honorable Marvin Watson

In August, 1966, it was learned that Mr. Evans had during the month been in Puerto Rico as a representative of his law firm, Miller, McCarthy, Evans and Cassidy of Washington, D. C. While there he had conferences with the Governor, the Attorney General and other Commonwealth officials. The Commonwealth desired to retain his law firm to furnish advice and consultation with regard to matters which would have bearing on the economic development of Puerto Rico. It was further learned that the Governor and Attorney General of Puerto Rico were particularly concerned as to the security of the Commonwealth and the possibility of violence when recommendations of the Puerto Rican Status Commission were put into effect.

The files of this Bureau also indicate that the firm of Miller, McCarthy, Evans and Cassidy registered with the Department of Justice under the Registration Act to furnish legal services to the Government of the Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas.

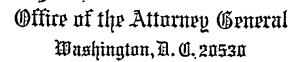
Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which are identical with those of Mr. Evans. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

There is no other pertinent information.

A copy of this letter has not been made available to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,





November 5, 1968

TO: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishon
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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RECEPTION IN HONOR OF COURTNEY A EVANS

You are cordially invited to attend a reception on Friday, November 8, 1968, from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. honoring the work of Courtney Evans as Director of the Department's program under the Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965.

The Reception will be held in the offices of the Attorney

General, Room 5111, 5th floor, Department of Justice, 10th and

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T. E. Bishop Room 5640, Ext. 691 MR. CALLAHAN

March 13, 1968

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WILLIAM G. SIMON Former Special Agent in Charge EOD 12-9-40, Retired 3-11-64

When it came to the Eureau's attention that the law firm of which Simon is a member is representing the hoodlum element associated with the operation of Caesar's Palace, a Las Vegas gambling casino, my memorandum of 2-1-68 recommended that Simon be deleted from the Special Correspondents' List. Mr. Mohr suggested that no action be taken at that time with which the Director concurred. Purpose of this memorandum is to outline developments and recommend Simon be deleted from the Special Correspondents' List.

Memorandum from Mr. Gale to Mr. DeLoach of 2-27-C8 reporte additional activities of former SAC Simon and former Assistant U. S. Attorn Sheridan, a member of Simon's firm, in dealings with Las Vegas hoodlums. Specifically Simon and Sheridan had contacted one of the three Gaming Control Board representatives for the State of Nevada in an effort to obtain a gamblif license for the State of Nevada in an effort to obtain a gamblif license for the front in Caesar's Palace for concealed interests of Miami hoodlum Meyer Lansky and La Cosa Nostra boss Gerardo Catena of Newark, New Jersey. Los Angeles learned had been told efforts to obtain the gambling license looked favorable; however, the Gaming Control Board representative told our Los Angeles Office that he will not recommend for licensing because of latter's background, strong hoodlum ties, and unsavory character.	ol ng d
Further, Mr. Gale's memorandum to Mr. DeLoach of 3-11-68 noted that millionaire gambler, currently the subject of an Internstruction Service investigation concerning tax evasion, is being represented the law firm of former Assistant Attorney General Herbert K. Miller and	

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former Assistant Director Courtney A. Evans and that in connection with a Federal Grand Jury appearance by _____ in Los Angeles where he was represented by Miller, Miller was assisted by a member of Simon's law firm. In his appearance. _____ invoked the 5th Amendment to all questions asked concerning his _____ and in addition invoked the 5th Amendment concerning his knowledge of ______. The memorandum noted Simon's law firm is probably the west coast correspondent law firm for the law firm of Miller and Evans. Former Assistant Director Evans is not on the Special Correspondents' List.

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of developments it is recommended that Simon be deleted from the Special Correspondents' List.

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	It appears from the foregoing that who has a long history of involvement with hoodlums including, in addition to the above-mentioned individuals, such underworld personalities as Frank Costello and Las Vegas gambler is now being represented by Miller and Evans as well as by the law firm of former SAC William G. Simon. It also appears that Simon's law firm is probably the West Coast correspondent law firm for the law firm of Miller and Evans. This current activity on the part of Simon's law firm is in addition to that previously reported wherein we learned that Simon is also representing of Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada, gambling casino in efforts to obtain a gambling license in Nevada. of course, has long been associated with underworld figures and reportedly has connections with Meyer Lansky, the Miami, Florida, hoodlum.	b6 b70
,	Foregoing is submitted to record the current activities of the law firm of Miller and Evans and the connection of these two former Government officials with the law firm of William G. Simon in representing prominent hoodlums.	

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cheating at the Beverly Hills Friars Club and was probed through a Federal Grand Jury in 1967, which culminated with the Federal indictment of six hoodlum figures in the Los Angeles area in December, 1967.

that an electronic expert from Miami, Florida named had been used to install peepholes in the third floor of the Beverly Hills Friars Club and had worked in concert with the subjects in operation of cheating devices. Investigation located apartments used by when he stayed in the Los Angeles area and phone calls made by him from these locations were to the El Mirador Hotel and to the residence and personal business office of Texas millionaire.	b6 b7c
A Los Angeles informant thoroughly familiar with electronic cheating and who personally knew described as an extremely close associate of who, in the past, was used by to operate illegal cheating devices. This informant also reported that in the 1950's had gained much of his wealth by cheating Texas millionaire out of Passed on this information	, V F
Based on this information, whereabouts were investigated with the aim toward subpoenaing him before the Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles for information concerning. It is noted that appeared before the Federal Grand Jury Los Angeles, was granted immunity, and, thereafter, committed perjury. He was subsequently indicted on 32 counts of perjury, which was later reduced to 28 counts and Federal trial is to begin in this matter at Los Angeles on 3/12/68.	b3 b6 b7c
It was determined that was in Kenya, Africa hunting lodge and not available for subpoena. was interviewed by Bureau Agents in Dallas, Texas and admitted being a close personal associate of admitted playing cards and losing money to but would not furnish the amount lost and described as a very honorable man.	b6 b7C
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[confidentially advised Bureau Agents that he had personal knowledge that in 1950 took a trip to Europe with and while engaged in gin games wherein he lost roughly in excess of to volunteered that when wired for money to be sent to him, it so concerned members of his staff, that they had to go to Europe and bring him back. further advised that discontinued all 67D 67D	
,	For the past two years, has been under investigation by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) who have been probing into his personal and corporate income. Federal Grand Juries have been handled by Departmental Attorney EDWARD JOYCE.	,
•	On the morning of separated before a Federal Grand Jury, Los Angeles which was probing into matters concerning Departmental Attorney EDWARD JOYCE handled this Grand Jury for the Government. was defended in this appearance by former Assistant Attorney General in charge of Criminal Prosecution HERBERT J. MILLER, who is a law partner of former Bureau official COURTNEY/EVANS. MILLER was assisted by the Los Angeles law firm of Simon, Sheridan, Thornton, Murphy and Medvine. appeared in court for the latter firm. The SIMON of the above firm is WILLIAM G. SIMON a former Bureau Agent.	_b3 b6 b7C
	In his appearance before this Federal Grand Jury, invoked the Fifth Amendment to all questions asked him concerning During his appearance, Los Angeles Assistant U. S. Attorney appeared before the Grand Jury and made inquiries of concerning knowledge of also invoked the Fifth Amendment to these questions.	b3 b6 b7C
ſ	The above is being furnished the Bureau for information purposes concerning the current activities of	b6 b7c

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MR. TOLSON

DATE: 2/6/67

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C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Gale

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Wick

SUBJECT:

Appearance of
Former Employee Courtney Evans
before Subcommittee on
Administrative Practice and Procedure
(Call from Bernard Fensterwald,
Chief Counsel)

Bernard Fensterwald called me at approximately 5 p.m., 2/6/67, to advise that former FBI employee Courtney Evans would be appearing before Senator Long's subcommittee staff during the afternoon of Tuesday, 2/7/67. Fensterwald asked if we knew of any questions he should ask Evans at that time.

I told Fensterwald that the matter of asking Evans questions was not something for the FBI to decide. I stated Evans was strictly on his own and that I felt certain Fensterwald and Senator Long were well aware of the fact that Evans had taken sides with Bobby Kennedy. Fensterwald admitted this to be true and stated the subcommittee had obtained all the documents which had been released by Mr. Hoover and Kennedy during the exchange of press releases in this matter.

Fensterwald asked if there were any documents the FBI could release to the subcommittee which would be of assistance in talking to Evans. I told him there were none--that we could not be of assistance. He asked if there were any documents which would further prove that Kennedy was lying. I told Fensterwald we could not be of assistance and there was no need of prolonging the conversation. He stated he would let me know if anything interesting came up during the course of questioning Evans.

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GRA GEN, 110, HO, 27. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT 1 - Mr. DeLoach $\it 1emorandum$ 1 - Mr. Mohr 1 - Mr. Gale 'ro MR. TOLSON DATE: 12/13/66 1 - Mr. Wick FROM C. D. DE LOACH 1 - Mr. Rosen SUBJECT: ROBERT F. KENNEDY DENIAL OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING USAGE OF MICROPHONES BY THE FBI: CALL FROM ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK, 12/12/66; FORMER ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COURTNEY A./EVANS The Acting Attorney General (AG) called me at 9:25 a.m., 12/12/66, and made reference to the August 17, 1961, memorandum which had been signed by Robert F. Kennedy and which completely indicated policy for usage of leased line microphones by the FBI. He stated that several newsmen had been asking him if this communication had been declassified. I told him it had and that very frankly I had advised him personally of this declassification approximately six weeks ago. I told him the matter had been thoroughly explained to him at the time. I also told him that on the same date I had told Marvin Watson at the White House this communication had been declassified. I told the Acting AG that the rules of declassification clearly reflected that the person classifying a communication also had the authority to declassify it, however, that the parties who previously had received the classified communication were necessarily to be advised of the declassification. I told him this had been done by the FBI and that everything was in order. The Acting AG asked me who classified this communication in the first place. I told him most likely Courtney Evans had done this in view of the fact Evans was an Assistant Director in charge of the Special Investigative Division at that particular times (, TO JAN 20 1967 1 The Acting AG told me that Evans was now in Puerto Rico. I asked Mr. Clark if there was any change of getting rid of Evans, particularly in view of his lying tactics. I stated that he obviously had lied to Bobby IAN 30 1967 Kennedy and that very frankly when he prepared the letter of February, 1966 to Kennedy, he had known at the time that he was lying. I stated that the Director had learned that Kennedy was depending upon Evans as his "ace in the hole" and that Mr. Gale and I had questioned Evans rather thoroughly

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Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson Re: Robert F. Kennedy

about this matter. I stated that Evans, upon first being questioned, had been very weak and very vague in his answers, however, upon being shown memoranda he personally had prepared, which proved his and Kennedy's knowledge of microphones, Evans had folded up and stated, "Facts are facts and can't be denied."

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The Acting AG told me that he wanted to get rid of Evans, however, he disliked the idea of firing him at this time inasmuch as newsmen would claim that his dismissal had been caused as a result of the controversy between the Director and Bobby Kennedy. I told Mr. Clark that I did not share this opinion inasmuch as Evans clearly had lied and therefore obviously had no character. The Acting AG replied that the Director's recommendation of looked good to him, however, he personally felt that a man of law enforcement background was needed for Evans' job. He stated that he would appreciate receiving several names of former FBI Agents or Chiefs of Police who might take the job. I replied that while it might be true that had no law enforcement background, the fact should be considered that had a very analytical mind and had on numerous occasions attended appropriations hearings which covered law enforcement matters. The Acting AG agreed but stated that he still felt the job should be filled by someone with law enforcement identity. He stated he would give the matter further consideration, however, would probably not want to employ
The Acting AG asked me if I had heard any rumors about the fact that Mr. Hoover had initiated the controversy with Bobby Kennedy at the specific request of President Johnson. I told him I had not, however, such malicious rumors were bound to arise in view of the chronic Johnson-Kennedy feud. The Acting AG stated he hoped that the President's name could be kept out of the matter. I told him that Mr. Hoover had fully protected the President at all times in this connection inasmuch as the President's name had not been mentioned other than in the initial letter to Congressman H. R. Gross and then at the specific request of
I told the Acting AG that he should know that and the President cleared Mr. Hoover's release of December 11, 1966. I asked Mr. Clark if he wanted to know any details concerning this matter. He said he would prefer to stay out of it inasmuch as it seemed to be the best position to take at this time.

ACTION:

For record purposes.