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November 6, 1953

MR. TOLSON: *Harry S. Truman*

[redacted] called. He stated that he thought the Brownell speech was one of the most sensational that has come out of official Washington in many a year and even though nothing new was being given out, the matter was now being pin-pointed and documented and responsibility was being clearly placed on the former President.

[redacted] had been discussing the matter and they couldn't understand why the Bureau would make a report to the President. I told [redacted] we were not making a comment on this but for his strictly personal information he could assume and common sense would dictate that the President would instruct that certain matters be called to his attention and common sense would dictate that certain matters be called to this attention and that there would be a liaison established for this purpose. [redacted] stated this had not occurred to him and he was a little bit apprehensive that an erroneous interpretation might be given to the Brownell speech, that the Director was going over the head of the Attorney General. I told [redacted] there was, of course, no basis for this and he could assume that anything sent like this would also be furnished the Attorney General.

[redacted] stated this put an entirely different light on the matter and it cleared up a matter which had been worrying him. He understands, of course, this is strictly a personal and confidential observation for his own use and guidance.

[redacted] then commented that the way in which Truman is denying this and the way in which Vaughn is denying this will necessitate that something further be said. [redacted] agreed we should keep out of this but he hoped that we were in good shape and could prove what we had done. I told him we were in good shape on this and could establish what we had done.

[redacted] doesn't think Brownell can wait very long in view of the denials before further elaborating upon his statement and specifying exactly how the matter was handled.

In this connection, I have suggested to [redacted] that photostat copies be prepared now while we have time of the outgoing communications and that [redacted] be shown the notation on the letter of February 4, 1946, to see if he has a recollection of it. In the meantime, we are checking in the Mail Room and reconstructing the handling of the letter of December 4, 1945, there

1. [redacted]  
 2. Also want [redacted] L. B. Nichols

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Director's Notation

1. Yes.
2. Also, I want prepared at once a memorandum briefing this matter as the storm is just starting.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., today issued the following statement:

"Last Friday, I disclosed that the records in the Department of Justice show that the Truman Administration before appointing Harry Dexter White as Executive Director for the United States in the International Monetary Fund had twice been told by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that White was known to be engaged in espionage activity for the benefit of the Soviet Government. I made this disclosure because I believe that the American people are entitled to know these facts. Since last Friday the question has been raised in the press as to whether the information that White was a spy was transmitted to the White House before or after White's appointment.

"White entered upon his duties and assumed the office of Executive Director for the United States in the International Monetary Fund on May 1, 1946, having been first publicly nominated for the position by President Truman on January 23, 1946, and having been confirmed by the Senate on February 6, 1946.

"The records in the Department of Justice show that months prior to White's entering upon office, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on two separate occasions sent reports describing White's spying activities to the White House for the attention of the President with copies also to other important officials in the Truman Administration.

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"The first of these occasions was on December 4, 1945. As mentioned in my speech last Friday, on that day the FBI transmitted to



Brigadier General Harry H. Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, for the attention of the President, a general report on the subject of Soviet espionage activity in the United States, which report was dated November 27, 1945, and contained among other things, a summary of the espionage activities of Harry Dexter White as of that date. Because of the general nature of this report, copies were sent by the FBI to other top administration officials and the records show that copies were sent by the FBI on December 4, 1945 to Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Secretary of State James F. Byrnes; on December 7, 1945 to James V. Forrestal, the Secretary of the Navy, and Spruille Braden, then the Assistant Secretary of State. Copies of this report were furnished to Admiral William D. Leahy, then Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, the White House, on February 20, 1946; to Lieutenant General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, then Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department, on February 26, 1946; to Fred M. Vinson, then Secretary of the Treasury, on March 3, 1946; and to Fred Lyon, then Chief, Division of Foreign Activity Correlation, Department of State, on March 15, 1946. A second copy of this report was furnished to Attorney General Tom C. Clark on July 24, 1946.

Notwithstanding this report, which had been received by the White House more than a month before, President Truman made public announcement of the nomination of Harry Dexter White for the position of Executive Director for the United States in the International Monetary

sent on January 23, 1946. Because of this development, the FBI compiled a special report concerning Harry Dexter White and his espionage activities under date of February 1, 1946, in which the FBI made the following statement concerning the authenticity of the information reported:

"This information has been received from numerous confidential sources whose reliability has been established either by inquiry or long established observation and evaluation. In no instance is any transaction or event related where the reliability of the source of information is questionable."

"According to the records in the Department of Justice, this special report concerning White was delivered personally on February 1, 1946 to Brigadier General Vaughan for the attention of the President. On the same day, a duplicate of the report was, according to the Department of Justice records, delivered to the office of Attorney General Tom C. Clark, together with a covering letter which closed with the following statement:

"In view of the obvious interest of the White House in this situation, I have taken the liberty to similarly inform Brigadier General Harry Hawkins Vaughan, Military Aide to the President, of the information with respect to White."



A triplicate of the same report was, according to the records, also sent to Fred B. Iym, Division of Controls, Department of State, who at the time was the security officer for the Department of Government most directly concerned with the International Monetary Fund and with White's appointment thereto.

"The distribution of these reports concerning White clearly shows that the Truman Administration had full and adequate notice of White's spying activities long before he assumed the duties on May 1, 1946, of this most important and sensitive office."

# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : H. H. Clegg

SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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HARRY TROMAN

Attached is the program entitled "The FBI and Antitrust Litigation" for a meeting held last night in New York City. About 200 were present. Mr. Jerrold G. Jan Cies presided. I was the first speaker and took the very simple line that the FBI was merely the fact-finder, did not participate in fixing policies of antitrust enforcement and we followed specific instructions as to the scope and extent of antitrust investigations that the FBI was a service agency for those firms who desired to cooperate since our Agents' presence was for the convenience of the company and their counsel to avoid them shipping their numerous records to Boston, Chicago or Los Angeles or other place of venue for grand jury examination. Also that we took up less time of company officials by making our investigations and that our investigations provided the accused another day in court since any documents and any statements which they wanted to produce could be submitted by us to the Antitrust Division for administrative decision as to whether further action is necessary. I discussed instances of fraudulent attempts to conceal information.

After the talk by Mr. Marcus A. Hollabaugh of the Antitrust Division, who is a former Special Agent, and a very profound and learned talk by Mr. Ralph M. Carson, an attorney in New York, the meeting was opened for questions and answers. I received only two series of questions and they were not hostile. Mr. Carson and Mr. Hollabaugh were both complimentary concerning the objectivity and fairness of the Bureau's work. Former Agent Jerome Doyle was one on the panel of questioners. Former Agent Supervisor Granville of the New York Office, now in private business, was also present.

The only points of discord were on legal matters as between Carson and Hollabaugh, yet it was a friendly meeting, at least friendlier than anyone expected.

Ex-Agent Doyle asked that his greetings be extended to the Director and to his many friends in Washington.

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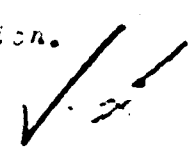
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Former Agent Granville advised that earlier this week there had been a meeting of the Ex-Agents Association in the Waldorf-Astoria when it was learned that former President Truman was about two floors above them so they sent word to him that they were having a meeting and the former President came down to the meeting and very informally and very pleasantly made a little talk. He made several highly complimentary comments concerning the Bureau, the exact details Granville did not remember but there was nothing of an unfriendly nature and nothing unfriendly in tone.

Mr. Van Cise, who presided, told me that Mr. Morris Ernst had made a radio talk the night before and had pointed out that the FBI did not draw conclusions and accuse Harry Dexter White of being a spy and he, <sup>Mr. Ernst</sup> also suggested that President Truman had every right to decline answering the subpoena from the House Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The above is for information.





# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/16/53

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *Harry S. Truman*

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Fred Mullen called and stated that they are in a box in the Department as they want to make a recording of former President Truman's speech tonight as they anticipate that he might depart from his text. The wire recorder in the Department is broken and a new one has not been received yet and Mullen wondered if they could borrow one of ours. I told him I frankly did not know whether we had any available in Washington as we have been short on funds and have not been able to get the new equipment we needed but I would check and let him know.

I have checked with Mr. Harbo and we do have a wire recorder and a tape recorder, which we keep for emergency use.

I asked Mr. Harbo Sunday to make a recording of Lamar Gault's appearance before "Meet The Press" and also make a recording for our own use of former President Truman's speech tonight.

I do not think we want to make the recording for the Department although I can see no objection to loaning them the machine.

cc: Mr. Harbo

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*Director's Notation:*

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BROADCAST OF WALTER TROHAN, HEAD OF THE WASHINGTON BUREAU, CHICAGO  
TRIBUNE, MBS, 7:15EST, JANUARY 9, 1954.

TO MOST OF US LIE IS A NASTY WORD. WE ARE PRONE TO EXCUSE THE  
BALDEST OF LIES, BY DISMISSING THEM AT WORST AS DOWNRIGHT FALSEHOODS  
OR BLATANT UNTRUTHS. WE HESITATE TO CALL ALMOST ANY MAN A LIAR. WE  
FREQUENTLY SAY THE MOST ARRANT LIAR HAS BEEN MISINFORMED OR ILL-  
ADVISED. ALL THIS IS BECAUSE WE HAVE AN INHERENT RESPECT FOR THE  
TRUTH AND BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT ONLY A FOOL WOULD LIE, ESPECIALLY  
WHEN HE CAN EASILY BE FOUND OUT.

YESTERDAY FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN DELIBERATELY UNDERTOOK  
TO DECEIVE US. I DO NOT SAY THAT HE IS A CONGENITAL LIAR, BUT I DO  
SAY THAT HE IS HAVING A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY IN TELLING THE TRUTH  
ABOUT HIS ROLE IN THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY IN AMERICA. I SAY WHAT HE  
TOLD US YESTERDAY IS NOT TRUE, NEVER WAS TRUE AND NEVER WILL BE TRUE.  
I SAY FURTHER MUCH OF WHAT HE HAS BEEN SAYING IN DEFENSE OF HIMSELF  
CANNOT STAND MEASUREMENT AGAINST THE FACTS.

IN A FILM PREPARED FOR TELEVISION USE TRUMAN DENIED THAT HE EVER  
USED THE TERM "RED HEERING" TO RIDICULE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS  
OF COMMUNIST SPIES IN THE GOVERNMENT. THIS STATEMENT IS ONE OF THE  
BIGGEST WHOPPERS TRUMAN HAS UTTERED IN A LONG SERIES OF DECEITS ON  
THE ISSUE OF COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT. THE TRUMAN STATEMENT IS  
DISPROVED BY AN UNOFFICIAL, BUT MOST RELIABLE TRANSCRIPT OF A WHITE  
HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE. IT IS DISPROVED BY THE RECOLLECTION OF  
SEVERAL HUNDRED REPORTERS WHO HEARD THE FORMER PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE  
DIRECT QUOTATION OF HIS WORDS.

LET'S REVIEW THE BACKGROUND A BIT. NOT RECORDED 189 FEB 7 1954  
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ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWNELL CHARGED IN A SPEECH THAT TRUMAN HAD PROMOTED  
THE LATE HARRY DEXTER WHITE AFTER THE FBI HAD NAMED THE FORMER TOP  
TREASURY AIDE AS A COMMUNIST SPY IN SECRET REPORTS TO THE WHITE  
HOUSE. TRUMAN PROMPTLY DENIED THE CHARGE. HE SOLEMNLY DECLARED THAT  
WHITE WAS FIRED WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED HE WAS A COMMUNIST. THE WHITE HOUSE  
STATEMENT OF TRUMAN'S AS "NOT TRUE" AND RELEASED THE TEXT  
OF A LETTER IN WHICH TRUMAN "RELUCTANTLY" ACCEPTED WHITE'S

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RESIGNATION AS AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. WHITE DIED MYSTERIOUSLY IN 1948, REPORTEDLY OF AN OVERDOSE OF A HEART STIMULANT, WHEN HE WAS UNDER CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION FOR HIS COMMUNIST ASSOCIATIONS.

AFTER THE WHITE HOUSE NAILED THE FIRST TRUMAN UNTRUTH, TRUMAN SPOKE TO THE NATION OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION DEFENDING HIS PROMOTION OF WHITE FROM THE TREASURY TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. TRUMAN SAID HE KEPT WHITE IN FEDERAL SERVICE TO HELP THE FBI. J. EDGAR HOOVER PROMPTLY NAILED THAT UNTRUTH. HOOVER TOLD A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE THAT HE NEVER ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT TO RETAIN WHITE. HE SAID THAT FAR FROM HELPING THE FBI, WHITE'S PROMOTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL BODY HAMPERED FBI INVESTIGATION OF WHITE AND HIS FELLOW COMMUNISTS.

NOW TRUMAN IN A FILM FOR TELEVISION DENIES HE EVER RIDICULED CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNIST SPIES AS A RED HERRING. THE INTERVIEW WAS GRANTED TO A CORRESPONDENT TRUMAN ONCE PUBLICLY BRANDED BY A TERM BARRED IN HOMES BUT COMMON IN SALOONS WHERE TRUMAN LEARNED MUCH OF HIS POLITICAL CODE. UNDOUBTEDLY MR. TRUMAN AGREED TO ACCEPT A HANDSOME FEE FOR THE INTERVIEW. PERHAPS THIS FEE MADE THE CORRESPONDENT ACCEPTABLE TO TRUMAN.

TRUMAN HAS ALWAYS KEPT A WEATHER EYE PEELED FOR A DOLLAR. HE IS THE ONLY MAN WHO MADE A FORTUNE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, PERHAPS AS MUCH AS A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. HE COLLECTED ALMOST \$900,000 IN SALARY AND TAX FREE ALLOWANCES. TRUMAN HAD A NET TAKE HOME PAY OF MORE THAN \$424,000. A SENATE COLLEAGUE SAID THAT TRUMAN SAVED EVERY NICKEL HE DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY IN TAXES. SINCE LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE HE HASN'T BEEN DOING BADLY EITHER. HE MADE A TAX DEAL ON HIS MEMOIRS UNDER WHICH HE WILL SAVE OVER \$160,000 BY SPREADING THE INCOME OVER SEVERAL YEARS. THE MEMOIRS ARE TO BRING HIM ALMOST 600 THOUSAND DOLLARS. THIS IS PRETTY GOOD FOR A BANKRUPT HABERDASHER WHO SETTLED HIS JUST DEBTS FOR A FEW CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

IN THE FILM INTERVIEW FOR TELEVISION, TRUMAN DECLARED AND I QUOTE "I NEVER MADE ANY STATEMENT THAT THERE WAS A RED HERRING ALTHO THE REPUBLICANS WHEN THEY ARE IN POWER ALWAYS TRY TO COVER UP THEIR MISTAKES BY ATTACKING SOMEBODY OR SOME INSTITUTION."

NOW LET'S LOOK AT THE RECORD, AS AL SMITH USED TO SAY. AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ON AUG. 5, 1948 DURING THE FUROR OVER THE COMMUNIST SPY CHARGES BEING PRESSED AGAINST ALGER HISS, THE CONVICTED SPY-PERJURER, WHO WAS ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY UNDER TRUMAN, TRUMAN WAS ASKED IF HE DID NOT THINK THE CAPITOL SPY HEARINGS WERE A RED HERRING TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM HIS ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. TRUMAN REPLIED AND AGAIN I QUOTE "YES, I DO," AND HE ADDED THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS "ARE SIMPLY A RED HERRING TO KEEP" CONGRESS FROM DOING WHAT IT OUGHT TO DO.

THE WORDS "RED HERRING" WERE USED BY TRUMAN. THEY ARE NOT MINE. A BIT LATER TRUMAN WAS ASKED IF HE COULD BE QUOTED ON THAT PORTION OF HIS STATEMENT IN WHICH HE SAID THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS WERE SIMPLY A RED HERRING. TRUMAN SAID AND STILL AGAIN I QUOTE "YES, YOU CAN QUOTE ME. I SAID THEY ARE SIMPLY A RED HERRING. THEY ARE USING THIS AS A RED HERRING TO KEEP FROM DOING WHAT THEY OUGHT TO DO." TO CAP THIS, A FEW MONTHS LATER, ON DEC. 9, 1948 TRUMAN TOLD HIS NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE STILL FELT THAT THE INVESTIGATION OF COMMUNISM IN THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE ASPECTS OF OF BEING A RED HERRING.

CERTAINLY TRUMAN DID NOT DENY THAT HE EVER USED THE PHRASE RED HERRING WITHOUT MALICE AFORETHOUGHT. IF HE FORGOT WHAT HE SAID, WHICH IS POSSIBLE, HE CERTAINLY HAD THE STAFF AND MEANS TO CHECK HIS OWN PRESS CONFERENCE RECORDS. HE TOOK TRUCK LOADS OF FILES WITH HIM. THESE ARE AT HIS FINGER TIPS AS HE WORKS ON HIS MEMOIRS.. WE CANNOT SAY HE WAS MISINFORMED OR ILL ADVISED. WE KNOW HE DID NOT SPEAK THE TRUTH.

NOW WHAT MAKES HARRY TRUMAN TELL US THINGS THAT JUST AREN'T SO? IS IT FOLLOWING HITLER'S ADVICE THAT IF YOU TELL A LIE BIG ENOUGH AND OFTEN ENOUGH IT WILL BE BELIEVED? DOES HE THINK HIS WORDS WILL BE

HEARD AND THE TRUTH WILL ONLY REACH A SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE? IS HE PREPARED TO GO TO ANY LENGTH TO BE LOYAL TO HIS PARTY EVEN TO UTTERING UNTRUTHS, OR IS THERE SOMETHING IN HIS BACKGROUND THAT DICTATES SUCH A COURSE?

THE FIRST HARRY TRUMAN IN AMERICAN HISTORY WAS NOT AN ADMIRABLE CHARACTER. THIS HARRY TRUMAN OPERATED IN TRUMAN'S NORTHWESTERN MISSOURI DURING THE CIVIL WAR. I HAVE IN MY HAND ONE OF THE MANY VOLUMES OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THAT WAR. I QUOTE FROM A LETTER OF BRIGADIER GENERAL CLINTON B. FISK, FROM MACON, MO., ON MAR. 31, 1865, TO MAJOR GENERAL GRENVILLE DODGE, COMMANDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI. FISK OBSERVES THAT "MEN WHO OCCUPY HIGH POSITIONS OF HONOR AND TRUST WILL, FOR A FEE, UNDERTAKE THE SALVATION OF THE DEVIL HIMSELF," WHICH IS NOT A BAD OBSERVATION TO EMPLOY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY TODAY. FISK GIVES A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FIRST HARRY TRUMAN, WHICH I QUOTE:

"IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1864, ONE TRUMAN, A DETECTIVE, WAS SENT TO MY DISTRICT BY GENERAL ROSECRANS ... TRUMAN KILLED SEVERAL CITIZENS, BURNED HOUSES AND SEQUESTERED MUCH PROPERTY. HE WAS ARRESTED, IMPRISONED, TRIED BY MILITARY COMMISSION, FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER, ARSON, AND LARCENY, AND SENTENCED TO BE HUNG. HE IS NOW AT LARGE. MOST OF THE WITNESSES AND INFORMANTS AGAINST TRUMAN HAVE BEEN MURDERED AND BURNT OUT BY PARTIES AS YET UNKNOWN."

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT RECORDS RELATING TO THE FIRST HARRY TRUMAN WERE TAKEN OUT OF MANY MISSOURI COUNTY LIBRARIES DURING TRUMAN'S SENATE CAMPAIGNS AND ON HIS ACCESSION TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE INFORMATION COMES FROM RELIABLE PERSONS. I ONCE ASKED A WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY WHETHER PRESIDENT TRUMAN HAD BEEN NAMED AFTER THIS EARLY HARRY TRUMAN. HE BROUGHT ME WORD THAT THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS NOT, BUT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT TRUMAN WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS SCOUNDREL WHO VISITED WITNESSES AGAINST HIM WITH DEATH AND FIRE.

WE DO KNOW THAT ONE OF THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S UNCLES WAS JIM CROW CHILES, A RASCAL WHO WAS SHOT DEAD ON THE STREETS OF INDEPENDENCE IN



A STREET BRAWL WITH THE TOWN MARSHALL. THE STORY WAS TOLD TO ME BY THE LATE GEORGE CREEL, CHIEF OF WAR INFORMATION UNDER PRESIDENT WILSON, WHO DIED A FEW MONTHS AGO. CREEL PUT THE STORY IN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "REBEL AT LARGE." CREEL WAS BORN IN TRUMAN'S HOME TOWN AND RAN A NEWSPAPER THERE.

ACCORDING TO CREEL, JIM CROW CHILES WAS THE TOWN BADMAN. NOT THE LEAST OF HIS MANY LAWLESS ACTS WAS HIS THREAT TO KILL EVERY NEGRO ON SIGHT. ONE PARTICULARLY COLD BLOODED CHILES MURDER WAS THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A NEGRO BOY. THE SHOOTING WAS WITNESSED BY TWO MEN. ONE LEFT BUT THE OTHER HAD THE COURAGE TO REMAIN. CHILES PROMISED TO SLAP MARSHALL JIM PEACOCK. ONE SUNDAY MORNING CHILES APPROACHED PEACOCK AS THO HE WERE GOING TO TALK, BUT HAULED AWAY AND SLAPPED HIM. PEACOCK GRAPPLED WITH CHILES. WHEN HE DID SO, CHILE'S SON LIJE, SHOT PEACOCK IN THE BACK. LIJE WAS SHOT BY CHARLES PEACOCK, SON OF THE MARSHALL. THEN JIM CROW CHILES REACHED FOR HIS GUN, PEACOCK WOUNDED AS HE WAS, DREW HIS REVOLVER AND PUT A BULLET THROUGH THE TOWN BAD MAN'S HEAD.

IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT UNCLE JIM CROW OR THE FIRST HARRY TRUMAN, THE THIEF AND MURDERER, WHO LIED ABOUT BEING A DETECTIVE, WERE MODELS OF VERACITY. CERTAINLY THE MAN WHO RAISED HARRY TRUMAN UP IN POLITICS WAS NO TELLER OF THE TRUTH. JIM PENDERGAST, BOSS OF THE NOTORIOUS KANSAS CITY MACHINE, WHICH PULLED TRUMAN OUT OF BANKRUPTCY AND SET HIM ON THE WAY TO THE WHITE HOUSE WAS NO GALAHAD IN WHITE ARMOUR. PENDERGAST WENT TO JAIL FOR INCOME TAX EVASION. HE WAS TRAPPED IN LIES ABOUT HIS INCOME. AND TRUMAN PURSUED THE MAN, WHO SENT PENDERGAST TO JAIL, WITH PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL HATE.

YESTERDAY TRUMAN TOLD REPORTERS IN NEW YORK: "I CONVICTED MY COMMUNISTS, THAT'S HOW I TOOK CARE OF THEM." LAST DECEMBER HE TOLD REPORTERS IN LOS ANGELES: "NOW WE HAVE A COMMUNIST SCARE AND IF YOU KNOW ANYBODY WHO KNOWS A COMMUNIST I WISH YOU'D PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH ME BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT ONE LOOKS LIKE." TRUMAN MET STALIN IN POTSDAM AND TOLD US LATER "I LIKE OLD JOE." THE TRUTH ISN'T IN THE MAN TRUMAN.

WALTER TRUMAN.

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H EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR OF THE FB I WASHINGTON DC

DEAR SIR: IF YOU FEEL ANY MERCY AT ALL TOWARDS CITIZEN

HARRY TRUMAN, OR CERTAIN OF HIS TITLE AND ASSOCIATES PERHAPS

YOU COULD SEND SWARMS OF STRONG-ARM SQUADS TO ROUGH UP HIS

FACE, TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK (TWO HOURS

ON, TWO HOURS OFF), WHILE HE DECIDES WHETHER HE IS,

FOR SURE, ABOVE THE COMMON LAW OF THE FOUNDING

FATHERS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. OR

PERHAPS A PUBLIC TREASON TRIAL WOULD DO A STILL BETTER JOB

OF ROUGHING UP HIS FACE

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June 6, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Would it be possible for you to tell me what was so dis-  
creminating about the Truman Administration? I was just a very  
young girl at the time of his administration, so I am not very  
well informed with his activities as president. I do know there  
were several investigations about the loyalty of some of the  
government workers, but what was his part in the investigations?

I was always under the impression that he was a fairly  
decent president, but maybe that was family influence. I would  
appreciate it very much if you would send me some information  
on this subject.

Yours very truly,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 6, 1955, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city. I am taking the liberty of acknowledging its receipt inasmuch as it is against Mr. Hoover's policy to comment on political matters such as you set out in your letter. I am forwarding some material about the FBI and its activities which you may find interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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Personnel and Services of the FBI Laboratory  
Thirty Years of Fingerprint Identification  
Know Your FBI  
Story of the FBI

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE November 4, 1955

FROM : M. J. Jones

SUBJECT: FULTON LEWIS, JR.  
NEWS BROADCAST, 7:00 P.M.  
NOVEMBER 3, 1955

Harry Truman

On his news broadcast last night Fulton Lewis made reference to a letter directed by Senator McCarthy to Senator McClellan, chairman of the investigating committee which McCarthy formerly headed, which charged that the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) still has in it a considerable number of Communist front individuals who were there under the Democrats and whom the Eisenhower Administration has failed to clean out. According to Lewis, McCarthy's letter cited eight cases as a partial sample, giving details, but not the names of the individuals involved in these eight cases. McCarthy reportedly gave the chairman of the investigating committee the names of the individuals, as well as pertinent facts concerning them.

Of the eight cases listed by McCarthy, Lewis furnished brief details concerning two of them. The first case involved an NLRB official with high connections on Capitol Hill and in the Washington Office of the NLRB, who was fired from the Labor Board in 1954 when he admitted in a hearing under oath that he had been a CP member. This individual denied being a member of the Communist Party of the United States but stated that he was a British Communist. Lewis pointed out that evidence showed that this individual taught in a Communist workers school in the United States. He was discharged on loyalty grounds, rehired by the same agency, and presently is employed by NLRB.

The second case involved one of the minor prominent in the NLRB; and the evidence in his file revealed a close association with known Communists, including one who sought refuge behind the iron curtain and others who had used the Fifth Amendment. His opposition was so important that his case was submitted to the White House. The complete file on this individual was reportedly taken to Independence, Missouri, by President Truman when he retired from office. This individual remains in his high office.

CC - Mr. Boardman  
CC - Mr. Belmont  
CC - Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

November 4, 1955

McCarthy in his letter points out that he does not have the power of subpoena, nor does he have a staff of investigators, and for this reason is turning the material over to the committee chairman for investigation. Lewis stated that presumably Senator McClellan will follow through, and it would be surprising if he did not do so.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *for*

DATE: 2-6-56

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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*D.C. Greece*  
Bill Hillman, who collaborated with former President

Harry Truman on his memoirs, called on me on the evening of February 3 and left autographed copies of the book for the Director and myself. He stated that when he gave the books to Mr. Truman to be autographed, Mr. Truman stated that this would give him a great deal of pleasure and asked to be remembered to the Director. Letters are attached to [REDACTED] the former President.

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Each of the two volumes has approximately 250,000 words. The second volume will be out around April 1. On page 77 there is an account of the happenings on April 23, 1945, and there is merely a reference to the Director calling at 11:30 a.m. who was followed by Postmaster General Walker. There is no reference as to why the Director called at the White House. On page 98 the former President referred to a memorandum which the Director of the Budget Bureau, Smith, had sent to President Roosevelt concerning the organization of intelligence in the Government. Mr. Truman said he read it and that Smith pointed out that the tug of war was going on among the FBI, OSI, Army and Navy Intelligence and the State Department; that recently the Budget Bureau had worked with the General Staff of the Army reorganizing the Intelligence Staff in the Army and that Mr. Truman had been told that the Budget Bureau had some experienced and competent people who had become specialists on intelligence organizations. Smith suggested, and Mr. Truman agreed, that a study should be undertaken at once by the Budget Bureau's specially trained experts on how best to handle intelligence, that it was imperative that they refrain from rushing into something that would produce controversy among the various intelligence agencies, and Mr. Truman told Smith one thing was certain, the country wanted no Gestapo under any guise or for any reason. This meeting apparently occurred on April 26, 1945. No further reference is made to the Bureau.

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April 19, 1956

Honorable Harry S. Truman  
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mr. Truman:

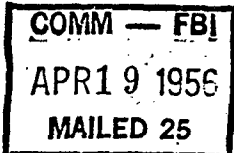
I am enclosing a letter from  
Barbados postmarked April 14, 1956. It  
is addressed to you at the FBI.

With expressions of my highest  
esteem,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: June 4, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MEMOIRS BY HARRY S. TRUMAN"  
Two Volumes  
BOOK REVIEWPURPOSE:

To set forth references to the FBI and the Director which appear in the captioned book. None of these references appear to be derogatory.

REFERENCES TO FBI:Volume I: "Year of Decisions"

Page 77 -- Mr. Truman refers to officials who called on April 23, 1945. Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation called at 11:30 a.m.

Page 98 -- Mr. Truman had a long discussion with Mr. Harold D. Smith, Director of the Budget, on April 26, 1945, concerning many subjects. Smith had previously sent President Roosevelt a Bureau of the Budget memorandum concerning the organization of intelligence in the government which pointed out that a tug of war was going on among the FBI, the Office of Strategic Services, the Army and Navy Intelligence, and the State Department. Mr. Truman had read this memorandum, and Smith added that the Budget Bureau had some experienced and competent people who had become specialists in the problems of intelligence organization. Mr. Truman considered it very important to the country to have a sound, well-organized intelligence system, and agreed to Smith's suggestion that his specially trained experts undertake studies of intelligence set-ups. Mr. Truman states, "I told Smith that one thing was certain--this country wanted no Gestapo under any guise or for any reason."

Volume II: "Years of Trial and Hope, 1946-1952"

Page 55 -- Mr. Truman states that a President has to know what is going on all around the world in order to be ready to act when action is needed. Before 1946 such information as the President needed was being collected in several different places in the government. He discusses the various sources and types of information among which he states that "During World War II the Federal Bureau of Investigation had some operations abroad, and in addition, the Office of Strategic Services which was set up by President Roosevelt during the war and placed under the direction of General William J. Donovan, operated abroad to gather information."

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June 4, 1956

Page 57 -- Mr. Truman deplored the scattered method of getting intelligence information and saw a need for coordination of such information. In January, 1946, he held a series of meetings to examine various suggested plans for a centralized intelligence authority. Mr. Truman favored a plan worked out by the Army and the Navy and was ready to put it into effect when Budget Director Smith urged postponement until his people could make a thorough analysis of the intelligence aspects of it. Mr. Truman told Smith he liked this plan, but that if his men could make it better they should work with Admiral Leahy, Admiral Souers and the Department of Justice people and get it done. Mr. Truman states that, as is natural, some minor disagreements arose.

The Justice Department, for instance, raised certain objections on behalf of Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI, but there were no major differences of opinion, and substantial agreement was soon reached.

As a result, the Office of Strategic Services was dissolved and on January 20, 1946, an Executive Order was issued setting up the Central Intelligence Group.

Page 60 -- Discussing the National Security Council, created by the National Security Act of 1947, Mr. Truman describes the function of the CIA, which operates as follows: When the Council is ready to consider a certain policy it calls upon the CIA to present an estimate of the effects such a policy is likely to have. The Director of the CIA sits with the staff of the Council and continually informs as they go along. The estimates he submits represents the judgment of the CIA and a cross section of the judgments of all the advisory councils of the CIA, which are G-2, A-2, the ONI, the State Department, the FBI, and the Director of Intelligence of the AEC.

Page 275 -- Refers to passage of the Hatch Act on August 2, 1939, which makes it unlawful for any employee of the government to have membership in a party which advocated the overthrow of the constitutional form of government of the United States, and to FBI's responsibility under the Act.

Page 277 -- Discussing internal security, Mr. Truman states that "From 1940 an organization was set up by a directive of President Roosevelt, made up of the FBI, ONI, and G-2, and charged with all investigatory responsibility in the field of subversion, espionage, and sabotage."

On February 5, 1943, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9300 creating an interdepartmental Committee of Five to consider and recommend action to all departments of the government, except the

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June 4, 1956

War and Navy Departments, on all matters where charges of subversive activity had been made against employees. This committee was empowered to receive all completed investigation reports made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on complaints filed with them and advise all departments and agencies on the procedure and action to be taken. In turn, the committee had to report to the FBI actions taken by the departments.

Page 277 -- The Government had been engaged in checking the loyalty of its employees since 1942, with changes and improvements being made as defects appeared in the system. Investigations by the Civil Service Commission were augmented by the FBI.

Page 278 -- The President's Temporary Commission on Employee Loyalty, created by Executive Order 9806 issued November 25, 1946, recommended that each department and agency set up its own loyalty procedures but that minimum standards be set up for all government agencies by Executive Order. All persons entering the employ of any department or agency should be investigated for loyalty, in most instances, by the Civil Service Commission. All present employees' names should be checked against the FBI files for information that might adversely reflect on their loyalty.

Page 281 -- Refers to an attempt of the House Committee on Expenditures, during latter part of 1947 and 1948, to gain access to the confidential reports of the CSC on employees in government through a rider on an appropriation bill. Mr. Truman stated, "The confidential reports of the CSC, as well as those of the FBI, contain many unsupported, uninvestigated, and unevaluated charges and are never intended for public consumption or distribution."

Page 289 -- By letter dated July 14, 1951, to James S. Lay, Jr., executive secretary of the National Security Council, President Truman directed the Council to make an investigation of the administration of the Government Employee Security Program. The work of the Council was done by an interdepartmental committee on internal security, composed of officers and technicians in the security field from the various departments and included the head of the FBI, the security officer of the State Department, and a general from the Department of Defense. Among other things, the committee recommended that the Civil Service Commission review agency decisions in security-risk cases and pointed up the need for uniform standards for all security employees.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 2, 1956

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

~~SECRET~~SUBJECT: HARRY S. TRUMAN  
FORMER PRESIDENT  
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While discussing other matters [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] commented to Liaison Agent [REDACTED]

that a matter had arisen involving former President Truman, which he felt might be of interest to the Bureau. He stated he was asking for no action and was furnishing this confidentially.

In August of 1956, during the discussions at the Democratic National Convention regarding the Democratic platform, Truman made the statement that the first atomic bomb contained [REDACTED] of fissionable material. Senator Clinton P. Anderson was the Chairman of the Committee before which Truman was appearing. Anderson is Chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

[REDACTED] advised that this information had been checked thoroughly by the AEC classification people, and that its present classification is "Secret - Restricted Data."

[REDACTED] had considered talking to Truman about this, but had not made up his mind at this time that this was the thing to do.

ACTION:

For your information

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - Mr. Bates

ADDENDUM, RRR:mad, 11-9-56:

[REDACTED] advised today that he would prefer that the information above mentioned not be sent to the Attorney General. He advised, however, that if the Director feels strongly that it should be sent then [REDACTED] would, of course, agree.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 2, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *[initials]*

SUBJECT:

*[Handwritten initials]*  
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*HARRY S. BUDIGAN*

*[Redacted]* sent me the I. F. Stone's Weekly of September 17 which refers to a statement by former President Truman in that he had spoken to the Director about Harry Dexter White and told me today that a book is now being published about the defense of Harry Dexter White. It was written by Nathan I. White and published by his sister, Bessie White Bloom, by the Independent Press, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts. *[Redacted]* He said that it is quite detailed, gives an appearance of being documented, has a voluminous appendix, and he feels that we should analyze this very promptly as he feels that some answer will have to be given somewhere along the line to the book as it will be used by the friends of White and the left wingers to further discredit anticommunist investigations. In fact, *[Redacted]* even felt that the Director should give all consideration to setting the record straight in view of Truman's statement that he had talked to the Director about Harry Dexter White. I told *[Redacted]* that, of course, the Director had not talked to the former President about Harry Dexter White but had seen numerous memoranda and reports to the White House and, of course, we did not know what discussions took place between former Attorney General Tom Clark and the former President. It is suggested that we have the Boston Office secure a couple of copies of this new book on White and promptly have it analyzed insofar as the Bureau's concern in the book.

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1. Yes.
2. President Truman never discussed the White case with me during his time.

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*Memorandum Belmont  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: November 11, 1956

FROM :

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES  
(Bufile 65-64044)

Re memo [redacted] to Mr. Belmont 11/10/56,  
same subject.

At 2:20 a.m., 11/11/56, SA William G. Mendelson, ONI, telephonically advised the writer he had previously conversed with SA [redacted] re subject. Mendelson advised subject continued to call Marine Corps Headquarters on 11/10/56, insisting she had proof of "secret communist agents" in the U. S. Mendelson again interviewed [redacted] 11/10/56, and she showed him numerous notes which appeared to have been copied from newspapers and magazines and were of no apparent intelligence significance.

Mendelson advised subject stated she had resided in New York City with [redacted]

[redacted] Subject referred to the attempted assassination of President Truman and stated she believed the present President is in the same type of danger now, mentioning a possible plot on his life. On specific inquiry she could not or would not give any basis for this belief. She admitted having been in a mental institution in Illinois and claimed to receive information through telepathic signals from an unknown source. Mendelson advised subject stated that [redacted] (mentioned re memo [redacted]) whose ex-boy friend, one [redacted] was released from Justice "under a cloud." Mendelson stated he left subject with officers [redacted] Car #3, Metropolitan Police Department during evening of 11/10/56, as subject had checked out of YWCA and had no place to go for the night. He does not know where they took her. Mendelson will furnish detailed memo through liaison.

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At 2:40 a.m. 11/11/56 Mr. Vincent P. Mroz, Secret Service, was telephonically advised by writer re subject's calling the Marine Corps; Mendelson's interview of subject and of her statement re possible plot on the President's life; Mendelson's firm belief subject is mentally ill, and names of Metropolitan Police Department officers through whom subject might be reached, if desired.

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cc - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont

Suggest routing to Loyalty Government of Employees  
Section for information, cc to [REDACTED] for confirmation  
purposes.

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ADDENDUM: [REDACTED] bmm

Bufiles reflect [REDACTED] is mental  
case who has been in contact with Bureau and other Government  
agencies on several occasions in the past.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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1 - [redacted]

**BY COURIER SERVICE**

**Date:** November 16, 1958  
**To:** Mr. U. E. Baughman  
Chief  
U. S. Secret Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.  
**From:** 62-54738-154  
John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
**Subject:** [redacted]  
**THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

This is to confirm information orally furnished to Special Agent Vincent P. Mroz of your Service by Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau on November 11, 1958.

On the night of November 10 and the morning of November 11, 1958, this Bureau received telephonic information from the Office of Naval Intelligence to the effect that [redacted] made several telephone calls to the Marine Corps Headquarters. During these calls [redacted] referred to the attempted assassination of President Truman and stated she believed the present President is in the same type of danger now and mentioned a possible plot on his life. She could not furnish any specific information concerning her belief. She admitted having been in a mental institution in Illinois and claimed that she received information through telepathic signals from an unknown source.

It was the understanding of the Office of Naval Intelligence that [redacted] had checked out of the IWCA and had no place to go for the night. The Metropolitan Police Department officers, [redacted] and [redacted] had [redacted] in custody and it is not known what action was taken by the police. No further action is being taken by this Bureau.

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5 December 57.

Chief of Police,  
Independence, Mo.

Dear Sir:

There appeared recently in the newspapers around here a story that I believe bears watching.

The police picked up a "nut" for robbery who claimed that he was trying to get a stake to tide him over until he could get to Independence and assassinate Harry Truman on July 4th; his grievance being that Truman had caused the death of his (the culprit's) brother in Korea. There are two unfortunate angles to that - one is that an insane man can shoot or fix up a bomb as well as anybody else - the other is that wide publicity is almost certain to give other nuts ideas.

As I understand that Harry Truman is not afraid of the Devil himself I suppose that you can not get him to be rather careful. However neighbors could be alerted (if I were there I would be glad to volunteer for a shift as a civilian watch), you could have a patrolman on the beat with instructions to question all strangers carrying anything - possibly you might get Harry to put an alarm on his garage (bombs in cars seem to be the style now) or maybe on his car. That is not so hard to do - once I was a guard at a lone some sort of place, I strung a black thread attached to a tin can about a foot off of the ground, it worked too. Don't know whether the Truman family has, or likes, dogs, if they do like them the gift of a good watchdog might be just right.

Apologies for suggesting what is after all your business, but don't forget that Booth was an insane Southerner.

Very sincerely,

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57 JAN 15 1957

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/24/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LN*

SUBJECT:

*LN*

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*[REDACTED]* called. The Lotus Club is giving a dinner in honor of Harry Truman on the evening of November 14. He was wondering if the Director could possibly attend the dinner. I told him that the U.S. Attorneys Conference would then be in session; that as much as the Director would like to come, he really couldn't make connections.

*[REDACTED]* then invited me and I told him that I probably would still be in the South. He then wanted to arrange a dinner for me at the Lotus Club which I courteously declined.

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*✓* *LN*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/21/58

FROM : SAC, Albany (80-0)

Attention: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: SCHEDULED VISIT OF FORMER PRESIDENT  
 HARRY S. TRUMAN AT ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
 BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NY  
 APRIL 25, 1958

*mem 10-1*

I have just been advised by Mr. Frederick A. Morse, Secretary to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, that former President Harry S. Truman will be a guest of the Board of Regents at their Annual Convocation on April 25, 1958. Former President Herbert Hoover was to have been a guest, but due to his recent operation this has been cancelled.

It is planned that Mr. Truman will stay at the Executive Mansion as the guest of Governor and Mrs. Harriman on the night of the 25th.

This is furnished as of informative value and possible interest to the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: January 17, 1959

FROM :

SUBJECT:

CUB SCOUT PINNING OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN BY  
TWINS OF [REDACTED]Tolson  
Boardman  
Belmont  
Clegg  
Glavin  
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Nichols  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Harbo  
Mohr  
Tele. Room  
Holloman  
Gandy

This is to advise that [REDACTED] on this date received a call from an official of Boy Scout Headquarters of Washington, D. C., requesting that [REDACTED] twin boys, Andy and Greg, (both Cub Scouts) be available for the pinning of former President Harry Truman sometime during the week of January 19, 1959. This is in connection with the annual Scout Week in which many public officials in Washington are pinned in recognition of scouting. Although this is in advance of Scout Week, which is sometime in February, the instant request was made of [REDACTED] inasmuch as Mr. Truman is expected to be in Washington sometime during the week mentioned above. This is an annual affair and definitely has no political implications. [REDACTED] was told that there would undoubtedly be publicity with this matter and both he and his wife are requested to be present for the occasion. The pinning will be at the Mayflower Hotel.

ACTION:

Since there are no political implications in connection with the above request, [REDACTED] will allow his boys to participate in this request unless advised to the contrary.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Liaison Section
- 1 - [REDACTED]

advised above  
postponed until approximately  
2/13/59 - because of changes  
in Mr. Truman's schedule  
1/24/59

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 5/5/59

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: STATEMENTS BY FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
REGARDING HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN  
ACTIVITIES (HCUA)HARRY TRUMAN

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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

There has been considerable publicity relative to former President Truman's statements about the HCUA to the effect that he considered their procedures highly un-American.

Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Washington Field Office called today to advise that he had been talking to a member of the HCUA, who said that while Mr. Truman was waiting to appear before another congressional committee [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] talked to Mr. Truman in an attempt to find out what was on his mind. Mr. Truman told [REDACTED] "I admire and respect you fellows," and that his remarks had been misinterpreted, as what he was actually talking about, when he sounded off, were the practices of Velde and Dies. [REDACTED]

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cc Mr. Belmont

Mr. DeLoach

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W. AVERELL HARRIMAN  
16 EAST EIGHTY-FIRST STREET  
NEW YORK 28, NEW YORK

December 28, 1959

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently a number of friends of Harry Truman decided that an appropriate way to honor him in perpetuity would be to set up an endowed Chair in his name at a University. Thus a National Committee was formed for the establishment of the

Harry S. Truman Chair in American Civilization

at Brandeis University. National Chairman of this Committee is Jacob Arvey, and serving with me as Honorary Co-Chairmen are Senator Lehman, Eleanor Roosevelt, Sam Rayburn, and Adlai Stevenson.

A number of President Truman's old friends have already pledged over a third of the necessary funds for the Chair. We are anxious to see the endowment completed and the Chair established in 1960. President Sachar of Brandeis University will be at my home at five o'clock on Wednesday, January 20th, to discuss this objective, and I am asking some of the President's friends to meet him. I hope you will be able to join us.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know, by telephoning my secretary at YUkon 8-1616 or mailing the enclosed card, whether you can attend.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

*Averell Harriman*

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Averell Harriman

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

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The Honorable Averell Harriman

16 East 81 Street

New York 28, New York

I will be happy to attend the Reception at your  
home on Wednesday afternoon, January 20th  
at five o'clock on behalf of the Harry S. Truman  
Chair in American Civilization  
at Brandeis University.

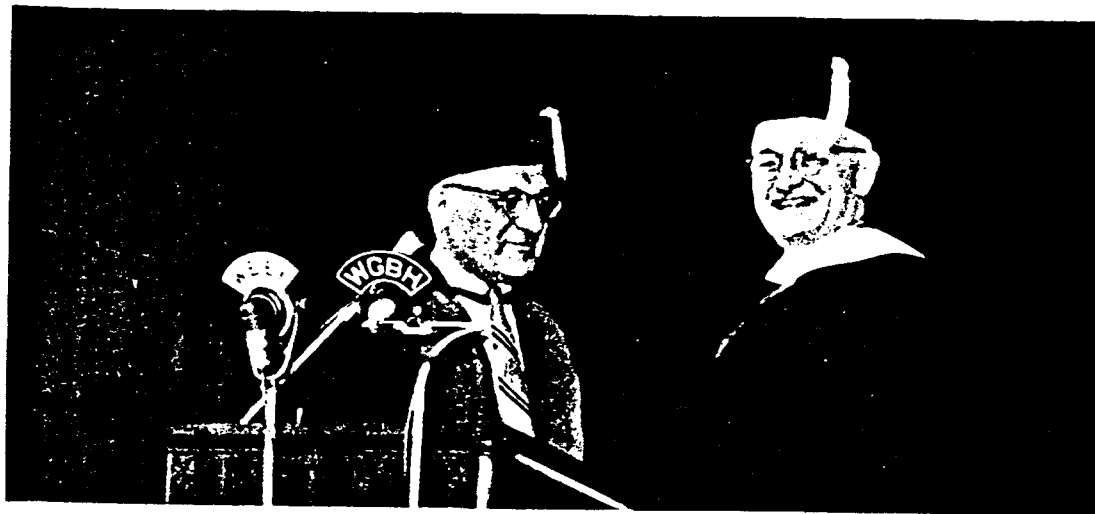
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THE  
HARRY S. TRUMAN CHAIR  
IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

*"...so that through certain knowledge of our roots in the past, we  
may learn to build the present and plan the future—stabilizing  
and ensuring our democratic heritage of freedom forever."*



FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN receives honorary degree at Brandeis University Commencement in June, 1957. Making presentation is Brandeis President Dr. Abram L. Sachar. Mr. Truman was Commencement speaker.



THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS of former President Harry S. Truman at Brandeis University, when he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in June 1957, inspired a group of his friends with the idea of establishing a permanently endowed professorship in his name at Brandeis University: The Harry S. Truman Chair in American Civilization.

Co-Chairmen of this group are: Jacob M. Arvey, Averell Harriman, Herbert H. Lehman, Sam Rayburn, Eleanor Roosevelt and Adlai E. Stevenson.

Closing his address on education, politics and government, Mr. Truman said, "I hope that you who are graduating here today and that you who will be studying here next year and in the years to come will make a special effort, regardless of your respective fields of concentration, to understand the workings of our government. Our government is not a fool-proof thing. It is not an automatic mechanism which will always produce the best results. But it is a very good form of government provided the people understand it and are vigilant about its operations, and try to preserve its rich heritage of freedom in the face of the great dangers and difficulties of the present age."

January 5, 1960

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Honorable W. Averell Harriman  
16 East 81st Street  
New York 28, New York

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My dear Mr. Harriman:

Averell

I sincerely appreciate your note of December 28, with enclosures, advising me of the plans under way to honor President Truman, and may I also congratulate the Committee and you on this most appropriate manner you have chosen to pay tribute to him.

Thank you very much for the cordial invitation to meet with the group you mentioned at your home on January 20. While I wish it were possible to be with you, particularly in view of your personal interest in this matter, a previously scheduled commitment precludes my acceptance.

I know you can understand my position, and you have my best wishes for every possible success in this endeavor.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Harriman is listed on Crime Research Section Mailing List, for reference only, while Governor of New York. No previous correspondence located to justify the use of first-name salutation.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (62-0)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 8/24/60

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Mr. Maclean SWEENEY, (SA)

White House detail, Secret Service

and Frank Wicks, OSI, advised

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Date: September 1, 1960

To: Office of Special Investigations  
Air Force

Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: [REDACTED]

(LIAISON)

This will confirm information furnished to  
Mr. Franklin L. Welch, Assistant Chief, Counterintelligence  
Division, Office of Special Investigations, and Special  
Agent M. Sweazey, White House Detail, Secret Service, by  
Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Bureau, on August 30, 1960.

[REDACTED]

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**Office of Special Investigations**

In view of the lack of a violation coming within the jurisdiction of this Bureau, no further action is contemplated in this matter.

1 - Mr. U. E. Baughman  
Chief  
U. S. Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C.

NOTE FOR SALT LAKE CITY

Attention: SAC

Reurlet 8-24-60 concerning this matter.

67D In the future, similar-type material being transmitted to the Bureau should be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, to expedite notification of interested agencies. In the event additional pertinent information is received from [REDACTED] you should insure that this information is transmitted to the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form.

Form errors should be charged to the personnel responsible for the preparation and submission of data contained in relet.

NOTE ON YELLOW

57C While the Secret Service has no jurisdiction over former Presidents, the above information was furnished for whatever action deemed necessary. Air Force advised Liaison that [REDACTED] has had a favorable record with the Air Force, and there is no indication that he is suffering from any mental disturbance.

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November 14, 1960

Honorable Harry S. Truman  
219 North Delaware Street  
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mr. Truman:

I want to send you this personal note expressing my appreciation for your kind remarks relating to Senator Kennedy's request that I continue as Director of the FBI.

Favorable comments such as yours are most encouraging, particularly since they come from one who has distinguished himself through outstanding service and leadership as the President of this great Nation. The confidence you expressed in my administration of the operations of this Bureau means a great deal to me, and you may be sure that I shall continue to discharge my responsibilities to the best of my ability.

With assurance of my highest esteem

Sincerely yours REC-60

J. Edgar Hoover

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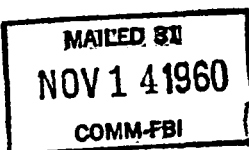
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(TRUMAN)

CHICAGO--FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN SAID TODAY HE DOESN'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FARMERS BECAUSE "THEY ALL VOTED THE REPUBLICAN TICKET."

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, TRUMAN ALSO:

---SAID THAT WITH THE ELECTION OF DEMOCRAT JOHN F. KENNEDY AS PRESIDENT "THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS CAN'T BE ANYTHING BUT BETTER."

---EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THE CLOSENESS OF KENNEDY'S VICTORY OVER VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON WAS "HEALTHFUL AND ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN."

---SAID HE WOULDN'T GIVE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT ANY ADVICE OR TELL HIM WHO TO APPOINT TO CABINET OR OTHER POSTS.

---DISMISSED AS "HYPOTHETICAL" A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN ANY GOODWILL TOURS ON BEHALF OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

TRUMAN, HERE TO ADDRESS A JOURNALISM PHOTOGRAPHERS SEMINAR, SLAPPED AT THE TURN THE FARM BELT VOTE TOOK IN TUESDAY'S ELECTION WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THE FARM SITUATION MIGHT IMPROVE UNDER THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION.

"I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FARMERS NOW," HE SNAPPED. "THEY ALL VOTED THE REPUBLICAN TICKET."

HE SAID CONDITIONS IN THE NATION WILL IMPROVE BECAUSE "MR. KENNEDY IS GOING TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND WORK."

THE EX-PRESIDENT RECALLED THAT NIXON, DEFEATED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, HAD GIVEN NOTICE HE INTENDED TO TRAVEL WIDELY THROUGH THE WORLD.

TRUMAN APPROVED KENNEDY'S ACTION IN RE-APPOINTING J. EDGAR HOOVER AS DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND ALLEN W. DULLES AS HEAD OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

"THESE MEN ARE ALL RIGHT," HE SAID. "IN THOSE TWO POSITIONS YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE MEN YOU CAN TRUST."

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Date: December 8, 1960

To: Mr. U. E. Baughman  
Chief  
U. S. Secret Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.

*HARRY S. TRUMAN*

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; THREAT TO  
KILL EX-PRESIDENT TRUMAN

This will confirm information orally furnished on December 6, 1960, to Special Agent Arthur L. Godfrey of your Service by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this Bureau.

On December 6, 1960, the Oklahoma City Office of this Bureau received a telephone call from [REDACTED]

advised that he had received the following information from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was engaged in conversation by an unknown white man, age about sixty, tall and thin, with a persistent cough. The unknown individual was apparently a war veteran with a grudge, the details of which were not known [REDACTED] At least six times during the conversation the unknown man stated he was going to kill ex-President Harry S. Truman.

The Oklahoma City Office of this Bureau is conducting no investigation in this matter. The Kansas City Office of this Bureau has been instructed to notify appropriate authorities.

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Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Malone  
Mr. McGuire  
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Miss Gandy

URGENT 12-6-60 6-24 PM CST TPH  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

THREAT TO KILL EX-PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN.

TELEPHONICALLY

ADVISED ON DEC. SIX, SIXTY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
INFORMATION

IS A REPUTABLE PERSON.

WAS ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION BY AN  
UNKNOWN WHITE MAN AGE ABOUT SIXTY, TALL AND THIN, WITH A PERSISTENT  
COUGH, FURTHER DESC. NOT AVAILABLE. THE UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL WAS  
APPARENTLY A WAR VETERAN WITH A GRUDGE, THE DETAILS OF WHICH WERE  
NOT KNOWN AT LEAST SIX TIMES DURING THE  
CONVERSATION THE UNKNOWN MAN STATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO KILL  
EX-PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN. THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

NO INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE OKLA. CITY DIVISION UACB. KANSAS  
CITY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, UACB.

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URGENT 12-6-60 6-24 PM CST TPM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, KANSAS CITY  
FROM SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

THREAT TO KILL EX-PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY  
ADVISED ON DEC. SIX, SIXTY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A REPUTABLE PERSON.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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NO INQUIRY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE OKLA. CITY DIVISION UACB. KANSAS  
CITY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, UACB. 62-59238-168 [REDACTED]

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ARTHUR L. GODFREY  
Secret Service, advised  
8:40 P.M. 12/6/60 [REDACTED]

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URGENT 12-13-60

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC KANSAS CITY 132210

ATTENTION ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN: FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, SPECIAL INQUIRY MATTERS. MR. TRUMAN PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED BY SAC ON DECEMBER 12 LAST IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIAL INQUIRY [REDACTED] MR. TRUMAN MOST CORDIAL UNTIL PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW EXPLAINED, WHEREUPON HIS MANNER BECAME VERY BRUSQUE. MR. TRUMAN WAS ALSO ASKED TO COMMENT CONCERNING [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] BOTH SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INQUIRIES FOR HIGH LEVEL POSITIONS. DESPITE VERY TACTFUL AND CAREFUL EXPLANATION PURPOSE OF SPECIAL INQUIRY PROGRAM AND INQUIRIES BEING MADE AT REQUEST OF WHITE HOUSE, MR. TRUMAN WOULD ONLY COMMENT CONCERNING [REDACTED] THAT HE WAS "ALL RIGHT" AND CONCERNING [REDACTED] "I NEVER HEARD OF HIM". AT THIS POINT MR. TRUMAN TERMINATED INTERVIEW. MISS ROSE CONWAY, PERSONAL SECRETARY TO MR. TRUMAN, EXPLAINED TRUMAN STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED ANY COMMENT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS BEING MADE BY PRESIDENT ELECT KENNEDY. NO FURTHER INTERVIEWS WITH MR. TRUMAN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FROM BUREAU.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: August 16, 1961

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: SPEECH BEFORE STATE KIWANIS CLUBS  
 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA  
 AUGUST 15, 1961

The Director allowed me to accept a speech invitation before the captioned group on 8-15-61 at the request of Sam Latimer, Editor and Publisher, "The State," the largest newspaper in South Carolina,

This was a good group to appear before. As Latimer explained, they are the elite of business and industrial men in South Carolina. The heads of The American Legion in the State were at the affair as well as the heads of the State Government and the heads of State law enforcement. For example, the head table was comprised of the State Treasurer who introduced me, the State Attorney General, the head of the State Highway Patrol and a number of other dignitaries including the outstanding lawyers in the State. The respect and esteem held for the Director and the FBI was very obvious throughout this entire affair.

*Harry S. Truman*

Latimer proudly showed me through his newspaper building which is new and cost approximately eight million dollars. Latimer is very close to Bernard Baruch and former Supreme Court Justice and Secretary of State Jimmy Byrnes.

*D. E.*

Enclosure *sent 8-16-61*

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DeLoach to Mohr 8-16-61

Re: Speech before State Kiwanis Clubs, South Carolina, 8-15-61

*If one waits long enough the truth comes out.*

The speech before the combined Kiwanis group appeared to go without any difficulty. There were also appearances before two radio stations, one television station and Mr. Latimer saw to it that the FBI got very favorable press regarding this matter.

Mr. Jeff Bates, State Treasurer, State of South Carolina, was most commendable in his remarks regarding the Director and the FBI in introducing me to the combined Kiwanis group. The Director may desire to send him the attached letter.

**ACTION:** That the attached letter go forward to Mr. Bates in connection with the above-mentioned introduction.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans

**DATE: 2/27/62**

FROM : A. B. Eddy

**SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach ✓  
Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen ✓  
Sullivan ✓  
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██████████ was no specific proof concerning the above and that he was merely passing it on as a rumor.

**ACTION:**

Any further information along this line will immediately be brought to your attention.

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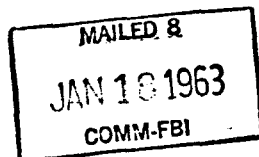
Honorable Harry S Truman  
Research Hospital  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Truman:

I was sorry to learn that it was necessary for you to enter the hospital and sincerely hope that this finds you resting comfortably after the operation. Do abide by your doctor's instructions and not try to hasten your recovery, as I am sure you will soon be up and around.

If there is anything that I can do to be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With expressions of highest esteem and best regards, I am



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Sincerely,  
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J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - St. Louis
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - [REDACTED]

NOTE: Mr. Truman recently stated in a nation-wide radio interview that he prefers that the period after the "S" in his name not be used inasmuch as the "S" is his middle name and not an initial.

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## Truman Faces Surgery Today

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 KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan 17  
 (UPI)—Former President Harry S. Truman will undergo surgery Friday morning for repair of a hernia. The operation will be "routine surgery," said a spokesman for Research Hospital.

Mr. Truman, 78, entered the hospital last Monday for an annual medical checkup. The hospital said today that the former President's condition "remains satisfactory."

The spokesman said Mr. Truman will be in the hospital for about one week after the surgery is performed.

The Washington Post and A-1  
 Times Herald  
 The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_  
 New York Herald Tribune \_\_\_\_\_  
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 The New York Times \_\_\_\_\_  
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 J. G. Helms

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Date: 4/4/64

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AM  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (62-)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] MICHIGAN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

HARRY TRUMAN

At 4:14 p.m., on 4/3/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically con-  
tacted the Detroit Office and advised he accepted a telephone  
call from a person who furnished his identity as captioned  
individual, at 2:00 p.m., 4/3/64, in the absence of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] to whom the call was  
made.

and stated that he had a rifle in his home and that he had to  
help his country against Trickey DICK NIXON. [REDACTED] reportedly  
[REDACTED] had to get NIXON "out of there" inasmuch as  
HENRI CABOT LODGE might become President.

[REDACTED] also made unintelligible remarks about  
BOBBY KENNEDY.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., 4/3/64, SA [REDACTED] took a  
telephonic complaint from an individual who identified himself  
as [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] used foul language  
in referring to RICHARD NIXON and to former President TRUMAN.  
[REDACTED] comments were not threatening in nature nor intelligible.  
[REDACTED] hung up abruptly.

The contents of the phone calls to [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] were  
telephonically furnished by SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]  
Michigan State Police and to [REDACTED]  
Mich. PD. [REDACTED] would coordinate

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Approved: C. C. Wick

Special Agent in Charge

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his action with that of [REDACTED] Mich. PD in an attempt to  
locate and interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Detroit Indices contain no record identifiable with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Above furnished the Bureau for information.

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Date: 11/11/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (55-New)

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT - Letter  
Directed to Governor TOM  
CONNALLY of Texas Bearing  
Postmark of Guthrie, Oklahoma,  
11/2/64  
THREAT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT

Re San Antonio teletype to the Bureau,  
11.8/64.

Enclosed herewith are 4 copies of LHM on  
captioned matter. The letter, which was directed  
to Mr. and another to Mrs. TOM CONNALLY as Governor  
of the State of Texas, was turned over to the  
Secret Service Agent in Charge at Austin, Texas,  
KENNETH J. WIESMAN and an autostat copy was sent  
to the FBI Resident Agency in Austin, Texas,  
by LARRY TEMPLE, Executive Assistant of Governor  
JOHN CONNALLY of Austin, Texas.

One copy of this LHM has been disseminated  
locally to OSI, 10th District, since they cover  
Bergstrom AFB where the President lands and takes  
off when visiting the ranch in Johnson City.

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4-Oklahoma City (Encs. 4) (RM)  
4-SA (2-55-New) (1-62-2919) (1-66-1670)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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4 copies of the LHM are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office so they can disseminate copies to local law enforcement agencies who might be able to shed some light on the possible identity of the sender. No investigation is being requested of the Oklahoma City Office except the dissemination of the LHM.

Copies of the letter have been prepared in insert form and forwarded to the Dallas Office in connection with the OSWALD case and assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

San Antonio, Texas

November 11, 1964

UNKNOWN SUBJECT - Letter  
Directed to Governor TOM  
CONNALLY of Texas Bearing  
Postmark of Guthrie, Oklahoma,  
November 2, 1964

On November 5, 1964, the San Antonio Office of the FBI received an autostat copy of a letter from an unknown individual which was forwarded to Governor TOM CONNALLY, Governor's Mansion, Austin, Texas, and bore the postmark of November 2, 1964, from Guthrie, Oklahoma. This copy was supplied to the San Antonio Office of the FBI by LARRY TEMPLE, Executive Assistant to Governor JOHN CONNALLY of Texas, the original of which was sent to Mr. KENNETH J. WIESMAN, Secret Service Agent, Austin, Texas. A second letter was addressed to Mrs. CONALLY regarding the same matter.

Harry S. Truman

"TOM CONNALLY. Is it true you, HARRY TRUMAN & LYNDON JOHNSON, plotted the death of Pres. KENNEDY. & you walked into your own trap. Your snide sneaky poor excuse for a Southern gentleman. What was wrong with COKE STEVENSON trying to be a political pat head. Wasnt he a Demo. Why was LEE HARVEY OSWALD known. in that part of the Country. You have the answer. Why did Big eared JOHNSON asked for a Warren Commission. Dont think All of the people in Texas are as green as goose manure. We are out smarted because you have the wealth & can do like they do in Russia. How come so many people connected with you & that half breed JOHNSON have died. Where did GEORGE PARR get his wealth besides running a bawdy house for the rich Texans of your clan. Yes we have the blood in our veins, of one whose name is on the monument that you so snidely pointed out in your T.V. talk. But they would be ashamed to know you & the JOHNSONS sold their grandchildren out to the Negroes for a vote to hide (stay in office) his guilt of prostitution, liquor stealing, etc. We don't belong to either party, We dont & are not registered. Only visiting here. We dont pay any taxes for we refuse to work to keep up the sorry white trash who run this government. We can visit and stay with relatives & help them out at certain times.

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"Under the Demo this country is broke & we hope the Russians will take over & take over the wealthy schemeing Demo. All of this JOHNSON stealing is known to the Russians how you he & his Clann have treated innocence people. So let them march in they wont hurt the poor people. They will take what you & all of the other stealing white trash Texans have & give to us. Why not. didnt he the big eared sob say he was going to declare war on poverty. Had the clan been in Okla City when you were there you would never been able to have left. How come JOHNSON & that little sneaky eyed half breed wife of his stayed out of Texas? So quit passing your self off as Southern aristocrat when LYNDON JOHNSON is the scum off of the sewer & you know it. We If it was not for the innocent people we wish God or the Russians would destroy this nation Man has reached his destiny. You let her plotted your own death, or it was to had you liked. We hope JOHNSON gets it like he killed the 2 pilots, by ordering them out on a foggy night then twisted the F.A.A. in Okla. City so no one could tell to whom the plane belonged. So breath on your wealthy white trash. We hope your grandchildren will bring home a Negro baby. We have learned to live with the Negro & belive in his having what in hell are you making these bombs & dont be so green to think Russia will drop a bomb on us--They can walk in on a moral charge & this is the way they are going to take us. Peace. What in Hell do you call Viet Nam on poverty here--TOM CONNALLY, you will have to answer your sins--You said on T.V. in one interview when you were shot, you thought of NELLIE & the kids by damn you were thinking of your sin with LYNDON JOHNSON in which you had planned for KENNEDY--KENNEDY & his brother had learned of BOBBY BAKER & his call girls, they knew of his other sin & they were going to dump him & you egged he & Mrs. K. to Dallas for the soul purpose of killing him & with the exception of Mrs. K. I wish OSWALD had of shot all of you even little NELLIE. Why did he put on contact lens, trying to look your? Why does he stick his tongue out The KENNEDY, thought he was crude, rude & course



"& I am only sorry KENNEDY didnt live to hear of WALTER JENKINS. Why does this SOB want to be the one to drop the bomb. Why so conceited that he has the biggest ears & the biggest hands to drop the bomb the laundry women whom he rewarded so wonderfully usually had fights over who would be payed the most they fights & arrest cost tax payers. How come the JENKINS case was not fully told. I hope some one will finish JOHNSON off before we have a police state. & I hope you hurry on - Why does the S.O.B. say out of one corner of his sinful mouth we are the best fed, housed, etc., in the world, then say, was his rights in his own location. But the stealing JOHNSON had to use them for a vote & the yellow livered JOHNSON must of been more than business friend to WALTER JENKINS & the four dead kids Mrs. JOHNSON failed to hear is in part question on HE is a owner of her T.V. station. BOBBY BAKER who is he. Ask JOHNSON what a face & old BOB KEN. got sick, soon as BOBBY BAKER resigned. We in Okla. yelled for joy when he died."

"Mrs TOM CONNALLY is it true your husband & LYNDON JOHNSON lured President KENNEDY to Dallas to have him killed? Of all the sneaky acts that have been told about TOM CONNALLY it is to bad the shots were not fatal to Mr. CONNALLY. You and some other people in Texas are just a bunch of lying, degraded thieves leeching on tainted money gathered from the poor but take heed our time is coming the dogma stunts pulled by some of your henchmen have pushed the people into straight out socialism, you have egged it on. We think all rich people should divide up this country is broke and the only way to eliminate war on poverty is for you rich people to divide & the young people are going to see that you do. The New Deal in years past have fostered wars & debt on us to the point we are socialistic minded. You have lived under the protection of segregation yet you pushed it on us to gather their vote. So dont be so damn conceited but what the Negro and white will team up & chase you to hell.

"Quit passing your selves off as high class people everything you have {ou stole it. If I lived in Texas (born in Texas, Collin County). I would like (illegible) are doing now take a cut in salary to lower your income and with reductions already offered. You pay nothing. Some refuse to support a bunch of sneaks & theives. When the SAM RAYBURN was buried some of the poor cotton choppers stood around & mourned his passing. Who would mourn his dead carcass brought on by liquor & cgarats. I hope some of your off spring inherit the sneaky traits of TOM CONNALLY to the point they marry Negroes. How did communism come about? Overthrowing the greed & graft & dont think it cant happen here. So dont visit in Okla. Old BOB KERR stole everything he had & every laundry woman in Okla. City was a receiver of a check everyone knows of his love affairs, Mrs. KERR married in less than 2 years to a Rep. We have known 40 years. Wouldnt old BOB fizzle if he knew she married a Republican & was sharing the KERR future. Everyone knows they were not living together and BAKER record show he sent expensive perfume to women at Christmas time. So dont be so onide in thinking the socialist democrats your party is Lilly white. If I lived in Texas I would run you to the border of Mexico, and the WALTER JENKINS & BOBBIE BAKER & BILLY SOL around your necks dont be writing any more articles for the morning papers because people have found out about the sneaky CONNALLY, the lying JOHNSONS & the pervert JENKINS"

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## Memorandum

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Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
DeLoach	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
Evans	✓
Gale	✓
Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
Tavel	✓
Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holmes	✓
Gandy	✓

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-7-64

FROM :

SUBJECT: "HARRY S. TRUMAN"  
TELEVISION PROGRAM  
SUNDAY, 12-6-64  
WTTG (CHANNEL 5)

Harry S. Truman

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This is a weekly series of programs featuring the former President. The theme of last night's broadcast was that great care must be exercised to insure that all rights guaranteed accused persons are actually accorded them. In this regard, Mr. Truman viewed with alarm the activities of some legislative investigating committees

The program began with newsreel clips of the raids conducted by Attorney General Palmer shortly after the close of World War I. In 1929, conditions of poverty and economic chaos spawned communism in the United States and during the 1930's, the Communist Party was recognized as a legitimate political organization. Martin Dies was shown as the first Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and, according to Mr. Truman, set the pattern for methods which became extremely controversial.

In attempting to illustrate the difference between unfounded accusations and positive guilt proved by reliable evidence, fingerprint identification was briefly mentioned as a means of establishing unequivocal guilt. Shown was a door with the lettering, "Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation." The door opened, and a class was seen receiving instruction in fingerprint identification.

More newsreel clips traced the history of the HCUA, showing many witnesses refusing to answer questions regarding alleged communist associations. In some cases, disorder and chaos followed the witnesses' forcible removal. J. Parnall Thomas, as Chairman of the HCUA, made headlines by calling movie stars as witnesses. Mr. Truman stated that it was at this time he realized he must not permit these proceedings to become witch hunts. Elizabeth Bentley, Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss were shown testifying before the HCUA and Richard Nixon was described as making his reputation through his work on the Committee.

Mr. Truman touched on what he called the McCarthy era and stated that Senator McCarthy never got enough evidence to convict a single person. A news clip showed Mr. Truman making a speech at the time in which he deplored witch hunts and

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach  
Re: "HARRY S. TRUMAN"

stated that he was not going to transform "our fine FBI into a gestapo." In attempting to further his idea that these hearings constituted witch hunts, Mr. Truman spoke of Senator McCarthy's charges that there were 205 communists employed in the State Department and of alleged mass firings which followed during the hysteria which resulted.

Mr. Truman described the McCarran Act as vicious legislation which put the Government in the business of thought control. He noted that he vetoed the Act and that Congress overrode his veto.

In conclusion, Mr. Truman opined that freedom and democracy are the best deterrents to the spread of communism. For this reason, he said that communism would never gain a foothold in the United States and he had no fear that communism would ever become a threat from within our country.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



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SAC, PHILADELPHIA (62-4451) (c)

**THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE  
OF FORMER PRESIDENT DWIGHT  
D. EISENHOWER**

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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original letter as received from [REDACTED] along with the envelope and the enclosed photograph.

Enclosed for information purposes to the Los Angeles office is one copy of letterhead memorandum and a copy of the letter from [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 7, 1965

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**THREATS AGAINST THE LIFE  
OF FORMER PRESIDENT  
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER**

On May 28, 1965

[redacted] to former President Dwight D. EISENHOWER, furnished a letter received addressed to Mrs. MAMIE EISENHOWER, Gettysburg, Pa. The envelope was postmarked Los Angeles, Calif., May 22, 1965, P.M. Enclosed with the letter was a photograph from a magazine showing FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT with his family taken in 1945. The letter is signed [redacted] the return address on the envelope is [redacted]

This letter does not appear to contain any threat, but berates both EISENHOWER and former President HARRY S. TRUMAN as not being the man President ROOSEVELT was while in office.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 25, 1965

FROM :

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT:

RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Bureau files indicate that according to "The Man from Independence," by Jonathan Daniels, former President Truman paid a \$10 membership fee to the Klan in 1924 when he was running for county judge. On this occasion Truman was asked to pledge that he would not hire Catholics. He replied that he would not make such a pledge and was reported to have taken his \$10 membership fee back. Truman is depicted in the book as having taken the initial action in an effort to garner votes. Truman on October 26, 1944, publicly denied the charge that he once was a klansman.

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Memorandum [REDACTED] to Sullivan

RE: [REDACTED]

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter to the Attorney General with a copy for the Deputy Attorney General be approved and sent.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: February 28, 1966

FROM : C. D. DeLOACH

SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

CALL FROM SENATOR EDWARD LONG (D) - MISSOURI

Senator Edward Long called at 5:30 p.m., 2/28/66 and stated his secretary had received a call from one [REDACTED] (phonetic), Kansas City, Missouri. [REDACTED] called from a telephone at the Muehlboeck Hotel, Kansas City. He described himself as a schoolteacher from Ohio.

Senator Long stated that [REDACTED] told his secretary he very much wanted to get in touch with former President Truman. [REDACTED] told the secretary that he had been to the Truman Library in Independence today; however, was not given permission to see Mr. Truman. He stated he also had been around this afternoon to the former President's home in Independence, Missouri; however, Mrs. Truman had refused to allow him entry to the house. The Senator said he thought the FBI should know of this matter.

I told him that while we would be very glad to relay this information to law enforcement agencies in Kansas City and Independence, Missouri, we, of course, could not accept responsibility for protection of the former President. He stated he recognized this fact, however, just wanted us to know of the matter.

SAC Dissly, Kansas City, was advised of the above matter and was instructed to call local authorities in Kansas City and Independence, Missouri to give them the facts [REDACTED]

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For record purposes.

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FBI MINNAPLS

10:30PM CST URGENT 4-13-66 RLT

TO: DIRECTOR (62-109276) AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (62-3231)

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

**THREAT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.**

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, [REDACTED] WENT TO HOME OF FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, INDEPENDANCE, MISSOURI, WHERE HE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN TRUMAN'S ASSISTANCE ON GETTING RELIGION BACK INTO SCHOOL. TRUMAN AND WIFE WERE ABLE TO GET RID OF SUBJECT.

SUBJECT VISITED BY SECRET SERVICE ONE PM THIS DATE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WENT FOR DRIVE WITH WIFE WITH HOSPITAL PERMISSION. AT FIVE P.M. SUBJECT CALLED HOSPITAL AND SAID HE WOULD BE LATE. SUBJECT'S WIFE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED HOSPITAL AND SAID SUBJECT DISABLED CAR AND VANISHED AT OWATONNA, MINNESOTA. [REDACTED] SPECULATES SUBJECT COULD POSSIBLY BE PLANNING TO RECONTACT TRUMAN AT INDEPENDANCE AND MIGHT USE TRAIN TRAVEL. SUBJECT IS [REDACTED]

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nc [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]  
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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ROCHESTER AND OVATONNA  
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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]  
 FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS [REDACTED] (C)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Threat Against Former  
 President Harry S. Truman  
 PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Re Minneapolis teletype to the Bureau and Kansas City  
 dated 4/13/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned as above which is self-explanatory. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum have been attached to FD-376 form, one of which should be disseminated to the Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are being furnished the Kansas City Office since former President Harry S. Truman resides in their territory. One copy of the letterhead memorandum has been disseminated by an FD-376 to Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Local law enforcement agencies at Owatonna and Rochester, Minnesota, have been notified.

No further investigation is being conducted in this matter by the Minneapolis Office.

② - Bureau (Encs. 4) ENCLOSURE  
 2 - Kansas City (Encs. 2)  
 2 - Minneapolis  
 (1 - 66-3207A)

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
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Per

DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 14, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

BU

Director MP  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Re: [REDACTED] **67C**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) **(1)**)  
U. S. Secret Service, **Minneapolis**

Enclosure(s) **(1)**

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becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 14, 1966

b7c [REDACTED]

At approximately 1:00 P.M., April 13, 1966, he, Doctor [REDACTED] was visited by [REDACTED] Secret Service, Minneapolis, Minnesota, regarding [REDACTED] and was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] several weeks ago, had gone to the home of former President Harry S. Truman, Independence, Missouri, in an attempt to obtain Truman's assistance on "getting religion back into the schools." [REDACTED] stated that Mr. Truman and his wife were able to dispose of [REDACTED] without any difficulty.

b7c [REDACTED]

Subsequently, at about 5:00 P.M. on April 13, 1966, he learned that [REDACTED] who was allowed to leave St. Mary's Hospital in care of his family for an afternoon drive in and around the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota, disabled his car at Owatonna, Minnesota, by removing a spark plug wire and disappeared, leaving [REDACTED] to drive the car back to Rochester, Minnesota.

He was of the opinion that [REDACTED] could possibly be planning to board the Rock Island train for Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to recontact Mr. Truman. He, however, does not know this to be the case.

No further investigation is being  
conducted in this matter.

This confirms telephonic information

furnished to [REDACTED] on 4-14-66

AM [REDACTED]  
at 7:45 PM by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] contacted on April 13, 1966 after her return to Rochester, Minnesota, reiterated the incident of her husband disabling the car at Owatonna, Minnesota, adding that her husband left Owatonna, Minnesota, in a taxicab and his present whereabouts is unknown. She advised that she doubted very much whether her husband would make another trip to Independence, Missouri, in an attempt to see former President Truman and denied that her husband was at all dangerous.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following is a description of [REDACTED] as obtained from his wife:

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Facial Appearance  
Hair  
Eyes  
Wearing Apparel

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MYRON L. WEINSTEIN, Agent in Charge, Secret Service,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota advised of this matter at 8:30 p.m.  
April 13, 1966.

This document contains neither recommendations nor  
conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is  
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Date: 4/15/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109276)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (62-3231) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Threat Against Former  
President Harry S. Truman  
PROTECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

Re Minneapolis airtel dated 4/14/66 captioned  
as above and letterhead memorandum captioned as above.

Notification of Secret Service inadvertently  
left out of letterhead memorandum. Amended third page  
of letterhead memorandum showing such notification  
attached hereto.

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Approved: [Signature]

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UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *PR*

DATE: June 6, 1966

FROM : R. E. Wick *WR*

SUBJECT: KANSAS CITY SECTIONAL  
RETRAINING SESSION  
FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

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*HARRY S*  
For record purposes, at 4:20 p.m. today, Assistant Director Casper advised me that former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman received awards at the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City today from the "U. N. We Believe" group, a 10-year-old nonprofit body, sponsored by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The group has as its purpose making a more effective United Nations. Mr. Casper said the site of the National Academy Retraining Session is in the same hotel and arrangements were made for the two former Presidents to briefly greet the 300 assembled National Academy men. This was done. Former President Eisenhower said he was very proud to be an honorary member of the FBI and Mr. Truman said he was very happy to be present.

Mr. Casper said the press paid the visits quite some attention, and he thought much good publicity to the FBI National Academy would result.

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach *BI*
- 1 - Miss Holmes *DE*
- 1 - Mr. Casper *OV*
- 1 - *ALL*

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May we ask you to return the enclosed application ~~right away~~ so we can include your name in the printed roster which will be prepared very soon?

JUL 15 1966

For the Institute Board,

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JUL 25 1966

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*Elmer Ellis*  
*Elmer Ellis*

*Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.*  
*Arthur Schlesinger*

*mark*  
*67C*



**HARRY S. TRUMAN**  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Dear Joe:

I was happy and most pleased that the Board of the Institute at its annual meeting established the HONORARY FELLOWS, because this new plan of the Institute will allow men and women throughout the nation to participate in the fine work of the Institute which, as you know, is one of the projects closest to my heart.

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Your agreement to help organize the HONORARY FELLOWS is most appreciated by me and the entire Board of the Institute.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Truman*

Mr. Joseph J. McGee, Jr.  
Old American Insurance Company  
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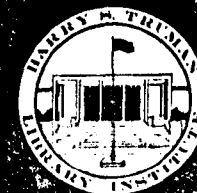
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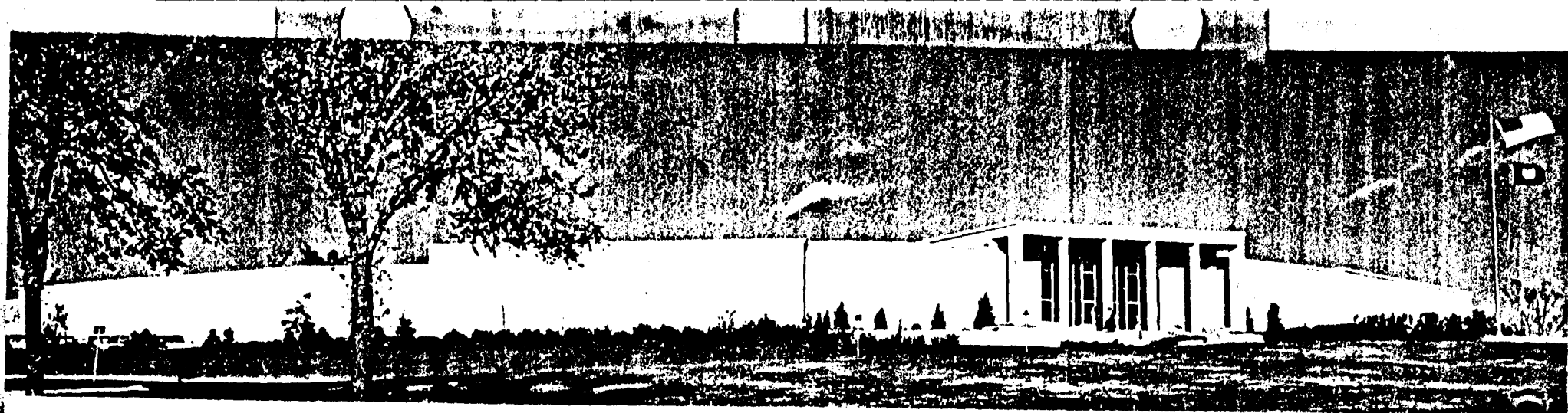
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July 28, 1966

Honorable Harry S Truman  
219 North Delaware Street  
Independence, Missouri 64050

Dear Mr. Truman:

I thought you might like to have an advance copy of the August, 1966, issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin which contains an article on the visit made by former President Eisenhower and you at a retraining session of the FBI National Academy Associates in Kansas City. The article, with photographs, appears on pages 12 and 13.

Assistant Director Joseph J. Casper has advised me that the officers attending this affair were deeply honored and pleased that you stopped by to greet them on this occasion, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness in this regard.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 3

JUL 28 1966

COMM-FBI

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Casper

NOTE: Salutation per prior personal letter from the Director to Mr. Truman. Street address per "Who's Who". Mr. Truman prefers that no period be used after the "S" in his name inasmuch as the "S" is his middle name and not an initial.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

September 19, 1966

The attached letter is from  
Harry S. Truman.

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MRS. METZ

HARRY S TRUMAN  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI 64050

September 15, 1966

Dear Edgar:

I am now trying to catch up with my correspondence and I have just read your letter of July 28th, and copy of the August FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.

I was glad to know that the appearance of two former Presidents contributed to the occasion of a retraining session of the FBI National Academy Associates.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Truman*

Harry S. Truman

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI MIAMI

4:17PM URGENT 6-6-68 PJL  
TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY  
FROM MIAMI (62-NEW) 2P

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
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POSSIBLE HARM TO FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN.

*Informant*  
[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED

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THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO THE  
ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH M.I. GROUP AND SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA.

LHM FOLLOWS.

END

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Date: 6/7/68

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plaintext or code)

Via **AIRTEL**

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (62-New) (C)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HARM TO FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

Re Miami teletype to the Bureau and Kansas City dated 6/6/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination, and four copies are enclosed for Kansas City for dissemination.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Kansas City (Enc. 4)
- 1 - Miami

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C. C. Bishop

2cc Bureau Service  
6-11-68 [redacted] [redacted]

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Let tomm  
6/11/68  
[redacted] [redacted]

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

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Per \_\_\_\_\_



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
June 7, 1968

Re: POSSIBLE HARM TO FORMER  
PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

*INFORMANT*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had heard no actual threats made to hurt former President Truman but felt because of the present day situation, that he should call this to the attention of the proper authorities.

Upon receipt of the information from Mr. Datko, it was relayed to the 111th M. I. Group and to the U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated to the 111th M. I. Group, Miami and Orlando, Florida, and to the United States Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

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SAC, Miami

June 11, 1968

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Director, FBI

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POSSIBLE HARM TO FORMER  
PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

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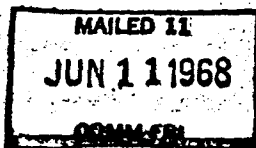
Reairtel enclosed letterhead memorandum of the same date. That memorandum did not identify the Bureau personnel supplying information to appropriate outside agencies. In the future, the identity of such personnel should not be omitted. Insure that appropriate personnel are aware.

1 - Kansas City (info)

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Date: 6/27/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, WFO (175-0)

**THREAT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT  
 HARRY TRUMAN**

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above and two copies of FD-376 for info of the Bureau and for appropriate dissemination by Bureau to Headquarters, U. S. Secret Service.

Copy of enclosed LHM is being disseminated by WFO locally to WFO, U. S. Secret Service.

Copy furnished Phoenix, inasmuch as [redacted] last permanent address was [redacted] Arizona.

Copy furnished Pittsburgh inasmuch as that office had territorial jurisdiction over [redacted]

## ENCLOSURE

- 3- Bureau (Encl. 4)  
 1- Kansas City (Encl. 1)  
 1- Phoenix (Encl. 1)  
 1- Pittsburgh (Encl. 1)  
 1- WFO

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Approved: *FBI*

Special Agent in Charge

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WFO 175-0

Copy furnished Kansas City inasmuch as former President HARRY TRUMAN resides within your jurisdiction.

[REDACTED] interviewed by Complaint Clerk [REDACTED]

WFO indices and NCIC negative [REDACTED]

b7C SA [REDACTED] U. S. Secret Service, stated that he would accompany [REDACTED] and his wife to the bus terminal and assure that they departed WDC in route back to [REDACTED] West Virginia. SA [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was obviously a braggart and that no charges would be filed against him at this time.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☒ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

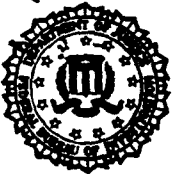
Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1  
U. S. Secret Service, Washington Field  
Office, Washington, D. C.

Enclosure(s) 1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

June 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

At 1:15 PM on June 25, 1968

[REDACTED] personally appeared at the Washington Field Office (WFO), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and advised that his last permanent address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] very nervous and admitted that he had been drinking, requested that he be interviewed.

67C [REDACTED] complained about a one [REDACTED] address unknown, but believed [REDACTED] to be located somewhere in the State of Maryland, who 19 years ago came into possession of "power of attorney" over property owned by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he planned to locate [REDACTED] and have her turn the "power of attorney" over to his wife [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] added that he would not harm [REDACTED] "as long as he was able to control his temper" but would not be responsible for what he would do if he lost it.

[REDACTED] continued by saying that he was once introduced to former President Harry Truman and accused Truman as being a homosexual and a communist. [REDACTED] that in his opinion Truman should be shot and that if he, [REDACTED] had a gun that he would shoot Truman. [REDACTED] immediately commented that he realized that he had said too much in that he was aware of the Federal Statute making it a crime to make a threat against the President.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

denied that he ever was confined to a mental hospital or received any psychiatric treatment.

At 2:55 PM, June 25, 1968, the above information was telephonically furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] of the WFO, United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., by Complainant Clerk [REDACTED] of the WFO, FBI.

At 3:40 PM, June 25, 1968, Special Agent [REDACTED] personally appeared at WFO and interviewed [REDACTED] admitted that he made the statement that President Truman should be shot and that if he had a gun that he would shoot President Truman, but stated that comments such as the aforementioned are typical of the statements issued by cowhands in Arizona who like to brag and impress one another. [REDACTED] stated that he held no malice toward President Truman and would never do anything which would harm him.

[REDACTED] stated that upon his departure from WFO that he and his wife would go directly to Grey Hound Bus terminal, WDC, and depart WDC en route to [REDACTED] West Virginia.

Special Agent [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that careless and reckless statements even though made to impress others and not said with malice carry severe penalties which could result in confinement in jail or a mental institution. [REDACTED] stated that he understood and had learned a lesson which would last him a life-time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/1/68

SAC, PITTSBURGH (175-0-9)

SUBJECT:

**THREAT AGAINST FORMER  
PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN**

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	
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Miss Gandy	

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau 6/27/68.

Since [REDACTED] currently residing within the Pittsburgh Field Division, the Bureau is requested to make available any known background of [REDACTED]

Phoenix Office is similarly requested to furnish Pittsburgh any information concerning [REDACTED] identifiable in the Phoenix files.

- 3 - Bureau
- 2 - Phoenix
- 1 - Washington Field (Info) (175-0)
- 2 - Pittsburgh

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15 AUG 5 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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SAC, Pittsburgh (175-0-0)

August 8, 1968

Director, FBI

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1 - [REDACTED]

THREAT AGAINST FORMER  
PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN

RePGlet dated 8/1/68.

Review of Bureau files indicates that the receiving  
offices have been furnished all information available in  
Bureau files which pertains to the subject.

1 - Phoenix

1 - Washington, Field Office

[REDACTED] hjs mp  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-50652)

DATE: 3/16/70

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (9-4272) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka [REDACTED]

SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

*HARRY S. TRUMAN*

Re Washington Field airtel to Bureau dated 1/26/70, and Bureau letter to Los Angeles dated 2/3/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting information concerning this matter.

Enclosed for San Diego and Washington Field is one copy each of the aforementioned LHM in view of prior investigative interest in this matter.

Los Angeles and Washington Field indices negative regarding [REDACTED]

One copy of the LHM has been furnished separately to United States Secret Service, Los Angeles, and United States Attorney, Los Angeles.

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See [REDACTED] 571

[REDACTED] 1-23-70

*Manager to  
Gen. Coonstin advised  
3-24-70*

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- 2 - Bureau (Encls. 4) (RM-AM)
- 1 - San Diego [REDACTED] (Info.) (Encls. 1)
- 1 - Washington Field (Info.) (Encls. 1)
- 1 - Los Angeles

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
LA 9-4272 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Also Known As

67C March 16, 1970

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Los Angeles

Enclosure(s)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
March 16, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Also Known As  
[REDACTED]  
SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

On January 23, 1970, Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Liaison Division, United States Secret Service,  
(USSS), 1800 G Street Northwest, Washington, D. C., furnished  
the following information regarding a letter received at the  
Washington Office of United States Senator Alan Cranston.

67C The following pages contain a true copy of a hand-  
written letter bearing the signature, [REDACTED] " and a  
xerox copy of a handwritten letter having the heading,  
[REDACTED] " and bearing the signature

62-59238-

ENCLOSURE

TRUE COPY

10-27-69

[REDACTED]

To Harries Helper labor leader controlled  
democrap sentaur crapston.

I have asked the Justice Dept to file charges  
of treason against you and demand that the govt hang you  
in public because you are a traitor. I have known that  
you were a communist for a long time because you always  
want to destroy American Business. It was American  
Business that made this country great - not democrap  
lik you or those dirty SOB'S who were in the white house  
namely - johnson, kanade, truman and the Russian lover  
roosevelt.

On of these days the revolution will start and  
I aim to kill at least 100 communists. At this time, if  
you have not been tried, you will, I am sure, be tried by  
the people for treason and I can tell you It will be a 5  
min trial - then to the gallows.

WIN THE WAR - DROP "H" BOMBSON NORTH VIETNAM -  
AND IF NECESSARY ON RUSSIA & CHINA

[REDACTED]

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TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]

Dear Friend,

What if you could suddenly **CHANGE YOUR LIFE** -- have ample money for a larger home, a new car, the vacation you've always wanted -- money for your children's higher education, or your security and retirement in your later years, without financial worries?

Money like this is being made every day by average wage-earners who buy Antelope Valley land, right here in booming Los Angeles County -- and there's still some prime land available, right in the path of profitable progress, at prices that **YOU** can afford.

Our professional land research department, representing over 40 years of experience and success in guiding people like yourself to phenomenal rewards in Southern California land, can show you where and when to invest in choice growth-potential acreage. A small down payment, small monthly payments and **YOU CAN OWN LAND** that should equal or surpass in value the land of Orange County or the San Fernando Valley!

Official data from Los Angeles County Planning Commission, California Department of Highways, Pacific and General Telephone Companies, Southern California Edison Company, Bank of America, Security-Pacific Bank, Sears-Roebuck, Lockheed, and others has designated these "maximum growth" areas -- areas where **YOU** can build potential land wealth. Now is the time to stop dreaming and to **START MAKING MONEY**, while prime land is still available.

To start on your way to new profits, new success, mail the card enclosed **NOW** for **FREE** Research Information, **FREE** Maps, and **FREE** Profit Surveys. Do it today! There's no cost or obligation.

With best wishes for your financial success,

**67C**

[REDACTED]

Director, Investment Division

[REDACTED]nj  
enc.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
Also Known As [REDACTED]

SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON -  
VICTIM  
EXTORTION

67C Assistant Special Agent in Charge [REDACTED]  
USSS Liaison, Washington, D. C., received one letter on  
December 4, 1969, from the Office of Senator Cranston. The  
envelope containing the letter was discarded by Senator  
Cranston's Office.

USSS is conducting an investigation of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in view of  
implied threats on the lives of former presidents Johnson,  
and Truman. USSS has made a check of their Name and Visual  
Files of previously submitted letters, and no other letters  
of similar contents were in file.

On February 6, 1970, Assistant United States  
Attorney William J. Tomlinson, Los Angeles, California, advised  
that the contents of the letter received at the Office of  
Senator Cranston were not in violation of the Federal  
Extortion Statute, and he would not consider prosecution of  
the sender even if identified.

67D On February 12, 1970, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Oceanside, California, Police Department, was advised  
of all information concerning this matter.

The following are the results of search of the  
Anonymous Letter File as furnished by the FBI Laboratory:

REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Washington Field Office (9-New)

Date: February 3, 1970

FBI File No. 9-50652

Re: UNSUB, aka [REDACTED]

Lab. No. D-700127167 AX

Senator ALLAN CRANSTON - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

Specimens received 1/27/70

Qc1 Photocopy of letter dated 10/27/69, signed [REDACTED]

## Result of examination:

Qc1 was not identified with any of the material in the Anonymous Letter File. An appropriate photograph will be added to this file.

Qc1 is retained.

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

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FBI WASH DC

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1-07 PM URGENT 3-21-69 MRH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM KANSAS CITY 174-NEW 1P

UNSUB; ANONYMOUS THREAT TO BOMB RESIDENCE OF FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, TWO ONE NINE DELAWARE, INDEPENDENCE, MO, MARCH TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE; BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

KANSAS CITY, MO, PD TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED AT ELEVEN FIFTYNINE AM, INSTANT, THAT PD SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR HAD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS THREAT AT ELEVEN FORTYSEVEN AM, INSTANT. ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED, "THERE'S A BOMB AT TRUMAN'S HOUSE", AND HUNG UP. PD ADVISED THEY IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED U. S. SECRET SERVICE, KANSAS CITY, MO.

THIS MATTER RECEIVING URGENT ATTENTION BY PD AND U. S. SECRET SERVICE DUE TO VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO TRUMAN RESIDENCE AND TRUMAN LIBRARY INSTANT DATE. U. S. SECRET SERVICE ADVISES PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY DEPARTED TRUMAN RESIDENCE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF CALL BY KANSAS CITY, MO, PD.

U. S. SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, KANSAS CITY, MO BOTH ADVISED OF ABOVE INFO.

LHM FOLLOWS

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MAR 25 1969

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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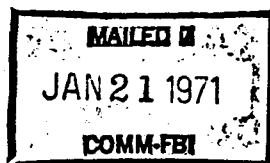
January 21, 1971

Honorable Harry S Truman  
Research Hospital and Medical Center  
Meyer at Prospect  
Kansas City, Missouri 64132

Dear Mr. President:

I was very sorry to learn of your illness  
which has necessitated your hospitalization. I hope this  
note finds you feeling much better and that you will soon  
be able to return home and to your normally active life.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Mr. Truman is former President of the United States and addressed  
as above by the Director. Address per telephone directory. (Mr. Truman  
regards "S" as his middle name and not an initial and therefore no period is  
being used.)

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EX-105

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10 JAN 22 1971

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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(TRUMAN)

KANSAS CITY--FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS RUSHED TO A HOSPITAL TODAY FROM HIS HOME IN INDEPENDENCE, MO. DOCTORS SAID HE SUFFERED ABDOMINAL PAINS AND HIS CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS "FAIRLY WEAK."

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ADD TRUMAN, KANSAS CITY.

TRUMAN WAS ADMITTED AT RESEARCH HOSPITAL IN SOUTH KANSAS CITY AT 8:28 A.M. CST. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY AMBULANCE FROM HIS HOME IN NEARBY INDEPENDENCE.

HIS ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SAID HE WAS HOSPITALIZED BECAUSE OF A RATHER SUDDEN ONSET OF MODERATELY SEVERE ABDOMINAL PAIN.

JOHN P. DREEVES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE HOSPITAL, SAID TRUMAN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, BESS, AND HIS BODYGUARD, MIKE WESTWOOD.

DREEVES SAID DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES WOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE ILLNESS.

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ADD TRUMAN, KANSAS CITY

THE HOSPITAL REPORTED LATER THAT TRUMAN 86, WAS IN GOOD CONDITION.

"THE FORMER PRESIDENT IS RESTING QUIETLY IN HIS HOSPITAL ROOM," SAID A MEDICAL STATEMENT ISSUED AT NOON EST.

"HE IS CONSCIOUS AND HIS CONDITION IS LISTED AS GOOD."

"HE SEEMS TO BE DOING AL RIGHT. HE'S BETTER THAN WHEN THEY TOOK HIM FROM HOME," SAID MARY JANE TRUMAN, THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S YOUNGER SISTER WHO SAID SHE TALKED VIA TELEPHONE FROM HER HOME AT GRANDVIEW, MO., TO TRUMAN'S WIFE AT THE HOSPITAL.

"HE'S DOING FINE. HE HAS THESE LITTLE SETBACKS EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. HE'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT," MISS TRUMAN SAID.

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ADD TRUMAN, KANSAS CITY

TRUMAN IS 86. HIS WIFE IS 85.

TRUMAN'S MOST SERIOUS ILLNESS SINCE RETURNING HOME FROM WASHINGTON WAS WHEN HE UNDERWENT GALL BLADDER SURGERY IN THE 1950'S. HE WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION FOR SEVERAL DAYS FOLLOWING A SEVERE REACTION TO ANTIBIOTICS.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO HE SUFFERED A FALL IN THE BATHROOM AT THE TRUMAN HOME AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR TREATMENT OF RIB INJURIES AND A GENERAL CHECKUP BUT WAS NOT REGARDED AS SERIOUSLY ILL.

HOWEVER, AFTER THE FALL HE WAS SLOW TO REGAIN HIS STRENGTH, AND APPEARED NEVER TO HAVE RECOVERED THE FULL VIGOR WHICH HAD MARKED HIS HEALTH IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN AT RESEARCH HOSPITAL IS DR. WALLACE D. GRAHAM. HE BECAME TRUMAN'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN DURING HIS WHITE HOUSE YEARS.

LAST SPRING, REPORTS CIRCULATED THAT TRUMAN HAD SUFFERED A STROKE OR PARKINSON'S DISEASE, A DISORDER OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM. HOWEVER, GRAHAM DENIED BOTH REPORTS.

TRUMAN, THE 33RD U.S. PRESIDENT, SUFFERED FROM ARTHRITIS OF THE KNEE WHICH INTERFERRED WITH HIS LIFE-LONG HABIT OF TAKING LONG WALKS, BUT HE CONTINUED EVEN IN RECENT WEEKS TO TAKE OCCASIONAL STROLLS ON HIS BETTER DAYS WITH HIS COMPANION, WESTWOOD.

TRUMAN WENT TO THE POLLS TO VOTE PERSONALLY IN THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION.

A HOSPITAL SPOKESMAN INDICATED A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S CONDITION WOULD BE CALLED LATE IN THE MORNING OR EARLY AFTERNOON.

TRUMAN WAS FOND OF TELLING REPORTERS AT THE TIME OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY THAT HE HOPED TO LIVE TO BE 90, ADDING THAT "A LOT OF WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE AT THE TRUMAN LIBRARY." THE LIBRARY IS ABOUT A MILE FROM THE WHITE, VICTORIAN 17-ROOM MANSION OCCUPIED BY THE TRUMANS IN INDEPENDENCE.

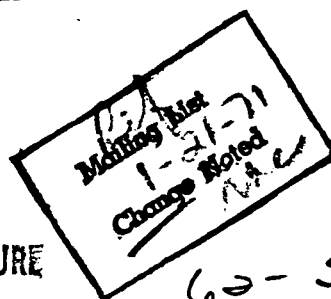
TRUMAN BECAME PRESIDENT APRIL 12, 1945, ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT AND SERVED UNTIL JAN. 20, 1953.

LESS THAN A MONTH AFTER TRUMAN TOOK OFFICE THE ALLIES DECLARED VICTORY OVER GERMANY TO END A PHASE OF WORLD WAR II. JUST 95 DAYS AFTER TRUMAN BECAME PRESIDENT THE ATOMIC AGE WAS BORN WITH THE EXPLODING OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL BOMB IN THE DESERT OF NEW MEXICO.

HE MADE ONE OF THE MOST MOMENTOUS DECISIONS IN HISTORY WHEN HE ORDERED THE DROPPING OF A SIMILAR WEAPON ON JAPAN, THUS ENDING THE WAR.

DURING HIS TERM HE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR MOLDING THE MARSHALL PLAN, ORGANIZING THE BERLIN BLOCKADE AIRLIFT AND DISPATCHING U.S. TROOPS TO KOREA.

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WALTER WHITELEY HUBBARD  
BIOGRAPHER AND HISTORIAN  
2701 SOUTHEAST FIFTH COURT  
POMPANO BEACH, FLA. 33062 USA

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, 330  
Director, Fed. Bur. of Invest'n  
Pennsylvania Av. n.w., Washington

Dear Brother Hoover :

As you read The New Age (and contribute to it) you may have noticed the series I've been doing on our Masonic Presidents, every 2nd or 3rd month I'm down to the last of those 13; Mr. Harry S Truman.

Was wondering Brother Hoover if I might impose on you for the donation of a short or medium-sized sentence quoting you which I might add to the H.S. T. article, please. Just a short sentence on Mr. Truman's reappointment of you; or your personal major opinion of Mr. Truman who, like yourself, is a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. If you felt you can't I hope you will forgive me for bothering you; but I've tried to get these short, illustrated articles factual and interesting; and have never allowed criticism or adverse comment on any Masonic Chief Executive to appear in any of the articles, as I'm sure you must have noticed.

My most sincere respects and thanks in advance for anything you may care to mail to yours most truly and

Fraternally,

*Walter W. Hubbard*  
Walter W. Hubbard  
Past Master, Minerva Bay Ridge Lodge No. 792, F & A.M.  
*Brooklyn*

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt *✓* \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Campbell \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop *✓* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Ack: Let to Brother Hubbard*  
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Mr. Walter W. Hubbard  
2701 Southeast Fifth Court  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062

Dear Brother Hubbard:

Your letter of April 18th has been received, and I appreciate your interest in writing.

You may feel free to use the following comment in your article on former President Truman:

Harry S Truman is truly a great American. His distinguished service and leadership as President have endeared him to the hearts of our citizenry. We as a Nation owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his outstanding contributions to our society.

It is a pleasure to be of assistance on this occasion.

Fraternally,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Miss Gandy

NOTE: We have had cordial correspondence with Hubbard and he is on the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin mailing list. Mr. Truman regards "S" as his middle name and not an initial and therefore no period is being used.

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TO ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

*2/16* KANSAS CITY

FROM ST. LOUIS (185-2)

*HARRY S. TRUMAN*

TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DIGNITARIES TO FUNERAL OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT TRUMAN, 12/28/72 RPT 12/28/72, INDEPENDENCE, MO.;  
POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES.

ON 12/12/72 RPT 12/12/72, A LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE  
'INDEX', A STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT NORTHEAST MO. STATE UNIVERSITY  
(NMSU) KIRKSVILLE, MO., FROM THE IRANIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION,  
NMSU, WAS PUBLISHED IN WHICH THE ISA, NMSU, STATED THAT THE  
WORLD CONFEDERATION OF IRANIAN STUDENTS HAS DECLARED MID NOV.  
THROUGH MID DEC., SEVENTYTWO, 'THE MONTH OF THE DEFENSE FOR  
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN.' THE LETTER CONTAINED UNDEM-  
CRATIC AND FASCISTS REMARKS OF THE SHAH OF IRAN.

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OPPOSED TO THE SHAH OF IRAN, GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, 'ANTI-IMPERIAL-  
IST', AND PRO-COMMUNIST. THE GROUP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT NMSU AND ALLEGEDLY SIMILAR GROUPS EXIST  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AND OTHER

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UNIVERSITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. [REDACTED]

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NO INFORMATION TO DATE INDICATES THE ABOVE GROUP HAS ACCESS  
TO WEAPONS OR INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO INDEPENDENCE, MO., FOR  
FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS, INSTANT DATE.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED [REDACTED]

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DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, INDEPENDENCE,  
MISSOURI, 12/26/72. INFORMATION CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE AGENT, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, *b7c*  
TODAY ADVISED FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN WILL BE  
TRANSFERRED TODAY TO THE CARSON FUNERAL HOME, WINNER ROAD AND  
FULLER, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. ON THE THE MORNING OF DECEMBER  
27 HE WILL BE MOVED TO THE TRUMAN LIBRARY, INDEPENDENCE,  
MISSOURI, WHERE HE WILL LIE IN STATE DURING THE REMAINDER OF  
THE DAY, ALL NIGHT AND UNTIL TWO P.M. THURSDAY, 12/28/72.  
FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT THE TRUMAN LIBRARY THREE  
P.M. 12/28/72 AND ONLY THOSE BY INVITATION WILL BE PERMITTED  
TO ATTEND. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL SERVICE, HE WILL  
BE LAID TO REST AT THE TRUMAN LIBRARY.  
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1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

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FROM: FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

W. MARK FELT

ACTING ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

~~TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC~~

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DIGNITARIES TO FUNERAL OF

FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

DECEMBER 28, 1972

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI,

POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR

DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY

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NUMEROUS FOREIGN DIGNITARIES AND FEDERAL, STATE AND  
LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO INDEPENDENCE,  
MISSOURI, FOR FUNERAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN. THE POSSIBILITY  
OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY AGAINST FOREIGN DIGNITARIES OR DISRUPTIVE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS EXISTS.

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**EACH OFFICE AND LEGAL ATTACHE BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION INDICATING POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACK ON FOREIGN DIGNITARY OR DOMESTIC OFFICIAL OR THAT ANY TYPE OF DISRUPTIVE DEMONSTRATION OR OTHER ACTIVITY MIGHT TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO, DURING, OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE FUNERAL SERVICE OR TIME WHEN VISITING DIGNITARIES ARE PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.**

**EACH OFFICE BEAR IN MIND THAT THE NEW ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL FOREIGN GUESTS PROHIBITS ACTS OF VIOLENCE, THREATS, HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST A WIDE SPECTRUM OF INDIVIDUALS CLASSIFIED AS FOREIGN OFFICIALS OR OFFICIAL FOREIGN GUESTS. THE FBI HAS SOLE INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, ALTHOUGH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS CONCURRENT JURISDICTION. THE FBI, HOWEVER, WILL NOT PROVIDE PHYSICAL PROTECTION TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY THE ACT, SINCE PHYSICAL PROTECTION IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRET SERVICE UNDER TITLE THREE, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION TWO ZERO TWO, AND EIGHTEEN UNITED STATES CODE THREE ZERO J SIX.**

**IN VIEW OF PROTECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRET SERVICE, ALL INFORMATION BEARING ON SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE ACT, AND ON THE SAFETY OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT OR MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, ALL INFORMATION DEVELOPED CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE OR DISRUPTION MUST BE IMMEDIATELY DISSEMINATED TO SECRET SERVICE. FURTHER, IN VIEW**  
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OF RESPONSIBILITY OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN VICINITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AND SURROUNDING LOCALITY. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL INFORMATION DEVELOPED BE FURNISHED TO KANSAS CITY OFFICE FOR DISSEMINATION TO LOCAL SECRET SERVICE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

EACH OFFICE IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] ASSURE THAT ALL PERTINENT DATA IS DEVELOPED AND FURNISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE BUREAU AND KANSAS CITY BY TELETYPE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DISSEMINATION. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT TELETYPES BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN PART II, SECTION FOUR, BEGINNING ON PAGE FORTYONE, RULES AND REGULATIONS. THIS WILL ENABLE KANSAS CITY TO EXCISE ADMINISTRATIVE DATA AND XEROX COPIES OF TELETYPES FOR LOCAL DISSEMINATION TO SECRET SERVICE, FACILITATE ORAL DISSEMINATION TO LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES AND PERMIT IMMEDIATE TELETYPE DISSEMINATION AT FBIHQ.

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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR

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DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN, INDEPENDENCE,  
MISSOURI, DECEMBER TWENTYSIX SEVENTYTWO. INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

[REDACTED] SECRET SERVICE AGENT, KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI, TODAY ADVISED FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN  
WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT RESEARCH HOSPITAL, KANSAS CITY,  
MISSOURI, SEVEN-FIFTY A.M. TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE  
FOR MR. TRUMAN TO LIE IN STATE AT THE TRUMAN LIBRARY,  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, FOR ONE DAY AND TO BE BURIED  
INDEPENDENCE THE FOLLOWING DAY. DEFINITE TIME AND DATE  
FOR THE FUNERAL OR THE DATE HE WILL LIE IN STATE WILL BE  
DETERMINED TODAY BY HIS DAUGHTER, MARGARET DANIEL, IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL DAY SET FOR THIS BY PRESIDENT  
NIXON.

KANSAS CITY WILL FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO Mr. E. S. Miller

FROM:

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SUBJECT TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
DIGNITARIES TO FUNERAL OF  
FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
DECEMBER 28, 1972, INDEPENDENCE  
MISSOURI, POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR  
DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY

1 - Mr. Gebhardt  
1 - Room 5634  
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 12/26/72

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Mr. Adams \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

ASAC A. B. Knickrehm, Kansas City Office, called shortly after 9:00 a.m. today to report that former President Truman died this morning at 9:00 Eastern Standard Time.

SA [REDACTED] Liaison Section, has determined through the Air Force that Mr. Truman's funeral will be held in Independence, Missouri, on December 28, 1972. In connection with these funeral services, there was previously prepared and approved a teletype to all offices and Legats alerting them to report any information indicating possible terrorist attacks on foreign dignitaries or domestic officials gathered for the funeral, or any type of disruptive activity relating to the funeral. With notification of Mr. Truman's death, this teletype has now been sent.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, EL PASO (185-2) (RUC) *HARRY S. TRUMAN*  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
DIGNITARIES TO FUNERAL OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT TRUMAN, DECEMBER 28, 1972,  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI  
POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY

ReButel to all SACs 12/26/72.

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Contacts [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] made during the period 12/26-28/72, developed no  
information that any individual or groups of individuals from  
the El Paso territory planned terrorist or disruptive activity  
on the above occasion.

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being incorporated in the El Paso file.

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VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO THE  
UNITED STATES TO ATTEND PRESIDENT  
TRUMAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICES, WASHINGTON,  
D. C., 1/5/73. PROTECTION OF FOREIGN  
OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE  
UNITED STATES - SECURITY

*Harry S. Truman*

ReWFOteletypes dated 1/3/73.

Secret Service, NYC, and

advised 1/9/73 that no information has come to their  
attention concerning any possible unusual incidents in  
connection with recent visits to NYC by: KIM CHONG PIL,  
Prime Minister, Republic of Korea; K. C. YEN, Vice-  
President, Republic of China; or STYLIANOS PATTAKOS,  
First Deputy, Prime Minister of Greece.

Information regarding recent visits by SHNEOR  
SHAZAR, President, Israel and demonstrations against  
JACK LYNCH, Prime Minister of Ireland, are being handled  
under separate 185- classifications.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, WFO (185-7) (RUC)

DATE: 1/17/73

SUBJECT: VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO THE U.S.  
TO ATTEND PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MEMORIAL  
SERVICES, WDC, 1/5/73  
PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL  
GUESTS OF THE U.S. - SECURITY  
(OO:BU)

Re WFO teletype 1/3/73.

On 1/18/73 SA [REDACTED] Field Office, U.S. Secret Service, WDC, advised that the visits of KIM CHONG PIL, Prime Minister, Republic of Korea; President SHAZAR, Israel; C. K. YEN, Vice-President, Republic of China; and T. M. LYNCH, Prime Minister, Ireland, was completed without incident after attending the above captioned memorial services. **b7c**

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by WFO.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/31/73

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (185-3) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

*HARRY S.*  
TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC  
DIGNITARIES TO FUNERAL OF FORMER  
PRESIDENT TRUMAN, DECEMBER 28,  
1972, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI  
POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR DISRUPTIVE  
ACTIVITY

Re Bureau teletype 12/26/72.

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[REDACTED] no information indicating  
possibility of terrorist activity against foreign dignitaries  
or disruptive demonstrations against Federal, State or local  
officials in connection with captioned matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (185-8) (RUC)

DATE: 2/20/73

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF FOREIGN AND  
DOMESTIC DIGNITARIES TO  
FUNERAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN  
12/28/72  
INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI  
POSSIBLE TERRORIST OR  
DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITY  
OO: Bureau

HARRY S. TRUMAN

Re Bureau teletype to all SACs dated 12/26/72.

On 2/26/72, [REDACTED]

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67D [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] United States  
Secret Service, Los Angeles, were contacted by SA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and advised of the FBI's interest in any information  
regarding possible terrorist or disruptive activity which  
may result in regard to travel to the captioned funeral.

Close liaison was maintained [REDACTED] however,  
no information regarding any disturbance was developed.

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Mrs. E. Clifton Daniel, Jr.

Mrs. Clifton Daniel Jr.

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

We in the FBI were sorry to learn of the death of your mother. She was a great lady, and I know she will long be remembered for her kindnesses and concern for others. She led a full life and you must be very proud of her many contributions to our Nation's history.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: Mrs. Daniel's mother, Bess Truman, was the wife of former President, Harry S. Truman. Mrs. Truman died on 10/18/82.

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# First Lady Bess Truman

THE WASHINGTON POST

By Jean R. Haller  
Special to The Washington Post

## The Boss' to HST

Bess Truman, a first lady who stood quietly but strongly behind her husband, President Harry S. Truman, during his tumultuous, history-making years in the White House, died of congestive heart failure yesterday at the Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo. She was 97.

Since her husband's death on Dec. 26, 1972, Mrs. Truman, who never had enjoyed her place in the limelight in Washington, rarely left her big, white, Victorian home in Independence, Mo. There she had the privacy she treasured for most of her life.

In a statement issued at her death, President Reagan made reference to Mrs. Truman's modesty and her wariness of living in the public eye.

"Bess Truman lived a long, full life serving her husband, her family and her country with dignity," the president said. "She was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a gracious, unassuming first lady. Bess Truman embodies the basic decency of America. Nancy and I convey our deepest sympathy to her family and to all who will miss this fine lady's goodness."

It wasn't that Mrs. Truman disliked Washington. After her husband was elected vice president in 1944, the couple became a top attraction to hostesses seeking to gather major political figures around their tables. The Trumans, who liked dining out and enjoyed meeting people, accepted many of the invitations they received.

These occasions, however, were social affairs that were not open to the public. Moreover, Mrs. Truman knew many of her fellow guests. She was considered a friendly, warm-hearted person with a wonderful sense of humor.

When her husband became president on the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945, Mrs. Truman had to assume a far more public role. Even more difficult was the fact that she had to step into the shoes of the peripatetic and popular Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mrs. Truman decided to do it her own way. First, she sent out word that she was not going to emulate her predecessor by holding weekly press conferences. In fact, she wasn't going to hold any press conferences at all.

The women of the press, who had been given the run of the White House while Mrs. Roosevelt was chateleine there, were outraged. They raised their voices in protest.

Mrs. Truman was adamant. She arranged for her two secretaries to give the press a weekly briefing on the White House social calendar. She even agreed occasionally to answer questions that were submitted in writing to her secretaries.

Since most of the answers came back "no comment," the press was left with little to write about. Requests for interviews hit a blank wall.

This did not mean that Mrs. Truman confined herself to the executive mansion. She had a strong sense of duty and was well aware of the importance of her presence at numerous social and official affairs.

As a result, she was constantly on the go, dropping in at luncheons, teas and receptions, sometimes taking in two or three a day. Occasionally she turned up at sales held for charity to add her own small gifts to the merchandise for sale. She was considered thoughtful and generous.

Although Mrs. Truman chatted animatedly with hostesses and friends at these affairs, she would merely stand and bow without a word when she was introduced at public events. In 1943, at a luncheon of the American Newspaper Women's Club, she reportedly spoke into the microphone for the first time at a public gathering.

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As a result of her reticence, newspaper accounts of Mrs. Truman's activities usually came out sounding like stories of a fashion show.

"Mrs. Truman looked charming in a navy blue silk dress with jacket and a matching hat with jaunty red feather," one newspaper wrote. Or, "The first lady wore a dress of soft blue, a hat of tiny rosebuds capping her grey curls."

Mrs. Truman did not photograph well and usually looked somber. The photographs and stories failed to convey the effect of her strikingly blue eyes, the warmth of her smile, the firmness of her handshake.

It was reported that she had greeted so many persons while she was first lady "that her right hand actually [became] larger than her left. She could remain on a receiving line for hours without tiring because her feet were even stronger than her hands."

If Mrs. Truman failed to make public pronouncements on her own, she nevertheless was a shrewd analyst of people and politics and had a deep influence on her husband. He often referred to her as "The Boss."

They discussed all the major events of the day and she frequently was included in the closed-door sessions of advisory groups, particularly during campaigns.

Mr. Truman acknowledged that he had consulted his wife on every major decision of his life, including whether to use the atomic bomb on Japan to bring an end to World War II; whether to initiate the Marshall Plan to rebuild a shattered Europe after the war; and whether to fight in Korea during the crisis there in 1950. He stressed, however, that the final decisions always were his alone.

In 1963, in her book, "A Woman in the White House," about 12 notable first ladies,

Marianne Means wrote that President Truman said of his wife:

"One of the biggest contributions she made was to see that the feminine part of the White House was run properly. She made sure that the snooty women were well treated. That's something I wouldn't do . . . I wouldn't talk to them."

She was Mr. Truman's first and only girl in a romance that dated back to early childhood and continued until his death. Despite her difficulty with arthritis, she was at his bedside on the Christmas Eve and Christmas night before he died.

Mrs. Truman was born Elizabeth Virginia Wallace on Feb. 13, 1885, in the big white house in Independence that had been built by her grandfather. From early childhood she was known as "Bess."

She was the oldest of four children. The other three were boys. She was the tomboy.

Bess Truman excelled at tennis and riding. She could bat a baseball as far as any boy in the neighborhood and she beat all of them at mumbletypeg. In addition to all that, she could whistle through her teeth. It was an accomplishment she used in later years to amuse people at family gatherings.

Harry Truman was opposite. Because of weak eyes that required him to wear eyeglasses from childhood, he was not at all athletic. Books and the piano were his forte. He was not quite a year older than she.

The story is told that he first spotted her when they were 6 years old at the First Presbyterian Church in Independence. Later, in school, he managed to carry her books, a practice that continued through high school.

She was the only girl he courted. She saw him frequently but had many other beaux. It was not until 1917 that they became engaged as he was leaving for Army service in World War I that took him overseas.

On June 28, 1919, after he had returned

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from the war, they were married in a simple ceremony in Trinity Episcopal Church in Independence. Mrs. Truman was an Episcopalian, her husband a Baptist.

Mr. Truman's mother, asked later why her son had not married until he was 35 years old, replied simply: "Maybe she [Bess] wouldn't have him before then."

The newlyweds made their home with Mrs. Truman's widowed mother, Mrs. David W. Wallace, in the Wallace house that later became the summer White House. After her father's death in 1903, Mrs. Truman was a constant and devoted companion to her mother.

The Trumans' daughter, Margaret, was born in 1924. It was a closely knit family, run by Mrs. Truman, who was a firm and conscientious wife and mother, a born manager of her household. Later, Margaret, who became Mrs. E. Clifton Daniel Jr., wrote in her book, "Souvenir," in 1956:

"Mother was and always will be a lady, reared in the traditions of the old school, and bent on passing them along to me, come hell or high water. I was presumed to be learning to be a young lady, and my mother, the dearest woman in the world, and also the most forceful, was going to see to it."

As her husband became politically active in Missouri, Mrs. Truman stayed in the background, although she took Margaret to hear his political speeches.

The family came to Washington in 1935, after Mr. Truman won a seat in the Senate. He was reelected to the Senate in 1940 and was elected vice president in 1944.

During her husband's last two years in the Senate, Mrs. Truman worked in his office as a clerk and secretary. He described her then as his "chief adviser" who was in on all of his decisions.

Mostly, however, she was a homemaker. In the big house in Independence, she had

her own kitchen, and she did all of the work, including cooking. She also managed the family finances.

Friends liked to tell the story of how, when the new president and his family were to move from their \$125-a-month apartment to Blair House before taking over the White House.

"You mean we're moving out of here?" Mrs. Truman was quoted as saying. "That would be wasteful. Our rent's paid up to the first of the month, and here it's only the 15th."

After the move, Mrs. Truman took her efficiency into the executive mansion, where she oversaw management of the White House and its gardens, planned all the meals, including her husband's stag dinners, and arranged for all the parties.

With World War II ended, there were teas and receptions for the wives of government officials, women of the press, Democratic Party workers, and those whom she considered very important veterans and patients from Walter Reed Hospital and the Bethesda Naval Medical Center.

In 1948, Mrs. Truman saw her husband elected to the presidency against great odds. She had not wanted him to run for the office, had begged him not to. But, finally, she relented and accompanied him on the campaign trail, once explaining to a friend:

"Harry is so sure he is right, so sure that the people will know he is right, that I hope he wins." She said later that she found the crowds immensely thrilling and stimulating during the campaign.

Four years later, when the president announced he would not run for reelection, Mrs. Truman beamed to everyone everywhere she went. They would now go back permanently to Independence and the quiet life she loved, she explained.

The first lady's motherly ways often provided chuckles among her friends in the Secret Service. Said one agent:

"I don't dare tell Mrs. Truman that my misus is sick. She'll rush right over to my house and take full charge — even change the baby's diapers. She's not happy what she isn't doing something for others."

Another agent told the story of how she once showed up unexpectedly at the home of a Secret Service man whose wife was ill and cooked the Thanksgiving turkey.

Mrs. Truman never had time for hobbies as such, although she kept up with sports, particularly baseball, and enjoyed bridge.

She also kept up with the bridge club she had helped found in earlier years in Independence, and invited club members as guests at the White House. She belonged to a Spanish class, and its members also visited at the White House.

After they retired to Independence, where Mr. Truman wrote his books and helped establish the Truman Library, the couple rarely traveled away from home.

They came to Washington occasionally and visited their daughter and her family in New York. In 1956, they attended the Democratic convention in Chicago, where Mrs. Truman allowed she had a fine time because her husband wasn't running for anything.

In 1969, the Trumans celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as expected — quietly at home in Independence with an exchange of gifts and visits from a few friends and relatives.

Birthday celebrations were just as quiet for the former first lady, although there were greeting cards, telephone calls and flowers, usually including red roses from the artillery company that Mr. Truman commanded in World War I.

Mrs. Truman never wanted anything special. She "never was over-kind of big celebrations anyway," a friend once explained.

In addition to her daughter, of New York City, survivors include four grandchildren.