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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-NEW) (C)
SUBJECT: JOHN SEIGENTHALER
SM - MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are original and four copies of LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for Birmingham and Knoxville are 2 copies each of LHM.

LHM is being disseminated to the following listed agencies:

111th MI Group, Nashville, Tennessee;

Intelligence Headquarters, Third U. S. Army,
Fort McPherson, Georgia;

OSI, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama;

MISO, 6th Naval District, Charleston, South
Carolina.

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Per FOIPA Request

Information contained in attached LHM was verbally furnished to Major [redacted] CO, 111th MI Group, Nashville, on 11/21/67. 175434
Agents who conversed with BILL GREENBURG as set out in attached LHM on 11/20/67 were SA's LAWRENCE J. OLSON, SR., and WILLIAM D. MULKINS at Nashville, Tennessee.

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Contact with [] on 11/20/67 was at the
Federal Building, Nashville, Tennessee, []
[] relative to a Bureau case captioned

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[] was not personally known to SA's OLSON
and MULKINS; however, his name had been frequently noted
in []

The situation was such that it was not deemed
appropriate to attempt to draw out [] relative to
his remarks, which came in the latter stages of a brief
general conversation. Contacting Agents did not outwardly
display any interest in [] remarks, nor did they
attempt to have him expand these comments.

Inasmuch as insufficient contact has been had
with [] it is not possible to make any comments
regarding [] reliability. However, it appears
that he unthinkingly made these remarks, not realizing
the possible significance.

Information copies being furnished Knoxville
and Birmingham in the event they receive any inquiries
in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
November 24, 1967

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RE: JOHN SEIGENTHALER;
SECURITY MATTER - MISCELLANEOUS

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On November 20, 1967, during the course of a brief conversation, [redacted] identified himself as [redacted]

The remarks made by [redacted] were made during a casual conversation, during which time [redacted] advised two representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he specialized in [redacted]

[redacted] There has been insufficient contact with [redacted] to determine his reliability.

Toward the end of the conversation, Greenburg remarked that [redacted] a memorandum from John Seigenthaler, Editor of the Nashville Tennessean, addressed to [redacted] regarding the feasibility of attempting to have some individual penetrate the security system of government bases at Huntsville (Alabama), Tullahoma (Tennessee), or the Clarksville Marine Base (Clarksville, Tennessee). [redacted] implied that [redacted] this memorandum in the immediate or recent past. He did not specify as to exactly when [redacted] memorandum or make any remarks as to any date for the proposed security penetration. [redacted] implied that the purpose for this proposed security penetration was to write an article relative to just how tight the security actually was on the installations mentioned.

[redacted] did not indicate if any of the three above-mentioned bases were particularly considered as a target for this security penetration or if all three indicated bases were possible targets.

[redacted] seemed to be somewhat amused by the thought of any such security penetration and stated that he from experience realized the seriousness of any such

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RE: JOHN SEIGENTHALER

attempts and certainly was not going to become a party himself to any such attempts at security penetrations.

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TO SACS MEMPHIS
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI
JOHN BEIGENTHALER, SPI. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF
BEIGENTHALER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION,
POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT KNOWN. ONLY BACKGROUND
DATA FURNISHED IS THAT HE IS A REPORTER AND RESIDES IN NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE. MEMPHIS OBTAIN COMPLETE BACKGROUND DATA IMMEDIATELY
AND SET OUT LEADS BY TELETYPE. CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION
MAKING CERTAIN YOUR REPORTS ARE ACCURATE. COMPLETE NAMES AND
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BY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION AND APPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE CONCERNING
EACH. ASSIGN IMMEDIATELY, AFFORD CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND
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TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT BUDED OF DECEMBER TWENTYNINE IS MET WITHOUT
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TO SACS MEMPHIS AND WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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MR. MOHR:

Re: JOHN SEIGENTHALER, reporter,
"Nashville Tennessean"

In connection with the possible appointment of captioned individual as Departmental Information Officer, the following background might be of some interest with respect to his current employment:

Mr. Seigenthaler is currently employed as a reporter by the "Nashville Tennessean," a morning and Sunday paper. The president and publisher of this paper is Silliman Evans, Jr. The second paper in Nashville is the "Nashville Banner," an evening paper.

Both the "Nashville Tennessean" and the "Nashville Banner" are controlled and administered by the National Banner Publishing Company. Mr. James G. Stahlman, President and Publisher of the "Nashville Banner," serves as the Chairman of the Board of the controlling publishing company.

Both the "Banner" and the "Tennessean" have the same circulation list, are printed by the same machinery, and have the same national representatives. They operate under joint agreement yet independently control their own editorial policies. These papers are represented in Washington by Bascom Timmons Associates.

There is no information in Bufiles regarding John Seigenthaler, with the exception of one reference reflecting our current investigation at the request of the Kennedy administration. We have had excellent relations with the "Nashville Banner" and James G. Stahlman. We have had generally favorable relations with the "Nashville Tennessean" and this paper has published numerous commendatory articles and editorials regarding the FBI. In 1949, we had to watch the paper because they had entree to the Nashville

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Police Department and were ^{able} ~~able~~ to pick up confidential data. In February 1957, the paper carried an editorial entitled "FBI's Unfinished Story." The editorial consists of two columns, each approximately 9 inches in length. The first column compliments the FBI but the second column is uncomplimentary to the President and the Attorney General. The editorial is specifically referring to the Dixon-Yates matter. In June 1957, the Tennessean ran an editorial agreeing with the decision of the Supreme Court in the Jencks case. In June, 1958, they ran an editorial entitled "Kentucky 'Probe' Hurt FBI." While the article compliments the Director and the Bureau, it is also somewhat critical of our conducting an election laws investigation in Logan County.

It is understood that Mr. Seigenthaler is to see Attorney General - designate Kennedy on January 5, 1961.

RESPECTFULLY,

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C. D. DeLoach

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: January 4, 1961

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: ROBERT F. KENNEDY

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The mail which had accumulated for Mr. Kennedy while he was out of the city was given to him this morning in his new temporary office in the Justice Building. Kennedy was most cordial and appreciative. He said he was just getting his staff set up but that since his personal secretary, Miss Angela Novello, would be in the Justice Building from now on, mail for him could most logically be sent to him at the office in the Justice Building.

In addition to Miss Novello, on whom a memorandum has previously been submitted, Kennedy has assisting him at this time as an administrative assistant, Walter James Sheridan, a former Bureau Agent. Sheridan entered on duty as a Bureau Agent on December 4, 1950. After training school, he was assigned to the Milwaukee, Philadelphia and New York City Divisions. He submitted his voluntary resignation on October 22, 1954. His services were satisfactory. Sheridan met Bob Kennedy while employed as an investigator for the McClellan Committee. He also assisted the Kennedy forces during the campaign working principally in Pennsylvania, although Sheridan is a native of upstate New York. Sheridan's position in the Attorney General's office has not been finalized although he probably will be an Executive Assistant.

In addition to Sheridan, the new Attorney General will probably have attached to his office in a capacity as yet not finalized, David Hackett, an old personal friend. It was also indicated that the press officer for the Department of Justice will undoubtedly be John Seigenthaler, a reporter who has been employed by the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper in Nashville. Seigenthaler worked closely with Bob Kennedy during the course of the McClellan Committee inquiry into Teamster Union conditions in Tennessee. Seigenthaler is flying to Washington, arriving tonight, and will see Robert Kennedy tomorrow morning.

We are checking Bureau files with regard to Hackett and Seigenthaler.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Mohr

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS MIAMI, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (161-67)

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MIAMI 1P

JOHN SEIGENTHALER, SPI. RE WASHINGTON FIELD TEL DECEMBER TWENTY
THREE LAST. FOR INFO BUREAU, ROBERT KENNEDY, AG, APPOINTEE,

PALM BEACH, FLA., STATES SEIGENTHALER QUOTE TO WORK FOR ME UN-
QUOTE, POSITION NOT DISCLOSED. APPOINTEE ALSO WITH QUOTE NASHVILLIAN
UNQUOTE, A NEWSPAPER IN NASHVILLE, TENN. PER KENNEDY. RECOMMENDS
APPOINTEE HIGHLY, STATING LOYALTY, CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND
ASSOCIATES ABOVE REPROACH. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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Reporting Office MIAMI	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 12/27/60	Investigative Period 12/23/60
TITLE OF CASE JOHN SEIGENTHALER		Report made by DOUGLASS E. WENDEL	Typed By: JMS
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY <i>1 inter Asst Kennedy 12/27/60</i>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Washington Field teletype to Bureau,
December 23, 1960.
Miami teletype to Bureau, December 24,
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ADMINISTRATIVE.

ROBERT KENNEDY, Attorney General Appointee, was telephonically contacted for an appointment in the evening of December 23, 1960 and Mr. KENNEDY suggested, at the time of the call, that the matter be discussed telephonically since he was returning to Washington, D.C. the morning of December 24, 1960.

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Copy to:

Report of: DOUGLASS E. WENDEL
Date: December 27, 1960

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File No.: MM 161-17

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN SEIGENTHALER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY, Palm Beach, Florida, Attorney General Appointee, states has known SEIGENTHALER for 3 years, and has employed him for 1 year. Recommends him highly. States person of excellent character, reputation and loyalty.

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DETAILS: AT PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY, Palm Beach, Florida, Attorney General Appointee of President-elect JOHN F. KENNEDY, advised he has known JOHN SEIGENTHALER for about 3 years, and employed him for one year. He added that Mr. SEIGENTHALER was going to "work for me" and that he would recommend him highly for the pending appointment. Mr. KENNEDY stated the appointee is a person of excellent reputation, character and associates and a loyal American. He added he is a man of integrity and honesty. He concluded by saying the appointee is from Nashville, Tennessee, where he is associated with the "NASHVILLIAN," a newspaper.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS BOSTON, ST. LOUIS, AND WFO

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /161-4/ 2 P

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR. SPI. REBUTEL TO MEMPHIS AND WFO
TWENTYSECOND INSTANT, ENTITLED, JOHN SEIGENTHALER, SPI, AND
WFO TEL TO BUREAU, MIAMI AND MEMPHIS TWENTYTHIRD INSTANT. FOLLOWING
BACKGROUND DATA DEVELOPED. JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER BORN
JULY TWENTYSEVEN, TWENTYSIX, NASHVILLE, TENN. PARENTS,
JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, SR. DECEASED, AND MARY SEIGENTHALER,
NEE BREW. OLDEST OF EIGHT CHILDREN. BROTHERS, CORNELIUS B.,
WILLIAM ROBERT, AND THOMAS SEIGENTHALER. SISTERS, MARY ANN MURPHY,
AKA MRS. JAMES LEO MURPHY, JR., EVELYN SEIGENTHALER, JOAN, AND
ALICE SEIGENTHALER, ALL RESIDING NASHVILLE. EDUCATED FATHER
RYAN HIGH SCHOOL, NASHVILLE, AND THREE SPECIAL COURSES GEORGE
PEABODY COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS, NO DEGREE, NASHVILLE. ENTERED
U. S. ARMY A. F., FORTYSIX, DISCHARGED, FORTYNINE, SERVED
HEADQUARTERS ONE TWENTY SIXTH AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATION
SERVICE SQUADRON, DILL AFB, TAMPA, FLA. SUBSEQUENT TO MILITARY
SERVICE, EMPLOYED AS NEWSPAPER REPORTER, NASHVILLE TENNESSEE
A DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED NASHVILLE, TENN. STILL EMPLOYED
BY THAT PAPER. MARRIED DOLORES WATSON, WELL KNOWN POPULAR

SINGER, JAN. THIRD, FIFTYFIVE. THEY HAVE ONE SON, JOHN MICHAEL

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SEIGENTHALER, ABOUT FOUR YEARS OLD. PRESENTLY RESIDES FIVE TWO FIVE
ARROWWOOD DRIVE, NASHVILLE. SEIGENTHALER GIVEN NATIONAL
HEADLINE AWARD, FIFTYTHREE, FOR BEST NEWS STORY OF YEAR. IN
FIFTYEIGHT WAS SELECTED AS NEIMAN FELLOW AND GIVEN YEAR-S
STUDY AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. REPORTEDLY PLAYED IMPORTANT
ROLE IN PRODUCTION OF BOOK QUOTE THE ENEMY WITHIN UNQUOTE WRITTEN BY
ROBERT KENNEDY, BY SUPPLYING FACTS ON OPERATIONS OF THE
TEAMSTERS UNION IN THE SOUTH. HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN
AMERICAN PRESS INSTITUTE AND HAS BEEN GUEST SPEAKER AT
SEMINARS ON INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING, WHICH WERE HELD BY THAT
INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. WFO CHECK AGENCIES,
SL REVIEW SERVICE RECORD. BOSTON VERIFY EDUCATION AS NEIMAN
FELLOW AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. BUDED DEC. TWENTYNINE, NEXT.
MUST BE MET WITHOUT FAIL.

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TITLE OF CASE JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.		Report made by IC 	Typed By: ra b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI <i>note: Ab! O.L. Army Air Force</i>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Memphis teletype to Bureau dated 12/27/60.

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Date:

December 27, 1960

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Title:

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

SEIGENTHALER served in U. S. Army Air Force from 2/6/46 to 3/11/49. Received honorable discharge. He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-Martial for being AWOL.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on December 27, 1960 of the military service records on file at the General Services Administration Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri for JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Serial Number 14211079, indicated that he enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force on February 6, 1946 and entered on active duty on the same date at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He was honorably discharged on March 11, 1949 as a Staff Sergeant at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida by reason of the expiration of his term of service.

No reserve service was shown.

His military occupation was shown as Control Tower Operator and his civilian occupation was shown as Student.

He had no foreign service. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal.

His character and efficiency ratings were shown as excellent.

Seigenthaler
He was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-Martial on November 26, 1946 for "in that Private First Class John L. Seigenthaler, Detachment 737 Army Air Force Base Unit (107th Airway and Air Communication Services) did, without proper leave absent himself from his organization and station at MacDill Field, Florida from about 9 November 1946 to about 19 November 1946". He was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for a period of 30 days and to forfeit \$45 of his pay. He was confined for the above charge from November 26, 1946 to December 19, 1946, a total of 24 days.

The date and place of birth were shown as July 27, 1927 at Nashville, Tennessee.

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Reporting Office MEMPHIS	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 12/28/60	Investigative Period 12/23 - 28/60
TITLE OF CASE JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Jr. <i>See brother's sister & father's 12/8</i>		Report made by SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD	Typed By: krp
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Copy To:

Report of: SA FRANCIS W. NORWOOD
Date: December 28, 1960

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: Memphis 161-4

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Jr.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records, Div. of Vital Statistics, Tenn. Dept. of Public Health, indicate SEIGENTHALER born 7/27/27 at Nashville, Tenn. Education verified through records at Father Ryan High School and George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn. Employment verified through records furnished by Mr. EDWARD BALL, Editor, "Nashville Tennessean." Neighbors and associates report favorably concerning SEIGENTHALER insofar as his honesty, integrity, reputation, associates and loyalty are concerned. Credit re SEIGENTHALER, his parents, and brothers and sisters in Nashville obtained. His credit is satisfactory. Credit on his relatives varied from slow to satisfactory. No criminal record for SEIGENTHALER or any of his relatives in Nashville, Tenn.

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DETAILS:

Birth Data

[redacted] Clerk, Division of Vital Statistics, Tennessee Department of Public Health, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SE JOHN D. JONES on December 28, 1960, that birth certificate number 30311 filed August 8, 1927, reveals JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Jr., was born July 27, 1927, at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, to LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER and MARY AGNES BREW.

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Education

On December 27, 1960, [redacted], Secretary, Father Ryan High School, Nashville, Tennessee, advised from records that JOHN SEIGENTHALER graduated from that high school on June 7, 1945. She stated her records reflect that he was born on July 27, 1927, at Nashville, Tennessee. She advised that his grades while in high school were average. [redacted] stated she was personally acquainted with SEIGENTHALER although she did not know him while he was a student at the school. She stated she had known of him while he was in school and knew he was very active in extracurricular activities at the school. She feels that because of this, his grades were not better. She stated she knows he had ability to make better grades than actually show on his records. She stated that since he has been out of school, he has proven that he had more ability because of the type of work which he has done. She advised that he is well regarded by persons connected with the Father Ryan High School and that there was never any disciplinary action taken against him. She advised she considers him to be of excellent character and a loyal citizen of the United States.

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On December 27, 1960, [redacted] Clerk, Office of the Registrar, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, advised from records that SEIGENTHALER took three courses at George Peabody College for Teachers as a special student. She stated that the three courses he took were actually two semesters of one course and a third semester of another course. She stated that he took one semester of English, which was entitled "The Development of English Literature from 1750 to 1956," on which he had made an "A." She said he took the second semester of this course, which was not completed. He also had one course entitled "Introduction to Sociology," which was not completed. She stated her records indicated he was born July 27, 1926, and that his home address at the time he was in school in 1956 was 822 Sutton Hill Road, Nashville. She stated he was classified as a freshman student, although he was actually there as a special student. [redacted] stated she is not personally acquainted with him. She advised there would not be available for interview any professors who taught him, due to the Christmas holidays.

Miscellaneous

On December 27, 1960, the files of the library of the "Nashville Banner," a daily newspaper published at Nashville

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were made available by [REDACTED] The file concerning JOHN SEIGENTHALER was reviewed, and from clippings appearing in this file, it was noted that an article in the "Nashville Tennessean" on May 22, 1960, concerning him stated in part that he had played an important part in the production of ROBERT KENNEDY's book entitled "The Enemy Within." The article indicated that SEIGENTHALER had furnished facts concerning Teamster activities in the South which were utilized in the book. This article pointed out also that SEIGENTHALER had been named a Neiman Fellow in 1958 and also that in 1953, he had been given the National Headliner award for having the best American news story of the year.

There were several articles in the clipping file indicating that SEIGENTHALER is quite active in the American Press Institute, and on more than one occasion, went to New York City to address seminars held by the American Press Institute, generally addressing them on the subject of investigative reporting, and on one occasion, narrowing his address to investigative reporting at the county level of Government.

An article appeared in the "Nashville Tennessean" issue of June 5, 1958, concerning SEIGENTHALER, in which it was announced that JOHN SEIGENTHALER had been selected as a Neiman Fellow, which award carried with it a year's study at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. This article stated he had served at that time (1958) as a reporter on the "Nashville Tennessean" for nine years and was 31 years of age. It stated he planned to study problems of Southern economic, social and political life. This article stated he was married to the former DOLORES WATSON and that they had a two-year-old son named JOHN MICHAEL SEIGENTHALER. Their home address was given as 525 Arrowwood Drive, Nashville, Tennessee. This article stated SEIGENTHALER was the son of Mrs. MARY SEIGENTHALER, 1707 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, and the late JOHN L. SEIGENTHALER. It stated he attended Father Ryan High School and had served in the U.S. Air Force from 1946 through 1949. He was stated to be the oldest of eight children and the article advised that subsequent to his discharge from the Air Force, he went to work to aid in the support of his younger brothers and sisters. The article stated that as a reporter on the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper published in Nashville, SEIGENTHALER was first assigned to the police beat and subsequently covered the county beat, as well as the criminal courts, the state legislature and the political situation in Tennessee. It also stated that he served as an assistant editor

for the paper. The article said that for the past year and a half, he had done investigative reporting on the activities of the local Teamsters union in Nashville and some investigation concerning activities of impeached judge RALSTON SCHOOLFIELD. The article stated he had taken courses at George Peabody College for Teachers in sociology and literature.

This article also referred to an incident occurring in 1954 in which SEIGENTHALER saved the life of an individual who was threatening to jump from a bridge into the Cumberland River in Nashville. In this instance, SEIGENTHALER talked to the man and kept him from jumping until he, SEIGENTHALER, could get close enough to him to hold him.

A review of the other clippings in the file indicated that his grandfather was C. F. BREW. It also reflected that the award which he was given in 1953 resulted from a news story by him wherein he, as a reporter, located one THOMAS C. BUNTIN, a man who had mysteriously disappeared from Nashville, Tennessee, some 22 years earlier.

In the article from the society pages relating to his wedding in 1955, it was noted his full name was given as JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Jr. He was married to the former DOLORES WATSON, who was well known as a singer and television entertainer, both on a local station in Nashville and with the Arthur Godfrey Program in New York City. The clipping file also reflects that subsequent to graduating from high school, SEIGENTHALER was in the U.S. Army Air Force and assigned to the headquarters of 126th Airways and Air Communication Service Squadron, and was stationed for a while at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

On December 27, 1960, [REDACTED], Clerk, Office of the County Court Clerk, Davidson County, Nashville, Tennessee, advised from records that a marriage license was issued December 30, 1954, to JOHN L. SEIGENTHALER, Jr., and DOLORES M. WATSON. This was under license #27169. The two were married on January 3, 1955, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation by Reverend A. A. SEINER.

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Employment

On December 27, 1960, Mr. EDWARD BALL, Editor, the "Nashville Tennessean," Nashville, advised from records that JOHN SEIGENTHALER was first employed by the "Nashville

Tennessean" as a reporter on April 18, 1949. On November 18, 1956, he was made assistant city editor. On September 14, 1958, he was given leave of absence to accept a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard. He returned from Harvard University on May 4, 1959. On June 13, 1959, he was given a leave of absence to work with Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and returned from this assignment on August 31, 1959. He was also given a leave of absence to work with Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY during the time that the Democratic primary was being contested in the state of West Virginia. BALL stated, however, that he did not have the exact dates on this leave of absence. He stated that on August 21, 1960, SEIGENTHALER was given a leave of absence to work with ROBERT KENNEDY as an administrative assistant and that he is still on this leave of absence, although he is still considered an employee of the paper.

Mr. BALL stated that he feels he is going to lose SEIGENTHALER as a newspaper reporter, as he feels he will probably accept any assignment offered him by Mr. KENNEDY. He stated he certainly hates to lose him, as he considers him to be the best investigative reporter in the United States. He stated insofar as his personal character and reputation are concerned, there is no question of his honesty and integrity. He stated that there is no question whatsoever concerning the loyalty of SEIGENTHALER to the United States. He advised he is acquainted with SEIGENTHALER's wife and other members of his family, and stated they are all persons of good character and he feels SEIGENTHALER's wife is an asset to him in his business.

On December 27, 1960, Mr. FRED RUSSELL, Sports Editor, the "Nashville Banner," a daily newspaper published at Nashville, advised he is well acquainted with SEIGENTHALER as a fellow newspaperman. He pointed out that SEIGENTHALER is employed by a rival newspaper. He stated, however, that he feels that SEIGENTHALER is a most competent news reporter. He stated that his integrity, patriotism and character are absolutely unquestioned, and stated he had proved his courage and ability in an outstanding job in reporting on activities of the Teamsters union in Nashville during 1957 and 1958. He stated that he could only give SEIGENTHALER the highest of recommendation.

Neighborhood

On December 27, 1960, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, advised she was acquainted with SEIGENTHALER and his wife as neighbors, but was never

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closely associated with them. She stated that they had a very good reputation in the neighborhood and were regarded as being persons of a high degree of integrity and honesty. She advised they were quiet neighbors who were friendly with others in the neighborhood, but never obnoxious in any way. She advised that from what association she had had with them, she felt she could recommend SEIGENTHALER for any position he might seek.

On December 27, 1960, [redacted] Nashville, advised he owns the duplex at this address. He advised that SEIGENTHALER and his wife rented from him immediately after they were married and lived in the apartment in his duplex for approximately three years. He stated that during the time they resided at this address, their baby was born and during this time he had gotten to know both very well. He said he could give only the very best of recommendations concerning SEIGENTHALER and his wife. He said they were the finest couple he has ever had residing in his apartment and that he could recommend SEIGENTHALER without hesitation insofar as his honesty, integrity and loyalty to the United States is concerned. He advised that the friends and associates who called upon them at the apartment appeared to be persons of good character and reputation.

On December 27, 1960, [redacted] Nashville, stated that she has known the SEIGENTHALERS, [redacted] for approximately [redacted] years. She stated that she would recommend SEIGENTHALER highly for any position for which he applied. She stated that they are excellent neighbors, are quiet and well behaved, their friends seem to be people of good character, they are active in the work of their church, and are generally well regarded by all of the neighbors in the community. She said that so far as she is concerned, there is no question of SEIGENTHALER's loyalty to the United States.

[redacted] Nashville, advised on December 27, 1960, that she is acquainted with SEIGENTHALER as a neighbor. She stated [redacted] She said she has known them for approximately [redacted] years, and although she is not a close friend of theirs, she has visited with them [redacted]

[redacted] She stated they both have excellent reputations in the neighborhood, are church workers and are considered a very fine family. She stated there is no

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question as to the honesty and integrity of SEIGENTHALER and advised she knows of nothing which would indicate that he is other than a loyal citizen of the United States.

On December 27, 1960, [redacted]
[redacted] Nashville, advised she has known the SEIGENTHALERS as neighbors. She stated she is not closely associated with them, inasmuch as she is a professional woman and is not at home a great deal, but stated that from what she has observed of them, and from their general reputation in the neighborhood, she considers them to be persons of good character and reputation. She advised she has never heard anything indicating any subversive associations and considers both of them as loyal citizens of the United States.

Associates

On December 27, 1960, Monsignor ALBERT A. SEINER, Vicar General of the Nashville Diocese, Nashville, advised that he has been the pastor for JOHN SEIGENTHALER at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville for all of SEIGENTHALER's life. He advised that he has the highest regard for SEIGENTHALER. He advised he has an excellent family background, his mother and father both were devoutly religious, and he was reared in a good home atmosphere. He is happily married and is an active worker in the church, as well as being an outstanding newspaperman. He is deeply religious, as is his wife and both are well regarded by persons with whom they are associated in the church. He advised SEIGENTHALER seems to possess a considerable amount of ability and apparently intends to use this ability to the best interests of his country and his fellow men.

Monsignor SEINER said he would recommend SEIGENTHALER without question for any position for which he was being considered.

On December 27, 1960, [redacted]
[redacted] advised that he grew up with SEIGENTHALER and is well acquainted with him and all members of his family. He said they are all excellent people, are good "church going folks," and that JOHN SEIGENTHALER has proven to be a very astute individual. He has educated himself since graduation from high school and has done a good job. He has been an outstanding newspaperman and has created quite a fine reputation for himself in this field. [redacted] advised he has talked to

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SEIGENTHALER on many occasions during the past few years, particularly concerning labor problems, and has found him to be extremely honest in his approach to the work he was trying to do. [] stated there is no question whatsoever of SEIGENTHALER's loyalty to the United States.

On December 27, 1960, [] Nashville, advised that he has been fairly intimately acquainted with JOHN SEIGENTHALER for the past [] years. He stated he has made contacts with him at the newspaper and has found him to be a "top-notch fellow" who bears a very fine reputation. He said there is no question of his integrity, honesty or loyalty to the United States. [] stated he would recommend SEIGENTHALER without qualification.

Credit

On December 23, 1960, [] Credit Bureau of Nashville, advised she has had a record for JOHN SEIGENTHALER in the files of her office since June of 1950. She stated that he has not been an extensive seeker of credit, therefore, she has very meager information concerning his credit rating. She stated there was one account which was placed out for collection, but was subsequently paid. She advised there was another account which was placed out for collection and her records do not show whether or not this has been paid. She stated that these were prior to 1954 and she has no indication that he has sought credit since that time. She advised that []

[] Her records indicate that SEIGENTHALER is the son of JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Sr., and that his mother's maiden name was MARY BREW. She stated that his wife was named DOLORES WATSON, the daughter of Mrs. EVELYN MARSHALL WATSON. The two were married on January 5, 1955, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville. She stated that SEIGENTHALER has three brothers named CORNELIUS B. SEIGENTHALER, WILLIAM ROBERT SEIGENTHALER and THOMAS SEIGENTHALER. He has four sisters named MARY ANN SEIGENTHALER MURPHY, EVELYN SEIGENTHALER, JOAN SEIGENTHALER and ALICE SEIGENTHALER.

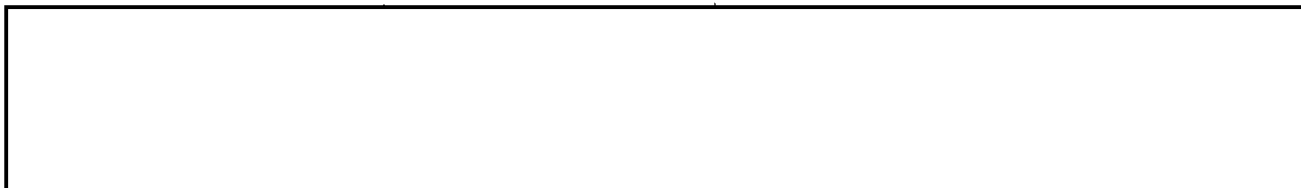
[] stated that SEIGENTHALER's father, JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Sr., died on April 22, 1949. She stated he was a native of Nashville and advised from records of her office that he had a poor credit rating, but stated

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that the records indicated the reason for this was that he had such a large family. She advised he apparently had been a hard worker and held a good job; however, because of the size of his family, he had some difficulty meeting his debts.

On December 27, 1960, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Nashville, advised that Mrs. MARY L. SEIGENTHALER, 1707 Acklen Avenue, Nashville, the mother of JOHN L. SEIGENTHALER, Jr., has a credit record in her name dating from December 1937. She stated her manner of paying is considered generally slow and that four accounts have been placed out for collection, which were unpaid, according to the credit files.

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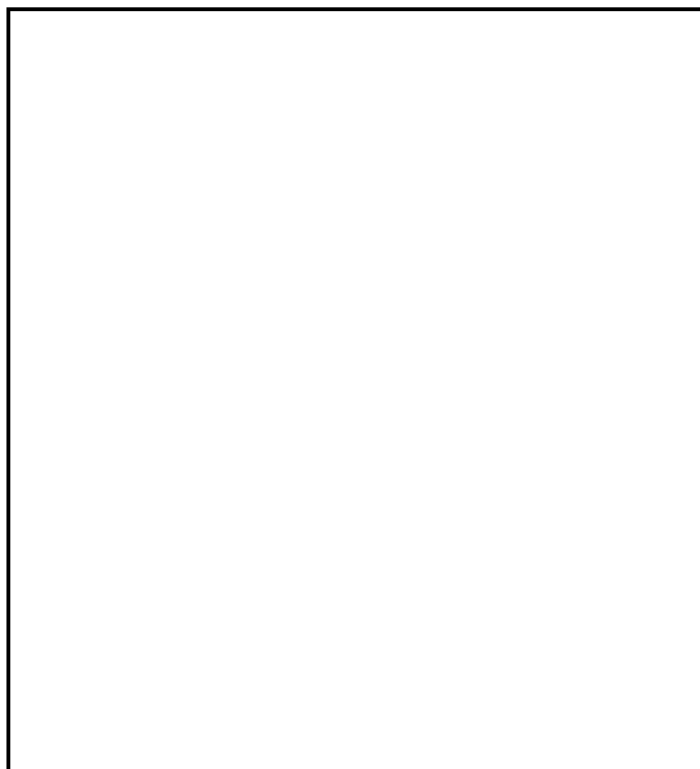
[redacted] advised she was unable to locate any information in her files concerning [redacted]
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Mrs. HUGHES advised there is no information in the files of her office which would reflect adversely on the character, associates or loyalty of any of the above mentioned individuals.

Criminal

[redacted], Identification Officer, Davidson County Sheriff's Office, and [redacted] Clerk, Central Records Office, Nashville Police Department, advised SE JOHN D. JONES on December 27, 1960, that they were unable to locate an arrest record in the files of their respective offices concerning any of the following individuals:

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, Jr.;



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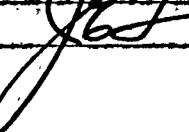
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TITLE OF CASE JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.		Report made by SA 	Typed By: jdt
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Synopsis:

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Title:

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

WALLACE L. TURNER, News Editor, KPTV Television Station, Portland, Oregon, advises SEIGENTHALER is very dedicated, and of unquestionable character, integrity, and loyalty. Would recommend for a position of trust.

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DETAILS: AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

On December 29, 1960, Mr. WALLACE L. TURNER, News Editor, KPTV Television Station, Portland, Oregon, advised that he has known SEIGENTHALER personally since the Fall of 1958 when they attended Harvard University together under a Nieman Fellowship. He said he had heard of SEIGENTHALER prior to this time through SEIGENTHALER's work at a newspaper in Nashville, Tennessee.

TURNER stated that, while attending Harvard, SEIGENTHALER's interests were mainly in urban and labor problems. He said that SEIGENTHALER was an unusually dedicated individual and a person of unquestioned integrity and loyalty. He considers SEIGENTHALER to be very well educated and of outstanding ability.

Mr. TURNER also stated that [REDACTED]
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He advised that he has never known or heard anything derogatory with reference to the personal life of SEIGENTHALER, and would have no hesitancy in recommending him for a position of trust in the United States Government.

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HCUA records were not checked because of their unavailability at this time.

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Report of: HARVEY E. WILKINSON Office: Washington, D. C.
Date: December 29, 1960
Field Office File No.: 161-67 Bureau File No.:
Title: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment Democratic National Committee from 8/22/60 to the present verified, favorable. No record appointee or spouse the Credit Bureau, Inc. and local PD's. CSC, OSI, Passport Office negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENT

On December 23, 1960, [redacted] Bookkeeper, Democratic National Committee, advised SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER appointee has been on their rolls from August 22, 1960, to the present and has been assigned as Assistant to Mr. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Campaign Director for President-Elect JOHN F. KENNEDY.

On December 23, 1960, [redacted] Assistant to the Director of Organization, Democratic National Committee, advised SA ERTZINGER he has only known the appointee for the past four months during which time they worked closely together on the campaign for President of President-Elect JOHN F. KENNEDY. He added the appointee's character, reputation, associates and loyalty are, in his opinion, above reproach and that he considers the appointee to be one of the "best men" on the campaign staff. He described the appointee as very capable in every respect, and he recommended him most highly for a position of trust.

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[] also stated that the appointee obtained a great deal of favorable publicity when he "broke the story" concerning a Tennessee judge who was conniving with the Teamsters Union and also stated that the appointee was a Neiman Fellow at Harvard University two or three years ago, and he explained that the Neiman Fellow is an award granted to outstanding newspaper reporters for some particularly excellent piece of reporting.

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He also added that the appointee is employed by the "Nashville Tennessean" newspaper at Nashville, Tennessee, and makes a home there, and that during the recent political campaign for President-Elect KENNEDY, the appointee was in constant travel status and for the few times that he was in Washington, D. C. for very short periods he usually lived in one of the hotels.

On December 23, 1960, [] Director of Organization, Democratic National Committee, advised SA ERTZINGER he has only known the appointee since August, 1960 but that he worked very closely with him and considers him to be a very capable individual and a person of good character, reputation, associates and loyalty. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCY CHECKS

On December 28, 1960, IC [] determined the files of the Credit Bureau, Inc. contain no record on the appointee []

On December 28, 1960, IC [] determined the files of the Metropolitan Police Department contain no record on the appointee [] at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On December 29, 1960, IC [] determined the files of the United States Park Police contained no record on the appointee []

MISCELLANEOUS

On December 29, 1960, IC [] determined the files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, contained no record on the appointee.

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On December 28, 1960, SE [] determined the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, contained no record on the appointee. b6 b7C

On December 29, 1960, IC [] determined the files of the Headquarters Office, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, contained no record on the appointee.

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Date: 12/29/60
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Title: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Mr. PERRY MORGAN, associate editor, "Charlotte News", Charlotte, N. C., recommends JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR. as a man of excellent character, no associations of an undesirable or disloyal nature and as a man who is extremely conscientious and industrious. He stated SEIGENTHALER has distinguished himself as being an outstanding newspaperman and would not hesitate to recommend him for a position of high trust with the Government.

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DETAILS: On December 29, 1960, Mr. PERRY MORGAN, associate editor, "Charlotte News", Charlotte, North Carolina, advised he met Mr. JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR., at Harvard University in September of 1958. He said both he and Mr. SEIGENTHALER were at Harvard University on Nieman Fellowships. He said before a person can receive a Nieman Fellowship, he must have distinguished himself in newspaper work and his application is passed on by a board of outstanding editors.

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Mr. MORGAN further advised that Mr. JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER is an exceedingly conscientious and industrious newspaperman and would be well qualified to hold a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

He said they had taken three courses together and that he knew him socially. He went on to state that Mr. SEIGENTHALER's character, morals, associates and habits were all excellent and that SEIGENTHALER always associated with persons of unquestionable reputations and characters. He said he knows of no associations of an undesirable or disloyal nature.

Mr. MORGAN concluded by stating he has absolutely no reservations concerning Mr. SEIGENTHALER's loyalty to the United States and would not hesitate in recommending him for a position of high trust and confidence with the Government.

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AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, DURING THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER NINETEEN
FIFTY EIGHT TO MAY NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. THE APPOINTEE IS
AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER AND IS A CITY EDITOR OF THE
QUOTE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN UNQUOTE. THE APPOINTEE WORKED
CLOSELY WITH ROBERT KENNEDY DURING THE CAMPAIGN AND
ASSISTED HIM WITH THE PREPARATION OF HIS BOOK QUOTE THE
ENEMY WITHIN UNQUOTE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE APPOINTEE IS A HIGHLY
RECOMMENDED INDIVIDUAL AMONG HIS FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES, AND
HE HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION,
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APPOINTEE HELD NIEMAN FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY
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PROGRAM OF HIS CHOICE. INDIVIDUALS WHO HELD SIMILAR FELLOW-
SHIPS DURING SAME YEAR ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PERRY MORGAN, EDITORIAL EDITOR, CHARLOTTE
NEWS, CHARLOTTE, NC, AND WALLACE L. TURNER, NINETEEN FOUR ONE
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JULY TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN TWENTY-SIX, AT NASHVILLE, TENN.
ALL OFFICES CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS AND SUREP.
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JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

New York, New York, and associate of appointee at
Harvard University under Nieman Fellowship, recommends.

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DETAILS

Associate

[redacted]
[redacted] New York, New York, advised
on December 29, 1960, as follows:

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He and the appointee were two of 11 journalists who attended Harvard University under a Nieman Fellowship during the period September, 1958 to May, 1959. The appointee is affiliated with the "Nashville Tennessean" as an investigative reporter and city editor. The appointee worked closely with ROBERT KENNEDY, the Attorney General Designate, during the campaign and assisted Mr. KENNEDY in the preparation of his book "The Enemy Within". [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] He is not acquainted with any other members of the appointee's family. The appointee is highly regarded among his friends and associates, and he has no reason to question his character, reputation, associations, and loyalty to this country.

He recommends the appointee without reservation for a responsible and sensitive position with the Government of the United States.

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Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Appointee's attendance at Harvard University as Nieman Fellow, verified and found favorable. Faculty member recommends him. Neighborhood investigation favorable. Credit and arrest checks on Appointee were negative.

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DETAILS:

Credit and arrest checks at Boston, Massachusetts were made at the request of Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]. Investigation at Medford, Massachusetts was conducted by SA [REDACTED].

EDUCATION

On December 29, 1960 [REDACTED] Administrative Assistant, Corporation Office, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts advised the records showed the corporation had awarded a LUCIUS W. NIEMAN Fellowship for study and research at Harvard University to the Appointee for the academic year 1958-1959. She said the fellowship was accepted by the Appointee. She said the records contained no further information concerning him.

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On December 28, 1960 DR. LOUIS M. LYONS, Curator of the Nieman Fellowships, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts advised the Appointee held a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University for a year of study of his own choice during the academic year 1958-1959. He said the Nieman Fellowships are offered each year to outstanding newspaper men in order that they might broaden their knowledge and experience through study and research at Harvard University. He said he was very well acquainted with the Appointee during the period he was at Harvard University and that all of his impressions concerning him were most favorable. He said the Appointee is a highly intelligent person who pursued his studies and conducted his research with great vigor and enthusiasm. He said the Appointee was one of the outstanding Nieman Fellows during the academic year 1958-1959. He said the Appointee is a very personable individual who was well regarded by his associates at Harvard University. He said that from a personal study of the Appointee's work as a newspaper man he knows him to be a very vigorous, alert, resourceful and courageous reporter who should develop into a very outstanding editor. He said insofar as he knows, the Appointee is a loyal and patriotic citizen of excellent character, habits, reputation and associations. He said he believes the Appointee is well qualified by ability, talent, courage and discretion to hold a position of trust and confidence in the Government.

He said the Appointee audited such courses as he took at Harvard University. He advised that for that reason and the fact that the classes he went to were attended by a great many students that he could suggest no other faculty member who might recall him.

NEIGHBORHOOD

On December 28, 1960 [redacted]

[redacted] Medford, Massachusetts [redacted]

[redacted] advised he recalled the Appointee as a resident at 40 Farragut Avenue from approximately September, 1958 to September, 1959, while the latter attended Harvard University. He said the Appointee resided at that address with his wife, DOLORES and son, MICHAEL. He said the Appointee

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was a quiet, cooperative and highly desirable neighbor. He said insofar as he had been able to observe the Appointee was a loyal citizen of good character, reputation and associations. He said he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

On December 28, 1960 [redacted]
[redacted] Medford, Massachusetts advised the Appointee and his wife were [redacted] neighbors for about one year during 1958 and 1959 and that they were very fine people. She said she believes they were both loyal persons of good character, reputation and associations. She said she knew of no reason why the Appointee would not be qualified to hold a position of trust and confidence.

On December 28, 1960 [redacted]
[redacted] Medford, Massachusetts advised she did not recall the Appointee as a neighbor.

CREDIT

On December 28, 1960 personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon St., Boston, Massachusetts advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR. This agency covers Cambridge and Medford, Massachusetts.

ARREST

On December 28, 1960 personnel at the office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County, Court House, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for criminal conviction records in the State, advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

On December 28, 1960 [redacted] Clerk, Police Department, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised the records contained no information concerning JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

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On December 28, 1960 [redacted] Clerk,
Records Room, Police Department, Medford, Massachusetts
advised the records contained no information concerning
JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 1/6/61

FROM : C. H. Stanley *CHS*SUBJECT: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.
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Request received 12/22/60 from Kennedy Administration for investigation of Seigenthaler, who is being considered as press officer for the Department of Justice under Attorney General designate Robert Kennedy.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

Seigenthaler, 33 years old, is married and has one son. He joined the Army Air Force after graduation from high school in 1945. He was convicted by Summary Court-Martial in 1946 for being AWOL, and confined at hard labor for a total of 24 days. Since 1949, he has been a newspaperman with the "Nashville Tennessean", becoming assistant city editor in 11/56. In 1953, he received the National Headliner award for the best American news story of the year, and in 1958, he was awarded a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard University, an award offered each year to outstanding newspapermen to broaden their knowledge and experience through study and research. He was granted leaves of absence to work in Presidential campaign as aide to Robert Kennedy. News articles and associates reported he did outstanding job in reporting on Teamsters Union activities in Nashville during 1957 and 1958, and played an important part in the production of Mr. Kennedy's book, "The Enemy Within," in that he furnished facts concerning Teamsters activities in the South, utilized in the book. All persons interviewed recommended favorably.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached summary be delivered by Mr. Evans.

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January 6, 1961

Mr. Lawrence F. O'Brien
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

In accordance with your request on December 22, 1960, an investigation has been conducted concerning John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Information has been received from one governmental agency indicating that a check of its files concerning Mr. Seigenthaler has not been completed. When this check has been completed, you will be advised.

The investigation of Mr. Seigenthaler covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing, and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

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An affirmative investigation by the FBI concluded on 1-6-61 that no past or present statutory information. This is the result of a request for a FBI file check, and it is to be considered as a clearance or recommendation of the individual involved. TO ARMY 7/5/61

Another copy to Mr. O'Donnell 7/2/61
by Courier
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JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Mr. Seigenthaler was born July 27, 1927, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Education

He graduated from Father Ryan High School, Nashville, Tennessee, on June 7, 1945. Mr. Seigenthaler attended George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1956, as a special student. He enrolled for three courses in literature and sociology and completed only one of these courses.

Mr. Seigenthaler was awarded a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for study and research. He attended Harvard University during the 1958-1959 academic year.

Employment

Mr. Seigenthaler was first employed by the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, as a reporter on April 18, 1949. He became Assistant City Editor in November, 1956. He is still considered an employee of this newspaper, although he was granted leaves of absence on September 14, 1958, to accept a Neiman Fellowship at Harvard University, and on August 31, 1959, and August 21, 1960, to work as an administrative assistant to Mr. Robert F. Kennedy.

Since August 22, 1960, Mr. Seigenthaler has been employed by the Democratic National Committee. He has been assigned as an assistant to Mr. Robert F. Kennedy.

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John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr.

Marital Status

Mr. Seigenthaler is married to the former Dolores Watson, and they have one son, John Michael, aged four. The family resides at 525 Arrowwood Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

Military Service

Mr. Seigenthaler enlisted in the United States Army Air Force on February 6, 1946. He was honorably discharged on March 11, 1949, as a staff sergeant at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, by reason of expiration of his term of service. His military record shows he was tried and convicted by a Summary Court-Martial on November 26, 1946, for being absent without leave from his organization and station at MacDill Field, Florida, from about November 9, 1946, to about November 19, 1946. He was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for a period of thirty days and to forfeit forty-five dollars of his pay. He was confined as a result of the above court-martial from November 26, 1946, to December 19, 1946.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Attorney General Designate, advised he has known Mr. Seigenthaler for about three years and employed him for one year. Mr. Kennedy advised that Mr. Seigenthaler is going to "work for me" and he highly recommended him for the pending appointment. Mr. Kennedy described him as a person of excellent reputation, character, and associates and a loyal American. He stated Mr. Seigenthaler is a man of integrity and honesty.

[redacted] Assistant to the Director of Organization, Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., advised he has only known Mr. Seigenthaler for the past four months, during which time they worked closely together on the Presidential campaign. He stated Mr. Seigenthaler's character,

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John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr.

reputation, associates, and loyalty are, in his opinion, above reproach. He considers Mr. Seigenthaler to be one of the "best men" on the campaign staff and described him as very capable in every respect. [redacted] recommended Mr. Seigenthaler most highly for a position of trust.

Mr. Edward Ball, Editor, the "Nashville Tennessean," Nashville, Tennessee, stated he considers Mr. Seigenthaler to be the best investigative reporter in the United States and he certainly hates to lose his services as a newspaper reporter with the "Nashville Tennessean." Mr. Ball said insofar as Mr. Seigenthaler's personal character and reputation are concerned, there is no question of his honesty and integrity. He stated [redacted]

[redacted] and they are all persons of good character. He stated he has no question whatsoever concerning the loyalty of Mr. Seigenthaler to the United States.

Mr. Fred Russell, Sports Editor, the "Nashville Banner," a daily newspaper published in Nashville, Tennessee, advised he is well acquainted with Mr. Seigenthaler as a fellow newspaperman, although he was employed by a rival newspaper. Mr. Russell stated he feels that Mr. Seigenthaler is a most competent news reporter. He said his integrity, patriotism, and character are absolutely unquestioned and Mr. Seigenthaler has proved his courage and ability in an outstanding job in reporting on activities of the Teamsters Union in Nashville during 1957 and 1958. Mr. Russell highly recommended Mr. Seigenthaler.

[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, Chamber of Commerce, advised he grew up with Mr. Seigenthaler and is well acquainted with him and all members of his family. He stated Mr. Seigenthaler educated himself since graduation from high school and described him as an outstanding newspaperman. He stated Mr. Seigenthaler created a fine reputation for himself in the newspaper field. [redacted] advised he has talked to Mr. Seigenthaler on many occasions during the past few years, particularly concerning labor problems, and has found him to be extremely honest in his approach to this work. [redacted] said he has no question concerning the loyalty of Mr. Seigenthaler to the United States.

John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr.

Dr. Louis M. Lyons, Curator of Neiman Fellowships, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised he was acquainted with Mr. Seigenthaler during the period he was at Harvard University and that all of his impressions concerning him were most favorable. Dr. Lyons said the Neiman Fellowships are offered each year to outstanding newspapermen in order that they might broaden their knowledge and experience through study and research at Harvard University. He described Mr. Seigenthaler as a highly intelligent individual who pursued his studies and conducted his research with great vigor and enthusiasm. He said that from a personal study of Mr. Seigenthaler's work as a newspaperman, he found him to be a very vigorous, alert, resourceful, and courageous reporter. He said insofar as he knows, Mr. Seigenthaler is a loyal and patriotic citizen of excellent reputation, character, habits, and associates. Dr. Lyons said he believes Mr. Seigenthaler is well qualified by ability, talent, courage, and discretion to hold a position of trust and confidence in the Government.

Mr. Wallace L. Turner, News Editor, KPTV Television Station, Portland, Oregon, advised he has known Mr. Seigenthaler personally since the Fall of 1958, when they attended Harvard University together under a Neiman Fellowship. Mr. Turner stated that while attending Harvard, Mr. Seigenthaler's interests were mainly in urban and labor problems. He described Mr. Seigenthaler as an unusually dedicated individual and a person of unquestioned integrity and loyalty. Mr. Turner considers Mr. Seigenthaler to be well educated and of outstanding ability. He stated he would have no hesitancy in recommending Mr. Seigenthaler for a position of trust in the United States Government.

Fourteen additional individuals, consisting of neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances, advised that Mr. Seigenthaler is a loyal person of excellent character, reputation, and associates. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence.

Close Relatives

Mr. Seigenthaler's father, John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Sr., is deceased. His mother, Mary Brew Seigenthaler, resides in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Seigenthaler has the following brothers and sisters, all of whom reside in Nashville, Tennessee: William Robert Seigenthaler; Cornelius Brew

John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr.

Seigenthaler; Thomas P. Seigenthaler; Mary Ann Seigenthaler Murphy (Mrs. James Leo Murphy, Jr.); Evelyn Seigenthaler; Delia Joan Seigenthaler; and Alice Seigenthaler.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no pertinent information concerning Mr. Seigenthaler

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Seigenthaler:

Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission;

Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force;

G-2, Central Records Facility, Army Intelligence Center, Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Maryland;

Passport Office, Department of State.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Seigenthaler.

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Date: 1-10-61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, WFO (161-67)
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Rereport of SA HARVEY E. WILKINSON, 12-29-60,
at WFO.

On 1-9-61, [REDACTED] Clerk, Personnel
Section, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Treasury Dept., advised
SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, JR. she has no record on the appointee.

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January 13, 1961

Mr. Lawrence O'Brien
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Reference is made to my letter dated January 6, 1961, enclosing a memorandum summarizing the results of an investigation concerning Mr. John Lawrence (Seigenthaler, Jr.

Information has now been received from the United States Secret Service indicating that its files contain no record concerning Mr. Seigenthaler.

The above concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. V. CLEVELAND *WVC*

DATE: 8-2-62

FROM : C. A. EVANS *CE*

SUBJECT: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER, JR.
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Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has today requested that another copy of the summary on John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr., dated January 6, 1961, be furnished to him.

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*To Mr. O'Donnell
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Mr. John Lawrence Selgenthaler
Editor
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Dear Mr. Selgenthaler:

I would like to add my congratulations to those you have already received on your nomination by President Kennedy to be a member of the United States Advisory Commission on Information. If my associates or I can be of any assistance, I hope you will not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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Nashville Newsman Named as Adviser

By the Associated Press

President Kennedy yesterday named John L. Seigenthaler, editor of the Nashville Tennessean, to be a member of the United States Advisory Commission on Information.

Mr. Seigenthaler will succeed Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer, who resigned June 19. Mr. Seigenthaler formerly served as administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. He was a reporter on the Tennessean from 1949 to 1960.

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(NOMINATIONS)

WASHINGTON--THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED BY VOICE VOTE A NUMBER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S DIPLOMATIC NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING FRANCIS H. RUSSELL OF MAINE, AS AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA.

ALSO CONFIRMED WERE FIVE DELEGATES AND FIVE ALTERNATES FOR THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE 17TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS THIS FALL.

THE DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY U.N. AMBASSADOR ADLAI E. STEVENSON AND ALSO INCLUDES HIS DEPUTY, FRANCIS T. P. PLIMPTON, AND SENS. ALBERT GORE, D-TENN., AND GORDON ALLOTT, R-COLO.; AND DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATOR ARTHUR H. DEAN.

THE ALTERNATES ARE HEADED BY CHARLES W. YOST, ANOTHER DEPUTY TO STEVENSON, AND ALSO INCLUDE PHILIP M. KLUTZNICK OF CHICAGO; JONATHAN B. BINGHAM OF NEW YORK, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE CARL T. ROWAN, AND MRS. MARIETTA P. TREE OF NEW YORK.

ALSO CONFIRMED WERE THE NOMINATIONS OF ABBA P. SCHWARTZ TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, AND JOHN L. SEIGENTHALER, EDITOR OF THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, TO SERVE ON THE U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INFORMATION. SEIGENTHALER SUCCEEDS JONATHAN W. DANIELS, EDITOR OF THE RALEIGH (N.C.) NEWS & OBSERVER, WHO RESIGNED.

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THE NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

AMON CARTER EVANS, PUBLISHER
MORNING AND SUNDAY
NASHVILLE 1, TENNESSEE

JOHN SEIGENTHALER
EDITOR

August 28, 1962

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations.

Indeed, I will not hesitate to let you know if assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

John Seigenthaler
John Seigenthaler

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Per FOIPA Request *9/21/76*

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans
1 - Mr. Cleveland

161-132-25

Date: September 12, 1962
To: Director, Office of Security
U. S. Information Agency
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

SEP 12 6 03 PM '62
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Reference is made to your recent request directed to the White House concerning Mr. John Lawrence Seigenthaler.

Please be advised that the files of this Bureau contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Seigenthaler since his resignation from the Department of Justice effective March 21, 1962.

No further action is contemplated in this matter.

BY COURIER SVC.
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NOTE: Based on a request from the United States Information Agency (USIA), Mr. O'Donnell of the White House on 9/10/62 asked that we furnish to USIA any pertinent information received concerning Seigenthaler subsequent to his leaving the Department of Justice on 3/21/62.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. CLEVELAND

DATE: September 7, 1962

FROM : C. A. EVANS

SUBJECT: MELVYN DOUGLAS
JOHN SEIGENTHALER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has today requested that a copy of the Special Inquiry summary on Melvyn Douglas, dated May 31, 1962, and a copy of the Special Inquiry summary on John Seigenthaler, dated January 6, 1961, be furnished to the United States Information Agency.

Don't for summary to USIA 9/10/62 by J. J. J.
CAE:dlb

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ADDENDUM - CAE:LS - 9/10/62

Mr. O'Donnell subsequently advised that the summary on Seigenthaler should not be disseminated but instead a short letter sent to USIA advising that the original investigation was generally favorable ^{since} and include any additional data we might have received on Seigenthaler since he left Justice Department employment.

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Letter to USIA 9/11/62; OHY:11b
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O'Donnell requested check be limited to any additional info since I left Justice Dept.

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1 - Mr. Raupach

September 17, 1962

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JOHN SEIGENTHALER
Nashville, Tennessee

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An applicant-type investigation has been previously conducted by this Bureau concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House on January 6, 1961.

At the request of the White House, you are referred to the Office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President. (161-132)

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Request Received: 9-5-62

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NOTE: Above suitable for dissemination per D. H. Young, Special Inquiry Section.

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Per FOIPA Request 5/21/76

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67 SEP 21 1962

October 30, 1963

Mr. John Lawrence Seigenthaler
Editor
Nashville Tennessean
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Seigenthaler:

I have learned of your speech on October 17th
before the Tennessee Chapter of the FBI National Academy
Associates.

It was certainly good of you to comment so
favorably regarding the activities of this Bureau. My
associates and I hope our efforts will continue to merit
your support and approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Seigenthaler is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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UPI-165

(NOMINATIONS)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY FORMALLY SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONFIRMATION THE NOMINATION OF LAURENCE WALRATH FOR A NEW TERM ON THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION (ICC).

VIRGINIA MAE BROWN AND CLYDE . HERRING WERE NOMINATED FOR SEVEN-YEAR TERMS.

JAMES LOUIS ROBERTSON WAS REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

JOHNSON ALSO NOMINATED FOUR PERSONS TO THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INFORMATION. THEY ARE FRANK STANTON, JAMES LEONARD REINSCH, DOROTHY B. CHANDLER, AND JOHN L. SEIGENTHALER. BOTH SEIGENTHALER AND REINSCH WERE REAPPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION.

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NAME CHECK

April 5, 1965

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JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER
Born: July 27, 1927
Nashville, Tennessee

Summary

An applicant-type investigation concerning John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr., born July 27, 1927, Nashville, Tennessee, was conducted by the FBI in December, 1960, and the results were furnished to the White House. Should you desire the detailed results of the investigation, you are referred to the office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention, [redacted] (161-132)

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NOTE: Summary furnished White House dated 1-6-61 contained favorable information with exception of one conviction in 1946 by Summary Court-Martial for AWOL; confined hard labor for 24 days.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This reply is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division.

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by Letter Dated 6/10/77
Per FOIPA Request 5/21/76

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NAME CHECK

September 7, 1965

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JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER
Born: July 27, 1927
Nashville, Tennessee

Summary

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Request received - August 16, 1965

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Note: Summary furnished White House 1-6-61, contained favorable information with exception of one conviction in 1946, by summary court martial for AWOL. Confined hard labor for 24 days.

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by Letter Dated 6/18/77
Per FOIPA Request 5/21/76

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JUN 24 1966

NAME CHECK
June 22, 1966

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JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER
Born: July 27, 1927
Nashville, Tennessee

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER - SUMMARY

An applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1960 concerning the captioned individual. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House.

For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to the office of the Honorable Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, attention [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (161-132)

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Original and 1 - OSD
Request Received - June 20, 1966

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Note: Summary furnished White House January 6, 1961, contained favorable information with exception of one conviction in 1946, by summary court martial for AWOL. Confined hard labor for 24 days.

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by Letter Dated 6/10/77
Per FOIPA Request 5/21/74

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Honorable [redacted]
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

JOHN LAWRENCE SEIGENTHALER

Reference is made to your name check request concerning Judge Julius J. Hoffman and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Judge Julius J. Hoffman
William A. Lydgate
Reverend Oddie Hoover
Dr. Ernest R. May

[redacted]
John Seigenthaler

[redacted]
Thomas Winship

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when it is removed from the enclosure bearing a classification.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (9)

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
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March 16, 1970

JOHN SEIGENTHALER

SUMMARY

John Seigenthaler, Editor, "The Nashville Tennessean," Nashville, Tennessee, may be identical with John Lawrence Seigenthaler, Jr., who was born on July 27, 1927, in Nashville, Tennessee. This Mr. Seigenthaler was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the FBI during the latter part of 1960 and the first part of 1961. The results of that investigation were summarized in a communication dated January 6, 1961, a copy of which is attached. (161-132)

The January 27, 1970, issue of the "Knoxville News Sentinel," Knoxville, Tennessee, reported that the Minnie Pearl Fried Chicken Systems were under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. According to this newspaper account, friends of the organizers in 1967 were sold stock in Minnie Pearl at \$.50 a share. In May, 1968, this stock was offered to the public at \$20 a share and it rose to \$40 a share the first day and over \$60 a share within six months, although only five chicken stands had been built by the time the stock was placed on the market. The January 27, 1970, issue of "The New York Times" revealed that captioned individual was one of the original purchasers of this stock. (77-63502, 34, 48)

Our files reveal no additional pertinent data concerning captioned individual.

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

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by Letter Dated 6/16/77
Per FOIPA Request 5/21/76

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NOTE: Per request of [redacted] to the President.

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77-63502-A New York Times 1-27-70

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[REDACTED]

John Seigenthaler, who you advised is affiliated with "The Nashville Tennessean," Nashville, Tennessee, and [REDACTED] were the subjects of a White House name check in 1972. On April 14, 1972, the FBI advised the White House there was no pertinent additional information since the White House name check of March 16, 1970, concerning John Seigenthaler. A copy of the FBI memorandum dated March 16, 1970, concerning John Seigenthaler, is attached. (161-132-32)

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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NOTE: Per request of [REDACTED] Staff Assistant (Security), the White House.

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