

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: 10 JUN 1976

FROM :
Acting Chief, Fraud Section
Criminal Division

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SUBJECT: Allegations of Congressman Leggett Concerning
Unauthorized Disclosures

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On February 25, 1976, Congressman Robert L. Leggett wrote to the Attorney General suggesting possible unauthorized disclosures of information to Washington Post writer Maxine Cheshire concerning an investigation for the alleged taking of bribes by Congressman Leggett and Congressman Addabbo from the South Korean government.

The Attorney General has directed that an investigation be undertaken to determine if any unauthorized disclosures took place. The Office of Professional Responsibility is being assisted by the Fraud Section, Criminal Division, in this matter.

We are requesting that you provide the Fraud Section, Attention: the names of all personnel in the Bureau Headquarters and Field Offices who had access to information concerning the Leggett/Addabbo investigation prior to February 19, 1976, the date of the Cheshire article (a copy of the article is attached). Please expedite the information so that appropriate interviews may be conducted as soon as possible. Inquiries may be directed to on Extension 4677.

Attachment.

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Bribe-Taking Alleged

Two House Members Probed

By Maxine Cheshire

Washington Post Staff Writer

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, acting under an authorization from Attorney General Edward H. Levi, is investigating allegations that Rep. Robert L. Leggett (D-Calif.) and Rep. Joseph P. Addabbo (D-N.Y.) accepted bribes from the South Korean government last fall totaling "less than \$10,000 each," according to government sources.

The sources said the FBI is looking at the relationship of Leggett and Addabbo with a Korean-born member of House Speaker Carl Albert's staff, Suzi Thomson. Both men are personal friends of the 45-year-old Thomson, who has worked for Albert as a \$15,000-a-year clerk since he was elected Speaker in 1971.

Spokesmen for the FBI and the Justice Department declined to comment on the investigation. But The Washington Post learned from other government sources that the investigation was authorized personally by Levi on Feb. 3 in a verbal directive to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley.

On Tuesday the FBI received written authorization from Levi. Because of the sensitivity of an investigation of members of Congress, the bureau had been reluctant to proceed with an all-out probe without the written authorization.

Details of the investigation are being "tightly held on the highest levels" of the FBI and the Justice Department, according to one source.

The intended purpose of the alleged bribes has not been disclosed.

Both Leggett and Addabbo said they were unaware of the investigation when questioned about it by a reporter. Both denied emphatically ever having re-

ceived money from the South Koreans.

Leggett said he was "thunderstruck" by the allegation. Addabbo, upon being informed of the FBI's inquiries into the allegations, replied: "Great! I wish I had. I could have used the money."

Thomson, contacted yesterday by phone, said that she had heard first about the investigation when Leggett called her "a week ago to ask me, 'What is this all about?'"

She told a reporter, "You had better speak to Joe Addabbo. On something like this, I don't like to be misquoted. Speak to Joe . . . speak to Joe . . ." Then she hung up.

Speaker Albert's press secretary, Joe Foote, said, "We do not know anything about it."

Thomson, a naturalized American citizen whose maiden name was Sook Nai Park, is a 1959 political science graduate of the University of South Carolina.

She is the daughter of a former Korean national assemblyman and provincial governor, Choong Han Park, who was introduced on the floor of the House by Albert on March 10, 1970, as a "distinguished" visitor.

Park, in his 70s, lives in Los Angeles with his ailing wife, who suffered a stroke several years ago. Records at Rancho Los Amigos, a well-known rehabilitation hospital, contain correspondence indicating that Leggett arranged for Mrs. Park to be entered as a patient and for both Parks to qualify for state aid totaling about \$1,000 a month.

Thomson, separated since 1971 from William Campbell Thomson, an employee of the Federation of American Hospitals, was divorced last April.

Albert declined to be interviewed about Thomson or her duties in his office.

Thomson described herself in an interview with The Post several months

ago as Albert's "liaison" with the members of the House. He handpicked her for that job, she said, because after a decade of working on Capitol Hill she "knew more people and had more friends than anyone around."

Although her combined \$1,200 monthly take-home pay and alimony payments do not put her in the financial brackets usually associated with successful Washington party-givers, Thomson has a reputation of being a "junior grade Perle Mesta" among members of Congress, key congressional aides and lobbyists.

Thomson, who worked her way through college in the kitchens and dining rooms of summer hotels in the Catskills, specializes in small dinner parties for eight where she cooks steak teriyaki and shrimp tempura. But she also gives larger, more lavish parties, which her ex-husband said last fall have cost as much as \$1,000.

One of her annual parties is a birthday celebration for Joe Addabbo, and it has become a major event each year for many members of the House. At last year's party, Leggett played a trumpet.

Addabbo said he pays the food and liquor bills for the parties. The guests, he said, are "mostly Italians and mostly the New York delegation."

According to Leggett, Thomson gives "at least a half dozen birthday parties a year" for members and their wives.

A frequent guest at the parties is the Korean embassy's No. 3 man, Minister Yung Hwan Kim, a former Air Force general who is known to U.S. officials as the ranking ROKCIA (Republic of Korea Central Intelligence Agency) agent in Washington.

Leggett and Addabbo confirm that they met Kim through Thomson and see

him at her parties. Leggett says that he and Thomson and Kim lunch together "sometimes" in the Capitol.

Addabbo recalls that Gen. Kim was at two parties Thomson gave last August, one before and one after a trip made to Seoul by Addabbo and other members of a special delegation from the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.

"It is not unusual," Addabbo said in a recent interview, "for Suzi to give a party when a delegation is going to Korea to introduce them to embassy people and then give another party when they get back."

In August, Thomson went to Korea with a delegation led by Rep. Lester Wolff (D-N.Y.). She had been Wolff's secretary before she went to work for Albert. Two months later she was in Korea again with another group of members of Congress who had been invited by the South Korean government to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Korean War.

In 1973, Thomson accompanied Leggett on a trip to Taiwan to try to put together an international organization called the United States--Republic of China Group.

The Taiwan government paid for the trip, which included other stopovers in the Far East. The delegation included other members of Congress and a number of distinguished educators.

On the two trips she made in 1973, her role was listed as "interpreter." Customarily, a State Department official said, the U.S. embassy routinely provides interpreters for visiting members of Congress.

Thomson accompanied a delegation headed by Speaker Albert to Korea in 1971. It was a trip that provoked a barrage of critical mail from his Oklahoma constituents after news accounts appeared about a party here given by House Majority Leader Hale Boggs that she and Albert attended together. The

cles quoted her as saying she was going with Albert to visit her homeland.

In an interview three months ago with The Washington Post, Thomson called publicity about herself and Albert "very unfortunate."

"I cried every day afterwards, then I don't go out with (Albert) anymore. If my friends invite me to come to the same party, I go before or after him. I try to be very careful."

September 10, 1976

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9 a.m. meeting with Departmental Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] re U. S. Congressman Addabbo and Leggitt - Bribery - Conflict of Interest.

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10/21/75, WFO advised that a source of theirs learned of a bribe recently given to a U. S. Congressman by a member of the South Korean Embassy.

12/16/75, letter sent Attorney General (AG) giving details of allegations. No active investigation being conducted unless requested by AG.

1/22/76, Director's memo on Deputy Attorney General Tyler's call concerning a call he received from [redacted] for the Church Committee.

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1/23/76, Mr. Tyler's letter to the Director advising of [redacted] call to him. *SL*

1/27/76, letter sent AG giving additional information in case and requesting authority to contact [redacted]

2/3/76, J. B. Adams memo on call from [redacted] of the AG Office approving interview of [redacted]

2/3/76, letters sent AG giving additional information in case and reporting Maxine Cheshire's contact with the External Affairs Division, on

1/30/76, [redacted]

2/10/76, two letters sent AG advising of results interview with [redacted] and their recontact by Maxine Cheshire with the External Affairs Division on 2/4/76 [redacted]

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2/11/76, AG letter to the Director that their Criminal Division will contact Bureau in the future concerning investigative steps to be taken in this case.

2/12/76, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division's letter to the Director giving authority to investigate this case and enclosed top secret UMBRA information.

On 9-10-76 Dept. Attorneys

[redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed me re this matter. I said I do not recall ever having met Miss Cheshire and that I do not recall ever having talked with her by phone. I specifically said I did not talk with her on instant matter. And that I had no information as to how she may gotten the information included in her article and the subject of the inquiry.

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TO : Mr. Moore

DATE: 1/26/77

FROM : [Redacted]

SUBJECT: TUNGSON PARK;
U.S. CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH ADDABBO, ETAL
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PURPOSE

To record a telephone conversation between Maxine Cheshire and myself.

DETAILS

Maxine Cheshire, columnist for the "Washington Post," contacted me today to advise that the "Washington Post" had developed the following information:

A [Redacted] had written a letter dated December 10, 1976, to the Department of Justice suggesting that [Redacted] of South Korea, was willing to pay \$300 million for political asylum in the United States. She stated that [Redacted] is currently in New York, has [Redacted] and that [Redacted] is now in Korea with [Redacted] is being interviewed by the FBI and has also advised that when former House Speaker Carl Albert and a Congressional group visited Korea several years ago Albert was given \$50,000 by the Korean Government and the 23 other members of the Congressional group received \$10,000 a piece. In addition former U. S. Ambassador to South Korea Phillip Habib was paid \$100,000 by the South Korean Government.

Maxine Cheshire desired to know if we were interviewing [Redacted] and how credible we felt her story was. Cheshire further advised that she had a copy of the December 10, 1976, letter [Redacted]

She was advised that the FBI would have no comment.

RECOMMENDATION

For information.

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Mr. Herbert G. Miller, Sr.
Law Offices
Miller, Caspary, Harrod & Lewis
2555 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20037

Dear Mr. Miller:

Reference is made to your letter dated
JUNE 18, 1976, wherein you advised you have seen
reports in the media concerning possible investigation
by the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the
purported "love letters" which a literary agent in
New York has stated were written by former President
Lincoln to a woman in Europe.

The FBI has received no complaint and has
conducted no investigation in this matter.

Your letter is being referred to the Department
of Justice for any action they deem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence T. Kelley

Clarence T. Kelley
Director

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

NOTE: No complaint has been received and no investigation has been conducted concerning possible fraud in connection with the "love letters" allegedly written by former President Richard M. Nixon to a woman in Europe. Mr. Miller's letter dated June 18, 1976, was written the day following an article in the Washington Post written by Maxine Cheshire, which states in part: "Branding them as forgeries, former President Richard M. Nixon's lawyers have blocked sale or publication of a batch of purported "love letters" of his which came on the market recently. The matter is being referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a spokesman says, adding: "Mr. Nixon has indicated his willingness to cooperate in any way if the FBI decides to investigate." One Nixon attorney, [redacted] says that forged letters could involve possible mail or wire fraud violations." It is noted that the [redacted] referred to in the Post article is probably identical to [redacted] a member of the same law firm as Mr. Miller.

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If approved, the attached letterhead memorandum will be forwarded to the Criminal Division.

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Canceling 'Nixon Letters'

By Maxine Cheshire

or to name the woman client he was representing.

Meredith told reporters that four handwriting experts had authenticated the letters. But at least one person familiar with Nixon's handwriting has examined photostats of two of the letters and remains unconvinced.

Former White House legal counsel John W. Dean III said last week that "someone from one of the scandal sheets" had brought him copies of a couple of the letters in hopes that he could pronounce them genuine.

"I told them the handwriting was interesting," Dean says. "But I wouldn't be able to swear something was my own handwriting if you brought it to me, and besides, I didn't want to get involved."

When the existence of the letters became publicly known, Nixon's lawyers acted swiftly. Meredith received more than one telegram cautioning him that they were forged.

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One Nixon attorney, Stan Mortenson, says that forged letters could involve possible mail or wire fraud violations.

The letters surfaced earlier this month when New York literary agent Scott Meredith called a press conference and announced that he was in possession of several dozen handwritten letters that appeared to have been penned by Nixon.

Meredith refused to identify either to whom the letters had been written

Canceling 'Nixon Love Letters'

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Meredith's response was to write back that he is taking Nixon's word that the letters are forgeries and is "withdrawing" himself from any further dealings with his still-undisclosed client.

Potpourri

Calling himself the "brother-in-law" of Sen. Edward M. (Doc) Kennedy, a man using the name Clark Lane Bennett, has opened a "Rent-a-Rolls

Royce" agency here. Bennett has told reporters that he is the "step-brother" of Joan Kennedy, whose maiden name is Bennett. According to a press spokesman in Sen. Kennedy's office, Joan Kennedy's parents were divorced six years ago and her father married again. His new wife's 28-year-old son took the Bennett name ... There was fallout all over Capitol Hill from the National Gallery of Art's spectacular fireworks display. One resident went out into his yard and re-

trieved a rocket canister. It was labeled "People's Republic of China" Cher is one celebrity who can't claim that she ignores what the movie fan magazines write about her. A Washington shopping in a Beverly Hills drug store this week spotted Cher, in a strapless wine-colored turtleneck dress, giggling at the news stand with husband Greg Allman as they perused current stories about themselves.

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June 8, 1970

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Mr. Cyril Clemens
Editor
Mark Twain Journal
Kirkwood, Missouri 63122

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Dear Mr. Clemens:

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of May 30th, with enclosures. He asked me to advise you that he has no current thought of retiring and hopes to remain in his present position as long as he can be of service to our Nation. He also asked me to send you the enclosed material and to return the check you thoughtfully provided as there is no charge for literature this Bureau is privileged to disseminate.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Handwritten initials and signatures: J, T. Gandy, Gandy

Enclosures (3)
Check Mr. Clemens enclosed
Congressional Quarterly
Director's testimony 3/5/70 re Black Panthers, Racial, Extremist
and Communist Groups

NOTE: Correspondent is a chronic letter writer whose letters have been acknowledged over Miss Gandy's signature when necessary. Our outgoing was 5/5/70.

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Mr. Cyril Clemens

NOTE Continued: In 1953, he was determined to be under investigation by Postal Inspectors for possible mail fraud and was described as an alcoholic and an undesirable citizen. He enclosed a check for \$1.00 payable to J. Edgar Hoover and drawn on First Security Bank in Kirkwood and an article by Maxine Cheshire speculating on the Director's retirement. The Director noted on incoming "No one should believe anything Cheshire writes. H"

"I never miss a copy of the M. T. Journal." — William Faulkner
"Put me down ditto to the above statement." — President Lyndon B. Johnson

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\$3.00 a subscription

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CYRIL CLEMENS
EDITOR
MARK TWAIN JOURNAL
Established 1936
KIRKWOOD, MO. 63122

30th May, 1970

Dear Edgar

Hope this is NOY true
about your impeding resignation ---
for the Nation needs your
WONDERFUL work now more than
ever before!

Please send us a booklet
on the FBI work ---if at all
available

Cyril (Clemens)

No one should believe
anything Cheshire
writes JK

"Cyril Clemens, a worthy kinsman of Mark Twain who brought light into all our lives."

John F. Kennedy

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VERY INTERESTING PEOPLE

Hoover May Retire As FBI Director

By MAXINE CHESHIRE

WASHINGTON — Inside sources at the Federal Bureau of Investigation are beginning to think that maybe Director J. Edgar Hoover really does intend to retire on his 75th birthday this upcoming Jan. 1.



Mrs. Cheshire, who handles press and public information, have been notified that no leaves of absence will be granted during December and January.

This was interpreted by some to mean that a full staff will be needed to handle the fanfare of retirement stories.

The FBI director reached the mandatory retirement age for federal employees in 1964, but former President Johnson signed an executive order allowing Hoover to remain on the job indefinitely.

There have been repeated reports over the past year that Hoover does not intend to stay after he reaches 75. He reportedly already has informed President Nixon that he, Hoover, wanted to remain until this particular birthday celebration and will then be willing to step aside for a younger man.

CHOLLY KNICKERBOCKER may be making a comeback.

Igor Cassini, whose troubles with the Justice Department six years ago put him out of business as the country's most powerful gossip columnist, is trying to get syndicated again.

He and his brother, fashion designer Oleg Cassini, have a once-a-week double byline called "The Cassini Carousel." It is supposed to combine society and fashion and replaces the style advice column which Oleg began doing when he was in his heyday as White House couturier to Mrs. John F. Kennedy.

Some big newspapers, including the Chicago Sun-Times, the Detroit Free-Press and the San Francisco Chronicle, are using



J. EDGAR HOOVER . . . retirement in January?



IGOR CASSINI . . . prestige and power more than money

the column.

But the irony is that the Cassinis aren't writing it.

They're using the same ghost who wrote much of Igor's stuff when he was Cholly Knickerbocker and running a public relations sideline that brought him \$800,000 a year.

Liz Smith, one of the most prolific and highest-paid magazine writers in New York, has been ghosting "The Cassini Carousel" this summer for free and for old times sake.

The Cassinis reportedly offered her all the income from the column if she would continue to turn it out on a full-time basis as she did in the old days when she was getting \$250 a week as Igor's "assistant."

The prestige and potential power apparently interest the brothers more than money.

But she turned them down. She's well-known enough now to do a column of her own under her own name if she were so inclined.

MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE has changed since writing his new "Rediscovery of Jesus." Dining here at Rive Gauche with anglophile Kay Halle, Muggeridge disclosed that he has become a vegetarian. "At my

age," he explained, "you either become a saint or a sinner. I'm aiming for sainthood."

In Newport, they're saying that Rep. Barry Goldwater Jr. outdid the Kennedys when he was up there last weekend to make a speech. In one day, he went water-skiing, skeet-shooting, golfing and fishing and attended one picnic and two parties that night . . . one of Mrs. Eugene McCarthy's closest friends says that the real reason her husband has asked for his freedom is his friendship with CBS news correspondent Marya McLaughlin. But she wasn't the pretty brunette with whom he was seen lunching here recently.

When Ailsa Mellon Bruce died at the age of 68 recently, her aged mother flew here from England for the funeral. Not many people realized she was still alive. She's been something of a mystery even to prominent socialites here and abroad. Not much is known about her except that her name was Nora McMullen and she married Andrew Mellon in 1900 when he was 45 and her age was unknown. She divorced him in 1910, gave him custody of their children and returned to England to live.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: November 26, 1969

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to the attached copy of the article by Maxine Cheshire entitled "Mitchell's Agent" which appeared in the 11/26/69 issue of "The Washington Post." The Director has noted on this article "I want absolutely no comment from here. H." "Also caution the Agents assigned to the Mitchells. H."

SAs Dennis F. Creedon, Frank J. Illig, Jr., and Dan A. Brant have been cautioned in accordance with the Director's instructions. SA J. Gerard Hogan is currently out of town on annual leave. He will also be cautioned to make absolutely no comment relative to this article or assignment immediately upon his return.

RECOMMENDATION:

None, for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11/25/69

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MRS. JOHN N. MITCHELL
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Bill King, in the Department's Office of Public Information, called my office tonight. He referred to the recent comment of Maxine Cheshire, Washington Post columnist, who alleged that Mrs. John N. Mitchell had been heard to say that she had Special Agents assigned to her as bodyguards. King said this had been discussed with the Attorney General and he asked that any inquiries in this matter be answered by saying that Mrs. Mitchell was undoubtedly referring to the FBI Agent who is assigned to the Attorney General as his security coordinator and who occasionally accompanies him when the necessity arises.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones
- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Mohr

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

June 2, 1969

Director, FBI

J. EDGAR HOOVER FOUNDATION
Article in "Washington Post Times Herald,"
Sunday, June 1, 1969,
by Mrs. Maxine Cheshire

Mrs. Harold Warren Cheshire

There is attached for your information a copy of an article which appeared in the "Washington Post Times Herald," for Sunday, June 1, 1969, by Maxine Cheshire, a staff reporter. The article, entitled "The Director and the Foundation," purports to reflect the activities of this Foundation.

The idea of the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation was conceived in 1965 by a number of retired former officials of this Bureau. I was approached to ascertain if there would be any objections. There were none on my part; however, the stipulation was specifically made at the time that I would have nothing to do with the policy making of the Foundation; neither would I accept any funds at any time from this Foundation.

I did permit one of my assistants, Assistant to the Director C. D. DeLoach, to become Secretary to the Board of Directors of this Foundation, simply to protect the name of the FBI and to make certain that any activities of the Foundation did not reflect adversely upon this Bureau in any manner whatsoever.

The Foundation has had a very modest beginning. However, Mrs. Cheshire failed to include in her article the fact that contributors have not only been those listed in the article, but additionally civic organizations, such as the American Legion, the Gaty Foundation, and individuals in all walks of life.

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The Attorney General

Roy Cohn, who is mentioned prominently in the article in an effort to cleverly stigmatize both the Foundation and me, has had no connection whatsoever with the Foundation. The only contribution in which Cohn has played a part was the sum of \$500 donated by the American Jewish League Against Communism. This is a small organization largely prompted by the activities of the late well-known columnist George Sokolsky. As a matter of fact, I was unaware that the American Jewish League Against Communism had even made a donation to the J. Edgar Hoover Foundation until this morning, June 2, 1969, when I made inquiry after reading the article in question.

My assistant, who maintains the books of the Foundation in his capacity as Secretary to the Board of Directors, has meticulously kept an accounting of all activities of the Foundation, as well as making certain that the books are audited each year by Arthur Andersen and Company, of New York City.

Despite the attempts on the part of Mrs. Cheshire, the author of the article, to belittle the Foundation by far-fetched "guilt-by-association" tactics, the Foundation has conducted a number of worthwhile endeavors and I am told has intentions of enlarging upon such endeavors in a modest manner in the future. There has been no solicitation of funds and no publicity concerning the Foundation.

Mrs. Cheshire may, of course, have reasons for showing open animosity toward the FDI and me.

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MAXINE CHESHIRE, COLUMNIST, WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., RESIDING AT 2011 WHITEOAKS DRIVE,
ALEXANDRIA, VA., RESPECTFULLY REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED,
STATING IT WAS THE POLICY OF THE WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER
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Synopsis:

MAXINE CHESHIRE, Columnist, Washington Post,
Washington, D. C., not interviewed.

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DETAILS:ACQUAINTANCEAt Alexandria, Virginia:

The following investigation was conducted by
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~~MAXINE CHESHIRE~~, Columnist, Washington Post
Newspaper, Washington, D. C., residing at 2011 Whiteoaks
Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, respectfully refused to be
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