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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New York (9-0)

Date: January 15, 1962

Re: Unsub;
ROBERT F. WAGNER, MAYOR,
CITY OF NEW YORK -
VICTIM
EXTORTION

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Qc3 Photocopy of a post card postmarked "Flushing, N.Y. 3 Dec 29 1961," addressed to "THE DAILY NEWS 42nd STREET NEW YORK CITY"

Result of examination:

Specimens Qc1 through Qc3 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Appropriate photocopies will be added to this file for future reference.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNSUB;
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Via AIRTEL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-0)

RE: UNSUB;
ROBERT F. WAGNER, MAYOR, CITY OF NEW YORK -VICTIM
EXTORTION

For info of Bureau, Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYCPD, turned over to NYO copy of obscene letter addressed to Honorable ROBERT F. WAGNER, Mayor, City of New York, City Hall, New York City, New York. Envelope was postmarked 1/4/62, 7:30 p.m., place illegible. This letter in part read, "you may be boss today - but not for long. We promise to get you and we will". The letter ends "this is no crank letter or joke. You asked for it and you will get it and fast".

In addition, a copy of a postcard addressed to the "Daily News", 42nd Street, NYC, postmarked 12/29/61, 2:00 p.m., Flushing, NY, which reads, "The good times roll. Watch out Mayor Wagner now that Quill has taken over City Hall. The next step may be Gracie Mansion", and signed "William Wood".

When these two pieces of communications were turned over to the NYO, Detective [redacted] advised that the ~~postal card~~ had been forwarded to the Police Laboratory for examination and thereafter ~~it was~~ would be forwarded to the US Secret Service, Protective Research Section, Washington, DC, for processing.

In view of the fact that the NYCPD is investigating this matter, no further action will be taken by the NYO.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the enclosed copy of the typewritten letter, as well as the handprinted postcard with similar letters contained in the Anonymous Letter File and any identification made therefrom be forwarded to the NYO so that it may be furnished to the NYCPD for its investigative assistance.

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1-New York (9-0)

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Please give name and address with letter.

NEXT MOVE FOR MIKE?

Queens: Watch out, Mayor Wagner! Now that Quill has taken over City Hall, his next step may be Gracie Mansion.

WILLIAM WOOD.

Wagner: You no good phony

Cock-sucker, Son of a bitch.

Your days are numbered -

you will die you pug bastard with

3 bullets through your fucken head

and this black spick and your nigger

friends who elected you will be at

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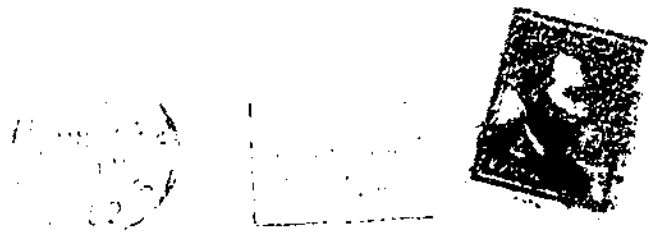

Hon. Robert F. Wagner
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York City, New York

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: November 17, 1953

FROM : MR. L. H. MARTIN

SUBJECT: [redacted]
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
TELEPHONE CALL 7:00 P.M.
Robert Wagner Jr.

Tolson
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Mohr
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
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[redacted] where she works and resides at the [redacted] called at 7:00 P.M., November 17, 1953. She is apparently psychopathic and stated that all the gambling and holdups in New York City are conducted by a cliche which includes newspapermen and Mayor-Elect Robert Wagner and she wanted to know to whom she could go to have all this stopped. She was referred to the New York City Police Department. Bureau files reflect no information identifiable with [redacted]

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FAIR ENOUGH:

Wagner and the Cops

BY WESTBROOK PEGLER

There is serious danger that Robert F. Wagner jr., the son of the bumbling old faker whose name was attached to the Wagner act, will be elected mayor of New York. Wagner has been challenged to say whether he would permit Mike Quill, the president of the transport workers' union, to organize a union of New York policemen. In that case, Quill would control the department, most of the old, seasoned uniformed executives would take their pensions and retire, and there might be a repetition in New York of the policemen's strikes and terrible riots which occurred in Boston and Liverpool soon after World War I. At best the cops would be handcuffed in any riotous trouble with any union in a markedly turbulent time.

Pegler

Wagner is not very bright but he has behind him both Tammany and the Fabian Socialist organization called Americans for Democratic Action, a political parasite. Wagner insists that a policemen's strike would be unthinkable, but then he pulls the rug from under himself by insisting, of course, that he recognizes the right of all workers to join unions, including specifically policemen.

There is no defined line on Quill's politics with reference to communism. Mrs. Bella Dodd, a Catholic of Italian parents, who joined the party but finally cut loose to oppose it, has given some information. She said that in 1937 and 1938 the international party decided to go after Catholic workers and, in New York, seized upon Quill, a native of Ireland, with a mushy brogue as one who would be likely to rise to power. Accordingly, Mrs. Dodd said, a party functionary called a "contact" was assigned to attend Quill as a political "guide." Mrs. Dodd doubted that Quill ever joined the party but said that from the party's standpoint it was sufficient that its influence should dominate the politics and sympathies of a large element of industrious workers of Irish stock and Catholic religion. Most of Quill's subjects can be thus described.

During the war, Quill and Joe Curran, president of the National Maritime union, also of the CIO, were the two most belligerent followers of the party line in the CIO. Curran wrote that the war had been an imperial aggression by Britain, France and Poland until Hitler struck Russia in June, 1941. Thereupon it became a people's war for democracy. Then Curran began to harangue for a second front in France to save the lives of Russian soldiers, at the cost of one American soldier's life, more or less, for every

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Russian life that was saved. Curran was safely deferred by his draft board on the representation of his union that he was essential to the union's activity in the "war effort." Curran controlled the union's actions so, in effect, he wrote his own exemption even when he was bawling for teen-age American boys to throw themselves at the German fortifications to save the lives of Russians.

Since the war, Curran and Quill have been vaguely represented as anti-Communists.

On Dec. 18, 1944, the Associated Press reported that the greater New York council of the CIO had voted to establish a "standing army" to be on call "for picketing and mass demonstrations." At the same meeting, Quill was elected president of the council, suceeding Curran. The proposal of an "army" to do the bidding of the council closely resembled the Brown shirt tactics of the early Nazis. The secretary-treasurer of the council was Saul Mills, a notorious member of the Communist party. He had been active in the newspaper guild and later he made a Communist mission to China. In a speech at this meeting Mills said the executive board had "come to the conclusion that a standing army of several thousand members should be on hand to respond to any call for picketing or other activity."

Quill's interpretation of "other activity" by a "standing army" of the CIO has been indicated by alarming harassments of the people such as slow-downs of the bus drivers in the most trying weather. He received encouragement from both LaGuardia and O'Dwyer, but Vincent Impellitteri fought him and beat him in direct issues, including his attempt to dragoon the cops into the transport workers' union under the violent principles demonstrated in many places.

Harold Riegelman, the Republican nominee, like Impellitteri, has rejected the proposition of a police force subject to the orders of a union boss who so recently organized a "standing army" for "mass demonstrations, picketing and other activity," or of any other union.

On Aug. 15, 1951, 600 policemen, voting as delegates of 130 police benevolent associations in the State and city of New York, passed a resolution stating that Quill's background was closely akin to the Communist ideology and charging him with fifth column tactics in his effort to get control of the police. The resolution said he was trying to arouse conflict between labor and the cops.

Wagner has the backing of Sen. Herbert Lehman and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr., who is warming up to challenge Tom Dewey for the governorship next year. As a stooge of the A.D.A., Wagner also has the support of Eleanor Roosevelt. She and Dave Dubinsky actually have two candidates going, both indorsed by the A.D.A. The other is Rudolph Halley.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: June 15, 1954

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

SUBJECT: MAYOR ROBERT WAGNER
NEW YORK CITY
VISIT TO PUERTO RICO, JUNE 20, 1954

Tolson
Boardman
Nichols
Belmont
Glavin
Harbo
Rosen
Tamm
Tracy
Mohr
Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Hollomas
Miss Gandy

Supervisor Tom Spencer of the New York Office telephonically contacted J. S. Ammarell of the Liaison Section during the afternoon of June 14, 1954, and advised that [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, had called and stated that Mayor Wagner is going to Puerto Rico on June 20, 1954, at the invitation of the Puerto Rican Government for a series of conferences. Mayor Wagner will be accompanied by ten or twelve commissioners and heads of city departments. The conferences are for the purpose of obtaining a mutual understanding of the Puerto Rican problem as it affects Puerto Rico and New York City. From the information furnished by [redacted] to Spencer, it does not appear that the New York City officials will visit Puerto Rico for the purpose of discussing Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico matters specifically although the Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico may be mentioned. The conferences appear to be planned only to discuss Puerto Rican problems generally. Similar conferences have been held in the past in Puerto Rico in connection with migration of Puerto Ricans to New York and the numerous problems of housing and jobs, etc., which they will encounter.

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[redacted] stated that he is going to Puerto Rico on June 16 to look the situation over and arrange any security measures necessary during the Mayor's visit. In addition, Commissioner of Police Adams will leave Wednesday or Thursday, June 16 or 17, with other members of the Police Department to make appropriate arrangements for the Mayor's visit. Spencer said that [redacted] asked whether or not any liaison courtesies could be extended the New York Police officials to assist them in caring for the Mayor during his visit to Puerto Rico. Spencer explained that relations with the New York Police and with [redacted] and Adams have been very good; that he had discussed the matter with SAC Kelly of the New York Office, and Kelly felt that the Bureau should instruct the San Juan Office to extend the usual courtesies to the New York Police officials. SAC Kelly advised that he knew of no reason why the Bureau should

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Attachment

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not extend liaison courtesies to Mayor Wagner and the Police officials during their visit to Puerto Rico and suggested that such action on the Bureau's part would help police liaison in the New York Office.

Relative to Mayor Wagner's visit to Puerto Rico, the following information from a Washington Field Office informant received on June 9, 1954, by that office appears pertinent. The WFO informant related that he endeavored to learn from [redacted] Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico (NPPR) [redacted] what knowledge [redacted] might have as regards acts of violence on the part of the NPPR. The informant went about this by telling [redacted] he had some friends who were planning to visit Puerto Rico and was concerned about their safety. [redacted] told the informant that the people of Puerto Rico always treated tourists with utmost respect but that this was not so as regards political figures from the United States who visit Puerto Rico. [redacted] mentioned in this regard that Mayor Wagner of New York had planned to visit Puerto Rico recently but was not permitted to do so inasmuch as it was feared that an attempt would be made on his life. [redacted] stated that in his opinion it would be foolish for any American political figure to visit Puerto Rico inasmuch as the Puerto Ricans have always felt bitter toward American politicians.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the information from the Washington Field Office informant concerning the Puerto Rican attitude toward political figures from the United States be telephonically furnished the New York Office for transmittal by them to their police contacts.

Yes

(2) That the attached radiogram, instructing the San Juan Office to (a) furnish the New York Police officials any information received by the San Juan Office concerning contemplated acts of violence against Mayor Wagner and his party, (b) to extend ordinary personal courtesies such as assisting in obtaining reservations and similar matters, (c) to refrain from furnishing information from the San Juan Office files and (d) to refer any unusual requests to the Bureau, to be approved.

Yes

Memo to Mr. Belmont
from Mr. Roach

(3) That the New York Office be telephonically advised in the event recommendation No. 2 is approved.

6-15-54
7:45 pm ASAC Mardhouse
advised by LVB

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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FBI WASH FIELD 6/14/54

DIRECTOR, FBI DEFERRED

LEFRO. ON JUNE NINE LAST [redacted] RELATED THAT INFORMANT ENDEAVORED TO LEARN FROM [redacted] NPPR [redacted] WHAT KNOWLEDGE [redacted] MIGHT HAVE AS REGARDS ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON PART OF NPPR. INFORMANT WENT ABOUT THIS BY TELLING [redacted] HE HAD SOME FRIENDS WHO WERE PLANNING TO VISIT PUERTO RICO AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR SAFETY. [redacted] TOLD INFORMANT THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO ALWAYS TREATED TOURISTS WITH UTMOST RESPECT, BUT THIS WAS NOT SO AS REGARDS POLITICAL FIGURES FROM THE U. S. WHO VISIT PUERTO RICO. [redacted] MENTIONED IN THIS REGARD THAT MAYOR WAGNER OF NEW YORK HAD PLANNED TO VISIT PUERTO RICO RECENTLY BUT WAS NOT PERMITTED TO DO SO INASMUCH AS IT WAS FEARED THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE ON HIS LIFE. [redacted] STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION IT WOULD BE FOOLISH FOR ANY AMERICAN POLITICAL FIGURE TO VISIT PUERTO RICO INASMUCH AS THE PUERTO RICANS HAVE ALWAYS FELT BITTER TOWARD AMERICAN POLITICIANS. THE ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 28, 1955

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Winterrowd
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FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MRS. ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR.
ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR., AGE 11
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SYNOPSIS:

[redacted] formerly of the Department, telephonically advised Assistant Director J. P. Mohr this date that Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, wife of the Mayor of New York City, and her two sons were coming to Washington, D. C., and would like to take a tour of the FBI. [redacted] wondered whether Mrs. Wagner and her sons could come to the Bureau at 10:30 A.M., March 29, 1955. [redacted] indicated that Mrs. Wagner and the children would like to shake hands with the Director if possible. Bufiles negative concerning Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Her husband, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., is the son of the late Robert F. Wagner, former Senator from New York. He graduated from Yale University in 1936 and from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1937. He was a member of the New York State Assembly 1937-40; member of New York City Tax Commission, 1946; 1947, Commissioner of Housing and Buildings in New York City; and since January, 1954, has been Mayor of New York City. In January, 1947, a confidential informant advised that Mrs. Paul Robeson had presented scrolls to different individuals, including Wagner, at a dinner of the Queens Legislative Council held in December, 1946. The Council was an affiliate of the Progressive Citizens of America. By letter dated December 30, 1953, the New York Office pointed out that Mayor-Elect Wagner had announced the appointment of Dr. Luther H. Gulick to the position of City Administrator. Gulick is a known associate of Owen Lattimore and Anatoli Gromov, formerly a chief secretary of the Russian Embassy. Gulick also allegedly is a homosexual. In June, 1954, Wagner and official party went to Puerto Rico for a series of conferences. The Bureau advised San Juan Office to extend ordinary, personal courtesies but not to disseminate information from files to any of the members of the party. Bureau currently conducting investigation in case entitled "Alleged Fix of Tax Cases, United States Attorney's Office, New York, New York, Miscellaneous—Information Concerning" wherein information received alleges that the "fixing" formerly was done through Robert F. Wagner, Jr.'s, law office.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: (1) That Mrs. Wagner and her sons be conducted on a very special tour of Bureau facilities. This tour should be conducted by agent of the Crime Records Section.

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(2) That the Director shake hands with Mrs. Wagner and her sons if his schedule permits.

cc - Mr. Jones cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. Nichols cc - Tour Room
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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols March 28, 1955

DETAILS:

BACKGROUND:

In a memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated March 28, 1955, Mr. Mohr advised that on that date [redacted] formerly of the Department, called from New York and advised that Mayor Robert F. Wagner's wife and two sons were leaving New York on March 28, 1955, for Washington, D. C. [redacted] said that Mrs. Wagner and the children would like to take a tour of the FBI. He asked if it would be satisfactory if they came for a tour at 10:30 A.M. March 29, 1955. [redacted] said the group would consist of Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., age 11, [redacted] indicated that Mrs. Wagner and the children would like to shake hands with the Director if possible, but he stated he understood the Director's situation and that it was impossible for the Director to do so that he was sure Mrs. Wagner would understand. [redacted] asked that his best wishes and kind regards be extended to the Director and Mr. Tolson. b6 b7C

Mr. Mohr advised [redacted] that he should have Mrs. Wagner and the two boys call at the Director's reception room at 10:30 A.M. March 29, 1955, and appropriate arrangements would be made for a tour. Mr. Mohr further suggested that if the Director's schedule permitted he shake hands with Mrs. Wagner and her two boys and that the party be conducted on a very special tour by a Special Agent of the Crime Records Section. b6 b7C

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

You will recall, of course, that Robert F. Wagner, Jr., is the son of the late Robert F. Wagner. Robert F. Wagner, Jr., graduated from Yale University in 1936 and from Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1937. He married Susan Edwards and they have two sons.

Wagner was a member of the New York State Assembly from 1937 to 1940. He was a member of the City Tax Commission of New York City in 1946. In 1947 he was the Commissioner of Housing and Buildings in New York City. He was Chairman of the City Planning Commission in 1948 and President of the Borough of Manhattan, Greater New York City, from 1949 to 1953. He has been Mayor of New York City since January, 1954.

Wagner served as a lieutenant colonel with the 8th Air Force during World War II. His home is Gracie Mansion, and his office is in the Municipal Building, both New York City.

Memorandum to Mr. Nichols March 28, 1955

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

Bureau files are negative concerning Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

There are approximately 400 references to the name Robert F. Wagner in Bureau files. The indices cards were reviewed and reflected that approximately 80 per cent of these concerned Mayor Wagner's father, the late Senator Wagner. There is set forth below salient information appearing in Bureau files concerning Robert F. Wagner, Jr.

During the early 1940's, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., was very active in the organization, "Loyal Americans of German Descent," and as of April, 1942, was President of this organization. (100-4165-69)

In January, 1947, a confidential informant of the New York Office advised that the first annual award dinner of the Queens Legislative Council was held in December, 1946. Robert F. Wagner, Jr., was toastmaster and Mrs. Paul Robeson presented scrolls to different individuals, including Wagner. The Queens Legislative Council was an affiliate of the Progressive Citizens of America. (100-350398-2)

In March, 1947, the New York Office forwarded a memorandum which had been furnished by an unknown outside source dated February 17, 1947, and which concerned the Progressive Citizens of America. This memorandum stated that the women's division of the Progressive Citizens of America planned a "political workshop" for women to be conducted at Carnegie Hall between March 4 and March 28, 1947. One of the speakers listed was Robert F. Wagner, Jr., Commissioner of Housing and Buildings. (100-338892-115)

A memorandum in file dated May 18, 1948, sets forth a list of officers of the National Consumers League. Listed as a member of the Board of Directors is Robert F. Wagner, Jr. (100-153350-3)

By letter dated December 22, 1948, [redacted] invited the Director to be one of the guest of honor at a dinner to be tendered to Wagner. This dinner was to be a testimonial

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dinner sponsored by the Children's Welfare Federation of New York City, Incorporated. The invitation was cordially declined by letter dated December 31, 1948. (62-12188-3268)

The Director received a formal invitation postmarked November 11, 1950, to attend a 25th Anniversary Dinner of the Men's League in Aid of Crippled Children, Incorporated, which was to be a testimonial to Robert F. Wagner, Jr. This dinner was to be at the Hotel Astor, December 17, 1950. The invitation was cordially declined. (62-2 8416-11)

"Counterattack," the weekly publication of American Business Consultants, Incorporated, in the September 18, 1953, issue stated that the Communist Party backed Robert Wagner in the Democratic primary held that week. "Counterattack" stated that this did not necessarily mean that Wagner was pro-Communist Party. (100-350512-549)

Westbrook Pegler's column for October 30, 1953, was critical of Wagner and alleged that he had the backing of Tammany plus Americans for Democratic Action. (62-36434-A)

By letter dated December 30, 1953, the New York Office pointed out that on November 11, 1953, Mayor-Elect Robert F. Wagner announced the appointment of Dr. Luther H. Gulick to the position of City Administrator, a newly proposed position which would require the necessary legislative approval before it could be created.

The New York Office pointed out that Gulick is a known associate of Owen Lattimore and Anatoli Gromov, formerly a chief secretary of the Russian Embassy. Gulick also allegedly is a homosexual. (62-93875-1934)

In June, 1954, Mayor Wagner and an official party went to Puerto Rico at the invitation of the Puerto Rican Government for a series of conferences. By teletype dated June 15, 1954, we advised the San Juan Office to extend ordinary, personal courtesies but not to disseminate information from files to any of the members of this party. (62-100576)

A report emanating from the New York Office dated June 29, 1954, captioned "Communist Infiltration into the American Labor Party" quotes from numerous publications of the American Labor Party. These publications would tend to indicate that the American Labor Party backed Wagner in his campaign for the position of Mayor of New York. (100-25869-170)

The Bureau is currently conducting investigation in a case entitled "Alleged Fix of Tax Cases, United States Attorney's Office, New York, New York, Miscellaneous—Information Concerning." Information received in this case alleges that the "fixing" formerly was done through Robert F. Wagner, Jr.'s, law office and is presently being done through the Young Republicans League. (62-98240-15)

Robert F. Wagner, Sr.

As you know, the late Senator Wagner, father of the present Mayor of New York City, was a U. S. Senator for many years and sponsored a great deal of social and labor legislation. He is most famous for the National Labor Relations Act which he sponsored. In regard to this Act, Westbrook Pegler in his column dated February 10, 1955, states that this act was actually written by Lee Pressman. (62-36434)

Senator Wagner was a known liberal and our relations could best be classified as cordial but cautious.

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JUNE 15, 1954

SAC, SAN JUAN

MAYOR ROBERT WAGNER, NEW YORK CITY, VISIT TO PUERTO RICO, JUNE TWENTY, NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. MAYOR WAGNER VISITING PUERTO RICO AT INVITATION OF PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT FOR SERIES OF CONFERENCES CONCERNING PUERTO RICAN PROBLEM GENERALLY AS IT AFFECTS NEW YORK CITY AND PUERTO RICO.

[redacted] BUREAU SPECIAL SERVICES, NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT; COMMISSIONER ADAMS, NYPD, AND OTHER POLICE OFFICIALS PROCEEDING SAN JUAN JUNE SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN, NEXT, AND MAKE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAYOR'S VISIT. FURNISH POLICE OFFICIALS ANY INFORMATION RE CONTEMPLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE RECEIVED YOUR OFFICE AGAINST MAYOR AND PARTY. EXTEND ORDINARY PERSONAL COURTESIES SUCH AS ASSISTING IN OBTAINING RESERVATIONS AND SIMILAR MATTERS. DO NOT DISSEMINATE INFORMATION FORM YOUR FILES TO ANY MEMBERS OF PARTY. REFER UNUSUAL REQUESTS TO BUREAU FOR CONSIDERATION.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: March 28, 1955

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: SPECIAL TOUR

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[redacted] formerly in the Department, called from New York today and stated that Mayor Robert F. Wagner's wife and two sons were leaving New York today for Washington. He said that the Mayor's wife and the children would like to take a tour of the FBI. He asked if it would be satisfactory if they came by for the tour at 10:30 AM tomorrow, March 29, 1955. He said the group would consist of Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, Robert F. Wagner, Jr., age 11, [redacted] He said if possible the group would like to shake hands with the Director. [redacted] said he understood the Director's situation and that if it was impossible for the Director to do so that he was sure that Mrs. Wagner and the children would understand. [redacted] also asked that his best wishes and kind regards be extended to the Director and to you.

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[redacted] was advised that he should have Mrs. Wagner and the two boys report at the Director's reception room at 10:30 AM tomorrow and appropriate arrangements would be made for the tour.

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Mr. Jones of the Crime Records Section has been advised of this tour and instructed to prepare a memorandum giving the background on the Wagners.

I recommend that when Mrs. Wagner and the two boys call at the Bureau tomorrow that they be announced to the Director and if possible he shake hands with them. I also recommend that a Special Agent conduct this group on a very special tour of the Bureau's facilities.

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cc - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Holloman
Mr. M. A. Jones
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DEBATE BETWEEN JACOB JAVITS AND ROBERT WAGNER, 10/20/56.

Set out below is a summary of debate between JAVITS and WAGNER, carried over Radio Station WRCA, at 5:00 PM, EDST, 10/20/56:

JAVITS: Discussed what is Civil Rights and Liberties. Said that in the Supreme Court's decision on desegregation in public schools there is a real chance for a break-through in the struggle against discrimination and segregation, etc. He said there is need for bipartisan activity, as there was in NY, to bring about Civil Rights. He cited desegregation in District of Columbia and in the Armed Services under Republican Administration. He also said, "The Department of Justice has fought for and helped win the school desegregation and other similar cases." He said if elected he will fight to expand these gains, and will work for the President's Civil Rights program, including a Commission with subpoena power to open up voting and prevent economic pressure on Negroes in the South. And, if that can't be gotten then he will do his utmost to get the President to appoint a Commission anyhow. He said, "And I will do my best to get after the Department of Justice to see that US Attorneys institute local actions to require school boards to desegregate the public schools." And he would do his best to see that Federal aid for school construction is withheld unless local desegregation decrees are carried out. He said he would fight for desegregation everywhere.

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WAGNER: Discussed his record in the fight for Civil Rights, and discussed what Civil Rights are. He said most advances have been made under ROOSEVELT and TRUMAN, who were true Liberators. Said EISENHOWER has been a neutral in this field. He said, "He (EISENHOWER) could endorse the Supreme Court decision; he could press for indictments under existing laws; he could have the FBI investigate White Supremacy agitators; he has done none of these things." He said that in Congress there has been a conspiracy between Dixiecrats and some Republicans. He said he will fight for Civil Rights program when he goes to Congress, and will fight to withhold Federal aid from any state or school district which does not agree to use it in conformity with the Supreme Court decision. He will fight for F.E.P.C., Anti-Lynch Law, Federal protection for the right to vote. He said, "I will fight for a strengthened Civil Rights Division within the Department of Justice." Also for elimination of segregation in interstate travel. Discussed need to change Rule 22, the Senate Filibuster Rule.

JAVITS: (rebuttal) Discussed motions for changing rules in Senate, and discussed Senate rules. Discussed the reasons for holding his present office until January 9, and why he might not be able to be present on the day Congress opens. Political discussion. He said Democrat Party is split on Civil Rights.

WAGNER: (rebuttal) Discussed the plank adopted by the Democrat Party. Said he will vote against EASTLAND as Chairman of Judiciary Committee, and will try to get someone who is more sympathetic to Civil Rights. Discussed Civil Rights in NY State and NYC. Discussed desegregation in Washington, D.C., and which party should get credit for that.

JAVITS: (surrebuttal) Discussed motion to change Senate rules, and WAGNER's statement that he would not support EASTLAND. Discussed what has happened in NY State, and defended his own activities as Attorney General of NY.

WAGNER: (surrebuttal) Discussed need for bipartisan policy on Civil Rights. He said the leaders have come from northern Democrat states, and are Liberals. Partisan political discussion. Also discussed Vice President NIXON's record.

NYO has verbatim text of debate if Bureau desires it.

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MAYOR SAYS RIVAL IS FOE OF UNIONS

Javits and His 'Reactionary Friends' Want Free Labor Destroyed, Wagner Holds

By RICHARD P. HUNT

Mayor Wagner accused Attorney General Jacob K. Javits "and his reactionary friends" yesterday of trying to destroy free and responsible labor organizations.

The Mayor said his Republican opponent for the Senate "embraces" such Republicans as Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Representative John Taber of Auburn, the ranking Republican member of the House Appropriations Committee.

"Upstate," the Mayor declared, "he [Mr. Javits] joins with those who would destroy organized labor, who would cut back our social security programs. He joins with those who crippled our housing program; he joins with those who participated in the give-away program for the special interests."

In a speech to a thousand members of Local 1, Amalgamated Lithographers of America, in Manhattan Center, the Mayor offered a six-count "indictment" of the Eisenhower Administration's labor record.

The speech was one of three aimed yesterday at labor voters. Mr. Wagner also addressed about 600 members of the Dining Room Employes Union at the Diplomat Hotel and a United Auto Workers Rally at the Capitol Hotel.

The Dining Room Employes gave Mayor Wagner and his fellow-Democrat, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, a rousing reception. They applauded heartily when a recording was played of a 1944 speech by the Mayor's father, the late Senator Robert F. Wagner.

Mayor Wagner declared that Mr. Nixon, while serving in Congress, had "voted for every reactionary measure and against every progressive measure." And Mr. Javits, he declared, sometimes ignores and sometimes "throws his arms around" Mr. Nixon.

As for Representative Taber, the Mayor told 200 auto workers at the Capitol Hotel that the upstate Republican was "the most reactionary of any Congressman we have."

Mr. Wagner accused the Eisenhower Administration of having forced Labor Secretary Martin P. Durkin to resign by failing to amend the Taft-Hartley Act, of appointing "the most violent anti-labor people" to the National Labor Relations Board, and of trying to make the Taft-Hartley Act even more objectionable to labor.

He also said it had failed to act against "right-to-work" laws, fought against proposals to increase the national minimum wage to $1.25 an hour, and had killed a Democratic bill to help areas suffering from unemployment.

Robert F. Wagner Jr.

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Mayor Tags Javits as Reactionary

Links Him With Nixon, Taber

By Tom O'Hara

Mayor Wagner, Democratic-Liberal candidate for United States Senator, accused State Attorney General Jacob K. Javits, his Republican opponent, of being a "reactionary Republican" at a late afternoon rally yesterday of 700 waiters and waitresses.

Because Mr. Javits had "embraced" Vice-President Richard M. Nixon as well as Rep. John Taber, R., of Auburn, N. Y., in a rally there, both of whom were called "reactionaries" by the Mayor, Mr. Wagner said that Mr. Javits, too, must be a "reactionary Republican." He spoke at the Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43d St., before Local 1, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union. Dave Siegel, local union president, introduced him.

Hears Father's Voice

As a surprise for the Mayor, Mr. Siegel had a recording played of the late Sen. Robert F. Wagner sr., the Mayor's father, addressing the same union in 1944 when he was running for re-election as Senator. His voice, phrasing and New Deal onslaught which were aimed at the then Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, were surprisingly similar to the Mayor's approach to the present campaign. The recording was roundly applauded by the audience.

Mayor Wagner repeated his now well-known charge that Mr. Javits refuses to bring up the name of Mr. Nixon to city audiences while he "embraces" the Vice-President to upstate crowds. He said that, as Senator, Mr. Nixon was always against "progressive legislation," especially labor measures, and favored the McCarran-Walter Act, which restricts immigration.

Before attending the meeting of Local 1, the Mayor met briefly to thank top state representatives in the railroad brotherhoods, representing some 100,000 rail employees in the various branches of the railroad fraternity, for their personal indorsement of him.

Wins New Support

During the day the Mayor won support from three rather unexpected sources. A group of educators and leaders in related fields announced that they were opposed to President Eisenhower's plan announced last week for a school building program as a "feeble Johnny-come-lately attempt to make up for three and a half years of delay and inaction."

Among them were Dr. Harry Gideonse, president of Brooklyn College; Mrs. Lillian E. Ashe, president of the United Parents Association; Dr. William H. Kilpatrick, president of Teachers College in Columbia University, and others. They have indorsed the national Democratic and Wagner ticket.

A sort of Commuters-for-Wagner also apeared to materialize when his office released a telegram from Nathan M. Klein, of Sea Cliff, L. I., president of the North Shore Commuters Association, who applauded the Mayor's pledge of last Sunday to help revise the income tax laws so commuters can deduct transportation to and from work from their Federal income tax.

In addition to the exurbanites, it was learned that a Yale alumnus, William Dean Embree, attorney of 15 Broad St., is also circulating a letter to Yale men urging a vote for Mr. Wagner. Old Blues were reminded in a letter, which also contained a gentle request to help out with campaign contribution that the Mayor is a Yale '33 and Yale Law '37.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: December 28, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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ASAC Simon advised me on December 26, that [redacted] had informed him that Mayor Wagner, former Ambassador Richard Patterson, Wagner's wife and two children were going to Cuba on the afternoon of December 29. The keys of the city will be presented to him in Havana. President Batista will decorate him on December 30. He will then go to Varadero Beach where he will vacation until January 5 or 6. Inspector [redacted] who has been friendly with the Bureau since even back in the days when Monaghan was commissioner, and Detective [redacted] are leaving on December 27 to prepare for the mayor's arrival. The party will stay at the Hotel Nacionale, and the mayor will be accompanied by two other detectives.

[redacted] expressed the hope that we could be of assistance. Simons was noncommittal. I told Simons that this was proper and no further action was to be taken.

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cc - Mr. Tamm
cc - Mr. Jones

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 9, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (64-519)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEW YORK MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER TO HAVANA 12-28-56--1-5-57

On December 28, 1956, [redacted] of the Department of Investigation of the Cuban National Police introduced Inspector [redacted] and Detective [redacted] of the New York City Police Department to the Agents of the Havana Office. b6 b7C

Inspector [redacted] advised that he had come down to be in charge of the security detail in connection with the official visit of Mayor ROBERT WAGNER of New York to Havana from 12-28-56 to 1-5-57. He said that Mayor WAGNER and his party were scheduled to arrive in Havana on the night of 12-28-56 where they would remain until January 1, 1957; that thereafter they would proceed to Varadero Beach, Cuba, until January 5, 1957, when they would return to New York. b6 b7C

Inspector [redacted] mentioned being personally friendly with a number of Agents in the New York Office and stated that he was under the impression that New York City Police Commissioner STEPHEN KENNEDY had discussed the Mayor's visit to Havana with SAC JAMES J. KELLY of the New York Office. b6 b7C

Inspector [redacted] contacted the Havana Office later in the day on December 28, 1956, at which time he was not accompanied by [redacted] He advised that the Cuban Department of Investigation was furnishing full security coverage for Mayor WAGNER during his visit in Havana. At his request, Inspector [redacted] was furnished with a resume of available published information regarding recent revolutionary activities in Cuba. b6 b7C

Mayor WAGNER and his party were official guests of the Cuban Government during the time they were in Cuba. Following his arrival in Havana on 12-28-56 he was presented with the keys to the City of Havana by Havana Mayor JUSTO LUIS POZO on 12-29-56. On 12-31-56 he and his party were guests at a reception given by President BATISTA at which time Mayor WAGNER and Commissioner RICHARD PATTERSON, Jr., were presented with the Cuban Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, the highest decoration bestowed by the Cuban Government.

Inspector [redacted] called at the Havana Office on 12-31-56 to express his appreciation for the courtesies extended to him by the Havana Office and to advise that the Mayor's visit up until that time had been without incident. b6 b7C

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On January 5, 1957, Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA, Chief of the Department of Investigation, advised that there had been no incident during Mayor WAGNER's entire stay in Cuba. He said that the Mayor and his party departed Havana for New York 8:00 a.m. 1-5-57.

For the Bureau's information, there are attached a group of representative clippings from the Havana press concerning the visit of Mayor WAGNER to Cuba.

Two extra copies of this letter are attached in the event the Bureau desires to furnish them to the New York Office for information purposes.

Tiene un Presupuesto de 2,300 Millones el Municipio Neoyorquino

Entregan las Llaves de la Ciudad Al Alcalde de New York, R. Wagner

"Actos como éstos en que se intercambian ideas y propósitos, son los que hacen cada día más grande a la Democracia", dijo el Alcalde de Nueva York, señor Robert F. Wagner, en la recepción oficial que le brindó al mediodía de ayer su colega de La Habana, Justo Luis Pozo.

En esta oportunidad recibió la simbólica llave habanera. Resultó lucido el agasajo oficial de la Ciudad al que concurrieron los miembros del Gabinete, los alcaldes de otras ciudades de Cuba y funcionarios y familiares del Alcalde Pozo.

Dos horas después declaró el Alcalde Wagner, en conferencia de prensa que Nueva York tenía el presupuesto más elevado, ya que el ordinario ascendía a $1,800 millones de pesos anuales y 500 millones de pesos extraordinarios.

...recibiendo las Llaves de la Ciudad.

salida el doce de enero para la Habana, a fin de asistir al Sexto Congreso Internacional Católico de Cinematografía.

El Congreso, convocado por monseñor Jean Berler, presidente de la Confederación de la Región Mundial de la Decencia, tendrá lugar en la capital cubana entre los días tres y nueve de enero.

Asistirán a la reunión delegados de 50 naciones.

La delegación mexicana, que preside el arzobispo Miranda, incluye a su secretario privado, Agustín Barragán Sánchez; los secretarios Faustino Cervantes Ibarrola y José Roberto Pérez, y los directores de la Región de la Decencia Mexicana, Bimma Ringer, Cristina Arna, Lucía Jaber, Jorge Muñoz Ruda y Humberto Arellano.

Presidirá el Congreso monseñor Jean Berler.

Círculos eclesiásticos manifestaron que en ese Congreso se tratarán importantes propuestas para impedir la exhibición de pe-

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recepción al señor Wagner, dijo el Mayor Pozo que agradecía mucho que hubiese aceptado la invitación y que no se le escapaba el esfuerzo que representa para tan destacada autoridad abandonar, siquiera por pocos días, sus múltiples deberes, públicos y privados, para corresponder al cordial recibimiento de la ciudad de La Habana.

Se le entregó la llave de oro a Mr. Wagner y éste acto seguido usó de la palabra para afirmar que tiene dos hijos que le han acompañado y que se mostraba emocionado y agradecido por todas las atenciones que se le han dispensado. Dijo que "ser gobernante entraña una gran responsabilidad, especialmente en los Municipios donde siempre tenemos poco dinero". Agregó:

—He podido averiguar que ustedes tienen un sobrante en el Municipio, por lo que me pregunto ¿cómo es posible eso? ¿Acaso tienen ustedes algún impuesto secreto que permita eso? Si es así, yo les ruego que me lo digan para utilizarlo en mi ciudad, donde, difícilmente se logra un sobrante".

Acto seguido declaró que actos de esta naturaleza, "acercan más a los pueblos", que se intercambian ideas y propósitos que son los que cada día, hacen más grande a la democracia. "En mi Ciudad —añadió— viven muchos cubanos que han llevado a ella su inteligencia, su cultura y ayudan al progreso".

Dijo que formulaba votos por mayores relaciones entre La Habana y Nueva York, entre Cuba y Estados Unidos, pues era signo de solidez en la amistad y de compenetración. Estas palabras fueron seguidas por su solicitud de la bendición de Dios para todos los presentes.

Finalizó brindando con champagne por la felicidad de Estados Unidos y Cuba.

La Entrevista de Prensa

"Muy satisfecho me siento por la acogida dispensada por el Gobierno de la República de Cuba y muy especialmente, por mi amigo el alcalde, de La Habana, señor Justo Luis Pozo, por todas las atenciones que me han dispensado desde mi llegada a esta capital, expresó el Alcalde Wagner, en su conferencia de prensa.

Junto al alcalde Wagner se encontraban el cónsul de Cuba en esa ciudad, señor Alfredo Hernández y el capitán ayudante Blas Rocafort, de la Policía Nacional.

Wagner no pudo brindar una impresión completa sobre el nuevo aspecto que ha tomado La Habana en su desarrollo, ya que no ha tenido tiempo material de hacer un recorrido; lo que se proponía realizar en la tarde de ayer. Recalcó el Mayor de New York, su entusiasmo por esta ciudad, la cual antes de ser Alcalde, ya había visitado en tres ocasiones, lo que demuestra su admiración por ella.

Sobre lo que consideraba el principal atractivo de esta capital para el visitante norteamericano, manifestó expresamente que residía en tres puntos: primero la hospitalidad del pueblo cubano; segundo, el clima benigno del país y tercero, las grandes facilidades que aquí se le dan al turista.

"Créanme añadió el Alcalde, que al visitarlos esta vez, como Mayor de New York, soy portador de los buenos deseos de la Babel de Hierro, por estrechar los lazos de amistad entre mi ciudad y la vuestra".

Interrogado sobre sus propósitos primordiales en su obra de gobierno, manifestó que su principal deseo era poder llevar a New York, un gobierno decente a la Alcaldía, durante sus cuatro años de gobierno.

Manifestó que su mayor interés estriba, en hacer posible el mayor desenvolvimiento de la educación, habiéndose consignado en el presupuesto $110.000.000.00 anuales para las escuelas. El total del presupuesto de la ciudad de New York es de mil ochocientos millones de pesos anuales, es decir el segundo presupuesto más grande del Gobierno Federal, así como otro presupuesto de fabricación y construcciones que asciende a la suma de quinientos millones de pesos.

Es de tener en cuenta, para calcular la importancia de esta cifra, que la población de la ciudad bajo su mando, sobrepasa a la cifra de ocho millones quinientos mil habitantes. En relación con la población flotante manifestó que las estadísticas del Departamento de Turismo, señalan una afluencia anual de trece millones de visitantes al año, no obstante lo cual, oficialmente, por la ciudad solamente se gastan $250,000.00 en propaganda turística, cantidad que no resulta exigua considerando que las compañías teatrales, espectáculos deportivos, etc., mueven una publicidad que supera con mucho los mil millones de dólares. Eso no obstante, declaró el Mayor Wagner, es digno de destacar el hecho de que el neoyorquino muestra especial complacencia por Cuba, llegado el momento de elegir el sitio en que espera pasar sus vacaciones, y tal es su propio caso...

El Alcalde Wagner no solamente lo es de ocho millones y medio de habitantes en general, sino de enormes núcleos de población latina, que allí residen. Por ejemplo hay más italianos en New York que en Roma y más puertorriqueños que en San Juan. La colonia cubana se eleva a 50,000 personas de los cuales tiene alto concepto.

"Las personas que han venido a Cuba y residen en New York, son buenos y grandes ciudadanos, constituyendo la grandeza de nuestra ciudad, así mismo se le inculca a que conserven sus tradiciones y rasgos nacionales. Esta misma política, agregó la practicamos con relación a las 72 nacionalidades allí representadas".

Con relación a la franca acogida que tienen los extranjeros en ese crisol de nacionalidades del gobierno, citó el Alcalde Wagner su propio ejemplo ya que es hijo de alemán, que emigró a los 9 años; sus abuelos maternos de Irlanda y los de su esposa de Escocia.

Sobre Abasto de Agua

Interrogado el Alcalde Wagner sobre el abasto de agua a su ciudad expresó que ésta consumía 850 millones de galones diarios de agua, "estando total y absolutamente metrado el servicio, siendo el ingreso de $40.000,000.00 anuales por este concepto y así en estas condiciones se gasta mucho más".

Delincuencia Juvenil

En relación con la delincuencia juvenil, expresó que la prevención de la misma, constituye gran preocupación del gobierno federal americano. Tan es así que hay dos proyectos de leyes en el Congreso para gastar de cuatro a seis millones de pesos al año para prevenir la delincuencia juvenil y sin embargo, el Municipio que representa se gasta 23 millones de pesos anuales en prevenir este mal. Agregó que tenían varios departamentos para enseñar buenas costumbres, que es largo y penoso, porque estos jóvenes tienen que infiltrarse en las zonas más deprimidas de la ciudad, a fin de atraer a esta juventud descarriada por el camino recto.

Personal de Administración

El gobierno de la ciudad de New York, ofrece una vastedad y complejidad increíble. De suyo requiere los esfuerzos de doscientos mil empleados y funcionarios, a los cuales no siendo el pequeño personal de confianza, no afecta en forma alguna los cambios que la política pueda introducir en la jefatura de la ciudad. Del número antes expresado 23,000 son policías; 12,000 bomberos; 14,000 empleados de Sanidad.

Con relación a la Sanidad, dijo el Alcalde, que los servicios son gratis, pero "sólo para los indigentes, previa comprobación de este último extremo".

Terminó la conferencia de prensa, sirviéndose unos cocteles que dieron oportunidad para brindar por unas amplias relaciones entre La Habana y New York.

Asistieron a esta conferencia de prensa los periodistas del Municipio, doctor Francisco F. Ferrán Rivero, del Diario de la Marina; Antonio Egliés Cruz, de Excelsior; Homero Delgado Alamo, de Mañana y nuestro compañero Marcos Carmona, de EL MUNDO.

El Acto de Mañana

Mañana lunes a las seis de la tarde, ofrecerá el Presidente de la República en Palacio, un cocktail al alcalde de New York, que se encuentra en La Habana, en viaje de descanso.

Al acto asistirán miembros del Gabinete, personalidades y funcionarios municipales, autoridades civiles y militares, y los miembros de la comitiva oficial del mayor neoyorquino.

...el alcalde de Nueva York, Robert F. Wagner, cuando descendía anoche del avión que lo trajo a La Habana.

Llegó el Alcalde de Nueva York

Desde anoche es huésped de La Habana, el Alcalde de New York, señor Robert Wagner, quien ha hecho el viaje en unión de su esposa e hija, así como de un grupo de altas personalidades de Estados Unidos.

Cuando a las nueve y diez minutos de la noche descendía por la escalerilla del avión de la Compañía Cubana de Aviación que lo trajo en vuelo directo, se adelantó para estrecharle su mano y darle la bienvenida a nombre de La Habana, el Alcalde señor Justo Luis Pozo, quien tenía junto a sí al presidente del Ayuntamiento, doctor Armando de la Vega y otros funcionarios municipales.

Wagner, ~~[illegible]~~ satisfacción

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Llegó...

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por pisar tierra cubana y aprovechó ese mismo momento para consignar su agradecimiento al Alcalde Pozo por la gentil invitación hecha y que él complacido había aceptado haciendo el viaje.

Poco después se dirigió hacia el Hotel Nacional donde se alojará.

Un pelotón de motociclistas de la Policía Nacional, con su uniforme de gala, rindió los honores correspondientes al Alcalde de Nueva York y lo escoltó en el largo recorrido desde el aeropuerto de Rancho Boyeros hasta el hotel donde residirá. Las sirenas de todos estos vehículos llamó poderosamente la atención a lo largo del trayecto.

Desde las últimas horas de la tarde se hallaba en Rancho Boyeros el Alcalde Justo Luis Pozo, acompañado del Presidente del Ayuntamiento, doctor Armando de la Vega; la señora Ada Pozo de Schneer, Luis Pozo Jiménez; el Director de Turismo, señor René Dolz Caballero; doctor Luis Moa, que acudió representando al Ministro de Estado, doctor Carlos M. Morán, de la Oficina de Cooperación Interamericana de Municipios.

Programa de Hoy

El primer acto oficial del Alcalde de Nueva York está señalado para hoy sábado, a las doce meridiano, cuando haga la visita el Alcalde Justo Luis Pozo, que será en el salón de los espejos del Palacio Municipal.

En esta oportunidad, le declarará huésped de honor de la ciudad y se le hará entrega de una llave de oro. En esta oportunidad, el Alcalde Pozo pronunciará el discurso de rigor.

Después de las palabras de Mr. Wagner, se ofrecerá a la concurrencia un buffet, brindándose en esta oportunidad por un mayor acercamiento entre los municipios de Nueva York y de La Habana.

De tres a cuatro de la tarde está señalada una conferencia de prensa con el Alcalde Wagner, en el Hotel Nacional.

Irá a Varadero

NUEVA YORK, diciembre 28. (UP)—Al salir para Cuba, donde pasará una semana de vacaciones, en un avión de la Compañía Cubana de Aviación, el alcalde de Nueva York, Robert F. Wagner, acompañado de su esposa y sus dos hijas, declaró que no tiene conocimiento oficial de que el Presidente de Cuba, general Fulgencio Batista, vaya a imponerle ninguna condecoración, según han insinuado algunos. Su secretario ejecutivo, William Peer, dijo que si se le ofreciera, tendría que aceptarla.

El lunes por la noche Wagner será agasajado con una recepción en el Palacio Presidencial de La Habana. El alcalde ha sido invitado por su colega hanabero a ser su huésped en aquella capital hasta el martes. Ese día saldrá para la Playa de Varadero, donde permanecerá hasta su regreso, el cinco de enero.

Con la familia Wagner marcharon también el Comisionado de Comercio y Acontecimientos Públicos de la ciudad, Richard Paterson, con su esposa, su hija y su hijo político, el subcomisionado de Comercio, James O'Brien, y los detectives Vincent Torti y Anthony Stock, que la escolta personal del Alcalde.

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OTRA VISTA DEL ACTO.—Rodean al General Batista, la Primera Dama, el Alcalde de Nueva York y señora, y sus dos hijos y Mr. Patterson.

OTRO ASPECTO DEL acto de ayer en Palacio, cuando el alcalde Orúe saludaba al alcalde de Nueva York, Mr. Robert Wagner.

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MOMENTO EN QUE el Presidente Batista condecoraba con la Orden de Mérito "Carlos Manuel de Céspedes" al Alcalde de Nueva York, Mr. Robert Wagner.

MOMENTO EN QUE era condecorado el señor Richard Patterson Jr., Comisionado de Comercio de la ciudad de Nueva York.

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MRS. ROBERT F. WAGNER, WIFE OF THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, is shown above admiring the cordon and insignia of the Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes which was bestowed on Monday on her husband by President Fulgencio Batista. At Mrs. Wagner's left is President Batista, and Richard Patterson, who also received the Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes. At the right of Mayor Wagner is the First Lady, Mrs. Martha Fernandez Miranda de Batista, and the young sons of Mayor and Mrs. Wagner, Robert and Duncan.

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After Palace Reception

Mayor Wagner Rests on Sunny Varadero Beach

Robert F. Wagner, mayor of New York City, who has been a guest of the city of Havana since Dec. 28, left with his party for Varadero Beach on New Year's Day where he is expected to stay through Jan. 5, before planing back to New York.

The last official ceremony in which Wagner participated as honored guest was the special reception given him at the Palace by President Batista on Monday night.

Both Mayor Wagner and Richard C. Patterson, Jr., commissioner of commerce and public events of N. Y. city hall, received from the hands of President Batista the "Carlos Manuel de Cespedes" National Order of Merit.

After the Cuban Chief Executive pinned the Grand Cross Order on Wagner's lapel, the latter said "this is one of the highest honors I have ever received during my public career."

Wagner expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended by Cuban authorities and the Cuban people to him, his wife and their two sons, all of whom were present.

In reply, President Batista told the N. Y. Mayor and his party "It is a pleasure and an honor to have you, and we hope you will come back again and again. We want you and your party to enjoy Cuba and to feel that you are in your own home."

In his address at the outset, President Batista said: "This is one of the more pleasant functions of the Office of President because it gives us the opportunity to greet a distinguished citizen of a friendly neighboring country, and to demonstrate to him the friendship and respect we have, not only for his person but also for the people of the city he represents.

"We are honored, Mayor Wagner, to have you here, and we are certain that visits such as yours contribute very substantially to the continuance of the good relations which have prevailed between our two nations for so many years. And we are particularly pleased because you brought Mrs. Wagner and two of your children with you."

"You told us on Saturday of some of the complexities of being the Chief Executive of one world's largest cities. You spoke of such things as budgets, public education and the problem of juvenile delinquency in a city of eight and a half million inhabitants, embracing seventy-one nationalities. But we know from the record, that regardless of the size of the budget or the magnitude of the problems, you and your associates have always, through dedicated personal effort, been able to provide the greatest amount of public service to the greatest number of New York people.

"You also expressed surprise, Saturday, that our good friend, Justo Luis Pozo, the Mayor of Havana, sometimes finds himself with the rare phenomenon of a budget surplus, and you expressed a desire to know: 'HOW COME?'

"Maybe there is some significance in the fact that our Mayor's surname is POZO, which, of course, means a WELL. And we know that Justo Luis makes frequent trips to the Isle of Pines, which was the setting for Robert Louis Stevenson's immortal "Treasure Island." Perhaps Mr. POZO has found a treasure-laden "well" on the Isle of Pines, where Long John Silver and his gang hid their ill-gained booty many years ago."

Later, President Batista said: "On many occasions I, and a great many Cubans, have enjoyed the spendid hospitality of your fine city, and I hope that the courtesies extended your party here will, in a small way express our appreciation for the hospitality New York City has always extended visiting as well as resident Cubans."

Among those present at the ceremony were the mayor of Havana, several members of the Cabinet, the chiefs of the rained forces, diplomats, businessmen, civic leaders, and a group of representatives from the American Embassy.

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These Days . . . . . .

By George E. Sokolsky

The Mayor of New York

NEW YORK is as big as some countries and more important than most. It has 8,500,000 inhabitants of all races, colors, creeds and religions. It is a very complicated place to manage.

Sokolsky

For many visitors to the United States, New York is the first port of entry. Racial and nationalistic questions are urgent in this city, and it takes tact and good sense to avoid difficulties which may be embarrassing not only to whoever happens to be Mayor of New York but to the country.

I recently attended two luncheons which the Mayor gave in honor of visiting great men; one to Guy Mollet, Premier of France, the other to Prince Bernhard of Holland. Both were graceful affairs at which many of the leading citizens of New York were present. Had Mayor Robert F. Wagner attempted to give such a luncheon to honor King Saud of Saudi Arabia, very few of those present at these two luncheons would have or could have come.

The argument that the Mayor of New York, "cannot be allowed to decide how cordial or how frigid" a reception to a visiting dignitary is, to be is nonsense. If the Mayor gives the luncheon, the decision is his.

USUALLY, New Yorkers like their mayors not as politicians, but as New Yorkers. That may sound trite or puzzling, but it is characteristic of a town where Toots Shor is a personality and Georgie Jessel talks philosophy. It is a town where Sherman Billingsley can drive customers away from the Stork Club and where it is an honor to be permitted to spend money at 21 or the Colony or Pavillon where the prices are never too high because the customers enjoy paying.

The Mayor of New York must know how to live with Italians, Chinese, Puerto Ricans, Jews from 20 or more countries, Mayflower Americans, the Irish and the Germans. He must know the customs of an Irish wake and a Jewish bar mitzvah. Fiorello La Guardia could do all the honors of the city in its many languages—it is said that he spoke 11 fluently.

The citizens of New York are, on the whole, a sophisticated lot who have, as the expression goes, been around. Many of them have known the great men before they became great. They are not usually impressed by so-called greatness. They have known how it is most often manufactured and in this city, there is a street, Madison avenue, where are concentrated most of the agencies devoted to making great men great for a price.

But the Mayor of New York is something different. He is regarded as a good fellow. "Butch" La Guardia became a statesman toward the end of his life. He even went to Washington! By that time, New Yorkers stopped taking "Butch" seriously. Bill O'Dwyer got into some troubles and went to live in Mexico, but nobody in New York hates him and when he came to town, he got a decent reception.

THE MAYOR who was best beloved and most favorably remembered was Jimmy Walker, a former song writer, lawyer and brilliant speaker, drunk or sober. It is suggested that Jimmy Walker got some graft. Far be it from me to know whether that was so or not, but frankly nobody really cared or cares. Jimmy's basic troubles were matrimonial and there, for a while, he did outrage public opinion, because public men in New York are not supposed to get divorced, and if a Catholic does it, it kills him politically.

Robert F. Wagner's father was a popular man in this town and got himself elected United States Senator. It has been a toss-up whether Wagner would run for reelection for Mayor or for Governor or U. S. Senator. He is running for Mayor again. And, as things go in this town, he will be reelected. In the curious neighborliness which exists in this sprawling congregation of humanity, Bob Wagner is a popular figure. He makes an excellent impromptu speech. He has a delightful and popular wife and the town knows and likes his boys.

These are essentials in this very mixed population and nobody really is annoyed with him for not eating lamb stew with King Saud or any other king. Millions of New Yorkers come from countries where they had kings and the memories are not pleasant.

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(THE OPERATOR?)

You, the people of the State of New York, have a simple choice to make in selecting your next Senator. Mayor ROBERT F. WAGNER, asks for your vote on his record of accomplishment; his Republican opponent asks for your vote on the basis of promises.

HOUSING

When ROBERT F. WAGNER talks about housing, he can show you the homes that were built in the City under his inspiring leadership. He can show you the happy faces of men and women who are enjoying for the first time a decent place in which to live.

When his opponent talks about housing, he must forget his voting record, when the most important housing bills were being voted on in Congress. He was absent.

CIVIL RIGHTS

When ROBERT F. WAGNER talks civil rights, he can point to the progress in his administration for better integration of schools, housing without discrimination, and a New City Commission on Intergroup Relations, which he created, to make sure that all our people enjoy the rights to which they are morally and legally entitled.

All his opponent can show is his failure to support an adequate appropriation for the State Commission Against Discrimination; his failure as Attorney General to file a single complaint against any one for violating state laws prohibiting discrimination; his promise to the Republican bosses that he will not be in the Senate, if elected, on the first day to vote on civil rights, in order to protect their patronage.

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SCHOOLS

When ROBERT F. WAGNER talks about schools, he can point to the greatest school construction program ever undertaken—over $100,000,000 spent on schools every year during the Wagner administration. He can point to increases in teachers salaries at the maximum from $6,500 to $8,000.

All his opponent can point to is silence which his party in Congress killed—a meager school construction bill.

VETERANS

When ROBERT F. WAGNER talks about veterans affairs, he can point to a revitalized City Veterans Affairs Bureau; support of programs to provide equitable benefits for veterans.

All his opponent can show is absence from Congress when it voted on improved pensions and a G. I. Bill of Rights for Korean veterans.

IT'S THE SAME STORY ON EVERY ISSUE:—Social Security—Labor—Foreign Affairs—Taxes—Aid to Small Business—High Cost of Living.

WAGNER has a program—Javits has talk and double talk.

So HERE is your choice:

WAGNER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIS FIGHTING DEMORATIC PROGRAMS

versus

Javits' windy promises and the negative Republican Program.

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Wagner Says GOP Confusion Let Reds Gain

Mayor Robert F. Wagner today charged the Eisenhower Administration's foreign policy had led the U. S. to the "brink of war or surrender."

The Democratic-Liberal candidate for the senatorial seat being vacated by Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D.-N. Y.), blamed Republican "confusion" for what he called "the most tragic loss of prestige this nation has ever suffered abroad."

In a speech to 1,500 labor leaders a the Hotel Commodore last night Wagner charged:

"Our allies are bewildered, uncommitted nations are suspicious and only the communist world has gained by these blunders," Wagner said.

Pledging full support of a "realistic Democratic foreign policy," Wagner said he would also press for enactment of legislation introduced by Lehman in the last Congress if elected.

"This includes the repeal of the McCarren-Walter Immigration Act, and its substitution with more liberal legislation; the enactment of a realistic Civil Rights Law that would include the death of Senate Rule 22 (permitting filibusters); the expansion of Social Security; and a Federal Housing Act providing for 200,000 housing units annually," Wagner said.

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TO : MR. TOLSON

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FROM : G. A. NEASE

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SAC Powers called from New York. He advised that he had received a call from Deputy Chief Inspector [redacted] of the Bureau of Special Services of the New York Police Department who is cooperative and friendly. [redacted] stated that Mayor Wagner plans a trip to Rio de Janeiro in the immediate future and he was inquiring as to whether we knew if there were any disturbances such as riots, etc., in that area at the present time. [redacted] understands that we have no jurisdiction in Rio.

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Mr. Belmont advises that we have no information indicating such disturbances. I told Mr. Powers that he should tell [redacted] that we have no such information and explain to him that we have no jurisdiction there and that he might suggest to [redacted] that he check with the State Department. Powers stated he would do this.

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cc-Mr. Belmont
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Mayor Gets Threats, His Guard Doubled

WAGNER

By DONALD R. FLYNN
Journal-American Staff Writer

The regular police guard at Gracie Mansion was doubled overnight after a crank caller made two telephone death threats against Mayor Wagner during a visit to Staten Island.

The crank—or two cranks—telephoned a Staten Island newspaper and the police last night to say that the Mayor was "going to be shot."

70 COPS ON GUARD

But Mr. Wagner's one-hour and 15-minute stay at a Staten Island political and social event in the Tavern-On-the-Green restaurant passed without incident.

Some 70 extra policemen ringed the restaurant at 2666 Hylan Blvd., however, and

Robert F Wagner

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when the Mayor returned to Gracie Mansion at 1:50 a.m. today, the usual two-man police guard had been increased to four.

The first warning call was made at 10:30 p.m. to the Staten Island Advance. A voice announced:

"Somebody's going to take a shot at the Mayor at Tavern-on-the-Green."

Ten minutes later, another call came to the New Dorp police precinct, saying, "Mayor Wagner is going to be shot at Tavern-on-the-Green."

MAYOR IGNORES CALL

Mr. Wagner ignored the calls and arrived at 11 p.m. to attend the annual ball of the Richmond County Democratic Committee.

Ptl. Henry Steinbeck, who received the call made to the New Dorp station, said the Mayor was always well guarded wherever he appeared. But, he added, "We increased the security measures."

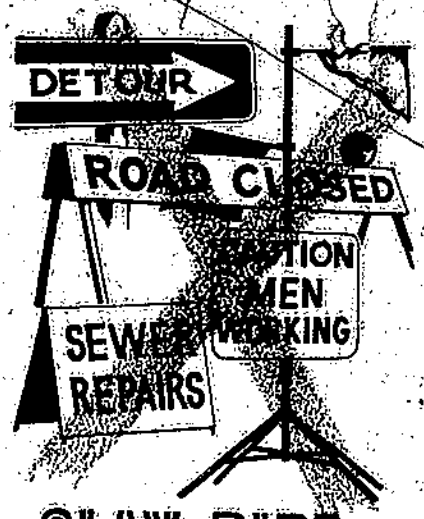
The Mayor, still wrestling with his decision of whether to run fo rre-election, flies to Boston today to bring his sons, Robert F. III, 21, and Duncan, 18, back to New York for the weekend.

Mr. Wagner has said it is more or less up to his sons, but has also said his sons will go along with whatever he wants. At any rate, they're expected to talk it over.

Mr. Wagner's decision could be announced any day next week.

The Mayor reportedly had a quiet breakfast yesterday at Gracie Mansion with Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, apparently to discuss politics in general—and Rep. John V. Lindsay in particular.

A statement from City Hall said that Sen. Kennedy had asked for the meeting, but no other information was given.



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Perspective

Comedy on a Dark Stage

by Raymond Moley

ON NOV. 7 the voters of New York City are going to pass upon one of the most preposterous claims ever made before an American electorate. They must accept or reject the proposition that Mayor Robert Ferdinand Wagner Jr. alone is the Hercules capable of cleansing a stable of which he has been the custodian for nearly eight years.

Wagner is opposed by a Republican, Louis Lefkowitz, the capable and clean Attorney General of the state of New York, and by a couple of minor candidates.

The Wagner plea has been to save the city from the "bosses." These are the Democratic leaders of the five boroughs. Since it became glaringly apparent early this year that the mayor had made a mess of running city affairs, those leaders decided to nominate a more capable individual, Arthur Levitt, comptroller of the state. Wagner won over Levitt in the primary, aided by his huge city bureaucracy plus a "reform" group headed by former Gov. Herbert Lehman and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Those individuals had never been shocked about the borough leaders until in 1958 the leaders decided to support for United States senator Frank S. Hogan, who was made District Attorney by Thomas E. Dewey nearly two decades ago and who has operated the office capably since. The Lehman-Roosevelt group wanted a more liberal candidate. And so the reason why the "reformers" began to complain about bossism was not that the leaders were bad people but that they were too conservative.

MACHINE PRODUCT

Wagner, who now says he is running against the bossism in his own party, is a time-tested product of the Democratic machine. His father, United States Senator Wagner, was moved up the ladder of political fame by the greatest and most powerful New York Democratic leader of this century, Charles F. Murphy. When the leaders decided to nominate the younger Wagner in 1953 they did so because of his famous name. For a useful name in politics depends upon who had it first.

Wagner's candidacy now is based upon the absurd proposition that the bosses are what ails New York. Thus he is asking the people to believe that as burgomaster he has not been responsible for the bad management of the city over which he, by virtue of the charter, the laws, and custom, has been the chief administrator. So he invites the belief in any logically minded individual that he has, in reality, been merely the expensive receptionist greeting the heads of nations who come to the U.N. and pinning badges on celebrities.

This great city is the center of many of the nation's vital concerns. It is the heart of news dissemination, of cultural activities, and of business and finance. Here the nations meet and furiously rage over their problems. It is a high-grade city with a low-grade government. A fine example of American democracy at work!

BAD GOVERNMENT

This Wagner farce is being played against a dark and sinister backdrop. Deadly peril lurks in the city's streets by day and by night. Within a block of its cultural center—adorned by Columbia University, the great Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Union Theological Seminary, the Juilliard School of Music, and Rockefeller's Riverside Church—women and children cannot walk in the streets safely. All over the boroughs murderous teen-age gangs range unhindered. Narcotics have been peddled even in city parks. The police are frustrated by the leniency of magistrates appointed by the mayor. Streets are in disrepair and jammed with poorly regulated traffic. The city hospitals are crowded and unkempt. The schools have been the center of management scandals so bad that the mayor had to fire a school board for which he himself was responsible. The subways and bus lines are dominated by an insolent labor boss before whose threats the mayor periodically quails. City finances reflect waste and inefficiency. Small manufacturing is moving from the city. The relief rolls are clogged by the undeserving.

But here the United States seeks to teach representatives of emerging nations the art of self-government by showing that it cannot govern itself.

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Following is the transcript of the debate last night between Mayor Wagner and Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz over WPIX, Channel 11, as recorded by The New York Times.

The interrogation was by Oliver Pilat of The New York Post, Keith R. Johnson of The New York Herald Tribune and Edward O'Neill of The New York Daily News. The moderator was John Tillman, WPIX news director.

Q.—Mr. Mayor, the moral tone of your administration has been challenged. Scandals have been frequent. How do you reconcile this kind of moral reputation with your present position as a reformer?

A.—Well, Oliver, I'd be delighted to answer that. There have been a lot of accusations made against the Administration, which is, I suppose, the usual procedure. I think we have to point out that we have never been afraid to divulge any wrongdoing within our city. As a matter of fact, most of the uncovering of any wrongdoing has been by our own people, particularly in our Department of Investigations. I have always felt that we shouldn't try to sweep anything under the rug; that if anything is wrong, we have to tell people about it.

Some Bad Apples

Now we have some 235,000 employes, roughly, in the City of New York. I don't know of any city in the United States of that size which hasn't got a jail. There are some bad apples always within a group of that number of people.

But we have been diligent in uncovering them and never attempted to in any way divert attention from any wrongdoing and we'll continue to do that. And so long as I'm Mayor in the next four years we'll continue our same procedure of uncovering it wherever it may show its head.

I may say this, too, that since our victory in the primaries there cannot be any boss influence at all, even in the lower levels. I'm afraid that my Republican opponent can't say that because he's a boss-picked candidate.

But as far as we are concerned, we'll be aff[illegible]ove ahead and no one will feel that they have any obligation to do anything that any boss may wish them to do, and I know that we'll be able in that way, for the first time in the history of the city to raise the moral tone of our city employes as well as raise the moral tone in my own Democratic party.

Lefkowitz Replies

ANNOUNCER—Rebuttal to this question by the Attorney General.

MR. LEFKOWITZ — I am quite amused with Mayor Wagner's reply to that last question about never divulging anything, or being afraid. Right now I've called on him for the last six weeks to make known to the public the so-called De Angelo report, which covers three people. For his own political purposes he's made known excerpts about two. Why is he afraid to divulge the D'Angelo portion of that report?

He also said that most of the accusations, the scandals, the corruption, everything that has taken place in this city was uncovered mainly by newspapers and not by his Commission of Investigation, as he would have you believe.

The real fact is there has been no discipline. There's been no toughness on top. The Mayor cannot evade his responsibility. Every department, every bureau has been scandal-ridden with corruption, with scandals and everything else. The Mayor as the man on top must bear his responsibility.

He has failed to give it the necessary hard discipline. He hasn't worked at this job. He hasn't been there to watch it. And there's a two-year scandal that someone said laid on his desk for two years at the Bureau of Real Property about which he did nothing and to this very day I've never heard a denial.

The Basic Disagreement

Q.—Judge Lefkowitz, what would you say is the basic disagreement between yourself and the Mayor in this campaign?

A.—The basic disagreement is the inability, the lack of courage, the lack of know-how, the inability to give in a hard day's work to running this city. You just can't run [illegible] routine fashion. This is a big city. And I maintain that the Mayor has not given this job the time it should get. He's a man of no action. He's not positive. He's known all over, by even those who work close with him at City Hall and elsewhere, as a man who delays, puts matters over and procrastinates.

Everyone in the public has lost confidence because of his great desire to let things fester, let them develop into a crisis. I've been the Attorney General for five and a half years. I've never run it in a routine way. You've got to get in there pitching. You've got to work day in and day out; there's no limit in hours—you've got to work fourteen hours a day if necessary. You've got to take work home.

The truth of the matter is the Mayor's not a man of positiveness; he lacks the eagerness, the desire and the determination to do a job.

When I'm elected Mayor, I will give this job all of the necessary time, week-ends, if necessary, to do the job that the people are entitled to receive—and this means all the things they've been—that have been neglected now for years: the safety in streets, in homes, in parks, your bad streets, your bad roads, inaccurate housing. All of these things can only come about by a person who's willing to work at this job and mean really work at it.

As the [illegible] said in one of its booklet[illegible] or lacks the ability, the [illegible]tion to make decisive d[illegible] and that's the [illegible] that must plague his administration. And he can't evade responsibility for it.

This is a job that he should live with, do the job—send for your commissioners and be on top of them. Unless you have pressure on top all the way down the line, there's no discipline. And all the way down the line, the departments will never produce the right jobs.

This is a big city. The people are entitled to the very best in devotion, in decision and, above all, no procrastination. Meet the problems head-on. Make a decision. If it's wrong, re-evaluate it and correct it.

A.—Well, I think my opponent was really making a political speech there. I don't think he understands the problems of being Mayor and the length of time that a Mayor must devote to his job during the day, and even in the evenings, working late into the night.

I would suggest to my opponent that some day he follow the schedule of the Mayor and he'd have a different conception of what the job is all about.

I may say, too, that I have to make more decisions in the course of the day than he has perhaps had to make in his job as Attorney General in the course of six months. And I'd say that we have to make more devisions in City Hall than the Governor of this state has to make in about three months. And I'd say this too: I made the major decision that anyone has ever made to fight the bosses—and that's more than any other Mayor in the history of this city has ever made.

School Issue Raised

Q.—Mr. Mayor, in a survey ordered by you it was found that virtually every school in the city was in need of some serious repair. Why, in your opinion, were city schools allowed to deteriorate so badly?

A.—Well, the first place, Ed, the survey was made in cooperation with the Board of Education. I think everyone should know that the Board of Education is an autonomous body and the survey showed that not every school needed serious—was in need of serious repairs. We did this to make sure that we would see to it that even the minor repairs were brought to the full attention of the officials.

Now I've been after the board on this matter for a number of years. I've been after them to put into effect the reports of both the Heald Commission, Preusse report and after all everyone is saying that this is something the Mayor is responsible for.

Board Is Autonomous

Now as I've said before, the Board of Education is autonomous and the one authority over the Board of Education is the State Commissioner of Education, who is there in Albany working with the state administration. And if anyone has the responsibility he has, and he only came in very, very lately.

Now we have built more schools in the period that I've been Mayor in the seven and one-half years, than in any twenty-year period in our city. We have given more money to

the board for repairs than in any other time in our history and the list that you talked about included minor, very minor repairs. But again we were not afraid—those in authority were not afraid—to present those the list to any newspapers or any other people interested.

But I'll say this, we have tightened up on our school program to prevent any calamity to happen more than any other time in our history, and I assure you, through our Fire Department, we have the safest schools in the United States.

A Laughing Matter

ANNOUNCER — Rebuttal from the Attorney General.

MR. LEFKOWITZ — This is really a laughing matter. Here is the Mayor wanting the public to believe that these schools had deteriorated all without his knowledge.

It is a fact that parents groups appeared for years at City Hall to complain. It's a further fact that it took an advertisement paid for by teachers of P. S. 119 which prompted the Mayor to go up there.

And here is something most significant. The Mayor was there with the former president of the Board of Education, and he exclaimed when he saw the outrageous condition, that he put on a crash program, and nothing was done from the last week in May when he was there until about ten days before that P. S. 119 opened.

Here is an actual example where the Mayor cannot say he didn't know about it. Here's a case where we looked at the school. A simple note on his memo would have indicated keep after the schools. Let's make good at it. I want to see this repaired, he said.

And this talk about being autonomous, he owes the duty, when he appoints, to keep in touch with people. Get notices. Keep in touch with them. What can I do for you? And to read reports. This is the clearest demonstration of a Mayor not on the job.

Q.—Judge Lefkowitz, in connection with the charge of bossism raised tonight by Mayor Wagner, don't you think a more democratic method could have been found for selecting the Republican candidate for Controller—Mr. [John J.] Gilhooley, than a conference in New Jersey between Governor Rockefeller and former Labor Secretary [James P.] Mitchell without even the New York City Republican county leaders being present?

A.—Mr. Pilat, your facts are wrong. You're assuming something that never took place. Mr. Gilhooley was known to myself, known to Paul Fino and known to many of us. We sat around and discussed that name long before the meeting you're talking about that took place in Jersey. There's no harm if Governor Rockefeller spoke to Secretary of Labor Mitchell in New Jersey. But that selection was under discussion and under advisement long before that. Your facts are wrong and take my word you're dead wrong on it. I knew John Gilhooley for years—knew him when he was in Washington—did a tremendously good job. I was delighted when I got the first word that he was interested in it. I met with him so we can discuss with one another.

As I said before, Gilhooley was selected by Fino and myself. We discussed this matter. We've talked it over with him as to the type of a campaign and nothing like you indicate took place in Jersey except the fact that there was a meeting. And I was selected and so was Paul Fino by a committee of 100 who gave consideration to all of the candidates headed by David W. Peck. Thereafter our county committee of the five counties met and endorsed that selection. I'm proud to have Jack Gilhooley and Paul Fino as my running mates. I think we represent a team experienced in government who want to do a job, who are not afraid to make decisions. Who I tell you now, if we're each elected as I hope—when we will be elected—we'll certainly dispose of matters not in the fashion that Mayor Wagner indicated that he does.

Talk about making more decisions than I do as Attorney General. The question is you didn't make them. Maybe it's a big city with decisions to make, but you don't make them by leaving them around. Everybody knows—there were committee reports filed time and time again and yet the Mayor neglected — everybody knows recommendations were made which were never put into effect. Those facts are so clear that no amount of talk on the Mayor's part will escape from one notorious thing—he did not make decisions. It's known to the public, and chapter and verse can be spelled out by committee after committee appointed who came in with the report and no action taken on it.

[Rebuttal by Mayor Wagner.]

I think we got a little far afield in that answer. But I'd be glad to state my position very clearly.

No. 1, in the latter part of my opponent's statement, I think he better give us chapter and verse on these decisions that haven't been made. We've made all the decisions that are necessary in our city, and will continue to make 'em. If it's felt that we have to make decisions—snap decisions that affect the lives of 8,000,000 people without giving it some thought, then I think Mr. —— my opponent better have a little more training in city government.

Never Heard of Him

Now, if he was the one who knew Mr. Gilhooley, I think he was one of the few people in New York City who did know Mr. Gilhooley. And I'm sure that a vast majority of that so-called committee of 100 never heard of him before.

As far as my candidate is concerned—Abe Beame—he's been a Budget Director hailed throughout the country as one of the great students of government, a man who knows government. And that's the kind of a person we want as our Controller [illegible] the City of New York.

Q.—[illegible] ring you primary [illegible] against Mr. Levitt [State Controller Arthur Levitt] [illegible] would be better able to do great things for New York City if the so-called bosses were defeated. On the other hand, you have insisted for years that the Democratic leaders had no influences in your administration. How do you explain the apparent contradiction?

A.—Well, there's no contradiction whatsoever, Mr. Johnson. First of all, I have never allowed the bosses, as far as I was concerned, to try to make any decisions for me. As a matter of fact, I think even our political opponents will admit that I have appointed the best group of Commissioners to run these departments of any Mayor in the history of this city, and I'm proud of that whole list.

Now I went out to beat the bosses for a number of reasons; number one, that they should not be able to dictate who should be on the, my running mates after my experience as Mayor for seven and a half years, and I didn't want to see any further influence all down the line in the Board of Estimate, in the City Council, of any bosses on either side being able to control the votes and stop legislation that I feel is necessary, and I believe it's necessary too for the climate in the government, for all of the people working in government, to know that there's no[illegible] who can be able to say to them, ex-

cent there who have been elected by the people whether they can be in a job or not and be able to influence them in any little decision that they may have to make all down the line.

Smoke-Filled Room

Now my opponent can't say that. He was picked after a lot of discussion. They went through a number of candidates by the five county bosses, including Boss Kenna [Frank A. Kenna, former Queens Republican leader], who has already been discredited. He was picked by one of the bosses as one of his running mates on the ticket and he was picked in conference in a smoke-filled room with Governor Rockefeller.

We went out and won our victory from the people against all the bosses and that's why we're going to be able to run the kind of a government the people want. Mr. Lefkowitz cannot because he owes his nomination to these bosses and not to the rank-and-file people in his party.

[Rebuttal by Mr. Lefkowitz.]

You couldn't get Governor Rockefeller in a smoke-filled room if you stood on your head. He doesn't smoke and hates smoke. And this is just a true expression.

Let's face it. Since Mayor Wagner won that primary, the very people he condemned, the very people he raised the devil about before the public, he's been conferring with some of the district leaders of the organization that he claims was discredited; of the organization he claimed were corrupt; of the organization he claimed were a battalion of corruption.

He has sat down at Gracie Mansion with those district leaders prior to the judicial convention, and since then, when he wanted to pick the present county chairman. That he can't deny, because this has appeared in the paper.

Bid for Support Seen

Here is a man, in one breath condemns people, and the next breath, when Primary Day is over, he is locking arms, sitting with them in Gracie—why? In order to get their support, which indicates that all of this business on his part—he lived with these leaders for seven and a half years—he got all he could out of them. And not—don't let us forget that as late as July 3d or 4th at Gracie Mansion, Charley Buckley and he, and Joe Sharkey

[Out of time for rebuttal.]

Q.—Judge Lefkowitz, following your charges of political shakedown, which were leveled at Mayor Wagner after the now famous fund-raising luncheon in Brooklyn on Sept. 27, the Mayor announced he would not accept the money raised. Mayor Wagner today charged that some $220,000 donated to your campaign by the Republican State Committee in grants and loans came as a result of "shakedown schemes." Now what I would like to know is, will you give the money back?

A.—In the first place let me deny vigorously the remark of Mr. Mayor about campaign funds. I didn't attend any meeting in Brooklyn or any other place where there was a roll call. I never for one moment will lend my name or my presence, as Mr. Wagner did, with a roll call where people in his presence and his running mates were asked to stand up, the name was called, an amount was given, a check was put under them to sign or else a smile from the mayor as to whether the amount given was large or small.

Refers to Journal

What he's talking about were advertisements given to the Republican Journal. The State Committee ran this journal like all other parties. I know nothing about what they raised. I know nothing about who put ads in there.

But the fact remains—I can keep my head high. I was no part of a political extortion. I was no part of a shakedown. And no amount of speeches on the Mayor's part can belittle one important fact — he was present when it took place. He had the choice of walking out, but he did not, as the names were called. He was enjoying it.

And let me tell you he knew where he was going. And no amount of talk on his part can deny the fact that on his schedule was a luncheon. He inquired before he went there. He knew the purpose.

He can't escape that responsibility [of] having participated personally in the most brazen, in the most arrogant shakedown

that ever took place. Of whom? Of people doing business with the City of New York, of people who had matters pending before the Mayor and his colleagues on the Board of Estimate, on the Planning Commission. And he saw a member of the Planning Commission preside at that portion of the luncheon.

Oh, these are facts that nobody can escape from. And no amount of talk on the Mayor's part, no evasion, no attempt to camouflage will make him get him away from escape from his responsibility.

And let me point out it took him a week to come to a conclusion that it was wrong, morally wrong, if not legally wrong. And what happened? [Abraham N.] Lindenbaum resigned—I have no doubt through the forced resignation of the Mayor.

And what else happened? The Mayor returned the money. This is an admission of guilt.

Get His Facts Straight

[Rebuttal by Mayor Wagner.]

Well, I think my opponent ought to get his facts straight if somebody's confused him. It's obvious, as I've stated and it's on the record that I did not know what type of a luncheon I was going to. Now he wasn't there. He wasn't with me, and he wouldn't possibly know except to get a distorted viewpoint. I did not smile. As a matter of fact, I knew very few of the people there. And as far as I knew, no one had any matter pending before the Board of Estimate.

As a matter of fact, we did not return the money. We never accepted the money. Immediately afterward, I informed my treasurer not to accept it. But this is just a little divisionary tactic on the Attorney General. Let him get back and answers this: He was a speaker together with Mr. Fino and Mr. Glihooley at the state dinner where they had this program [and] $150,000 worth of ads taken from people who do business directly with the state and that money then went to his campaign as a loan.

Q.—Mr. Mayor, in connection with that Brooklyn fund-raising luncheon, which Mr. Lefkowitz

[illegible] a shakedown, why did you permit Commissioner Lindenbaum to resign, if he did nothing wrong?

A.—Well, after all Commissioner Lindenbaum or anybody else has a right to do what they want. And under no pressure from me at all Mr. Lindenbaum informed Chairman [James] Felt, chairman of the Planning Commission that as his statement said he did not want to be involved in a political hassle and be a football in such a hassle that he felt he had done nothing wrong.

This is his opinion, and that he had done nothing wrong and, but therefore he did not want to become an issue throughout this campaign. He's not a well man and I can see the point of view in the way people have to take it these days in political campaigns. I'm a perfect example of what you have to take. Not only do I have to take it but my family has to take it in these campaigns, that he felt he didn't want to have to go any further as far as himself and his family was concerned. He submitted his resignation to Mr. Felt. Mr. Felt in turn sent it to me and I accepted it.

I did not discuss the matter at all with Mr. Lindenbaum and I would say I think a lot of people these days can realize why a man who has come in only briefly in public life feels that they don't want to take a lot of the abuse that one has to take and I get used to it but the interesting part about it, Ollie, is the fact that the Mayor is always the prime target for everybody to criticize, say all things about them, but if the Mayor says anything in criticism of anyone else or brings out a fact, this is a terrible thing.

The Mayor is now getting into gutter politics. I think people are wise to this and they realize that an awful lot of this criticism comes from those people who are trying to cover up because again I say to Mr. Lefkowitz he should answer the questions that my release brought out yesterday: why does the state committee give him all that money?

[Rebuttal by Mr. Lefkowitz.]

No amount of queries by the Mayor is going to let—n't

let him evade the responsibility of defending his record. And what a pitiful thing to listen to this last explanation about Lindenbaum. He had him sick, he had him everything else. Let me remind the Mayor that James Felt, the chairman of the Planning Commission, of which Lindenbaum was a member, a week before the Sakele dinner in Brooklyn—luncheon—was asked to be chairman of a dinner held this week and he refused.

Certainly it should have dawned upon the Mayor that if Chairman Felt a week prior to Sept. 17 had indicated no desire to participate in fund-raising and he likewise requested a little advice from the ethical committee, it should have dawned on the Mayor if he was on the job, if he had any interest in this thing whatsoever, to have said to himself, "Well, if Felt raises a question about being improper, I better think twice about Lindenbaum acting." And the Mayor can make all the speeches he wants. He saw Lindenbaum there. He appointed Lindenbaum. He knew he was a member of the Planning Commission. He knew there were builders at that luncheon. He had a perfect right to walk out.

Q.—Judge Lefkowitz, it seems clear that Mayor Wagner is not indebted to the organization leaders of his party for the Democratic nomination this year. You, however, were first chosen by Governor Rockefeller, the Republican state chairman, Judson Morhouse, and the five Republican county leaders, including Frank Kenna. Can you say that your administration would be free from political influence?

Interference Denied

A.—I can say that without hesitation. I've been privileged now to serve for five and a half years not once have I ever permitted anybody to interfere with my office. My appointments have been Republicans, Democrats and independents. The students I picked on honor student programs, regardless of politics.

I say this to the people of this city: Just as I served in the Assembly, twice on the bench, and as Attorney General, yes, I was nominated by political parties. But never have I permitted any interference politically with the discharge of my duties.

I love public office. I love to work at it. I love to make decisions. I love to do what's best in the interest of the people of this city. And no amount of politics, or political leaders, have ever influenced any of my decisions in my public office—and nobody can point a finger to it to indicate that it is otherwise.

To hold public office is a great honor. It's a sacred trust. And when I take that oath as I'd expect everybody else, nobody should permit any political interference with decisions, and anything else, because if you do that, you're letting the people down.

Recommendations Refused

Yes, you take recommendations, like everyone else does. But in the final analysis I have refused many a recommendation for my office that were recommended by the organization. And, on the other hand, I have taken recommendations from civic groups, from outside sources, from some friends, from leading members of the bar, and from some judges on the bench. And, I've appointed those people to my office—and I can say with pride that some of the best men and women in my office at the present time are men and women who did not come from the organization, who I appoint on the outside and I'm proud of it.

This is a pledge I make to the people of the City of New York: When I'm elected Mayor, I'll continue doing in the office of Mayor as I've done as Attorney General: to work at it, to make decisions, to be decisive, not to quibble, not to delay, to learn to make decision and to do what's right in the best interest of the people.

I'll continue to live a record I've always had in order—and do my homework, and come up and make the decisions and not run away.

Figurative Bossism Charged

[Rebuttal by Mayor Wagner:]

Well, I think that was a great generalization that anyone would expect of any candidate whether he was boss-controlled or not. The fact of the matter is my opponent was picked, again, figuratively speaking, if it wasn't literally, smoke-filled by the bosses, including Mr. Kenna who has been very discredited.

Now my opponent has asked for his resignation. At one time I'm not sure, so sure whether Mr. Kenna has really resigned or not as the leader in Queens of the Republican party. I think he did that very clearly because he wanted to avoid any further criticism or involvement with Mr. Kenna, but not once has he said that Mr. Kenna did something wrong in the Lindenwood scandal.

Let him tell the people that he feels that Mr. Kenna did something wrong. And I say, too, that nobody like that who has been chosen, who all his life has been a routine Republican member of the party can be free when he gets to City Hall owing his job to the leaders.

Q.—Mayor Wagner, despite your repeated claims of economies, a recent survey by the Citizens Budget Commission shows that during your administration the per-capita cost of city government rose from $186 per person to $422 a person. In addition, over the past eight years, the city tax rate jumped from $3.22 per $100 of assessed valuation in 1953, to $4.10 today. How do you explain these increases?

A.—Well, first of all, let us take the latter part first, Ed. The tax rate has remained quite stable, as a matter of fact it's been reduced in the past few years, and [illegible] we have to understand [illegible] how much effi[illegible] have in government [illegible] costs much more [illegible] the cost of living goes up.

But our percentage of increase in the cost of government is less than the increase in the state government—the state government of New York—and less than the Federal Government, even taking out all of the provisions in there for armaments.

The actual running of the routine part of government here in the City of New York has gone up much less than either the state or Federal Government.

Now of course we've had to increase services in our city. There's a demand that we should have even greater services. Even my opponent talks of a lot more. We have to have, and we've done—we've increased more police, increased our hospital facilities to provide better hospitals for our people, our health care, our fire department, our education—our education has gone up and we've had to bear that burden, one of the basic reasons because the state hasn't done its job. They pay us $119 less per child in the City of New York than the whole rest of the state. Now, the people here are hit twice in that way.

This is just one example. They have to pay their state taxes and we get only about 35 per cent of that tax dollar back here in aid to the City of New York. The other 65 goes to communities upstate and outside the City of New York.

Therefore we still must retain these services and therefore the people again have to pay for them here. And I think it's about time that Mr. Lefkowitz answered the question: Where has he been in the past years up in Albany, helping the City of New York to meet its problems and get its rightful share of state aid? It's been a disgrace for years and he should give us the answer.

[Rebuttal by Mr. Lefkowitz:]

Oh, is that word economy strange to Mr. Wagner! Gee, how he hates that word! He evaded that last question. What an opportunity for him if he really meant it to show by chapter and verse how he economized for this city. What a word they hate! He has never attempted to put the city government in order here from the standpoint of financial.

Only a few weeks ago when I complained about waste and inefficiency he said he was putting on for the first time some efficiency experts. I had a feeling at that time that this thing I'd heard about years ago and sure enough I learned that a prior Mayor had put on those efficiency experts. And the present Mayor praised it a few years ago. That's one he couldn't get away with. And let me remind the Mayor that he's received, when I say he, the city has received $110,000,000 more money in the present fiscal period—the present year, they're getting 110,000,000 more dollars from Albany than he got in the last year of the Harriman administration. He's received more in the three years under the Rockefeller administration than in four years under the Harriman administration.

Conflict Question Raised

Q.—General Lefkowitz, various charges of conflict of interest have been aired in this campaign. Do you think there is a conflict of interest where Republican legislators who are also lawyers continue to practice before such commissions as the State Liquor Authority?

A.—That's your question? Thank you. Well, well, they're governed by a code of ethics which is up in Albany and they have a legislative committee. There's nothing that I know of right now that would bar a member of the Legislature from appearing before any agency of government where the fee is contingent. I think they're barred. But they have their own code of ethics.

I'm a firm believer and I wish I could see the day when members of the Legislature or anyone else in government service, whether it be city, state or nation, should be barred from practicing before agencies of the city, state or nation. This would be a fine thing. I'd be for it 1,000 per cent. This is a question of legislation. This would certainly eradicate all possibility of anything wrong. It would eradicate anything about the appearance of anything being wrong. It's something I think the public would approve of.

Approves of Restrictions

And I certainly, Mr. Pilat, would certainly approve of it. Now, there's no question in my mind that the laws, whether they be city, state or nation should be strengthened so that the members of the public have a perfect right to feel that nobody in any official position will take advantage of that position in appearing before any agencies of government.

And I agree with you that if there's any question about it that statute should be strengthened to make that impossible and to eliminate it and that should be applicable to all officials who do not give a full time such as legislators or Councilmen or anyone else on a part-time basis.

Obviously where those are on a full-time basis they're barred because the head of that bureau will see to it that they don't practice law, just as I bar the men in my office from practicing law. But on part time, that's when you have your trouble, that's when you have your vice, and I'd be for that wholeheartedly, Mr. Pilat, to make doubly certain that that's eliminated and will eradicate some of the evils that take place.

[Rebuttal by Mayor Wagner.]

This is just what I've been saying all along in this campaign. That it's just around election time that my opponents in the Republican party begin to think of some of these issues; while here in New York City in the past few years we have actually put into effect a Code of Ethics which is the strongest and most restrictive Code of Ethics in the whole United States. We have done it.

And here is my opponent, who has been the chief legal officer of the State of New York over these past years who now says he is in favor of doing something about a problem that has been plaguing the state, I'm sure, for years.

Had Every Opportunity

He has had every opportunity in the world, as the chief legal officer, to come up with recommendations to strengthen their Code of Ethics and get it in line with the type of Code of Ethics we have right here in the City of New York.

ANNOUNCER — We begin now our sixth round of questions with a question for Mayor Wagner from Keith Johnson of The Herald Tribune.

Q.—Mr. Mayor, Mr. Lefkowitz has called for addition of 6,000 men to the city's police force, which now numbers about 24,000. You have said that present police quotas are adequate. Are you content with law enforcement in New York City today? And if not, how do you think it could be improved?

A.—Now first of all, Mr. Johnson, I have never said that our present 24,000 is adequate. We always want to keep increasing our police force, and that's what I have done, actually. I have put over 6,600 more men out on the beat in this period of time since I've been Mayor, and in that way we've been able to have more people out on the beat to protect the lives and property of our citizens. Now I know we have a problem here in the city and so does every city in the world.

But just as one interesting figure, I took a look at the F. B. I. reports just the other day once again. And they showed that in the first six months of 1961 we had 68,000, I believe, major crimes in the city of New York with a population of 8,000,000. Now they then took the figures of I think three or four of our other larger cities in the United States which would total 8,000,000, and the total major crimes in those cities was 122,000; in other words, twice as much as in the city of New York.

I think you will remember, too, I'm sure, many people saw the article by Mr. William K. Zinsser in The New York Times Magazine section not so long ago, where he again quoted the F. B. I. figures showing that our area, I think, was forty-third or forty-fifth in the list of areas that had the highest crime rate.

As a matter of fact, we were way down towards the bottom of large metropolitan areas that had a great deal of population there. We have the greatest coverage on a percentage basis of any police force in the United States.

Now we do have trouble getting more men to come into our force, but one thing about our force—for the first time in its history there is no politics in the Police Department, and we have had great Police Commissioners there to administer it.

[Rebuttal by Mr. Lefkowitz.]

The need for making our streets, our parks and our homes safe is the No. 1 issue in this campaign. And the Mayor just admitted, he said, I know we have a problem. And when I raised the question of extra police, when I urged the necessity, the best I could get from him was, quote, campaign talk, end quote.

Well that's a fine way to dispose of a problem which is plaguing every decent person in this city. People are afraid to go out at night. And that's the best retort I can get, when I recommended the extra police.

If they got busy a couple of years ago, they would have had no difficulty in recruiting extra police. They got busy in the last six or seven months. I would personally go to every city. I would personally do other things to make certain that we could recruit the extra policemen. But I'm convinced in my mind that when the Mayor says that this is just campaign talk, he doesn't realize how serious this problem is; how people are worried about getting out on the streets, in the parks—and, yes, worried in their own homes.

Q.—Mr. Lefkowitz, you earlier mentioned fund-raising roll-calls. At a recent fund-raising breakfast attended by you, Governor Rockefeller and former President [Dwight D.] Eisenhower, the press was barred. Will you now divulge the names of the bankers on that [illegible] reveal how much money was pledged to your campaign at this affair and tell us why the press was barred?

A.—Well let's answer three questions in one. In the first place, there were no funds raised there. Nobody was asked to give any money. Not a name was called. No roll-call took place. No blank checks were put in front of anybody. There were no state officials there to put the eye on the people. No money was raised and none was asked for.

There were about 250 people. These are people who've been working in the campaign. The bulk of them have been helping out. Some other people there were people who are on some finance committee. But not one person was asked to contribute. No mention was made of money.

And you ask me now why the press was barred. I don't know.

Defends Rights of Press

As far as I'm concerned, there was no need for it. There were some speeches perhaps made by the President and others who perhaps they felt should be confidential. As far as I am concerned the press could have been there with welcome. Had I known they would have been barred and if some member of the press asked me, I certainly would have said "Why not let 'em in."

But this is something I want the public to know. No extortion took place. No hitting on the head. None of that took place. I was present, every moment. No roll call. No attempt to look at persons who were doing business with the state, have their name called and have them get a look: You give or else! Such as took place in Sakele's [Restaurant].

So this is my answer to you, Mr. Lerkowitz. There's nothing like that took place. Your facts are wrong. I'm glad to have the opportunity to straighten out the facts in your mind.

[Rebuttal by Mr. Wagner.]

As I assumed that Mr. Lefkowitz said there were no state officials there. He was there and Governor Rockefeller was there. I assume they're state officials and we know the press was barred because the press said so.

At the famous luncheon, so-called, famous luncheon, in Brooklyn, the press was there, they were invited to come in. I must say that I didn't know very many of the people there. I didn't know that they had any business with the city, but the minute I saw the procedure I immediately told my campaign manager, my treasurer, not to receive any money if it would come in. And it did come in because that was published in time before anybody even sent in any contribution. It wasn't necessary to send back anything.

But I think it will be interesting to know if Mr. Lefkowitz will give the list of those who were at that meeting and see the big bankers and the other people who've been responsible for financing the Republican party and therefore owning the Republican party over these many years.

Q—Mr. Mayor, you have been charging that New York City is short-changed on state aid. As a practical matter, and I'm not speaking entirely humorously, wouldn't a Republican Mayor of New York stand a better chance of getting a fair deal on state aid?

A—Well, I think that's putting it rather cynically, Ollie. I know you didn't mean it that way. In other words, to have the City of New York be able to get its rightful share of state aid that the people have to go along with the Republican party which has been against them all the time.

The upstate Republican leaders control the Legislature. The upstate bosses in the Republican party control the Legislature. And that's why they failed to do anything for the City of New York.

Now we did get some money few years ago. But it was because of the constant pounding by myself and others in our administration, the support we received from a number of the newspapers here, that the Republicans were finally forced into a corner to make some changes in this disparity.

But at that very same time, Governor Rockefeller committed himself by the next session—this is a couple of years ago—he would then see to it that we came in with—that his committee came in with a report—another committee—to come in with a report to rectify the outmoded Friedsam formula for education [written in 1926 when Alfred E. Smith was Governor], so that the people of the City of New York would get their rightful share.

What Happened?

What happened a year later, when the session met? The committee had hardly met and I think they only had a couple of meetings since then—I suppose they will be ready at this next session, which is going to be right before the gubernatorial election, and there may be some more state aid given out.

He said at that time he would have another committee to study the per capita tax. Again, where all of the cities of this state, and communities, have been hurt.

To this day I haven't heard of the committee even being appointed, or reporting. Now these are the things that the people of New York are getting fed up about.

Year after year, we have to go up and plead with the Legislature, and we're turned down continually, only for what we want: our rightful share of the tax dollars given up by the taxpayers of the City of New York from Albany.

[Rebuttal by Mr. Lefkowitz.]

The same old alibi by Mayor Wagner, excuses to hide his record. Let him put his own house in order. That's the thing. It is a fact that the city presently is getting this year $110,000,000 more than they got in the last year of the Harriman Administration. It is a fact that the city now has received in the three years under Governor Rockefeller more than they got in the four years

It is a fact that this Dieterdorf Committee that the Mayor says he didn't know where they reported, let me remind him on their interim recommendation the city got some $8,000,000 or $9,000,000 more last year and they're coming in their report, and I'm positive that they will recognize that this formula of years ago, thirty years old perhaps, is outmoded, and I'm positive they'll make a recommendation so that all cities, not only New York, will get what they're justly entitled to, and let me remind the Mayor, he's had a substantial increase in his eight years as Mayor for public school education. He's had an increase of almost over 250 or 280 per cent for the colleges in the years of the Rockefeller administration. Let him put his house in order.

Fund-Raising Questioned

Q—General, a lot of angry charges have been traded over fund-raising. Last night the Mayor called for a $10 maximum state tax credit for individual campaign contributors. Do you think existing political fund-raising methods are satisfactory, and do you have any constructive suggestions to offer?

A—This recommendation of the Mayor has been in the Legislature on many occasions. I don't know if it ever came out of committee. I've seen those bills for years. That is old hat. The boys up there were inclined not to let it go. I don't know what this would involve in terms of money to the state.

I certainly would like to see a law enacted in Albany, and if you please, at City Hall—likewise in Washington—that would make it crystal clear that no person or corporation doing business with the city or the state, or the Federal Government could contribute in any form—directly or indirectly—so that they would be barred.

Other suggestions have been made about increasing the tax rebate. There are some limitations as you know in the Federal law. There are no limitations to my knowledge with respect to a state campaign where you have more than one committee.

Another provision, I think, that should take place is that absolutely certain perhaps these reports should be filed with more frequence throughout the year, perhaps more income reports should be made prior to primary. Right now, Keith, only one is filed, before, and one after.

I'd like to see a law requiring more reports should be filed prior to primary, more subsequent reports after primary, more reports prior to the general election and more after the general election so that when they are filed the scrutiny of the public and the officer with whom the reports are filed could then be, they could look at these names, check them and bring to light anything to the public that warrants the public being notified. These are my off-hand suggestions that I give in response to your question.

[Rebuttal by Mayor Wagner.]

Well, in the first place, Mr. Johnson, I suggested that as one of the possibilities of getting the way—of practice—that now is a real problem for our people. But I think my opponent let the cat out of the bag.

He said these bills have been before the Legislature, which is always Republican-controlled, but as he said, the boys wouldn't let it out of committee. Of course they wouldn't let it out of committee. They don't want to have anything like this because it's the big business people and the big bankers who make the contributions to the Republican party.

They don't want to have it so that it'll be just the little people, because the little people are the ones who contribute to the Democratic party by and large. They have much more of a number of contributors than the Republicans. Theirs is small, but they're in good shape because they give plenty.

And I think it's about time we got away from this hogwash about now talking about something that should have been long ago. We have a strong bill here in New York. Let's hope they get it in Albany over the opposition of the Republican bosses.

Candidates Sum Up

[Each candidate was given four minutes to sum up.]

MAYOR WAGNER—Well, I believe in this campaign, as it rolls along to the final weeks, it's going to be a campaign of the issue of whether the City of New York is to continue to have a government of experience and to have an unbossed government for the first time in its history.

As you know, I have two running mates, Paul Screvane and Abe Beame, who are men who've come up from the ranks in our city government, who know city government thoroughly, and I picked them over the bosses' objections because I felt they were good for the City of New York and good for our future.

We had to go out and fight for that principle and we won that principle. And, as I said before, this talk about indecisions and all that business, why, that's just political talk.

We've made decisions when they've had to be made and we're going to be able to make decisions that are going to be able to stick when we get Charter reform, which I have been fighting for over the years against the opposition of the bosses.

I have made decisions, too, after giving some thought at least, to the consequences of those decisions, and I will continue to do that so long as I am in public life or private life.

No Right to Snap Decision

No one in government has the right to make a snap decision without at least giving some thought to that decision and its effect upon the people, and I want to see my opponent list all of these areas where decisions have not been made.

Let him list all these so-called committees, and then tell us what's happened to the—I think forty-seven or forty-nine—they don't call them committees in Albany—task forces that Governor Rockefeller has. And what's happened to all of those task forces, in their decisions and what effect has it had on state government?

We get back to a very fundamental issue. Are the people of this city going to hand over the reins of government to the Republican party, a boss-picked candidate beholden to the Republican bosses, one of whom is right on his ticket, and also one of whom has been thoroughly discredited as a man in no position to assume leadership anywhere, let alone in a political party—Mr. Renna in Queens—or are we going to have a Democratic party supported by the labor elements and the good people of this town to continue a program of efficiency and also humaneness in government?

Again I get back to the Republican party. Why should the people of this town want to give the reins of government over to people who have been against all of the progressive measures that have been introduced in our Congress and in our state and in our city?

Why do they want to give over the reins of government to a party that has not shown any leadership here in New York City except around election time when they come around with panaceas and all sorts of ideas? Why should they give the leadership to a party which has failed the people time and again by not giving our people the rightful share of state aid? As Mr. Lefkowitz has talked about, we received $100,000,000 more in the past few years, but let him tell you the figures of what the upstate communities have received at that same time.

Says City Gets Less

We have received less on a percentage basis under Governor Rockefeller than any other time in the history of this city and the people ought to know that. When these candidates come around and talk about we're going to give you more police; we're going to help the hospitals are going to be better and everything is going to be wonderful, where have they been over these years to help New York City?

What time—I ask you just name one time—when Mr. Lefkowitz has ever raised his finger or his voice to help New York City?

I understand, of course, the question of rent control which is a problem now for our city, where people are worried, tremendously because of the increases that he and Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Rockefeller's counsel wrote the bill which was never seen by the Republican legislators until it came out on the desks of the members of the Legislature.

Now the people are not going to vote for a party like that.

[At this point Mr. Wagner ran out of time.]

MR. LEFKOWITZ—This Mr. Wagner is the most vicious cheap statement you ever could make in which you're telling this audience listening out there that I wrote the rent bill. And I—and don't laugh at it—this is a serious matter it involves the public. This is a very cheap thing for you to do.

No, 2, I'm angry. More than ever. Here is a man who asks the people for an election for four more years. He asks you to give him four years to clean up a mess which he created for eight years. Throughout this one hour, everything was a laughing matter to him. It's not a laughing matter to me.

He talks about committees. Let me remind him, he appointed close to 220 committees, of which 160 have been lost—still haven't reported.

He talks about another thing. He had [illegible] again his statement that we's received less under Governor Rockefeller than any other time prior to Governor Rockefeller's administration.

Now you suddenly know the following things, and nobody can deny them.

You know what a shameful condition our schools have been in; you know the fact it's not safe to walk on the streets, in the parks. It's not safe in your home either any more. And this is true of every borough in the city.

You know that the condition of the streets has been bad and neglected. You know that it's been inadequate both with respect to low-cost housing and middle-income housing.

You know about the sweatshops that are existing in this city. You know about the fact that in the slum areas, the slum buildings, how the city has refused to use the powers now granted to it by statutes. What a pitiful job.

Only in this morning's paper, and last week, the Mayor's hand-picked Borough President nominee visited some buildings in Harlem. And he said he was appalled about what he saw. Adequate inspection would have discovered that.

I want the Mayor to know that he doesn't work at the job. I want the Mayor to know that, in my honest opinion, he doesn't give it the time it requires. You just can't run this city on part time. You've got to be hard-working.

And he asked the question: What did I ever do for the people of this city? I'm proud of my record in 1928, '29, and '30 as an Assemblyman. I was endorsed by labor, by teachers groups, by civil service groups. Every bill I introduced in those years bears a liberal stamp, long before he ever dreamt of those type of bills. And they were endorsed by every group.

"Proud of My Record"

As Attorney General, I'm proud of my record in establishing a consumer fraud division. As a matter of fact, let me tell the Mayor—he probably doesn't know it—his office is now sending business to my office in our consumer frauds division. We've had half a dozen matters sent by the Mayor's office in the last few weeks. This certainly is a recognition of a well-equipped division on consumer fraud division.

I established a civil rights division, the first attorney general in this country to do that. I strengthened the anti-trust division to see that people don't fix prices with respect to milk and other household commodities.

I want to make an appeal to everybody listening to this performance. I want you all to know this is not a Republican campaign or a Democratic campaign. I'm appealing to all people, Republicans, Democrats and independents. Give me this chance. I love this town, I love this city, I love every borough in it.

I want a chance to prove to people that no matter how big the city is no matter how complex its problems are I'll find the necessary talent, men and women to do a job.

This could be done. You can't do things by evading them. You can't do things by letting them fester and develop into a crisis. You've got to work at this job. I've done it as Attorney General. I haven't run a routine office.

Leadership Is Lacking

I've run an office not in a traditional way, but I've had initiative. Leadership is lacking in this city. And that's the real fault: unless you have leadership, you'll have no leadership right through.

The Mayor has been inept. He hasn't been fit for the job, and I mean this with all due respects directly from the standpoint of giving of time, doing

your homework and having a feeling for people. Look at the way he laughed off this problem when I said campaign talk about police. That indicates how the man feels. I would have—if I were Mayor—by this time would found those extra police. I would have made a personal recruiting trip. I would have made certain we would have had those police or I would have adopted some measures until the police came in to give the people the feeling that they can walk the streets in safety.

There's no sense of living in this city if men and women and children in every borough are afraid to get out. This is a prime obligation. The Mayor cannot evade the responsibility. He had a chance to do something about it. He's neglected it, and he must bear the responsibility for a problem that's been neglected too long. You can't let this thing develop any worse. He'd rather wait. I don't want to see people assaulted. I don't want to see women raped in their apartments during the day. I don't want children molested. We've got to get those police.

P.B.A. Breaks Tradition to Hail Lefkowitz as 'Best Qualified'

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association last night adopted by an enthusiastic voice vote a resolution declaring Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz the "best-qualified candidate" for Mayor.

John J. Cassese, the association's president, said it was the first time in the group's sixty-eight-year history that it had expressed a preference for a political candidate. The wording of the resolution avoided any reference to "support," as support for a political candidate would violate police regulations.

The resolution was approved by 300 delegates at a regular monthly meeting in the George Washington Hotel, Twenty-third Street and Lexington Avenue. The association claims to represent 23,000 members in every precinct in the city.

During fifty minutes of discussion preceding the vote, about half a dozen patrolmen voiced opposition to having the association express any opinion on the fitness of candidates for Mayor, Mr. Cassese said. He added, however, that none spoke in favor of Mayor Wagner.

Mr. Cassese said there would be no activity by the association on behalf of Mr. Lefkowitz.

Mr. Wagner commented after his TV debate that the association had a right to take any action it wanted. He added he was confident that the average policeman, on reflection, would vote for him as the "Mayor who has done more for the police than any Mayor in history."

Explaining why the association had taken a stand, Mr. Cassese said he had been dealing with the Mayor for three and a half years as president of the association. He said that after meetings with Mr. Wagner he had reported "faithfully" to the membership, and that partly as a result of these reports the membership had decided on last night's action.

"We think we'll get a better shake from Lefkowitz," he said.

The police received a $200 annual increase on July 1. Another $200 increase will become effective Jan. 1. On Sept. 5, two days before the primary, Mayor Wagner reduced the working hours of the police and other uniformed city employes from forty-two to forty hours.

Department morale has been reported rising under the administration of Police Commissioner Michael J. Murphy, who succeeded Stephen P. Kennedy on Feb. 23. The force had been torn by controversy over Mr. Kennedy's unbending administration and his refusal to permit the holding of outside jobs.

The Mayor, although known to have been embarrassed by Mr. Kennedy's actions, generally supported the Commissioner.

Ironically, the Commissioner resigned after the Mayor refused to accede to his demand for a $600 annual increase for patrolmen, with higher amounts for officers, and to the establishment of a $600 annual differential between the wages of policemen and firemen.

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Labor Chief Hits 'Besmirching' of Wagner

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That operation may have left Bob Wagner physically weaker for the moment, but in the past week he picked up considerable political strength. If he was not endorsed for re-election by Harry Van Arsdale, leader of a million New York unionists last Sunday, then I understand Sanscript better than I do English.

The scene was the Statler banquet room early last Sunday morning, where the Catholic Council of Electrical Workers was at its annual communion breakfast. Not long after the Mayor arrived, Van Arsdale, head of the Central Labor Council and business manager of the Electrical Brotherhood's Local 3, spoke.

"When Mayor Wagner entered the hall," Van said, "he received a tremendous ovation. It was the kind of welcome which should convince him that he has little to fear from those who seek to besmirch his good name."

This was interpreted as criticism of state investigators looking into New York City departments. Van Arsdale, not known

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for fencing with feathers, said that "government by investigation also means the power to destroy." Then the labor leader wondered aloud and angrily why agents of the State Investigation Commission had gone to members of his union and had asked questions that suggested he was a partner in the Broadway Maintenance Corp. This is the firm which services parking meters and street lights. Such a partnership, of course, would be a conflict of interest.

Van Arsdale has no connection with the firm nor has he any feud with Gov. Rockefeller or the State Investigation Commission. But, he indicated, neither would he take such tactics quietly.

Among Van Arsdale's crusades—and that's exactly what they are—is the fight on exploitation of low-paid workers by small racket unions. Evidence that the city is crawling with them was available in the special headquarters set up in the Federal Building here by Congressman Adam Clayton Powell. As of last Saturday this 27th floor anti-racket center had received 449 personal visits from working people who are being pushed around.

Of these 273 have been referred to city, state and federal investigative agencies. There were 713 phone calls and 313 pieces of mail—all in the first 16 days of operation. To make swift probing possible, Congressman Powell has asked municipal and state and federal departments to place special representatives right in the headquarters now run by James Edward Branigan, chief counsel of the Investigative Task Force on Labor-Management Irregularities of the House Labor Committee. Thus there now are desks for special representatives of the NLRB; the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Labor Dept.; Bureau of Labor-Management Reporting and SCAD.

As soon as a violation is discovered that fits into one of the agency's jurisdiction, it is referred to that agency's liaison official. Then action is swift.

Another force now quietly battling the fast-buck "unions" is the Assn. of Catholic Trade Unionists. Its Secretary-Treasurer, Daniel Schilder, reports that the dummy outfits have increased to 80 and are not so dummy. Some of them have forced as many as six and seven thousand members into their dues-paying ranks.

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Mayor-Police Peace Sought By 'Mediator'

Ex-Commissioner Adams Acts; Rabbi Lauds Police Head's Record

By Milton Lewis

Former Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams will attempt to resolve the bitter dispute between Mayor Wagner and Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy over the latter's remarks about the religious sincerity of Jewish policemen. This was learned last night as friends of Mr. Wagner and Mr. Kennedy worked behind the scenes to come up with some face-saving device for both city officials. Mr. Kennedy, whom Mr. Wagner named Police Commissioner in 1955 to succeed Mr. Adams on the recommendation of Mr. Adams, refused Wednesday night to apologize for his remarks, contending "this is not a matter for an apology."

Herald Tribune photo by Bob Noble
Francis W. H. Adams

That refusal followed by a few hours Mayor Wagner's own apology to a group of rabbis on behalf of himself, his administration and the city for Mr. Kennedy's remarks, including the rhetorical question, "When are these men religious?" That concerned the request of Jewish policemen to be relieved of duty during the High Holy Days, while various foreign heads are here for the United Nations General Assembly meeting. The entire Police Department is working on an emergency basis.

The Mayor, who indicated strongly on Wednesday that he would be forced to let Mr. Kennedy go unless he did apologize, did not confer with the commissioner yesterday. Indeed, they carefully avoided each other while greeting President Eisenhower at Idlewild Airport in the morning, and later they continued to steer clear of each other while they were with the President at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Even as the two officials were ignoring each other, the

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rabbi who led the complaining group yesterday called Mr. Kennedy "a great public servant."

On Wednesday the Mayor said that he would have a talk with Mr. Kennedy within forty-eight hours or so, after which, the Mayor added, "he will apologize." But within a few hours after the Mayor said that, Mr. Kennedy announced he would not apologize and "no apology can erase the unfair impression, suddenly created, of my true viewpoint."

The Mayor arrived at City Hall at 3:15 p. m. yesterday and told reporters: "At this point I have no date with him. We have the President in town." The Mayor added he would have no further statement to make for the rest of the day. He was carrying the tape recording of the Sunday TV program on which Mr. Kennedy made his remarks. The tape was left with the Mayor by the protesting rabbis on Wednesday.

Kennedy Praised by Rabbi

Even as Mr. Adams, a close friend of both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Wagner—who appointed him to the Board of Education—began attempting to settle the dispute, one of the rabbis who complained to the Mayor on Wednesday about Mr. Kennedy indicated it would be a great loss to New York City if Mr. Kennedy were deposed.

The rabbi, David I. Golovensky, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, declared:

"We never felt, believed or suspected—nor do we now—that Mr. Kennedy is anti-Semitic or has any bias or animus against any group of people."

Rabbi Golovensky added:

"This involves the good reputation of a good man, one we've always admired and still do admire as a great public servant. There have been occasions where we have expressed our admiration for him. I now hasten to defend his reputation emphatically. I come to his defense. The dignity of a great man is involved. I want to protect him."

"Could Happen to Any One"

The rabbi continued:

"What he said was very unfortunate. It could happen to any one. It was nothing but a slip of the tongue. All we ever hoper, expected, was that he would just express regrets, that's all. We're not after him in any way."

It is Mr. Kennedy's view that his remarks were misinterpreted, that's all, and there is no reason for an apology. He emphasized Wednesday night that he is not anti-Semitic, something the rabbis never accused him of, as they made plain in their talk with him Monday night and with the Mayor on Wednesday. And Mr. Kennedy concluded his Wednesday night statement with, "For anti-Semitism, no mere apology can suffice." His opening sentence was: "This is not a matter for an apology."

An aid extremely close to Mayor Wagner made this comment yesterday:

"If only Kennedy had dropped the first and last sentence, everybody would have been satisfied, would have interpreted it as an apology."

The Kennedy TV remarks which upset the rabbis and the Mayor were:

"When are these men religious? The other fifty-one weeks of the year we don't hear anything about it. Or is it that one week in the year they get religious? Now I'm just asking a question. I don't know and I certainly hope they don't misunderstand me."

As to reports yesterday that Mr. Kennedy had resigned, Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm, in charge of community relations, said, "The Commissioner is still the Commissioner and is out in the field performing his duties as Commissioner."

As to how many Christian policemen had switched tours with Jewish officers for Rosh Hashanah, which began at sundown today, Mr. Arm said there had been 353 switches, or "mutuals," as they are known in the department. However, he said that these statistics were not based on race or religion, so that the question, at this time, could not be answered accurately.

Mr. Arm also said he did not know whether any Christian officers had cut short their vacations to relieve Jewish members, as had been suggested by Mr. Kennedy. And only five officers—religion undetermined—had reported in sick yesterday, in comparison with eleven on Wednesday. There had been fears there would be a rash of "sickness" among the 1,300 Jewish officers.

Former Police Commissioner Adams, who while in office by appointment of Mayor Wagner, jumped Mr. Kennedy from the rank of captain to chief inspector, was understood to be reading Mr. Kennedy's Wednesday night statement most carefully, especially these words, written after much consideration:

"I have explained privately to the delegation from the New York Board of Rabbis and have stated publicly that there was no intention to insult the Jewish community, or any part of it, or any faith."

A city official who has known Mr. Kennedy since his patrolman days made this observation:

"That is Mr. Kennedy's way of saying he is sorry if his remarks were misinterpreted."

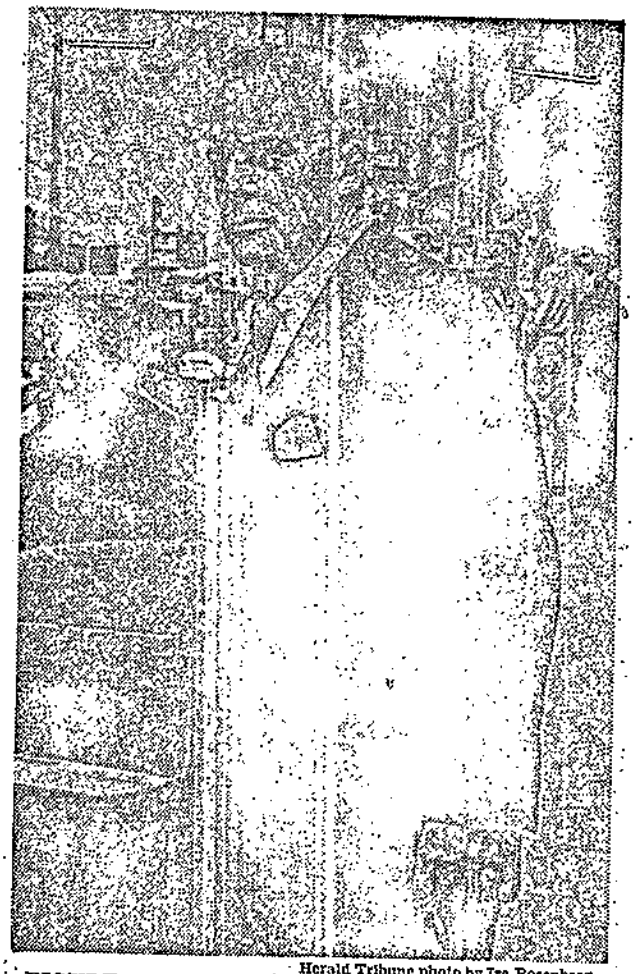

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FIGURE IN DISPUTE—Police Commissioner Kennedy outside the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday after inspecting police guard for President Eisenhower

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Honorable [redacted]
Special Assistant to the President
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Mrs. Mildred Stegall has requested a name check concerning Robert F. Wagner, who was born on April 20, 1910, at New York City, N.Y.

Summarized

No investigation of Mr. Wagner, who is also known as Robert F. Wagner, Jr., and who was formerly the Mayor of New York City, has been conducted by the FBI. However, our files disclose the following information which relates to him.

The September 18, 1953, issue of "Counterattack," a weekly publication of the American Business Consultants, Inc., stated that the Communist Party backed Robert Wagner in the Democratic Primary held in September, 1953. "Counterattack" stated that this did not necessarily mean that Wagner was pro-Communist Party.

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Columnist Westbrook Pegler in a column in October, 1953, criticized Wagner and alleged that he had the backing of Tammany Hall plus the Americans for Democratic Action.

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Our files contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with Mr. Wagner.

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

A copy of this communication has not been furnished the Attorney General. However, the above information concerning Mr. Wagner was furnished the Attorney General on July 24, 1965, when Mr. Wagner, along with others, was under consideration for appointment to the National Crime Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

September 20, 1966

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name Robert F. Wagner Civil - NAR

Date of Birth April 20, 1910 Place of Birth New York City

Present Address 605 E. 82nd Street, New York City

Terrence Scanlon has requested:

- [ ] Copy of Previous Report
- [xx] Name Check
- [ ] Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- [ ] White House staff position
- [xx] Presidential appointment
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ATTACHMENTS:

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REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

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April 23, 1968

ROBERT F. WAGNER — Summary
Born: April 20, 1910
New York, New York

No investigation pertinent to your inquiry has been conducted by the FBI concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information which may relate to the subject of your name check request.

The September 18, 1953, issue of "Counterattack," a weekly publication of the American Business Consultants, Inc., stated that the Communist Party backed Robert Wagner in the Democratic Primary held in September, 1953. "Counterattack" stated that this did not necessarily mean that Wagner was pro-Communist Party.

Columnist Westbrook Pegler, in a column in October, 1953, criticized Wagner and alleged that he had the backing of Tammany Hall plus the Americans for Democratic Action.

Information also was received in 1953 that Mayor-elect Robert F. Wagner announced the appointment of Dr. Luther H. Gulick to the position of City Administrator. Gulick was known to be an associate of Owen Lattimore and Anatoli Gromov, formerly a Chief Secretary of the Russian Embassy. Gulick also was reportedly a homosexual.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAY TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED EXTREMELY EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF WAGNER, POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED NOT STATED. BORN APRIL TWENTY, NINETEEN TEN, NEW YORK CITY, AND PRESENTLY RESIDES ONE GRACIE TERRACE, NEW YORK CITY. HE IS MEMBER OF NEW YORK LAW FIRM OF WAGNER, QUILLINAN, AND TENNANT.

ATTENDED YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, RECEIVING A.B.A. DEGREE IN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE AND LL.B. IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. ATTENDED HARVARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR.

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FIRST WIFE, SUSAN EDWARDS, BY WHOM HE HAD TWO SONS, DECEASED SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. MARRIED BARBARA JOAN CAVANAGH, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE.

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TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD
RE: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER

MEMBER, NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT TO NINETEEN FORTYONE. NEW YORK CITY TAX COMMISSIONER, NINETEEN FORTYSIX. NEW YORK CITY COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING AND BUILDINGS IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. CHAIRMAN, NEW YORK CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, NINETEEN FORTYNINE TO NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE. MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, NINETEEN FIFTYTHREE TO NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE. WAS A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S CRIME COMMISSION.

SERVED AS OFFICER, UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE, NINETEEN FORTYTWO TO NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, AND IS NOW COLONEL IN AIR FORCE RESERVE.

CHECK RECORDS ALL APPROPRIATE BARS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING ABA. HE INDICATES MEMBERSHIP NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION AND NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

DUE TO URGENT NATURE OF REQUEST, IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE BUDED BE MET WITHOUT FAIL. DUE TO PROMINENCE, CONDUCT NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION RE WAGNER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR DOING SO ARISES, AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL SHOULD BE SECURED.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

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MEMORANDUM

May 22, 1968

TO : Mr. Cartha D. DeLoach, FBI

FROM : Mildred Stegall

SUBJECT : FBI Investigation

Subject's Name Robert F. Wagner

Date of Birth April 20, 1910 Place of Birth New York City

Present Address 1 Gracie Terrace, New York, New York

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- [ ] Copy of Previous Report
- [ ] Name Check
- [x] Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

- [ ] White House staff position
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ATTACHMENTS:

- [ ] SF 86 (in duplicate)
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REMARKS: We called this request over this morning.

REPORT SHOULD BE DELIVERED BY FBI TO: MILDRED STEGALL

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(SPAIN)
WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY NOMINATED FORMER NEW YORK CITY MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER TO BE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN.
WAGNER'S NOMINATION WAS SUBMITTED AFTER FRANK E. MCKINNEY, FORMER NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN, WITHDREW FROM THE ASSIGNMENT BECAUSE OF A HEART ATTACK.
MCKINNEY WAS NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT LAST MARCH 25 TO SUCCEED ANGIER BIDDLE DUKE WHO RETURNED TO HIS FORMER JOB AS CHIEF OF PROTOCOL. MCKINNEY'S NOMINATION WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE MAY 9.
WAGNER, WHO RETIRED FROM ELECTIVE OFFICE IN 1965, HAD SERVED AS THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK SINCE 1954. THE FORMER MAYOR PRESENTLY PRACTICES LAW IN NEW YORK.
A 1937 GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF YALE LAW SCHOOL, WAGNER HAS HELD POLITICAL OFFICE OFF AND ON SINCE 1938 WHEN HE FIRST SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY. WAGNER SERVED IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE FROM 1942 UNTIL 1945 AND THEN SERVED IN VARIOUS CITY POSTS UNTIL HIS ELECTION AS MAYOR FROM THE END OF WORLD WAR II.
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LBJ Names Two to Fill Envoy Posts

President Johnson announced yesterday his intention to nominate former New York City Mayor Robert F. Wagner to be Ambassador to Spain.

William H. Crook, a Baptist minister who heads VISTA—the domestic version of the Peace Corps—will be nominated as Ambassador to Australia, the President announced.

Mr. Johnson earlier nominated Frank E. McKinney of Indiana to be Ambassador to Spain to succeed Angier Biddle Duke, now Chief of Protocol.

The Senate confirmed McKinney earlier this month, but he suffered a heart attack and will not take the post.

Wagner, 58, was New York City's Mayor from 1954 to 1965 and a power in Democratic politics in New York State. He is now a member of the New York law firm of Wagner, Quillinan and Tennant.

Crook, 43, is a native of Momence, Ill. He was president of San Marcos Academy in Texas from 1960 to 1965. From 1965 to 1966, he was director of the Southwest region of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

He has headed VISTA for the last year and a half.

The Washington Post
Times Herald A-4
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The New York Times
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Wagner Likely To Be Envoy

Robert F. Wagner, former Democratic mayor of New York City, is expected to be tapped by President Johnson as American ambassador to Spain.

White House Press Secretary George Christian told reporters, that he had "no comment for the present" on the report. The way he said it indicated that an announcement awaited only completion of diplomatic formalities.

Frank E. McKinney, 63, an Indiana banker and former Democratic National Committee chairman, had been nominated by the President as ambassador to Spain. But he recently suffered heart trouble and was quoted today by the Associated Press as saying he has asked ohnson to relieve him of his new position.

McKinney won Senate confirmation May 9, one day after he was hospitalized in Indianapolis.

McKinney wrote Johnson: "This is the most disheartening decision of my entire career—but, in consideration for all involved and particularly for you, I have no alternative."

Wagner, would succeed Angier Biddle Duke, who was ambassador to Madrid for three years until he returned to Washington this spring for his second tour of duty as chief of protocol.

Wagner served three terms as mayor of New York, then retired.

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Times Herald
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DENVER (161-628) 2P (RUC)

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, AKA., ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR.;
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ON APRIL ONE, FIFTYTHREE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS RESERVE OFFICER IN USAF FOR INDEFINITE TERM. HIS MOST RECENT RESERVE ASSIGNMENT IS WITH NINE TWO ONE FIVE AIR RESERVE SQD., NEW YORK, NY AND IS PRESENTLY DESIGNATED READY RESERVIST IN GRADE OF COLONEL. PRIMARY AIR FORCE SPECIALTY IS INFORMATION STAFF OFFICER.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 5/22/68

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

The White House today telephonically requested an investigation of Wagner. The position for which he is being considered was not indicated.

Wagner, aged 58, was Mayor of New York City from 1953 until 1965. Since 1965 he has been a member of the New York law firm of Wagner, Quillinan, and Tennant. He received his education at Yale University and was a New York City official for several years prior to being elected Mayor.

ACTION:

The case has been ordered separately to the field and Bureau files are being checked. The field has been instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations without prior Bureau approval. You will be advised of any unusual developments.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
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TO : MR. DeLOACH

DATE: May 23, 1968

FROM : STERLING B. DONAHOE

SUBJECT: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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The White House, yesterday, telephonically requeste an investigation of Wagner who is the former Mayor of New York City.

Mrs. Stegall called yesterday afternoon to advise that the President is considering Wagner for a top appointment, the nature of which was not indicated. She said that the President is already receiving inquiries about this and accordingly would like the results of the investigation of Wagner on a very expedite basis as he may have to make the appointment sooner than expected. In view of this she requested that we alert the White House promptly to any information we have received subsequent to the data furnished to the White House in 1966 as the result of a name check request. Bureau files are being checked and the White House will be advised in this regard.

Mrs. Stegall further requested that she be informed promptly in the event investigation, as it proceeds, discloses any substantive derogatory data rather than waiting until the conclusion of the investigation in order that the President may be guided accordingly.

Mrs. Stegall called at 9:35 a.m. today to advise that the President has decided he must make an announcement regarding Wagner's appointment this morning.* She stated the President had requested that she get something in writing from the FBI by 10:30 a.m. this morning. In view of the fact that we just received the request for investigation yesterday, I told Mrs. Stegall that we could only furnish her a letter today stating that we have received no information concerning Wagner since the 1966 name check and that a very expedite investigation was being conducted.

This is grossly unreasonable

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ACTION:

An appropriate letter is being prepared. (Attached)

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He is to be appointed Ambassador to Spain.

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1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
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May 23, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

On May 22, 1968, you telephonically requested an expedite investigation of Mr. Robert Ferdinand Wagner, former Mayor of New York City.

It is noted that by letter dated September 27, 1966, you were furnished the results of a name check regarding Mr. Wagner. The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wagner in addition to that previously furnished to you.

The requested investigation has been initiated on an expedite basis, and the results thereof will be furnished to you as quickly as possible.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

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Sincerely yours,

ENCLOSURE

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See Note page 2.

Delivered to Mildred Stegall
on 5/23/68

Return to [redacted] Room 1258.

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

NOTE: Request for expedite investigation received yesterday, 5/22/68, and request for up to date name check on immediate basis received this morning. Wagner is former Mayor of New York City. Press today indicates being considered as Ambassador to Spain.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
ALBANY	BUREAU	5/23/68	5/23/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER	SA [redacted]	cjc b6 b7C
	CHARACTER OF CASE	
	SPI	

REFERENCE:

Bureau telephone call and teletype, 5/23/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ALBANY

Date: May 23, 1968

Field Office File #: 161-868 Bureau File #:

Title:

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Records, NYS Court of Appeals, Albany, NY, reveal WAGNER admitted to NYS Bar at First Judicial Department, NYC, on 12/1/38; is attorney in good standing and no grievances or other derogatory information on file. No record found NYS Bar Association, Albany. Service in NYS Assembly, 1938 to 1942 verified. Assemblymen MAX M. TURSCHEN, who served in Assembly with WAGNER, and ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, now Speaker of NYS Assembly, commented favorably and recommended highly. Credit and criminal negative.

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DETAILS:

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

MEMBERSHIP IN NEW YORK STATE BAR

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On May 23, 1968, [redacted] Clerk of the New York State Board of Law Examiners, advised from records that the applicant applied to take the New York State Bar Examination on June 2, 1937 at age 27, following his graduation from Yale University in 1933 with a BA Degree and the receipt of an LLB Degree from this University at a later date not set forth in her records. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised further from records that WAGNER took the New York State Bar Examination given on July 29 and 30, 1937, and failed both parts. She advised further that WAGNER took the bar examination given on June 28 and 29, 1938, passed the examination, and was certified for admission to the New York State Bar, First Judicial Department, by the New York State Board of Law Examiners on June 29, 1938. b6 b7C

On May 23, 1968, [redacted] Attendant to the New York State Court of Appeals, advised from records that the applicant was admitted to the New York State Bar on December 1, 1938, at the First Judicial Department in New York City. b6 b7C

He advised further his records revealed WAGNER is an attorney in good standing who has no grievances against him or any other derogatory information in his file.

On May 23, 1968, [redacted] clerk, New York State Bar Association, advised she could locate no record indicating that WAGNER is or ever was a member of this association. b6 b7C

EMPLOYMENT

On May 23, 1968, [redacted] advised from records that the applicant served as an assemblyman from the Sixteenth District, New York County, from 1938 to 1942. b6 b7C

On May 23, 1968, Mr. ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, Speaker, New York State Assembly, advised he met WAGNER in 1944 or 1945, and has been close friends with him ever since. Mr. TRAVIA advised that he has had numerous professional contacts with WAGNER during the time the latter held various positions in the New York City Government. He said he has had numerous social contacts with him also.

He stated that commencing in 1959 when Mr. TRAVIA became Minority Leader, he had close and frequent contact with Mr. WAGNER concerning mostly legislative and municipal affairs.

Mr. TRAVIA advised further that he regards WAGNER as a man of excellent character, loyalty, and associates. He stated that WAGNER "was the best mayor New York City ever had." He said that WAGNER was a "round-the-clock mayor" who attended to city affairs diligently, intelligently, and with great ability at all times. He stated that outside the Presidency of the United States, the job as mayor of the city of New York was the hardest job in the world.

He advised further that with his background and experience, WAGNER is eminently qualified for any position to which he may be appointed.

Mr. TRAVIA added he knew Mr. WAGNER's deceased wife and is acquainted with his present wife, and said he regards both as fine women.

On May 23, 1968, Mr. MAX M. TURSCHEN, New York State Assemblyman, 45th Assembly District, advised he was an assemblyman during the years 1938 to 1942 and sat next to WAGNER in the Assembly. He said he got to know WAGNER very well and found him to be a conscientious, able, and intelligent man who "seasoned" quickly.

He stated that WAGNER's father was an outstanding man who equipped his son very well for public service. He said that WAGNER in general is a "personable and solid guy."

He stated that he has had numerous contacts with WAGNER subsequent to the latter's service in the Assembly when WAGNER was connected with the City of New York. He commented favorably on WAGNER's character, loyalty, and associates, and stated that he has the ability, prestige, and knowledge of Spanish people to make him an excellent Ambassador to Spain.

CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION

On May 23, 1968, [redacted] clerk, Leslie's Albany Credit Bureau, advised she could locate no record identifiable with WAGNER. b6 b7C

On May 23, 1968, Patrolman [redacted] Identification Division, Albany Police Department, and Captain [redacted] New York State Police Headquarters, advised that they were not able to locate an arrest record in their respective files regarding WAGNER. b6 b7C

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FBI BOSTON

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM BOSTON (161-1938)

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER. SPI. BUDED MAY TWENTY-THREE INSTANT. REBUTEL CALL TO BOSTON, MAY TWENTY-TWO LAST; BUTEL TO BS, MAY TWENTY-TWO LAST AND BUTEL CAL TO BOSTON, MAY TWENTY-THREE INSTANT.

TODAY, [redacted] CLERK, ALUMNI RECORDS OFFICE, HARVARD UNIV., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED FILES CONTAIN FOLLOWING ON APPOINTEE: b6 b7C

ATTENDED HARVARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR DASH THIRTY-FIVE; DOB APRIL TWENTY, NINETEEN TEN; POB N.Y., NY. FATHER ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER. MOTHER MARGARET MC LAGUE WAGNER. RECEIVED AB DEGREE YALE UNIV., NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE.

[redacted] CLERK, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. ADVISED TODAY RECORDS DATING BACK TO NINETEEN THIRTY-FOUR AVAILABLE BUT WOULD TAKE TWO DAYS TO OBTAIN. b6 b7C

TODAY, [redacted] PROF., HARVARD UNIV., ADVISED IN GREAT HURRY AND ALL HE KNEW OF WAGNER WAS THAT HE WAS ON PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. HE ATTENDED TWO OR THREE MEETINGS WITH WAGNER. WHO SEEMED TO BE VERY EFFICIENT AND WELL INFORMED INDIVIDUAL. HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF b6 b7C

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APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES OF BEHAVIOR. WOULD RECOMMEND FROM PAST RECORD OF WAGNER.

CREDIT CHECK, CREDIT BU OF GREATER BS, INC., AND ARREST CHECKS, BOSTON PD AND MASS. BOARD OF PROBATION, AND CAMBRIDGE PD DISCLOSED NO RECORD OF WAGNER.

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TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

ATTN---ARTHUR W. WELLS

FROM NEWARK (161-1141) (RUC)

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ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR.; SPECIAL INQUIRY

RE TELCALL FROM NEW YORK TODAY.

RECORDS OF PRINCETON UNIVERSITY SHOW ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER ENTERED THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SEPTEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND WILL RECEIVE PHD DEGREE IN JUNE, SIXTY NINE. HE PRESENTLY RESIDES AT ONE EIGHT FIVE GRADUATE COLLEGE, WHICH IS HOUSING PROVIDED BY PRINCETON UNIVERSITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.

CHIEF OF POLICE PETER MC CROHAN, PRINCETON, NJ PD, ADVISED SA [redacted] TODAY THERE WAS NO RECORD IN HIS DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIABLE WITH ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER.

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UACB NO REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED BY NEWARK.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM PORTLAND (161-201) 1P

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ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPIN.

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

Portland

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY ADVISED TODAY THAT HE WOULD NOT MAKE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER UNTIL HE HAD DETERMINED THE POSITION FOR WHICH BEING CONSIDERED. INSTRUCTED HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE TO TELEPHONICALLY ASCERTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM WHITE HOUSE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

advised Kennedy int. in Portland also stated they have no comment to record

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TO: SAC, BOSTON

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5003) (P)

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER
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Confirming telephone call of WFO SA [redacted] to SA [redacted] Boston. b6 b7C

Appointee on 8/11/65, appointed member President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Admission of Justice. According to White House records, this Commission is no longer in existence.

Boston interview [redacted]. b6 b7C
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Date: 5/23/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-5003) -P-

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ReButeletype dated 5/22/68.

SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS caused a check to be made of the records of the White House Office on 5/23/68. [redacted] advised that the files of that Office contained no record for the appointee, ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER.

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On 5/23/68, [redacted] the White House Office, advised SA SAUNDERS the files of the office contained the following record for the appointee:

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8/11/65 Appointment by Presidential letter, Member, President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice; such Commission no longer in existence.

The files contained no additional pertinent information.

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Special Agent in Charge

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On 5/22/68, [redacted] Miller, McCarthy, Cassidy and Larroca Law Firm, 1701 K Street, N. W., advised that [redacted] a member of that firm was formerly associated with the President's Crime Commission. She stated that [redacted] is out of the city and unavailable for interview. She knew of no way of contacting him. [redacted] stated that she was unable to suggest anyone else associated with the Commission. b6 b7C

The files of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, reviewed by SE [redacted] on 5/23/68 disclosed that ROBERT F. WAGNER was issued Passport Number H 570097 on 6/16/67 at New York for a two-week trip to Italy, Spain and England for the purpose of attending the International Conference on Automation and Full Employment. The file reflects that he was born on 4/20/10, at New York. His parents were listed as ROBERT F. WAGNER, born in Germany 6/8/76 and MARGARET MC TAGUE, born in the United States in 1881. The file also reflects that he was last married on 7/26/65 to BARBARA CAVANAGH who was born at New York City on 1/27/29. He was previously married on 2/14/42 to SUSAN EDWARDS, who was born at Greenwich, Connecticut, on 8/31/09. This marriage was terminated by death on 3/2/64. b6 b7C

On 5/23/68 IC [redacted] determined that no record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee or his wife, BARBARA WAGNER. b6 b7C

It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 5/23/68, IC [redacted] searched the files of the U. S. Park Police, and no record was found concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

[redacted]

SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on 5/23/68, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

On 5/23/68 SA TRAINOR caused a search to be made of the files of the following organizations concerning bar membership and no record was found for the appointee:

Committee on Admissions and Grievances, U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia (USDCDC).
Lawyers Register, USDCDC.
District of Columbia Bar Association.
Federal Bar Association.

Files of the Supreme Court of the United States show that one ROBERT F. WAGNER, date of birth 6/8/87, was admitted to practice 3/14/30. No record was located concerning appointee.

On 5/22/68, SA TRAINOR searched the files of the Main Card Catalog Index; Cumulative Book Index and the International Index of Humanities and Science, Library of Congress. No additional pertinent information was found concerning appointee.

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SE [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D.C., and was advised on May 23, 1968, that no record was located concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

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On 5/23/68, [redacted] Administrative Staff, Office of International Conferences, Department of State, and [redacted] Support Staff Personnel Division, Office of Personnel, Department of State, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that they could locate no record of the appointee, ROBERT F. WAGNER, as having attended an international conference on automation and full employment during 1967. They mentioned that it is possible that he attended such a conference in a private or unofficial capacity in which case there would be no record in their respective offices.

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ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER was previously issued Passport Number C 488971 on June 21, 1962, at New York for a five-week pleasure trip to France, Italy, Germany, England and Ireland.

IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of the Headquarters, Naval Investigative Service, and was advised on May 23, 1968, that no identifiable record was located concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

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SA [redacted] caused a check to be made of the files of the Office of Security, U. S. Department of State, and was advised on May 23, 1968, that no additional pertinent information was located concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

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On May 23, 1968, SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., determined that the Libraries (newspaper morgues) of the Washington Daily News and Evening Star Newspapers contained numerous news items on the personal life and political activities of the appointee, but did not disclose any derogatory information.

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[redacted] advised SA ALBERT N. NENCIONI she has known the appointee and his wife socially for a number of years and she also knew the appointee's former wife who is now deceased. She said she knew of nothing unfavorable about their character, associates, reputation or loyalty. She stated that the applicant is "A-1" and that she would highly recommend him to a position of trust and confidence.

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SA WILLIAM E. TRAINOR, JR., caused a search to be made of the files of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, and no record identifiable with the appointee was located; however, there is some information that OSI file 54-33-19990 may contain information that may be identical with the appointee, and this file has been requested.

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The files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities were reviewed on May 23, 1968, by SE [redacted] and the following information was obtained from these files for ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER:

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The files reflect that ROBERT WAGNER, Mayor, indicated that he was to speak at union-called demonstration supporting Freedom Movement in the South, May 28, New York City, and this appeared in "The Worker" - mid week May 28, 1963, Page 1.

American Committee for Protection for Foreign Born, sent greetings; "Daily Worker" January 10, 1938, Page 4.

Workers School, sent telegram of thanks; "Daily Worker" January 26, 1938, Page 1.

United Anti-Nazi Council, comments on meeting; "Daily Worker" May 14, 1938, Page 2.

All-Harlem Youth Conference, sent greetings; "Daily Worker" May 16, 1938, Page 5.

Consumers Union, introduced A 307 (Food and Drug Bill based on the Federal Bill sponsored by CU) to New York Assembly by Consumers Union Reports, March, 1939, Page 24.

Americans for Democratic Action, signer of Anti-Communist Statement of above organization; "ADA World" June 18, 1947, Page 2.

New York Tom Mooney Committee Sponsor; undated letterhead.

Council Against Intolerance in America Member (Circular, a statement of purpose and program).

The American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Member, Sponsors Committee. Photostat of letterhead dated August 6, 1945.

Guest speaker at New York City meeting of District 65 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union. Mayor of New York City; "65er" October 13, 1963, Page 6 (Filed Box) photograph.

He and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY flanked Rabbi ARTHUR SCHNEIER as he ripped away brown wrapping paper to reveal a placque reading "Hear the cry of the oppressed-- the Jewish Community of the Soviet Union" which was raised on the side of a Jewish synagogue opposite the Russian Mission Headquarters to the United Nations in New York City; "Washington Post" January 18, 1965, Page A-12.

The District 65 Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, to speak at meeting marking the Union's 30th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation Centennial, October 23, New York; "The Worker" October 22, 1963, Page 8.

District 65 praised the Union and its work and announced appointment of CLEVELAND ROBINSON to membership in New York City's Human Rights Commission at meeting of District 65, October 23, New York; "The Worker" October 29, 1963, Page 8.

Local 475, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, sent greetings to meeting held February 25, in Manhattan Center; "Daily Worker" February 26, 1954, Page 3.

Writer of article, Lawyers Guild Review, Volume IV, Number 6, Pages 3 to 5.

"Liberal Democrat Mayor ROBERT F. WAGNER had previously insisted on imposing the Condon-Wadlin Penalties - pretending that he would be breaking the law if the penalties were withheld" "Militant" February 8, 1965, Page 2 (photo).

American League Against War and Fascism, sends greetings, New York City; "Daily Worker" January 30, 1937, Page 7.

Photo of him doing a hula with Deputy Mayor CHARLES H. TENNEY and a hula girl - part of an article on JACK HALL and the ILWU; "Honolulu Advertiser" June 12, 1963.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. (1) Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted] who has been unavailable for interview. b6 b7c

(2) Will continue efforts to locate and interview United States Senator from New York JACOB K. JAVITS, who is expected to return to the United States from abroad on or about May 24, 1968.

(3) Will report results of supplementary checks OSI and Passport Office when received.

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345PM URGENT 5-23-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

FROM NEW YORK 161-2591

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTYEIGHT.

IT IS NOTED ALL INVESTIGATION SET OUT HERINAFTER WAS CONDUCTED ON MAY TWENTYTHREE SIXTY EIGHT.

[redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED SA JAMPES P. MANSFIELD HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. HE DESCRIBED WAGNER AS AN HONORABLE, HIGHLY COMPETENT AND EFFICIENT PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND ATTORNEY WHO SERVED IN VARIOUS PUBLIC POSITIONS IN THE NYC GOVERNMENT, NOTABLY AS MAYOR FOR TWELVE YEARS, WITH DISTINCTION. WAGNER'S BEHAVIOR AND EXPRESSED INTERESTS IN HIS PRESENCE WERE ALWAYS THOSE OF AN ETHICAL MAN OF UNQUESTIONED MORAL VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND HE HAS ALWAYS IMPRESSED MORGENTHAU AS A MAN WHO GAVE UNSTINTINGLY OF HIS BOUNDLESS ABILITIES AND ENERGIES IN PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF NYC. MORGENTHAU EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND OFFERED THE OPINION THAT WAGNER WOULD PROVE TO BE A WORTHY AND ABLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[redacted] ADVISED SA LEON C. KELMER HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS AND HAS COME TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS A NOTABLY ABLE, COMPETENT, EXEMPLARY, HONORABLE, HIGHLY PRINCIPLED AND MORAL HUMAN BEING AND AMERICAN.

HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A WARM, FRIENDLY PERSON WHO HAS EMINENTLY PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WITH A GENUINE INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR THE WELL BEING OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF RACE AND CREED. AS A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH WAGNER OVER THE YEARS AND SUPPORTED BY THE FACT THAT NOTHING OF A DEROGATORY NATURE CONCERNING APPOINTEE HAS EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION FROM MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCES, SAID [redacted] HE COULD ONLY COMMENT FAVORABLY CONCERNING THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES OF THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND OFFER HIS OWN UNQUALFIED FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION RELATIVE TO APPOINTEE'S SUITABILITY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. b6 b7C

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[redacted] ADVISED SA THOMAS L. LAMB, JR. THAT HE DOES NOT PERSONALLY KNOW APPOINTEE. HE ONLY MET THE APPOINTEE WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY AND HAD DEALINGS WITH THE BAR ASSOCIATES. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, INTELLIGENT, CONSCIENTIOUS INDIVIDUAL AND THAT NOTHING EVER CAME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON WAGNER'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, MORALS, REPUTATION OR ASSOCIATES. BASED ON HIS VERY LIMITED ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPOINTTEE, HE FEELS THAT HE COULD RECOMMEND WAGNER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT M. WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY SIX. HE ADVISED THAT HE SERVED IN THE WAGNER ADMINISTRATIONS WHEN HE WAS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FROM JUNE, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX UNTIL NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, AS [redacted] AND FROM NINETEEN FIFTY NINE TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AS [redacted] HE KNEW ROBERT WAGNER SLIGHTLY BEFORE JUNE OF NINETEEN FIFTY NINE AND HAD SOME SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. HE CONSIDERS ROBERT WAGNER TO BE A LOYAL AMERICAN WITH AN OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AND CHARACTER AND HE KNOWS OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING

HIM WHATSOEVER. HE CONSIDERS HIS FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES TO BE PERSONS OF GOOD REPUTATION AND CHARACTER. HE CONSIDERS ROBERT WAGNER A DEDICATED PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND COMPETENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE SERVED AS [redacted] FROM NINETEEN FIFTY NINE UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. SHE KNEW HIM VERY WELL DURING THAT PERIOD AND HAD SOME SOCIAL ASSOCIATION WITH HIM ALSO. SHE CONSIDERS ROBERT WAGNER TO BE AN ABLE AMERICAN WITH OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. SHE CONSIDERS HIS ASSOCIATES TO BE PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE WAS [redacted] AND ONE OF THE [redacted] DURING THE WAGNER ADMINISTRATION. FROM NINETEEN SIXTY TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS KNOWN ROBERT WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY THREE AND KNEW HIS DECEASED WIFE AS WELL AS HIS PRESENT WIFE. SHE STATED THAT ROBERT WAGNER WAS A GOOD FATHER AND A LOYAL AMERICAN AND A PERSON OF OUTSTANDING REPUTATION AND INTEGRITY. HIS ASSOCIATES ARE ALL PERSONS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND THAT SHE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND COMPETENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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MR. WILLIAM R. MC ANDREW, PRESIDENT, NEWS DIVISION, NATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION, THREE HUNDRED ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] WHILE HE DOES NOT REGARD HIMSELF AS A CLOSE FRIEND OR INTIMATE ACQUAINTANCE OF APPOINTEE, HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH HIM IN A SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP EXTENDING BACK TO NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. MC ANDREW STATED THAT IT IS HIS OPINION THAT APPOINTEE IS OF THE HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER AND THAT HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS UNQUESTIONED. WAGNER IS HELD IN THE VERY HIGHEST REGARD BY HIM AND IS ALSO HIGHLY REGARDED IN THE COMMUNITY AS A MAN AND AS A COMPETENT POLITICIAN. MC ANDREW BELIEVES THAT WAGNER IS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY AND WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND HIM WITHOUT

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QUALFICATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN REGARD TO APPOINTEE'S FAMILY, MC ANDREW STATED THAT HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF APPOINTEE'S FATHER, THE LATE UNITED STATES SENATOR WAGNER, WHOM HE HELD IN EQUALLY HIGH REGARD.

MICHAEL MURPHY, AN OFFICIAL WITH THE NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE THEFT BUREAU, ONE HUNDRED WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, ADVSED SA [redacted] b6 b7C THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER, JR. PERSONALLY, SOCIALLY AND IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR OVER FIFTEEN YEARS. MURPHY SERVED IN APPOINTEE'S GOVERNMENT IN NEW YORK CITY FOR SEVEN AND ONE HALF YEARS, FIVE OF WHICH HE WAS APPOINTEE'S POLICE COMMISSIONER. APPOINTEE, IN MURPHY'S OPINION, HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND HONORABLE PUBLIC OFFICIAL. APPOINTEE'S MORAL CHARACTER AND LOYALTY TO HIS COUNTRY ARE, WITHOUT QUESTION, OF THE HIGHEST ORDER, ACCORDING TO MURPHY, AND MURPHY KNOWS OF NOTHING DEROGATORY REGARDING APPOINTEE OR ANY MEMBER OF APPOINTEE'S FAMILY. MURPHY FEELS THAT APPOINTEE'S ASSOCIATES ARE AND HAVE BEEN PEOPLE OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER. MURPHY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] WAS CONTACTED AS HIS OFFICE AND ADVISED SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY FOR OVER TWENTY FIVE YEARS ON A PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BASIS. [redacted] WHO HELD THE POSITION AS [redacted] DURING ROBERT WAGNER'S TERMS AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, STATED THAT WAGNER IS AN AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, STATED THAT WAGNER IS AN EXCEPTIONALLY LOYAL AMERICAN OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND HIS FAMILY ARE PERSONS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER.

[redacted] CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT DUE TO THE FACT OF BEING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR TWELVE YEARS AND HIS NATURAL INTELLIGENCE, ROBERT F. WAGNER WAS QUALIFIED TO FILL ANY POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. b6 b7C

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LAWRENCE E. GEROSA, FORMER COMPTROLLER, CITY OF NEW YORK, SIX ONE FIVE WEST TWO FIVE TWO STREET, BRONX, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD KNOWN THE APPOINTEE AND THE APPOINTEE'S LATE FATHER MANY YEARS PRIOR TO THEIR ASSOCIATION AS COMPTROLLER AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER AND MORALS, WHO IS A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL. HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO HAVE BEEN A GOOD MAYOR AND THAT DURING THE PERIOD HE SERVED AS COMPTROLLER UNDER THE APPOINTEE, FROM ONE ONE, FIFTY FOUR TO TWELVE THIRTY ONE, SIXTY ONE, WHILE THEY COULD NOT ALWAYS AGREE, AS IN THE CASE WITH ANY MAYOR AND COMPTROLLER, THE APPOINTEE WAS A PERSON OF INTEGRITY AND ABILITY. HE STATED HE WOULD HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THE LOYALTY OF THE APPOINTEE OR HIS FAMILY AND WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] PROVIDED SA [redacted] THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.

HE HAS KNOWN MR. WAGNER FOR TWENTY YEARS AND SERVED UNDER HIM FOR TWELVE YEARS AS [redacted] b6 b7C TO THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. MR. WAGNER'S FAMILY HAVE OUTSTANDING REPUTATIONS, INCLUDING HIS LATE WIFE, SUSAN, PRESENT WIFE, BARBARA, AND HIS TWO SONS, ONE OF WHOM IS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR WHO HAD ATTENDED THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMOICS, AND THE OTHER WHO IS ON THE [redacted]. MR. WAGNER'S REPUTATION AND STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY IS ABOVE REPROACH AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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HE HAS KNOWN MR. WAGNER FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS AND SERVED UNDER HIM FOR SIX YEARS AS [redacted] TO THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. MR. WAGNER IS A MAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, HUMANE, HUMBLE, AND HAS A FINE REPUTATION. MR. WAGNER IS A DEVOTED FAMILY MAN AND HIS FAMILY ALSO HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION. [redacted] POSSESSES NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING MR. WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED SA THOMAS F. KELLY, JR, THAT HE IS PRESENTLY A [redacted] AND THAT HE IS ALSO [redacted].

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS. HE STATED THAT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH APPOINTEE HAS BEEN IN FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIALLY, AND AS A LEGISLATOR AT CITY HALL, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT HE, [redacted] IS A [redacted] OF THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS AND THAT APPOINTEE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION. [redacted] ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION APPOINTEE IS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF FINE MORAL CHARACTER AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FORTY SIX. HE FIRST MET MR. WAGNER WHILE SERVING AS [redacted] AND HAD BEEN POLITICALLY OPPOSED TO MR. WAGNER DURING SEVERAL CAMPAIGNS. [redacted] SAID THAT MAYOR WAGNER HAD ATTENDED HIS WEDDING AND THAT THEY WERE CLOSE FRIENDS PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. HE SERVED AS [redacted] FROM NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO NINETEEN SIXTY SIX. HE CONSIDERED MR. WAGNER TO BE A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT, CAPABLE IN DIGESTING FACTS, MAKING DECISIONS, AND EFFICIENTLY ADMINISTERING HIS DUTIES. IN ADDITION TO THE NECESSARY QUALITIES FOR LEADERSHIP, MR. WAGNER POSSESSES A CALM, EVEN TEMPERAMENT. [redacted] SAID THAT MR. WAGNER'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES AND REPUTATION ARE UNQUESTIONED, AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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STANLEY H. FULD, CHIEF JUDGE, NEW YORK COURT OF APPEALS, THIRTY SIX WEST FORTY FOURTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN YEARS. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD FREQUENTLY SOCIALIZED WITH THE APPOINTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WHILE THE APPOINTEE HAD BEEN THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

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JUDGE FULD ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH THE APPOINTEE AND HE WERE OF DEFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES, HE HAD ONLY THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE APPOINTEE AND CONSIDERED HIS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE.

JUDGE FULD ADVISED HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A HIGHLY ETHICAL PERSON AND CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES, AND REPUTATION TO BE EXCELLENT.

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THE HONORABLE EDWARD WEINFELD, USDJ, SDNY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, HAVING FIRST MET HIM THROUGH WAGNER'S FATHER, THE LATE SENATOR FROM NEW YORK. HE FOLLOWED HIS HIS CAREER AND WORKED CLOSELY WITH WAGNER; AS HE DESCRIBED IT, HE MORE OR LESS PUT YOUNG WAGNER UNDER HIS WING. HE WORKED WITH WAGNER IN THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND KNEW HIM AS A SUCCESSFUL YOUNG STATE ASSEMBLYMAN. WHEN WAGNER RAN FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN, WEINFELD WAS HIS CAMPAIGN MANAGER. HE BELIEVES WAGNER TO BE ENTIRELY COMPETENT IN ANY PUBLIC ARENA AND AS MOST SUITED FOR THE JOB WHICH WEINFELD READ TO BE IN TODAY'S PRESS, THAT OF AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN. HE STATED THAT IN HIS MANY PUBLIC ELECTIVED OFFICES WHICH HE HELD, WAGNER HAS WORKED AND BARGAINED WITH PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. HE IS AN IMPARTIAL ARBITRATOR AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BE QUITE CAPABLE OF HANDLING TOP MEN IN THE DIPLOMATIC FIELD. HE BELIEVED THAT HIS BACKGROUND IN PUBLIC OFFICE MAKES HIM EMINENTLY QUALIFIED FOR A POSITION IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE AND RECOMMENDS WAGNER FOR THIS POSITION WITHOUT ANY RESERVATION.

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JUDGE J. LUMBARD, UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND THAT HE IS PERSONABLE, HAS GOOD PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RELATIONS WITH OTHER PEOPLE AND SHOWS GOOD JUDGMENT. HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE IS INTELLIGENT AND HAS SHOWN A GREAT DEAL OF ABILITY DURING HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE. HE SAID THAT THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER AND REPUTATION WERE THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND THAT HE WAS A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

JUDGE HAROLD F. MEDINA, UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS APPOINTEE VERY WELL AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE AN EXCEEDINGLY INTELLIGENT AND COMPETENT MAN. HE STATED THAT APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER AND REPUTATION ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND HIS PATRIOTISM AND LOYALTY ARE BEYOND CRITICISM. HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE

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FOR TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND STATED HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST.

JUDGE LEONARD P. MOORE, UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT, NEW YORK CITY, STATED THAT HE KNOWS THE APPOINTEE QUITE WELL AND HAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE AFFILIATED WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES, HE KNOWS OF NO REASON WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE THE APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT THE APPOINTEE GETS ALONG WELL WITH OTHER PEOPLE, IS COMPETENT AND INTELLIGENT, AND POSSESSES EXCELLENT CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT QUESTION THE APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY AND RECOMMENDED HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

JAMES A. FARLEY, FORMER UNITED STATES POSTMASTER GENERAL AND PRESENTLY DIRECTOR, COCA COLA COMPANY, FIVE FIFTEEN MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD KNOWN FORMER MAYOR WAGNER ALL OF HIS ADULT LIFE, HAVING FIRST MET HIM WHEN HE WAS A COLLEGE STUDENT AT YALE. HE ADVISED THAT HE KNEW MR. WAGNER BOTH PERSONALLY AND AND IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE. HE SPOKE HIGHLY OF MR. WAGNER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF CHARACTER AND REPUTATION, STATING THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION CONCERNING HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. HE ADVISED THAT IF HE COULD SAY ANYTHING THAT WAS NOT COMPLETELY IN HIS FAVOR IT WOULD BE THAT MR. WAGNER WAS INCLINED TO BE SLOW IN MAKING DECISIONS BUT ADDED THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THIS MIGHT NOT BE A DISADVANTAGE. MR. FARLEY SPOKE HIGHLY OF MR. WAGNER'S FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES, NOTING THAT HE HAD ATTENDED THE FUNERAL MASS OF THE FORMER MRS. WAGNER AND ALSO ATTENDED THE WEDDING OF MR. WAGNER TO MISS BARBARA CAVANAGH. HE ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERED BARBARA WAGNER A REAL ASSET TO HER HUSBAND. MR. FARLEY CONCLUDED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED MAYOR WAGNER POLITICALLY AND WOULD PRESENTLY HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOV'T. HAD AN INTEREST.

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[redacted] ADVISED SA KENNETH J. HUNNEMEDER THAT HE HAS NO PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPOINTEE AND HAS ONLY BEEN IN HIS COMPANY ON TWO OCCASIONS AT SOCIAL AFFAIRS SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS. HE STATED HE HAS A HIGH PERSONAL REGARD FOR THE APPOINTEE BASED ON KNOWLEDGE AFFORDED THE ORDINARY CITIZEN REGARDING A PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

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[redacted] DESCRIBED AS SELF EMPLOYED [redacted] ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR PAST EIGHT YEARS AS SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE THROUGH THEIR JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN LAMBS CLUB, NEW YORK CITY. APPOINTEE PRESENTED AWARD TO HIM IN NINETEEN FIFTYNINE, FOR HAVING STAGE MANAGED A BENEFIT IN NEW YORK CITY FOR ARTHRITIC CHILDREN. [redacted] EQUALLY KNEW APPOINTEE'S LATE WIFE, SUSAN WAGNER, SOCIALLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO HER DEATH, BUT NEVER MET THEIR SONS, [redacted] AND ROBERT, AND PROFESSED TO BE NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH

THE PRESENT MRS. WAGNER. [redacted] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A PERSON OF UNQUESTIONED MORALS WHOSE PERSONAL HABITS ARE EXEMPLARY AND INTEGRITY UNQUESTIONED. HE KNEW OF NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD IMPUGN THE CHARACTER OF THE APPOINTEE, AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE TO ANY POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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PETER J. HOPKINS, TWENTY WARBURTON AVENUE, YONKERS, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR. THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE TWENTY ONE YEARS. HE MET APPOINTEE THROUGH THE CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS WHEN HE, HOPKINS, WAS NATIONAL COMMANDER. HE HAS SEEN APPOINTEE AN AVERAGE OF TEN TIMES A YEAR SINCE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. ALTHOUGH MEMBER OF OPPOSITE POLITICAL PARTY, HE HOLDS APPOINTEE IN HIGH ESTEEM REGARDING HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY AND ABILITY. HE HAD DAILY CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE AT NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, ALBANY, NEW YORK, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH APPOINTEE'S ABILITY AS AN ATTORNEY. APPOINTEE IS TACTFUL, CALM, TEMPERATE AND A CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, AND HE RECOMMENDS HIM FOR ANY POSITION INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY.

[redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS, SINCE THE PERIOD WHEN WAGNER SERVED AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND HE, [redacted] THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS PRIMARILY POLITICAL, BUT TO SOME EXTENT, IT WAS SOCIAL AND, ALTHOUGH NOT A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP, IT WAS A FRIENDLY ONE. HE KNEW WAGNER'S FIRST WIFE, SUSAN EDWARDS WAGNER, AND THEIR TWO SONS, ROBERT F. WAGNER, III, AND [redacted] AND CONSIDERED THEM TO BE FINE AND GENUINE PEOPLE AND A GOOD FAMILY. HE HAS MET WAGNER'S PRESENT WIFE, BARBARA CAVANAGH WAGNER, ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, BUT DID NOT KNOW HER VERY WELL. [redacted] DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER, FINE REPUTATION, EXCELLENT ASSOCIATES AND UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY, WHOM HE WOULD RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE KNOWS ROBERT F. WAGNER ONLY AS A PUBLIC FIGURE. HE DOES NOT KNOW WAGNER EITHER ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL OR SOCIAL LEVEL. HE DID NOTE THAT WHILE ROBERT F. WAGNER WAS SERVING AS MAYOR OF NYC, WAGNER DID APPOINT INTERVIEWEE TO THE HEALTH COUNCIL. HE DOES NOT KNOW WAGNER WELL ENOUGH TO COMMENT REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF WAGNER TO A POSITION IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

SIMON H. RIFKIND, FORMER UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, SDNY AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, FIVE SEVEN FIVE MADISON AVE., NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER FOR MANY YEARS. RIFKIND WAS A LAW PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF WAGNER, WUILLINAN AND TENNANT BEFORE HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE FEDERAL BENCH. WAGNER MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE LAW FIRM IS ROBERT FA. WAGNER'S FATHER. RIFKIND STATED THAT OVER THE YEARS HE HAS SERVED ON VARIOUS CIVIC COMMITTEES AS WELL AS BEING ACTIVE IN VARIOUS COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES WITH WAGNER. RIFKIND'S OBSERVATION OF WAGNER FOR THE PAST YEARS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE LED HIM TO CHARACTERIZE WAGNER AS A "FINE CITIZEN."

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HE HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION WAGNER'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, LOYALTY OR ASSOCIATES. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WAGNER FOR A PSOTION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

WILLIAM C. CHANLER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, WINTHROP, STIMSON, PUTNAM AND ROBERTS, FORTY WALL STREET, NYC, ADVISED SA JOHNSON THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SINCE THE DAYS OF THE LA GUARDIA ADMINISTRATION IN NYC. CHANLER STATED THAT HE IS A MEMBER OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY AS WAGNER BUT NOTED THAT HE OPPOSED WAGNER'S NOMINATION AND ELECTION AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. CHANLER STATED THAT HIS OPPOSITION TO WAGNER LED WAGNER TO CHARACTERIZE INTERVIEWEE AS A MEMBER OF THE "LOYAL OPPOSITION." CHANLER HAD SERVED AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF A COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY WAGNER TO SCREEN APPLICANTS WHO WERE BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS JUDICIAL BRANCHES. CHANLER ALSO NOTED HE HAS KNOWN WAGNER SOCIALLY, WAGNER'S FIRST WIFE HAVING BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF INTERVIEWEE'S WIFE. CHANLER BELIEVED THAT WAGNER WAS A FAR ABLER MAN THAN WAGNER'S DETRACTORS CARED TO ADMIT AND FELT THAT WAGNER WOULD EVENTUALLY BE CLASSIFIED AS A "GREAT MAYOR" OF NYC.

CHANLER STATED THAT WAGNER WAS A QUITE MANNERED INDIVIDUAL WHO GOT THINGS DONE. HE BELIEVED THAT WAGNER HANDLED HIMSELF EXTREMELY WELL DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION AS MAYOR OF NYC. HE HAD NO REASON TO QUESTION WAGNER'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WAGNER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

JOSEPH A. COX, ATTORNEY AND FORMER SURROGATE JUDGE OF NYC, TWENTY TWO EAST FORTIETH STREET, NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE HE WAS A BOY. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD LIVED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD AS THE APPOINTEE WHEN THEY WERE BOTH CHILDREN AND HE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF RESPECT FOR THE APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAD BELONGED TO THE SAME VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) GROUP AS THE APPOINTEE AND THAT HE HIMSELF HAD BEEN PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE LOYALTY DAY PARADE AND APPOINTEE HAD ALWAYS PARTICIPATED IN AND WAS VERY HELPFUL WHEN HE WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK. HE STATED HE KNEW FOR A FACT THAT HE WAS A VERY LOYAL AMERICAN AND HAD AN OUTSTANDING CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AND HE HAD NO REASON TO DOUBT HIS ASSOCIATES. HE STATED HE WOULD CONSIER HIM COMPLETELY HONEST AND A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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ADOLF A. BERLE, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, SEVENTY PINE STREET, NYC, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR MANY YEARS. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE WAS A WELL-KNOWN DEMOCRAT AND WAS KNOWN AS A HARD WORKER, WAS CONSIDERED PROMINENT AND HAD DONE VERY WELL IN LIFE. HE ADVISED THAT WHEN APPOINTEE HAD BEEN MAYOR OF NEW YORK, HE HAD BEEN A VERY HONEST MAN AND CERTAINLY WAS A MAN OF INTEGRITY. HE WOULD CONSIDER THE APPOINTEE TO BE THE TYE TYPE OF MAN THAT "COULD NOT BE BOUGHT FOR ANY PRICE." HE STATED THAT HE HAD A DEVOTION TO HIS FATHER'S REPUTATION AND THAT HE WAS FROM A WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED FAMILY IN NEW YORK. HE WAS A VERY CAPABLE MAYOR AND HE WAS WELL BRED AND TALENTED AND COULD BE COUNTED ON TO HANDLE PRACTICALLY ANY JOB WITH ESTEEM. HE WOULD CONSIDER HIM ENTIRELY LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HE WOULD NOT QUESTION HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR ASSOCIATES. MR. BERLE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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MR. EUGENE M. ZUCKERT, ONE FOUR ONE HESKETT STREET, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN TWENTYNINE. HE AND THE APPOINTEE WERE SCHOOLMATES AT YALE UNIVERSITY AND THEN THE YALE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL DURING THE PERIOD NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN. BOTH HE AND THE APPOINTEE ATTENDED THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL DURING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR TO NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE, WHICH INTERRUPTED THEIR LAW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, AND LIVED IN ADJACENT ROOMS AT THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL. HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE APPOINTEE

AND HAS ENJOYED A FRIENDLY AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE OVER THE YEARS, CONTINUING TO THE PRESENT. HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE'S FAMILY MEMBERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HIS PRESENT WIFE, AND CONSIDERED ALL MEMBERS OF THE WAGNER FAMILY TO BE INDIVIDUALS OF IMPECCABLE LOYALTY, CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. HE MAINTAINS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AND MORAL CHARACTER OF THE APPOINTEE HIMSELF, AND

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NOTED THAT IF HE WERE ASKED TO PICK FIVE AMERICANS WHOM HE WOULD RECOMMEND FOR A HIGH POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HE WOULD UNHESITATINGLY PICK THE APPOINTEE FOR SUCH RESPONSIBILITY. ZUCKERT ADDED THAT HE RETAINS THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE'S ABILITIEIS, ENERGY, AND EXPERIENCE IN PPUBLIC LIFE AND WOULD UNHESTITATINGLY CONSIDER HIM TO BE AN IDEAL APPOINTMENT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ROGER BLOUGH, CHAIRMAN , UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS, BOTH THROUGH NUMEROUS SOCIAL AND BUSINESS CONTACTS. MR. BLOUGH STATED THAT APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS UNQUESTIONABLE AND THAT HIS MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION, PERSONAL HABITS AND ASSOCIATES ARE OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER. MR. BLOUGH STRONGLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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JAMES W. FAY, COUNSEL, FIREARMS CONTROL BOARD, CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDING AT FOUR FOUR SEVEN EAST EIGHTY NINTH STREET, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR OR NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE. THEIR ASSOCIATION WAS FIRST AS NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS IN THE YORKVILLE SECTION OF NEW YORK CITY AND LATER FAY WAS APPOINTED BY WAGNER AS THE HAD OF THE ADMIRALTY SECTION, CITY CORPORATION COUNSEL OFFICE, FROM NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. THEY WERE BOTH ACTIVE IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN THE LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES, AND BECAME PERSONAL FRIENDS. WAGNER WAS CHARACTERIZED AS BEING OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, HONEST AND TRUSTWORTHY. WAGNER WAS FURTHER DESCRIBED AS A GENTLEMAN AND A MAN OF HIS WORD. FAY CONCLUDED BY RECOMMENDING WAGNER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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JOHN J. LUNCH, HONORARY CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KINGS COUNTY - LAFAYETTE TRUST CO., THREE FOUR TWO FULTON STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FORTY SIX. THEIR ASSOCIATION BEGAN WHEN LYNCH WAS ON THE BOARD OF WORKS COMMISSION FOR BROOKLYN, AND WAGNER WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY OF NEW YORK. ALSO, DURING WAGNER'S ADMINISTRATION AS MAYOR, HE APPOINTED LUNCH TO THE BOARD OF NEW YORK CITY HOSPITALS. PRESENTLY, LYNCH AND WAGNER BOTH SERVE AS TRUSTEES OF ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY. SINCE NINETEEN FORTY SIX, THEY HAVE BECOME CLOSE SOCIAL FRIENDS. HE CONSIDERED WAGNER TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT IN HIS OPINION, WAGNER WAS A CAPABLE ADINISTRATOR WHO HAS GIVEN MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK. HE STATED THAT HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS WAGNER TO A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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JUDGE JOHN T. CLANCY, SURROGATE'S COURT, EIGHTY EIGHT - ELEVEN SUTPHIN BLVD., JAMAICA, NEW YORK, WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA [redacted] JUDGE CLANCY ADVISED THAT HE HAD BEEN BOROUGH PRESIDENT, QUEENS, NEW YORK, UNDER MAYOR WAGNER AND HAD PERSONALLY BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH MAYOR WAGNER FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS. JUDGE CLANCY STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION, MAYOR WAGNER WAS A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED CHARACTER AND LOYALTY; THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, MAYOR WAGNER ENJOYED AN UNBLEMISHED REPUTATION AND HAD ASSOCIATEED ONLY WITH THE HIGHEST TYPE OF INDIVIDUALS. JUDGE CLANCY RECOMMENDED MAYOR WAGNER UNQUALIFIEDLY FOR ANY HIGH POSITION OF RUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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MR. WARREN MOSCOW, NINE TWO FOUR WEST END AVE., NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD BEEN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MAYOR WAGNER AND HAD KNOWN THE MAYOR FROM NINETEEN FIFTY TWO TWO NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. MR. MOSCOW STATED THAT HE HAD WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE MAYOR IN THIS POSITION AND THAT HE CONSIDERED THE MAYOR TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL OF UNQUESTIONABLE CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY. MR. MOSCOW STATED THAT HE DEFINTELY RECOMMENDED THE MAYOR FOR ANY HIGH POSITION

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GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA [redacted] [redacted] IN HIS LAW OFFICES AT ONE FOUR ZERO BROADWAY, NYC. GOVERNOR DEWEY ADVISED THAT HE HAD KNOWN MAYOR WAGNER DURING HIS YEARS AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK AND THAT HE CONSIDERED MAYOR WAGNER TO BE AN UPRIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY COULD NOT BE QUESTIONED. HE HAD NOT KNOWN MAYOR WAGNER SOCIALLY AND COULD NOT ADD ANYTHING REGARDING HIS ASSOCIATES. GOVERNOR DEWEY STATED THAT HE DEFINITELY WANTED TO RECOMMEND THE MAYOR FOR ANY PSOTION HE WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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USDJ JOHN F.X. MC GOHEY, USDC, SDNY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN EX-MAYOR WAGNER FOR MANY MANY YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM TO HAVE BEEN AN OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANT. IN HIS PROGRESSION THROUGH PUBLIC OFFICE HIS CAREER HAS BEEN DISTINGUISHED BY ONE SUCCESS AFTER ANOTHER. DURING THIS TIME, HE MET WITH PEOPLE OF ALL SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION AND PRESIDED OVER AND IMPARTIALLY REFEREED ALL TYPES OF LABOR, MANGEMENT, SOCIAL AND CIVIC UNRESTS. ALL OF THESE HE HANDLED IN AN EXPERIENCED MANNER AND MJUDGE MC GOHEY FEELS THAT THIS TRAINING AND BACKGROUND QUALIFIES HIM MOST EMINENTLY FOR ANY POSITION OF IMPORTANCE. HE BELIEVES THAT WAGNER WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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PAUL P. RAO, CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS COURT, TWO ZERO ONE, VARICK STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE WAS A SMALL BOY AND HIGHLY PRAISED HIS CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ABILITY AS A POLITICAL LEADER AND STATESMAN. JUDGE RAO HAS ASSOCIATED SOCIALLY WITH APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS AND WAS CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR APPOINTEE'S FATHER WHEN HE WAS LAST ELECTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE. JUDGE RAO CONSIDERS APPOINTEE AS A FINE GENTLEMAN AND LOYAL AMERICAN AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR ANY RESPONSIBLE POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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MR. MYLES J. LANE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORKSTATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATIONS, WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS LAW OFFICE, NINETEEN EAST SEVENTIETH STREET, NYC, BY SA [redacted] AND ADVISED

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HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE SOME TIME IN THE LATE NINETEEN THIRTY'S, MOSTLY THROUGH SOCIAL CONTACTS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE TESTIFIED IN OPEN HEARINGS BEFORE THE INVESTIGATIONS COMMISSION ABOUT A POSSIBLE MISUSE OF POLITICAL POSITION OR POLITICAL INFLUENCE BUT WS COMPLETELY EXONERATED. HE STATED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NOTHIG IN THE FILES OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT SHOWS ANY DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY OR ABILITY OF THE APPOINTEE. HE HIMSELF ADVISED THAT HE KNOWS OF NOTHING ADVERSE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY OR ASSOCIATIONS AND IN FACT STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECORD. HE STATED HE KNOWS OF NOTHING CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE THAT WOULD PRECLUDE HIM FROM BEING APPOINTED TO A POSITION OF TRUST IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA WILLIAM J. BARRON AT THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, SIXTY CENTRE STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

JUDGE IRVING SAYPOL ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS BEEN PERSONALLY KNOWN TO HIM SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTY SIX OR NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, AT WHICH TIME THE APPOINTEE WAS JUST STARTING HIS POLITICAL CAREER. HE HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE APPOINTEE POLITICALLY, PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY ON A RATHER LIMITED, BUT CONTINUOUS BASIS SINCE THAT TIME. HE DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS BEING A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AS TO HONESTY AND INTEGRITY AMONG HIS MANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE WAS A PARTICULARLY ASTUTE POLITICIAN AND HAS HAD A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE FIELD OF POLITICS, LEGISLATION PROTOCOL AND DIPLOMACY.

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JUDGE SAYPOL RELATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY IMPEDIMENT WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON THE APPOINTEE IN ANY RESPECT AND RECOMMENDED HIM MOST HIGHLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

JUDGE CHARLES A. LORETO ADVISED THAT THE APPOINTEE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO HIM FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TWELVE YEARS ON A VERY LIMITED, PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL BASIS. HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE TO BE A HIGHLY CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR, POLITICAN AND DIPLOMAT. HE RELATED THAT THE APPOINTEE ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG HIS ASSOCIATES AND ADVISED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON THE APPOINTEE'S QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTY, HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR SUCH A POSITION.

FRANK D. DOYLE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY HALL, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA JOHN F. MAHER AS FOLLOWS.

HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ROBERT F. WAGNER AND WAGNER'S FAMILY. HE HAS KNOWN WAGNER SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN, PRIOR TO WAGNER'S ELECTION TO THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. AT THAT TIME HE, DOYLE, WAS A POLITICAL REPORTER FOR THE "NEW YORK DAILY MIRROR" AND AS SUCH HE CLOSELY FOLLOWED WAGNER'S CAREER IN THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY. FOLLOWING WAGNER' MILITARY SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR TWO, DOYLE PICKED UP HIS ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH WAGNER AS BOTH OF THEM WERE ASSOCIATED IN WORKING FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK. WAGNER WAS A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, WAS BOROUGH PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN, NINETEEN FORTY NINE - NINETEEN FIFTY THREE, AND WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY, NINETEEN FIFITY FOUR - NINETEEN

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SIXTY FIVE. DURING NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN - NINETEE FIFTY FOUR, DOYLE WAS SECRETARY OF THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, WAS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SANTIATION IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS NINETEEN FIFRY FOUR - NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, WAS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO MAYOR WAGNER, NINETEEN FIFTY NINE - NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, AND WAS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MAYOR WAGNER NINETEEN SIXTY TWO - NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.

DOYLE KNOWS WAGNER AS A RESULT OF THEIR LONG, CLOSE ASSOCIATION IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND SOCIALLY. DOYLE REGARDS WAGNER AS A FRIEND. HE DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A WARM, FRIENDLY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE. HE FURTHER DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, OF HIGH INTEGRITY, OF FINE PERSONAL HABITS, WHOSE REPUTATION IS OF THE HIGHEST, WHOSE LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES IS UNQUESTIONED AND WHO ASSOICATES WITH INDIVIDUALS OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER. IN DOYLE'S OPINION, WAGNER WAS A

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MAN WHO PUT THE GOOD OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK OVER POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN HIS DECISIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. DOYLE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND WAGNER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

MR. DANIEL GUTMAN, DEAN, ACADEMY OF JUDICIARY, THREE THREE WASHINGTON SQUARE, NEW YORK CITY, WAS INTERVIEWED BY SA [redacted] AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.. b6 b7C

HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE ONE NINE THREE EIGHT AS A SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE AND FELLOW WORKER. GUTMAN WAS A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY IN THE LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES AND EARLY NINETEEN FORTIES WORKING TOGETHER WITH APPOINTEE ON VARIOUS MATTERS CONCERNING THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY. IN ONE NINE FIVE FOUR THE APPOINTEE APPOINTED GUTMAN AS PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE NEW YORK CITY MUNICIPAL COURT. GUTMAN WAS A LEGAL COUNSEL FOR NEW YORK GOVERNOR HARRIMAN AND WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE APPOINTEE WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. SINCE ONE NINE FIVE NINE, GUTMAN'S ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPOINTEE HAS BEEN ONLY OCCASIONAL SOCIAL MEETINGS. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE IS A VERY INTELLIGENT, ABLE PERSON OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER AND LOYALTY AND THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR ANY JOB OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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WILLIAM A. SHEA, PARTNER IN THE FIRM OF SHEA, GALLOP, CLIMENKO AND GOULD, ATTORNEYS, THREE THREE ZERO MADISON AVENUE, NYC, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY FOR A PERIOD EXTENDED OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS ON A CLOSE PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL BASIS. SHEA WAS APPOINTED BY WAGNER TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESULTED IN GETTING A NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM, THE NEW YORK METS, FOR NYC AND WAS HONORED BY WAGNER IN HAVING SHEA STADIUM NAMED AFTER HIM IN NINETEEN SIXTY TWO. SHEA AND WAGNER MAINTAIN SUMMER RESIDENCES ACROSS THE STREET FROM ONE ANOTHER AT SANDS POINT, NEW YORK. HE DESCRIBED WAGNER AS AN INTELLIGENT, HONEST AND FORTHRIGHT INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR AND GETS ALONG WITH ALL PEOPLE; A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY, LOYALTY, CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. SHEA PRAISED WAGNER, HIS FAMILY AND ASSOCIATES AS PERSONS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER AND WOULD UNHESITATINGLY RECOMMEND HIM AS BEING QUALIFIED FOR THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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THE HONORABLE CHARLES TENNEY, USDJ, SDNY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT WHEN THEY WERE COLLEGE ROOMMATES TOGETHER. HE HAS KNOWN HIM INTIMATELY SINCE THAT TIME BECOMING VERY FRIENDLY WITH HIS FIRST WIFE, NOW DECEASED. HE WORKED WITH HIM IN VARIOUS POSTS IN THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND BELIEVED THAT HE HAD COMPILED AN EXCELLENT RECORD AS A PUBLIC SERVANT. HE STATED THAT HIS EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING ALL SORTS OF DIFFICULTIES AND DISPUTES BETWEEN MANY VARIOUS FACTIONS IN THE CITY AND STATE GOVERNMENT HAS QUALIFIED HIM AS AN IMPARTIAL INTELLIGENT ARBITRATOR. HE BELIEVED THE APPOINTEE TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THIS UNDERTAKING AND WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE UNITED STATES.

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[redacted] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS AND, WHILE NOT INTIMATE FRIENDS, THEY HAVE MANY MUTUAL FRIENDS AND SOCIALIZE IN THIS REGARD. HE ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE IS AN INDIVIDUAL OF HIGHEST CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY AND AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT ADMINISTRATOR. HE SAID HE BELIEVED HIM TO HAVE THE HIGHEST REPUTATION, CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY. HE STATED FURTHER THAT THE APPOINTEE'S PRESENT WIFE IS A VERY CHARMING AND LOVELY LADY AND, SHOULD THIS APPOINTMENT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH AN AMBASSADORIAL POST, SHE WOULD DEFINITELY BE AN ASSET. HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. CALLAHAN, COUNSEL, WILLKIE, FARR AND GALLAGHER, ONE CHASE MANHATTAN PLAZA, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH

APPOINTEE, HAVING KNOWN HIM AND HIS FAMILY SINCE CHILDHOOD. HE STATED HE HAD SERVED AS A CONSULATE TO APPOINTEE IN NUMEROUS LEGAL POSITIONS WHILE APPOINTEE WAS NEW YORK CITY MAYOR. HE STATED THAT HE ADMIRED THE APPOINTEE GREATLY FOR HIS INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS OVER THE YEARS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS A HIGH CLASS, COMPETENT AMERICAN. HE STATED BOTH THE APPOINTEE'S AND HIS FAMILY'S REPUTATION, CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, AND LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARE ABOVE REPROACH. HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] HOTEL ROOSEVELT, FORTY FIVE EAST FORTY FIFTH STREET, NYC ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN WAGNER FOR OVER FIFTEEN YEARS AND HAS HAD FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH HIM THROUGH THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN POLITICS. DURING THE PAST NEW YORK STATE CONSITTUTIONAL CONVENTION IN NNETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, MAYOR WAGNER WAS A DELEGATE AND HE SAW HIM VERY OFTEN IN ALBANY. HE STATED THAT WAGNER IS AN HONEST, TRUXTWORTHY PUBLIC SERVANT WHO IS DEDICATED TO CIVIC ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH HE IS A MEMBER OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTY THAN MAYOR WAGNER, HE HAS THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR HIM AND REGARDS HIM AS A SOLID, PATRIOTIC CITIZEN. WAGNER IS AN INTELLIGENT,CAPABLE, HIGH TYPE PERSON AND THAT HE HAD A GOOD ADMINISTRATION WHEN HE WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. HE HAD OCCASIONAL SOCIAL CONTACT WITH MAYOR WAGNER AND HIS FIRST WIFE AND THAT SHE TOO WAS A VERY RESPECTABLE, HIGH TYPE PERSON. HE RECOMMENDED WAGNER FOR A REPSONSIBLE POSITON IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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GEORGE L. BELDOCK, PRESIDING JUDGE, NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, FORTY FIVE MONROE PLACE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] THAT HE IS A VERY INTIMATE FRIEND OF ROBERT WAGNER AND CONSIDERS HIM TO BE ONE OF THE FINEST PERSONS HE HAS EVER KNOWN. THE APPOINTEE IS WELL REGARDED IN NEW YORK STATE AS WELL AS THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY, AND HAS THE ABILITY TO HANDLE RESPONSIBILITIES. HE HAS SERVED AS MAYOR OF NYC FOR MANY YEARS AND HE WAS EXCELLENT IN THIS POSITION. ACCORDING TO JUDGE BELDOCK, THE APPOINTEE IS CERTAINLY A MAN OF HIGH ESTEEM AS WELL AS INTEGRITY, CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. HIS WIFE AND FAMILY ARE OF LIKE CALIBER AND HE HAS NEVER HEARD ANYONE SPEAK UNFAVORABLY ABOUT HIM. HE RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE HIGHLY IN AN IMPORTANT AND RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, BOTH POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY; CONSIDERS HIM A HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES, DESPITE WHAT HIS POLITICAL OPPONENTS MIGHT THINK OF HIM, AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM. HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE A GENTLEMAN OF THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY, AND POSSESSES AN OUTSTANDING MORAL CHARACTER. APPOINTEE HAS ALWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH TYPE INDIVIDUALS. HAYES SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

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FRANCIS J. QUILLINAN, PARTNER, WAGNER, QUILLINAN AND TENNANT, EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, THREE FIVE ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY SIX AND THAT HE HAD BEEN A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE APPOINTEE'S FATHER, THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER, HE HAS WATCHED HIM GROW IN HIS POLITICAL CAREER" FROM AN ASSEMBLYMAN UP THE LADDER TO THE MAYOR", AND HIS CONSIDERED HIM ONE OF THE "FINEST AND MOST HONEST INDIVIDUALS" HE HAS EVER MET. HE HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE DEPENDABLE, LEVEL-HEADED AND SINCERE INDIVIDUAL BOTH IN THE POLITICAL FIELD AND IN HIS PERSONAL LIFE. HE HAS BEEN A GOOD HUSBAND AND FATHER AND HE HAS RAISED HIS SONS TO BE OF EQUALLY GOOD CALIBER. HE HAS NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE AND HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THE APPOINTEE WOULD BE A CREDIT IN WHATEVER POSITION HE RECEIVES AND HE WOULD PERFORM HIS DUTIES IN A THOROUGH, CREDITABLE AND SINCERE FASHION AND "HE WOULD BE A CREDIT TO THE UNITED STATES".

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EDWIN A. TENNANT, JR., PARTNER, AFOREMENTIONED LAW FIRM, ADVISED CLOSE SA[redacted] HE FIRST MET THE APPOINTEE IN NINETEEN TWENTY NINE AND HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE APPOINTEE'S FATHER PRIOR TO THAT. HE SAID b6 b7C THE APPOINTEE WAS FRESH OUT OF COLLEGE WHEN HE ENTERED THE NYS ASSEMBLY, A POSITION WHICH HE HELD FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT THESE DATES HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL. THE APPOINTEE ENTERED MILITARY SERVICE AND HAD AN EXCELLENT WAR RECORD, AFTER WHICH HE RETURNED TO POLITICS IN NYC. HIS FIRST ELECTED OFFICE WAS THAT OF BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND HE HELD OTHER POSITIONS IN THE NYC TAX DIVISION, IN THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND IN THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, BUT THE EXACT TITLES HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL. HE SAID THE APPOINTEE WAS MAYOR OF NYC FOR TWELVE YEARS AND AT THE END OF THE THIRD TERM HE, TENNANT HELPED TO CONVINCE THE APPOINTEE NOT TO RUN FOR A FOURTH TERM BECAUSE THE POSITION WAS "TIRING HIM OUT AND MAKING OLD BEFORE HIS YEARS". HE SAID IN JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, APPOINTEE BECAME A PARTNER IN THIS FIRM AND HE HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE A VERY CAPABLE, CONSCIENTIOUS, SINCERE, LOYAL AND THOROUGH INDIVIDUAL. HE CONSIDERED HIM TO BE LEVEL HEADED AND ONE WHO ALWAYS CAREFULLY WEIGHS ALL POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO A PROBLEM BEFORE GIVING AN

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OPINION AND HE NEVER RUSHES INTO ANYTHING WITHOUT HAVING GIVEN IT DEEP CONSIDERATION. HE STATED THE APPOINTEE'S "JOB AS THE MAYOR IS A TRIBUTE TO HIS CHARACTER." HE SAID HE IS A FINE GENTLEMAN AND A DEDICATED MAN AND "HE HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF PROBLEMS." IN HIS OPINION, HE ALWAYS COME UP WITH A MOST LOGICAL CONCLUSION. HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE TO BE OF STERLING CHARACTER AND A PERSON OF HIGH MORAL AND ETHICAL STANDARDS AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND HE FELT THE APPOINTEE'S ABILITIES AND SINCERITY WILL BE THOROUGHLY DEDICATED TO THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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THE RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, TWENTY FIFTH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MADE AVAILABLE BY [redacted] REVEALED THAT ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR. WAS ADMITTED TO THAT DEPARTMENT ON TWELVE ONE THIRTY EIGHT. THE RECORDS REVEALED THAT HE WAS BORN FOUR TWENTY NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TEN, AT NEW YORK RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, YALE UNIVERSITY, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY THREE, AND LLB DEGREE IN JUNE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN. HE ALSO ATTENDED THE HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM SEPTEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR UNTIL JUNE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE. HIS PARENTS WERE SET FORTY AS ROBERT F. WAGNER, BORN IN GERMANY, AND MARGARET MC TAGUE WAGNER, BORN IN JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY. THE RECORDS REVEALED THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE SIXTEENTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT OF MANHATTAN IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHT AS AN ASSEMBLYMAN. HIS RECORD WITH THE FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT WAS SATISFACTORY.

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BAR ASSOCIATIONS

MEMBERSHIP

[redacted] NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS b6 b7C
ASSOCIATION, FOURTEEN VESEY STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA
THOMAS L. LAMB, JR. THAT
THE APPOINTEE IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THAT ASSOCIATION.
SHE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATING WHEN HE JOINED. SHE STATED THAT SHE COULD MAKE NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.

[redacted] BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION, b6 b7C
ONE TWO THREE REMSEN STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, ADVISED
SA LAMB THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD INDICATING THAT THE
APPOINTEE WAS EVER A MEMBER OF THAT ASSOCIATION.

[redacted] ASSOCIATION b6 b7C
OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FORTY TWO WEST FORTY FOURTH STREET,
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA LAMB THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO
RECORD INDICATING THAT THE APPOINTEE HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF
THAT ASSOCIATION.

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GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES

[redacted] COMMITTEE OF GRIEVANCES, b6 b7C

ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THIRTY SIX WEST FORTY FOURTH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA LAMB THAT SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.

[redacted] ADVISED SA LAMB THAT HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD b6 b7C CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE AMONG THE RECORDS OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION.

ADMISSION TO NEW YORK STATE COURTS

[redacted] NEW YORK STATE SUPREME b6 b7C COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, TWENTY FIFTH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA LAMB THAT APPOINTEE WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER ONE, THIRTY EIGHT, AND THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

JAMES V. HAYES, TWO WALL STREET, PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, NYC, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE MOSTLY SOCIALLY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS. HE DESCRIBED THE APPOINTEE AS A VERY CAPABLE ATTORNEY, AN EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL AND A FINE PUBLIC SERVANT. HE BELIEVED APPOINTEE TO BE OF EXCELLENT CAHRACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES AND HE WAS LOYAL TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE KNEW THE APPOINTEE'S FIRST WIFE AS THEY WERE MEMBERS OF THE SAME CHURCH AND SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN. HE HAS NOT MET APPOINTEE'S PRESENT WIFE, BUT HAS HEARD SHE IS AN EXTREMELY FINE PERSON. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE.

[redacted] NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, TWENTY VESEY STREET, NYC, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS AS THEY ASSOCIATED BACK IN THE THIRTIES IN MORTGAGE CLAIMS AS ATTORNEYS. HE BELIEVED APPOINTEE TO BE OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY. HE SAID HE HAS HAD VERY LIMITED SOCIAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE APPOINTEE BUT IN HIS PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS FOUND HIM TO BE A VERY FRIENDLY AND EXTREMELY CAPABLE MAN. HE WAS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE

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APPOINTEE'S FAMILY. RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE UNEQUIVOCALLY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON MAY TWENTY THREE, INSTANT, [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] NEW YORK TIMES MORGUE, TWO TWO THREE WEST FORTY THIRD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, MADE AVAILABLE HIS NEWSPAPER FILES CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE.

A REVIEW OF THE FILES BY SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] DISCLOSED VOLUMINOUS ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTEE OF A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL NATURE. A REVIEW OF THESE ARTICLES REFELCTED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTEE.

FRANCIS W. H. ADAMS, LAW FIRM OF SATTERLEE, WARFIELD AND STEVENS, TWO SEVEN SEVEN PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AND FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NYC, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE SINCE NINETEEN FORTY FIVE. HEW STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE APPOINTED HIM, ADAMS, AS POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NYC WHEN HE WAS MAYOR. HE STATED THAT HE HAS ALWAYS FOUND THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF THE HIGHEST CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION AND MORALS.

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HE STATED THAT DURING HIS TENURE AS POLICE COMMISSIONER OF NYC, THERE WERE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE GAMBLING TO REACH WITHIN THE NYC POLICE DEPARTMENT AND H, ADAMS, DID HIS UTMOST TO STOP THE GAMBLING ELEMENT

FROM MOVING INTO THE DEPARTMENT. HE STATED THAT THE APPOINTEE, WHEN MAYOR, GAVE HIM, ADAMS, QUOTE A HUNDRED PER CENT COOPERATION IN ALL DIRECTIONS CLOSE QUOTE IN THE CURTAILING OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING INTERESTS IN NYC.

HE STATED THAT HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THE APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

ADAMS FURNISHED THE ABOVE INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY AT HIS REQUEST FROM HIS SUMMER RESIDENCE AT GREAT BARRINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

DR. LUTHER H. GULICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, FIVE FIVE WEST FOUR FOUR STREET, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN THE APPOINTEE FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS BUT THAT HE DID NOT

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GET TO KNOW HIM WELL UNTIL ONE NINE FIVE THREE. HE SAID THAT WHEN WAGNER WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF NEW YORK, HEASKED GULICK TO TAKE OVER THE NEWLY CREATED POSITION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR WHICH GULICK AGREED TO FOR A TWOYEAR PERIOD. HE HELD THE POSITION FROM JANUARY ONE, ONE NINE FIVE FUR THROUGH DECEMBER THREE ONE, ONE NINE FIVE SIX, WHEN HE RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT AND BECAUSE THE OFFICE WAS ORGANIZED AND FUNCTIONING PROPELY.

DURING THESE TWO YEARS, HE WAS VERY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH WAGNER, SAW HIM DAILY AND IN EFFECT, WAS "NUMBER TWO STAFF MAN IN THE CITY GOVERRNMENT." HE SAID THAT AFTER HE RESIGNED, HE CONTINUED TO SEE WAGNER FREQUENTLY UNTIL THE ASSOCIATION GRADUALLY TAPERED OFF AND HE HAS SEEN HIM ONLY A FEW TIMES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. HE AND HIS WIFE ALSO HAD

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A VERY CLOSE SOCIAL REACTIONSHIP WITH WAGNER AND HIS FIRST WIFE, DURING HIS TERM AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR.

MR. GULICK SAID THAT WAGNER'S CHARACTER LEAVES ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO BE DESIRED. HE SAID THAT HE IS COMPLETELY HONEST, RELABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY AND IS DEEPLY SENSITIVE TO HUMAN PROBLEMS. HIS STANDARDS OF ETHICS, MORALS AND INTEGRITY ARE OF THE HIGHEST AND WHERE ANY WRONGDOING WAS FOUND IN HIS ADMINISTRATION, HE TOOK IMMEDIATE DECISIVE ACTION. HE SAID THAT AS IN EVERYTHING HE DID, WAGNER WOULD SECURE ALL OF THE FACTS FIRST AND THEN MAKE HIS DECISION. HE DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A VERY INTELLIGENT PERSON WHO HAD A FINE GRASP OF MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS AND CALLED UPON EXPERTS IN ORDER TO ASSIST HIM IN SOLVING VARIOUS PROBLEMS. MR. GULICK SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION WAGNER HAD AN OVERALL SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID THAT WAGNER'S ONLY SHORTCOMINGS AS AN EXECUTIVE ARE THAT HE IS SLOW AT TIMES TO REACH A DECISION AND HE HAS DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAIN ING A SCHEDULE BECAUSE HE IS SENSITIVE TO PEOPLE AND FINDS IT DIFFICULT NOT TO LISTEN TO THEIR PROBLEMS, HE SAID,

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HOWEVER, THAT THESE SHORTCOMINGS ARE MORE THAN OFFSET BY HIS OTHER ABILITIES, PARTICULARLY HIS SKILLFUL SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF FIRST RATE INDIVIDUALS.

MR. GULICK SAID THAT HE IS AWARE FROM READING THE NEW YORK TIMES THAT WAGNER IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN AND HE WOULD STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS APPOINTMENT. HE SAID THAT WAGNER IS VERY PERSONALBE, THAT HE CAN MEET TOP RANKING PEOPLE ON AN EQUAL BASIS AND THAT HE WOULD BE A VERY LOYAL ADHERENT O THE POLICIES LAID DOWN BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE. HE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY ARE SOLID PATRIOTIC CITIZENS AND WOULD BE A CREDIT TO THIS COUNTRY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, DR. LUTHER H. GULICK IS THE SUBJECT OF BUREAU FILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE SEVEN ZERRO TWO SEVEN TWO ENTITLED, "DR. LUTHER H. GULICK WITH ALIASES, SM DASH C.."

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[redacted] CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER b6 b7C
NEW YORK, NYC, ADVISED IC [redacted] CREDIT REPORT
DATED NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, NOTES ROBERT F. WAGNER,
WIFE BARBARA C. WAGNER, RESIDES AT ONE GRACIE TERRACE, NYC,
EMPLOYED AS LAW PARTNER WITH WAGNER, QUILLINAN AND
TENNANT, THREE FIVE ZERO FIFTH AVENUE, NYC, SINCE JANUARY, NINETEEN
SIXTY SIX. AN ADDITIONAL RESIDENCE ADDRESS DURING
DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN IS NOTED AS NINETEEN
PLUM BEACH, POINT ROAD, SANDS POINT, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK.
CREDIT RECORDS INDICATE WAGNER HIGHLY REGARDED AND NO
DEROGATORY INFORMATION APPEARS IN CREDIT FILES.

NO DEROGATORY CREDIT INFORMATION APPEARS IN FILES OF
CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK CONCERNING BARBARA JOAN
CAVANAGH, APPOINTEE'S WIFE. NO INFORMATION LOCATED IN
CREDIT FILES CONCERNING ROBERT F. WAGNER III, AND [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] APPOINTEE'S SONS.

[redacted] IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, NASSAU b6 b7C
COUNTY PD, MINEOLA, NEW YORK, WHICH COVERS

COMMUNITY OF SANDS POINT, ADVISED NO MENTION OF APPOINTEE AND FAMILY MEMBERS LOATED IN HIS OFFICE FILES.

ON MAY TWENTY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT, SA AUGUST J. MICEK CAUSED THE RECORDS OF THE NYCPD TO BE CHECKED BY [redacted] BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION; [redacted] INFORMATION UNIT; [redacted] OLD RECORD ROOM (ALL OF THE ABOVE OF THE NYCPD); AND [redacted] FINGERPRINT BUREAU, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. NO RECORDS LOCATED FOR THE APPOINTEE OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

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[redacted] SUFFOK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, b6 b7C
CENTRAL RECORDS, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT SHE COULD
LOCATE NO RECORDD FOR [redacted]
[redacted] TO CHIEF OF POLICE SOUTHAMPTON b6 b7C
TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT, SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT
SHE COULD LOCATE NO RECORD FOR [redacted]

JOHN FINLAY, CHIEF OF POLICE, SOUTHAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT,
ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] WAS GIVEN A TICKET FOR ILLEGAL PARKING ON
AUGUST FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX, AND ON AUGUST SEVENTEEN, SIXTY SIX,
HE PLEADED GUILTY AND WAS FINED FIVE DOLLARS BY JUDGE KENDRICK, JUSTICE
OF THE PEACE, SOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK.

[redacted] SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE b6 b7C
OF LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY, MONTAUK HIGHWAY, WOUTHAMPTON, NEW YORK,
ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT [redacted] IS ATTENDING
SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE AND IS AN ON-CAMPUS STUDENT.

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MR. THEORDORE W. KHEEL, MEMBER OF LAW FIRM OF BATTLEY FLWLER, STOKES AND KHEEL, TWO EIGHT ZERO PARK AVENUE, NYC, ADVISED SA [redacted] HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE WHEN BOTH WERE TAKING THEIR NEW YORK STATE BAR EXAMINATIONS DURING THE LATE NINETEEN THIRTIES AND HAS BEEN A CLOSE SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE OF APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SINCE THAT TIME. KHEEL HAS HAD FREQUENT OFFICIAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS WITH FORMER MAYOR WAGNER THROUGHOUT APPOINTEE'S TENURE IN VARIOUS NYC GOVERNMENT POSITIONS STARTING IN NINETEEN FORTY SIX, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS HE SERVED AS MAYOR. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. APPOINTEE HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF EFFECTIVENESS IN VARIOUS POSITIONS AS A HIGH ECHELON ADMINISTRATOR. KHEEL EXPRESSED UNQUALIFIED CONFIDENCE IN THE CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND CONCLUDED WITH TEH OPINION APPOINTEE WOULD PROVE EMINENTLY QULAIFIED AND EFFECTIVE IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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[redacted] ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT D. SHEA THAT HE HAS KNOWN MAYOR WAGNER SINCE WAGNER WAS THE PESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN SEVERAL YEARS AGO. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE IS OF A DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTY THAN MAYOR WAGNER, HE HAS ALWAYS FOUND HIM TO BE A HIGH TYPE INDIVIDUAL AND VERY CAPABLE. HE SAID THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW OF ANYTHING BAD TO SAY ABOUT MAYOR WAGNER AND WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE, MAYOR WAGNER'S CHARACTER IS ABOVE REPROACH.

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[redacted] ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT D. SHEA THAT HE HAS KNOWN MAYOR WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FORTY TWO, HAVING FIRST MET HIM WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS EXULTED RULER OF THE LODGE OF ELKS IN NYC. HE SAID THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN IN

THE APPOINTEE'S INTIMATE POLITICAL FAMILY, HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERS THE APPOINTEE A MAN OF HIGH INTEGRITY AND GOOD JUDGEMENT AND HAS AN INFINATE AMOUNT OF PATIENCE. HE SAID THAT THE APPOINTEE WOULD BE A CAPABLE MAN TO REPRESENT THIS COUNTRY AND HE WOULD FAVORABLY RECOMMEND HIM FOR A POSITION OF TRUST.

[redacted] STATED THAT HE WAS ACQUANITED WITH THE APPOINTEE'S FIRST WIFE, SUSAN WAGNER, HAVING MET HER AT SEVERAL SOCIAL OCCASIONS PRIOR TO HER DEATH. HE SAID THAT HIS WIFE AND HE CONSIDERED SUSAN WAGNER TO BE A VERY LOVELY PERSON. HE SAID THAT HE HAS MET THE APPOINTEE'S PRESENT WIFE, BARBARA, ON A FEW OCCASIONS AND CONSIDERS HER A HIGH TYPE INDIVIDUAL.

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[redacted] ADVISED SPECIAL AGENT JOHN F. MAHER AS FOLLOWS:

HE IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ROBERT F. WAGNER AND HAS KNOWN WAGNER SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT. HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF WAGNER IS DUE TO HIS, [redacted] MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEGISLATURE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK FROM NEW YORK CITY DURING THE PERIOD OF NINETEEN FIFTY EIGHT TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE, DURING WHICH PERIOD WAGNER WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. [redacted] AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK CITY LEGISLATORS IN THE NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY MET OFTEN WITH WAGNER ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY OF NEW YORK, PARTICULARLY DURING THE PERIOD OF NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE. HE HAS ASSOCIATED WITH WAGNER OCCASIONALLY AT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS. HE HAS MET BUT IS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH WAGNER'S WIFE, BARBARA, AND WAGNER'S TWO SONS. WAGNER APPOINTED [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A FRIENDLY JOVIAL INDIVIDUAL WHO GOT ALONG VERY WELL WITH PEOPLE. HE FOUND WAGNER TO BE A MAN OF HIS WORD IN THE POLITICAL SENSE IN THAT IF WAGNER STATED HE WOULD TAKE A POSITION OF A CERTAIN MATTER HE WOULD DO SO REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES. HE FOUND WAGNER TO BE A COMPASSIONATE INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD A DEEP AND SINCERE REGARD FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY, PARTICULARLY THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. [redacted] FURTHER DESCRIBED WAGNER AS A MAN OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER WITH FINE PERSONAL HABITS WHO HAS A FINE REPUTATION AND IS UNQUESTIONABLY A LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC AMERICAN CITIZEN. [redacted] WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND WAGNER FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNTED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR AND WFO PLAINTEXT

FROM BALTIMORE 1P

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER; SPI, BUDED MAY TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT.

REBUTEL AND TELEPHONE CALL, MAY TWENTY-TWO, LAST; BA TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO, MAY TWENTY-THREE, INSTANT.

DCII CHECKED TODAY REFLECTS USAIRR FILE AND FOLLOWING FILE REFERENCES POSSIBLY IDENTICAL APPOINTEE; AACSI-ONE ZERO NINE TWO THREE ONE ONE FOUR; NIS FILES MO SEVEN FIVE ONE-ONE ZERO FIVE ONE, TWO AND FOUR; OSI FILES FIVE FOUR-SEVEN-EIGHT ZERO TWO TWO/SEVEN AND FIVE FOUR-THREE THREE-ONE NINE NINE NINE ZERO/ONE.

REVIEW OF USAIRR FILE TODAY REFLECTS NO DEROGATORY DATA RE APPOINTEE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (161-0-SUB. A) (RUC) 1P

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAY TWO EIGHT NEXT.

RE BUTEL MAY TWO TWO LAST.

WAGNER NOT MEMBER ABA. NO LISTED GRIEVANCES OR UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION ON FILE. NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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FBI ALBANY

1:06 PM URGENT 5/23/68 PXB

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBANY (161-868) 1P

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER; SPI; BUDED MAY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

REBUTEL, MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

RECORDS, NYS COURT OF APPEALS, ALBANY, NY, REVEAL WAGNER ADMITTED TO NYS BAR AT FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, NYC, ON DECEMBER ONE, THIRTYEIGHT; IS ATTORNEY IN GOOD STANDING AND NO GRIEVANCES OR OTHER DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON FILE. NO RECORD FOUND NYS BAR ASSOCIATION, ALBANY. SERVICE IN NYS ASSEMBLY, NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYTWO VERIFIED; ASSEMBLYMAN MAX M. TURSCHEN, WHO SERVED IN ASSEMBLY WITH WAGNER, AND ANTHONY J. TRAVIA, NOW SPEAKER OF NYS ASSEMBLY, COMMENTED FAVORABLY AND RECOMMENDED HIGHLY. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL NEGATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR WASHINGTON FIELD DENVER

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM ST. LOUIS

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPI, BUDED MAY TWO THREE INSTANT.

REBUTEL AND BUPHONE CALL, MAY TWO TWO LAST AND ST. LOUIS PHONE CALLS TO DENVER AND WFO, MAY TWO THREE INSTANT.

APPOINTEE'S USAF SERVICE RECORDS NOT LOCATED MPRC, SLMO. CHECK OF AIR FORCE RESERVE ROSTER DISCLOSED ROBERT F. WAGNER, SERIAL NUMBER ZERO NINE ZERO ZERO ONE ONE EIGHT, CURRENTLY IN USAFR. SERVICE RECORDS SHOULD BE ON FILE AT AIR RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER, DENVER, COLORADO.

PERSONNEL RECORDS FOR APPOINTEE'S MEMBERSHIP IN PRESIDENT'S CRIME COMMISSION NOT LOCATED NPRC, SLMO.

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FBI NEW HAVEN

1030AM URGENT 5/23/68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR, AND WFO

FROM NEW HAVEN (161-912)

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED MAY TWO THREE INSTANT.

REBUTEL MAY TWENTYTWO LAST.

RECORDS YALE U. REFLECT EUGENE V. ROSTOW, US DEPT. OF STATE, AND EUGENE M. ZUCKERT, U.S. ARMY, PENTAGON, WERE CLASSMATES OF WAGNER IN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, AND LAW SCHOOL, THIRTYSEVEN

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW HAVEN (161-912) 1P

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED MAY TWENTY THREE INSTANT.

MR. CLEVELAND ROOM 4245

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RECORDS REGISTRAR-S OFFICE, YALE COLLEGE, REFLECTED THAT WAGNER ENTERED YALE SEPT. TWENTY-NINE AND RECEIVED BA DEGREE IN JUNE THIRTY-THREE. GRADUATED TAFT SCHOOL, NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE.

RECORDS YALE LAW SCHOOL DISCLOSED WAGNER ENROLLED SEPT. TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE, COMPLETED FIRST YEAR AND BY VIRTUE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM BETWEEN YALE AND HARVARD U., HE ATTENDED HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL SEPT. THIRTY-FOUR - JUNE THIRTY-FIVE. RETURNED TO YALE LAW SCHOOL AND RECEIVED LLB DEGREE JUNE TWENTY-THREE, THIRTY-SEVEN, AND ALSO A LAW BUSINESS CERTIFICATE. GRADES CONSIDERED AVERAGE. NO INSTRUCTORS NOW ON CAMPUS WHO TAUGHT WAGNER. RECORDS NEW HAVEN CREDIT BUREAU AND NEW HAVEN PD NEGATIVE. REPORT FOLLOWS. P

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Confirming telephone call of SA [redacted] WFO, to SAC WILLIAM B. SOYARS of Portland requesting that comments of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY be secured concerning appointee, ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, former mayor of New York City. See "Who's Who" for background. Extremely expedite White House request, position not known. Submit results to Bureau in teletype summary.

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[redacted] UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TWO ONE SEVEN HARRISON AVENUE, HARRISON, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA ROBERT L. STEVENSON, JR., THAT HE HAS KNOWN [redacted] APPOINTEE OVER TWENTY YEARS. HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH APPOINTEE FREQUENTLY WHEN HE, [redacted] AND APPOINTEE WAS MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY. APPOINTEE WAS AN ABLE COMPETENT, HONEST AND RELIABLE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND HE WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO PUT HIS FINGER ON PROBLEMS OF NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT. HE IS A

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PATIENT, DIPLOMATIC AND THOUGHTFUL PERSON AND NOT THE TYPE TO LOSE HIS "COOL". HE HAS MAINTAINED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH APPOINTEE OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS AND HOLDS HIM IN HIGH ESTEEM. HE KNEW OF NOTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ASSOCIATES, INTEGRITY OR ABILITY AND RECOMMENDED HIM FOR ANY POSITION INVOLVING THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

PAUL R. SCREVANE, VICE PRESIDENT, MAC CLEAN SERVICE COMPANY, INC., TEN EAST FORTIETH STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY FOR TWENTY TWO YEARS ON A PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BASIS. SCREVANE SERVED AS COMMISSIONER OF SANITATION, DEPUTY MAYOR (NINETEEN SIXTY ONE) AND PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL (NINETEEN SIXTY ONE DASH SIXTY FIVE) DURING THE WAGNER ADMINISTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY. HE CITED WAGNER AS AN EXCEPTIONALLY LOYAL AMERICAN OF IMPECCABLE CHARACTER, REPUTATION, HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND ASSOCIATES WHO IS A PROVEN ADMINISTRATOR AND GETS ALONG WELL WITH ALL PEOPLE. SCREVANE PRAISED WAGNER AND HIS FAMILY AS PERSONS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED WAGNER AS BEING QUALIFIED FOR A HIGH POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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BERNARD J. RUGGIERI, NINE ONE ZERO EIGHT COLUMBIA ROAD, NYC, COUNSEL TO THE SENATE MINORITY LEADER, STATE CAPITOL, ALBANY, NEW YORK, ADVISED SA FRANCIS X. GANTLEY THAT HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER FOR APPROXIMATLEY TEN YEARS ON A PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL BASIS. RUGGIERI, WHO HELD THE POSITION AS ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR DURING ROBERT WAGNER'S TERM AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK, STATED THAT WAGNER'S LOYALTY TO HIS COUNTRY IS UNQUESTIONED AND THAT HE IS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY THE SAME FOR WAGNER'S FAMILY. RUGGIERI COULD PROVIDE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING WAGNER. RUGGIERI CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT IN HIS OPINIION ROBERT WAGNER WOULD QUALIFY FOR ANY POSITION OFFERED TO HIM BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. THEREFORE, HE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO RECOMMEND HIM FOR ANY POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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HONORABLE JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, REPRESENTATIVE, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NINETY SIX DASH ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED ONE AVENUE, OZONE PARK, QUEENS, NY, ADVISED SA JAMES P. MANSFIELD THAT HE HAS KNOEWN APPOINTEE SINCE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN FIFTY THREE, PRINCIPALLY AS A RESULT OF THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF NYC. SOME SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH APPOINTEE HAVE OCCURRED DURING THIS SAME PERIOD OF TIME. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN EXTREMELY ABLE AND COMPETENT MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK WHO FULFILLED HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THAT POSITION WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION. THE APPOINTEE IS UNQUESTIONABLY A MAN OF THE HIGHEST PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY, FAIR AND JUST IN HIS DEALINGS WITH PEOPLE, AND HIS PERSONAL BEHAVIOR AND INTERESTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUCH AS TO WARRANT CONFIDENCE IN HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES. REPRESENTATIVE ADDABBO BELIEVES APPOINTEE WOULD PROVE TO BE AN EMINENTLY QUALIFIED AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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ADVISED SA [redacted] THAT HE HAD SERVED IN THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL DURING MAYOR WAGNER'S TENURE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NY AND, DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE WAS OF DIFFERENT POLITICAL PERSUASION AND DIFFERED WITH MAYOR WAGNER ON OCCASION RELATIVE TO POLITICAL MATTERS, HE RETAINED ONLY THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR THE APPOINTEE'S PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND ABILITIES. THE APPOINTEE'S AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS' CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN COMMENDABLE. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE OPINION THAT THE APPOINTEE WOULD PROVE TO BE A HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND COMMENDABLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

IT IS NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY TO THE HONORABLE EMMANUEL CELLER, REPRESENTATIVE, TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, KINGS COUNTY, NY, US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ONE FIVE ZERO ONE BROADWAY, NYC, WAS CONTACTED IN AN EFFORT

TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVE CELLER. SHE AGREED TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE CELLER, ADVISE HIM OF PURPOSE OF DESIRED INTERVIEW AND AGREED TO HAVE HIM CONTACT NYO. SHE WAS RECONTACTED DURING LATE AFTERNOON, MAY TWENTY FOUR, INSTANT, AND ADVISED SHE ACQUAINTED REPRESENTATIVE CELLER WITH FBI'S INTEREST IN INTERVIEWING HIM AND PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW AND HE HAD INDICATED HE WOULD CONTACT NYO. TO DATE, REPRESENTATIVE CELLER HAS NOT CONTACTED NYO.

UACB, NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE CELLER. IN EVENT HE DOES CONTACT NYO, REPRESENTATIVE CELLER WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE FURNISHED TO BUREAU.

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MR. ABE STARK, PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, BOROUGH HALL, BROOKLYN, NY, ADVISED SA JAMES F. REILLY HE HAS KNOWN ROBERT F. WAGNER SOCAILLY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS AND WORKED INTIMATELY WITH APPOINTEE DURING PERIOD NINETEEN FIFTY THREE THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR JOINT EFFORTS RELATED TO THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ESTIMATE. STARK EXPRESSED UNQUALIFIED RESPECT FOR APPOINTEE'S ABILITIES, DEDICATION AS A PUBLIC SERVANT AND HIS NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND ALL OF ITS CITIZENS. IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT APPOINTEE'S AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS' CHARACTER, LOYALTY, REPUTATION, AND ASSOCIATES ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND HE CONCLUDED WITH AN UNQUALIFIED RECOMMENDATION FAVORING APPOINTEE'S SUITABILITY FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IT IS NOTED THAT REFERENCES TO ROBERT WAGNER APPEARING IN VARIOUS EDITIONS OF "DAILY WORKER", AS MENTIONED IN HCUA FILES AND FURNISHED BY WFO, WERE REVIEWED ON MAY TWENTY THREE LAST AND NO INFORMATION CONSIDERED PERTINENT TO INSTANT INVESTIGATION LOCATED THEREIN.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of articles appearing in New York City newspapers concerning appointment of ROBERT F. WAGNER.

The first article captioned "Wagner Proposed as Envoy to Spain" appeared in "The New York Times", Late City Edition of 5/23/68, page 1, column 7 and page 8, column 1.

The second article captioned "Bob Wagner is Mum But All Set to Say Si" appeared in the "New York Daily News", Final Edition of 5/24/68, page 5, columns 2 and 3.

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WAGNER PROPOSED AS ENVOY TO SPAIN

Madrid Accepts Ex-Mayor After McKinney Falls Ill

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 22 — The Spanish Government has agreed to the nomination of Robert F. Wagner, former Mayor of New York City, as Ambassador to Spain.

Diplomatic sources, who declined to be identified, said today Mr. Wagner's name had been submitted recently by President Johnson, following the heart attack suffered by Frank E. McKinney, the Ambassador-designate.

In New York Mr. Wagner said tonight that he had not heard that the Spanish Government had agreed to his nomination and declined to say directly whether he had been nominated.

Mr. McKinney, an Indiana banker and former Democratic

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national chairman, was no nated for the Madrid post March 23.

He was subseqeuntly proved by the Senate Fore Relations Committee.

During brief testimony, suggested that Spain might accepted as a member of North Atlantic Treat Organ tion following the death resignation of Generalissi Francisco Franco.

The testimony evoked str diplomatic representations

The New York Times

Robert F. Wagner

took exception to suggestions that the Spanish chief of state might be personally responsible for Spain's exclusion from the 15-nation alliance.

Soon after his confirmation, Mr. McKinney suffered a heart attack and has since been confined to bed in his home in Indianapolis.

Mr. Wagner would succeed Angier Biddle Duke, who had been Ambassador in Madrid for three years until he returned April 1 to resume his previous duties as chief of protocol at the State Department.

Spain has denounced her defense agreement with this country, which is due to expire next September, and has proposed negotiations for renewal.

Under such agreements, first instituted in 1953 following the Korean war, the United States has built four major airbases, numerous minor facilities and a large naval and naval air base at Rota near Cadiz which serves, with Holy Loch, Scotland, as one of the two major Polaris nuclear submarine bases in Europe.

Talks are scheduled to begin here this summer.

Influence In State Declined

Robert F. Wagner parlayed a famous name and a dogged instinct for political survival into two terms in the state Assembly, a term as Manhattan Borough President and three terms as Mayor.

But less than three years after retiring undefeated from City Hall, he had become a relatively minor figure in Democratic state politics.

In fact, the influence of Senator Robert F. Wagner's son began to fade in 1964, when Senator Robert F. Kennedy moved from Massachusetts to New York to run for the Senate. The former Mayor was not enthusiastic about the Kennedy entrance, but he supported the newcomer.

There was one open clash between Mr. Wagner and Mr. Kennedy in 1965, when the two officials backed opposing Democrats for the leadership of the State Senate and Assembly. The Mayor won that fight with the help of Republican votes supplied by Governor Rockefeller.

But that was Mr. Wagner's last victory. He tapped City Council President Paul R. Screvane later that year as his choice for Mayor, but Mr. Screvane was defeated in the Democratic primary by Abraham Beame, who was then defeated by Mayor Lindsay.

NEWS photo by Frank Hurley

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner at the Waldorf yesterday.

Bob Wagner Is Mum But All Set to Say Si

By RICHARD HENRY

Robert Ferdinand Wagner, 58 last month, is ready to chuck the private life he turned to so happily 2 years ago after his third term ac mayor. He's set to reenter public service, his domain for 28 years, this time as U.S. ambassador to Spain.

"It's a very important position and a very high honor," he said last night. He also indicated that he likes the Spaniards very much and will enjoy being the ambassador.

Wagner didn't exactly say that he's going to Spain. In fact, he insisted that he hadn't been notified and that "any statement about the appointment would have to come through the White House press secretary Mr. (George) Christian."

Hubie Says It's So

But there wasn't any doubt about it. Vice President Hubert Humphrey, here to make a campaign speech, said that Wagner had not only been nominated for the post but had been accepted by the Spanish government.

Wagner, who is co-chairman of Humphrey's New York State campaign committee, said that he would continue at that job. He said he had had no timetable for his Madrid assignment, which requires Senate confirmation.

The diplomatic mission would effectively remove the mayor from politics. Only recently, he had indicated possible interest in running for governor.

Asked about personal feelings toward the Franco government, Wagner diplomatically dodged the issue. But he said: "I've been to Spain and like the Spanish people." He speaks Spanish.

Since leaving City Hall, Wagner has been practicing law.

Wagner's first wife, the former Susan Edwards and mother of his two sons, died in 1964. In July 1965 he married Barbara Joan Cavanagh. They live in Wagner's old neighborhood, Yorkville.

WAGNER TO MADRID

The President on March 23 nominated Frank E. McKinney as Ambassador to Spain, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the nomination. Mr. McKinney then fell ill, and now Vice President Humphrey reveals that ex-Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City is the President's new choice for the Madrid ambassadorship.

It sounds like a good idea. At least, the suave and tactful Mr. Wagner would be highly unlikely to pull any such booboos as McKinney's remark to the abovementioned Senate committee that Spain might well be admitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization after the death or resignation of its dictator, Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

In short, ex-Mayor Wagner looks better and better to us as the Lindsay administration bumble-fumble-stumbles along, and we wish him all the best.

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On 5/24/68, Mr. EUGENE V. ROSTOW, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State, advised SA [redacted] that he has known the appointee, ROBERT F. WAGNER, very well both socially and professionally since 1929. He explained he and WAGNER were classmates at Yale University from 1929 to 1933, and again at Yale Law School from 1933 to 1937. He recalled that he has seen the appointee very frequently over the years since that time and considers him to be a close personal friend. Mr. ROSTOW stated that he is absolutely certain of the appointee's loyalty and devotion to his country, he added that there has never been any question in his mind that WAGNER is dedicated to the best interests of the United States. He reported that the appointee's character, habits, morals, reputation and associations are of the very highest type, to the best of his knowledge, and he recommended him "without hesitation or reservations" for a Government position of trust. He mentioned that the appointee

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is an extremely able, intelligent, alert and reliable person. Mr. ROSTOW advised that the appointee's first wife is deceased and his present wife is a person of the very highest type. Mr. ROSTOW concluded by remarking that nothing has ever come to his attention that would raise the slighest question concerning WAGNER's suitability for a high Government position, including even a position of cabinet rank.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 5/23/68. b6 b7C

Senator JACOB K. JAVITS advised he has known the appointee since the mid 1930's on a political and social basis. He noted the appointee had each campaign as representatives of their respective political parties during the Congressional election in which Senator JAVITS was elected as Senator. He noted that the appointee has had a distinguishing political career within the State of New York. He said he and the appointee have had political differences in the past which differences resulted from their own personal theoretical views. He said he has had no reason to question the appointee's professional integrity and considered him to be "dollar honest." He said he has at all times discharged the various positions of trust to which he had been elected or appointed in a high degree of competency.

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Senator JAVITS noted he had read an edition of the New York Times Newspaper on 5/23/68, in which the appointee had been mentioned as a prospective Ambassador to Spain. He said the appointee's previous experience and his high personal and professional standards eminently qualifies him for such a position.

Senator JAVITS noted he had been well acquainted with the appointee's late wife, SUSAN EDWARDS WAGNER, and has known his present wife, BARBARA JOAN CAVANAGH WAGNER, for many years. He said he has had the highest personal respect for them.

Senator JAVITS recommends the appointee for a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government, saying his contacts with him over the years as well as information available to him concerning the appointee has provided him with no basis in which to question his character, associates, reputation or loyalty.

Representative THEODORE R. KUPFERMAN advised he has had close political contact with the appointee since 1958, when the representative had been a Republican member of the city Council of New York City. He noted the appointee at this time was Mayor of the City of New York. He said that he and the appointee had known each other on a social basis for a number of years prior to this time.

Representative KUPFERMAN said he had on numerous occasions visited the residence of the appointee and his late wife, SUSAN, and had been a social acquaintance of the appointee's wife, BARBARA, for a number of years prior to their marriage. He said the appointee's marital life had been exemplary.

He described him as a dedicated public servant and as a loyal American. He had no question concerning his personal or professional standards. He recommends him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

Representative PAUL A. FINO advised he has known the appointee for more than ten years primarily as a result of the appointee's excellent public record as Mayor of the City of New York. He did not consider himself to be an intimate friend of the appointee. Representative FINO noted that although he is a Republican member of the House of Representatives he heartly endorses the appointee to any position of trust and responsibility in the United States. He said he had no question concerning his integrity nor as to his sense of responsibility in the discharge of the many public offices which the appointee has held. He considers him to be a loyal American citizen of good character, reputation and associates.

[redacted] advised he has known the appointee on a political and social basis for approximately five years. He said he is aware the appointee has occupied high positions of trust and responsibility within the State of New York prior to this. He noted he is acquainted with the appointee's wife. b6 b7C

[redacted] characterized the appointee as a loyal American citizen. He said he knew of no information which would preclude him from his appointment to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government. He had no question concerning his loyalty nor as to his choice of associates. He said he had learned from newspaper accounts appearing in the New York Times Newspaper on 5/23/68, that the appointee is under consideration for nomination as Ambassador to Spain. He recommends him to this position without hesitation. b6 b7C

Representative SEYMOUR HALPERN advised he has been a close personal friend of the appointee since 1940 when Representative HALPERN had been a Republican member of the New York State Senate and the appointee had been a member of the New York State Assembly. He said that during this

tire he and the appointee co-sponsored legislation relating to New York State Civil Service employees and other labor bills.

Representative HALPERN said he had also been a close social acquaintance of the appointee's wife, SUSAN, and has known his present wife, BARBARA, for a number of years.

Representative HALPERN described the appointee as a dedicated public servant and as a loyal American citizen. He noted that throughout the appointee's distinguished political career there had been no instances in which his integrity or personal honesty had been challenged. He said his personal and professional standards as well as his moral reputation are above reproach. He recommended him without hesitation to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government.

[redacted] advised he has known the appointee on a political and social basis since the mid 1950's. He said he has the highest respect for the appointee's career as Mayor of the City of New York. He knew of no information which would cause him to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty. He declined to recommend him to a position of trust and responsibility in the United States Government saying he could not furnish such a recommendation without knowledge of the position for which the appointee is presently being considered. Rep- [redacted] stressed his refusal to furnish additional recommendations concerning him should not be construed as a reflection upon the appointee's qualifications to hold a high public position of trust nor as a reflection upon the appointee's integrity.

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Synopsis:

Appointee served on active duty in Army of United States and Army Air Corps during period 1/10/42 - 12/11/45. His overall performance was noted in file as superior. He is presently designated a Ready Reservist in U. S. Air Force, in grade of Colonel.

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DETAILS:

The Master Service File of ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR., Serial Number FV (AO) 900118, was reviewed on May 22 and 23, 1968, at the Records Service Division, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado. This file reflects appointee was born on April 20, 1910, at New York City, New York. He was commissioned on January 8, 1942, at Washington, D. C., in the grade of First Lieutenant for service in the Army of the United States. He went on extended active duty on January 10, 1942. On September 5, 1942, he was assigned to the Air Corps (Army), in the grade of Captain. He was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on January 1, 1945. The appointee was separated from the service, in the same grade, on December 11, 1945, after being honorably released from active military service due to demobilization. He has not served on extended active duty since that date.

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On December 11, 1945, WAGNER accepted an appointment as Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Corps Reserve.

His file shows that his overall performance reports were superior. He served outside the Continental Limits of the United States during the period May 3, 1943 - August 3, 1945 (European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations). He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with six Bronze Combat Stars and the Bronze Star Medal. His military occupation specialty was Judge Advocate General.

On April 1, 1953, at which time he was a Lieutenant Colonel, he acknowledged his acceptance of the appointment as Reserve Officer in the United States Air Force for an indefinite term. He was promoted to Colonel on November 30, 1956. WAGNER's most recent Reserve assignment is with the 9215th Air Reserve Squadron, New York, New York, and is presently designated a Ready Reservist. His Primary Air Force Specialty is Information Staff Officer.

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TITLE OF CASE

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER

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SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCES: Bureau telephone call, 5/23/68;
Portland teletype to Bureau, 5/23/68.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Portland, Oregon b6 b7C
Date: 5/24/68

Field Office File #: 161-201 Bureau File #:

Title: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's administrative aide advised the Senator would not make any comments regarding WAGNER until nature of position determined.

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DETAILS:

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Kennedy's Headquarters, 907 S.W. Alder, Portland, Oregon, advised on May 23, 1968, that he would endeavor to arrange an interview with the Senator sometime during the day after the purpose of the interview was explained.

At 4:40 p.m., May 23, 1968, [redacted] telephonically advised that he had just established contact with Senator KENNEDY and the Senator indicated that he did not desire to make any comments concerning ROBERT F. WAGNER until he first had determined the nature of the position for which he was being considered. [redacted] stated that at the request of the Senator, he was telephonically contacting the White House, after which he would advise if any comments forthcoming. b6 b7C

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: 5/24/68

FROM : W. V. Cleveland

SUBJECT: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR.
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend the results of investigation regarding Mr. Wagner be furnished to the White House.

Request for investigation received 5/22/68. Mr. Wagner, aged 58, the former Mayor of New York City, is being considered for Presidential appointment, position not stated; however, information appeared in newspapers on 5/23/68 indicating he is being considered for position as Ambassador to Spain.

Investigation is favorable and complete, with exception of three outstanding agency checks and interviews with three United States Representatives from New York who have been unavailable for interview but who have indicated they wish to be interviewed regarding Mr. Wagner. It is to be noted Senator Robert F. Kennedy indicated he would not make any comments regarding Mr. Wagner unless he is aware of the position for which he is being considered. Additionally, [redacted] indicated although he has no reason to question Mr. Wagner's character, associates, or loyalty, he would not furnish a recommendation until he specifically knows the position for which he is being considered. b6 b7C

ACTION: Attached for approval is a letter transmitting a summary memorandum concerning Mr. Wagner to the White House.

Enc. sent 5-24-68

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Gale
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1 - Mr. Gale
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May 24, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

In accordance with a request received from you on May 22, 1968, an investigation has been conducted regarding Mr. Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

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Excl.

[redacted]

Information has been received from three governmental agencies* indicating a check of their files regarding Mr. Wagner has not been completed. When these checks are completed and when the results of interviews with several individuals** who have been unavailable for interview are received, you will be advised.

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

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Sincerely yours,

*OSI, Passport Office, and Secret Service

**U.S. Representatives Celler, Reid, and Addabbo, who are in a travel status but who requested they be interviewed in New York City late 5/24/68 or shortly thereafter.

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NOTE: See memo Cleveland to Gale dated 5/24/68 re ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR., SPI - WHITE HOUSE. AWW:pmn.

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May 24, 1968

ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

SUMMARY

Birth

Mr. Wagner was born on April 20, 1910, in New York City. N.Y.

Education

He attended Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from September, 1929, to June, 1933, receiving a B.A. degree. He again attended Yale University from September, 1933, to June, 1934, and from September, 1935, to June, 1937, receiving an LL.B. degree.

From September, 1934, to June, 1935, Mr. Wagner attended Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and successfully completed the courses in which he was enrolled.

Mr. Wagner reportedly attended the School of International Relations, Geneva, Switzerland, during the Summer of 1934.

Employment

1 GRACIE TERRACE, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Subsequent to June, 1937, and prior to September, 1941, Mr. Wagner traveled extensively with his father, Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Sr., the late United States Senator from New York. Additionally, during that period Mr. Wagner reportedly was associated with his father in the private practice of law in New York City.

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Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr.

From September, 1941, to January, 1942, Mr. Wagner was a partner in the law firm of Wagner, Quillinan, and Tennant, New York City.

Additionally, Mr. Wagner served as a New York State Assemblyman from January, 1938, until he entered the United States Army in January, 1942.

From January, 1946, to December, 1946, Mr. Wagner served as Tax Commissioner of New York City.

During 1947 he served as Commissioner of Housing and Buildings, New York City.

During 1948 and 1949 Mr. Wagner served as Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission.

From January, 1950, to December, 1953, Mr. Wagner served as President of the Borough of Manhattan, New York. Mr. Wagner served as Mayor of New York City from January, 1954, through December, 1965.

Since January, 1966, he has again been a partner in the law firm of Wagner, Quillinan, and Tennant, New York City.

In addition to the foregoing employments, Mr. Wagner served as a member of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice during 1965.

Marital Status

Mr. Wagner's first wife, the former Susan Edwards, died in March, 1964. Two children were born of that marriage, namely Robert III, who is attending Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, and [redacted] b6 b7C

In July, 1965, Mr. Wagner married the former Barbara Joan Cavanagh and they presently reside at 1 Gracie Terrace, New York City.

Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr.

Military Service

On January 8, 1942, Mr. Wagner was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army, and he entered on active duty on January 10, 1942. He was transferred to the United States Army Air Corps on September 5, 1942, and he served with that branch of the United States Army until December 11, 1945, when he was honorably released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel by reason of demobilization. Since the latter-mentioned date, Mr. Wagner has served in the United States Army Air Corps Reserve and subsequently in the United States Air Force Reserve. He presently holds the rank of colonel. His service record is clear.

II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Interviews

Francis J. Quillinan, partner in the law firm of Wagner, Quillinan, and Tennant, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Wagner since the late 1920's, adding he was a close friend of Mr. Wagner's father. He said he has watched Mr. Wagner's political career over the years, and he stated he considers him to be one of the finest and "most honest" individuals he has ever met. He described Mr. Wagner as a dependable, levelheaded, and sincere individual who is a good husband and father. He related he believes Mr. Wagner will be an asset in any position to which he might be appointed, and he said in his opinion Mr. Wagner will perform his duties in a thoroughly creditable and sincere fashion. According to Mr. Quillinan, no information of an adverse nature has ever come to his attention regarding Mr. Wagner, and he highly recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] advised he has known Mr. Wagner on a professional and social basis for 20 years. He said in his opinion Mr. Wagner is an honorable, b6 b7C

highly competent, and efficient public official and attorney who has served in various public offices with distinction. He related Mr. Wagner's statements and behavior while in his presence have been those of an ethical man of unquestioned moral values and professional and personal integrity. He further advised Mr. Wagner always impressed him as a man who gave unstintingly of his boundless ability and energy in promoting the welfare of the citizens of New York City. Mr. Morgenthau expressed confidence in Mr. Wagner's ability, adding in his estimation he will prove a worthy and able representative of the United States Government. He highly recommended Mr. Wagner for a position of trust and confidence.

Stanley H. Fuld, Chief Judge, New York State Court of Appeals, New York City, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wagner for 10 years on a social and professional basis. He said although he and Mr. Wagner have different political affiliations he has the highest regard for Mr. Wagner's professional qualifications in the field of public service. He said he considers him to be an ethical individual whose character, associates, loyalty, and reputation are above reproach, and he recommended Mr. Wagner for a position of trust and confidence.

Edward Weinfeld, Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Wagner since Mr. Wagner entered public office in the late 1930's. He said he has followed Mr. Wagner's career over the years and worked closely with him when both were with the New York City Planning Commission. Additionally, he said he served as Mr. Wagner's campaign manager when he successfully ran for the position of President of the Borough of Manhattan, New York. Judge Weinfeld indicated he understands Mr. Wagner is being considered for the position of United States Ambassador to Spain, and he said it is his belief Mr. Wagner is well suited for such a position. In that regard he related during the periods Mr. Wagner has held public office he worked and bargained with people in many walks of life and proved to be an impartial arbitrator and an individual capable of handling "top men in the diplomatic

field." Judge Weinfeld further stated Mr. Wagner's background makes him eminently qualified for a position in the foreign service of the United States, and he recommended him for such a position without reservation.

Terrence J. Cooke, Archbishop of New York, was interviewed in New York City, and advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wagner for approximately 15 years. He said he has come to recognize him as a notable, able, competent, exemplary, honorable, highly principled, and moral human being. He described Mr. Wagner as a warm, friendly person who has proven himself to be a dedicated public servant with a genuine interest in and concern for the well-being of his fellow citizens regardless of race or creed. Archbishop Cooke further advised as a result of his personal contacts with Mr. Wagner over the years and supported by the fact he has received no unfavorable information concerning him, he could only comment favorably concerning the character, associates, loyalty, and reputation of Mr. Wagner. He offered his own unqualified favorable recommendation regarding Mr. Wagner.

Luther H. Gulick, Chairman, Board of Directors, Institute of Public Administration, New York City, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wagner for approximately 30 years, but he said he did not become well acquainted with him until 1954 when Mr. Wagner appointed him to the position of City Administrator for New York City. He stated he served in that position until 1956 when he resigned, and during that period he and Mr. Wagner were in contact on a daily basis. He related after his resignation in 1956 he continued to see Mr. Wagner quite often on a business basis for several years; however, he added he has only seen Mr. Wagner a few times in recent years. According to Dr. Gulick, the character and reputation of Mr. Wagner are above reproach, and he said he considers him to be an honest, reliable, and trustworthy individual. He related Mr. Wagner is deeply sensitive to human problems and is a person whose standards of ethics, morals, and integrity are of the highest. He said to the best of his knowledge during the period Mr. Wagner was in

public office he took immediate and decisive action regarding any wrongdoing which he found. Dr. Gulick concluded by stating based on his knowledge of Mr. Wagner he believes he would be an able employee, and he recommended him for a position of trust with the Government.

Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wagner on a professional and social basis since the mid-1930's. He said although he and Mr. Wagner have had political differences over the years, he has no reason to question his character, associates, loyalty, or reputation. He related he considers Mr. Wagner to be "dollar honest," and he recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

Robert F. Kennedy, United States Senator from New York, was interviewed in Portland, Oregon, and advised he would not make any comments concerning Mr. Wagner unless he is aware of the position for which he is being considered.

[redacted] United States Representative from New York, was interviewed in Washington, D. C., and advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Wagner since the mid-1950's. He said although he has no reason to question Mr. Wagner's character, associates, loyalty, or reputation, he will not furnish a recommendation for him until he specifically knows the position for which Mr. Wagner is being considered.

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J. Edward Lumbard, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, New York City, advised he has known Mr. Wagner for approximately 20 years. He said he considers him to be a personable individual who has good public and private relations with other people and who shows good judgment in his actions. He related he considers Mr. Wagner to be an intelligent individual and one who has shown a great deal of ability during his many years of public service. Judge Lumbard indicated to the best of his knowledge Mr. Wagner's character and reputation are above reproach, and he said he considers him to be a loyal American. He highly recommended Mr. Wagner for a position of trust with the United States Government.

Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr.

Sixty-three additional individuals, consisting of social acquaintances and professional associates, were interviewed and they commented favorably regarding the character, associates, and loyalty of Mr. Wagner. He was described as one who served capably and honorably during the periods he held public offices. It was indicated Mr. Wagner is a reputable individual who has a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow man, and he was highly recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the Government. Persons acquainted with his close relatives stated they are reputable individuals whose loyalty to the United States is above reproach. Among those interviewed were the following:

Herbert Brownell, Attorney and former United States Attorney General

Harold R. Medina, Judge, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

James A. Farley, ~~member, Board of Directors,~~ The Coca-Cola Company, and former Postmaster General of the United States

Roger M. Blough, Chairman, United States Steel Corporation

Thomas E. Dewey, Attorney and former Governor of New York

Seymour Halpern, United States Representative from New York

Theodore R. Kupferman, United States Representative from New York

Paul A. Fino, United States Representative from New York

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Anthony J. Travia, Speaker, New York State Assembly

Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr.

Close Relatives

In addition to his wife and children, mentioned previously, Mr. Wagner has the following close relatives:

Father	Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Sr. deceased
Mother	Margaret M. Wagner deceased

Bar Affiliations

Mr. Wagner was admitted to practice law in New York on December 1, 1938, and no grievances have been filed against him. He is a member in good standing of the New York County Lawyers Association, New York City. The records of other appropriate bars and bar associations, including the American Bar Association, and appropriate grievance committees were checked and no record was located regarding Mr. Wagner.

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information regarding Mr. Wagner.

Information has been received from the appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record regarding Mr. Wagner or his close relatives.

Agency Checks

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

Office of Security, Department of State; Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; [redacted] Naval Investigative Service; Naval Intelligence Command; Defense Central Index of Investigations, and United States Army

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Investigative Records Repository,
Fort Holabird, Maryland; House Committee
on Un-American Activities; and the
White House Office.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wagner.

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REFERENCES: Bureau teletype, 5/22/68
New Haven teletype, 5/23/68

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Report of: SA RAYMOND R. MC ANDREW
Date: May 28, 1968
Office: NEW HAVEN

Field Office File #: 161-912
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Title: ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: WAGNER attended Yale College, New Haven, Conn., 9/29 to 6/33, received BA Degree. Entered Yale Univ. Law School 9/33, completed first year and attended Harvard Business School 9/34 to 6/35. Returned to Yale Law School and received LLB Degree, June, 1937. No instructors presently at Yale who taught WAGNER. Credit and arrest New Haven, negative.

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Details:

EDUCATION

[redacted] Yale College Registrar's Office, New Haven, Connecticut, advised on May 23, 1968, that ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, born April 20, 1910, New York City, attended Yale College from September, 1929, to June, 1933, and was awarded a BA Degree. b6 b7C

[redacted] Yale University Law School, advised on May 23, 1968, that WAGNER entered the Law School on September 25, 1933, completed his first year in June, 1934, and by virtue of a special program between Yale University and Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, attended the Harvard Business School from September, 1934, to June , 1935. He returned to the Yale University Law School in September, 1935, and received a LLB Degree on June 23, 1937 , at which time he was also awarded a Law b6 b7C

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[redacted] stated that she knew of no instructors presently at the Yale Law School who would recall WAGNER as a student. b6 b7C

CREDIT AND ARREST

[redacted] Credit Bureau of New Haven, and [redacted] Records Bureau, New Haven Police Department, advised on May 23, 1968, that their respective records contain no information concerning WAGNER. b6 b7C

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It is to be noted that the Baltimore Office furnished WFO leads to check files of OSI, NONI and "AACSI-10923114." It was thought that the latter reference referred to OSI files inasmuch as the number appeared to relate to that organization. It was determined, however, that the serial number referred to contained one too many digits and it was determined that the file referred to actually was maintained in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army.

On 5/28/68 SA EDGAR L. CARTER ascertained that the Office of Assistant Chief for Intelligence, Department of the Army, contained no additional pertinent information concerning the appointee.

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On 5/27/68 [redacted] ascertained that Passport records reveal the following supplementary information concerning ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER:

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He was issued passport #38967 on 5/23/55 at New York for a one-month business trip to England, France, Germany, Italy, Ireland and Israel.

He was issued passport #29245 on 4/17/51 at New York for a two-week trip to Germany for pleasure and purpose of representing New York City.

He was issued passport #528988 on 7/22/32 at Washington, D. C., for three-month pleasure trip to France, Germany, August, Italy and Austria.

He was issued passport #432345 on 7/2/27 at Washington, D. C., for a three-month trip to Europe for purpose of travel.

No additional pertinent information was contained in the records.

1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Wells

June 4, 1968

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to my letter dated May 24, 1968, which furnished you a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. Robert Ferdinand Wagner, Jr.

Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of additional investigation regarding this matter.

This concludes the investigation concerning Mr. Wagner.

The Attorney General has not been provided a copy of this communication.

Sincerely yours,

Delivered to Mildred Stegall

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Enclosure

NOTE: Attempts were made to contact U.S. Representative Celler through his personal secretary in New York City. She indicated she apprised Celler of our desire to interview him and that he advised her he would contact our New York Office. To date he has not contacted the New York Office; therefore, no further efforts will be made to interview him in connection with this matter.

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ROBERT FERDINAND WAGNER, JR.

The information contained in this summary memorandum supplements that which was set forth in a summary memorandum dated May 24, 1968, concerning Mr. Wagner.

Seven additional professional associates were interviewed and they commented favorably regarding the character, associates, and loyalty of Mr. Wagner. He was variously described as a competent, honest, and reliable public official, who was able to "put his finger on problems in the New York City Government." He was further described as a patient, diplomatic, and thoughtful person whose personal and professional integrity was above reproach. Mr. Wagner was highly recommended for a position of trust and confidence with the Government. Among those interviewed were the following:

[redacted] b6 b7C

Joseph P. Addabbo, United States Representative from New York

Abe Stark, President, Borough of Brooklyn, New York

Eugene V. Rostow, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Department of State.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State; the United States Secret Service; and the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Wagner.

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(WAGNER)
WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT JOHNSON WAS REPORTED TODAY TO BE READY TO NOMINATE FORMER MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER OF NEW YORK CITY AS THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN.

OFFICIALS HERE WOULD NOT COMMENT, BUT VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY SAID IN NEW YORK HE WAS "DELIGHTED TO SEE MY OLD FRIEND BOB WAGNER IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AGAIN" WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT WAGNER.

WAGNER SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF THE IMPENDING NOMINATION BUT EXPECTED IT WAS TRUE SINCE HUMPHREY HAD CONGRATULATED HIM ON IT.

SOURCES HERE SAID WAGNER'S NAME HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT FOR APPROVAL FOLLOWING THE HEART ATTACK OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE FRANK E. MCKINNEY.

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(CONFIRMATIONS)

WASHINGTON--THE SENATE TODAY CONFIRMED THE NOMINATIONS OF FORMER NEW YORK MAYOR ROBERT F. WAGNER AS AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN AND WILLIAM CROOK AS AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA.

THE SENATE ALSO APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS KING AS AMBASSADOR TO MAURITIUS IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR TO THE MALAGASY REPUBLIC.

OTHER NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED WERE HERBERT JAMES AS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID); JOHN TOWNSEND, JR., AS DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; AND BERNARD BERMAN AS A JUDGE OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS COURT.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED INCLUDED POMERS F. BASKET, FEDERAL JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND EDWARD J. JUDD AND ANTHONY J. TRAVIA AS FEDERAL JUDGES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Gale

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 5/23/68

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENTS
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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The President called at 11:00 a. m. this morning. He made reference to the fact that Mrs. Stegall had called earlier asking for a name check on former New York Mayor Robert Wagner. He stated that Wagner was to be appointed Ambassador to Spain. He added that he desired to make an announcement today concerning this appointment.

Robert F.

I told the President that files had been checked concerning former Mayor Wagner and that no derogatory information had been received since the most recent full field investigation. I indicated this would be confirmed to Mrs. Stegall.

The President stated he also desired to appoint one [redacted] b6 b7C

He stated this announcement would also be made today and that he wanted a name check prior to the announcement. I told him we would get on this immediately. (I called Mrs. Stegall at 3:30 p. m. and told her that files had been checked up to date and contained no additional pertinent information over and above that sent to her in a report dated January 29, 1965. This was confirmed by letter to Mrs. Stegall, under the Director's signature, dated May 23, 1968.)

The President made reference to the case involving Alexander Atkinson Lawrence of Savannah, Georgia. We have previously investigated Mr. Lawrence at the request of the Attorney General in connection with an appointment to the Federal bench. The President stated he had examined the FBI report on Lawrence and, while he thought it was satisfactory, he desired that additional investigation be conducted so that he could "pressure" the Attorney General into approving the appointment. The President indicated that he wanted all thirteen members of the Madiera Club in Savannah interviewed to determine whether or not Mr. Lawrence had ever expressed or shown any anti-Negro sentiments.

Mrs. Stegall, White House 5-25-68
Memo AG 5-27-68
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I told the President that a representative number of this group had already been interviewed, however, we would immediately interview the remaining few. The President indicated that he would like to have a large number of Negro lawyers interviewed in Savannah, Georgia, as well as a representative number of ministers and religious representatives.

The President reminded me that the appointment of Lawrence was a grave issue between him and the Attorney General. He stated that Senator Russell was backing Lawrence and had frankly told the President that unless he overrode the Attorney General's objections, he, Senator Russell, would never speak to the President or anyone at the White House again. The President stated that Senator Russell was most serious about this matter and that he frankly would hate to lose Senator Russell's friendship. He added that the Attorney General had sent him a handwritten note in this case inquiring, "Shall I tell Senator Russell that we are not going to appoint Lawrence, or shall I tell Senator Russell there is going to be additional investigation." The President stated that he obviously wanted to have additional investigation and that he would appreciate the FBI handling this matter as expeditiously as possible. I told him that we would do this and would have a report to him no later than Monday, May 26, 1968. He stated this would be satisfactory.

I called the Savannah Office and, in the absence of the Special Agent in Charge, discussed this matter with ASAC [redacted] The instructions for additional investigation were explained to him quite carefully. Mr. Gale has been made aware of the White House request and of the deadline in question. b6 b7C

ACTION:

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Letter to White House 5-25-68 & Memo to AG 5-27-68. RLB.