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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C. 20535

May 20, 1998

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN
Also Known As: Ted (U)

Captioned individual, who you advised was born May 8, 1928, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and holds Social Security Number 506-24-3698, was the subject of background investigations by the FBI in 1951, 1960, and 1977. A copy of these investigations were furnished to your office in March 1995. (U)

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It is not known if Sorensen attended any of the above functions. (U)

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1 - [Redacted]
1 - [Redacted] Room 4147
1 - [Redacted] Room 4371
1 - [Redacted]
62-HQ-C1039976
HQ 161-29
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Theodore Chaikin Sorensen (U)

The central files at FBI Headquarters, records of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request. (U)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FEB 17 1997

Date ~~January 28, 1998~~

To: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: ☒ EADSU (Room 4965)

☐ SIGBIU (Room 4371)

From: The White House
☐ EOP Security Office
☒ White House Counsel's Office

FEB 18 1998

Subject's full name Theodore Chaikin Sorensen

Other names used (including birth, prior married, and nicknames) Ted

Social Security Number 506-24-3698 Date of birth 5/8/28 Place of birth Lincoln, Nebraska

Permanent address
(also current residence, if different) 25 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10023

Current employer(s) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison (partner - law firm)

SUBJECT'S CONSENT: I hereby authorize the FBI to provide the information specified below to the White House.

Theodore C. Sorensen

2-4-98

(Subject's Signature)

(Date)

Request of FBI (Use of this form to request information developed by the FBI or contained in FBI files requires the subject's consent. Exceptions will only be permitted as authorized by the Attorney General/Deputy Attorney General.)

- ☒ Name check (EADSU) ☐ Copy of previous report (EADSU)
- ☐ Expanded name check (SIGBIU)
- ☐ Full field investigation (SIGBIU) ☐ Level 1 ☐ Level 2 ☐ Level 3
- ☐ 5-year re-investigation (SIGBIU) ☐ Level 2 ☐ Level 3
- ☐ Limited update investigation (SIGBIU)
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

The applicant is being considered for:

- ☒ Presidential appointment ☐ Position requiring Senate confirmation
- ☐ White House staff position
- ☐ Access: ☐ Detailee/other government employee ☐ Contractor ☐ Intern ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Presidential recognition
- ☐ Other (specify) _____

Attachments: ☐ SF-86 ☐ SF-86 Supplement ☐ SF-87 Fingerprint Card

Remarks/
special instructions: _____

I certify, subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001, that the above is sought for official purposes only and I understand that obtaining this information under false pretenses or any unauthorized disclosure may be a violation of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

REQUEST REVIEWED AND
CLEARED FOR RESPONSE
BY FBI OGC

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- 1 - To FBI
2 - Copy to FBI (Return to White House)
3 - Pink - To FBI (Office of the General Counsel)
4 - Gold - White House Origination Copy

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** 02/18/98

NAME CHECK

Run 1 Page 1

** 10:01:56

Searcher # 0548

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** Subject:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

** Search: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN

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** Agency: WHITE HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY

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** Return to...

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** File Review: R#

PROD

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** Search DOB : 05-08-1928

Search SOC: 506-24-3698

** Rules.....: SP,N,A,N,Y,N,A,N,N

SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN

EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC

DECLASSIFICATION

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FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE

EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1)

DATE 04-07-2011

(S) Entry date: 02/04/1983

Entry date: 01/30/1961

(I) HQ 161-29

FEB 18 1998

Entry date: 02/01/1961

(I) HQ 161-29-548

~~R SERIAL: 45 HQ~~

~~R SERIAL: 113 HQ~~

~~R SERIAL: 115 HQ~~

~~R SERIAL: 36 HQ~~

SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHALKIN (VAR)

(S) Entry date: 02/08/1961

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(S) Entry date: 02/17/1960

[REDACTED]

SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHALKIN (VAR)

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(S) Entry date: 02/08/1961

[REDACTED]

SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN (VAR)

SI

Entry date: 02/08/1961

(I) HQ 161-29-548

Entry date: 12/20/1960

(I) HQ 161-29-548

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SORENSEN, THEODORE, C

(S) Entry date: 02/19/1997

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** 10:01:56 Searcher # 0548 **
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** Search: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN **
** Agency: WHITE HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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SORENSEN THEODORE C

(S) Entry date: 11/19/1962

SORENSEN, THEODORE, C

Entry date: 09/22/1965
HQ 62-109090-A

R SERIAL: EVENING STAR HQ

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(S) Entry date: 11/08/1962

Entry date: 03/22/1973
HQ 65-74060

R SERIAL: 4197 HQ

(I) Entry date: 05/18/1961
HQ 100-348196

R SERIAL: 202 HQ

(I) Entry date: 02/07/1962
HQ 100-348196-AR SERIAL: NEW YORK JOURNAL AME HQ
R SERIAL: RICAN HQEntry date: 09/25/1974
HQ 100-372507

R SERIAL: 437 HQ

(S) Entry date: 02/23/1966

Entry date: 09/18/1969
HQ 105-43813

R SERIAL: 490 HQ

Entry date: 09/02/1969
HQ 105-43813

R SERIAL: 484 HQ

Entry date: 10/11/1968
HQ 105-67845

R SERIAL: 27290 HQ

Entry date: 09/15/1967
HQ 105-119381

R SERIAL: 172 HQ

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** 10:01:56 Searcher # 0548 **
** Subject: **
** Search: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN **
** Agency: WHITE HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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(I) Entry date: 11/25/1966
HQ 105-144424

R SERIAL: 79-P6 HQ

ST Entry date: 03/04/1968
HQ 105-166419

R SERIAL: 17 HQ

Entry date: 08/12/1968
HQ 105-177806

R SERIAL: 2-ENCLP5 HQ

(S) Entry date: 02/04/1983

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ST Entry date: 10/18/1962
HQ 109-C12-209

R SERIAL: 213 HQ

ST Entry date: 03/03/1987
HQ 161-0-A

ST Entry date: 04/10/1964
HQ 161-0-A

R SERIAL: WASHINGTON POST AND HQ
R SERIAL: TIMES HERALD HQ

~~True Name: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN~~

~~Entry date: 07/15/1964~~

~~(I) HQ 161-29-542~~

~~Entry date: 12/06/1960~~

~~(I) HQ 161-29-543~~

~~True Name: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN~~

~~Entry date: 01/30/1961~~

~~(I) HQ 161-29-547~~

~~Entry date: 09/10/1960~~

~~(I) HQ 161-29-548~~

~~R SERIAL: 56 HQ~~

ST Entry date: 03/15/1974
HQ 164-3930

R SERIAL: 24 HQ

ST Entry date: 02/24/1977
HQ 190-3903

SORENSEN, THEODORE, C

ST Entry date: 08/27/1962
HQ 65-67669

R SERIAL: 135-P137 HQ

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 ** 10:01:56 Searcher # 0548 **
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Entry date: 02/20/1967

HQ 105-144424

R SERIAL: 98 HQ

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Entry date: 05/10/1960

~~True Name: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN~~~~Entry date: 02/08/1961~~~~(I) HQ 161-29-548~~

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Entry date: 02/20/1967

SORENSEN, THEODORE

Entry date: 01/24/1961

HQ 62-48771

R SERIAL: 175 HQ

Entry date: 03/03/1987

HQ 62-48771-A

Entry date: 12/11/1963

HQ 62-48771-A

R SERIAL: WASHINGTON CAPITAL N HQ
R SERIAL: EWS SERVICE HQ

Entry date: 03/02/1967

HQ 62-109060

R SERIAL: 4508 HQ

Entry date: 03/22/1973

HQ 65-74060

R SERIAL: 4198 HQ

Entry date: 02/08/1977

HQ 89-0

M SERIAL: 1179 HQ
M SERIAL: 1183 HQ
M SERIAL: 1178 HQ

Entry date: 12/05/1961

HQ 100-348196-A-P1

R SERIAL: NEW YORK DAILY NEWS HQ

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 ** 10:01:56 Searcher # 0548 **
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 ** Search: SORENSON, THEODORE, CHAIKIN **
 ** Agency: WHITE, HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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Entry date: 03/02/1972
 HQ 100-437590

R SERIAL: 12 HQ

Entry date: 08/19/1975
 HQ 100-437590

R SERIAL: 32 HQ

Entry date: 09/22/1969

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Entry date: 04/10/1971

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Entry date: 04/17/1969

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Entry date: 09/10/1969

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Entry date: 03/18/1964
 HQ 105-82555

R SERIAL: 2463-P5 HQ

Entry date: 01/16/1964
 HQ 105-109553

R SERIAL: 3 HQ

Entry date: 03/03/1969
 HQ 105-129821

R SERIAL: 115 HQ

Entry date: 07/22/1969

[REDACTED]

Entry date: 09/03/1965
 HQ 161-29

SOERNSON, THEODOR

Entry date: 11/01/1968
 HQ 100-398073

R SERIAL: 49 HQ

SOERNSON, THEODORE

Entry date: 03/26/1971
 HQ 62-77787-240

R SERIAL: 4447 HQ

Entry date: 02/04/1964
 HQ 62-109090

R SERIAL: 73 HQ

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** Agency: WHITE, HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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Entry date: 01/02/1962
HQ 65-37939-A

R SERIAL: LOS ANGELES EXAMINER HQ

Entry date: 11/23/1960
HQ 65-66386

R SERIAL: 18-P48 HQ

Entry date: 04/24/1970
HQ 100-351585

R SERIAL: 5514 HQ

Entry date: 03/13/1969
HQ 100-365079

R SERIAL: 48 HQ

Entry date: 08/07/1968
HQ 100-448287

R SERIAL: 48 HQ

(I) Entry date: 10/29/1969
HQ 100-454565

R SERIAL: 453-P5;501-ENCLP4 HQ

(S) Entry date: 02/12/1960

Entry date: 06/08/1965
HQ 105-82555

R SERIAL: 5422 HQ

Entry date: 04/19/1971
HQ 105-150257

R SERIAL: 38 HQ

(I) Entry date: 02/08/1973
HQ 105-244454

R SERIAL: X HQ

(S) Entry date: 03/27/1997

(S) Entry date: 02/19/1997

(S) Entry date: 02/20/1997

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 ** Subject: SORENSEN, THEODORE, CHAIKIN **
 ** Search: SORENSEN, TED (AKA) **
 ** Agency: WHITE HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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SORENSEN, TED (AKA)

(t) Entry date: 07/22/1960
 HQ 61-9743

R SERIAL: 176 HQ

St Entry date: 04/12/1961
 HQ 61-9743

R SERIAL: 191 HQ

St Entry date: 07/02/1971
 HQ 65-74060-A

R SERIAL: WASHINGTON CAPITAL N HQ
 R SERIAL: EWS SERVICE HQ

Entry date: 10/18/1962
 HQ 109-C12-209

R SERIAL: 213 HQ

Entry date: 10/08/1996
 SF 36-0

R SERIAL: 7P2;

Entry date: 09/26/1996
 194-SF-C112728

R SERIAL: 22P2

SORENSEN, TED (AKA)

NP Entry date: 12/18/1986
 HQ 58-11887

R SERIAL: 284-ENCLP5 HQ

NP Entry date: 12/15/1986
 HQ 58-11887

R SERIAL: 15-ENCLP27 HQ

St Entry date: 04/13/1967
 HQ 62-109060

R SERIAL: 5035 HQ

St Entry date: 12/26/1963
 HQ 62-109060

R SERIAL: 1936 HQ

St Entry date: 05/05/1964
 HQ 64-20517

R SERIAL: 571 HQ

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** 02/18/98 NAME CHECK Run 1 Page 2 **
** 10:32:26 Searcher # 0548 **
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** Search: SORENSEN, TED **
** Agency: WHITE HOUSE/OFFICE OF SECURITY **
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Entry date: 04/17/1972
HQ 65-74060

R SERIAL: 3396 HQ

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SA { Entry date: 11/30/1962
HQ 100-428089

R SERIAL: 53-P51 HQ

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Entry date: 11/29/1960
HQ 105-89923

R SERIAL: 104 HQ

SORENSEN, TED, C

Entry date: 05/23/1996
43-DE-69262

R SERIAL: 18

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To : [REDACTED] Date 5/12/98
Executive Agencies Dissemination Subunit (EADS)
From : [REDACTED] b6
NS-2D b7C
Subject: THEODORE C. SORENSON
NAME CHECK SUMMARY FILE

(S) This communication is classified "~~SECRET~~" ~~in its~~
~~entirety~~, except where noted. (U)

The following information is being furnished to you at
the request of the New York Division, which contacted NS-2D on
April 17, 1998, asking for a review of several [REDACTED] files in which
captioned individual appears as a reference. (S)

(U) Reference your communication to the New York Division,
Squad I-20, dated March 24, 1998, regarding the captioned matter.
Referenced communication requested that your unit needed Squad I-
20 to review references to the captioned subject and determine if
they are pertinent to a White House name check request on
Sorenson, who is being nominated for an appointment to the White
House Fellowship Committee. (S) b1

(S) [REDACTED]

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Ms. Sherry Carner
Executive Agencies Dissemination Subunit

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FBI notes that the identities of the aforementioned sources must be protected. In order to ensure this, we request that personnel assigned to NS-2D review the fila product based on the source information prior to dissemination. ~~(S)~~

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February 27, 1976

Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton
and Garrison
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Reference is made to my letter of October 6, 1975.
The records which you requested have been processed, and
documents available for release consist of 136 pages.

Pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations,
Section 16.9 and 16.46, there is a fee of ten cents per page
for duplication. Upon receipt of your check or money order
payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the amount
of \$13.60, these documents will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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161-29-65
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1 - The Deputy Attorney General
Attention:

NOTE: Mr. Sorensen is subject of Bufiles 77-49931 and 161-29.
It is considered 136 pages may be released to him. Notarized
signature not requested since his signature is in file.

Assoc. Dir. ☐ nk:jyp (5)

Dep. AD Adm. ☐

Dep. AD Inv. ☐

Asst. Dir.:

Admin. ☐

Comp. Syst. ☐

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Memorandum

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Director Sec'y _____ b6
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TO : Mr. [redacted] *Twiflin*

DATE: 4/8/76

FROM : Mr. McDermott *McDermott*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)
REQUEST RE: THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Attached is a copy of the FOIPA request and pertinent files and/or excised documents which appear subject to disclosure. Processing of same must be completed and returned to FOIPA within (5) working days. Addendum should include total Agent time expended in the review and justification for serials remaining or newly classified. Do not mark, alter or place any notations on the excised documents.

[redacted] on this matter should be discussed with [redacted], Room 6248 JEH, extension 5845.

RECOMMENDATION(S): (only items checked apply)

(V) 1. That the Intelligence Division...
(V)a. Review the classification of serial(s) WILLIAM P. BROWN to insure these documents should remain classified, indicating the level of classification of each classified paragraph. Declassification actions should be included in the addendum.

() b. Review the balance of the file, particularly serial(s) 5, to determine if currently unclassified serials warrant classification, noting the classification level of each classified paragraph.

(V) 2. That the _____ Division(s):

review the documents proposed for disclosure and furnish comments stating whether the disclosure would have significant impact upon future investigations and whether any particular disclosure being made involves any sensitive sources, unusual techniques or other special concerns. Issues raised will be reconsidered by the FOIPA Section to determine whether a statutory exemption may be invoked to cover the matter of concern. A detailed review of the disclosure involving considerations of privacy or internal administrative matters is specifically not requested.

1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]
1 - Mr. [redacted]

Attn: G. LUNSTALL
Attn: _____
Attn: _____

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Memorandum to [redacted]

Re: Freedom of Information Privacy Acts (FOIPA)

Request Re: Theodore C. Sorensen

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ADDENDUM: Intelligence Division, IS-1 Section, *RWH:seb*, 4/20/76

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A review of [redacted] determined that the document should remain classified "Top Secret," Category 2, in view of the sensitive information obtained from [redacted] which is contained therein.

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~~The excised documents proposed for disclosure were reviewed and it would appear that such disclosure would not have any significant impact upon future investigations and does not involve sensitive sources, unusual techniques, or other special concerns.~~

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Total Agent time expended for review was 3/4 hour.

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ADDENDUM TO ADDENDUM: IS-1 SECTION, INTD *EFG:mef* 8/17/76

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By letter dated 3/25/76, National Security Council advised they had no objection to declassification of [redacted] pending agreement of this action by FBI. A review determined that this document should be classified "~~Secret~~" since it contains information provided by [redacted] with the understanding that it be held in confidence. The enclosures to this serial are not presently classified and are not classifiable.

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Date: September 2, 1976 BY COURIER SERVICE
To:
Freedom of Information Staff
Office of Public Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.
From: Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)
REQUEST OF THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Enclosed is a copy of captioned FOIPA request, together with copies of two documents from our files which originated with your department. The enclosed information is being referred to you for appropriate review and direct response to the requester. S

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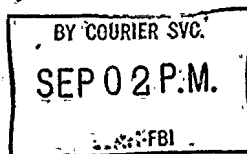
Enclosures (3)

- 1 - Assistant Attorney General for Administration
Attention: FOIPA Administrative Unit Room 1134

NOTE: Requester is the subject of Bufiles 77-49931 (Departmental Applicant) and 161-29 (Spec. Inquiry - White House). EX-113

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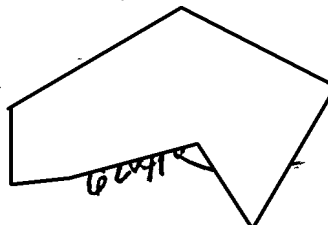


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September 13, 1976

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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton
and Garrison
345 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

Reference is made to my letter to you dated
March 19, 1976.

This is to advise you that a determination has
been made as to documents referred to the White House by
the FBI. A review of these documents has determined
that they are exempted from disclosure pursuant to the
following subsections of Title 5, United States Code,
Section 552:

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FBI
- (b) (1) information which is currently and
properly classified pursuant to Execu-
tive Order 11652 in the interest of
the national defense or foreign policy;
 - (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law
enforcement purposes, the disclosure
of which would:
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion
of the personal privacy of another person;
 - (D) reveal the identity of an individual
who has furnished information to
the FBI under confidential circumstances
or reveal information furnished only
by such a person and not apparently
known to the public or otherwise
accessible to the FBI by overt means.

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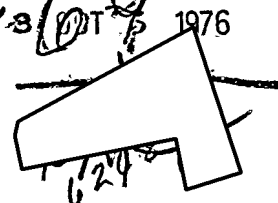
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Theodore C. Sorensen, Esq.

In addition, two documents are now being referred by the FBI to the Department of State for review and direct response to you.

For your information, you are not the subject of any of the above mentioned documents, but your name does appear in them.

You have thirty days from receipt of this letter to appeal to the Attorney General from any denial contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely yours,

~~C. M. Kelley~~
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Assistant Attorney General for Administration
Attention: FOIPA Administrative Unit Room 1134

1 - SAC, New York (FOIPA info)

NOTE: Mr. Sorensen is the subject of Bufiles 77-49931 and 161-29. A classified document was referred to the White House and was referred by the White House to the National Security Council (NSC) who then referred it back to the FBI for processing. NSC also suggested that two enclosures, which originated with the Department of State, be referred to that agency for review. The Intelligence Division recommends that the documents remain classified "~~Top Secret~~" although the document which is being referred to the Department of State is unclassified. Mr. Sorensen is being advised of this denial by the FBI and of the referral to the Department of State.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY,
BUDED CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL

THIS WILL CONFIRM BUCALL TO SA [REDACTED]

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YORK, TODAY.

REBUTELS NOVEMBER 15 and 16, 1976, CAPTIONED "SPECIAL
INQUIRY INVESTIGATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER"

BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDIENT
INVESTIGATION TO BRING UP TO DATE NOVEMBER 1960 SPECIAL
INQUIRY OF SORESENSEN WHO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY.

Note: Request received telephonically today by SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS, WFO
from MATTHEW B. COFFEY, Personnel Director, Carter-Mondale Transition Staff.

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President Elect for
NO BACKGROUND DATA FURNISHED HOWEVER WHO'S WHO,

38th EDITION, PAGE 2904, INDICATES SORESEN MARRIED TO

FORMER [REDACTED] HAS [REDACTED] AND SINCE 1966 HAS BEEN
MEMBER LAW FIRM PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON, 345
PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

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AT TIME OF 1960 INVESTIGATION HE WAS SEPARATED FROM FORMER CAMILLA
RUTH PALMER AND SHE AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN, [REDACTED] AND
[REDACTED] RESIDED 124 DOGWOOD LANE, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA. SORESENSEN WAS THEN
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT AND RESIDED 6631 31st PLACE, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

BUREAU HAS BEEN ADVISED NEW YORK SHOULD CONTACT WHITE
HOUSE SWITCHBOARD, PHONE 456-1414, AND ASK FOR SIGNAL BOARD. THERE-
AFTER ASK FOR OPERATOR II WHO SUPPOSEDLY HAS TELEPHONE NUMBERS
WHERE SORESENSEN MAY BE REACHED, AND WILL ASSIST IN CONTACTING HIM.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR NEW YORK TO HAVE SORESENSEN
EXECUTE APPROPRIATE CONSENT AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORMS,
WHICH ARE BEING SENT NEW YORK BY FACSIMILE.

NEW YORK IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF CLOSE
RELATIVES INCLUDING FORMER WIFE, AND DATE AND PLACE OF DIVORCE AND
ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICES.

CHECK RECORDS OF APPROPRIATE BARS.

ASSIGN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO INSURE BUDED IS MET
WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE TOLERATED.

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TRANSITION PLANNING GROUP

P.O. Box 2600
Washington, D.C. 20013

MEMORANDUM

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TO: SECTION CHIEF, EMPLOYEES SECURITY & SPECIAL INQUIRY
SECTION

FROM: MATTHEW B. COFFEY *MBL*

SUBJECT: FBI BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

THEODORE C. SORENSON

Subject's Name Theodore C. SORENSON

Date of Birth 5/8/28 Place of Birth Lincoln, Neb.

Present Address _____

We request:

Copy of Previous Report

Name Check

X

Full Field Investigation

The person named above is being considered for:

Transition Staff Position

X

Presidential Appt

Attachments:

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Remarks:

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ENCLOSURE
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SORIA, DARIO, opera dir.; b. Rome, Italy, May 21, 1912; m. Raffaello and Amelia (Padua) S.; B.A., U. Rome, 1934; postgrad. law, U. Ferrara (Italy), 1937-39; m. Doris Jarmel, 1942. Came to U.S., 1939, naturalized, 1945. Jr. partner Raffaello Soria & Co., bank, Rome, 1930-39; treas. dir. Buitoni Foods Corp., N.Y.C., 1940-41; announcer Italian programs, dir. Italian and French programs OW.

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TO: Director FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (161-11632) (P)

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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LEADS: AT WDC. Secret Service and ☐ when obtained. Interviews
at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under The Law
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United States Senators

The following investigation was conducted
by SA [redacted] on December 20, 1976:

[redacted] Office of
United States Senator JACOB K. JAVITS, New York, advised
the Senator is unavailable, and he has authorized
her to state the appointee, THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSON,
is known to him and he would have no objection to his
appointment to a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted], Office
of United States Senator JAMES L. BUCKLEY, New York,
advised the Senator is unavailable, and he has authorized
her to state he has no comment concerning the appointee.

[redacted] to
United States Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Massachusetts,
advised the Senator is unavailable and he is authorized
to speak for him regarding the appointee. Senator
KENNEDY has known the appointee since early 1960.
He has known him personally, politically, and professionally
to the present time. He considers him to be a brilliant,
very capable, honest and trustworthy person. He has
the highest regard for the appointee and he would recommend
him for a position of trust and confidence.

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White House Office (WHO)

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A review of the records of the Records Office, WHO, by SA [redacted] on December 20, 1976, revealed THEODORE C. SORENSEN received a Presidential Commission January 21, 1961, to be Special Counsel to the President of the United States of America. White House Personnel Office records reveal that he resigned from this position February 29, 1964, to write a book. They contain no additional pertinent information.

A search of the files of the Administrative Office, National Security Council revealed no information concerning SORENSEN.

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[redacted]
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

On December 20, 1976, [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA [redacted]

[redacted] that [redacted] was in the hospital. [redacted]
[redacted] was advised of the nature of the inquiry regarding appointee
and thereafter stated that [redacted] personally
recommended appointee to the Carter transition group about
December 8 or 9. [redacted] stated that [redacted] worked
directly for appointee when appointee was Special Counselor
to the President.

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*With all the
information and...*

Mr. ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Chairman, World Bank, 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA LELAND L. HUDSON on 12/20/76, that he has known THEODORE C. SORENSON for a number of years going back to the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations.

For a period of five or six years, they had a very close professional and personal association during which time he was able to observe him function both professionally and personally.

They have continued to have a close personal relationship and to some extent professional since SORENSON has been in New York.

MC NAMARA advised that he has the highest regard for SORENSON's intelligence both in the legal fields and for his knowledge of the problems of the world.

MC NAMARA has the highest regard for SORENSON's personal integrity and has observed first hand how he handles difficult decisions. SORENSON would never compromise his high standards of personal integrity.

MC NAMARA rates SORENSON the highest in service to the nation and knows him to be a man dedicated to the concept of service to his country.

No derogatory information is known regarding SORENSON and MC NAMARA would be delighted to see him back in any one of a number of responsible positions in the Government.

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RUSK *Very of interest to Law, Union of Co*
Attorney Gen. &
former Sec. of State
DEAN ROSS was contacted December 20, 1976, by
SA [REDACTED] and he advised that he came to know
THEODORE SORENSEN very well during the Kennedy Presidency.
He stated that he dealt with SORENSEN everyday and found
him to be the ablist and one of the most honest individuals
with whom he came in contact. He further stated that
SORENSEN had access to all types of classified material
and that there was never any question as to his loyalty.
He advised that the appointee was extremely dependable
and discreet and that nothing of a derogatory nature ever
came to his attention concerning his character or
reputation. He stated that SORENSEN is most suitable for
a Government position requiring trust and confidence.

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[redacted] for National Government Relations, Proctor and Gamble Company, 1801 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA LELAND R. HUDSON that he has known "ED" SONENSEN since he and SONENSON worked as legislative assistant many years ago for Senator O'MAHONEY and JOHN F. KENNEDY respectively.

Both of them went to work as legislative assistants during the KENNEDY administration in the White House and worked together closely.

[redacted] described SONENSEN as being "with a doubt, one of the brightest of men." He is a completely decent human being, of whom he could not say enough good things about. His character, associates and reputation are beyond question as is his loyalty to the U.S. He would be pleased to recommend him for any position of trust.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on December 20, 1976:

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG, Attorney, 1101 17th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., advised that he has known the appointee since 1959 when the appointee was a Legislative Assistant to Senator JOHN KENNEDY. The appointee later served as Counsel to the President when he was Secretary of Labor. Justice GOLDBERG stated that he and the appointee were later partners in the same law firm in New York. In addition, he is a personal and social acquaintance of the appointee. He stated that he has the highest opinion of the appointee and described the appointee as a able, sensible, discreet and responsible individual. He characterized the appointee as a very loyal American whom he would highly recommend for a position of trust and confidence in the United States Government.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted] on 12/20/76:

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[redacted] 1156 15th Street,
Northwest, advised that he has known the appointee for
approximately 16 years. He first worked with the appointee
during the 1960 JOHN F. KENNEDY Campaign, and also in the
1968 Campaign for ROBERT F. KENNEDY. Since 1969 to the
present time, he advised that he has been working with the
appointee in various legal matters. He stated that he
knows the appointee both socially and professionally and
regards him with the highest esteem. He further stated
that the appointee's character, associates, reputation,
and loyalty are all excellent and he highly recommends
him for a position of trust and confidence with the U. S.
Government.

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CREDIT AND POLICE AGENCIES

SA CHARLES W. SMITH caused a search to be made of the files of the Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., and was advised on December 20, 1976, that the files contained no record for the appointee.

On December 20, 1976, SC [] determined that no arrest record was contained in the Metropolitan Police Department files concerning the appointee.

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

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On December 20, 1976, SC [] determined that no record was contained in the Department of Transportation Bureau of Motor Vehicle Services, Government of the District of Columbia files concerning the appointee.

On December 20, 1976, SC []
[], searched the files of the U.S. Park Police and no identifiable adult criminal or traffic record could be located regarding the appointee.

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MISCELLANEOUS

A representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on December 20, 1976, that no additional pertinent information was found concerning the appointee.

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SA [REDACTED] caused a search to be made of the files of the Office of Security, Department of State, and was advised on December 20, 1976, that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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BAR MEMBERSHIP AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS

On December 20, 1976, Special Clerk [REDACTED] was informed the records of the below-listed organizations disclosed the following information concerning the appointee:

The files of the Lawyers Register, USDCDC, revealed he was admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia on April 1, 1971.

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The records of the Supreme Court of the United States disclosed he was admitted to practice before this court of January 1, 1966, and is in good standing.

On December 20, 1976, Special Clerk [REDACTED] caused a review of the records of the District of Columbia Bar (D. C. Unified Bar) which disclosed that the appointee was admitted to practice law before this bar on April 1, 1971, and is presently an active member in good standing. The records further disclosed that there have been no complaints against the appointee.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED CLOSE OF
BUSINESS DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REFERENCE WFO TELEPHONE CALLS DECEMBER 20, 1976, AND
BUREAU TELETYPE DECEMBER 20, 1976, NO COPIES ATLANTA, MIAMI,
NEW YORK, AND SAN ANTONIO.

THIS CONFIRMS WASHINGTON FIELD TELEPHONE CALLS
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BUREAU HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE
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INQUIRY OF SORENSEN WHO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY PRESIDENT ELECT FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT. SORENSEN INTERVIEWED DECEMBER 19, 1976, AND PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. DATE OF BIRTH MAY 8, 1928, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, CURRENT RESIDENCE IS THE NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, 180 CENTRAL PARK WEST, APARTMENTS 14K and 14J, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. SORENSEN WAS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY, 1961 TO MARCH, 1964. PRESENTLY AN ATTORNEY WITH PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON, AND GARRISON, 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK. PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ASSOCIATES OF APPOINTEE ARE: SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF, WHO CAN BE REACHED AT HIS RESIDENCE IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 305-534-1312; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DEAN RUSK, PRESENTLY AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE); JEROME BERT WIESNER, 61 SHATTUCK ROAD, WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS, INSTRUCTOR, MIT, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS; WALT WHITMAN ROSTOW, 1 WILDWIND POINT, AUSTIN, TEXAS; MC GEORGE BUNDY,

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HOME 1040 FIFTH AVENUE, OFFICE, PRESIDENT FORD FOUNDATION,
320 EAST 43RD STREET, NEW YORK; ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER, JR.,
33 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON, AND
GARRISON, 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK; [REDACTED] DUNEMAN,
LEISURE, NEWTON, AND IRVINE, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, NEW YORK;

[REDACTED] WITH SHEA AND GARDNER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., WHO CAN BE REACHED AT AMERICAN PRESIDENT
LINES, NEW YORK, IN CARE OF [REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN-SPIN; BUDED 12/20/76.

RE: NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, 12/20/76.

REFERENCED COMMUNICATION REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF
ASSOCIATE [REDACTED] WOODBRIDGE, NJ.
ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] IN

THE FIRM OF GREENBAUM, GREENBAUM, ROWE AND SMITH,
LOCATED IN THE SUTTON METROPARK BUILDING, WOODBRIDGE,
NJ, AND ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN SORENSEN AS A VERY CLOSE
FRIEND FOR ELEVEN YEARS AND KNOWS SORENSEN'S WIFE AND
FAMILY ALSO. HE STATED THAT SORENSEN IS AN ABLE AND WELL
RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL LAWYER WITH THE FIRM OF PAUL,
WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON, NEW YORK CITY.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERS SORENSEN HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT, VERY ETHICAL AND A MAN OF OUTSTANDING
CHARACTER TRAITS. HE STATED THAT HE IS A MAN OF GOOD

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EXPERIENCE TO SERVE HIS GOVERNMENT WITH DISTINCTION.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE IS A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLE WHOM
HE DOES NOT FEEL WOULD COMPROMISE FOR POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

[REDACTED] WAS PLEASED TO RECOMMEND HIM WITHOUT RESERVATION
AND CONSIDERS THAT HE WILL BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR THE
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, SPI, BUDED: COB DEC. 20, 1976,
WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DEC. 20, 1976.

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA JOHN T.

O'SHAUGHNESSY:

ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED] 25 CENTRAL

PARK WEST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, ADVISED APPOINTEE RESIDES IN
APT. 14J WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER AND HAS RESIDED AT THIS
ADDRESS SINCE AUGUST, 1968. HE STATED APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY
ARE WELL RESPECTED TENANTS AND ENJOY A FINE REPUTATION. HE STATED
APPOINTEE IS A GOOD MORAL INDIVIDUAL AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE
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[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE AND FAMILY FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. SHE STATED APPOINTEE AND FAMILY ARE QUIET INDIVIDUALS AND NEVER CAUSE A DISTURBANCE. SHE ADVISED APPOINTEE IS A GOOD MORAL PERSON AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR A POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE."

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ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED] 25 CENTRAL PARK WEST, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE AND HIS FAMILY SINCE THEY HAVE RESIDED AT THIS ADDRESS. HE STATED APPOINTEE AND FAMILY ARE VERY COURTEOUS, CONGENIAL AND WELL RESPECTED BY EVERYONE. HE STATED APPOINTEE IS A GOOD LIVING INDIVIDUAL AND A LOYAL AMERICAN. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE."

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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, FILES OF ALEXANDRIA AND FAIRFAX
COUNTY, VA., POLICE DEPARTMENTS CONTAINED NO RECORD REGARDING
CLASS 3 AND CLASS 4 MISDEMEANORS CONCERNING APPOINTEE. FILES
OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VA., POLICE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED APPOINTEE
CHARGED ON MAY 12, 1963, WITH EXPIRED VIRGINIA INSPECTION AND
ON MAY 22, 1963, CASE WAS NOLLE PROSSED. ON MAY 12, 1963, HE
WAS CHARGED WITH NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE AND THIS CHARGE WAS
NOLLE PROSSED.

APPOINTEE'S DIVORCE FROM CAMILLA RUTH PALMER COULD NOT
BE VERIFIED THROUGH ALEXANDRIA, VA., COURT RECORDS. RECORDS
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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

EMPLOYMENT:

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON, 345 PARK
AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

THE FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON DECEMBER 20, 1976:

ABOVE FIRM, ADVISED APPOINTEE, DATE OF BIRTH - MAY 8, 1928,
SSAN - 506-24-3698, WAS OFFICIALLY HIRED BY THIS FIRM ON
FEBRUARY 1, 1966, IN CAPACITY OF COUNSEL. ON NOVEMBER 1,
1966, HE BECAME PARTNER WITH THIS FIRM. HE EXPLAINED

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APPOINTEE WAS INITIALLY HIRED AS COUNSEL BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET BEEN ADMITTED TO THE NEW YORK BAR. HIS RECORD INDICATES THAT IN MARCH, 1968, HE TOOK LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO WORK ON KENNEDY CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, D.C., BUT THE DATE OF HIS RETURN TO THE FIRM WAS NOT INDICATED. [REDACTED] ADDED APPOINTEE ALSO TOOK ANOTHER LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FEW MONTHS IN 1970, WHEN HE WAS CANDIDATE FOR U.S. SENATOR. NO SPECIFIC DATES AVAILABLE PERTAINING TO THIS LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

[REDACTED] STATED APPOINTEE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL PARTNERS AND CLIENTS OF THIS FIRM, AND HE IS PERSON OF OUTSTANDING MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY. HE IS PERSON OF EXTREMELY GOOD JUDGMENT AND IS LOYAL AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN. HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE JOINED THIS FIRM IN EARLY 1966. HE STATED HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH APPOINTEE ON NUMEROUS NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS BECOME A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF APPOINTEE. HE STATED SORENSON IS PERSON OF ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY AND WORKS ENORMOUSLY HARD AND EFFICIENTLY. HE SAID HE IS "INCREDIBLY PRODUCTIVE"

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AND IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST OTHERS. APPOINTEE IS EXCEEDINGLY WELL REGARDED AND "IS ONE OF OUR MOST PRODUCTIVE PARTNERS." [REDACTED] SAID APPOINTEE'S MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE OF HIGHEST CALIBER, AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS GENERAL CORPORATE LAWYER WHOSE AREA OF SPECIALTY IS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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[REDACTED] STATED HE HAS WORKED WITH APPOINTEE IN PUBLISHING AREA AND COPYRIGHT MATTERS AND HIS "MORALITY AND ETHICS ARE BEYOND REPROACH." HE SAID APPOINTEE "TAKES HIS MORALITIES AND PRINCIPLES VERY SERIOUSLY," AND "HE WILL NOT COMPROMISE HIMSELF TO DO SOMETHING HE SHOULDN'T." APPOINTEE USES GOOD JUDGMENT AND HAS ABILITY TO ADMINISTER HIS TIME SO THAT "HE CAN GET TO THE JUGLAR ON ISSUES." HE REGARDS APPOINTEE AS INCREDIBLY EFFICIENT AND PERSON WHOM HE TRUSTS PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE FEBRUARY, 1966, AND REGARDS HIM AS VERY STABLE, STRAIGHT-FORWARD AND CANDID INDIVIDUAL, WHO HAS HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRITY. HE STATED APPOINTEE OBSERVES CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS IN HIGHEST ORDER AND MAINTAINS THE SPIRIT OF THIS CODE IN EXEMPLARY FASHION. HE ADDED APPOINTEE IS DEVOTED TO U.S. AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND ALWAYS MAINTAINS HIGHEST DEGREE OF CONFIDENTIALITY AND DESCREETNESS. HE ADDED APPOINTEE IS "ONE OF THE MOST ABLE YOUNGER PARTNERS" IN THE FIRM AND HAS HIGHEST MARKS IN LEGAL ABILITY. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED] TO APPOINTEE, ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN [REDACTED] SINCE FEBRUARY OR MARCH, 1966. SHE CONSIDERS APPOINTEE PERSON OF OUTSTANDING MORAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION AS WELL AS BEING VERY DEDICATED, CONSCIENTIOUS INDIVIDUAL. HIS LOYALTY, INTEGRITY AND ST BILITY ARE ABOVE REPROACH AND SHE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM, WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS, FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT.

✓ [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE FEBRUARY, 1966. HE SAID HE HAS HAD SOME WORKING CONTACT

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WITH APPOINTEE WHOSE AREA OF EXPERTISE IS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS INVOLVING CONTRACT MATTERS. HE SAID APPOINTEE HAS TREMENDOUS ABILITY AND INTEGRITY AND QUALITY OF HIS WORK IS SUPERB. HE REGARDS APPOINTEE AS SELF-DISCIPLINED, METICULOUS, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND STABLE INDIVIDUAL, WHOSE MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE BEYOND QUESTION. HE ADDED APPOINTEE IS "A QUALITY GUY" AND HE WOULD ENTRUST ANYTHING TO APPOINTEE WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE FOR TEN YEARS AND DESCRIBED HIM AS "ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE AND SUPERB PERSONS" HE HAS KNOWN. HE SAID APPOINTEE'S LEAVING THIS FIRM WILL BE TREMENDOUS PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LOSS TO HIM. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS DISCREET, TOUGH, FAIR, AND STABLE. HE ADDED APPOINTEE "WORKS WELL UNDER PRESSURE" AND IT SEEMS AS IF HE IS ALWAYS UNDER PRESSURE. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS FIRST-RATE CITIZEN AND PERSON OF UNCOMPROMISING INTEGRITY.

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HE HAS NEVER KNOWN OR HEARD OF ANYTHING UNFAVORABLE CONCERNING HIS MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION OR LOYALTY, AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE.

SIMON H. RIFKIND, PARTNER, ADVISED HE INITIALLY MET APPOINTEE WHEN APPOINTEE SERVED AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. AT THAT TIME, HE, RIFKIND, WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S RAILROAD COMMISSION. HE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH APPOINTEE WHEN HE JOINED THIS FIRM IN 1966. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS PERSON POSSESSING RARE AND EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY AND PROFOUND INTELLIGENCE. HE IS SENSITIVE TO AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE GOVERNMENT SCENE, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE REGARDS APPOINTEE AS POSSESSING "MATURITY BEYOND HIS YEARS," AND ADDED HE IS DEEPLY DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THIS COUNTRY. HE HAS UNUSUALLY PERCEPTIVE MIND, AND USES SOLID JUDGMENT. HE REGARDS HIM AS FIRST-RATE CITIZEN AND PERSON OF HIGHEST MORAL CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE IS [REDACTED] ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE HE JOINED THIS FIRM IN 1966. HE DESCRIBED

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APPOINTEE AS FIRST-RATE INDIVIDUAL IN CATEGORIES OF INTEGRITY, STABILITY, AND GOOD JUDGMENT. HE SAID APPOINTEE QUICKLY GETS TO CORE OF A PROBLEM AND ALWAYS USES SOUND JUDGMENT. APPOINTEE IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN THIS FIRM AND BY ALL ITS CLIENTS. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPOINTEE'S STABILITY, INTEGRITY AND GOOD JUDGMENT. HE ADHERES TO THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL AND MORAL PRINCIPLES AND NOTHING HAS EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO EVEN HESITATE IN RECOMMENDING APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT. HE CONCLUDED BY WHOLE HEARTEDLY RECOMMENDING HIM.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1966. HE REGARDS HIM AS VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE, ASTUTE, AND METICULOUS ATTORNEY, WHOSE MORAL CHARACTER AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ARE ABOVE REPROACH. APPOINTEE WORKS WELL UNDER PRESSURE AND APPEARS TO THRIVE ON IT. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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[REDACTED], ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1967. HE PLAYS TENNIS WITH APPOINTEE AND KNOWS HIM SOMEWHAT SOCIALLY. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS MATURE, LEVEL-HEADED AND VERY INTELLIGENT ATTORNEY AND STATED HIS MORAL CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND LOYALTY ARE ABOVE REPROACH. NOTHING HAS EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO DOUBT APPOINTEE'S LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY, AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS OUTSTANDING REPUTATION IN THIS FIRM AS LOYAL AND RESPONSIBLE ATTORNEY AS WELL AS PERSON OF ABSOLUTE INTEGRITY. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS BRIGHT, KEEN, AND FIRM, AND ONE WHO USES GOOD JUDGMENT. HE IS WELL-RESPECTED AND SUCCESSFUL PARTNER, AND HE HAS NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING ABOUT APPOINTEE WHICH WOULD CAUSE HIM TO DOUBT HIS INTEGRITY OR LOYALTY. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

[REDACTED], WHO HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE FEBRUARY, 1966, STATED APPOINTEE IS EXTRAORDINARILY DEDICATED AND "PERFECTLY STRAIGHT" INDIVIDUAL. EVERYTHING APPOINTEE DOES, IS DONE IN ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF HIS CAPACITY. HE

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DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS "NO NONSENCE, STRAIGHT-FORWARD GUY." HIS JUDGMENTS AND OPINIONS ARE WELL REGARDED BY ALL PARTNERS IN THIS FIRM, AND HE FURTHER DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS PERSON OF LOYALTY TO THIS COUNTRY AND LOYAL TO HIS COMMITMENTS. HE RECOMMENDED APPOINTEE WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

[REDACTED], ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1966, AND REGARDS HIM AS PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, GOOD JUDGMENT AND DISCRETION. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH APPOINTEE, WHO WORKS WELL UNDER STRESS.

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT IN 1968, APPOINTEE TOOK LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO WORK FOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN IN WASHINGTON, WHILE [REDACTED] WORKED ON THE CAMPAIGN IN A SMALLER CAPACITY. IN 1970, [REDACTED] TOOK LEAVE TO WORK FOR APPOINTEE'S CAMPAIGN TOWARD U.S. SENATE. HE SAID HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH APPOINTEE AND AT ALL TIMES, APPOINTEE EXHIBITED GOOD TASTE, SENSITIVITY, AND WAS ETHICAL IN EVERYTHING HE UNDERTOOK. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE REPRESENTED APPOINTEE WHEN HE WAS DIVORCED IN 1969, AND HE ADDED THERE WAS NO SCANDAL INVOLVED IN THIS DIVORCE. HE REGARDS APPOINTEE AS "FIRST-CLASS CITIZEN" AND HIGHLY

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RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN U.S.
GOVERNMENT.

NY # [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN
APPOINTEE SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1967, AND HAS HAD GREAT DEAL
OF PROFESSIONAL CONTACT WITH HIM. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS
MAN OF ABSOLUTE AND IMPECCABLE CHARACTER AND AN EXTRA-
ORDINARILY TALENTED INDIVIDUAL OF HIGH INTEGRITY. HE HAS
NEVER KNOWN OR HEARD OF ANYTHING WHICH WOULD IMPUGN HIS
CHARACTER. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED HIM FOR POSITION OF TRUST
AND CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT [REDACTED]

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APPOINTEE. ANOTHER REFERENCE, [REDACTED] WAS UNAVAILABLE
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED
CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

REBUTELS NOVEMBER 15 AND 16, 1976, CAPTIONED
"SPECIAL INQUIRY INVESTIGATIONS FOR PRESIDENT-
ELECT CARTER"; BUTEL DECEMBER 19, 1976.

BUREAU HAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT EXTREMELY EXPEDITE
INVESTIGATION TO BRING UP TO DATE NOVEMBER 1960 SPECIAL
INQUIRY OF SORESEN WHO IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
PRESIDENT ELECT FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT.

SOERSEN INTERVIEWED DECEMBER 19, 1976, AND
PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

EMPLOYMENT:

SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT OF U.S., WASHINGTON D.C.,
JANUARY 1961 TO MARCH 1964; SELF EMPLOYED WRITER,
LECTURER, CONSULTANT, MARCH 1964 TO FEBRUARY 1966;
ATTORNEY, PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON,
345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY TO PRESENT.
SOERSEN ADVISED HE TOOK LEAVE OF ABSENCE, MARCH 1968
TO JUNE 1968, TO WORK ON ROBERT F. KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT

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COMMITTEE, AND AGAIN, APRIL 1970 TO JULY 1970, TO BE
CANDIDATE HIMSELF FOR U.S. SENATE.

RESIDENCES:

3000 SPROUT RUN PARKWAY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA,
DECEMBER 1960 TO MARCH 1964; LEVERETT HOUSE, HARVARD
UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, MARCH 1964 TO ✓
JUNE 1964; CENTERVILLE AND HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS,
ADDRESSES NOT AVAILABLE, JUNE 1964 TO SEPTEMBER 1965;
LECTURE CIRCUIT, NO PERMANENT RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 1965
TO FEBRUARY 1966; BECKMAN HOTEL, 575 PARK AVENUE, NEW
YORK, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 1966 TO DECEMBER 1966; NEW
YORK ATHLETIC CLUB, 180 ²⁵ CENTRAL PARK WEST, APARTMENTS 2
14K AND 14J, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AUGUST 1968 TO PRESENT.

REFERENCES AND CLOSE ASSOCIATES:

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYED BY PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND,
WHARTON AND GARRISON, 345 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

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OTHER ASSOCIATES LISTED AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORTHVILLE INDUSTRIES, NEW YORK, NEW YORK,

TELEPHONE NUMBER 591-1400; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1 WOODBRIDGE CENTER, WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY,

RESIDENCE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SON, 44TH

STREET AND 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE

NUMBER [REDACTED] RESIDENCE [REDACTED]

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RELATIVES:

FATHER, CHRISTIAN CHAINKIN SORENSEN, DECEASED.

AUGUST, 1959; MOTHER, ANNIS CHAIKIN SORENSEN, DECEASED,

JUNE 1970; BROTHERS: [REDACTED] BORN

[REDACTED]
THOMAS CHAIKIN SORENSEN, BORN MARCH 31, 1926, 250 BEVERLY
ROAD, SCARSDALE, NEW YORK; [REDACTED] BORN

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[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]
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SORENSEN DIVORCED CAMILLA RUTH PALMER, AUGUST 1963,
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. PALMER NOW MARRIED TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MELLEN, WISCONSIN.

SORENSEN'S SONS BY FIRST WIFE: [REDACTED]

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BORN [REDACTED] RESIDES ON FARM, [REDACTED] WISCONSIN;

[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] RESIDES ON
FARM, [REDACTED] WISCONSIN; [REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ATTENDING COLORADO COLLEGE, RESIDES [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.

SORENSEN MARRIED [REDACTED] DIVORCED
[REDACTED], NEW YORK CITY. [REDACTED] LAST KNOWN WHERE-
ABOUTS, [REDACTED] MASSACHUSETTS.,

MISCELLANEOUS: SORENSEN DEFENDENT IN SMALL CLAIMS
COURT, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT, DECEMBER 1974. HE DEFAULTED
DUE TO FOREIGN TRAVEL.

SORENSEN ADVISED MUCH FOREIGN TRAVEL FOR BUSINESS

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REASONS SINCE 1960, INCLUDING USSR IN AUGUST 1967 AND
APRIL 1970. SORENSEN CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION OF U.S.
PASSPORT, NUMBER G 1095117, ISSUED JULY 6, 1976, VALID
UNTIL JULY 5, 1981.

SORENSEN ADVISES HE IS MEMBER OF BAR, NEBRASKA,
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON D.C.

BUREAU ADVISES ASSIGN SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO
INSURE BUDED IS MET WITHOUT FAIL. NO DELAY WILL BE
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RE NEW YORK TELCALL TO ALBANY, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976 [REDACTED] NEW YORK

GOVERNOR HUGH L. CAREY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN SORENSEN SINCE
1962 WHEN SORENSEN HELD AN IMPORTANT POSITION UNDER FORMER
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. HE SAID HIS CONTACT WITH SORENSEN
WAS LIMITED UNTIL 1965 FROM WHICH TIME ON HE HAD A GREAT DEAL
OF CONTACT WITH SORENSEN WHO PRACTICED LAW IN NEW YORK CITY
WHILE [REDACTED] TO U.S. SENATOR EDWARD
KENNEDY.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED SORENSEN AS AN ENGAGING PERSONALITY WHO
DEALT WITH HIS WORK IN A "NO NONSENSE" MANNER. HE SAID
SORENSEN'S ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITY WAS EXCELLENT AND SORENSEN

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VIEWS THE PUBLIC SERVICE AS ONE OF THE HIGHEST CALLINGS. 

FURTHER DESCRIBED SORENSEN AS A MAN OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER,
LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATES AND HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS HIM FOR A
POSITION INVOLVING TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DECEMBER 20, 1976,
AND NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ASSOCIATES:

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

AND SON, 529 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN
APPOINTEE SINCE 1959, WHEN BOTH WERE ASSOCIATED WITH SENATOR
JOHN F. KENNEDY. HE SAID APPOINTEE IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT
MAN, WHOSE CHARACTER, HONESTY, AND INTEGRITY ARE ABOVE REPROACH.
HE SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND APPOINTEE FOR ANY POSITION IN THE
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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

NORTHVILLE INDUSTRIES, 1 HUNTINGTON QUADRANGLE, HUNTINGTON STATION, NEW YORK, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF APPOINTEE FOR EIGHT TO TEN YEARS. HE SAID HE IS ONE OF THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY MEN HE HAS HAD THE HONOR TO KNOW, AND HAS AN INSTINCT FOR WHAT IS RIGHT. HE SAID HE IS AN HONEST, LOYAL MAN OF GREAT CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY. HE ADDED HE KNEW APPOINTEE DURING MARCH THROUGH JUNE, 1968, WHEN APPOINTEE WAS WORKING ON ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, AND DURING HIS OWN SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN FROM APRIL, 1970 TO JULY, 1970. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] BANTAM BOOKS, 666 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HE FIRST MET APPOINTEE IN EARLY 1960'S, AND HAS KNOWN HIM WELL SINCE 1964, WHEN BOTH WORKED ON THE CAMPAIGN STAFF OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HE SAID HE HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR APPOINTEE BOTH AS A MAN AND PUBLIC SERVANT. HE STATED HIS CHARACTER, HONESTY, INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY ARE OUTSTANDING. HE GIVES HIS HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE

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1961, WHEN BOTH WERE INVOLVED WITH THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. HE DESCRIBED HIM AS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT MAN OF SUPERIOR CHARACTER, HONESTY, AND LOYALTY. HE POINTED OUT HE KNEW APPOINTEE FROM MARCH, 1964 TO FEBRUARY, 1966, WHEN APPOINTEE WAS SELF-EMPLOYED AUTHOR. HE HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, ARTHUR MEYER SCHLESINGER, JR., 33 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK, NY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1955 OR 1956, WHEN BOTH WERE WORKING FOR SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY. HE SAID HE HAS SEEN APPOINTEE OPERATE DURING ALL KINDS OF CRISES AND UNDER ALL KINDS OF CIRCUMSTANCES, AND REGARDS HIM AS AN OUTSTANDING MAN. HE STATED HIS CHARACTER, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY ARE UNIMPEACHABLE AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, LAWRENCE E. O'BRIEN, COMMISSIONER OF THE NBA, 860 U.N. PLAZA, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE THEIR MUTUAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE KENNEDYS IN THE EARLY 1950'S. HE DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS AN HONEST, LOYAL AMERICAN, WHOSE CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY HAVE EARNED THE HIGHEST MARKS. HE RECOMMENDS WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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THEODORE CHAIKEN SORENSEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: DECEMBER 20,
1976, OO: BUREAU.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELCALL DATED DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, SA JOHN S. ATWATER, FBI, WEST PALM
BEACH, FLORIDA, CONTACTED [REDACTED] AT THE [REDACTED]

RE CAPTIONED MATTER. [REDACTED] ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN SORENSEN FOR
THE PAST 20 YEARS AND CONSIDERS HIM A CLOSE FRIEND. [REDACTED] STATED
SOERNSEN IS DEDICATED, HONEST, INTELLIGENT, AND A LOYAL
AMERICAN WHOM HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST
WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ON SAME DATE, SA [REDACTED] FBI, MIAMI, CONTACTED
U.S. SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF RE CAPTIONED MATTER. SENATOR

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RIBICOFF ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN SORENSEN SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S WHEN SORENSEN WORKED FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDY. HE CONSIDERS SORENSEN AN INTELLIGENT MAN, A MAN OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER, A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED LOYALTY TO THE U.S. AND A MAN WHOM HE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR A POSITION OF TRUST WITH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, MC GEORGE BUNDY, PRESIDENT, THE
FORD FOUNDATION, 320 EAST 43RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY (NYC),
ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE
1961. ADVISED WORKED WITH APPOINTEE 1961 TO 1964. ADVISED
HAS NO RESERVATIONS REGARDING APPOINTEE'S REPUTATION, CHAR-
ACTER, INTEGRITY OR LOYALTY, AND DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS
"A1 AND FIRST CLASS". BUNDY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] AND

[REDACTED] HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. [REDACTED]

IS UNAVAIL-

ABLE BEFORE DECEMBER 21, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB (NYAC), 180 CENTRAL PARK SOUTH, NYC, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] NYAC RECORDS REFLECT APPOINTEE HELD RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP FROM JUNE, 1966 TO JULY, 1968, BUT WAS NOT LISTED ON RECORD AS PERMANENT RESIDENT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP WOULD ENTITLE BEARER TO UTILIZE FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL CAPACITY FOR SHORT PERIODS WITHOUT RECORDS SO REFLECTING. [REDACTED] ADVISED NO ONE CURRENTLY AT NYAC FAMILIAR WITH APPOINTEE. FURTHER ADVISED SORENSEN'S RECORD CLEAR, ELIGIBLE FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] MEDGAR EVERS FUND, 150 EAST 58TH STREET, NYC, ADVISED APPOINTEE MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD SINCE 1969. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, GREAT INTEGRITY, EXPERIENCED, AND ADVICE VERY HIGHLY VALUED. [REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH US GOVERNMENT.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COUNSEL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, INCORPORATED, 58 EAST 68TH STREET, NYC, ADVISED APPOINTEE MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION SINCE 1967. [REDACTED] ADVISED APPOINTEE ACTIVE ON

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COMMITTEES, VERY ABLE AND INTELLIGENT, AND APPOINTEE WELL
THOUGHT OF BY ALL MEMBERS. [REDACTED] HIGHLY RECOMMENDS APPOINTEE
FOR POSITION OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE WITH THE US GOVERNMENT.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, SPIN. BUDED: COB TODAY.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, WALT WHITMAN ROSTOW, ONE WILDWIND POINT, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE APPROXIMATELY 1959 OR 1960 WHEN THE APPOINTEE WAS WORKING WITH THEN SENATOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND DR. ROSTOW WAS A PROFESSOR AT MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. HE KNEW HIM CLOSELY AS A COLLEAGUE DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS APPROXIMATELY OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. HE SAW HIM REGULARLY OVER THE YEARS UNTIL ABOUT APRIL, 1968.

DR. ROSTOW CONSIDERS SORESENSEN TO BE A MAN OF GREAT INTEGRITY, WITH CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT WHO IS DISCREET, COOL, PROFESSIONAL, AND IS VERY LOYAL TO BOTH THE COUNTRY AND HIS SUPERVISOR. SORESENSEN IS EFFECTIVE IN CRISES. DR. ROSTOW STATED

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HE IS A FINE MAN WHO HE RECOMMENDS FAVORABLY FOR A POSITION OF
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED CLOSE OF
BUSINESS, DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER 20, 1976.

RELATIVES:

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

RE TEL INDICATES APPOINTEE'S FORMER WIFE MARRIED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT APPOINTEE'S EX-WIFE IS
MARRIED TO [REDACTED]

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, ARREST RECORD FOR CAMILLA RUTH
HANSON, NEE PALMER, AND [REDACTED] CHECKED
AT ASHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ASHLAND, WIS., (COVERS
MELLEN AND GLIDDEN, WIS.) BY UNDERSHERIFF [REDACTED] AND AT THE
MELLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT BY KEITH HANSON. NO RECORD OF ARREST.

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WAS LOCATED. KEITH HANSON, CHIEF OF POLICE (COP), MELLEN,
WISCONSIN, ADVISED [REDACTED] WIS.,
AND IS EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
CHIEF HANSON ALSO ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND CAMILLA HANSON RESIDE
[REDACTED] NEAR MELLEN, WIS., AND ARE OUTSTANDING CITIZENS
IN THE MELLEN AREA.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, CAMILLA HANSON, NEE PALMER, MELLEN,
WIS., ADVISED SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO APPOINTEE AND WAS
DIVORCED FROM APPOINTEE IN ¹⁹⁴⁹1963. CAMILLA HANSON ALSO STATED
APPOINTEE IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT INDIVIDUAL, A VERY CAPABLE
ATTORNEY, AND A PERSON WHOM SHE BELIEVES HAS EXCELLENT MORAL
CHARACTER AND IS A GOOD LOYAL AMERICAN. CAMILLA HANSON STATED
SHE KNOWS OF NO REASON WHY APPOINTEE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR
A RESPONSIBLE POSITION WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]
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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, COP [REDACTED] WIS., POLICE
DEPARTMENT, ADVISED HIS DEPARTMENT HAD NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, DET. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], CHIPPEWA COUNTY, WIS., SHERIFF'S OFFICE (COVERS
CADOTT, WIS.) ADVISED THEIR DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD FOR

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RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED] VERIFIED THROUGH COP

[REDACTED] AS [REDACTED] WIS.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED: CLOSE OF
BUSINESS DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE BUTEL TO WASHINGTON FIELD, DECEMBER 19, 1976, AND NEW YORK
TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

OFFICIAL PERSONNEL FOLDER (OPF) FOR APPOINTEE'S EMPLOYMENT AS
SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT, 1961 TO 1964, NOT LOCATED AT
CIVILIAN RECORD CENTER, NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

WASHINGTON FIELD, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, REVIEW OPF AT WHITE
HOUSE PERSONNEL OFFICE.

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RE NEW YORK TEL TO CHICAGO, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS

CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED] AT WILMETTE, ILLINOIS:

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE [REDACTED]

FAMILY HAS RESIDED ACROSS THE STREET AT [REDACTED] FOR

THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS. [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED]

HAVE FOUR CHILDREN NAMELY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PRESENTLY [REDACTED] IS IN

AFRICA STUDYING HER WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY TRAINING. [REDACTED]

HOLDS ALL MEMBERS OF THE [REDACTED] FAMILY IN HIGH REGARD. ALL ARE

WELL REGARDED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. THE [REDACTED] ARE FAMILY

ORIENTED. [REDACTED]

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ADVISED THAT NO ARREST RECORD WAS LOCATED IDENTIFIABLE WITH ANY
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1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE WFO TELCALL TO ATLANTA, DECEMBER 20, 1976 AND ATLANTA
TELCALL TO ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ATTEMPT TO CONTACT DEAN RUSK, FORMER U. S. SECRETARY
OF STATE, AN ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT, UNSUCCESSFUL AS RUSK
ON HOLIDAY WITH DAUGHTER, [REDACTED]
VIRGINIA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

LEAD. ALEXANDRIA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AND
SUBMIT RESULTS TO FBIHQ.

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO WASHINGTON FIELD, DECEMBER 19,
1976; NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ADMINISTRATIVE. ALL INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED WERE
ADVISED OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974
(PUBLIC LAW 93-579).

THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
BIRTH. ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

NEBRASKA BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,
ADVISED THAT THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN WAS BORN TO
CHRISTIAN A. SORENSEN AND ANNIS S. CHAIKIN ON MAY 8,

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1928, AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

BAR ASSOCIATION. ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, ADVISED

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN WAS ADMITTED TO THE NEBRASKA
BAR ASSOCIATION ON JUNE 23, 1951. [REDACTED] ADDED THAT NO
GRIEVANCES HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST SORENSEN AND THAT HE
CURRENTLY IS IN AN INACTIVE STATUS. [REDACTED] FURTHER
ADVISED THAT INACTIVE STATUS IS GRANTED TO NEBRASKA BAR
MEMBERS WHO DO NOT PRESENTLY PRACTICE WITHIN THE STATE.

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AND THE OMAHA WORLD HERALD, OMAHA,
NEBRASKA, REVEALED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION
FOR THEODORE C. SORENSEN.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED CLOSE
OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 20, 1976 WITHOUT FAIL

RENYTEL TO BUREAU, DATED DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976,

NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SA

SHE HAS RESIDED NEXT DOOR TO

APPOINTEE'S FOR THE PAST

EIGHTEEN YEARS. ADVISED EXCELLENT NEIGHBORS, KNOWS NO
DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY FAMILY MEMBERS. FURTHER
ADVISED SHE IS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THEODORE C. SORESEN PERSON-
ALLY, BUT UNDERSTANDS HE HAS EXCELLENT REPUTATION.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN; SPECIAL INQUIRY; BUDED CLOSE OF
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RE BUREAU TEL TO WFO, DECEMBER 19, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] NEW YORK STATE

SUPREME COURT, APPELLATE DIVISION, FIRST JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
25TH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK (NY), NY, ADVISED
APPOINTEE ADMITTED TO NY STATE BAR NOVEMBER 1, 1966, IN GOOD STANDING.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES, ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY
OF NY, 36 WEST 44TH STREET, NY, NY, ADVISED NO RECORD LOCATED
FOR APPOINTEE.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN AKA TED SORENSEN; SPECIAL INQUIRY;
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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, MARK MONSKY, VICE-PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF NEWS, METROMEDIA TELEVISION, WNEW-TV, 201 EAST
67TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY, NY, ADVISED THAT HE FIRST BECAME
ACQUAINTED WITH SORENSEN WHEN SORENSEN WAS AFFILIATED WITH
THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. HE STATED THAT MR. SORENSEN
BEGAN HIS WEEKLY COMMENTARY WITH METROMEDIA TELEVISION IN
APPROXIMATELY 1971, AND WAS EMPLOYED IN THAT CAPACITY FOR
APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS. DURING THAT TIME,
MR. SORENSEN MADE APPROXIMATELY TWO APPEARANCES DURING THE
WEEK AND ENGAGED IN A COMMENTARY WITH [REDACTED]
THESE COMMENTARIES CONCERNED EVERY POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC TOPIC. MONSKY STATED THAT DURING THE TIME HE HAS

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BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH SORENSEN, ON NO OCCASION HAS ANY INFORMATION EVER COME TO HIS ATTENTION WHICH WOULD REFLECT UNFAVORABLY UPON THE APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER, REPUTATION, ASSOCIATES AND LOYALTY. HE STATED THAT SORENSEN, DURING THE TIME HE WAS MAKING THIS COMMENTARY, WAS PROFESSIONALLY AFFILIATED WITH PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON. MONSKY THEN ADVISED THAT AS AN OBJECTIVE JOURNALIST, HE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT RECOMMEND ANY POLITICIAN FOR AN APPOINTED POSITION IN GOVERNMENT.

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MONSKY THEN STATED THAT THERE IS NO ONE OTHER THAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WOULD BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE APPOINTEE

OR WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ABOUT HIM.

IT WAS DETERMINED THAT [REDACTED] WILL BE UNAVAILABLE

UNTIL DECEMBER 22, 1976.

NEW YORK, AT NEW YORK CITY - WILL CONTACT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND SECURE HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING APPOINTEE.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN, SPIN, BUDED, CLOSE OF BUSINESS

DEC. 20, 1976

REBUTEL DEC. 20, 1976.

REFERENCES:

DR. JEROME BERT WIESNER, PRESIDENT OF MIT, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT HE WAS ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY WITH THE APPOINTEE FROM 1961 TO 1964 IN WASHINGTON DC WHEN HE, WIESNER, WAS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE APPOINTEE WAS THE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY. DR. WIESNER STATED THAT HE HAS HAD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE APPOINTEE SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR SINCE 1964 AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF

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FOREIGN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY, A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FOREIGN RELATIONS. DR. WIESNER ADVISED THAT HE HAD ALSO BROUGHT THE APPOINTEE TO MIT ON ONE OCCASION SINCE 1964 TO LECTURE TO THE STUDENTS. HE STATED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO BE A PERSON OF EXCELLENT CHARACTER, REPUTATION AND ASSOCIATES WHOSE LOYALTY TO THE U.S. HE HAS NO REASON TO QUESTION. DR. WIESNER ADVISED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE APPOINTEE TO HAVE BEEN AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF PRES. JOHN F. KENNEDY'S STAFF AND HE WOULD RECOMMEND HIM HIGHLY FOR A POSITION OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

CREDIT AND ARREST:

PERSONNEL OF THE CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER BOSTON, INC., 6 ST. JAMES AVE., BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THEIR FILES WHICH INCLUDE CAMBRIDGE, MASS., CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE.

[REDACTED] CREDIT BUREAU OF CAPE COD, INC., HYANNIS, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THE

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APPOINTEE IN THIS CREDIT BUREAU'S FILES.

PERSONNEL OF THE CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPT. (CPD), CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE POINE IN CPD FILES

PERSONNEL OF THE MASS. STATE POLICE, DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BOSTON, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE IN THEIR FILES.

NEIL A. NIGHTINGALE, CHIEF OF POLICE, BARNSTABLE POLICE DEPT. (BPD), HYANNIS, MASS., WHICH COVERS THE VILLAGES OF CENTERVILLE AND HYANNISPORT, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE APPOINTEE IN BPD FILES.

MISCELLANEOUS:

[REDACTED] ALUMNI RECORDS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY (HU), CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN HAVING ATTENDED HU AND THAT LEVERETT HOUSE IS AN UNDERGRADUATE DORMITORY OF HU.

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[REDACTED] HYANNISPORT, MASS.,
ADVISED ON DEC. 20, 1976 THAT HE REMEMBERED THE APPOINTEE
PERSONALLY AS HAVING RESIDED IN A COTTAGE OFF SCUDDER AVE., IN
HYANNISPORT FOR A PERIOD DURING 1964 AND 1965, EXACT DATES UNRECALLED
WHEN HE, THE APPOINTEE, WAS AUTHORIZING THE BOOK "KENNEDY".

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[REDACTED] NOT AVAILABLE AT [REDACTED]
MASS., AND EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO LOCATE HER IN RHODE ISLAND
WHERE SHE IS ALLEGEDLY LIVING WITH HER ILL MOTHER.

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ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED] CENTRAL CRIMINAL RECORDS
 EXCHANGE (CCRE), VIRGINIA STATE POLICE (VSP), RICHMOND, VA.,
 ADVISED HER FILES FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFO. IDENTIFIABLE WITH
 SORESENSEN.

ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED] OPERATOR'S LICENSE SECTION,
 DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV), RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED HER FILES
 FAILED TO REFLECT ANY INFO. IDENTIFIABLE WITH SORESENSEN.

ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED] VA. STATE BAR,
 RICHMOND, VA., ADVISED SORESENSEN HAS NEVER BEEN MEMBER OF VA.
 STATE BAR.

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OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL.

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] COLORADO

COLLEGE, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CURRENTLY IS A STUDENT AT HER EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTION AND RESIDES AT [REDACTED] COLORADO

SPRINGS. [REDACTED] IS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT ACADEMIC

STUDENT AT THE COLLEGE AND ENJOYS A FINE REPUTATION IN
THE COMMUNITY.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, [REDACTED] COLORADO SPRINGS,

COLORADO POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND [REDACTED], EL PASO COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COLORADO SPRINGS, BOTH ADVISED THEY HAD

NO RECORD FOR [REDACTED] DOB [REDACTED]

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BUSINESS, DECMEBER 20, 1976, WITHOUT FAIL

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, A CHECK OF THE 1977 HAINES CITY
DIRECTORY FOR THE COLUMBUS, OHIO AREA REVEALED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDES AT [REDACTED] WORTHINGTON, OHIO.

ON THE SAME DATE, [REDACTED]
WORTHINGTON, OHIO, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] AND HIS
FAMILY HAVE RESIDED AT [REDACTED] WORTHINGTON, OHIO, FOR
APPROXIMATELY THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

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ON DECEMBER 20, 1976, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ADVISED THEY
COULD LOCATE NO RECORD IN FILE IDENTIFIABLE WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] COLUMBUS, OHIO PD; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FRANKLIN COUNTY SO, COLUMBUS, OHIO [REDACTED]

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OF BUSINESS, DEC. 20, 1976, WOF.

RE: NY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DEC. 20, 1976.

DEBT INFORMATION:

ON DEC. 20, 1976, DOCKET NUMBER SC3-26775, SMALL CLAIMS
SESSION, THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF DANBURY, DANBURY, CONN.,
WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY [REDACTED]
OF COURT. ON OCT. 31, 1974, CLAIM ENTERED BY PLAINTIFF
[REDACTED] COMPANY, INC., RIDGEFIELD, CONN., AGAINST
DEFENDANT THEODORE C. SORESENSEN, 277 BENNETTS FARM RD.,
RIDGEFIELD, FOR \$118.60 FOR WORK INVOLVING SEPTIC SYSTEM
AT ABOVE PROPERTY. SORESENSEN DENIED OBLIGATION, CLAIMING
VERBAL AGREEMENT FOR LOWER FEE. HE REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT
SINCE HE WAS ONLY IN RIDGEFIELD OCCASIONALLY. JUDGMENT
RETURNED DEC. 18, 1974, IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFF FOR \$133.70,

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INCLUDING COSTS, AS DEFENDANT DID NOT APPEAR.

ON DEC. 20, 1976, [REDACTED]

CO. ADVISED JUDGMENT PAID SATISFACTORILY.

RESIDENCE:

ON DEC. 20, 1976, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] RIDGEFIELD
PD AND [REDACTED] USPO, RIDGEFIELD,
ADVISED APPOINTEE HAS OWNED A WEEKEND AND PART-TIME SUMMER
RESIDENCE AT 277 BENNETTS FARM RD., RIDGEFIELD FOR SEVERAL
YEARS AND HAS A GOOD REPUTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. DUE TO
APPOINTEE'S NOTORIETY, NO NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION WAS
CONDUCTED.

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CREDIT AND ARREST:

ON DEC. 20, 1976, NO CREDIT RECORD LOCATED CREDIT BUREAU
OF DANBURY, WHICH COVERS RIDGEFIELD.

ON DEC. 20, 1976, NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED AT RIDGEFIELD
PD FOR APPOINTEE OR HIS WIFE, [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE: ABOVE INDIVIDUALS ADVISED APPROPRIATELY
OF ELEMENTS OF PRIVACY ACT AND NONE REQUESTED CONFIDENTIALITY.

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REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, DECEMBER 20,
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THIS IS TO CONFIRM INFORMATION RECEIVED, DECEMBER 20,
1976, AND TRANSMITTED TO RECEIVING OFFICES SAME DATE.

ON DECEMBER 20, 1976,

[REDACTED] FURNISHED APPOINTEE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AS

506-24-3698. FURTHER PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING AS REFERENCES:

[REDACTED] TO GOVERNOR CAREY, ALBANY,

NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C., TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED APPOINTEE MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE
BOARD, LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, 733
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DECEMBER 20, 1976.

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

REPEATED EFFORTS TO LOCATE [REDACTED] TO DATE HAVE BEEN
UNSUCCESSFUL. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES [REDACTED] OUT OF
TOWN OVER HOLIDAYS LOOKING AFTER SICK MOTHER.

UACB, NO FURTHER EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO LOCATE HER.

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RE NEW YORK TELCONS TO BU, ALEXANDRIA, MILWAUKEE, AND
WASHINGTON FIELD, DECEMBER 21, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976,

NEW YORK, ADVISED SA

THAT THOMAS CHAIKIN SORENSEN, APPOINTEE'S

BROTHER, CURRENTLY RESIDES 250 BEVERLY ROAD, AND HAS
EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN NEIGHBORHOOD.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, DETECTIVE

SCARSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SCARSDALE, NEW YORK, ADVISED

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NO RECORD HIS DEPARTMENT RE APPOINTEE'S BROTHER, THOMAS CHAIKIN SORENSEN.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED HE HAS KNOWN APPOINTEE SINCE 1961, WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED IN JFK ADMINISTRATION. ALSO ADVISED HE KNEW APPOINTEE WHILE BOTH EMPLOYED AT PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON AND GARRISON. [REDACTED] LEFT FIRM IN 1973. DESCRIBED APPOINTEE AS EXTREMELY COMPETENT IN LEGAL FIELD, MAN OF INTEGRITY AND STRONG DISCIPLINE, AND HIGHEST CHARACTER. ADVISED SORENSEN'S LOYALTY TO UNITED STATES ABSOLUTE, AND ENJOYS EXCELLENT REPUTATION AMONG COLLEAGUES. ADVISED APPOINTEE'S THREE SONS FROM FIRST MARRIAGE "MARVELOUS" CHILDREN, CURRENT WIFE FINE WOMAN. HIGHLY RECOMMENDS.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, INVESTIGATION NEW YORK DETERMINED

[REDACTED] VACATIONING HOBE SOUND, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] RETURNED WASHINGTON, D.C. OFFICE, TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT [REDACTED] UNSUCCESSFUL, WILL DISCONTINUE, UACB.

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SHOULD [REDACTED] CONTACT NYO, WILL REPORT RESULTS EXPEDITIOUSLY.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, [REDACTED] CREDIT

INFORMATION CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED SC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPOINTEE HAS SATISFACTORY CREDIT RATING.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, NYCPD RECORDS. NEGATIVE RE
APPOINTEE, APPOINTEE'S WIFE, [REDACTED]
HIS BROTHER.

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ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, RECORDS OF NEW YORK SUPREME
COURT, NEW YORK CITY, REFLECTED APPOINTEE PLAINTIFF IN
DIVORCE ACTION AGAINST [REDACTED] COMPLAINT
FILED DECEMBER 31, 1968; DIVORCE FINALIZED JANUARY 20,
1969; JUDGMENT GRANTED APPOINTEE ON JANUARY 23, 1969,
ON GROUNDS OF ABANDONMENT TWO YEARS BY DEFENDANT. NO
CHILDREN.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

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Re Atlanta teletype to Bureau, 12/20/76, Alexandria
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On 12/20/76, appointee's associate, DEAN RUSK,
 former U. S. Secretary of State, was interviewed by WFO
 at the Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue, Washington,
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED:
DECEMBER 20, 1976.

RE ALEXANDRIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ON DECEMBER 21, 1976,

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ON DECEMBER 21, 1976, RECORDS AT FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, FAIRFAX, VA., WERE REVIEWED AND CONTAINED CHANCERY FILE 18391 WHICH REVEALS THAT ON JULY 2, 1963, COMPLAINANT, CAMILLA PALMER SORENSEN, FILED A BILL OF COMPLAINT AGAINST DEFENDANT, THEODORE C. SORENSEN, 3000 SPOUT RUN PARKWAY, ARLINGTON, VA. 22204. COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT WERE MARRIED SEPTEMBER 8, 1949, NOT RECORDED LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, AND THREE CHILDREN WERE BORN OF THE MARRIAGE. THE PARTIES LIVED SEPARATE AND APART WITHOUT COHABITATION AND

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WITHOUT INTERRUPTION SINCE JULY 1, 1960. IT WAS ADJUDGED,
ORDERED, AND DECREED THAT COMPLAINANT BE GRANTED A DIVORCE ON THE
GROUNDS OF UNINTERRUPTED SEPARATION FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.
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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN; SPIN; BUDED: PAST

RE BOSTON TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DECEMBER 20, 1976.

MASS., TELEPHONICALLY

CONTACTED THE BOSTON FBI OFFICE ON DECEMBER 22, 1976 IN RESPONSE
TO FBI EFFORTS TO REACH HER ON DECEMBER 20, 1976.

ADVISED THAT SHE MET THE APPOINTEE DURING HER WORK IN THE
JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN 1960 AND ALSO KNEW
HIM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE SHE WORKED FROM 1961 - 1963 AS

IN THE OFFICE OF ABRAHAM RIBICOFF, THE NEW SECRETARY
IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. ADVISED THAT SHE

ADVISED THAT SHE WAS

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FROM APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER, 1965 TO FEBRUARY, 1966

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HIS LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

STATED THAT THE

APPOINTEE RESIDED IN THE LEVERETT HOUSE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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FROM MARCH, 1964 TO JUNE, 1964 DURING THE PERIOD WHEN THEY
WERE PREPARING TO GET MARRIED. SHE STATED THAT SHE AND THE
APPOINTEE RESIDED IN RENTED FURNISHED HOUSES IN OSTERVILLE AND
HYANNISPORT, MASS., FROM JUNE, 1964 UNTIL THEIR SEPARATION IN
SEPTEMBER, 1965.

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THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSSEN, AKA TED SORENSSEN; SPECIAL INQUIRY,

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RENYTEL TO THE DIRECTOR, DECEMBER 21, 1976.

NUMEROUS AND EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS TO CONTACT

COMMENTATOR, METRO-MEDIA-TV, WNEW-TV, 201 EAST 69TH

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE, DECEMBER 20, 1976, AND
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ON DECEMBER 22, 1976, C. DOUGLAS DILLIN WAS CONTACTED
AT HIS RESIDENCE ON JUPITER ISLAND, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE 546-
5054. DILLIN ADVISED HE FIRST KNEW APPOINTEE IN JANUARY 1961
WHEN THEY BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION.
DILLIN ADVISED APPOINTEE WAS VERY DEDICATED AND AN EXTREMELY
CAPABLE INDIVIDUAL. DILLIN ADVISED THAT APPOINTEE'S CHARACTER
AND INTEGRITY WERE UNQUESTIONABLE, AND HE KNEW APPOINTEE TO
MAINTAIN ONLY THE BEST ASSOCIATES. APPOINTEE IS KNOWN TO
DILLIN AS HAVING AN EXTREMELY GOOD REPUTATION AND UNQUESTIONABLE
LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES. DILLIN ADVISED HE WOULD

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RECOMMEND HIM ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR ANY POSITION OF TRUST.

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SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORESENSEN
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ReNYtelcall to MM, 12/21/76.

This is to confirm information received during NY investigation, and transmitted via telephone to Miami, that C. DOUGLAS DILLION, reference for appointee, is currently located in Hobe Sound, Florida, telephone (315)546-5054.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-29)

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Dear Mr. Sorensen

In connection with your employment with the President elect, Carter's Transition Staff, it will be necessary to request that you provide this office with personal information about your background. This information will be provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to assist in an investigation of your background and it may be provided to other Federal agencies in connection with your employment.

You should be aware that the authority to collect this background information is based on the President's executive powers in Article II of the Constitution. The information will be used to obtain necessary clearances to assist you in your work. Furnishing this information is voluntary, but necessary to our effectiveness. Willfully making a false statement or concealing a material fact may constitute a violation of Section 1001, Title 18 of the U. S. Code.

If you provide any information which indicates a violation of law, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature it will be referred to the appropriate Federal, state, local or foreign agency.

If you provide any information about how you exercise rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, it will be assumed that you are expressly authorizing the maintenance of this information in the records of any Federal agency.

This personal information and the results of the FBI's investigation will be used principally in connection with the consideration of your employment; however, there are other uses for it when necessary to fulfill obligations imposed by law, FBI regulation or presidential directive or executive order. The background information which includes a review of FBI files will be disclosed to the President-elect or his designated representative and the results of the FBI's investigation may be disclosed to another Federal agency, to assist it in its process of clearing you.

The FBI investigation will include the collection and use of relevant information in the files of various Federal agencies and it is necessary that you authorize the disclosure of such information to the FBI. For example,

If you consent to such an FBI investigation and the disclosure of relevant information by Federal agencies, and if you understand and accept the terms of this letter, please sign your name below and return the original of this letter to Matthew B. Coffey. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your files.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Approved:

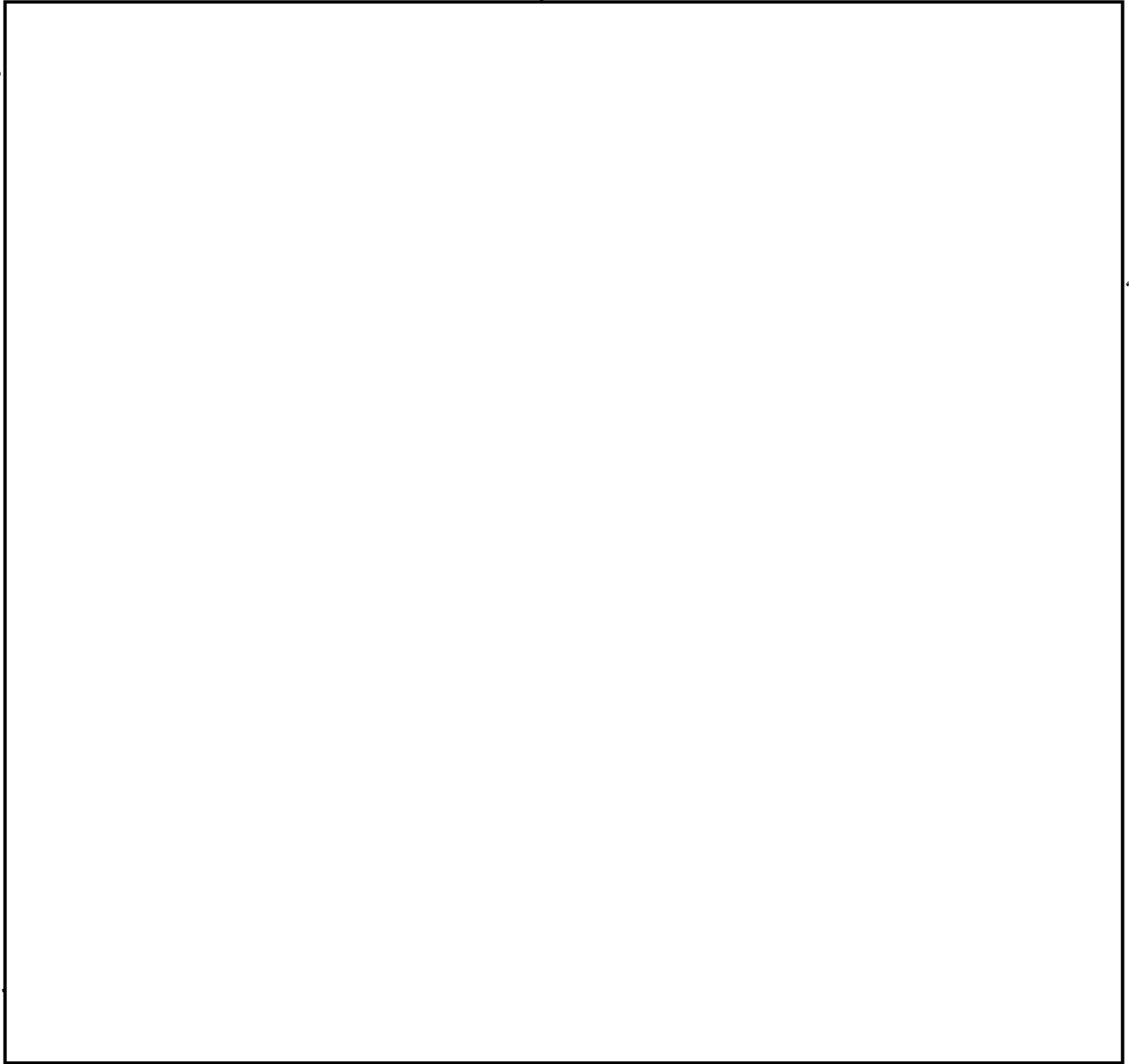
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Theodore C. Spencer
(Taxpayers Signature)

25 C.P.W., - N.Y., N.Y.
(Taxpayers Address)....

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby authorize any Special Agent or other authorized representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation bearing this release, or copy thereof, within one year of its date, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my educational records including, but not limited to, academic, achievement, attendance, athletic, personal history, and disciplinary records; employment records; and credit records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Consent is granted for the FBI to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and any school, college, university, or other educational institution, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, or related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. Should there be any question as to the validity of this release, you may contact me as indicated below.

Full name:

Theodore C. Sorensen
Signature

Full name:

THEODORE C. SORENSON
Type or Print Name

Parent or Guardian
(if required)

NOT LIVING

Date:

Dec. 19, 1976

Current Address:

25 C.P.W.
N.Y., N.Y.

Telephone Number:

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Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Suite 520
733 15th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

[redacted] above address,
was interviewed by SA [redacted] on 12/20/76 and
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Appointee is a member of the policy-making
committee and is in good-standing with above organization.
[redacted] also stated he does not personally know the appointee
and is not in a position to make any recommendations
concerning him.

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On 12/21/76, [REDACTED]

Secretary [REDACTED]

Department of Transportation, advised SA [REDACTED] he has known THEODORE SORENSEN as a professional acquaintance who is highly regarded in high government circles. He noted SORENSEN was closely affiliated with former President JOHN F. KENNEDY and proved himself to be an extremely able and competent person. He noted they have served together as Members of the Executive Board of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and also served together on the President's Council on Foreign Relations. He said he had no hesitation in vouching for the integrity, character, loyalty, or associates of SORENSEN. He said he is "one hundred per cent American" and unquestionably well qualified for appointment in the U. S. Government in any position of trust and confidence.

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ASSOCIATE

[REDACTED]
734 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

On December 21, 1976, SA [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] that he is acquainted with the appointee on a professional basis. He stated that he first met appointee when he was in the Solicitor General's Office, Department of Justice from 1961 to 1964, and the appointee was in the White House. [REDACTED] stated that from time to time he had contact with appointee up through the time that he, [REDACTED], became Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights. [REDACTED] stated that he and appointee are both members of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights under Law and through this organization have professional contact. He advised he is not a personal friend of the appointee's but is aware of no derogatory information regarding the appointee.

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J. EDWARD DAY was interviewed at his office, 21 Du Pont Circle, Washington, D. C. by SA [redacted] on December 20, 1976. He advised he knew the appointee, THEODORE SORESENSEN, when DAY was Postmaster General during the KENNEDY administration.

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DAY described the appointee as having an unusually important role in the White House at that time, involving a great many matters of substance. He described the appointee as having integrity, patriotism and great intelligence. DAY conferred personally with SORESENSEN on many matters of budget and legislation during that period but has had only limited contact with him since that time. He has had almost no social contact with him.

He described the appointee as politically ambitious who made a pitifully poor showing during a United States Senate race. Mr. DAY advised the appointee stood above the other White House staff members during that administration.

When asked if he knew anything derogatory concerning the appointee, Mr. DAY stated only his rocky marital history and the alleged fact that the appointee was one of TED KENNEDY's counselors immediately after Chappaquiddick, who helped TED KENNEDY decide his course of action due to that incident.

DAY gave a qualified answer when asked if he would recommend SORESENSEN for a position of trust with the government. DAY stated he assumed the possible appointment was that of CIA Director and stated he would not recommend the appointee until he knew who else might be under consideration but would prefer SORESENSEN over many others he could think of that might be under consideration.

He thought the appointee was rather liberal for such a post and was surprised the appointee would

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consider such a post. He stated the appointee had little executive (management) experience but his strong personality would assist him as it had at the White House.

SA [REDACTED] Mr. T. EDWARD DAY was reinterviewed by [REDACTED] on December 22, 1976. He was referred to a previous comment he made expressing some surprise that the appointee was being considered for CIA director since he is considered a liberal and the position might call for someone with more "hawkish" leanings. Mr. DAY explained he considered the appointee a liberal as he has been often identified with persons who are interested in civil rights and civil liberties movements. He did not consider the term liberal to be derogatory or left wing in implication.

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HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY CONCERNING MR. SORENSEN'S CHARACTER, ASSOCIATES, REPUTATION, AND LOYALTY.

(PER WFO SPVR. [REDACTED])

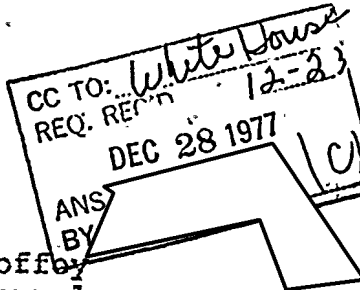
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December 23, 1976

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Mr. Matthew B. Coffey
Director of Personnel
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group
NEW Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Coffey:

In accordance with a request received from you on December 19, 1976, an investigation has been conducted concerning Mr. Theodore Chaikin Sorensen. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation.

Applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning Mr. Sorensen in 1951 and 1960, the results of which were incorporated into a summary memorandum dated December 1, 1960. Two copies of that summary memorandum are also enclosed. The current investigation of Mr. Sorensen covers the period since November, 1960.

[redacted] and the United States Secret Service have advised that [redacted] concerning Mr. Sorensen have not been completed. When these [redacted] verification of Mr. Sorensen's two divorces, and interviews with several persons who have been unavailable to date have been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 23, 1976

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

THE INVESTIGATION OF MR. SORENSEN COVERED INQUIRIES AS TO HIS CHARACTER, LOYALTY, ABILITY, AND GENERAL STANDING, BUT NO INQUIRIES WERE MADE AS TO THE SOURCES OF HIS INCOME.

The information in this summary memorandum covers the period since November, 1960. Mr. Sorensen was born on May 8, 1928, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Employment

Mr. Sorensen continued to be employed from November, 1960, to January, 1961, as an aide to then President-elect John F. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

From January, 1961, to February, 1964, he was employed by The White House Office, Washington, D. C., as Special Counsel to the President.

Mr. Sorensen was self-employed from March, 1964, to February, 1966, as a writer, lecturer, and consultant. During this period, he variously resided in Massachusetts and New York.

Mr. Sorensen has been employed by the law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, New York, New York, since February, 1966. He served as an attorney from February, 1966, to November, 1966, when he was promoted to his present position as a partner. He took leave of absence from the firm from March, 1968, to June, 1968, and from April, 1970, to July, 1970.

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From March, 1968, to June, 1968, Mr. Sorensen served on the Robert F. Kennedy for President Campaign Committee, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sorensen campaigned in New York for the position of United States Senator from New York during the period of April, 1970, to July, 1970.

Marital Status

Mr. Sorensen is married to the former [redacted] and they reside in [redacted] New York, New York, with their [redacted]. They also maintain a residence at [redacted] Connecticut.

Camilla Palmer Hanson, Mellen, Wisconsin, advised that she was married to Mr. Sorensen from 1949 to 1963, when the marriage ended in divorce. She described Mr. Sorensen as an intelligent and capable attorney of excellent character, reputation, and associates. She stated Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen, and she knows of no reason why he should not be considered for a responsible position with the United States Government.

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Mr. Sorensen advised he was married to [redacted] from June, 1964, to February, 1969, when the marriage ended in divorce. He stated he does not know [redacted] present whereabouts; however, in 1969, he believes that she resided in [redacted] Massachusetts.

Efforts to locate and interview [redacted] during the course of this investigation were negative.

Interviews

[redacted] to Jacob K. Javits, United States Senator from New York, advised in Washington, D. C., that Senator Javits is unavailable; however, she is

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authorized to speak for him concerning Mr. Sorensen. She said Mr. Sorensen is known to Senator Javits, and he would have no objection to Mr. Sorensen's receiving a Presidential appointment to a position of trust and confidence.

[redacted] to James L. Buckley, United States Senator from New York, advised in Washington, D. C., that Senator Buckley is unavailable; however, she is authorized to speak for him concerning Mr. Sorensen. She said that Senator Buckley has no comments concerning Mr. Sorensen.

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[redacted] to Edward M. Kennedy, United States Senator from Massachusetts, advised in Washington, D. C., that Senator Kennedy is unavailable; however, he is authorized to speak for him concerning Mr. Sorensen. He said Senator Kennedy has known Mr. Sorensen since about 1960 on a personal, political, and professional basis. He said Senator Kennedy considers Mr. Sorensen to be a brilliant, capable, honest, and trustworthy individual, and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

Robert S. McNamara, President, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Washington, D. C., and former Secretary of Defense, advised that he has known Mr. Sorensen for many years on a professional and personal basis. He said Mr. Sorensen is an intelligent individual in the legal area, and he also possesses a vast knowledge of problems of the world. He said Mr. Sorensen handles difficult decisions in an excellent manner, and he would never compromise his high standards of personal integrity. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen of excellent character, reputation, and associates, and he would recommend him for a responsible position with the United States Government.

Dean Rusk, Professor of International Law, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, and former Secretary of State, advised that he has known Mr. Sorensen for many years. He said that while Mr. Sorensen was Special Counsel to former President John F. Kennedy, he, Mr. Rusk, dealt with Mr. Sorensen on a daily basis. He said Mr. Sorensen

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is a competent and trustworthy individual, and he has never heard anything of a derogatory nature concerning his character, reputation, or associates. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen, and he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] to Hugh L. Carey, Governor of the State of New York, Albany, New York, advised that he has known Mr. Sorensen since 1962. He described Mr. Sorensen as an individual who deals with work in a "no-nonsense" manner. He said Mr. Sorensen's administrative ability is excellent, and he would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen of excellent character, reputation, and associates.

Jerome B. Wiesner, President, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he has known Mr. Sorensen on a professional and social basis since 1961. He said that he considers Mr. Sorensen to be an individual of excellent character, reputation, and associates, and he would highly recommend him for a position of responsibility with the United States Government. He said that Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen who was an outstanding member of former President John F. Kennedy's staff.

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[redacted] law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison, New York, New York, advised that he has known Mr. Sorensen since 1966. He said Mr. Sorensen is presently a law partner with the law firm, and his area of expertise is in the field of international affairs and Government regulations involving contract matters. He said Mr. Sorensen has tremendous ability, and his work quality is superb. He said he regards Mr. Sorensen as a meticulous, competent, and stable individual of excellent character, reputation, and associates. [redacted] said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American citizen, and he would highly recommend him for a position of trust and confidence.

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Mark Monsky, Vice President and Director of News, Television Station WNEW, New York, New York, advised he has known Mr. Sorensen since about 1961, when Mr. Sorensen was affiliated with the then Kennedy Administration. He said that about 1971, and for a period of about eighteen months thereafter, Mr. Sorensen appeared on WNEW in connection with a weekly commentary series. He said Mr. Sorensen, during these commentaries, would engage in discussions with various individuals concerning political, social, and economic topics. Mr. Monsky said he considers Mr. Sorensen, as a result of these commentaries, to be a politician, that is, an individual with present and prior associations with the Government. He said that as an objective journalist, he, Mr. Monsky, could not and would not recommend Mr. Sorensen or any other politician for an appointed position with the Government. Mr. Monsky further advised that he has never heard anything of an unfavorable nature concerning Mr. Sorensen's character, reputation, associates, or loyalty.

Thirty-nine additional persons, consisting of current and former supervisors and co-workers, present neighbors, references, professional associates, and social acquaintances, were interviewed. They commented favorably concerning Mr. Sorensen's ability, character, loyalty, reputation, associates, and morals. Mr. Sorensen was described as intelligent, efficient, conscientious, meticulous, discreet, stable, dedicated, and trustworthy. They recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Those persons acquainted with his close relatives described them as reputable and loyal individuals.

Close Relatives

Mr. Sorensen's parents, Christian A. Sorensen and Annis Chaikin Sorensen, are deceased. In addition to his wife and daughter, mentioned previously, Mr. Sorensen has the following living close relatives:

Theodore Chaikin Sorensen

Brother

[redacted]
[redacted] New York

Brother

Thomas Chaikin Sorensen
Scarsdale, New York

Brother

[redacted]
[redacted] Ohio

Sister

[redacted]
[redacted] Illinois

Son

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[redacted] Wisconsin

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[redacted] Colorado

Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from appropriate credit reporting agencies indicating their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Sorensen.

Information has been received from appropriate law enforcement agencies indicating their files contain no record concerning Mr. Sorensen or his close relatives, except the following:

The records of the Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department indicate that Mr. Sorensen was cited on May 12, 1963, for "expired Virginia inspection sticker and no operator's license." Disposition is shown as "not-processed."

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Bar Affiliations

Mr. Sorensen is eligible to practice law in the State of New York, the State of Nebraska, the District of Columbia, and before the United States Supreme Court. No grievances have been filed against him.

Miscellaneous

The records of the Small Claims Section, Third Circuit Court of Danbury, Danbury, Connecticut, indicate that the Vincent Bedini Company, Incorporated, Ridgefield, Connecticut, plaintiff, filed a claim against Mr. Sorensen, defendant, on October 31, 1974, in the amount of \$118.60. The plaintiff alleged that \$118.60 was the amount owed for septic tank service at the defendant's residence, 277 Bennetts Farm Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. The defendant claimed the plaintiff agreed to do the septic tank service at a lower rate. On December 18, 1974, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiff. The defendant was ordered to pay \$118.60 plus court costs, for a total of \$133.70.

A spokesman for the Vincent Bedini Company, Incorporated, Ridgefield, Connecticut, advised that Mr. Sorensen paid the \$118.60 owed to the company in a satisfactory manner.

Agency Checks

Information has been received from the following governmental agencies indicating their files contain either concerning

Mr. Sorensen:

Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; Central Intelligence Agency; National Security Council; Office of Security, Department of State; and The White House Office.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Mr. Sorensen.

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December 29, 1976

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Mr. Matthew B. Coffey
Director of Personnel
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group
HEW Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Coffey:

Reference is made to my letter dated December 23, 1976, which furnished you the results of investigation concerning Mr. Theodore Chaikin Sorensen. Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of additional investigation which has been conducted in this matter.

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Daniel F. Kuhn 7/1/77

Sincerely yours,

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Clarence Kelley
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 29, 1976

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

The information in this summary memorandum supplements the information contained in a summary memorandum dated December 23, 1976.

Marital Status

The records of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, Fairfax, Virginia, indicate that Camilla Palmer Sorensen, plaintiff, filed for divorce from Theodore C. Sorensen, defendant, on July 2, 1963, on the grounds of living separate and apart for three years. Plaintiff was granted the divorce on August 9, 1963. The records further reflect that the couple were married on September 8, 1949, and three children were born of the marriage.

The records of the Supreme Court, State of New York, New York City, indicate that Theodore C. Sorensen, plaintiff, filed for divorce from [redacted] on [redacted]

[redacted] Massachusetts, advised she was [redacted] Mr. Sorensen from [redacted] when Mr. Sorensen [redacted] her in New York State. She said they were [redacted]

[redacted] She said she [redacted] however, [redacted] for a [redacted] when they again encountered [redacted] She said she returned to [redacted] home in [redacted] Massachusetts, in [redacted] where she learned in the latter part of 1968 that Mr. Sorensen was planning to [redacted] She said she does not know the grounds Mr. Sorensen used to [redacted] and she has never bothered to find out. She said she considers [redacted]

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Interviews

J. Edward Day, Attorney, law firm of Cox, Langford and Brown, Washington, D. C., and former Postmaster General, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Sorensen since they were members of then President John F. Kennedy's Administration. He said Mr. Sorensen had an unusually important role with this administration involving a great many matters of substance. He said he conferred with Mr. Sorensen on many legislative and budgetary matters during that period. He said he has only had limited contact with Mr. Sorensen since then. He described Mr. Sorensen as a very intelligent and "politically ambitious" individual who made a very poor showing in his 1970 campaign for the position of United States Senator from New York. He noted Mr. Sorensen is currently married to his third wife. He commented favorably concerning Mr. Sorensen's character, reputation, associates, and loyalty. He said he was surprised to read Mr. Sorensen is being considered for a Presidential appointment as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency because he considers Mr. Sorensen to be a "liberal" and the position might call for someone with more conservative leanings. He explained he considers Mr. Sorensen to be a "liberal" because he has often been identified with individuals who are interested in the civil rights and civil liberties movements. He said he does not consider this to be derogatory. He declined to recommend Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government if the position was that of Director of the Central Intelligence Agency until he knew who else might be under consideration for this position; however, he said he would prefer Mr. Sorensen for the position over many others he could think of who might be under consideration.

William T. Coleman, Jr., Secretary of Transportation, Washington, D. C., advised he has known Mr. Sorensen for several years on a professional basis. He noted Mr. Sorensen was closely associated with former President John F. Kennedy and proved himself to be an extremely able and competent member of President Kennedy's staff. He described Mr. Sorensen as an individual who is highly regarded in "high government circles." He commented favorably concerning Mr. Sorensen's character, associates, reputation, and loyalty. He highly recommended Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust and responsibility with the United States Government.

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Clarence Douglas Dillon, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dillon, Read and Company, Incorporated, New York, New York, and former Secretary of the Treasury, advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Sorensen since January, 1961, when they were members of then President John F. Kennedy's Administration. He described Mr. Sorensen as a very dedicated and extremely capable individual. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American of excellent character, associates, and reputation. He highly recommended Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[redacted] New York, New York, and [redacted]
[redacted] advised he has been acquainted with Mr. Sorensen since 1961 when they were members of then President John F. Kennedy's Administration. He described Mr. Sorensen as an individual of integrity and strong discipline. He said Mr. Sorensen is an extremely competent attorney and enjoys an excellent reputation among his colleagues in the legal field. He said Mr. Sorensen's three sons from his first marriage are "marvelous children." He said he is acquainted with Mr. Sorensen's current wife and described her as a fine woman. He said Mr. Sorensen is a loyal American of excellent character and associates. He highly recommended Mr. Sorensen for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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[Redacted box]

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January 14, 1977

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Mr. Matthew B. Coffey
Director of Personnel
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group
HEW Building
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Coffey:

Reference is made to my letters dated December 23, 1976, and December 29, 1976, which furnished you the results of investigation conducted concerning Mr. Theodore Chaikin Sorensen.

Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing additional information furnished to this Bureau in connection with another investigation being conducted.

[Redacted] and the United States Secret Service have advised that *[Redacted]* concerning Mr. Sorensen have not been completed. When these *[Redacted]* have been completed, you will be advised.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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contained in White House office of
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January 14, 1977

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

The information in this summary memorandum supplements information contained in summary memoranda dated December 23, 1976, and December 29, 1976.

Miscellaneous

On January 5, 1977, in connection with an investigation being conducted concerning [redacted] an individual advised she attended a cocktail party hosted by "Ted Sorensen" in 1972 where she met [redacted]. From 1972 until December, 1976, she was in contact with [redacted] on approximately five different occasions. She furnished no other information concerning any association between [redacted] and Mr. Sorensen or anyone else; however, she did state she was cognizant that [redacted] moved in political circles for the purpose of obtaining positive intelligence information." She said her association with him was on a social basis and he never requested any information or favors from her. She added that [redacted] has an effective manner of ingratiating himself with Americans by being critical of the Soviet Union and that he expressed a desire to return to the United States in an official capacity.

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It is noted [redacted] last entered the United States on December 5, 1976, and was scheduled to depart on December 31, 1976. He entered as a member of the Soviet Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, and while there, interviewed several congressmen and congressional aides attempting to determine what the change in Presidential Administration might mean to the international relations of the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Based upon available information and/or investigation, [redacted] is considered to be connected with the Soviet Intelligence Services.

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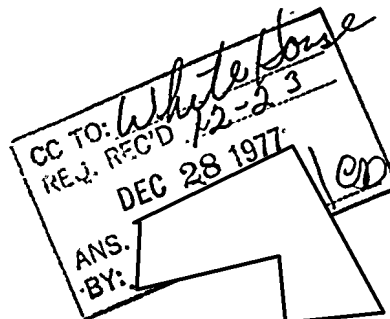
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FROM: SAC, WFO (161-11632) (RUC)

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On 1/6/77, SC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, and was advised that no record was found concerning the appointee.

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Mr. Matthew B. Coffey

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NOTE: Information contained in attached summary memorandum was furnished to this Bureau on 1-5-77 in connection with a current security investigation being conducted. It is being furnished to the President-elect at this time since the news media indicates Mr. Sorensen's confirmation hearings will begin next week. This was coordinated with SA [redacted] Division 5. It is being classified confidential because it reveals an interest in a foreign diplomatic establishment, the disclosure of which could cause damage to the national security.

Mr. Matthew B. Coffey . .

NOTE: Supplemental summary memorandum prepared to report verification of Mr. Sorensen's two divorces; interview of his former wife; and four additional interviews. Investigation favorable and complete, except for two agency checks.

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Mr. Matthew B. Coffey

NOTE: Coffey requested investigation of Sorensen, who is presently a partner in a New York law firm. He was investigated in 1951 and 1960 and the results were favorable. Current investigation favorable with the exception that one individual would not recommend him because Sorensen is a politician. Also, he has one traffic citation and a civil judgment against him. Verification of Sorensen's two divorces; several interviews; and two agencies outstanding.

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P.O. Box 2600
Washington, D.C. 20013

January 12, 1977

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[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

The Senate Select Committee has requested a
summary of the full field investigation on
Theodore C. Sorenson.

Please make this information available to
them.

Sincerely,

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Matthew B. Coffey, Director
Talent Inventory Program

Summary memoranda dated
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Date: 1/17/77

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (161-29)
FROM: ASAC, WFO (161-11632) (RUC)

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 1/17/77, and Bureau Telcal
to WFO, 1/17/77.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of
one FD-302 revealing interview of WFOT1 at Washington, D.C. on
1/17/77.

WF T1 is identical with [redacted]
[redacted] of the Inter-American Defense Board, 2600
16th Street, N.W. and formerly the United States Army Member of
the Joint War Room Annex at the Pentagon in 1962. [redacted] has
requested that his identity be protected with regard to the
enclosed information provided by him.

In view of the fact the appointee has withdrawn his
name from consideration for position of Director, Central
Intelligence Agency (1/17/77), no additional leads are being
set forth and no continued investigation is being conducted
in this matter (UACB).

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WF T-1, who requested that his identity be protected, was interviewed at his request and provided the following information:

WF T-1 stated that in the [redacted] of the United States Army at the Pentagon and was the United States Army Member of the Joint War Room Annex (JWRA), now known as the Nuclear Warfare Support Branch, also located at the Pentagon.

WF T-1 stated that it was during this period of time that the development of an extremely sensitive and classified operational nuclear attack and retaliation plan was completed and was known as the Single Intergrated Operations Plan (SIOP). Arrangements were made through the White House to brief, then President, JOHN F. KENNEDY and a small select group of military and civilian individuals on SIOP. WF T-1 advised that the White House subsequently submitted a list of names to JWRA of individuals that would be briefed on SIOP with President KENNEDY. These individuals included MC GEORGE BUNDY, Special Assistant to the President; ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General; ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense; Army General MAXWELL TAYLOR; PIERRE SALINGER, Press Secretary to the President; and THEODORE SORESENSEN, Special Counsel to the President. WF T-1 stated that there were approximately twelve names of military and civilian individuals on the list but cannot recall all the names that were proposed. WF T-1 advised that the submission of this list was a routine matter for the purpose of running security checks on proposed individuals in order to clear them for a particular briefing.

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WF T-1 stated the aforementioned list of names was turned over to the J-2 Unit (Intelligence) at the Pentagon by JWRA to conduct the necessary security checks. WF T-1 advised that he believes this list was actually provided to Colonel [redacted] who was then with J-2 at the Pentagon.

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WF T-1 stated that upon completion of the above necessary security checks approximately two weeks later, the results of these checks were provided to members of JWRA. WF T-1 stated that the members noted that two individuals on the list had not been cleared: PIERRE SALINGER and THEODORE SORENSEN. It was noted from a review of the results of the security checks provided by J-2 that SALINGER's mother was a member of the Communist Party in California and SORENSEN was noted as being a conscientious objector "of the category that could not be cleared for sensitive matters". WF T-1 advised that it was later explained to him that there are three categories of conscientious objectors and that SORENSEN was of the category that declared that "if called to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in any capacity, he would not do so".

WF T-1 stated that the findings of these security checks were then provided to the White House. WF T-1 pointed out that JWRA did not, as a matter of routine, make any recommendations one way or the other as to who on the list should or should not be briefed on SIOP, but rather simply submit the results of these checks to the White House for their review and evaluation.

WF T-1 stated that after submitting this information to the White House, a final list of names were returned to JWRA from the White House of those individuals who would attend the first briefing on SIOP. It was, at this time, noted that SALINGER and SORENSEN's names were not on this final list. WF T-1 stated he feels that President KENNEDY was the individual who deleted SALINGER and SORENSEN's names from the list and he assumes that it was due to the information developed on SALINGER and SORENSEN as a result of the aforementioned security checks. The above SIOP briefing was subsequently conducted later in the fall of 1962 with SORENSEN and SALINGER not attending.

WF T-1 advised he could not recall the exact date of the initially submitted list of names, or the date on which the briefing was held, but stated the individual who performed this briefing was General "MOOSE" HARDEN who

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can now be reached in Washington, D. C., at either telephone number [] or [] Colonel [] previously mentioned as the J-2 officer at the Pentagon is now with Babcock and Wilcox, 1725 K Street, Northwest, in Washington, D. C., telephone number 296-0390.

WF T-1 provided the names of the following individuals as having been members of JWRA in the fall of 1962:

Colonel PHILLIP G. COBB - United States Air Force
(WF T-1 advised he believes COBB is now deceased)

Captain [] - United States Navy
(now retired and residing at []
[] Virginia, telephone number []

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Lt. Colonel CHARLES L. TUCKER
(now a General assigned to the Pentagon at
telephone number [])

WF T-1 advised that in view of the fact SIOP is a relatively new plan with a very few briefings on this matter having occurred since 1962, he feels a record of all past individual's names submitted for SIOP briefing should be maintained in one or all of the following locations:

Records of the White House Operations Room
maintained by the National Security Counsel
Staff at the White House.

Records of the Strategic Air Command Headquarters
in Omaha, Nebraska.

SIOP clearance records maintained within records
of the Nuclear Warfare Support Branch (NWSB) at
the Pentagon formerly known as JWRA.

WF T-1 advised that an individual named []
who was a Staff Sergeant assigned to JWRA in 1962 and who
still works with NWSB at the Pentagon, would possibly be

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helpful in locating records regarding SIOP clearances, and might also be able to provide additional information regarding the date of the SIOP briefing in the fall of 1962. [redacted] may be reached at the Pentagon, telephone number [redacted] or at his home telephone number [redacted]

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WF T-1 stated that he does not know whether SORENSEN was, at any time, aware that his name was on the original SIOP list and later deleted, but did hear through general "grapevine" information that SALINGER was very upset that his name had been deleted from those to be briefed.

WF T-1 concluded by stating that he has never actually met SORENSEN and can provide no additional information regarding SORENSEN's personal or professional life, but did feel it was his duty as a concerned citizen to make the above information available in view of the very high and extremely sensitive position for which SORENSEN is now being considered as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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W. J. Sorensen

January 18, 1977

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Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz
Counsel to the President-elect
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group
HEW Building
Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Dear Mr. Lipshutz:

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Reference is made to my letter dated January 14, 1977, and prior correspondence to Mr. Matthew B. Coffey of your office, which furnished the results of investigation concerning Mr. Theodore Chaikin Sorensen.

Transmitted herewith are two copies of a summary memorandum containing the results of additional information furnished to this Bureau. The attached summary memorandum contains an interview of an individual who has requested confidentiality and who has furnished the names of additional persons to be interviewed who may be able to furnish information in this matter as it pertains to Mr. Sorensen. Inasmuch as Mr. Sorensen has requested publicly that his name be withdrawn from further consideration as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, no additional investigation

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Honorable Robert J. Lipshutz

concerning the information furnished by the individual who requested confidentiality is being conducted, unless specifically requested by you.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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of the Inter-American Defense Board, telephonically advised the Director that he had information concerning Sorensen and requested to be interviewed. [redacted] interviewed and advised that in 1962, Sorensen's name was "scratched" from a White House briefing which at the time was a highly sensitive briefing. [redacted] believes Sorensen "scratched" because he was a known conscientious objector. No further investigation contemplated unless requested by Mr. Lipshutz as Sorensen requested no further consideration for Director of the CIA. USSS check negative.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 18, 1977

THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN

The information in this summary memorandum supplements information contained in summary memoranda dated December 23, 1976, December 29, 1976, and January 14, 1977.

Interview

A high-ranking military officer who requested confidentiality voluntarily contacted the FBI and advised he desired to furnish information concerning Mr. Sorensen.

This officer advised that in the fall of 1962 a highly sensitive and classified plan pertaining to nuclear attack and retaliation was completed at the Pentagon. He said arrangements were made to brief then President John F. Kennedy about the plan along with a small select group of military and civilian personnel. The White House, at the time, submitted a list to the Pentagon containing the names of about twelve individuals who would be in attendance at the briefing along with President Kennedy. Mr. Sorensen was one of the names submitted on the list. The purpose of submitting the list to the Pentagon was for conducting a security check of the proposed attendees at the briefing.

This officer stated that the results of the security checks were furnished to The White House without any recommendation; however, when the list was returned from The White House containing the names of the persons who would actually be attending the briefing, Mr. Sorensen's name and one other individual were not on the list. This officer is of the opinion that then President Kennedy was the individual who deleted Mr. Sorensen and the other individual from the briefing. He said he also assumes that the deletion was made by President Kennedy after he, President Kennedy, reviewed the results of the security checks on Mr. Sorensen and the other individual. He said

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it is his opinion that Mr. Sorensen's name was deleted from the list because information existed that Mr. Sorensen was a conscientious objector "of the category that could not be cleared for sensitive matters."

He said the briefing was subsequently held and handled by General Hardin, whose first name he does not know. He said other individuals from the Pentagon who were in attendance at this briefing were Colonel [redacted] [redacted] Colonel Phillip G. Cobb, Captain [redacted] and Lieutenant Colonel Charles L. Tucker.

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This officer stated that he has never met Mr. Sorensen; however, he felt it was his duty as a concerned citizen to make available the aforementioned information inasmuch as Mr. Sorensen is being considered for an extremely sensitive position with the United States Government.

Agency Check

The United States Secret Service has advised that its records contain no information concerning Mr. Sorensen.

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SUBJECT: THEODORE CHAIKIN SORENSEN
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forwarded your office since you were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.
Enclosures are described as follows:

FD-302 interview of [REDACTED]
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[redacted] of the Inter-American Defense Board, 2600 16th Street, Northwest, who requested that his identity be protected, was interviewed at his request and provided the following information:

[redacted] stated that in the [redacted] of the Nuclear Division of the United States Army at the Pentagon and was the United States Army Member of the Joint War Room Annex (JWRA), now known as the Nuclear Warfare Support Branch, also located at the Pentagon.

[redacted] stated that it was during this period of time that the development of an extremely sensitive and classified operational nuclear attack and retaliation plan was completed and was known as the Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP). Arrangements were made through the White House to brief, then President, JOHN F. KENNEDY and a small select group of military and civilian individuals on SIOP. [redacted] advised that the White House subsequently submitted a list of names to JWRA of individuals that would be briefed on SIOP with President KENNEDY. These individuals included MC GEORGE BUNDY, Special Assistant to the President; ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Attorney General; ROBERT S. MC NAMARA, Secretary of Defense; Army General MAXWELL TAYLOR; PIERRE SALINGER, Press Secretary to the President; and THEODORE SORENSEN, Special Counsel to the President. [redacted] stated that there were approximately twelve names of military and civilian individuals on the list but cannot recall all the names that were proposed. [redacted] advised that the submission of this list was a routine matter for the purpose of running security checks on proposed individuals in order to clear them for a particular briefing.

[redacted] stated the aforementioned list of names was turned over to the J-2 Unit (Intelligence) at the Pentagon by JWRA to conduct the necessary security checks. [redacted] advised that he believes this list was actually provided to Colonel [redacted] who was then with J-2 at the Pentagon.

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[] stated that upon completion of the above necessary security checks approximately two weeks later, the results of these checks were provided to members of JWRA. [] stated that the members noted that two individuals on the list had not been cleared: PIERRE SALINGER and THEODORE SORENSEN. It was noted from a review of the results of the security checks provided by J-2 that SALINGER's mother was a member of the Communist Party in California and SORENSEN was noted as being a conscientious objector "of the category that could not be cleared for sensitive matters". [] advised that it was later explained to him that there are three categories of conscientious objectors and that SORENSEN was of the category that declared that "if called to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States in any capacity, he would not do so".

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[] stated that the findings of these security checks were then provided to the White House. [] pointed out that JWRA did not, as a matter of routine, make any recommendations one way or the other as to who on the list should or should not be briefed on SIOP, but rather simply submit the results of these checks to the White House for their review and evaluation.

[] stated that after submitting this information to the White House, a final list of names were returned to JWRA from the White House of those individuals who would attend the first briefing on SIOP. It was, at this time, noted that SALINGER and SORENSEN's names were not on this final list. [] stated he feels that President KENNEDY was the individual who deleted SALINGER and SORENSEN's names from the list and he assumes that it was due to the information developed on SALINGER and SORENSEN as a result of the aforementioned security checks. The above SIOP briefing was subsequently conducted later in the fall of 1962 with SORENSEN and SALINGER not attending.

[] advised he could not recall the exact date of the initially submitted list of names, or the date on which the briefing was held, but stated the individual who performed this briefing was General "MOOSE" HARDEN who

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can now be reached in Washington, D. C., at either telephone number [redacted] Colonel [redacted] previously mentioned as the J-2 officer at the Pentagon is now with Babcock and Wilcox, 1725 K Street, Northwest, in Washington, D. C., telephone number 296-0390.

[redacted] provided the names of the following individuals as having been members of JWRA in the fall of 1962:

Colonel PHILLIP G. COBB - United States Air Force
[redacted] advised he believes COBB is now deceased)

Captain [redacted] - United States Navy
(now retired and residing at [redacted]
[redacted] Virginia, telephone number
[redacted])

Lt. Colonel CHARLES L. TUCKER
(now a General assigned to the Pentagon at
telephone number [redacted])

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[redacted] advised that in view of the fact SIOP is a relatively new plan with a very few briefings on this matter having occurred since 1962, he feels a record of all past individual's names submitted for SIOP briefing should be maintained in one or all of the following locations:

Records of the White House Operations Room
maintained by the National Security Counsel
Staff at the White House.

Records of the Strategic Air Command Headquarters
in Omaha, Nebraska.

SIOP clearance records maintained within records
of the Nuclear Warfare Support Branch (NWSB) at
the Pentagon formerly known as JWRA.

[redacted] advised that an individual named [redacted]
who was a Staff Sergeant assigned to JWRA in 1962 and who
still works with NWSB at the Pentagon, would possibly be

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helpful in locating records regarding SIOP clearances, and might also be able to provide additional information regarding the date of the SIOP briefing in the fall of 1962. [redacted] may be reached at the Pentagon, telephone number [redacted] or [redacted] at his home telephone number [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that he does not know whether SORENSEN was, at any time, aware that his name was on the original SIOP list and later deleted, but did hear through general "grapevine" information that SALINGER was very upset that his name had been deleted from those to be briefed.

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[redacted] concluded by stating that he has never actually met SORENSEN and can provide no additional information regarding SORENSEN's personal or professional life, but did feel it was his duty as a concerned citizen to make the above information available in view of the very high and extremely sensitive position for which SORENSEN is now being considered as head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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[redacted] concerning Theodore Chaikin Sorensen, are attached herewith. (161-291-36, 45, 56, 108, 110 (C), 111, 113)

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Sorensen at the CIA

Much of this city and at least some of the country has been puzzled by the designation of President Kennedy's top domestic aide, Theodore Sorensen, as Jimmy Carter's Director of Central Intelligence. Doubt about the reasons for the choice has created a vacuum for the circulation of vicious slanders.

So the true story of how the nomination was made is worth telling. If nothing else it will provide a fair basis for measuring Mr. Sorensen's worth.

Before recounting the story I must acknowledge that I have known Sorensen for many years. I worked for him as a speechwriter in the 1960 campaign and kept in touch thereafter.

We discussed the CIA job, and I volunteered the view that he would be crazy to leave a lucrative and interesting New York law practice for such a thankless task. He was certainly not in sharp disagreement with that appraisal. For—and this is the first canard that needs to be crushed—he did not seek the intelligence job.

The person who tapped, not to say fingered, Sorensen for that position was Prof. Richard Neustadt of Harvard, an aide to President Truman and adviser to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson. Neustadt has been helping the Carter people during the transition period by defining the qualities required for certain critical posts, including that of the Director of Central Intelligence.

In describing the job, Neustadt started with the proposition that the CIA was in trouble. He felt it lacked the confidence of the public, of the Congress and of the incoming administration.

He further felt that it was absolutely essential that the agency be rebuilt. He assumed that the rebuilding should be supervised by a person in whom the President-elect had complete confidence, who knew his way around both the executive branch and the Congress, who was sensitive to issues of civil liberty, who was familiar with the needs of the ultimate consumer of intelligence, the President himself, and who was bright and experienced enough to penetrate any self-serving project the CIA might try to put over.

On those assumptions Neustadt then cast around for an appropriate person. Sorensen came to mind. Neustadt felt that he had strong analytic powers. Also that he had unparalleled experience both in seeing the agency's weakness following the abortive Cuban invasion

of 1961 and in working with the agency thereafter, especially during the Cuban missile crisis. Without even telling him, Neustadt recommended him for the job. When Neustadt later checked with Sorensen, Sorensen said he would not take the post.

The Neustadt definition of the job, plus the recommendation of Sorensen, went to Carter's chief transition official, the Atlanta lawyer Jack Watson. Watson was deeply impressed and passed the job specification and recommendation on to Carter with his own support. He also subsequently informed Sorensen, who again said he would not take the job.

Carter, however, was totally persuaded. He asked Sorensen, who had been looking for another job, to take the intelligence post. Sorensen accepted.

At that time, however, Sorensen indicated—and this should put an end to the canard that he is somehow out to do in the agency—that he did not want to make any advance judgments as to the organization of the intelligence community. In particular, he was not committed, as Vice President-elect Walter Mondale apparently is, to stopping all covert activities. Nor does he have any advance commitment to the proposition that the Director of Central Intelligence should withdraw himself from the CIA and supervise all parts of the intelligence community. On those questions Sorensen wants to wait and see.

No doubt the designation of Sorensen is unorthodox. He is an avowedly political man, not the kind of antiseptic pooh-bah usually picked to build public confidence. Unlike most previous directors, his primary experience has not been in foreign policy—certainly not in fighting the cold war. Neither does he have vast administrative experience nor special knowledge of intelligence.

But Sorensen undoubtedly has other qualities. He is intelligent, experienced and honest. He has been a "President's man" and knows what a President needs. He does have the complete confidence of Jimmy Carter.

So there is room for some debate about the Sorensen choice. His qualities can be balanced against his deficiencies. But nobody has to obscure the serious issue by inventing malicious stories about a post that has already been blackened and a man who has suffered not a little.

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Cotton Mather at CIA

Mr. Carter's new Cabinet, indeed, at a certain level it can be considered all good. Moralists set the tone for society. And ultimately, the ethnic profile of a mate questions inquire of end of the afternoon one political ticket. There has to be something only whether it is could close one's eyes and be a Catholic, a Jew, an good or evil, all other ques- I hear Cotton Mather speak. Italian, a black, a woman, tions being essentially clerical. The Kennedys being some- cal. The century he lived in was thing of a genius in Ameri- On a recent morning, at a not all that bad, but he can politics, there has to be newsstand in a Caribbean would never had done as a "Kennedyite" too, and the resort, two middleaged head of a swinging intelli- choice on the current roster Americans, clearly cosmo- gence agency is Theodore Sorensen. politan by their appearance.

Mr. Sorensen is brilliant and accent, were looking intelli- gent man, and he liantly qualified, having over the smut counter, and would have no difficulty had close ties with John the elder one said, "You're comprehending the nature Kennedy, for whom he also too moral to buy one of of the problem. But the tem- wrote speeches — includ- these." His companion said peramental strain of over- ing, paradoxically, the most defensively. "I haven't had coming inclinations, so marked could bring on an bellicose passage of the fa- a moral thought since I was immobilizing organizational mous inaugural address in 16. strain, or in any event, render the CIA less useful than which President Kennedy Everyone in the area it ought to be. What charac- expressed a national itch to laughed. I didn't, and nei- teristically then happens, is send the Marines anywhere, ther would Sorensen have that necessity forces other in the world where the can- laughed. Theodore Sorensen is appointed to head up the organizations to do the dle of freedom flickered. CIA. And the CIA is not a essential work. The Army, the mother hen of the dove- forum for pondering moral the Navy, the State Depart- cotes. He is widely identi- problems. The CIA is an ment, the Bureau of Cus- fied with the movement to organization which accepts toms.

Paradoxically, because Mr. Sorensen is nowadays the mother hen of the dove- cotes. He is widely identi- fied with the movement to grant instant amnesty to those who broke ranks dur- ing the Vietnam war, and until there is evidence to the contrary, one assumes that Mr. Sorensen is taking a moral rather than a prag- matic position. That, at any rate, is the reason Senator Henry Jackson opposed the nomination of Mr. Sorensen as head of the Central Intel- ligence Agency.

The thing about Sorensen was categorical. He would moral afflatus to bear on is that he is, above all, a favor legislation making it the CIA the better to neu- moralist. Now that is not all a crime under American tralize it.

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James J. Kilpatrick

OK, except for Sorensen

The past few weeks have provided lean pickings for the political pundits. In the absence of any news of large consequence, they have had to fall back on news of small consequence, which is to say, on Mr. Carter's Cabinet choices.

Only five of these positions truly matter. The rest of the jobs are as worthless as bull calves on a dairy farm. The five posts that count for something in official Washington are: State, Treasury, Defense, Attorney General, and Budget Director. In a separate and vital classification is the Director of Central Intelligence.

The remaining Cabinet posts are entirely forgettable. It is perhaps no more ignominious to be named secretary of Housing than it is to be chosen vice president, but the jobs share the same anonymity. Who quickly can name the past four Secretaries of Labor? Of Transportation? Of Commerce? Of Agriculture? Their names are nowhere chiseled on the mind.

The old-line departments of government, with few exceptions, are concerned mostly with the gathering of facts and the shuffling of papers. Now and then a secretary rises above the bureaucratic seas and makes a little news. Secretary Coleman turns down the air bag. Such surfacings are rare. In the outgoing Cabinet, Earl Butz is remembered for a stupid joke and John Dunlop because he quit. Skip the rest.

The secretaries have declined in importance because the action has moved somewhere else. Business

men, for example, can live with Juanita Kreps as Secretary of Commerce. They are far more concerned with appointments to the Federal Trade Commission, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. A couple of other agencies, technically a part of old-line departments, actually operate as independent principalities: the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Food and Drug Administration.

Add to this list the specialized agencies that control tariffs, truck routes, rail rates, air fares, power licenses, TV and radio stations, environmental protection and labor relations. Add the names of the Federal Reserve Board and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. This is where the action is. The old-line secretaries are little more than mannequins in a window.

Even the five that matter are not likely to matter greatly in Mr. Carter's administration. Cyrus Vance, as Secretary of State, is no Kissinger and was not meant to be. Harold Brown, who will serve as Secretary of Defense, will make no remarkable waves. Griffin Bell, the incoming Attorney General, is Mr. Carter's old and dear friend. So is Bert Lance, the Budget Director. The one question mark is Michael Blumenthal in Treasury; he is a certified liberal, he has a large intellect, and he

As a member of the loyal opposition, I voice deep dismay at only one of Mr. Carter's choices: Theodore Sorensen to head the CIA. Sorensen has undoubted gifts as a speechwriter, but his background in foreign affairs is virtually nil and his experience in intelligence, alas, is not quite so extensive.

This bizarre choice makes a mockery of Mr. Carter's campaign promise to make major appointments wholly on a basis of merit. In a post that demands a dedicated professional, Mr. Carter has placed a well-meaning amateur. But the CIA has survived George Bush, who had as few qualifications, and perhaps it will survive Ted Sorensen, also. The choice is disappointing all the same.

The happiest selection, because of its poetic justice, will put Joe Califano at the head of Health, Education and Welfare. As a member of the Johnson administration, this amiable fellow fathered many of the HEW programs, he soon will inherit. He will find his teenaged offspring wholly unmanageable. They all want bigger allowances, later hours and rooms of their own. Every parent, similarly situated, will wish him luck.

Those of us in the opposition camp will wish them all luck. A president, in my book, is absolutely entitled to have his Cabinet nominees confirmed. Mr. Carter's choices, as a group, are not notably good, bad or indifferent. They are his. Okay. Let us get on with the show.

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