

# Memorandum

TO: THE DIRECTOR

DATE: November 29, 1963

FROM: N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

The Congressional Record for Wednesday, November 27, 1963, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

## HOUSE

Pages 21733 - 21739. Congressman Goodell, (R) New York, submitted a joint resolution (H. J. Res. 814) to establish a joint committee to conduct an investigation and study of the recent assassination of the President of the United States and of certain other matters pertinent thereto. He made reference to the need for Federal legislation to provide protection for the President and Vice President. Mr. Goodell, in citing Federal jurisdiction, stated "Other less pertinent grants of authority may be cited, but the fact remains that the FBI and other Federal investigating agencies do not have the kind of direct and unambiguous jurisdiction that they should have in matters of this nature."

Page 21739. Congressman Horton, (R) New York, introduced a bill, H. R. 9255, to provide for the greater protection of the President and Vice President of the United States, members of the President's Cabinet, and Members of Congress. A copy of this bill will be secured as soon as it is available.

Pages 21739 - 21740. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, submitted a joint resolution, H. J. Res. 812, directing an investigation of the Department of State. He stated "without a doubt, almost everyone in this House recognizes that an investigation of the Department of State is long overdue. The tragic events of the past weekend indicate that the Department of State was the vehicle through which the assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, returned to the United States. - - - This is but one of scores of examples of the Department of State's policies which show mismanagement, bad judgment and even subversion."

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Pages 21740-21741. Congressman Fascell, (D) Florida, pointed out that President Johnson has ordered an investigation, by the Justice and Treasury Departments, surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy and the killing of the suspected assassin. He advised that the results of this investigation should be made available to the proper congressional committees for the purpose of review and evaluation to determine whether there is any need for congressional action. Mr. Fascell stated "Congress shares in the responsibility of doing all that can be done in the future to lessen or eliminate the chain of events which reached such tragic proportions. . . . Some committees will be concerned with the need for additional funds to provide for additional security measures. Some committees will be concerned with the internal operations and efficiencies of each of the departments, and the coordination and cooperation between the Secret Service and the FBI dealing with the security of the President and other high officials of our Government. . . . While all of these interests are proper and reflect the responsibility which the Congress has, in my judgment, it would serve no useful purpose for each of the committees to conduct an independent investigation of its own." Mr. Fascell also pointed out that he would contact both the Department of Justice and the Treasury Department requesting the results of the investigation.

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SENATE

Pages 21764-21765. Senator Scott, (R) Pennsylvania, introduced S. 2345, a bill to amend the Federal Firearms Act to further restrict the use of instrumentalities of interstate or foreign commerce for the acquisition of firearms for unlawful purposes. A copy of this bill will be obtained as soon as it is available.

Pages 21765-21766. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, submitted for himself and Senator Fong, (R) Hawaii, an amendment to S. 1975, a bill to amend the Federal Firearms Act. S. 1975 was introduced by Mr. Dodd and several other Senators on August 2, 1963. Mr. Dodd pointed out that S. 1975 was being amended to require that not only must a person provide an affidavit attesting to his age, name, address, and criminal record, if he has one, and his compliance with State gun laws, but, in addition, the affidavit must be authenticated by the highest local law enforcement authority in his community. He urged that the bill be given the urgent attention of every Member of the Senate and quick passage by Congress.

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Pages 21779-21780. Senator Douglas, (D) Illinois, spoke concerning the book "The Strategy of Deception" edited by Jeane J. Kirkpatrick. Mr. Douglas stated "This book is the most concise yet descriptive volume on Communist tactics that I have read in a long time. In none of the 16 perceptive essays will the lay reader become lost in theory and conjecture. These essays present hard proven facts. They show the devious, inconsistent, and conflicting methods that the Communists have used in their efforts to expand Soviet power. - - - This is a book for the general public. Also, I recommend it to the youth of today who has not had the opportunity to observe Communist tactics at first-hand or is too young to remember the Communist's promises and their betrayal of them."

Pages 21790-21791 and 21805-21820. The Senate passed and cleared for the President H. J. Res. 809, to continue through January 31, 1964, funds for those agencies whose regular appropriation bills have not been approved.

Page 21801. Senator Javits, (R) New York, spoke concerning the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. He pointed out that the Senate Judiciary Committee should conduct this investigation. Mr. Javits stated "Americans are concerned that there will not be an investigation by the Senate, that there will not be an investigation by the House, since the President has already ordered an investigation to be made by the FBI, with its report to be made public. - - - So I address a plea to the leadership that, within the limits of their authority, they do their utmost to bring about a situation in which, if the die is cast that way—and, as I say, I am sure it can be done, and done superbly well—the Senate Committee on the Judiciary will be the investigating body, and that everybody's ideas and everybody's desires to get to the bottom of the whole situation may be pooled in that committee, and that its report be the authoritative report to the people."

Adjournment Until Friday, November 29, 1963, at 9 a. m.

APPENDIX

Pages A7292-A7294. Congressman Wilson, (R) California, extended his remarks to include the statement made by Mr. Hoover at the Seventh National Convention of Catholic Youth Organization in New York City on November 16, 1963. Mr. Wilson stated "I believe my colleagues will find Mr. Hoover's remarks sobering, yet inspirational in that they reveal the

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insight this great American has into the basic problem of dealing with the Communist menace in the United States."

Page A7298. Congresswoman Green, (D) Oregon, extended her remarks concerning a bill she introduced to amend the Federal Firearms Act. Mrs. Green stated "I believe that the legislation is long overdue and in view of the dreadful events of last Friday, the assassination of President Kennedy, I believe this is the time to enact it." Mrs. Green included with her remarks an editorial from the Washington Post of November 27, 1963, entitled "Deadly Weapons." This editorial states "Of the 7, 261 murders reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation last year, more than half of the victims were killed with guns."

Pages A7313. Congressman Rogers, (D) Florida, extended his remarks concerning the need for a congressional committee to oversee the Central Intelligence Agency and other intelligence agencies. He included an article from the Los Angeles Times entitled "Watchdogs Over CIA Demanded—Lawmakers Assert They Have Right To Check on Agency" written by John H. Averill. Mr. Averill stated "Rogers' views were seconded generally by Representative H. Allen Smith (Republican, of California), a former FBI agent who worked on several World War II espionage cases. 'The CIA is no more secret than the FBI,' Smith said, 'and the FBI gives Congress all the information it requests, puts out annual reports on its activities, and lets Congress know how much money it needs and spends.' - - - This view was challenged by Representative Gerald R. Ford, Jr., Republican, of Michigan, a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Intelligence. 'I see no need for any special committee,' Ford said, 'I know of no instance where we have requested information that it has been denied. The CIA is a lot more complicated than the FBI.'" (H. Allen Smith was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from December 2, 1935, to November 3, 1942. His services were satisfactory.)