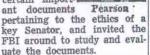
ons in Dodd Probe Challenged

By Drew Pearson

This column is supposed to report what goes on behind the scenes in Washington, so here is a report on what has been

going on behind the scenes the Sen. i n Dodd investigation.

Early in our development of this story, Jack Anderson notified the FBI that we had certain import-



Mr. Anderson, I might add, ington as long as I, labors

The FBI, therefore, with Mr. to explain it. Anderson's cooperation, photographed every back and rephotographed.

Dodd's office and departed to Dodd. They felt under moral obliga- However, the public can

Mr. Anderson offered to to testify. produce these witnesses, no strings attached, for the FBI.

FBI Cross-Examines

Dodd, his conduct, whether it was his duty to testify he made to Connecticut to he had diverted funds from against Dodd, felt it improper speak at two testimonial testimonial dinners to his own to remain in Dodd's office. dinners which raised \$100,000 pocket and whether he had Since submitting his resignal for Tom's personal bank acagent, Gen. Julius Klein. Instead, the FBI cross-exam-

ined these young people about the alleged theft of Dodd's nesses right into Dodd's office "Charles McDonough (an indocuments. They also heckled them about other stories Jack Anderson and I had written, not having been around Wash- including how we got the unpublished manuscript of the under the impression that the Cosa Nostra squealer, Joe Val-FBI is anxious to root out and achi. What this had to do with suppress wrong-doing wherever the Dodd case is hard to exit may be—even in high places. plain, but the FBI didn't try

These witnesses are cleanscrap of evi-cut young men and women, dence we had. When some of who believe Senators are not photos didn't develop above the law and that it clearly, the FBI even came should not be against the law to document corruption Jack had also been working charges against a U.S. Senator. beyond the Attorney General, with half a dozen prospective They are not disgruntled em-witnesses, all former Dodd ployes who came running to employees, to tell the FBI us with information against washy when it comes to Klein. And he almost picked what they knew of Dodd's mis-their boss. We sought them These were young out; it took weeks to persuade standing up to the White people who had been shocked them that their first loyalty House or the Senate Judiciary what was happening in should be to their country, not Committee of which

badgered, hounded and har-The G-men called on the witnesses all right, but didn't his dismissal came from Dodd's of Dodd. It takes a real ask a single question about office. Another, who decided friend to make the two trips acted on behalf of a foreign tion, he has been unable to count find another job. Others have had their jobs threatened.

for cross-examination and be surance executive) drove Vice haved as if they were working President Johnson back to the for the Senator. Other wit-airport from dinner. On the nesses were alternately soft- way, he told Charlie under no soaped and threatened with condition would he miss your Federal prosecution.

I have been around Washington a long time, but have never seen such an example and Mrs. Johnson, and conof police state operation.

Above J. Edgar Hoover

Such investigations, of course, do not happen by accident. They usually go washy when it comes to Tom Dodd is a member.

Such investigations usually

tion to report what was hap judge for itself these witnesses go right up to the President pening.

If they are ever given a chance himself, Mr. Johnson has on his desk a direct private As fast as the FBI discover. his desk a direct private ered the identity of the witnesses, they were bullied and They are very old friends,

Lyndon is not only a friend

After the 1961 testimonial, political lieutenant, Dodd's Agents hauled some wit- Ed Sullivan, wrote to him: dinner. He said he considers you and Grace (Mrs. Dodd) amongst the best friends of he siders you on the Senate floor the best friend he has."

Lyndon did all right for Tom. He hoisted him to a choice position on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, ahead of other Senators, a vantage point from which he Tom to run with him for Vice President.

Such is part of the inside story of what goes on in Washington.

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