UNITED STATES GOV. MemorandumMr. Wick UNIECT: MILTON VIORST BACKGROUND: The Director is in receipt of the February, 1967, issue of "the Washingtonian," which was mailed from the Washington, D. C. headquarters office of that publication. It contains (pp 60-61 & 81) an article by Milton Viorst entitled "There Was Nothing Else They Could Do." Stapled to this article was a note: "Compliments of the editors. Your comments are invited. " The Director has inquired "What do we know of Milton This article calls for a new investigation into the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy, claiming that the findings of the Warren Commission are not compelling and are losing public confidence. The Commission, argues Viorst, was trapped by pervading influences that sought a solution to the assassination which would serve the National interest rather than the truth. The article characterizes the Director and the FBI as part of these insidious influences that destroyed the Commission's "capacity to function as a free agency," and "drove it ineluctably to accept" Lee Oswald as the unassisted assassin. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA: According to "Contemporary Authors" (copyrighted 1964), Viorst was born 2-18-30, at Paterson, New Jersey. He is married, the father of two children, and resides at 1725 Q Street, Washington, D. C. Receiving B.D., M.A., and M.S. degrees, respectively, at Rutgers, Harvard and Columbia Universities prior to 1955, Viorst took postgraduate study at the University of Lyon. He served with U. S. Air Force Intelligence, 1952-54, and since 1961 has been a Washington correspondent 1 - Mr. DcLoach 1 - Mr. Wick 1 - Mr. Rosen NOT RECORDE L - Mr. Sullivan JHC:djr O

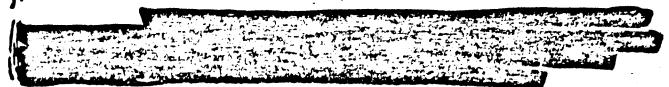
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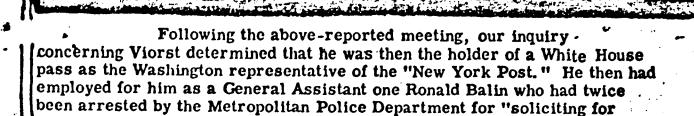
for the "New York Post." He reportedly has written several books on political and historical matters, and has done free-lance writing for several national periodicals.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Viorst is possibly identical with a former student at Rutgers University who, with others, in May, 1949, was dropped from a Reserve Officers Training Course for refusing to sign a required certificate denying membership in any organization seeking to alter the U.S. Government by unconstitutional means. (100-361797-1)



During a "prayer walk" conducted outside the White House in November, 1961, by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (cited by EO 10450), Helen Sobell, wife of convicted Atom-Spy Morton Sobell, conversed with an unidentified man observed driving a car registered to Viorst. (100-387835-2692, p. 2)



lewd and immoral purposes" and "indecent gestures." (105-104844-3)

Viorst has no identifiable arrest record with our
Identification Division, and he has not been the subject of an FBI investigation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For the Director's information concerning Viorst.

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