

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick *Wick*

DATE: 10-17-66

FROM : M. A. Jones *M. A. Jones*

SUBJECT: THE HERALD OF FREEDOM
FRANK A. CAPELL,
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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Freedom Commission

David H. McCabe, in the Office of Henri G. Grignon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security, Department of State, by-form letter dated 10-12-66, furnished a copy of the October 7, 1966, issue of "The Herald of Freedom." This issue relates to the Warren Commission and states, in substance, that the report filed by this Commission was a cover up. It indicates that a number of witnesses interviewed by the FBI, the Secret Service and other agencies were not called to testify before the Commission and alleges the report was an obvious effort to prove that only one man (Oswald) was involved in the assassination.

The FBI is mentioned several times in this publication in connection with investigation conducted by the Bureau relating to the President's assassination. None of these references are critical in nature.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Frank A. Capell publishes "The Herald of Freedom" from his residence in Zarephath, New Jersey. This newsletter relates primarily to alleged security risks in agencies of the U. S. Government. It is an expose-type of publication reflecting the extremist views of Capell, who considers himself an expert on communism. Capell has no qualms about charging people with disloyalty based on information received from public sources or sources whose reliability is unknown.

Capell has volunteered information to the Bureau in the past, which information has been considered largely unreliable as much of it has been false or not subject to corroboration. He has consistently refused to divulge his sources of information.

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Bufiles reflect that Capell was arrested by the Bureau in 1943, while employed by the War Production Board in New York City, for accepting a bribe. He pleaded guilty, was given a suspended sentence, placed on probation and fined \$2,000. In February, 1965, he was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles County, California, for criminal libel for printing that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel (R-California) had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities. He was convicted, fined \$500 and placed on probation after pleading "no contest" to the charge.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security at the State Department has for some months furnished us copies of various "The Herald of Freedom" issues by the same type of form letter as the above-mentioned letter of 10-12-66. These copies of "The Herald of Freedom" have been furnished only for information and were not accompanied by requests by the State Department for any action on our part. In view of this, these form letters have not been acknowledged in the past and it is not believed necessary to acknowledge the 10-12-66 letter.
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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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