

JENKINS



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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover today reported to President Johnson and Acting Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach that the FBI's extensive investigation of Walter W. Jenkins, former Assistant to the President, disclosed no information that Mr. Jenkins has compromised the security or interests of the United States in any manner.

At 9:05 p. m., October 14, 1964, upon learning that Mr. Jenkins had been arrested on a morals charge, President Johnson directed the FBI to institute a full and complete investigation.

The investigation launched that evening covered the full scope of Mr. Jenkins' life from his early years in Texas to the present time. More than 500 persons--including current and former neighbors, business associates, social acquaintances and school classmates--were interviewed. Medical, financial, military, and police records were reviewed. Every logical available source was contacted to determine whether Mr. Jenkins had engaged in indecent acts on other occasions; whether the national security had been compromised; and why, following a morals arrest of Mr. Jenkins in 1959, the then Senate Majority Leader Johnson had not been notified.

According to Mr. Hoover, the FBI investigation showed that Mr. Jenkins, who was one of several top White House aides, left his desk about 7 p. m. on October 7, 1964, to attend a party at the new offices of "Newsweek" magazine. His wife joined him at this party. At approximately 8 p. m., he and Mrs. Jenkins left the affair--she to go to a dinner party; and he, to return to his office. It was Mr. Jenkins' custom to work far into the night, as well as on week ends, the FBI

learned

At 8:35 p. m., Mr. Jenkins was arrested in the basement men's room of the YMCA Building, 1736 G Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., by officers of the Metropolitan Police Department. Arrested at the same time for engaging in an indecent act with Mr. Jenkins was Andy Choka, a 60-year-old retired Army enlisted man.

Mr. Jenkins made no attempt to hide his identity from the officers, willingly accompanied them and admitted having been arrested one previous time on a morals charge.