

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7-13-60

FROM : M. A. Jones ✓

SUBJECT: SENATOR JOHN F. KENNEDY
OF MASSACHUSETTS

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SYNOPSIS:

This memorandum prepared to briefly summarize highlights of pertinent available data concerning Kennedy in view of strong possibility he will be Democratic candidate for President.* Bureau and Director have enjoyed friendly relations with Senator Kennedy and his family for number of years. Kennedy's father, Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain, is SAC contact of Boston. Director sent autographed copy of "The FBI Story" and "Masters of Deceit" to Joseph Kennedy, John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy.

Kennedy family is known to SA [redacted], of Washington Field Office and SA [redacted] Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, as well as SAC's at Boston. SA [redacted] attended Senator Kennedy's wedding in 1953. Director has seen Robert Kennedy several times in recent years--particularly in connection with McClellan Committee (labor-management) matters. (b)(7)(c)

Director and Senator Kennedy have exchanged friendly correspondence concerning such matters as operation performed on Senator Kennedy in 1954 to correct crippling effects of World War II PT boat crash; awarding of Cardinal Gibbons Medal to Senator Kennedy in 1956; and re-election of Kennedy to Senate in 1958.

Robert Kennedy has advocated establishment of Federal Crime Commission, and Senator Kennedy has expressed opposition to loyalty oaths for students getting Federal scholarship loans. Senator Kennedy was cosponsor of bill designed to deal with hate bombings. Allegations have been received concerning immoral conduct on the part of Kennedy and hoodlum connections of Kennedy.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

*Subsequently nominated on first ballot.

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Pearson continued, "Kennedy... has grown further and further away from the political influence of his father, further away from the conservative wing of the Catholic Church. There was a time when his father and some elements of his church influenced Kennedy on one of the most vital questions of the decade--McCarthyism--and his straddle on that issue still hurts him. McCarthy got his strongest support from Boston. McCarthy also got heavy financial support from Jack's father. And at one conference at the Kennedy home on Cape Cod, the elder Kennedy, Cardinal Spellman, and McCarthy mapped the latter's strategy. So young Jack, caught between his father and the Boston Irish, ducked. This evasion which has been highlighted by Mrs. Roosevelt, one of the most powerful persons in the Democratic Party, has left lasting scars." (94-37374-A)

MISCELLANEOUS:

As you are aware, allegations of immoral activities on Senator Kennedy's part have been reported to the FBI over the years. These allegations are not being treated in detail in this memorandum. They include, however, data reflecting that Kennedy carried on an illicit relationship with another man's wife during World War II; that (probably in January, 1960) Kennedy was "compromised" with a woman in Las Vegas; and that Kennedy and Frank Sinatra have in the recent past been involved in parties in Palm Springs, Las Vegas and New York City. Regarding the Kennedy-Sinatra information, "Confidential" magazine is said to have affidavits from two mulatto prostitutes in New York. (62-4296-26-606; 94-37374-18, 23)

Allegations also have been received concerning hoodlum connections of Senator Kennedy. Again, in the interest of brevity, no effort is being made to list these allegations in full detail--much of the information being unsubstantiated

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(94-37374-23)

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X Regarding Kennedy's book, "Profiles in Courage," George Sokolsky advised L. B. Nichols in May, 1957, of a rumor circulating in New York to the effect that Arthur Krock actually wrote the book. According to Sokolsky, a group of New York people were attempting to verify whether Krock did, in fact, write the book--and if Krock did, they were going to charge fraud in connection with the awarding of a Pulitzer Prize to Kennedy. (94-37374-11)