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Agent, Office of Maval Intelligence Fifth Maval District, Maval Base, Morfolk, Virginia, who stated that this information appeared in Fifth Maval District investigative report dated February 12, 1951, under ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY DAPLI Attorney, Criminal Division DATE: 9/21/51

There are being forwarded herewith three copies of the Report of SA LOUIS H. BEIGBEDER dated 9/21/51 in the above-captioned case.

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By reason of the apparent lack of pertinence of this incident to the investigation, it has not been included in the investigative report on the Applicant.

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## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE: March 10, 1954

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ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

The Director's Office has requested background information concerning captioned individual in view of his proposed pending visit with the Director. You will recall that a background memorandum was prepared under date of January 28, 1954, setting forth a brief summary of information in Bureau files concerning Kennedy. Indices reflect no references to Kennedy subsequent to December, 1953.

It is to be noted that the Director saw Kennedy, apparently on a personal matter, on January 28 and also on

The memorandum dated January 28, 1954, is attached.

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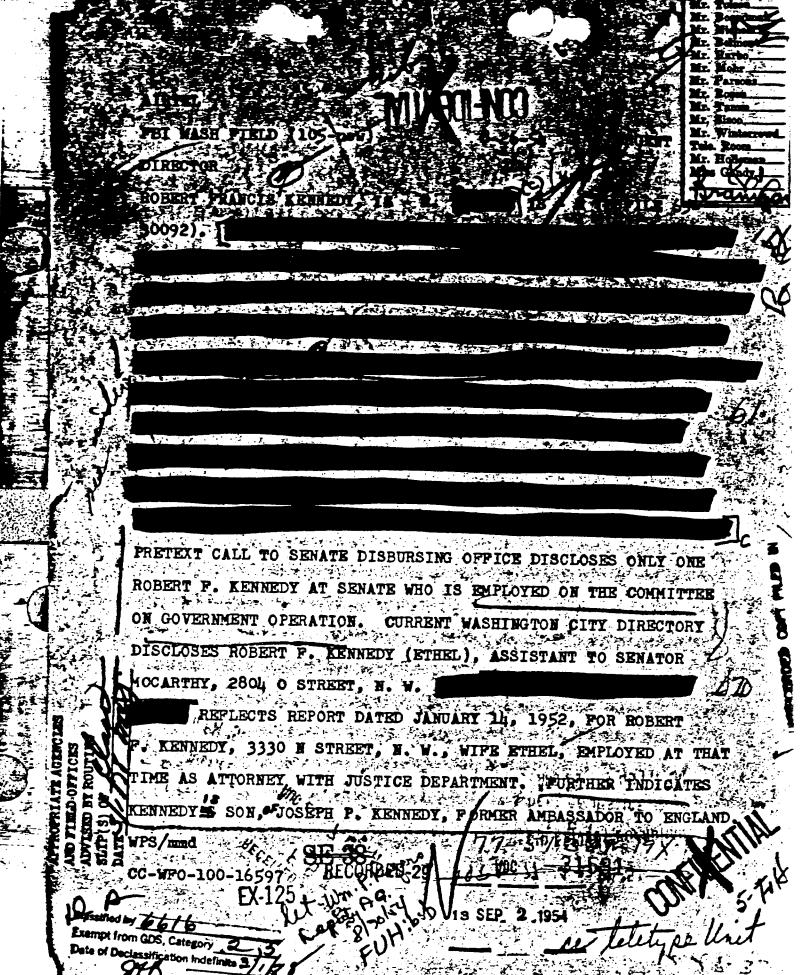
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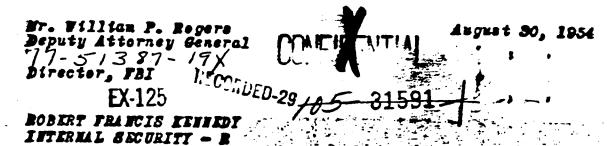
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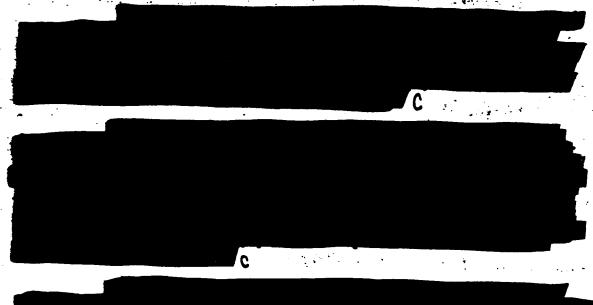
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Information received from the Senate Disbursing Office, Vashington, D. C., discloses only one Robert F. Kennedy at the United States Senate. These records reflect he is employed on the Committee on Government Operations. The Current Fashington city directory discloses that Robert F. Kennedy is an assistant to Senater Joseph F. McCurthy of Visconsin, and resides with his wife, Ethel, at 2804 O Street, N. V., Vashington D. C.

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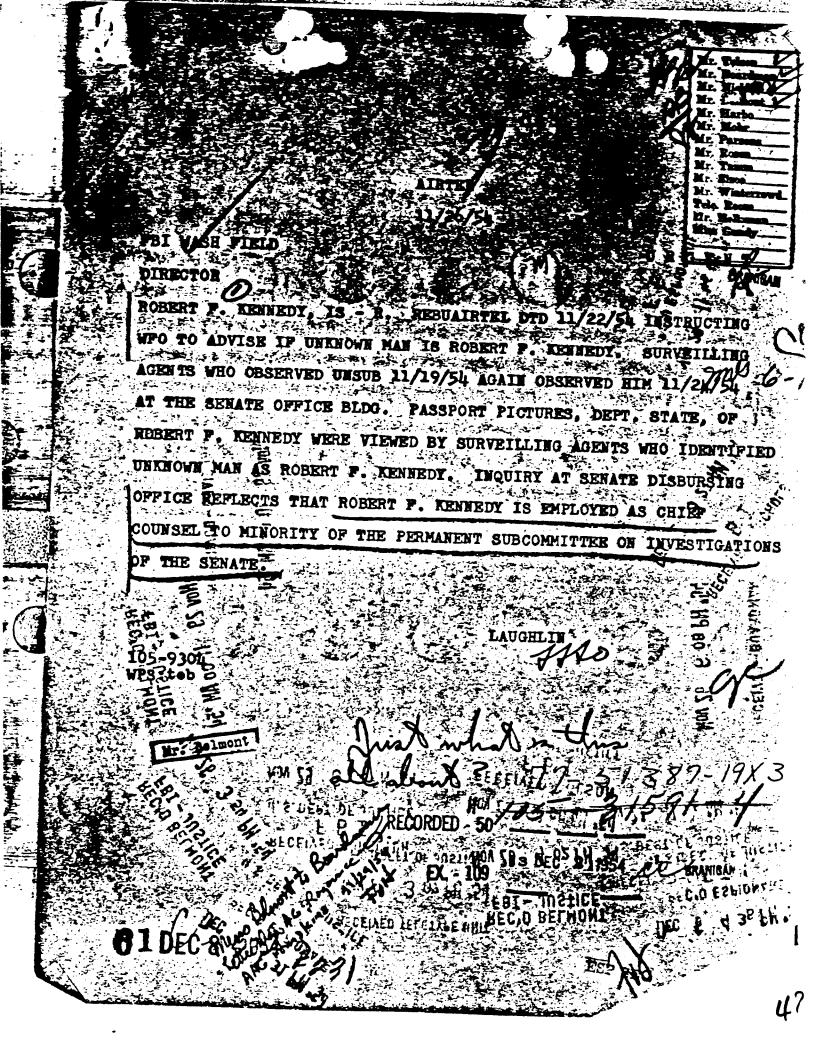
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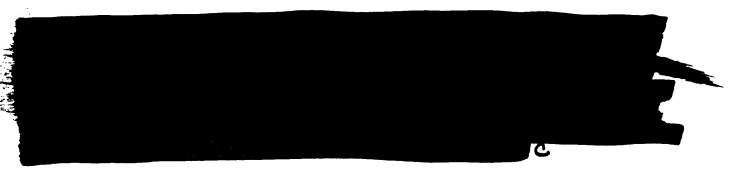
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In December, 1954, information was received from the State Department indicating Justice William O. Douglas was planning to go to the Soviet Union in August, 1955, and to be accompanied by Robert Kennedy. Douglas indicated that the trip would be for one month and that they planned to go through Moscow and Leningrad. (65-30092-5264)

In January, 1955, Bureau/furnished information to the effect that Kennedy and his Subcommittee was conducting inquiries on wire tapping in the District of Columbia and that they had contacted officials of the telephone company in this connection. (62-12114-2866)

On May 13, 1955, Kennedy was a guest on the Dave Garroway Television Program and was questioned concerning the Dr. John Peters case. His comments concerning the FBI were favorable. (121-4200-167)

You will recall that Harry Lev testified recently before Kennedy's Subcommittee in connection with the manufacture of military hats and caps and was contracted by Bureau Agents prior to Lev's testimony. Kennedy was uncooperative in that he advised the Agents he would prefer waiting until testimony of Lev had been completed, then he would be more than glad to turn over everything concerning this case to the FBI. In this connection the Director moted, in part, "Kennedy was completely uncooperative until after he had squeezed all the publicity out of the matter he could." (46-23395-107)

#### RECOUVENDATION:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 19.55 Time \_5:28PM Mr. Robert Kennedy, Chief Counsel. Senate Sub-Committee on Investigations, tele locally. The Capitol Extension 1247 Time Tilling To The When advised of the Director's absence from the office, Mr. Kennedy asked that the following message be given to the Director. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was leaving for Southern Russia a week from tomorrow, July 27th, and would like very much to come by the office to see the Director sometime before he leaves. He indicated that he merely wished to pay his respects to the Director. He was told that his message would be brought to the Director's attention immediately upon his return to the office. RECORDED - 64 27 JUL 27 1955

DO-6. Mr. Boardman OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Mr. Michols. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Mr. Belmont. Mr. Harbo\_ July 20, 1955 Hr. Parsons. called and referred to the call that Mr. Bob Kennedy Mr. Sizoo\_ made yesterday, requesting to Mr. Winterrowd. see you before Kennedy goes to Russia. Miss Holmes\_ Miss Gandy . stated that he knew Kennedy was very anxious to see you before he left and would appreciate it if your schedule would so permit. that I was sure that you would want to see Mr. Kennedy if your schedule permitted, but I did know that your schedule was

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terribly tight right at this time.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 27, 1955

Robert Kennedy called and in your absence I talked to him. He wanted to make an appointment to see you sometime after the middle of next week. He wants to talk to you concerning his recent visit to Russia.

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Mr. Kennedy stated he was leaving town and would not return until approximately Wednesday of next week but he would be available any time after that that would be convenient to you.

I told Mr. Kennedy that you were presently out but that his request would be brought to your attention.

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

November 1, 1955

to go to the Soviet Union in August, 1955. On July 21, 1955, Kennedy saw the Director and advised that he was leaving for Southern Russia, July 27.4

The October 21, 1955, issue of U. S. News & World Report contains an article (attached) entitled "A Look Behind the Russian Smiles," which is an interview with Kennedy covering his six-week tour of Russia and Central Asia. This is a rather lengthy article which reflects Kennedy's views of Russian life. It points out that in some areas they were the first American visitors in many, many years; that the secret police watched Douglas and Kennedy, monitored their conversations and prohibited their travel to some areas. The article covers slave labor camps, segregated schools, the general life of people in Russia, the activities of LVD personnel, and general information concerning living conditions in Russia.

#### <u>VISCELLANEOUS:</u>

Kennedy talked with the Director on January 28 and February 15, 1954, apparently on personal matters.

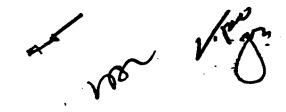
In Larch, 1954, Kennedy talked with Mr. Nichols concerning the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. James Branca in the Annie Lee Moss case; and the Director noted, "The attitude of Kennedy in this matter clearly shows need for absolute circumspection in any conversation with him."

In January, 1955, the Bureau was confidentially advised that Kennedy and his subcommittee were conducting inquiries on wire tapping in the District of Columbia and that they had contacted telephone company officials in this regard.

In 1955, Harry Lev testified before Kennedy's subcommittee in connection with the manufacture of military hats and caps. Contacted by Bureau Agents before Lev's testimony, Kennedy was uncooperative in that he advised Agents he would prefer waiting until Lev's testimony had been completed and then make data concerning this case available to the Bureau. In this connection the Director noted, "Kennedy was completely uncooperative until after he had squeezed all the publicity out of the matter he could."

#### RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



November 4, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. BELMONT
MR. NICHOLS

Testerday, I saw Mr. Robert Francis Kanaedy, Chief Counsel for the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, who last summer together with Mr. Justice Douglas, of the United States Supreme Court, made a rather extended tour in Soviet Russia.

Mr. Kennedy discussed with me generally some of the impressions he obtained, most of which are covered in detail in the interview which Mr. Kennedy gave to the U.S. News and World Report appearing in its issue of October 21, 1955.

"It is quite obvious that Mr. Kennedy has returned from Russia with a rather dim impression of its occasmy and alleged liberties."

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April 22, 1958 **PERSONAL** 

Mr. Robert F. Kennedy Chief Counsel Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field U. S. Senate Washington, D. C.

I have just learned that you were the recipient of the 1958 Lantern Award, and I wanted to drop you this note to extend my heartiest congratulations. I was certainly pleased that you were afforded this recognition which is richly deserved.

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NOTE: The fact that Robert F. Kennedy received the Lantern Award was learned through a pretext call to Senator John F. Kennedy's office... bn 4-22-58.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATE GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE 8/7/58

FROM

A. ROSEN

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REPORTED THREATS AGAINST

FORMER AMBASSADOR JOSEPH KENNEDY

AND CHILDREN OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Information was received telephonically from the Washington Field Office (WFO) that the Washington this morning, interviewed

he had been contacted yesterday by known to the WFO as an "angle man" around Washington who is

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asked if he knew Robert Kennedy and was informed by that he had known the Kennedy family for years. then suggested to that he alert Robert Kennedy that physical acts were going to be taken against the Kennedy children and against Robert's father, Joseph Kennedy. This is all the information furnished by and he did not supply any specifics as to who was going to take this action, when it was going to be taken, etcetera.

told our Agent that he would probably tell Robert Kennedy about this incident and he didn't have any objection if the FBI told Kennedy.

#### ACTION TAKEN

When the above information was received, it was determined Robert Kennedy was then in the Caucus Room at the Senate in connection with the current hearings. Since he couldn't be reached on the phone, the facts were related to Kennedy's administrative assistant who said he would go to the Caucus Room and advise him. Kennedy called back at the countries of the morning session of the hearings and said he greatly appreciated our alerting him to this and that he had not been previously informed by Kennedy said his father is presently travelling in France but that he would insure that his father was properly advised concerning this matter.

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# Kennedy Quits As Counsel to Racket Probers

United Press International

Robert F. Kennedy resigned as chief counsel to the Senate rackets committee yesterday with a parting shot at his longtime adversary, Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

In a letter to Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), Kennedy said the purpose for which the committee was created in 1957 has been "fruitfully realized" with the recent passage of the labor reform bill.

The resignation came as no surprise. Kennedy had indicated for some time he would leave the committee wheil Congress adjourned this year.

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The Washington Post and Times Herald

The Washington Daily News

The Evening Star

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## Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE DIRECTOR

DATE: September 18, 1959

FROM :

A. ROSEN

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ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Robert Kennedy, the former Chief Counsel of the McClellan Committee, while talking to Courtney Evans, advised that he would very much appreciate the opportunity of dropping by to see the Director. Kennedy indicated his purpose in asking to see the Director was merely to thank him for the tremendous assistance which Mr. Hoover had rendered to Kennedy in connection with his work on the McClellan Committee.

Kennedy stated that he had originally intended having his secretary call the Director's office for an appointment, but thought it would be better if Evans explained to the Director why he wanted to call.

Kennedy said that he would be in the city all next week and could come in to see the Director at Mr. Hoover's convenience. Kennedy can be reached at his home in McLean, Virginia, telephone Elmwood 6-5141.

For the Director's information, it is noted that the Kennedys' seventh child, a girl, was born this month. In fact, Mrs. Kennedy and the baby arrived home from the hospital today.

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Jones to DeLoach memorandum

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Kennedy was born November 20, 1925, at Boston, Massachusetts, and is the son of Joseph P. Kennedy, former U. S. Ambassador to England and prominent financier. Kennedy attended Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School. He is the brother of Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts. His wife's name is Ethel, and they are the parents of seven children, the last child being a girl born this month.

#### PRIOR CONTACT WITH DIRECTOR

Kennedy talked with the Director apparently on personal matters on January 28, 1954, and February 15, 1954. He also met with the Director on 11-3-55 and discussed his extended tour of Russia which he had made with Supreme Court Justice William Douglas the previous summer. The Director noted, "It is quite obvious that Mr. Kennedy has returned from Russia with a rather dim impression of its economy and alleged liberties."

Kennedy also met with the Director on 4-26-56 and discussed the pending appearance of Murray Chotiner. Chotiner was the campaign manager for Vice President Nixon in the 1952 elections, and Kennedy's committee was considering calling Chotiner as a witness. Kennedy also inquired of the Director as to whether the time had come to bring Alger Hiss before his committee. The Director advised Kennedy that before any such move was made it should be given very careful study and evaluation and thorough research should be done beforehand. (77-51387-28)

Kennedy and Senator John L. McClellan were scheduled to call at the Bureau on September 11, 1956, to discuss with the Director activities of the Committee on Government Operations, particularly with regard to ways to curb Teamster President Jimmy Hoffs In view of traveling commitments, however, a mutually convenient time could not be worked out, and this meeting did not take place. (62-98810-256)

#### Jones to DeLoach memorandum

In January, 1956, Kennedy called the Bureau and expressed concern that a Bureau official had contacted Minority Counsel Juliana rather than himself concerning a matter of official business. The Director stated as follows: "I think Kennedy is basically right. H." (77-51387-28)

On March 5, 1957, Kennedy forwarded a copy of "The FBI Story" and requested it be autographed by the Director. It was so autographed and returned to him on 3-6-57. (77-51387-29)

According to a news story which appeared in "The Washington Post" on 3-7-59, Kennedy reportedly stated that he had received several offers of 1960 political support for his brother, Senator John F. Kennedy, if he would go easy on certain witnesses before the McClellan Committee. The article reflects that Kennedy dismissed all such propositions. The Bureau learned subsequently, from the Administrative Assistant of the McClellan Committee, that according to Kennedy the press had unduly enlarged upon offhand remarks he had made to reporters and there had been no real basis for such remarks. (94-37374-16)

Mrs. Robert Kennedy called the Bureau on May 4, 1959, to see if the Bureau could check files on a man who was seeking employment with the Kennedy family and who she believed had formerly worked for the FBI. Inquiry determined that this individual had not worked for the Bureau and she had mistakenly concluded he had because of a statement that he had done security work. (77-51387-33)

In August, 1959, the Bureau received information concerning possible McClellan Committee hearings on the United Auto Workers Union, and possible testimony by Richard T. Gosser. Vice President of this union.

and Democrat members of the committee were in dispute relative to calling Gosser, and Senator McClellan's Administrative Assistant advised that Republican members of the committee were fearful that if evidence available against Gosser was made known to Kennedy and his brother, Senator John Kennedy, a committee member, it would be immediately leaked to Walter Reuther. McClellan's Administrative Assistant commented that the Republicans might have a point as he felt the Kennedy brothers were close to Joseph L. Rauh, Reuther's Washington attorney. (62-103771-1472)

September 30, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. ROSEN B 6-1

On September 21, 1959, I saw Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, who was resigning as Chief Counsel of the McClellan Committee. Mr. Kennedy called to express to me his appreciation for the excellent cooperation which the Bureau had extended to him and the particularly helpful assistance which inspector Couriney A. Evans has extended.

Mr. Kennedy stated that both Chairman McClellan and himself would not have been able to accomplish what they did had they not had the fullest and most excellent cooperation from the FBI. He stated that, of course, they had not made any public statement to this effect because it had been the understanding at the time Chairman McClellan sought from Attorney General Brownell, the assistance which subsequently had been extended that there should be no public indication of the relationship which would exist between the Committee and the FBI.

I told Mr. Kennedy I certainly appreciated his kindness in calling to express the sentiments he had and in return I wanted to say to him what an excellent job he had done under most difficult circumstances as Chief Counsel of the McClellan Committee.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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MemorandumMr. Callaban J. F. Malone SUBJECT: "THE ENEMY WITHIN" ROBERT F. KENNEDY COUNSEL FOR THE McCLELLAN COMMITTEE The book "The Enemy Within" written by Robert F. Kennedy, brother of Senator John Kennedy, and former counsel for Senator McClellan's Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor or Management Field, has been published by Harper Brothers of New York. A copy was secured from the Library of Congress and reviewed. The review was reported in the memorandum of Mr. Director Rosen dated 3/4/60. The book is critical of the Department of Justice handling various cases and of Government Attorneys and reports considerable information regarding James Hoffa. It is felt that a copy of the book should be available for ready reference. **RECOMMENDATION:** That one copy of the book, "The Enemy Within," by Robert F. Kennedy, Harper Brothers, Publisher, be purchased. Book costs \$3.95. Matrial in Bureau officer

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December 23, MOHR: "PARKER TAKES SWIPE AT FBI" LOS ANGELES MIRROR ARTICLE, 12-22-60 LOS ANGELES EXAMINER ARTICLE, 12-23-50 At 12:25 p.m. today ASAC Alexander of Los Angeles Tele. Room called with respect to the above and Wick talked to him. He said Mr. Ingram the Los Angeles Examiner issue of today has an article quoting Miss Gandy . Parker as denying reports he had been offered the job to head a National Crime Commission. The article states it was learned in Washington that no steps have been taken to form such a Commission. The reporter on his own goes on to say that presumably Robert Kennedy would consult with J. Edgar Hoover before planning such a Commission to which, it is known, Mr. Hoover is very much opposed. 'No such consultation has been held between Kennedy and Hoover it was learned," the article states. Parker is quoted as stating that he conferred with one of Kennedy's assistants recently and the Crime Commission matter was just briefly mentioned. Parker is quoted further as saying that Kennedy has advocated the idea of a Crime Commission and Mr. Hoover has opposed it over the years beginning in 1952 before the International Association of Chiefs of Police. ASAC Alexander says that after Parker learned of the Mirror story yesterday, Parker called in radio and television people telling them he had not been offered the job to head the Crime Commission. He then pretty much reiterated his remarks which appear in the Los Angeles Examiner today. He amplifies these, however, to point out that the FBI since 1952 has fought a resolution before the IACP for a Crime Commission. He said the Director has always been opposed to a Crime Commission and he, Parker, has been for it and still is. On one of the television stations last night, George Putnam, newscaster, had Parker as his guest. Parker was queried by Putnam as to his views which Parker freely expressed. In conjunction with the television cast, Putnam showed a filmed clip presumably taken from "Meet the Press" during the Kennedy campaign for President wherein Robert Kennedy is shown stating that with respect to the Apalachin meeting no one knew anything about it but if 60 communists get together the Government knows about it at once. Parker said he certainly agreed with Kennedy's observation, that both he and Kennedy believed in a National Crime Commission, that he, Parker, had presented a resolution before the IACP recently which Mr. Hoover opposed and defeated. REW:sak (2) CONTINUED NEXT PAGE

Informal DeLoach to Mohr 12-23-60
Re: "Parker Takes Swipt at FBI"
Los Angeles Mirror, 12-22-60
Los Angeles Examiner 12-23-60

ASAC Alexander is sending in the Los Angeles Examiner article of 12-23-60.

RESPECTFULLY,

C. D. DE LOACH

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UNITED STATES GOVY Memorandum DATE: February 1, 1961 Mr. Callahan W.C. Sullivan temeberger TROM SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT KENNEDY At approximately 2:33 p.m. today, the Attorney General and Dentity Attorney General White, with their wives, got off the Attorney General's private elevator in the basement which They located at the corner of Tenth and Constitution Avenue. They proceeded East on the one corridor and our employees were on their afternoon break period, which is between 2:30 and 2:40. As the Attorney General passed our Printing Section, he stopped and introduced himself to quite a number of them but did not introduce Mr. White nor their wives. Further down the East corridor, and in front of our Photostat room, the employees therein were on their break and the Attorney General stopped, introduced himself and the rest of his party to these employees and shook hands with each of them. He was observed at about 2:43 p.m. after our employees 1961 had returned to their work, returning along the one corridor toward his private elevator. RCR: wc 1961 **62** FEB 7

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ATTORNEY GENERAL USE OF FBI GYM

While in the Attorney General's office this morning on other 1/2 matters, Robert Kennedy mentioned that he might like to make use of the FBI gym. He mentioned that he had been down in the basement last evening but that the gym had been locked and he had not seen it.

He was informed that the gym facilities were, of course, available to him at any time. He said he would like to get a key as he might want to use the facilities after hours. It was suggested to him that when he first went down we would like to show him what facilities are available. It was explained to him that the FBI had a coach who conducted regular gym classes not only for our own Agents but for National Academy officers who were in training in Washington. Kennedy seemed surprised at this. He said he would try to get down to the gym today, but would give us a call when he wanted to go down.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN:** 

in the gym is being alerted to the fact that the Attorney General may drop in today.

In connection with Kennedy's request that he be furnished a key to the gym, it is noted that a regular building master key will not open the gym and, if Mr. Kennedy desires a key, it would seem that this should be furnished to him.

- Mr. Mohr - Mr. DeLoach

- Mr. Malone

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#### Memorandum MR. MOHR MR. J. F. MALONE W VISIT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL. UBJECT: DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WHITE, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES TO BASEMENT **GYMNASIUM** Robert Francis Shortly after 2:30 PM today the Attorney General, Deputy Att orney General White, and their wives made an unannounced visit to the A basement gymnasium. They were received by Assistant Physical Instructor in the absence of They spent. approximately 12-15 minutes speaking with inquiring about the general physical training program, the various types of apparatus and just looking around. The Attorney General inquired as to whether lockers might be made available for him and the Deputy Attorney General should they desire them, and assured them that such could be arranged.

The regular supervisors' physical training program was in progress at the time and on the gymnasium floor there were a number of participants, some of them engaged in a handball contest.

Attorney General walked out onto the gymnasium floor and introduced himself to all of the Bureau participants and asked a number of questions about the game of handball.

The Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General then left the women out in the public area and took a quick look around the locker and shower rooms. During this walk-through he made a number of inquiries about the types of therapeutic equipment in the room adjacent to the shower room (ultra violet lamps, electric light heat cabinet, infrared lamp). He seemed particularly interested in the ultra violet lamp. The Attorney General also inquired as to available procedures for 5/50 massage and was informed that this was limited to cases of infloor injuries.

In departing, the Attorney General indicated that he and his Deputy would probably bring their gym equipment down tomorrow (Thursday) for storage in lockers to be made available to them.

ACTION: LEROL Unless advised to the contrary, individual lockers will be assigned Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General White. The locker will be B-259, and the Deputy Attorney General's locker will be B-259, and the Deputy Attorney General's

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5:25 PM

February 13, 1961

ROBERT KENNEDY

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON MR. MOHR MR. DE LOACH

I called the Attorney General and advised him that I had learned that he had never picked up his law degree from the University of Virginia and asked him if he wanted us to pick it up for him sometime.

The Attorney General stated that as a matter of fact he hadn't picked up his degree from Harvard either. I stated I did not know whether or not he wanted his degree from the University of Virginia, but our Agent at Richmond had met somebody at the University who had said they still have the Attorney General's diploma.

The Attorney General stated if someone were going through Charlottesville sometime, they might pick it up for him. I stated I would have this done.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover Director

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MR. MOHR

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MR. H. L. EDWARDS

SUBJECT: ATTORNEY GENERAL'S EFFORTS TO GET INTO BUREAU GUMNASIUM TUESDAY EVENING, 1/31/61

Confirming my conversation with you last evening, the Attorney General and at least one of his staff contacted the Bureau switchboard last night between 7:15 PM and approximately 7:45 PM in an effort to get access to the basement gymnasium. A detailed memorandum from the switchboard operator is attached. By the time the call was referred to me (approximately 7:45 PM) the Attorney General and his companions had apparently returned to the Attorney General's Office with the indication that he would try again the next day. An addendum on the switchboard operator's memorandum indicates that Mr. Evans was informed by the Bureau operator and got in touch with Mr. Siegenthaler, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, and that the matter had been taken care of. It will be noted in the switchboard operator's memorandum that when the operator went back on the line after having asked the caller to hold on while she located someone to help him, the individual holding the line on the other end was not the same one who had called, but stated that he was Mr. Watson, one of the laborers and that the Attorney General had gone back to his office. I subsequently got in touch with Mr. Watson who indicated that he had gotten into the picture by giving the Attorney General access to one of the rooms in the basement where he could use a phone and the Attorney General had asked him to hold the line and tell the operator when she came back on the line that he had gone back to his office and that everything was all right and that he would use the gymnasium the next day.

Another item of information pertaining to the Attorney General's being in the basement last night was reported by the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General White and two other unidentified members of his staff dropped into the Mechanical Section last night (apparently en route to the basement gymnasium). The Attorney General walked up to the Night Supervisor in the Mechanical Section, and said, "I am Bob Kennedy. Who are you?" He also introduced Deputy Attorney General White. The other two men were standing outside by the door and were not Introduced. The Attorney General then made the roundsintroducing

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Re: AG's efforts to get into Bureau gym

himself and White to all of the other employees there and then he and his group departed toward the gymnasium. One of the GSA laborers later reported that the Attorney General had tried unsuccessfully to get into the gymnasium.

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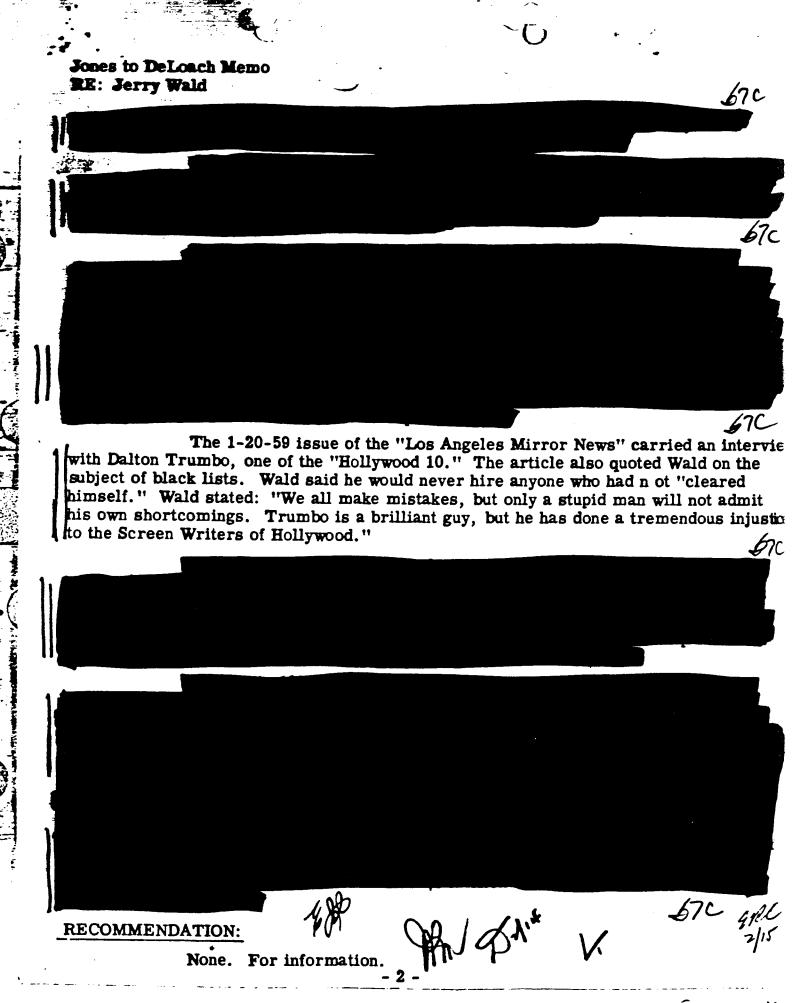
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UNITED STATES GOV( 1emorandum Mr. DeLoach DATE: 2-14-61 SUBJECT: The attached clipping from the 214-61 issue of the 'New York Herald' Tribune" reflects that 20th Century Fox Studio has purchased "The Enemy Withm," a book by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, and will produce it as a motion picture. The book is an outgrowth of Mr. Kennedy's experience as chief counsel for the Senate Rackets Committee, and the author's proceeds go to aid retarded children. Producer Jerry Wald will make the movie and hopes to start production this summer. Calif. 7 K12 > 206 4 17 ENCLOSIRE 1 - Mr. DeLoach TB FEB 28 19頁 BS:dgs / 50 17



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EDWIN O. GUTHMAN INFORMATION OFFICER DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INFORMATION CONCERNING

I had lunch with Ed Guthman today since he and I have been friends for a number of years. He was the reporter from the Seattle afternoon newspaper, "The Seattle Times," and covered the FBI Office while I was there.

Since Guthman considers me an old friend, he discussed a number of things with me as follows:

(1) He is very much impressed with the suggestions and advice that he has received from Mr. DeLoach and feels that DeLoach is anxious to cooperate and help him to get established in his new job.

(2) He recognizes that the Attorney General has a very unorthodox and direct approach to everything--including the Bureau-- but notes that "his motivations is good despite his approach." I had no comment to make to this but suggested that the Attorney General's predecessors who were somewhat older than the present Attorney General functioned in a very dignified and sedate manner. Guthman commented that the volume of material coming into the Attorney General's office which necessitated handling was an inducement toward direct action plus the fact that the Attorney General was only \$5 years old. He thought that this would "simmer down" as the newness of the situation was overcome.

Guthman's main fear is that he will not be on sound ground in some of the material that becomes public and as a consequence is in a constant dilemma to point this up. He showed me a letter from a professor in Colorado to the White House protesting the Department of Defense's utilization of the HCUA film, "Operation Abolition." The letter was dated February 1, was forwarded from the White House on February 16 and here is Guthman still holding it as of today without an idea of what to do about it. I suggested that he talk with Mr. DeLoach to check the conprofessor through our files (as it is quite obvious from the content of the 

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letter that we would have a record on him), then send a noncommittal form for replying back to the White House with a suggestion that it be answered there since it obviously did not concern the Department of Justice, was addressed to the White House, concerned the Department of Defense and the legislative branch of the Government. He said that he would check with Mr. DeLoach on this.

- He noted that the main interest at this time of the Attorney General is in the campaign in connection with prominent hoodlums. Guthman is anxious to see that the Attorney General doesn't go too far in public proclamation as to what he is going to do as he is afraid that the previous abortive attempt to handle the individuals in the Apalachin case will carry over thereby subject them to criticism in this endeavor. I pointed out to him that the FBI had been very successful in a long-term policy of not announcing what they were going to do but instead waiting until their objective had been accomplished. He said his effort now was to try and underplay any releases by the Attorney General in connection with this matter.
- (5) Guthman said that he felt woefully ignorant in connection with a number of things such as international communism and juvenile delinquency which the Attorney General was going to make several talks about. He said that he had conferred with Mr. DeLoach about this situation and that he, himself, would like to get generally briefed so he was on solid ground in discussing this matter with the Attorney General. I have told Mr. DeLoach concerning this.
- (6) Guthman says that the Attorney General is very easy to work for and that he has no hesitation whatsoever in giving his viewpoint to the Attorney General who is considering him more than just a press representative but almost in the position of being an advisor. Guthman feels that the press generally are in the Attorney General's corner because of the friendliness of the Attorney General's previous handling in connection with the McClellan Committee; instead, he feels that the Attorney General's principal problem will be in any relations that he has with Congress. I suggested to Guthman

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that there have always previously been difficulties between the Attorney General and Congress and that he might solicit advice from the Bureau in connection with any handling along this line. Guthman had specific reference to a legislative program which Attorney General Rogers had submitted just before the end of 1960. Mr. Kennedy feels that this was a very weak approach and he is very anxious to get going and to formulate their own program for presentation to Congress.

All in all, Guthman was extremely commendatory towards the Bureau in his comments as to his appreciation of their friendliness and courtesy and, I gather, does not intend to either take any major step himself or let the Attorney General so do without checking with us. Guthman indicated that from time to time, he will correspond with me on a personal basis and as this occurs I will see that Mr. DeLoach is advised.

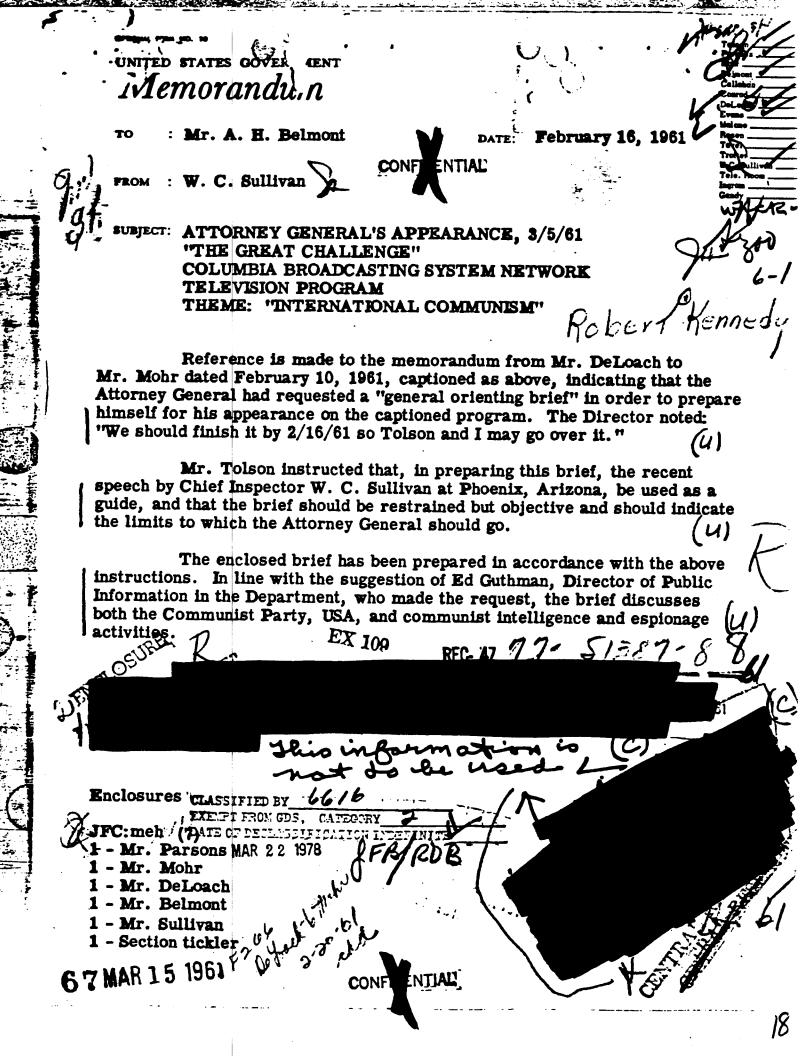
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Memo Sullivan to Belmont

Re: Attorney General's Appearance, 3/5/61

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Attached are copies of the pamphlets, "Expose of Soviet Espionage, 1960" and "Communist Target--Youth" in the event the Director wishes furnish these to the Attorney General along with the brief.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed brief be forwarded to the Director in accordance with his request.

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## J - UNITED STATES GOVE Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 10, 1961

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ATTORNEY GENERAL APPEARANCE 3-5-61

"THE GREAT CHALLENGE"

COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM NETWORK

TELEVISION PROGRAM

THEME: "INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM"

At 9:45 a.m. today while Wick talked with Ed Guthman, Director of Public Information in the Department, Guthman stated that at 8:00 p.m. yesterday the Attorney General decided to accept an invitation from Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) -- television network to appear on the television program "The Great Challenge" which will be telecast live 3-5-61. Edward R. Murrow, the new Director of U. S. Information Agency, and Averell Harriman will also probably appear. The moderator of the program will be CBS' Howard K. Smith.

Guthman said the Attorney General would like to have from us background data in the form of a general orienting brief designed to acquaint the Attorney General with international communism. Guthman said he believes that some 25 to 30 pages of typed material dealing with international communism, its aims, purposes and activities would suffice. The basic material could consist of two parts. The first part would be the Communist Party USA (what it is, what it is doing -- spell out current trends and dangers). The second part would deal with Soviet espionage and what the situation is. (This could be illustrated by cases, past and present.) Guthman pointed out that for instance the current Kroger-Cohen case, its relationship to the Abel case, would be of interest, and possibly recent espionage cases handled by the FBI 27-

EX 109 Frankly, said Guthman, he does not know precisely what the Afloracy General will say or what course he will take but he does need basic material, guide\_ lines, cases and suggestions as to how he should approach the matter so that he might be fully equipped to discuss any phase of international communism. Mr. Guthman said the Attorney General would probably not start working on this matter until Possibly some time late the week of 2-20-61. He would need the material around that time WCFARCH

Wick related the above to Mr. Tolson this morning who suggested that the orienting brief be prepared by the Domestic Intelligence Division. The brief should be restrained but objective and should definitely be prepared with the view to setting limits as to just how far the Attorney General can go in his discussions.

#### Enclosures

1 - Mr. Parsons

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DeLoach to Mohr 2-10-61

Le: AG Appearance 3-5-61 "The Great Challenge"

CBS Network TV Program, Theme: "International Communism"

Mr. Tolson suggested that as a guide for the brief the Domestic Intelligence Division utilize the address given by Inspector W. C. Sullivan before a Tucson group 1-15-61, a tape of which we have in the office. Around and within this address can be built the orienting brief containing the basic material desired by the Attorney General.

In addition to the above brief, it is believed we should make available to Guthman copies (attached) of "Expose of Soviet Espionage - May 1960," and "Communist Target - Youth" for the Attorney General's use.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That this memorandum be referred to the Domestic Intelligence Division for handling. The prepared brief should be returned to my office for handling with Guthman.

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