

Kennedy Justice, by Victor S. Navasky. Atheneum, 482 pages.

Book deals with Robert Kennedy as Attorney General; review by Thomas Lask filed RFK (a). Excerpt from review:

Parts of "Kennedy Justice" will raise tempers, for it revives the argument between J. Edgar Hoover ... and Mr. Kennedy as to whether the F.B.I. indulged in bugging without specifically letting the Attorney General know. Mr. Navasky believes it did. "If Kennedy was guilty of dereliction, the F.B.I. was guilty of deception," he says. At one point, he states that the F.B.I. asked for permission to lease a telephone wire, permission the bureau never intended to use, simply to implicate Mr. Kennedy in what was essentially extralegal activities. . .

The relationship of Mr. Kennedy to the F.B.I. was an intricate one, and Mr. Navasky has traced it in all its Machiavellian detail.