

## JFK's Love Life



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**T**HE SEX EXPLOITS of the late John F. Kennedy should have been no concern of the FBI. Yet the old bachelor boss of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, kept an avid watch on Kennedy's bedroom.

The Kennedy file was probably the hottest in Hoover's private archives. Only his most trusted associates ever got a peek at it. They have verified its existence, although they disagree over what it contained.

They concur that the FBI stumbled into Kennedy's sex life in late 1941 when he was a handsome, young naval lieutenant on duty in Charleston, S.C. The G-men were investigating a woman suspected of German espionage. Their hidden microphones picked up a brief romance between the lady and young Kennedy.

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**B**UT IT WASN'T until Kennedy became a power in Washington that the late FBI chief took a personal interest in his boudoir conquests. As a bachelor member of Congress, Kennedy played the field. He had so many girls on the string that he let his secretary, Evelyn Lincoln, arrange the more casual dates.

Kennedy often teamed up with a congressional colleague, George Smathers, on these nighttime romps. Smathers recalls that Kennedy, after marrying the beautiful Jacqueline, told her during a moment of truth about the women in his past.

This later caused a strain on their

marriage, Smathers told us, when some of the women turned up in his future. Jacqueline learned that they had been seen in his campaign entourage and, later, at the White House itself.

During the 1960 presidential campaign, a photographer caught Kennedy at a romantic rendezvous in the fashionable Georgetown section of Washington. The Democratic candidate fretted afterward that the pictures might be used against him in the campaign.

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**O**N THE October 13 afternoon of a crucial campaign debate with Richard Nixon, Kennedy was so tense that a friend arranged an interlude with a girl to relax him. The candidate took off in the middle of a strategy session, explaining that he wanted to deliver some clothes to the dry cleaner. His friend, waiting downstairs in an automobile, drove him to New York City's Plaza Hotel for the tryst.

After Kennedy moved into the White House, some of his girl friends followed him. They would drop by for nude swims and other sports when Jacqueline was away.

Those privy to Hoover's hush-hush files are in dispute over how much of this prurient gossip made its way into the Kennedy dossier. One source said only the early incidents were recorded. Another claimed that Hoover kept a running account of Kennedy's sexual adventures.