Memorandum to Mr. D. M. Ladd  
RE: SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS  

A large number of the Special Service Contacts have been very helpful to the Special Agents in Charge in arranging luncheons and other affairs at which they introduced the Agents in Charge to other prominent and influential people in their respective field divisions.  

There is attached for your information an alphabetical list of Field Offices showing the number of Special Service Contacts for each office.  

[Signature]
### Statistics Re Special Service Contacts by Field Offices

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DIRECTOR, FBI (67-045)

SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Reference is made to SAC Letter #74 dated 10/16/50, Special Service Contacts.

The Boston Division has the following Special Service Contacts:

SSC Bos 1 -- (JOSEPH P. KENNEDY)
SSC Bos 2 -- (Initials Blurred)
SSC Bos 4 -- (Initials Blurred)

The writer has met both Mr. KENNEDY and (Initials Blurred) and has attempted to meet (Initials Blurred) on several occasions. It is expected a contact will be made with (Initials Blurred) in the future.

No particular assignments have been given to any of the Special Service contacts. However, the writer is aware of the fact that Mr. Kennedy recently spoke with (Initials Blurred) about his articles concerning Civil Rights cases in which he criticized the Bureau. After which he telephonically spoke to Mr. Hoover.

Mr. KENNEDY, of course, is extremely well connected in all fields of life and has expressed himself as being ready, willing and able to do anything he possibly can to help the Bureau. Should the Bureau have any problems in any field, domestic or international, it is felt Mr. Kennedy would not only be happy to serve the Bureau, but because of his widespread connections would be well able to do so.

JJKimaw
TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT

During a recent contact by SA with Mr. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Mr. KENNEDY made reference to your testimony before the Subcommittee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act and other Internal Security Laws on November 17th last.

Although politically a democrat, Mr. KENNEDY stated that he disagreed with and others who reportedly expressed the fear that your testimony might establish a dangerous precedent. He asserted that under the circumstances your action in testifying was so extremely well done it had a great beneficial effect upon that issue as well as the stature of the Bureau.

Recently, Mr. KENNEDY has been studying the operations and expenditures of the Department of Defense in connection with his duties as a member of the commission headed by former President HERBERT HOOVER, and he has been shocked at the serious waste and mismanagement of funds. He stated that the deeper he delves into the matter, the more he appreciates your work as Director and the Bureau's accomplishments; for, by comparison, the Bureau is one of the few federal organizations that is operated efficiently, said Mr. KENNEDY.

I thought you would like to have these comments from one who has been a long time friend of the Bureau.

JJK: AAC
January 4, 1954

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Larchmont Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Your recent remarks to Special Agent [redacted] have been brought to my attention, and I want to thank you for commenting so generously about my administration of the FBI and my appearance before the Jenner Committee.

The continuing support of such thoughtful friends as you has always been a great source of encouragement for my associates and me. I am sure I do not have to tell you how pleased I was to learn of your opinion of my testimony.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an abundance of happiness and good health during 1954.

Sincerely,

Edgar

cc - Boston (66-1036)
ATTENTION SAC: Reuerlet 12-22-53

NOTE: Salutation per mailing list. Assistant assigned Boston, [redacted]
Office Memorandum  •  UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:  DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: L. SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

DATE: January 8, 1954

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
        SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACT
        BOSTON DIVISION

This is to advise that Mr. KENNEDY left his Hyannisport, Massachusetts residence just prior to Christmas and will be at his winter residence, West Palm Beach, Florida for the remainder of the winter.

The Miami Office is being advised of this for informative purposes.

Mr. KENNEDY is a valued contact of the Bureau, a former Ambassador to Great Britain and the father of Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. He has been a Special Service Contact of the Boston Division for many years.

TF: L: AAC
CC: SAC, MIAMI

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94-37808-9X2

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11 JAN 1954
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

L.H. MARTIN

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Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Mr. Tolson
FROM: L. B. Nichols

DATE: May 11, 1944

SUBJECT:

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to England, endeavored to reach the Director on the morning of May 11th. I returned the call through the New York Office, Murrayhill 9-2220, and explained that the Director was in a travel status. Kennedy stated that he had a matter of utmost importance to him, but that he did know I had the Director's confidence and he would advise me of what he wanted to talk to the Director about.

He then related that [redacted] of [redacted] staff had contacted [redacted] regarding [redacted]; further that [redacted] had not been permitted to go to school at Camp Holabird, Maryland, because of [redacted] adverse FBI report which linked him to a group of "pinkos." Kennedy stated that he sent word to [redacted] that if he so much as printed a word about this that he would sue him for libel in a manner such as had never been sued before. He further stated that he had sent [redacted] to see [redacted] and then contacted the Army; that the Army was incensed at the information which [redacted] had. Apparently some of the information which had on [redacted] Army activities was accurate and Kennedy stated the Army was somewhat incensed over how the information got out. Kennedy stated that he was sick of the Washington situation; that the McCarthy-Stevens Hearings were a disgrace and that he simply was not going to tolerate [redacted] being victimized in any way, shape or form. He stated that [redacted] enlisted in the Army.

I told Mr. Kennedy we would check into this matter immediately. Finding no identifiable information in the Bureau, I checked with ASAC Hargett of the Boston Office who likewise reported no identifiable record. I, accordingly, called Mr. Kennedy back and told him that I could find no record and that we certainly had not investigated [redacted] that this might be another case of throwing the name of the FBI around or of somebody confusing the FBI with some other investigative agency. Kennedy stated that he was certain that the FBI could not

cc - Mr. Boardman
cc - Mr. Belmont

LBN: ptm
Memorandum for Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols

RE:

have disseminated such a report because [redacted] has never had an opportunity to "get mixed up with pinkos." I told Mr. Kennedy that he was authorized to state, if need be, that he checked with the FBI and the FBI had not investigated [redacted] Kennedy further stated that [redacted] had talked to [redacted] and [redacted] did not contemplate using anything. [redacted] accused of disseminating the story. This Kennedy could not stomach.

He asked that his very best regards be extended the Director.

Kennedy stated he knew how unscrupulous [redacted] was as well as those who associated with him. He then told me that part of the story which [redacted] had was to the effect that he, Kennedy, had threatened to get the stars of General [redacted] and General [redacted]. He stated that yesterday was the first time that he ever knew that Generals by these names ever existed.
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

RE: HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On July 1 I had the occasion to spend some time with Mr. Kennedy.

I had met many many people who are great admirers of yours, but I believe that Mr. Kennedy is the most vocal and forceful admirer that I have met. I found him to be a forceful, outspoken gentleman who takes great pride in his friendship with you.

As of possible interest, he mentioned that President Eisenhower had requested the Hoover Commission to investigate CIA. Mr. Kennedy advised that General Mark Clark would probably head up their investigative efforts. He also indicated he was leaving for Europe in just a little over a week and left the inference he expects to do some inquiring concerning CIA while he is abroad. He also advised it was his personal thought that President Eisenhower had asked the Hoover Commission to make this inquiry to forestall an investigation into CIA by Senator McCarthy.

In closing, I would like to mention that Mr. Kennedy expressed a personal liking and admiration for Special Agent... [redacted]. It is apparent that contacts with Mr. Kennedy have been such as to merit Mr. Kennedy's good will.

Sincerely,

[Initial]

H. P. Foster
Special Agent in Charge

RE: 1234567

100 Milk Street  
Boston, Massachusetts  
July 2, 1954
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO:  MR. A. H. BELMONT
FROM: MR. P. F. DOUGHERTY

DATE: September 5, 1954

SUBJECT: Quincy, Massachusetts

Captioned individual telephoned today by long distance at 12:35 P.M. asking for assistance in locating Senator Joseph Kennedy. He stated that he had spent the last hour trying to locate the Senator in Boston, New York and Washington without success. It was suggested that he try to contact him through a member of the Kennedy family in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. He stated that he tried this without avail. He also used the term "Mayfair" cryptically and did not disclose his meaning of the word. He was advised that the writer did not personally know the present whereabouts of the Senator and regretted that he was unable to be of assistance to him.

No reference in the general indices of the Bureau could be located for in Massachusetts.

ACTION:

File.

PFD:ejp

RECORDED IN: 94-37808-12
INDEXED IN: EX-120
DIRECTOR, FBI (67-045)                        9/29/54

SAC, BOSTON (66-1036)

SPECIAL SERVICE CONTACTS

Re SAC Letter 54-13 dated 3/9/54.

The Boston Division has the following Special Service contacts:

SSC Bos 1 -- HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SSC Bos 2 -- [redacted]
SSC Bos 4 -- [redacted]

The writer has met each of the above Special Service contacts and found that they fulfill the Bureau requirements in connection with a Special Service contact program.

No particular specific assignments have been given any of the Special Service contacts; however, their abilities and associations are carefully considered in connection with the work and program of the Bureau as it relates to the Boston Division and the Bureau is assured that every consideration will be given to the making of specific assignments as conditions dictate.

Recently [redacted] was exceedingly cooperative and helpful in connection with a firearms training school held within the Boston Division for law enforcement officers. He provided considerable literature and material relating to guns and firearms in general for each of the 66 registered officers and in addition assigned a member of his technical staff to be present at the school for one full day to examine the guns of the officers and to make adjustments.

Each of the above gentlemen has extensive contacts, both domestic and international, and will be happy to serve the Bureau as conditions require.

HCF: maw

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JAN 11/55
Office Memorandum - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: TRAINING & INSPECTION DIVISION
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (66-

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SAC CONTACT

DATE: November 24, 1954

Re SAC Letter #54-54 dated 10/7/54.

It is recommended that the above-listed person, a present Special Service Contact of the Boston Office, be continued as an SAC Contact.

1. Description of Proposed SAC Contact

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Hyannisport, Massachusetts.

2. Services This Contact Can Provide

Mr. KENNEDY is a former Ambassador to the Court of St. James and father of United States Senator JOHN F. KENNEDY of Massachusetts. He is an outstanding financier and industrialist and highly regarded in business, governmental and professional circles. He presently serves as a member of the Commission headed by former President HERBERT HOOVER in connection with the reorganization of various Governmental bureaus. He is a close personal friend of the Director and the Bureau.

3. Past Relations With Field Office

Same as No. 2.

4. Thumbnail Sketch

Mr. KENNEDY maintains two residences - one in the summer at Hyannisport, Massachusetts, and during the winter at Palm Beach, Florida.

5. There is no derogatory information regarding this individual.

6. It is recommended by the SAC, Boston, that he be considered as an SAC Contact.

TFMcL: EFL

0 JAN 12 1355
On 2-25-55 Miss Phyllis Gardner of the White House requested a name check concerning Joseph Patrick Kennedy, former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, who is being considered for appointment to the President's Commission on Veterans Pensions. Buffles reflect no complete investigation has been conducted concerning Kennedy; however, in May, 1951, Bureau conducted limited inquiry requested by Department concerning allegation that Kennedy, then owner of Merchandise Mart Building in Chicago, Illinois, gave $100,000 for removal of Government offices from building. The complainant claimed allegation was received by him from a friend, who when contacted by Bureau denied furnishing same. As no specific facts were developed, inquiry was closed on 6-7-51 at request of Department. Due to vagueness of allegation and lack of facts developed, this information is not being furnished to White House. (58-2402)

Buffles reflect that according to 6-1-39 issue of "Foreign Observer" published in New York City, Kennedy, then Ambassador to Great Britain, was making statements to members of British Government regarding appeasement of Axis powers, which statements were allegedly confusing the British Government and questioned his ability to remain as Ambassador. This information being furnished to White House in attached letter. (94-3-4-763)

The following information not being furnished to White House due to vagueness of allegations and/or nature of the sources: In January, 1942, Bureau was advised that Inga Arvad, subject of Internal Security and Espionage - G investigation, had been carrying on an affair with John F. Kennedy (son of the Ambassador), then an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. During above investigation it was determined that in February, 1942, Arvad had spent several weekends with John Kennedy in a hotel room in Charleston, South Carolina. Investigation regarding Arvad was closed in 1945 as no subversive or espionage activities were determined. John F. Kennedy is presently a Senator from Massachusetts. (65-39058) In April, 1942, a source of unknown reliability furnished information indicating that James Roosevelt, prior to the repeal of prohibition, had secured U.S. liquor rights from England on basis his father was President. Due to pressure from U.S. liquor interests, James Roosevelt allegedly transferred these...
contacts to Kennedy who was purportedly appointed Ambassador to England so he could handle these contacts (100-99500). On 7-9-53 State Department furnished a summary concerning \[\text{missing text}\] reflecting that on 10-15-39, William Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador in Paris, stated that when Kennedy was Ambassador in London, Kennedy called \[\text{missing text}\] every day, sometimes four times daily, to seek advice on important issues, which advice Kennedy followed. Kennedy allegedly made large financial offers to \[\text{missing text}\] to obtain his full-time services (65-32671-184). In October, 1953, the Antitrust Division of the Department requested Bureau to conduct investigation concerning the importation and distribution of Scotch whiskey in the U.S., stating allegations were received implying that U.S. Ambassador to England possibly designates these agencies in U.S. and that members of Roosevelt family had sought these agencies and/or possibly owned interests in Somerset Company, Inc., Scotch whiskey importers, formerly owned by Joseph P. Kennedy. Extensive investigation, concluded in April, 1954, failed to develop any information substantiating allegations or revealing possible antitrust violations. Investigation revealed Kennedy family had owned Somerset Company, Inc., but that Joseph P. Kennedy was never an officer of the company and owned about 2% of its stock (60-4434-1, 9, 38). Kennedy was Special Service Contact of Boston Office, September, 1943, to September, 1954, and is now an SAC contact of that office. Kennedy has on numerous occasions expressed great admiration for the Director and the work of the Bureau (94-37808).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

If you approve, the attached letter will be forwarded to the White House.
TO: Mr. A. H. Belmont
FROM: J. F. Condon
DATE: 1-7-56
cc-s Mr. Nichols
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Condon

SUBJECT: JOSEPH KENNEDY
Former U. S. Ambassador
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 7:45 P.M., 1-7-56, ASAC Brent of the Miami office telephonically contacted the writer and advised that the Miami office had just received a telephone call from Kennedy requesting that the Director be advised that Kennedy would appreciate receiving a telephone call from the Director on the evening of 1-7-56. Brent advised that Kennedy could be contacted at Palm Beach, Florida, telephone number 4-3556. He also requested that he be advised whether or not the Director would be able to call Kennedy so that he could advise Kennedy whether or not to expect the call.

On instructions from Mr. Nichols the writer instructed the Bureau telephone operator to advise the Director of the above. The Bureau operator subsequently advised the writer that the Director had called Kennedy as soon as he was advised of Kennedy's request. On the instructions of Mr. Nichols, the writer telephonically contacted ASAC Brent in Miami and so advised him.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

[Handwritten note: RECORDED 4]; [Handwritten note: JAN 16 1956]
Former Ambassador JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, Palm Beach, Florida, yesterday gave me a letter addressed to , Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. KENNEDY said this indicated a of the may be contemplating furnishing an article to some one of the new expose magazine, trying to embarrass the KENNEDY family. He said someone, he could not recall who but may have been or someone else, had mentioned to him that a him was a dangerous character, and he had written to that effect. Subsequently, had discharged this , named .

Sent Mr. KENNEDY a letter postmarked Beverly Hills, California, 1/10/58, addressed to , Chicago, Illinois, with the return address , Beverly Hills, California, and signed . The handwriting in this letter is very difficult to read but it is set out hereinafter as near as it can be made out:

Beverly Hills, California

"I'll give up Palm Beach, a cruise to Morocco but cannot give up the opportunity to tell you I've arranged to publish the story about my residence in your abode.

"In the way of a sociological study it was a pip! And Palm Beach is dull these days and Kennedys have been writing their publicity themselves."
Director, FBI

"Seems Baltimore boy loved giving but needed cash, consequently, married some of Kennedy cash for (illegible) (illegible) and daily loves his secretary with display of arrogance and pomp with future dreams of political splendor. Seems the hotel maids prior to marriage threatened to quit if didn't move out, they were so untidy etc.

[Redacted] story has been filled in in truth by London sources with proof filed.

[Redacted] safety pins in her coat, touseled hair, the bane of Arden hairdressers, and bedroom slippers for [illegible] at the Cathedral are all [illegible] conversation pieces. Plus! [Redacted] discussion to sell the confidential history of our House of Good Shepherd for movie scenarios. 1) Priests, Nuns know that?

"You introduced [Redacted] to the Social Register while your mother was hungry in New York) For while I will introduce the facts, documented, to a million to four million readers in a 'behind the scenes' type of magazine.

"The attorney the movie world first thinks of chuckles after he files a suit because he knows facts are facts and he then quietly drops them. Seems anyone has respect for truth.

"Movie friends tell me [Redacted] didn't even know [Redacted] and [Redacted] were having a baby until she read it in the paper. Did [Redacted] prefer -- -- --.

"They all scream for [Redacted] but [Redacted] only chuckles behind the scenes as does [Redacted] and [Redacted].

"Is it true the Lohey Clinic is Kennedy's idea of a vacation? All hypochondriacs and (illegible) imitate the Duchess?"
"You have threatened me previously about your power, your connections. Seems you haven't told any of those people the real life, behind scenes.

"Does [redacted] holler when he says how you can spend money?

"The shoes in dozens giving out the polished are the only item popping back beautifully turned out.

"Happy New Year

Mr. KENNEDY pointed out some of the things she claims to know could not be of her own knowledge and indicates she may be around talking to hotel maids, trying to dig up information for the purpose of smearing someone.

Mr. KENNEDY made no request for any action in connection with this but turned it over stating he felt we ought to have a record of this person. The original letter is being retained in the Miami file of this matter.

The Bureau is requested to advise Los Angeles and Chicago if it feels any discreet inquiries concerning the activities of this woman should be made. If so, Miami should be kept advised.
Reuel 2/1/56, copies of which were designated for the Los Angeles and Chicago Offices. You are to forward immediately the letter from which Mr. Kennedy turned over to you, to the FBI Laboratory so that a photograph thereof may be made and retained in the Anonymous Letter File. Upon return of the original letter to you by the FBI Laboratory, you should return it to Mr. Kennedy. No mention should be made to Mr. Kennedy that the Bureau is retaining a copy of the letter.

No investigation is to be conducted in this matter; however, the Los Angeles and Chicago Offices should review their indices and advise the Bureau and Miami of any information in their files pertaining to

cc - Chicago
Los Angeles

cc - Mr. Parsons

(Signed)

FEB 3 1956
COMM - FBI
Office Memo

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MT. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM: MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: JOSEPH F. KENNEDY

SYNOPSIS:

Files reviewed on captioned individual pursuant to Director's request of 1-13-56, after Kennedy was appointed by the President to a special board of consultants to review work of the Government's foreign intelligence activities. Kennedy, an outstanding financier and industrialist, was born 9-8-68; received an A.B. degree from Harvard in 1912. He was head of the Securities and Exchange Commission for one year, 1934; Ambassador to England, 1937-40; and a member of the Hoover Commission, 1954. Limited inquiry was conducted at the request of the Department of Justice in 1951 concerning allegation that Kennedy, then owner of Merchandise Mart Building in Chicago, gave $100,000 for removal of Government offices from the building. Inquiry was closed 6-7-51 when no specific facts were developed. Files reflect in 1939 the British people were bewildered by Kennedy's attitude while Ambassador as an appeaser and apologist for Chamberlain. In April, 1942, a source of unknown reliability reported President Roosevelt secured exclusive rights for importing liquor into the U.S. from a company which controlled the Scotch whiskey outlet in England. It was alleged Roosevelt transferred contacts to Kennedy, who was reportedly appointed Ambassador to England so he could handle contacts. In 1954 investigation concerning import and distribution of Scotch whiskey in the U.S. failed to reflect any information substantiating allegation that the liquor company owned by the Kennedy family had violated antitrust laws. In 1933 State Department advised that William Bullitt, former Ambassador to France, stated while Kennedy was Ambassador to London, Kennedy frequently called for advice and was reported to have made large financial offers to foreign nations. Kennedy was a special service contact of the Boston Office, 1943-54, and is presently an SAC contact. He has frequently expressed admiration for the Director and the work of the Bureau.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for information. Separate memoranda are being prepared on the other 7 individuals appointed by the President.
Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

DETAILS:

Background:

Joseph P. Kennedy, outstanding financier and industrialist, was born September 6, 1888; received an A.B. degree from Harvard in 1912. At the age of 25 he was the youngest bank president in the United States. Kennedy quit banking in 1917 and subsequently worked with the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, spent a number of years producing motion pictures and for several years speculated extensively in the stock market. In 1934 Kennedy was appointed head of the Securities and Exchange Commission but resigned from that position in 1935. He was Ambassador to England from 1937 to 1940. In 1954 Kennedy served on the Hoover Commission which made a survey of various Government bureaus together with recommendations for reorganization. In February, 1955, the White House requested a name check concerning Kennedy, stating that he was being considered for appointment to the President's Commission on Veterans Pensions.

Miscellaneous Information in Bureau Files:

Bureaus reflect no complete investigation concerning Kennedy; however, in May, 1951, a limited inquiry was requested by the Department of Justice concerning an allegation that Kennedy, then owner of Merchandise Mart Building in Chicago, Illinois, gave $100,000 for removal of Government offices from the building. The complainant claimed that the allegation was received by him from a friend, who when contacted by the Bureau, denied furnishing the allegation. The inquiry was closed on 6-7-51 at the request of the Department since no specific facts were developed. (58-2402)

The June 1, 1939, issue of "Foreign Observer," which quoted remarks from the privately circulated and well-informed publication "Seek" of London, stated that the British were bewildered as to why Kennedy was allowed to remain as Ambassador considering his record as an appeaser and apologist for Chamberlain. (94-5-4-763)

In April, 1942, a source of unknown reliability advised that James Roosevelt traveled to England just prior to the repeal of prohibition and secured exclusive U.S. liquor rights from the company which controlled almost the entire Scotch whiskey output in England. Due to pressure from U.S. liquor interests, James Roosevelt allegedly transferred these contacts to Kennedy who was reportedly appointed Ambassador to England so he could handle the contacts. It was further alleged that Senator Kye had been advised of the above but was reluctant.
Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

to act on the information since its disclosure would likely have
created disunity while the Nation was at war. In October, 1953, the
Antitrust Division of the Department requested the Bureau to conduct
investigation concerning the importation and distribution of Scotch
whiskey in the United States, stating that allegations had been
received implying that the United States Ambassador to England probably
designated the agencies in the United States. It was further alleged
that members of the Roosevelt family possibly owned interests in the
Somerset Company, Inc., Scotch whiskey importers, formerly owned by
Joseph P. Kennedy. Extensive investigation which was concluded in
April, 1954, failed to develop any information substantiating allegations
or revealing possible antitrust violation. Investigation revealed the
Kennedy family had owned Somerset Company, Inc., but that Joseph P.
Kennedy had never been an officer of the company and owned about 2%
of its stock. (100-99500; 60-4434-1-9,38)

On July 9, 1953, the State Department furnished a summary
concerning [redacted], reflecting that on October 13,
1939, William Bullitt, former United States Ambassador in Paris, stated
that when Kennedy was Ambassador in London, Kennedy called
[every day and sometimes four times a day to ask [redacted] on important issues, which advice Kennedy followed. It was reported
that Kennedy made large financial offers to [redacted] to obtain the services of [redacted] (65-32371-184)

Relations with the Bureau:

Kennedy was a special service contact of the Boston Office
from 1943-1954 and is now an SIC contact of that office. He has
expressed great admiration for the Director and the work of the Bureau
on numerous occasions.
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 10, 1956

Mr. Robert Kennedy, Senate
Investigations Committee, called
to advise that his father, Mr.
Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., will
arrive in Washington on Monday
night "in regard to CIA matters"
(apparently in connection with
the Intelligence Commission to
review the Government's foreign intelligence
activities.)

Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy is desirous of having lunch
with the Director on either Tuesday or Wednesday,
if possible, and if this is not possible would like to
have a chance to talk with the Director sometime
while he is in Washington.

It will be recalled that you talked with Mr. Joseph
Kennedy, Sr, by telephone on January 27, 1956,
concerning his desire to see you when he returns
to Washington.

I told Mr. Kennedy I did not know your plans but
would communicate his message to you and I would
call him on Extension 1247 at the Capitol as to whether
you would be able to see his father.
February 16, 1956

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

Yesterday, I saw the former American Ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., who has recently been named as a member of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he wished to just discuss with me generally the over-all picture concerning this matter and some of the ideas which he had in mind. He stated he found at the first meeting held of this Board that there had been no definite program or plan set up as to how the Board would function. The Board has practically no staff and Mr. Kennedy said he, therefore, felt that the thing to do was to find out from CIA and the other agencies engaged in foreign intelligence activities what some of their problems were and then have these problems assigned to individual members of the Board to study and come up with recommendations for a solution.

He stated he had indicated at the first meeting that if the Board intended to do a thorough and complete job, all the Board members should take apartments in Washington and move here for a full-time job until it was completed. This did not meet with the approval of the other members. Mr. Kennedy stated, therefore, during the last several days he has had conferences with CIA and has taken over the analysis of one problem, namely, that of duplication of coverage abroad by the Military, CIA and the State Department. He believes he has not only obtained the necessary facts, but has a solution for the same which he intends to explore during his present visit in Washington with representatives of the three agencies mentioned.

Mr. Kennedy stated that this was the only procedure he believed could be followed if there was not going to be full time given by the Commission as a whole over a period of some months.
I discussed with Mr. Kennedy generally some of the weaknesses which we have observed in the operations of CIA, particularly as to the organizational set-up and the compartmentation that exists within that agency.

Very truly yours,

\[ \text{Signature} \]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AIRTEL

Transmit the following telegraph message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES (77-7781)

DIRECTOR, FBI 2/16/56
(94-37808)

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SAC CONTACT

Re: Bulletin to Miami, 2/8/56.

For the information of the Bureau and the Miami Office, a review of the indices of this office fails to reflect any information identifiable with.

As the Bureau is aware, JOSEPH PATRICK KENNEDY was the subject of a Special Inquiry investigation conducted by the Bureau in February, 1956, and the results of Los Angeles investigation are set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 2/13/56 at Los Angeles, LA file 77-7781.

MALONE

3-Bureau (94-37808) (AIR MAIL)
2-Miami (80-728)
1-Los Angeles (77-7781)

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Approved: Special Agent in Charge

Sent: M Per: ___

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REPORT
of the
FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 23, 1956

to: SAC, Miami

Examiner:

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SAC CONTACT

Examination requested by: Miami

Reference: Letter 2-9-56

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

QL An envelope addressed to, Chicago, Illinois and accompanying two-page letter beginning "Dear - I'll give up..." and signed on second page.

Result of examination:

The handwriting on specimen QL was searched through the Anonymous Letter File but no identification was effected. Photographs are not being added to the file at this time.

Specimen QL was photographed and is returned herewith.

Comm-FBI

FEB 23, 1955
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Enclosures:

Q1 Envelope, Q1A, Semi-Certified Mail

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Specimens submitted for examination

1 An envelope addressed "[Redacted], Chicago, Illinois" and accompanying two-page letter beginning "Dear [Redacted], I'll give up...." and signed on second page.

Return evidence
Office Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (94-37808)

FROM: SAC, Miami (80-728)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2/9/56

Rebulet 2/8/56.

Enclosed herewith is original of letter from [redacted], which was turned over to me by Mr. KENNEDY, in order that a photograph thereof may be made and retained in the Anonymous Letter File.

Upon receipt of the original letter from the Bureau, it will be returned to Mr. KENNEDY.

(2) - Bureau (Encl.) (REG.RRR)

J - Miami

CEW: JHK

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Office Memorandum - United States Government

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (94-37808)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

SAC CONTACT

DATE: Feb. 24, 1956

Re Miami letter 2/1/56, to the Bureau and Bulet 2/8/56 to Miami.

The indices of the Chicago Office contain no reference to

2 Bureau
1-Miami (80-728)
1-Chicago (80-365)

RLM: dak

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94-37808-21

MAR 1 1956
Dear Edgar:

Thank you for your kind note to me at the hospital. It was really not so difficult as you might think for the Doctors to keep me down as I was much more slow in regaining my strength than I had thought would be the case. I am feeling much better now but it will probably still be some time before I will get to Washington. I do appreciate the kindness you extended me from all my friends there.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Kennedy

Honorable John Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.
December 20, 1956

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

I have learned of your great generosity
in establishing the Barnstable Youth Center Association,
Inc., at Cape Cod as a memorial to your late son,
Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.

This is indeed a splendid effort on your part and will not only be a lasting tribute to your son but will prove of great benefit to the youth of your community in aiding them to become better citizens of our country. I did not want to let this occasion pass without expressing my congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Boston
Reurlet 12-6-56

ATTENTION SAC: The Bureau has no objection to Special Agent serving as a member of the above referenced youth center association.
April 3, 1957

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

I am enclosing a copy of the current issue of "The Investigator," our employees' magazine. It occurred to me that you might like to see the article and photograph on page forty concerning your activities in behalf of young people.

With warmest best wishes,

Sincerely,

Edgar

Enclosure

NOTE: Salutation per Bureau mailing list.
Recreation Area For Youths Planned

The former U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain, Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy, has long been interested in the welfare of the young people of this Nation. Recently, funds were made available from the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Foundation to erect a skating rink and lounge in Hyannis, Massachusetts, as a memorial to Mr. Kennedy's son who was killed in World War II. Through a citizens' committee, consideration was given to various projects which would best suit the needs of the youth of Cape Cod, where Mr. Kennedy has a summer residence. The rink and lounge was decided upon inasmuch as it was the most practical and popular choice. It can be converted during the summer months for square dancing, tennis and other activities.

Shown here are Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy (center) discussing plans for the proposed skating rink and lounge with Lieutenant John F. Dempsey (left) of the Massachusetts State Police and SA William H. Carpenter of the Hyannis Resident Agency.

(Photo courtesy Massachusetts State Police)
Dear Edgar:

Thank you for sending along a copy of the current issue of "The Investigator" and thank you also for being kind enough to include our project on your very select list.

Bobby and his wife and five children came down for a few days to visit with us and he is more enthusiastic than ever about J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. and he has many interesting tidbits to back up his enthusiasm.

Allen Dulles came down to visit Palm Beach and asked me to lunch with him yesterday. I asked him what he thought of Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Anita Ekberg. He said that he had never heard of the last two and then I asked him how he liked Perry Como and he asked me what he did.

My best to you always.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Kennedy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
December 6, 1957

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Mr. Laughlin has advised me of the cordial visit he and Special Agent had with you on November 29. He particularly mentioned your most generous remarks concerning the FBI and my administration of its activities, and I wanted you to know how very much I appreciate your good words. Your friendship and support are truly reassuring.

Please do not hesitate to let Mr. Laughlin or me know whenever we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Edgar

cc - Boston
Dear Edgar:

[Redacted information]
called me up this morning and asked me if I had noticed some newspaper-syndicated articles of May 5 regarding the [redacted] interview of [redacted] on Sunday night.

I said that I had not seen them and if I had seen them, I would not have read them because anything which emanates from [redacted] and [redacted] automatically establishes itself as unreliable.

[Redacted information] read some of the quotes to me and I think that the only people who could find one iota of truth in any of his statements are unsympathetic to our Government. For one [redacted] or [redacted], you could find millions of high-standing Americans who would deny every one of his allegations. It could be that [redacted] has not recovered from entertaining the Russian Ambassador at his home a couple of weeks ago.

I am sure that you are mad enough to make fifty answers; but I am also sure that you would only be giving publicity to statements which, I am positive, have gone almost completely unnoticed. I felt just as indignant when the [redacted] interview with [redacted] permitted to say that somebody else had written Jack's Profiles in Courage. I was for swinging [redacted] up hill and down dale in every community in the United States that had an ABC station; but the apology from ABC calmed me down.

And all the advice at that time was, "Forget it; if people don't know Jack well enough to know that he would never be a party to this, then you are wasting your time and your money to try and persuade them that Jack is worthwhile."
May 7, 1958

Certainly, with your personal record and the reputation of the F.B.I., no statement of yours is necessary. Five million fighting would not do you or the F.B.I. one bit of harm. We have not a good enough record — even amongst his own associates — to justify your losing one minute's sleep.

I repeat what I have said so many times before: This is the greatest organization in the Government and you have performed the greatest public service of any man that I know.

Best to you always.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Kennedy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Ninth and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.
May 14, 1958

94-27408-27

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of May 7, 1958, concerning the remarks of [redacted] during his recent interview on the [redacted] program.

Certainly this scurrilous and unwarranted attack on the FBI is a classic distortion of facts and, as you suggested, does not deserve the dignity of a rejoinder.

I appreciate your comments relative to a similar experience which you had, and your generous observations and expression of support are indeed gratifying.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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Office Memorandum • United States Government

To: The Director

From: A. Rosen

Subject: Reported Threats Against Former Ambassador Joseph Kennedy and Children of Robert F. Kennedy

Information was received telephonically from the Washington Field Office (WFO) that a Bureau Agent, this morning, interviewed [redacted] and said he had been contacted yesterday by [redacted] who is known to the WFO as an "angle man" around Washington who is definitely not reliable.

[redacted] endeavored to induce [redacted] to put up a $90,000 fund for a smear campaign against [redacted] contending that [redacted] was the number one communist in the United States and would be President someday unless something was done about it. [redacted] told [redacted] he wasn't interested.

[redacted] asked if he knew Robert Kennedy and was informed by Pryor that he had known the Kennedy family for years. [redacted] then suggested to [redacted] 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 [redacted] and he did not supply any specifics as to who was going to take this action, when it was going to be taken, etcetera.

[redacted] 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 conclusion 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 [redacted]. Kennedy said his father is presently travelling in France but that he would insure that his father was properly advised concerning this matter.
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, CHICAGO (80-365-93)

DATE: 10/3/58

SUBJECT: INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson, Mr. Belmont, Mr. N., Mr. P., Mr. R., Mr. V.

Reference is made to Miami letter to Director, 2/1/56, captioned "JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, BUREAU CONTACT"; Bulet to Miami, 2/8/58, captioned "JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, SAC CONTACT"; and CG letter to Director, 2/24/56, same caption, wherein it was indicated CG indices contain no reference to

On 9/29/58 a ____________ from Chicago, Illinois, telephonically communicated with this office advising that she was calling for

CG advises that this is.

She related that they had had a discussion the other night concerning a ____________ who had been employed only a short time, approximately one month, when they had to discharge her. ________ related that she has sent "threatening" letters to ____________, the nature of which she could not or would not explain. ___________ noted that she had been acting peculiar during her employment with the ___________ and that when she was discharged and had left the premises they had discovered numerous minor thefts of money and articles from the home.

advised that she was calling this office inasmuch as

had advised her that she was being sought by the FBI and that this information might be of assistance.

There is no indication in the Chicago indices of information relating to ____________ other than the above-referenced material.

was described by ____________ as being a former model, age about 42 in 1955, build large, hair dark brown, height 5'6 or 7', ____________, and that she has a boy named

According to ____________, the

sends considerable clothing for the boy.

2 - Bureau
1 - Chicago
KLS: tnh
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The above is being furnished to the Bureau for information in the event is being sought and/or is in receipt of other information concerning other than referred to in above-referenced communications. Since the recipient of the letters referred to by namely did not see fit to personally communicate with this office in the event they contained a threat, and since this appears to be a technique of threatening to divulge personal activities and eccentricities of households in the way of a "sociological study" as mentioned in the KENNEDY matter, no attempt will be made by the CG Division to acquire the contents of the aforesaid letters, particularly since the complainant, requested no assistance in this matter.

It appears that is either resorting to the use of such letters with a threat to damage reputations for either the purpose of obtaining good references, re-employment or something of material value. It is also noted, referring to the KENNEDY matter, that she gave a return address of Beverly Hills, California, and that she is known to receive clothing from the that she associates with people of noting that the addresses for and are in a rather exclusive area of the Chicago Division.

There are no identifiable references in CG indices concerning or Chicago, and no additional references concerning.

No consideration is being given to turning this information over to the postal authorities in view of the contents of letter set forth in the KENNEDY matter, and instructions contained in Bulet to Miami, 2/8/58.
In February, 1956, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy made available to the Miami Office a letter addressed to his son-in-law, Sargent Schriver, who was President of Education, Chicago, Ill., which indicated a
might be contemplating furnishing an article to some one of the expose magazines trying to embarrass the Kennedy family. Mr. Kennedy made no request for any action but turned it over stating he felt the Bureau ought to have a record of this person. The Miami Office was advised 2-8-56 to forward the letter from  to the FBI Laboratory so a photograph could be made and retained in the Anonymous Letter File. Upon return of the original letter, it was to be returned to Mr. Kennedy and no mention was to be made to Mr. Kennedy that the Bureau was retaining a copy of the letter. No investigation was conducted in this matter.
Mr. John Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Special Agent, Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts, talked with Mr. Joseph F. Kennedy at his home at Hyannisport, Massachusetts over the past week-end. Mr. Kennedy told Agent [redacted] that he had just returned from France where he had been vacationing at his Riviera home. He anticipates being in this general area until some time in December, when he plans to go to his Palm Beach, Florida home for the winter months.

Mr. Kennedy told Special Agent [redacted] that he had received many favorable comments regarding the willingness of his son, Senator John F. Kennedy, to compromise his own labor bill in favor of labor legislation which he knew would be acceptable to the other members of the Senate. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the comments coming to his attention expressed the opinion that the Senator had proved his "bigness" by exhibiting a willingness to support a bill other than his own, which will do something to control labor abuses.

I thought you would be interested in these comments of Mr. Kennedy.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

L. L. Laughlin  
Special Agent in Charge

REG 47  
EX 105  
94-37808-30  
18 SEP 23 1959
Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : G. A. Nease

DATE: 12/16/58

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BOMBINGS LEGISLATION

Attached are an editorial from the "Washington Evening Star" of December 15 entitled "Federal Bombing Law" and also a copy of David Lawrence's column from the "Evening Star" of the same date. It will be noted that both the editorial and Lawrence's column are in favor of the legislation which would give the FBI more authority in bombing matters.

... informs me that he has talked to... on several occasions regarding our participation in the bombings. Nevertheless, it apparently persists in his idea and it is unlikely anything we might say to... at this time would change his mind. I do think, however, that it might be beneficial for me to have a talk with... along the same lines as I spoke to... about several days ago pointing out what we are doing at the present time in bombing cases.

It will be further recalled that SAC Laughlin in Boston is personally acquainted with Joseph Kennedy, the Senator's father, and it is thought it might be well for him to pay a courtesy call on the elder Kennedy and lead into the subject matter of the bombings and point out to him our activities in these bombing matters at the present time in order that he might inform the Senator if he so desires.

GAN:hpt
(3) Enclosures

1 - Mr. Jones

ENCLOSURE
Dear Edgar:

I think that your article, "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality" is a real masterpiece. I am sure that you have sent a copy to Jack; but if you have not, I will give him mine when he returns here at the end of next week.

I do believe though that it might be well to send one to Ted Sorensen who is his first assistant and who is in charge of speeches. You might say that I have asked you to do this with the idea that there are many thoughts in this article that Jack could be using as he goes around the country talking to audiences who are completely sympathetic to your ideas, but who lack the imagination as to how to put them into effect. It just might do some good.

Thank you for remembering me and with warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Joe (Kennedy)
November 3, 1959

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of October 30, 1959, concerning "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality." It is good to know that you think so highly of this document, and as you suggested I have forwarded a copy to Mr. Sorensen.

Again, my thanks for your thoughtfulness and compliments.

Sincerely,

NOTE: Joseph P. Kennedy is on the Special Correspondents' List and personally known to the Director. Senator Kennedy did not receive a copy of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
November 9, 1960


Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
230 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Joe:

Although I am sending your son a separate note, I do want to let you know how pleased I am with his election as President of the United States.

Certainly, he may take great pride in the results of this campaign and in the knowledge that the American citizens have called upon him to lead them during the next four years. It is a significant tribute to his splendid record of service and his numerous contributions to the welfare of our Nation. I know you, as his father, must be exceedingly proud of this honor. You may be certain my associates and I will be glad to do anything we can to be of assistance to him.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

1 - New York

NOTE: Mr. Kennedy, father of President-elect John F. Kennedy, is on the Special Correspondents' List and we have had very good relations with him. See letters of same date to Senators John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach
FROM: D. C. Morrell

DATE: 11-25-60

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES 5, CALIFORNIA RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

In a letter dated 11-18-60 correspondent advised that he had heard that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, father of the President-elect, is the treasurer of the Vatican. He wishes to know if our files indicate this.

But files indicate that

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) It is recommended that letter not be acknowledged.

Enclosure

RWE: jab

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DEC 5 120099
November 18, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A matter has come to my attention concerning which I would appreciate information from you as to the veracity of the matter in question.

I have heard that the FBI has been investigating the enormous amount of money spent on the recent Presidential election.

I have further heard that the investigation disclosed that Mr. Joseph Kennedy, father of Senator John F. Kennedy, is Treasurer of the Vatican.

Whether the investigation above mentioned disclosed such information regarding Mr. Kennedy, or whether it came from some other source, I would appreciate knowing if your files show that Mr. Kennedy is Treasurer of the Vatican.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
FBI, Los Angeles

Date: March 3, 1961

Transmit the following in

(Typed in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

(Air Mail)

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: Director, FBI
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a column written by VINCENT X. FLAHERTY, who is well known to the Bureau, which appeared in the LOS ANGELES EXAMINER March 3, 1961.

The column quotes former Ambassador KENNEDY concerning the high regard that the President and the Attorney General have for Director HOOVER.

3 - Bureau (Enc) 1 - Los Angeles
WGS: esc

ENCLOSURE

REG 72

FY-37808-35
12 MAR 26 1961

Approved

Sent M Per

Special Agent in Charge
Palm Springs—Former President Eisenhower was pleased with the news that President Kennedy had recommended the restoration of his rank as a five star general.

I was sitting next to Eisenhower’s pal, George E. Allen in the Palm Springs ball park and Ike was sitting next to George. I told Allen I suspected Eisenhower was “fond of President Kennedy.”

“You’re right,” said Allen. “He thinks Kennedy’s a great guy—but wait a minute! Maybe I might be pulling a Senator Mundt!”

Later on I dropped by to visit former Ambassador Joseph F. Kennedy at the Marion Davies home near Tamarisk Country Club. I told Kennedy what Allen had said about Eisenhower’s feeling towards his son.

Kennedy grinned broadly.

“I really believe Eisenhower thinks a lot of Jack,” he said. “I know one thing for sure. Jack thinks a lot of him, and always has.”

The 72-year-old Kennedy had played 18 holes of golf with Tony Curtis across the street at Tamarisk. He later went to the mineral baths in Palm Springs.

Now he was back home and relaxing in a sports shirt and Bermuda shorts. This is a 72-year-old who doesn’t look his age. He’s pretty much a fast moving race horse of a man.

I told him I had read Dave Silverman’s story which sparked growing rumors that President Kennedy, and his Attorney General brother, Robert, had a rift with J. Edgar Hoover.
"I don't know where those ridiculous rumors start," said this illustrious father of illustrious sons, "Nothing could be further from the truth.

"Both Jack and Bob admire Hoover," he said. "They feel they're lucky to have him as head of the FBI. Hoover is a wonderful, dedicated man, and don't think Jack and Bob don't realize it. They've always admired him."

Although Kennedy has spent much time in Hollywood in the past, when he was connected with the motion picture industry, this was his first visit to the Palm Springs area.

Now that his son is in the White House it is getting so Kennedy doesn't have much privacy anymore. Comparatively few people ever heard of Hyannisport until Jack put it on the map. The Kennedys have homes there which once had privacy. But now when the President goes back there Hyannisport is over run with newspapermen and visitors.

It is the same way with the Kennedy home in Palm Beach. So the elder Kennedy came over here to get away from it all, play golf and rest up for a couple of weeks. Police were guarding the home the first day, which didn't make too much sense because the home is difficult to find anyway.

Kennedy thinks the desert is great. His only complaint was that it took him and Curtis four hours to get in 18 holes at crowded Tamarisk.
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. PARSONS
MR. MOHR
MR. ROSEN
MR. DE LOACH

The Attorney General called and stated I would probably remember
The Attorney General stated that he is putting out one of these "hate sheets" in
Florida and the "Miami Herald" is going to do a series of articles on it. The
Attorney General stated he had called his father, Joseph Kennedy,
and the Attorney General thought his father was going to tell only his own experiences
The Attorney General wondered if we had anything in our files regarding

I told the Attorney General I would have our files checked right away.

Mr. Parsons was instructed to check the files regarding
and prepare a memorandum for the Attorney General today.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Mr. Ingram

19 MAR 24 1961

SENT FROM D.C.
TIME 11:31 A.M.
DATE 3/24/61
ST P.O. 94 - 37808
NOT RECORDED
128 MAR 27 1961
As Pegler Sees It:

The Strange Case Of Tyler Kent

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

BRITISH LAW and the vaunted British justice were nullified in 1940 for the benefit of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill so that Tyler Kent, a patriotic clerk in the American Embassy, could be sent to prison and thus muzzled for seven years. By the time he got out Roosevelt was dead and a conspiracy of silence by the "court historians" in both countries had set in. It is still in force.

Kent was tried in the Central Criminal Court in Old Bailey in October, 1940.

Admittedly he pilfered Embassy documents of no money value all of which had been returned except some which were in his squalid living quarters when a raid occurred. He insisted that he had a patriotic duty to communicate information out of these documents to members of the U.S. Congress and thus, to warn the American people that Roosevelt and Churchill were carrying on secret correspondence.

Ambassador Joseph Kennedy had quit the job by the time Kent went to trial. He had professed to oppose our embroilment in war and the crooked schemes called Lend-Lease. For a long time Kennedy got credit for moral courage in quelling in protest against Lend-Lease. But it is not clear that this was why he quit. And he certainly threw Kent to the wolves in circumstances which muzzled the only one who tried to alarm public opinion at home.

Although Kent was entitled to diplomatic immunity, Kennedy disowned him and the British court and the British equivalent of our Department of Justice gave him the works in a trial more secret than open. The text of the messages between Roosevelt and Churchill never was entered on the court record. There were 500 of these in the Kent case, but Churchill admits that there were more than 3,000.

Most of them—written prior to May, 1940—were an outrageous violation of law and protocol between nations because Churchill was not the head of the British Government at the time. Thus Roosevelt was really undermining the official British Government to make a stealthy deal looking to the day when Churchill would become Prime Minister.

Married and Vanished

After the second war, Kent came home, married a wealthy woman and vanished. Kennedy then tried to discourage discussion of the Kent case and his own negative part in it by insinuating that there was something "wrong" with Kent's morals. But Kent was never so charged and thus had no chance to face his accuser and vindicate himself.
By a strange windfall the Yale University library acquired a transcript of the trial record. However, it is incomplete because the Embassy refused to produce hundreds of documents which might have helped Kent to establish the patriotic purity of his motive. The British court embraced technicalities which nullified, but only for this particular instance, the ancient immunity of Ambassadors and all Embassy staff from prosecution. But the same court refused to apply the same innovation to the documents which Kent asked for. They were inviolate.

The son of a minor American diplomat, Kent had lived most of his years abroad and had been in Moscow until he was transferred to London. He then tried to get another transfer to Berlin, but prosecution made little out of that except probably to infuriate the jurors against Kent.

Kent had met a young woman, Anna Wolkoff, the daughter of an Imperial Russian admiral. Possibly she sought him out. She and her father were naturalized English citizens, but Anna hated Communists and joined the British Fascist movement and introduced Kent to some of its members. It appeared that she did communicate with Lord Haw-Haw, the American from Brooklyn, whose mocking broadcasts from Berlin infuriated the British so badly that they hanged him in London after the war notwithstanding his American citizenship. But Kent did not communicate with Haw-Haw and moreover the United States was neutral throughout his activities in London.

As the trial ended Kent complained that the court had not allowed him to put in a letter from the Crown admitting that the prosecution did not intend to claim that he had any part in Miss Wolkoff's communications with Germany. The judge then let him read a copy of such a letter and read it himself. But this was after the verdict and it was not read to the jury.

And it was conceded that none of the documents gave military or naval information which would have been useful to Germany.

Joe Kennedy's variable attitude toward Roosevelt and his war remains a mystery. He openly professed to loathe Roosevelt after his Embassy hitch. But his treatment of Tyler Kent drew a permanent iron curtain across a conspiracy to involve the United States in a war which was none of our business—as Kennedy often said at that time.

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RE: [redacted]

She said that [redacted] could be contacted telephonically at [redacted], Radnor, Pennsylvania, for an appointment, if desired.

[redacted] requested that both her name and [redacted] be kept confidential as the source of the information, and she repeated that she was merely furnishing this information to the Attorney General for his personal knowledge and consideration.

[redacted] advised that she was originally from Philadelphia, but had lived in Wilmington, Delaware, for the past twenty years.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

FROM: C. A. Evans

DATE: April 29, 1964

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOSEPH KENNEDY

In an effort to improve the physical condition of former Ambassador Kennedy, the family has been utilizing facilities of the Rehabilitation Center at Philadelphia. Because of the experimental nature of this treatment the Kennedy family has not acknowledged this publicly. It appears, however, that someone connected with the Rehabilitation Center has talked with the press as a short article appeared in the "Philadelphia Inquirer" to the effect that Ambassador Kennedy was being treated by the Rehabilitation Center.

The Attorney General's private secretary has now advised he is in receipt of a communication from a Wilmington, Delaware, telephone referred to the publicity in the "Philadelphia Inquirer" about Ambassador Kennedy being treated at the Rehabilitation Center and asked that she be contacted personally as she possessed some information which might be of value. The Attorney General's secretary has advised that the Attorney General would appreciate our ascertaining if is a responsible citizen and if so to interview her to ascertain just what information she has.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

If you approve, the SAC at Baltimore, which office covers Wilmington, Delaware, will be contacted and instructed to identify and interview in line with the Attorney General's request.
Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (66-3614)

SUBJECT: HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
SAC CONTACT

DATE: 1/14/65

Re Boston letter to Bureau dated 11/24/54 recommending above as an SAC CONTACT of the Boston Office.

Due to the fact that Mr. KENNEDY has been seriously ill and unavailable for contact, he is being eliminated as an SAC CONTACT of the Boston Office. However, contact will be maintained between him and SA [redacted] who is the Resident Agent at Hyannis, Massachusetts.
TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING IN

(Type in plaintext or code)

a  AIRTEL  AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (9-130)
SUBJECT: "CHANGED", aka

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER - VICTIM
EXTORTION; THREAT AGAINST THE
PRESIDENT
(CO: Las Vegas)

The title is marked changed to reflect subject's
ture name and aliases as determined from the
Police Department.

Re Las Vegas teletype to Director and SAC, Los
Angeles, 3/9/65, captioned, "UNSUB; aka
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER - VICTIM, EXTORTION; THREAT AGAINST THE
PRESIDENT", and Los Angeles telephone call to Las Vegas,
6/9/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original
and four copies of a letterhead memorandum and two FD-376's.
Also enclosed for the Secret Service is one copy of a
photograph of [redacted]. Enclosed is one copy
each of the letterhead memorandum for Los Angeles and
San Francisco.

A copy of the letterhead memorandum is being
furnished the Secret Service, Los Angeles, California, by
separate communication.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5)
2. - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)
1. - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info)
1 - Las Vegas

RGC:viv
Dec. 9, 1965, P.M.

11 Jun 12 1965
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Approved: Special Agent In Charge

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NOT RECORDED
Secret Service Agent of the Los Angeles Office was telephonically furnished pertinent information concerning this case on 6/9/65.

Indices of the Las Vegas Office contain no information identifiable with subject under variations reflected in caption.

Letter and postcards in instant matter are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination by separate cover.
On June 9, 1965, a six-page handwritten letter, in
ink, utilizing both sides of each page, was received by the
Las Vegas office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The
envelope enclosing this letter was addressed to "BF, Las Vegas,
Nevada", here no street or return address. It was postmarked
June 6, 1965 at Las Vegas. The letter is dated June 6, 1965
and bears no salutation. It is signed "[Redacted]."

This letter states in part that Interpol has ordered
the death of John Edgar Hoover and that Sivit Obesestig of
Interpol hired thirty snipers to kill "President Lyndon Baines
Johnson because LBJ expounded Negro oath 'We shall overcome'."

The letter continues in part "You may as well know
the notorious order organized crooks also known as the government
do not have a chance against us nor my outfit. All you need to
do is cease your titles, ranks, positions, and authorities of
superiority to me and my outfit's lives and properties. Otherwise
these nor her isn't a chance you'll escape alive."

The letter also states that Interpol has been ordered
to kill Bonnie Clark, Ted Boone, "Deb", former bartender,
"Harold" bartender, Helen Seace, and Carol Sue, all of the Baker
Inn, Baker, California, as well as Larry Quinn of bowling team
inn, Goodies, California.

A "Giant Postcard" postmarked June 4, 1965 at Las Vegas
and received June 8, 1965 addressed the same as the previous
mentioned letter and signed "[Redacted]" stated in part "Further include in this minute
Interpol orders gun down lives of John F. and Robert Kennedy
and old Joe Kennedy".

94-37808
UNCLASSIFIED
On June 9, 1965, Records, Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any record for

On June 9, 1965, Records, County Sheriff's Office, advised she was unable to locate any record for one

On June 9, 1965, Records, Police Department, made available their file reflecting that was arrested June 11, 1962 at 9:35 AM for "Disorderly Person". The disposition reflected that was fined the sum of $2.00. The following background information was contained in this file for

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Previous arrest

Felony arrest
Social Security No.
FBI No.
GII No.

This file reflects that on January 8, 1957, , was fingerprinted by the California, and the charge was indicated as "Generally Ill". The disposition was listed as March 27, 1957, paroled; May 6, 1958, returned; May 6, 1959, paroled, and
February 4, 1960, discharged.
This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.
Mr. Rosen

R. I. Shroder

Seattle, Washington
Information Concerning Research (Correspondence and Tours)

On 7-27-65, I was assigned to the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised that the Postmaster General had received, at his home address, a scurrilous-type letter from Seattle, Washington. According to this letter is a carbon copy of one addressed to Mrs. Joe P. Kennedy and the letter accuses Mrs. Kennedy, members of her family and former Washington State Governor Rosellini of conspiring to murder Marilyn Monroe. I stated that he was desirous of knowing whether he had possibly a pending case relating to her or could furnish him with any background information.

A review of Bureau files indicates that in February, 1964, Mr. Tolson received a letter at his home address from and subsequently in July, 1964, she addressed a second letter to Mr. Tolson enclosing a copy of a long, rambling communication addressed to Pope Paul VI. From the nature of the material in her two communications it is apparent that is in a mental case and no investigation has been conducted by the Bureau.

I was advised concerning our limited correspondence from He expressed his appreciation.

Above is furnished for information and inclusion in our file.

JAC: tat

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54 Aug 9, 1965
September 1, 1965

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
New England Baptist Hospital
91 Parker Hill Avenue
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02120

Dear Joe:

I was indeed sorry to learn that it is necessary for you to be hospitalized and hope that this note finds you resting comfortably. I trust that your confinement will be a short one and that you will be back with your close ones.

Sincerely,

Edgar

NOTE: Mr. Kennedy is on the Special Correspondents' List and is known to the Director on a first-name basis. Address of the hospital per telephone directory.
Joseph P. Kennedy III, Hospitalized in Boston

BOSTON, Aug. 31 (UPI) - Joseph P. Kennedy, 76, father of the late President John F. Kennedy, entered New England Baptist Hospital today for treatment of a "congestion problem." He also was to undergo a routine medical checkup.

Dr. Russell S. Bolos Jr., a gastro-intestinal specialist who examined the elder Kennedy, reported he experienced "some discomfort" this morning.

Kennedy had been scheduled to fly from Hyannis Port to Boston but travel was canceled.

He suffered a severe stroke in December, 1961.
HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
MARCHANT AVENUE
HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS

IT WAS WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET I LEARNED OF YOUR
SON'S PASSING AND I HASTEN TO EXTEND MY MOST SINCERE
SYMPATHY. I JOIN A NATION MOURNING A SENSELESS TRAGEDY
AND HOPE GOD WILL GIVE MRS. KENNEDY, YOU AND HIS ENTIRE
FAMILY THE STRENGTH AND WILL TO HELP YOU THROUGH THIS
TIME OF GRIEF.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

NOTE: Mr. Kennedy is on the Special Correspondents List and is known
to the Director on a first name basis. His wife is known to the Director
as Mrs. Kennedy according to Bufiles.

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TELEGRAM

HONORABLE JOSEPH P. KENNEDY
MARCHANT AVENUE
HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS

MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES TO MRS. KENNEDY AND YOU IN
THE SHOCKING NEWS OF THE TRAGIC ASSAULT ON YOUR SON. IT IS MY
FERVENT HOPE THAT HIS STRENGTH AND COURAGE WILL HELP TO PULL
HIM THROUGH THIS CRISIS AND THAT HIS RECOVERY WILL BE SWIFT AND
COMPLETE.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

1 - Boston

NOTE: Mr. Kennedy is on the Special Correspondents List and
known to the Director on a first-name basis. His wife is known
to the Director as Mrs. Kennedy according to Bureau files.
16th June 1968
Calga, Canada

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Just in case you have not heard the following story, I have decided that you should be informed about it so that if it contains any truth you may (while yet you are in control of the F.B.I.) take proper action to counteract the evil influence of the people involved whose connections very probably reach deeply into the U.S. State Department and the highly secret C.I.A. Organization. I believe that you and your organization yet represent the grass roots integrity of the American Way of Life and sensibly conservative Democratic Form of Government both of which appear to be fast vanishing from the contemporary scene.

The rumor is circulating to the effect that for the political assistance given by Joseph Kennedy to the successful Presidential Campaign of Franklin D. Roosevelt, that Joseph Kennedy was rewarded by the important political appointment as U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James, London, England, just prior to W.W. II. Being Irish & hating the British, Kennedy made himself so obnoxious & unwelcome in England by advocating that the U.S.A. permit Germany to conquer England that Churchill demanded that Roosevelt recall Kennedy & replace him with another more friendly U.S. Ambassador to England. However, before this was done it is said that Scotland Yard Detectives, who kept Kennedy under close surveillance, proved quite conclusively that at that time Joseph Kennedy was associated with the International Communist Party. This news item is said to have been printed in England shortly after John Kennedy's murder, but this news item was for unknown reasons immediately squashed & never crossed the Atlantic.

Now, if there be any truth in this story, perhaps this account contains the answer to the riddle of the 2 Kennedy murders - plus answers to a great many other relevant questions regarding the fiasco of the Cuban Bay of Pigs when Kennedy reportedly withdrew all U.S. effective air support from the Bay of Pigs Invasion at just the critical moment. Could Kennedy & Kurchev have secretly planned this fiasco, at the same time pretending to fight & threaten each other in order to fool the American people?? Did Robert Kennedy really have a Rare Love for the lower classes of the nation or did he & his brother actually entertain ulterior motives in their bid for political control of the United States Government? I believe if anyone is capable of sorting out the truth of this mess that you & your men can do it before it is too late.

Sincerely, 94-37808

NOT RECORDED
20 Jun 25 1968
Ilustrísimos Srs. F. Kennedy:

Me uno a Vuestro dolor, por la perdida irreparable de Sus Ilustres hijos Johans y Robert.

Pido a Dios por Ellos, y que el sacrificio de Sus vidas sea como antorcha, que ilumine a la Humanidad, hacia el camino del amor y la comprensión.

Con todos mis respetos.

Firmado:
TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH

Typewritten communication addressed to the Bureau. It bears a Spanish postmark dated Cordoba, Spain, June 20, 1968.

The return address reads:
Baena (Cordoba)
Espana

Translator's Note: The writer of this communication asks the Bureau to send this communication to the Kennedy family.

* * *

Baena
June 19, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy

I join you in your sorrow because of the irreparable loss you suffered, your two sons John and Robert are gone.

I pray to God for them, and I hope that the sacrifice of their lives will be like a torch that illuminates Humanity, until it reaches the road of love and understanding.

With deep sympathy

/s/ illegible

July 2, 1968

TRANSLATED BY: [Signature]
July 2, 1968
July 8, 1968

AIRMAIL

Baena (Cordoba), Spain

Dear Mr. [Redacted],

In accordance with your request, I have forwarded your communication and a translation of it to the Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Paris - Enclosure (2)
Attention Legal Attache: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosure (2)

RWE: mac (5)
July 8, 1968

Honorable Joseph P. Kennedy
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts 02647

Dear Joe:

[Redacted], a resident of Spain, has sent me a communication that he requested I send along to the Kennedy family. I am enclosing the original communication and a copy of its translation.

I hope this note finds your family and you feeling well.

Sincerely,
Edgar

Enclosures (2)

RWE:ncr/rlf (3)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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J EDGAR HOOVER

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC

I wanted you, as one of his friends, to know that Dad passed away today at 11:05 AM. The funeral will be private, with only the family attending. Mother and I want to thank you for the warm ties of friendship which he shared with you throughout many years, and which he so deeply appreciated.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY

925P EST

89-415 WSH
November 19, 1969

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senator
Marchant Avenue
Hyannis Port, Massachusetts 02647

My dear Senator:

I was very sorry to learn of the passing of your Father, and I sent your Mother a telegram yesterday expressing my deepest sympathy.

I am grateful for the close friendship I shared with him over the years and thank you for the kind expressions in your communication of November 13th. I have lost a dear friend, and my thoughts are with you in this hour of grief.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Boston - Enclosure

NOTE: Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy was on the Special Correspondents List and was known to the Director on a first-name basis. On 11-18-69 the Director sent Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy a telegram of condolence expressing deepest sympathy to her and her family.
MRS. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY (CDLY 75)
MARCHANT AVENUE
HYANNIS PORT, MASSACHUSETTS

THE NATION HAS LOST A STATESMAN AND THOSE OF US WHO WERE PRIVILEGED TO KNOW YOUR HUSBAND HAVE LOST A FRIEND.

I WAS DEEPLY SADDED TO HEAR OF JOE'S PASSING AND WANT YOU TO KNOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

IF I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IN ANY WAY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

1 - BOSTON

NOTE: Joseph P. Kennedy was on the Special Correspondents List and was known to the Director on a first-name basis.
FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT: JOSEPH P. KENNEDY

FILE NUMBER: 105-97788
SCOPED MAIN FILE

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12:55PM May 10, 1967

She telephoned from a pay phone and advised she has written a letter to the Director regarding Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy.

She asked that the above message be brought to the Director's attention.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE
NEW YORK

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
NEW YORK

DATE
5/19/62

INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
4/5-15/62

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE
EXTORTION

REFERENCE:

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that NY files contain references to an individual probably identical with the subject in this matter in the case JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM; EXTORTION. It is noted that in this case directed a letter

105-97788-12X3

Bureau
1 - USA, SDNY (ATTN: STEPHEN E. KAUFMAN)
1 - New York (9-3431)

DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

AGENCY

REQUEST REC'D

DATE FWD.

HOW FWD.

TO

FROM

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512/29/67
NY 9-3431

ADMINISTRATIVE CONT'D:

to the White House, Washington, D.C. and that USA ROBERT MORGENTHAU, SDNY, declined prosecution.
The Attorney General

Director, FBI

J. P. Kennedy - Victim
Extortion

I thought you would be interested in the results of our investigation concerning the letter received by Joseph P. Kennedy which was forwarded to this Bureau by your office as a possible extortion violation.

The writer of the letter in this case has been the subject of previous investigation by this Bureau.

On September 13, 1961, the facts of this case were discussed with United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, Southern District of New York, at which time he declined prosecution as in his opinion the facts did not constitute a violation of the Extortion Statute.

A copy of the letter to Mr. Kennedy and a summary of the background information available concerning the writer of the letter have been furnished to the Secret Service for its information.

No further investigation is being conducted by

1 - Mr. Byron R. White
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Note: A letter received by Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the President, contained a veiled threat against the President, Mr. Kennedy, Sr., the Kennedy family and every man, woman, and child on U. S. soil. The letter which is rambling and incoherent in thought was forwarded to this Bureau by the Office of the Attorney General. Appropriate copies of the letter were furnished to Secret Service, White House Detail, by SA [redacted] of the Liaison Section. File 105-97788 contains background concerning the subject indicating that she is a mental case and chronic letter writer.
September 13, 1961

AIRTEL
1D5-97788-10X1
39112

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Enclosed for the New York Office are two copies of the original letter and envelope received by victim Joseph P. Kennedy and forwarded to this Bureau through the Office of the Attorney General. Also enclosed are two copies of a typewritten copy of the letter.

The facts of this case should be presented to the appropriate United States Attorney in order to determine whether he considers this a violation of the Extortion Statute. For the assistance of the New York Office in presenting this matter to the United States Attorney, it should be noted that Bureau files disclose that

Enclosures (6)
Airtel to SAC, New York

Re:

For the information of the New York Office, copies of this communication have been furnished to the Secret Service through liaison channels. This matter must be afforded expeditious attention and the results of this presentation to the United States Attorney should be furnished the Bureau by return airtel.

NOTE: A letter received by Joseph P. Kennedy, father of the President, containing a veiled threat against the President, Mr. Kennedy, and the whole Kennedy clan and every man, woman and child on U. S. soil which is rambling and incoherent in thought, was forwarded to this Bureau through the Office of the Attorney General. Appropriate copies of the communication are being furnished to Secret Service, White House Detail by SAC of the Liaison Section. Investigation being instituted at New York to determine if violation exists. File 105-97788 contains background concerning the subject indicating she is a mental case and a chronic letter writer. She has made attempts to contact the Director personally and has stated she was using the Director's name as a reference in a job application with the Government.

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From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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For the attention of: Christina Evans

REMARKS:
September 6, 1961

Miss Angie Novello  
Secretary to  
Mr. Robert F. Kennedy,  
Atty. Gen.,  
Justice Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Angie:

Mr. Kennedy bids us turn this threatening letter over to the Service.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Payne

JAP:JG

ENCLOSURE
New York 31, N.Y.
August 26, 1961

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have no desire to harm an Irishman, and certainly not a Kennedy, or to work against the U.S.A., which I love so dearly. But, I do not intend to have my identity taken from me, nor my life, my freedom, or my money I'm entitled to.

Knowing how persons with immense power are frequently forced to hire others, blank check style, to get important jobs done, I do not hold what happened to me, against you. I am quite ruthless, myself. However, I won't stand still for the perpetuation of the error, by those inimical to us both.

From the beginning, I would have been on your team, and I have every reason to believe it would have been your desire, also, if you had not been denied the truth.

First, I am one of America's "best known and beloved women," highly respectable, of high status locally, and internationally, even without money, and in brown skin.

I have more power than you, even now, although penniless, jobless, and living on the charity of friends and relatives, with D.C. claiming "a question of my identity and citizenship." And, even after fraudulent imprisonment by some communist controlled lower echelon, far removed and unknown to you.

It pains me to see JFK suffer and stand helplessly by, while our way of life is eroded away, when he is so talented, full of heart, and patriotism. I was born and reared as English and Irish, and understand his feelings quite well. But, I will sacrifice him, you, the whole Kennedy clan, and every man, woman and child on U.S. soil, before I'll give an inch in exercising

[Signature]

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my Divine rights. You should not wish it otherwise, coming from the same European roots as I.

I am not a Negro, I am just brown. They hate me and have tried to kill me all my life. But, I am better able to use them against you, than you are, against me.

Before writing this letter, I have laid the necessary groundwork to battle you or to join you, whichever you choose. I would prefer to join you, but not in sacrificing myself, my person, my freedom, my identity, or any money or entitlements accruing to me by birth. Since you like power, I'd suggest you join forces with me, and throw the weight of the Kennedy name behind me, not against me. I, as Kaiserine to all Germans, and descendant of Catherine the Great to all Russians, with entire underworld and law enforcement cooperation and protection, Queen Elizabeth just becomes a mere Scottish lass and the British throne a decayed item that should have been destroyed like the British Empire, long ago.

As Umberto will tell you, the House of Savoy considers it (the British throne) negligible, as does Catherine of Aragon's heirs, such as I.

I ask nothing but the right to earn my own living, in freedom, and to direct and control my own life and affairs, myself. Otherwise, you have my entire cooperation & loyalty. Please have JFK open the doors to the Iron Curtain I've been placed behind, along with Freedom fighters from all over the world, who love and fight for and with me.

Faithfully yours,

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have no desire to harm an Irishman, and certainly not a Kennedy, or to work against the U.S.A., which I love so dearly. But, I do not intend to have my liberty taken from me, nor my life, my freedom, or my money I'm entitled to.

Knowing how persons with immense power are frequently forced to hire others, blank check style, to get important jobs done, I do not hold what happened to me against you. I am quite ruthless myself. However, I cannot stand still for the perpetuation of the error by those inimical to us both.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-3336)
SUBJECT: JOSEPH F. KENNEDY - VICTIM

Re Bureau airtel to New York, dated 9/13/61.

On 9/14/61, facts of instant case were discussed with USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, and he declined prosecution as in his opinion the facts did not constitute a violation of the Extortion Statute.

No report will be submitted, and Mr. MORGENTHAU's opinion will be confirmed by letter.
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Findley told the House that the 3 to 5 per cent rent increases announced for some tenants of the huge office and exhibition center was about the same as announced and then rescinded last week by the steel companies.

"I have written to the Attorney General urging an investigation to determine whether Joseph P. Kennedy showed ruthless disregard for the public interest in raising these rents," Findley said.

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As Pegler Sees It:

Kennedy Clan's Elder Statesman

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

THE ELDER STATESMAN of the United States and the only real advisor of the reigning President is his father, Joseph Patrick Kennedy. No other confidential friend or namedropper since the synthetic office of advisor to presidents was publicized into artificial authority by press agents and gullible journalists has ever had as much authority, nor Joe Kennedy's shrewd and patriotic intelligence.

It would be a kindness to Barney Baruch just to refrain from appraising his wisdom and his authority with Wilson, Roosevelt and, until the explosion, Truman.

Harry Hopkins was only shoulder-high to F.D. Roosevelt at best.

Joe Kennedy takes President Jack Kennedy on his knee.

E. M. House, the soap-wrapping colonel from Texas, undoubtedly did hypnotize Woodrow Wilson, but he overplayed his hand and anyway he was just a cheap adventurer who flagrantly double-crossed and mocked Wilson among the English aristocracy and wound up as nothing. True, Frank Roosevelt did pay him homage in a pilgrimage to his home at Magnolia, Mass., after Roosevelt's first nomination, but the little that we have credibly learned about that meeting amounts to no substantial historical importance.

Joe Kennedy bore a partisan loyalty toward Franklin D. Roosevelt, but, frankly, despised him as all Boston Irish of that generation who pioneered for Irishness at Harvard despised most of the aristocracy. There is no doubt that, for whatever value the status may have, Roosevelt was an aristocrat. His wife was, and is, too, and this quality made it impossible for either of them ever to understand respectable, upstanding Americans of whatever color or to refrain from trying to patronize us. We were always "the little people" to those Roosevelts.
Successful On His Merits

Joe Kennedy had to walk alone in his early days at Harvard when the term "no Irish need apply" was still an echo. If not an actual phrase in the advertisements for hired help in New England and New York. He was so good-looking in his fifties when I began to know him that I believe he must have been a very devil in Harvard. Kennedys were not welcome at Harvard then, but Joe was so successful on his merits that he could take pity on Arthur J. Goldsmith and introduce him and underwrite him to a quite surprising success among the upper orders of the time.

Goldsmith later became the kapok dragon of the Waldorf Tower, with a sinister apparatus of letter-head political fronts which bulldozed candidates in the outback and elected or defeated senatorial candidates by the clever use of a few thousand New York dollars in West Virginia, Montana, and Vermont.

The story of the organized determination of the whole Kennedy tribe to elect first, Joe Jr., and after his death, Jack, to the presidency is a myth. Like many families these Kennedys had a fearsome reputation as kids in Bronxville as a wild, noisy gang. The boys fought the girls and the girls fought back. They screamed and squalled and threw things. Whoever got to the bathroom first in the morning had to defend it, and whoever wanted a certain tie or pair of socks had to prevail by conquest.

But Jack can telephone Joe for the last word on politics and economics and whatever his enemies may say of Joe they can't say he has anything against riches or capitalism or in favor of Moscow or the intellectuals of the British Foreign Office who often turn up in the lee of the Kremlin.

They will not prevail while the elder statesman, the old man of the clan, is as close as the phone at Jack's elbow.
DEAR MR. HOSIETE:

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[LIKE YOUR WALL-STREET GANGSTERS]

HISTORY WILL, I'M SURE,
DESCRIBE THIS DECADENT NATION OF
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AS A NATION OF THIEVES AND PHONEY
BALONEYS (HYPOCRITES).

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PEATEDLY: ITS SEEDS HAVE BEEN
EXTREMELY WELL PLANTED, & AWAIT
BLOSSOMING & FRUITION. AN ITALIAN
Dear Mr. Hoover:

When you finish with the Valachi Trial, maybe you can have another national television show entitled, "How Joseph Kennedy Sr. made $400,000,000.00 honestly."

Had the Cosa Nostra thugs been properly schooled, they too could have been "legitimate" crooks. (Like your Wall Street gangsters)

History will, I'm sure, describe this decapent Nation of whore (Lizzy) and money-worshippers as a Nation of thieves and phoney baloneys (hypocrites).

Communism deserves to be feared. As you've said repeatedly. Its seeds have been extremely well planted & await blossoming & fruition.

An Italian

COPY: crt
The attached anonymous communication was sent to the Director from Cleveland, Ohio.
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COURTNEY EVANS

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

RE : INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re telephone call of Assistant Director COURTNEY EVANS to Baltimore on 4/29/64.

Enclosed are original and three copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth the results of the interview with [REDACTED] at Wilmington, Delaware, on May 1, 1964.

Baltimore indices fail to reflect any identifiable information re [REDACTED].

No further action being taken by Baltimore in connection with this matter.

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Approved: 5/1/64
Special Agent in Charge
MAY 14 1964
Wilmington, Delaware, was contacted by Special Agent
on May 1, 1964. She advised that she was a Pro-
testant and a Republican and did not want to make any personal
impression on the Kennedys, but admired them as a family
interested in each other's welfare.

She stated she wanted to give Mr. Kennedy or a
member of the Kennedy family some information for his personal
use and consideration. She sent the Attorney General a card,
feeling he would be the easiest one in the family to reach.

She advised that a few weeks ago she read in the news-
paper that former Ambassador Kennedy had entered a rehabs-
ation center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She knows this
rehabilitation center to be located at 8801 Stanton Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She feels that the Kennedy family
should consider taking Mr. Kennedy out of this rehabilitation
center. To clarify this, stated she has a friend,
employed in , Radnor, Pennsylvania. daughter was
operated on at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
in December, 1962, by , who is reportedly
the head of the rehabilitation center at 8801 Stanton Avenue.
said the operation on daughter was un-
successful and the twelve-year-old child has been crippled
since the operation. Several doctors who have treated the
child since her operation have observed that the crippling re-
results from the operation could have been avoided.

said that a few months after the operation
on the child, was dismissed from the staff of
the Children's Hospital. Consequently, she said, she felt
that was incompetent and she herself would not want
her parent under his care.

said that she was sure would talk
to a representative of the Attorney General if he so desired.